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There are enclosed two photostatic copies of a memorandum dated March 1, 1951 received from a confidential source abroad. Two copies of this letter and a photostatic copy of the above described memorandum dated March 1, 1951 are attached for your file on Countess Alexandra Tolstoi. (S)

In keeping with the request of the confidential source abroad, no dissemination of the information in the attachments should be made by your office. This is being submitted for your information. If you should receive any information at any time from any sources concerning the subject, particularly information indicating he is in the United States or plans to come to the United States, you should immediately furnish that information to the Bureau. (S)

You should keep the information in the attachments in mind in your future contacts with Countess Alexandra Tolstoi.

There is no information in the Bureau files which could be identified with the above-captioned subject.

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Note: Bureau file 61-10448 reflects Countess Alexandra Tolstoi is used by the New York Office as a confidential informant and she has frequently provided information of value. (u)

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March 1, 1951

Michael TOLSTOI-MILOSLAVSKY, wa.  
Count Michael TOLSTOI

Born: September 10, 1922 Wanscha, Saxony.  
Nationality at birth: Russian  
Naturalised British Subject: August 19, 1947.  
Last address in U.K. 23 Albert Hall Mansions,  
London, S.W.7.  
British Passport No. 777276 issued London,  
December 6, 1947 in the name of  
Michael Tolstoy MILOSLAVSKY.

We have a report that the above named recently visited Barbados, B.W.I. When he left there on December 9, 1950 for Venezuela he stated that he planned to visit Jamaica and Canada. TOLSTOI served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Sub-Lieutenant) being commissioned in 1942. He was adversely reported on and his commission was terminated.

He joined the staff of the Control Commission in Austria, but apparently his services were dispensed with and he returned to the U.K. He entered Austria clandestinely in September 1947, and was expelled in November 1947 by order of the Commander-in-Chief, British Forces in Austria. While there, he appears to have indulged to a considerable extent in Black Market deals, notably in cigarettes. He was brought to the U.K. under escort, the Expulsion Order showing that his deportation was on the ground that his presence in Austria was detrimental to good order. An Intelligence Report from Austria says that there was some suspicion that while in Austria he was working for the Russians, but no firm evidence to support this has ever been obtained, nor did the circles in which he moved in Vienna in any way bear out this suspicion.

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From a confidential source we know that in 1947 TOLSTOI was in friendly contact with Ivor Agafonov who was at that time an assistant Naval Attache at the Soviet Embassy in London, England.

In May 1948 a report was received that TOLSTOI was engaged in selling arms to both Jews and Arabs. It was stated for instance that he had already sold 4,000 Beretta machine guns to the Arabs, and was in touch with a Jewish group who had 50,000,000 Swiss francs at their disposal for purchasing arms. Certain names were mentioned in this report known to us to be in fact engaged in selling arms to the Jews.

Later that year he was reported from Switzerland and Austria as dealing in arms.

The Countess TOLSTOI, who lives near New York and gives help to White Russians is an aunt of Michael TOLSTOI. You will remember that she figured in the case of Madame Kosenkina.

TOLSTOI speaks Russian, French, English, Spanish and German. We last heard of him in 1949 when he travelled to Monte Video from Buenos Aires. It was also reported in 1949 that he had applied for permanent residence in the Argentine.

On arrival in Barbados from Trinidad on September 6, 1950 TOLSTOI stated that he proposed to remain for ten days. In fact, he remained for three months and during his stay he incurred quite an amount of debt which he left unpaid. Whilst in Barbados he called himself Count Michael TOLSTOI, but when he left for Venezuela he used the name Michael MILOSLAVSKY.

The above is for your information in view of the presence of TOLSTOI's aunt in this country as it is thought possible that he may at some point pay her a visit.

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Much of the above information has been obtained from very delicate sources and it should not therefore be disseminated to other agencies. It has already been passed by our Headquarters to the R.C.M.P. for their confidential information.