# W. Averell Harriman Touring Textile Factory While on 1959 Tour of the Soviet Union



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**Description**
Interior view with W. Averell Harriman on the right in a white short sleeve shirt. It is known by Thayer's typewritten account of the trip that the Harriman party visited the Stalinabad Textile Kombinat factory located in Stalinabad, Tajikistan and perhaps that is the location. Thayer's account states: "At the packaging department at the end of the factory we noted bolts of plain white bleached cotton 76 cm. wide." The city of Stalinabad was changed back to the name Dushanbe later. 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. Original 35mm negative.

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**People Pictured** Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986

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