W. Averell Harriman on Boat on the Volga River



Description

View of diplomat W. Averell Harriman standing and looking out across the Volga River. Boat trip started at Stalingrad and this view is believed to contain a huge statue of Stalin in the distance. According to Thayer's typewritten account of the trip, "we reached the mouth of the Volga Don canal where a gigantic statue of Stalin rises 70 meters above the river on a granite pedestal. The statue alone is 27 meters high..." Charles W. Thayer accompanied Harriman as a guide and confidant on the trip which took place May 12 - June 26, 1959. Harriman went as a special foreign correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA). Trip visits included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, etc., as well as areas in Siberia and the Urals, and ended with a meeting with Nikita Khrushchev. There is an original 35mm negative.

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