

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

MAR 29, 1961

MOSCOW

Dear Sirs
In Reply to your recent letter
I find it inconvenient to come
to Moscow for the sole purpose
of an interview.

In my last letter I believe
I stated that I cannot leave
the city of Minsk without permission.
I believe there exist in the
United States also a law in regards
to resident foreigners from socialist
countries, traveling between cities.

I do not think it would be
appropriate for me to request to
leave Minsk in order to visit the
American Embassy. In any event,
the granting of permission is a long
drawn out affair, and I feel that
there is a hesitation on the part
of local officials to even start
the process.

I have no intention of

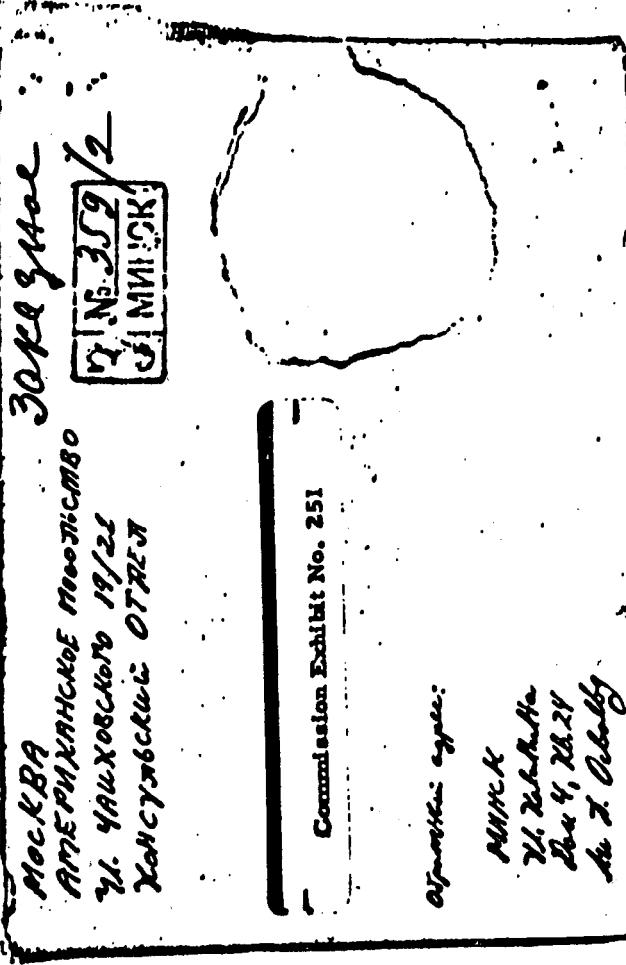
absuring my position here, and I am
sure you would not want me to.

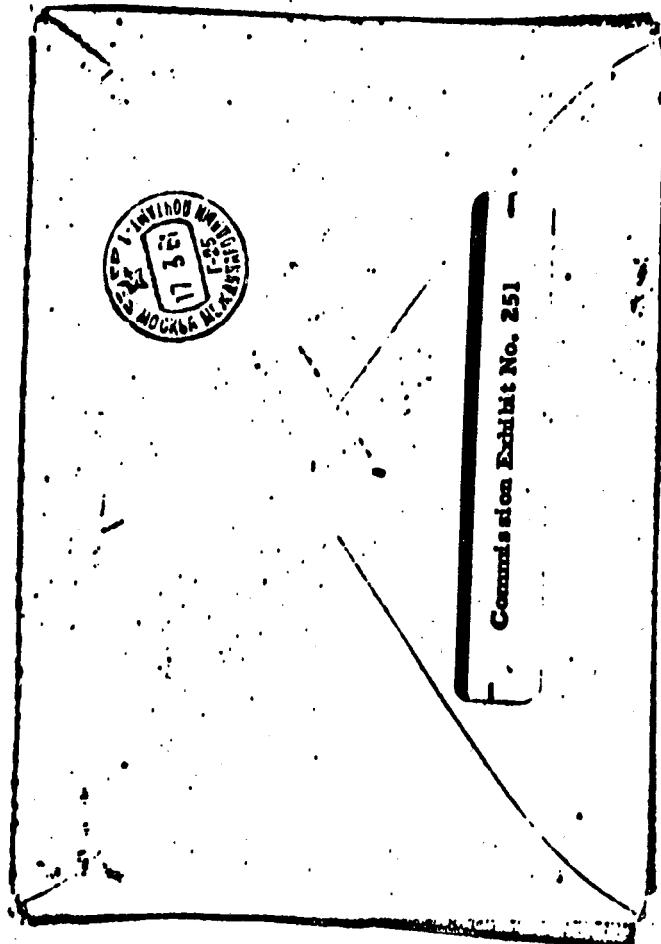
I see no reason for any preliminary
inquiry not to be put in the form
of a questionnaire and sent to me.

I understand that personal interviews
undoubtedly make the work of the Embassy
staff lighter than written correspondence,
however in some cases other means
must be employed.

Sincerely
John Gandy

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