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TO : Chief, SR/DOB
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DATE: 4 September 1959

FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT: Legal Travelers to the USSR - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mierlak
CD/OO Case 30973

REF: SR/DOB/59/1644, 15 July 1959 pertaining to Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Mierlak

1. As a result of the lead contained in referenced memorandum, efforts were made to locate and debrief Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Mierlak on the results of their trip to the USSR.

2. Our Field Office advised that there was a mistake made in the name given in your memorandum; the address, Carter Road RFD #2, Terryville, Conn., is correct, but the names of the individuals who made the trip to the USSR 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: OO-B-3,137,953 and OO-A-3,137,954 copies of which are enclosed. Undoubtedly, there will be further exploitation dealing with the Polish phase of his trip, his pictures, and the collection of documentation data.

3. The Mierlaks' 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.

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

5. Please direct any inquiries pertaining to this case to
ext. 2737.

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