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Mr. Chester Bowles
Essex, Connecticut

Dear Chester:

Many thanks for your letter of February 4
telling me about the Yale Russian Chorus.

I have passed a copy of this on to Bill
Lacy in the State Department and will see
what I can do to be of help.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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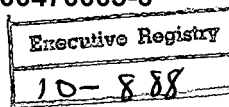
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CHESTER BOWLES
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT

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Dear Allen:

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I have just been approached by a very remarkable group at Yale -- the Yale Russian Chorus -- which is anxious to tour the Soviet Union this summer.

This group is composed of students, many of them in the graduate school, who are specializing in the language, history and culture of Russia.

I understand it is an extremely good singing chorus. In addition, almost all of them play some kind of instrument, which enables them to turn out a good evening of entertainment.

Although there are 16 in the group, the number could be expanded to around 24. There is a group of girls at the music school who customarily sing with them, and they could be included in the group if the funds are available. They estimate that they could spend about two months in the Soviet Union for \$20,000 to \$25,000.

I talked to Dean Rusk of the Rockefeller Foundation about it and he told me he would also talk to the Ford people. I hope that they may be able to work it out. If not, I wonder if there is some way of getting money from other sources?

This is a serious and talented group of young people and I know that they would be well equipped to handle themselves effectively with any group of Russians.

I am writing to you because I am about to go away for a month and it occurred to me that if the Rockefeller Foundation is unable to handle it, you might know of other sources of funds. I realize that these things are

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difficult to arrange, but knowing your interest in this exchange effort, I thought you should know about it.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,


Chester Bowles

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Remarks:

Frank: Upon reading your note the Director commented that he did not intend to tell Chet Bowles any more than what is contained in his letter to him of 13 February.

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