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Description

Interior view with a group of men and students seated around a circular table. Bust of Vladimir Lenin is behind them on the left. W. Averell Harriman is seated in the center of the table. Ivan Petrovsky, Rector of Moscow University, is to the right of Harriman and Charles Thayer is to the left of Harriman. Inscription reads: "Gov. Harriman at Moscow University talking with Rector Ivan G. Petrovski and American students currently studying at the university." Photograph taken during Harriman's 1959 trip to the Soviet Union. Charles W. Thayer accompanied 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.

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People Pictured Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986 Thayer, Charles Wheeler, 1910-1969
Petrovsky, Ivan Georgievich, 1901-1973

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