

refuses any comment, always giving the same reply: "My Party discipline and my principles do not allow me to answer that." To a question about the membership of the ARF Central Committee of Atrpatakan, my father responds that, due to the extraordinary wartime situation in 1941, the regional conference where, according to the organization's bylaws, the Central Committee is elected, did not convene. "Consequently, as an exception, Varos Babayan, the ARF Bureau representative, appointed the members of the Central Committee, with me as the representative. As to the identity of the rest of the members," he is recorded as saying, "that is a secret I cannot reveal."

My father's signature appears on every page of the Interrogation Protocol. On the last page, he attests to the accuracy of the record with his signature. The document is also signed by Ghazaryan, head of the NKVD's Investigation Department. The session is recorded as having begun at 1:00 and "interrupted" (not ended) at 4:35. I presume the time-keeping followed military protocol, hence, the session lasted from 1:00 AM to 4:35 AM, which is consistent with the NKVD practice of night-time interrogation.

My father's memoir mentions his formal registration, fingerprinting and photographing as having taken place six months after his incarceration. And here it is in the envelope, the three-page Arrestee Questionnaire, in Russian, undated, comprising fourteen questions, the print of his right index finger, and two photographs, front and profile. A warning at the top of the form states, "It