Resolution of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the All-Russia Communist Party (Bolsheviks), 23 September 1949

Issue raised by MID (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) of the USSR

Approve the draft telegram to be sent to Comrade Zarubin regarding Zilliacus[[1]](#footnote-1) (see attachment)

SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

TO: Malenkov

 Gromyko

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 Beria

 Mikoyan

 Kaganovich

 Bulganin

Handwritten: *vote by Comrade Stalin on original No.71/199*

Adopted 23 September 1949

AYEs: Comrades Malenkov, Molotov, Beria, Mikoyan, Kaganovich, Bulganin

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*24.09.49*

To item 194 Protocol of PB No. 71

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LONDON SOVIET AMBASSADOR

 Further to your letter No. 343 dated 26 August 1949 we think it is necessary to remind you that Zilliacus[[2]](#footnote-2) is a cunning agent of the British intelligence service. You have been informed of this fact in 211. Zilliacus’ letter forwarded by you proves that he aims to secure our opinion of him as a “left-winger”, in order to facilitate his intelligence work in the countries of national democracies and, if possible, in the USSR. In the letter, Zilliacus’ attempts at connecting himself to Wallace[[3]](#footnote-3) are nothing but a trick used by Zilliacus to preserve his reputation as a “left-winger” in our eyes.

[RSASPН, f. 17, inv. 166, file 807, p. 97]

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1. Zarubin – Ambassador of the USSR to Great Britain; Konni Zilliacus – a left-wing member of the Labour Party, organiser of the visit of Labour Party deputies to the USSR in 1947 (see document …) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Zilliacus, Konni (1894 - 1967) - Left-wing British politician and author. Expelled from the Labour Party in May 1949 for consistent opposition to the government’s foreign policy, readmitted in 1952. Zilliacus was attacked by Stalinists for siding with Tito and denouncing Stalin following the 1948 Soviet-Yugoslav split. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This reference is probably to Henry Wallace (1888 - 1965) - US politician and a known left-winger and Stalin sympathiser, Vice-President of the United States (1941-1945) and independent candidate for the Progressive Party in the 1948 Presidential election. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)