Chapter Five

My effort to continue the narrative: Life in Stalin's Gulag

The report on my father's abduction and sentence of exile which I initially received from the National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia did not satisfy me.[1] It only validated my intuition that my father's file was in fact still in the KGB archives. I assumed that the report was a hastily written synopsis of the existing file. I knew there was more. There had to be more….

I did not give up. I tried every connection I could think of. And finally one worked. A friend in Armenia promised he would get copies of everything in my father's file. I waited in anticipation.

Lo and behold, a year after I had received the initial report, when this book was in the final stage of

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1 This report, dated April 6, 2016, came in response to my inquiry of March 29, 2016. See my introduction and a scan of the report following the introduction.