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To: Interested Persons

From: Myrtle G. McCollin

Subject: USA/USSR Teacher Exchange 1972

This memo is being sent to people who have been interested in the teacher exchange, either as AFSC staff members or as participants in the exchange.

As you know, plans this year have been worked out jointly between AFSC and American Field Service. The dormitory facilities at AFS will be used for the orientation of the American teachers and the Soviet teachers, moving the center of activities from Philadelphia to New York. The person at AFS who carries the responsibility for the program is William F. Orrick, Vice President for Programs; I have been acting as consultant. In the latter part of September Mr. Orrick is going to Moscow to meet with members of the Ministry of Education; we hope that his visit will assure them that AFS is a worthy inheritor of the exchange.

I thought you might be interested in some details, so here they are—

Four American teachers will leave New York on October 6th and arrive in Moscow on October 7th.

Four Soviet teachers will arrive in New York on October 8th.

The exchange will be for two months, as usual.

Americans going to the Soviet Union are:

ELIZABETH A. CONDON — A teacher at Woburn High School, Woburn, Massachusetts

DOROTHEA GALER — Working on a Ph.D in Russian Language and Literature at Northwestern, also teaching Russian there

ELIZABETH L. LITVINOV — Foreign Language Department at Yale, also has taught Russian at the secondary level

JAMES E. POWERS — Teacher at Indian Hill High School, Cincinnati; teaches Russian, Modern European History, American History, American Government, World Geography

Host Schools for the first period are:

Brookline High School, Brookline, Massachusetts

Madison Township High School, Old Bridge, New Jersey

Mt. Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware

Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts

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Host Schools for the second assignment are:
Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, Illinois
Richards High School, Oaklawn, Illinois
Redmond High School, Redmond, Washington
St. Paul Academy and Summit School, St. Paul, Minnesota

As usual, there will be an interim period between the two assignments. I have offered to bring the Russian teachers to Philadelphia so that they feel the association with AFSC. During that time we will also go to Washington for sightseeing and a visit to the Soviet Embassy.

In one way or another you who read this memo have been involved, and I know your interest is maintained. We've come a long way since the days when Irene Krueger planned the first exchange—and I trust there's a long way ahead!

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