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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

I ran across the following in the book Khrushchev Remembers at page 222. Speaking about the air and naval base that the Soviets retained on the Porkkala Peninsula about 12 miles from Helsinki, it is stated that the U.S.S.R. had been paying rent of about 5¢ an acre for the 152 sq. mi. installation which had been acquired with a 50-year lease in 1947.

You will recall that the Soviets had good enough sense to get out of this some years later.

I thought perhaps the U.S. G negotiators might like to see how their real estate negotiations stack up against the Soviets.

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