



DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Mickiewicz:

I have noted with considerable interest the activities of the Yale Russian Chorus in seeking to increase cultural understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Reports of your previous visits to the Soviet Union in 1958 and 1959 indicate that you have made an important contribution to communications between the two peoples. I am told that your performance of Russian songs has struck a responsive chord among Russians, and moreover, that members of the chorus, as individuals, have served as excellent representatives of the American people.

We in the United States Information Agency are particularly enthusiastic about people-to-people efforts of this type. Initiative such as yours on the part of individual American groups is essential to achieving the goals which our Agency is pursuing.

I understand that you are planning another visit to the Soviet Union this summer. I endorse your plans and wish you every success in your undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George V. Allen".

George V. Allen

Mr. Denis Mickiewicz
Chorus Director
Yale Russian Chorus