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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** OO/Contact Division

**ATTENTION** : Support Branch, Shirley Stetson

**THRU** : 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 [redacted] x-7735, Headquarters building, Room 5 C 39.

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- a. Scientific personnel, including personnel and other research work (OSKNIK) of the USSR.
- b. The State Committee for the Coordination of Scientific Work, USSR.
- c. The Institute of Scientific-Technical Information in

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SUBJECT : Request for information on WINKA

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ATTENTION : Support Branch, Special Section

MEMORANDUM FOR : OO/CONCORD DIVISION

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1. Minsk is the capital as well as the economic and cultural center of the Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, one of the fifteen republics comprising the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It is situated at 53°34' N., 27°33' E., approximately 450 miles southwest of Moscow. Its population, as of 1959, was 509,000. The Svisloch 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 Soviets as one of their "show cities."

3. Minsk is an important Soviet industrial center; its chief products include tractors, trucks and other heavy automotive equipment, machine tools and precision instruments, radios, phonographs and television sets, leather goods, cotton and linen goods and lumber and wood products.

4. Minsk has several large institutions of higher learning including the Lenin State University of the BSSR, with some 7,000 students, a medical institute and a polytechnical institute. It also has a wide variety of technical schools. As the seat of the Academy of Sciences of the BSSR with its numerous affiliated scientific institutes, Minsk is also an important center of scientific research.

5. The city is in the midst of a generally flat marshy area 656 feet above sea level. The surrounding area is mostly woodlands interspersed with marsh lands. Its average January temperature is 23°F.; the average July temperature is 69.9°F. Precipitation averages 24 inches annually with the greatest amount during the months of July and August. Snow cover lasts an average of 111 days annually with the highest accumulation averaging 14 inches.

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... think is the capital as well as the center of the... center of the... Republic, one of the... Republics comprising the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It is situated at 27° 33' N., 107° 33' E., approximately 400 miles southwest of Moscow. Its population as of 1979 was 500,000. The Volga River, a non-navigable tributary of the Caspian, runs through the center of the city.

5. Almost completely destroyed during World War II, Minsk has been largely rebuilt and today it is considered by its citizens as one of their "new cities."

6. Minsk is an important Soviet industrial center. Its chief products include tractors, tractors and other heavy agricultural machinery, machine tools and precision instruments, tractors, pumps, and electrical motor vehicles, leather goods, cotton and linen goods and footwear and wool products.

7. Minsk has several large institutions of higher learning including the Lenin State University of the USSR, with some 7,000 students, a medical institute and a polytechnical institute. It also has a wide variety of technical schools. At the seat of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR with its numerous affiliated scientific institutes, Minsk is also an important center of scientific research.

8. The city is in the midst of a generally flat area and is not above sea level. The surrounding area is mostly wooded and forested with coniferous trees. The average January temperature is 13°F. The average July temperature is 62°F. Precipitation averages 46 inches annually with the greatest amount during the months of July and August. Snow cover lasts an average of 111 days annually, with the lightest accumulation averaging 4 inches.

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