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15 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contacts Division/00

ATTENTION : Support Branch

SUBJECT : Legal Travelers to the Soviet Union
Specific: Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Mierlak.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Mierlak are at present on a visit to the Soviet Union and Byelorussia. The Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. issued visas to the Mierlaks which would permit them to travel to visit relatives and friends residing in towns and cities outside the normal tourist travel routes. The ulterior purpose of the trip is to take colored moving pictures of Byelorussia to be shown later, for an admission fee, to Byelorussians living in the U.S.A.
2. The above information was reported to this office by a SR/DOB contract employee and relative of the Mierlaks. The legal travel branch of the SR Division could not make use of this lead due to other commitments, therefore, we are forwarding it for your information and/or utilization.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Mierlak will return to the U.S. circa 26 July 1959, and are presently listed as residing at Carter Road - RFD #2, Terryville, Connecticut. Telephone number ATLAS 3-9112.
4. If contact is made with Subjects, it is requested that the "cover" used by the interviewer not be CIA or connected with the intelligence community. Subjects' relative, while he is a spotter for SR/DOB, has not been made witting of Agency connection. He is under the impression that he is in contact with some part of the Government, possibly the Department of State.
5. Reports developed by your contacts, if any, will continue to be of interest to SR/DOB. For further information contact [redacted] on extension 8331.

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Chief, SR/DOB

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