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About Some Results of Preventive-Prophylactic Work of the State Security Organs.

In accordance with the decisions of the XXIV Party Congress and the CC CPSU instructions, the organs of state security have recently stepped up the preventive-prophylactic work for preventing crimes against the state, [and] are trying to achieve a more correct combination of the criminal legal and prophylactic measures.

The comparison between the two periods—1959-1966, and 1967-1974 shows that the number of persons subjected to criminal punishments has fallen almost by half—from 8,664 to 4,879. In the category of some especially grave crimes against the state this number fell even more significantly: treason—from 1,467 to 773 (by half), anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda—from 2,103 to 729 (almost by two-thirds).

The factors influencing the decrease in the numbers of crimes against the state in the recent years are the following: the further strengthening of the moral and political unity of our state, the growth of political awareness of the Soviet people, the correct punishment policy of the Soviet state, and the dominant role of the preventive and prophylactic work to prevent crimes.

The ratio of persons subjected to criminal repression to persons subjected to the prophylactics by the KGB organs in the period of 1967-1974 was 1:25, and in the category of especially grave crimes against the state such as anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda—1:96.

The Committee for State Security is undertaking measures for further perfecting of the preventive-prophylactic work and for increasing its effectiveness.

Information on the number of people subjected to criminal punishment and those subjected to prophylactics in the period of 1959-1974 is attached.

Attachment: according to the text on the page 1, No. 6/4780 from 29.X.75

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INFORMATION

About the number of persons subjected to criminal punishment and prophylactic work by the KGB organs in 1959-1974

	1959-62	1963-66	1967-70	1971-74
Total number of persons subjected to criminal punishment	5,413	3,251	2,456	2,423
Among them:	1,010	457	423	350
---for treason				
---for espionage	28	8	10	9
---for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda	1,601	502	381	348
---for contraband	47	103	183	474
---for violation of currency regulations	587	474	382	401
---for illegal crossing of the USSR border	926	613	704	553
---for revealing state secrets and loss of documents containing state secrets	22	31	19	18
---for other crimes	1,003	1,011	328	258
Total [number of person subjected to] prophylactic work	No statistics	centralized kept	58,298	63,108
Among them:			5,039	6,310
---persons, who had suspicious ties with foreigners and harboring treasonous intentions				
---persons engaging in politically harmful expressions			35,316	34,700
Subjected to prophylactics with participation of the public (total)			23,611	27,079
Among them:			10,624	11,863
---at general meetings of workers and service personnel, in peer courts, etc.				
---in the form of conversations with participation of public representatives			12,987	15,243
Official warning was issued				981 (1973-74)
Subjected to punishment from the number of those previously subject to prophylactic work			100	50

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