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MEMORANDUM FOR: OO/Contact Division

ATTENTION

: Support Branch, Shirley Stetson

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: DO/OS

SUBJECT

: Request for Information on Minsk

1. In support of operational research presently being conducted, this office would appreciate receiving any OO reports for the period 1959 to present dealing with:

- a. The Institute of Scientific-Technical Information in Minsk, BSSR.
- b. The State Committee for the Coordination of Scientific Research Work (GKKNIR) of the BSSR.
- c. Scientific personalities, Inturist personalities and other personalities encountered by travellers to Minsk, BSSR.
- 2. Thank you for any assistance you may be able to provide in this priority matter. Any questions which you may have relating to this request should be addressed to A. W. Brasko, x-7735. Headquarters building, Room 5 C 39.

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- 1. Minak is the capital as well as the economic and cultural center of the Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, one of the lifteen republics comprising the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It is situated at 5954 N., 2733 E., approximately 450 miles couldwest of Moscow. Its population, as of 1959, was 569,000. The Svisioch River, a non-navigable tributary of the Berezina, runs through the center of the city.
- 2. Almost completely destroyed during World War II, Minsk has been largely rebuilt and today it is considered by the Scylets as one of their "show cities."
- 3. Minck is an important Coviet industrial center; its chief products include tractors, trucks and other heavy automotive equipment. machine tools and precision lastrements, radios, phonographs and televicion sets. loother goods, cotton and linen goods and lumber and word products.
- 4. Minch has several large institutions of higher learning induding the Lepin State University of the BSER, with some 7,000 students. a medical factitute and a polytechnical institute. It also has a wide variety of technical otheols. As the sout of the Academy of Sciences of the BSSR with its numerous affiliated scientific institutes. Minch is also an important center of ecleptific research.
- 5. The city is in the midst of a generally flat marchy area 656 feet above sea level. The surrounding area is mostly woodlands interspersed with march lands. Its average January temperature is 23°F.: the average July temperature is 65.5°F. Precipitation averages 24 inches accoully with the greatest amount during the mustics of July and August. Snow cover lasts an average of 111 days anoughly with the highest accumulation averaging id inches.

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