W. Averell Harriman Meeting With Nikita Khrushchev During 1959 Trip to the Soviet Union

Description

Interior view taken in a room at the Kremlin in Moscow. At this time, W. Averell Harriman and Nikita Khrushchev are preparing for their formal interview. Khrushchev is on the left and beside him is Yuri Zhukov. Harriman is seated on the right with Charles Thayer beside him. The back of the interpreter, Mr. Oleg Trianovski, is in the middle. Thayer in his written account described Khrushchev thus: "Mr. Khrushchev was wearing a grey, baggy suit with two orders of Lenin on his left breast and one order on his right. He had a grey and red polka dot tie and large red cufflinks. He had several very prominent moles on his face. He had a pudgy nose, his hair was thin and wispy and he looked very tired." Harriman's account of the visit can be found in Life Magazine, July 13, 1959, p. 33-36. 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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