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The Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Stewart:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 6 advising me of the progress on the report of your Russian trip. It was interesting to hear of Mr. Novikov's promotion, and I think that his book, "Power Engineering in the USSR," a copy of which we sent to Mr. Mergel, is probably a good indication of why he got the promotion. Our people feel that Novikov's book is one of the best documentations that we have received on this subject.

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Mergel

Concerning the Neporosnai book, I am a little concerned as to the translation of this, and whether you are doing this or expect us to be doing it. We would be glad to help in any way, but we are not working on a translation of this at the moment.

I am glad to hear that you are getting good support from the Agency, and please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything we can do.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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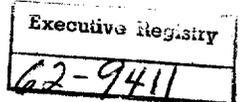
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Dear Kirk:

You will be interested to know that we are proceeding rapidly toward completing the report on our Russian trip. There are a few points yet to be covered.

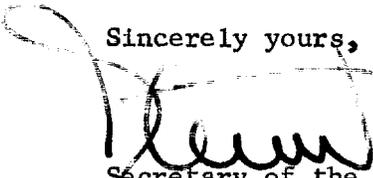
You no doubt noted in a recent press announcement that Mr. Ignati T. Novikov has been promoted to direct all U.S.S.R. construction activities and named a Deputy Premier. Mr. Pyotr S. Neporozhni, who was First Deputy Minister of Power Construction, has been named to take Mr. Novikov's position as Minister of Electric Power Construction. With this advancement of Mr. Neporozhni, I feel that the book which he authored, entitled "Electrification and Electro-technical Construction," a copy of which he gave to me, should be translated to give us an insight into his thinking as well as any facts or statements contained therein.

There are several graphs and illustrations in the book which cover some of the area we have under discussion in our report regarding the energy race which, no doubt, would be of interest to both of our agencies. We would be glad to assist in preparing the illustrations for inclusion in the translation. I understand the book has been made available to your agency by Mr. Mermel.

I am making the Russian film which I obtained from Mr. Khrushchev available to General MacDonnell, who is arranging for reproduction. Perhaps you may wish to have copies made for your agency at the same time.

I have been advised by Mr. Mermel that from time to time he has obtained information covering factual and statistical details of the U.S.S.R. electrification and construction program from your staff and Messrs. [redacted] [redacted] have been most helpful in this regard. Your fine cooperation is appreciated and as soon as our report is completed, copies will be made available to you.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director
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