

**Description**

Exterior view with diplomat W. Averell Harriman standing on the left next to a Russian monk. The location is believed to be the Kiev Pechersk Lavra monastery in Kiev, Russia. Thayer's account reads: "After luncheon at the hotel, we went to the Pecherski Lavra, the famous monastery of Kiev on a hillside on the south of town....An old monk allowed himself to be photographed with Governor Harriman." Charles W. Thayer accompanied W. Averell Harriman as a guide and confidant on the trip which took place May 12 - June 26, 1959. Harriman went as a special foreign correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA). Trip visits included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, etc., as well as areas in Siberia and the Urals, and ended with a meeting with Nikita Khrushchev. Original 35mm negative.

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