

# View Taken During W. Averell Harriman's 1959 Trip to the Soviet Union



## Description

Image believed to have been taken at the Observatory of Ulug Beg while W. Averell Harriman and his wife Marie were touring at Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Thayer states in his typewritten account of this site, "all that remains of a gigantic observatory is an enormous quadrant made of marble buried in the ground." 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. Has original 35mm negative.

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