

LETTERS

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor printed on p. 278 of the April 1959 issue of the "American Slavic and East European Review," Mr. V. P. Artemiev takes up the question of the sources of information for the article by him and Mr. G. S. Burlutsky, "Structure and condition of the Soviet organs of state security after World War II," which was included in the volume, *The Soviet secret police*, under our editorship. In that part of the article which deals with the structure of the KGB we noted (p. 165) that the article was based both on published sources and on "reliable unpublished information available to the authors as well as on their observations of the reorganizations of 1941 and 1943." The reference, of course, is to the administrative changes made in those years separating the NKVD into the NKVD and NKGB. As to the reorganization of 1954 which led to the establishment of the KGB, it is clear that neither of the authors, having left the Soviet Union by the end of 1953, was in a position to observe that reorganization directly.

The contribution made by Mr. Artemiev and Mr. Burlutsky to our knowledge of the Soviet secret police is a valuable one, and it is all the more necessary, therefore, to maintain an accurate record of the sources on which it is based.

Sincerely yours,

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To the Editor:

In the preparation of our volume *Poland: its People, its Society, its Cultures* [HRAF Press], we made extensive use of *Polish Postwar Planning*, by Thad P. Alton (New York, Columbia University Press, 1955) and *The Economic Development of Poland, 1919-1950*, by J. Taylor (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1952). Portions of our chapters 11-16 are taken essentially unchanged from these sources. Due to an oversight no statement to this effect was made in the acknowledgments as originally printed; this is being corrected in the undistributed copies, and we are writing this letter to call the matter to the attention of readers of the *Review*. We are glad to acknowledge at this time our indebtedness to the authors and our appreciation of the permission of the publishers for the use of this material.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS FITZSIMMONS
Editor and Director, HRAF Press