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Re: Contacts with athletes in New York, on Feb. 10, 18 1965.

Source: Roman Kupczynski

Date: March 4, 1965

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1. The Soviet delegation of athletes arrived in New York on Feb. 2, 1965, they returned to New York on Feb. 11, and Feb. 19, 20. The delegation returned to the USSR on Feb. 27 or 28. In the group there were 6 athletes and 2 trainers.
2. The group was contacted by R. on Feb. 10, 1965, and by A.V. and R. on Feb. 18. Both times in the lobby of the Loews Midtown Motor Inn. (48<sup>th</sup> St. and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

II.

A. Gennady BLIZNETZOV: Nationality Russian, born Volgograd *09. 1941*  
 age 24-25. Student Kharkiv Polytechnical Institute. Lives in Kharkiv. Member of the Komsomol. Description: Ht. 6'3" 215 lbs. round face, brown hair, built well. Speaks Russian, Personality phlegmatic, smokes. (photo available)

B. was the pole vaulter on the team, he had been to Tokyo in the summer, and had been in the U.S. last summer in Los Angeles for the U.S.-USSR meet.

B. was first contacted by R. on Feb. 10, 1965 in the lobby of the hotel, during the conversation he seemed friendly, but reserved. B. showed an apathy towards political conversations, and was more at home talking about sport. When questioned on the nationality problems of the USSR he reacted in a manner of a person who did not care what nationality he was. B. said that he liked the U.S., enjoyed steak, and liked Times Square; he was not too anxious to speak on political topics. At the second meeting (Feb. 18, 1965) B. confirmed the fact that <sup>for</sup> too many Ukrainians there was no difference between Ukrainian and Russian in Kharkiv, he said that in his school the language of instruction is Russian, although he admitted that ~~as the~~ in the towns Ukrainian is still spoken. There were exchanges of addresses, or agreements to meet again, although R. considers that if he had the opportunity to meet B. again they might be able to have a longer talk.

B. Anatoly MIKHAILOV: Nationality Russian, lives in Leningrad, student polytechnical institute. Descrip: 6'0" 180 lbs. dark

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completion, well dressed, does not smoke. Has been to the U.S. once before, in the summer of 1964 (Los Angeles) M. was contacted by R. on Feb. 10, 1965. There was no significant conversation with M.

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