

# W. Averell Harriman and Charles W. Thayer Visiting Moscow University During 1959 Trip to Soviet Union



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## **Description**

Interior view with a group of men and students seated around a circular table. Bust of Vladimir Lenin is behind them. W. Averell Harriman is seated just to the right of the vase on the table. Ivan Petrovsky, Rector of Moscow University, is to the right of Harriman and Charles Thayer is to the left just in front of the bust. The students are Americans studying at Moscow University. Photograph taken during Harriman's 1959 trip to the Soviet Union. 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.

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**People Pictured** Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986 Thayer, Charles Wheeler, 1910-1969  
Petrovsky, Ivan Georgievich, 1901-1973

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