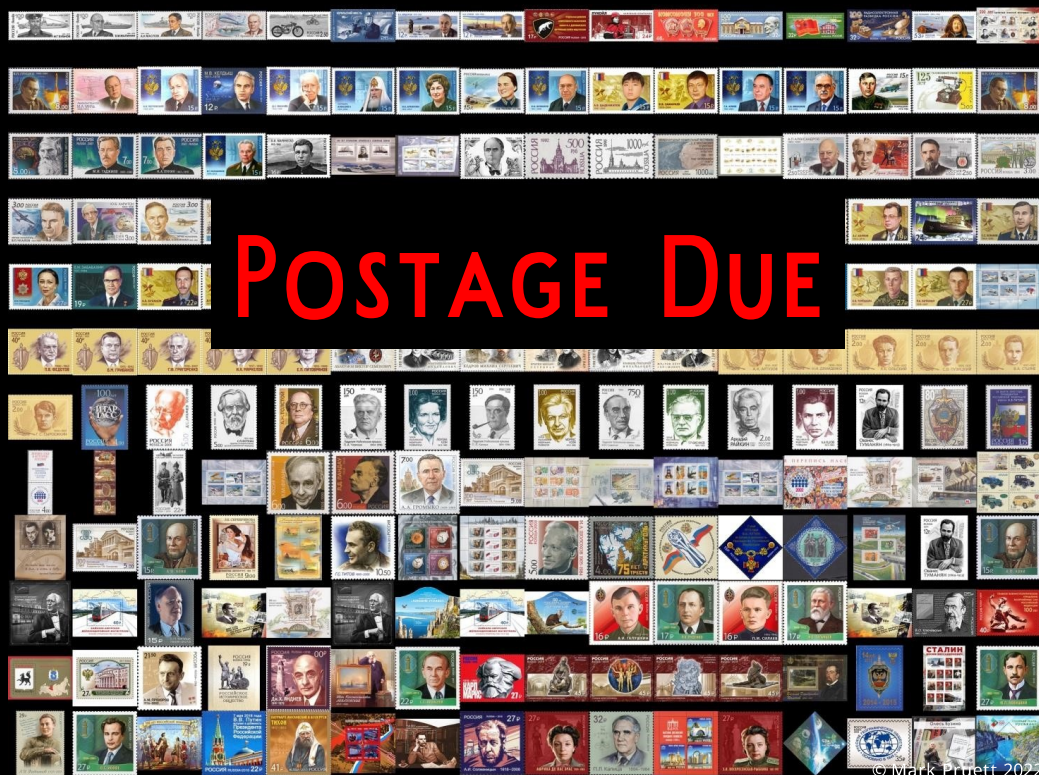


POSTAGE DUE

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Stamps and state security?

Abundant

200+ post-Soviet:

State security agents+units, societal impact

Decisions, awareness, values, intentions

Fresh + visual

Method/sources – each stamp starts a path

Archives: e.g., FSB, nationals, news media

Databases: e.g., genealogy, repression

Literature: journals/books, scholarly/popular

Languages: Slavic, Baltic, Caucasian, Central Asian

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"Outstanding counterintelligence officers" (2002)

Famous for Operations Trust, Syndicate-2



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CI chief

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Gave birth to Gulag

Mass exiles

Crushed Belarus



Ass't CI chief

CI chief in UKR

Senior CI agent

Mass exiles

Famine enforcer

"The human plague"

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KGB counterintelligence chiefs

(6 May 2022)

Shot

Likely poisoned

Shot



Shot

Shot

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KGB counterintelligence chiefs

Katyn Forest

(Fedotov)



Besprizornik novelist

(Gribanov)



Bugged embassies

(Grigorenko)



1980s' bloated: 20+ CI depts

(Markelov)



Pitovranov



1960s-80s: Sov. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Commercial espionage, *komprodat*

Boss of Tefvik Arif
(Donald Trump's partner)

100 years military counterintelligence

19 December 2018 - "Chekists' Day"
(Luhansk issue)

Gave birth to Gulag
Shot



SMERSH, purges
Shot

SMERSH CI field agents, died in war
 "Heroes" + stories



"Mikhail Krygin"



The real Mikhail Krygin

Donetsk/Donbass, Dec. 2019



Russia/IC: some easy conclusions

Same org probs as the old days

- Lifelong falsehoods/fear inevitably affect
 - Russian IC personnel
 - Management tasks: plan, lead, organize, control (PLOC)
 - Decision processes
 - Psychology: (un)confidence, (dis)belief, (mis)trust
- Some current issues
 - Putin mindset: still Chekist, not generalist
 - Gov't cohesion: uneven praise/resources → resentment
 - Russian IC stress: UKR → overload, horiz/vert conflicts

90-second video

(Ukrainian input at end)

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Following slides not used July 2022 due sidetracks and time limits



Death's hand?!

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Stunted physiques -
1920s-30s famines, poor nutrition

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Clues "issued" in Donetsk



Oles Buzina
(2019)

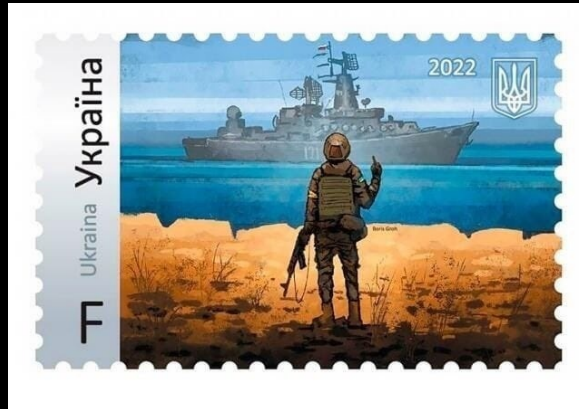


Donetsk Ministry
of State Security
(2015)

- UKR, pro-RUS, killed 2015, killer unknown
- Great grandfather - Belomor Canal
- father - KGB Lt. Col. Kyiv

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Meanwhile, back in Kyiv...



1936 Stalin
Constitution



Stalin + Yezhov
NKVD shot 681,692
people in 1937-38

Chkalov-
plane crash
NKVD shot
the engineers

Yalta Conference

Donbass Post!

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Stalin stamp sheet:
death list signers



Stalin	Molotov	Voroshilov	Yezhov
wife suicide	wife exiled		wife suicide

1937-38: NKVD documented 1.3 million
arrested, 682,000 shot