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TO : Chief, Contact Division

DATE: 21 August 1959

FROM : Chief, []
Attn: KE/USBR []

SUBJECT: Case 30,973 - Mr. Michael Mierlak - Travel to USSR

~~There has been some kind of a mistake made in the name of the individual who traveled to the USSR as indicated in your memo of 24 July 1959. The address, Carter Road RFD #2, Terryville, Conn., is correct, but the names of the individuals making the trip are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mierlak. The Constantine referred to in the memo is a very distant cousin of Michael's who lives in or around New York City. All that confusion was straightened out by a phone call and Michael was seen on 18 August at his home in Terryville. He was confused as to why we would even know Constantine, but his apprehensions were allayed and he talked freely of his trip. To date the contact has resulted in two reports (OSST-1642 and 1645) reports. Undoubtedly, there will be further exploitation dealing with the Polish phase of his trip, his pictures, and the collection of documentation data.~~

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2. The Mierlak's itinerary was as follows beginning on 1 July 1959 when they entered the USSR by flying from Brussels to Moscow and ending when they left by train through Brest from Minsk. They flew from Moscow to Leningrad (four days), Leningrad to Riga (three days) and from Riga to Minsk (five days). They left the USSR, as mentioned above, by train traveling from Minsk to Brest by way of Branovichi. Their trip extended into Poland where they went to Warsaw (two days) and then visited with Mrs. Mierlak's family in a small town on the Polish-Czech border called Nowy Targ.

3. The two reports mentioned above outline the salient features of their trip which was not altogether successful as you will note. Mierlak was not able to see his family while in the USSR, and from his description the pictures he took were those of general tourist interest. However, at a subsequent meeting we will review the pictures and documentation data which could not be done on our initial visit.

4. Mr. Mierlak was extremely cooperative and would, we assume, be willing to answer any requirements served on him.

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