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To: Chief, Contacts Division, OO
From: Chief, Plans, OSO
Subject: Request to Obtain Letter which Allegedly came from
the USSR.

1. Attached is a translation of an article appearing 4 January 1952 in Amerika, the Ukrainian Catholic Daily, 817 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. When the recipients of this letter "from behind the iron curtain" are located, it would be highly desirable that either the letter be procured for us on a loan basis or photostatic copies of the letter and the envelope be forwarded to us since it is necessary to establish the validity of this report.

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THE ENTIRE DROHOBYCH OBLAST BEING DEPORTED

FROM A LETTER WHICH CAME THROUGH A ROUND-ABOUT ROUTE FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, WE LEARNED THAT THE MUSCOVITE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BEGAN, LATE IN THE SPRING OF 1951, TO RESETTLE THE UKRAINIANS FROM DROHOBYCH OBLAST FAR TO THE EAST INTO THE HEART OF THE USSR.

The Soviets are deporting by force, the native Ukrainian population of the raions DUBLIN, SAMBIR, STAROSAMBIR, TURKA and USTIERA and are replacing them with Russians.

Next to the tragedy of LEMKIVSHCHINA this resettlement is the largest to have taken place in the Western Ukraine.

One of the Ukrainian families in the DROHOBYCH oblast has said that it is next on the list for deportation and promised that they would send news from the new place. Since that time, however, there has been no word because MOSCOW guards strictly the secrets of her inhuman policy of deportation and confiscates the letters which the deportees send from their new place of forced resettlement.

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