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**Federal Bureau of Investigation Letter to Assistant
Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle**

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Summary:

The FBI states that a confidential source reports that Kalatozov is meeting with Nelson Rockefeller regarding distributing Soviet films to South America. The signature is difficult to read but is likely J. Edgar Hoover.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Berle:

For your confidential information, information has been received from a reliable confidential source concerning a conversation which occurred between a [redacted] whose actual identity is unknown, and [redacted] of the Soviet Consulate in New York City.

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[redacted] stated to [redacted] that he was arranging with Nelson Rockefeller for a showing of some South American views, and that Rockefeller was anxious to meet Mr. Mikhail Kalatozov, who is presently in the United States as a representative of the Soviet Film Committee of Moscow, Russia, which firm controls all production and distribution of Soviet films. [redacted] stated that he thought Rockefeller would be an excellent medium through which to distribute Soviet films to South America, and that this would be a more satisfactory means of distribution than through commercial agencies.

It is known that Kalatozov has been in contact with a number of individuals who are engaged in Communist activities in the United States. It is also known that Russian officials have recently been negotiating with several United States motion picture firms for an exchange of films between the United States and Russia.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.

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- E. A. Tamm _____
- Clegg _____
- Coffey _____
- Glavin _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Rosen _____
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