

of three, operating behind closed doors—were created to bypass the courts permanently.”<sup>50</sup> Solzhenitsyn even revealed the names of the famous Moscow Troika that was operating in 1945, the year my father was sentenced: Gleb Boky, Vul and Vasiliev. Were those people in charge of his case too? Was it their apathetic stroke of the pen that decided his and his family’s calamitous fate?

And so, bits and pieces of my father’s recollections began to come together with what I later learned from other writers on life in the Gulag to form a more complete story of his survival and his fight against injustice.

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50 Solzhenitsyn, *Gulag Archipelago*, p. 281.