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RE: COUNT IVAN (JEAN) TOLSTOY (TOLSTOI);  
NICHOLAS GALITZIN  
LYDIA GALITZIN  
SECURITY MATTER - R

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Dear Sir:

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Please refer to Madrid letter to the Bureau dated July 10, 1948, entitled COUNT TOLSTOI; PRINCESS GALITZIN; SECURITY MATTER - R, in which this office was requested to furnish the Bureau the identity and supplementary information regarding the above subjects. (u)

Embassy files reflect that these people were cooperating with C.I.A., [redacted] and Mr. CHIPMAN of this Embassy, as evidenced by the following memorandum:

"NICHOLAS GALITZIN, his wife LYDIA, and IVAN TOLSTOY were implicated in the kidnapping by the Soviets of the Polish student, LAPCHINSKY. They have several times been approached or photographed on the streets, and they not unnaturally have become apprehensive about their continued residence in Paris. These people headed a group of emigre Russians who cultivated the Soviets for the purpose of obtaining information for the American services. This information has been extremely valuable. The plight in which they now find themselves unquestionably contains an element of danger. For this reason we would only be repaying the excellent services of these people by facilitating the granting of their visas to the extent of allowing them to make application immediately rather than await their turn, which would normally require several months. I feel that these people are deserving of whatever assistance can be given them in this respect."

TOLSTOY's visa file reflects the following additional information:

Name: Count IVAN (JEAN) TOLSTOY (TOLSTOI).  
Address: 33 rue Erlanger, Paris 16.  
Nationality: Russian refugee.  
Born: Begitchevo, (Moscow), USSR, December 23, 1901.  
Profession: Poultry farmer.  
Reasons for trip: Immigration.  
Marital status: Divorced.  
Reference in U. S.: Countess ALEXANDRA L. TOLSTOY, aunt, Tolstoy Foundation, Inc., 289 Fourth Ave., New York.  
Reference in France: Miss SOPHIE ZERNOFF, 395 rue de Vaugirard, Paris 15.

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