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Summary:

RL official Francis Ronalds relays a report on a reception of RL from a VOA official who visited the USSR.

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Mr. Gene Sosin
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New York, New York

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Dear Gene:

We had a visit, as you had forewarned us, from Mr. Lielnors of the VOA. We spent part of December 24 and most of December 27 with him. He seemed to be very well impressed with the station and, it would appear, envious of many resources which we have but his operation does not have.

While in the USSR, he heard RL just once, in the Ukraina Hotel in the middle of Moscow. Our signal, he said, came in loud and clear for about fifteen minutes. Then the jammers moved in and our program was obliterated. The segment that he heard contained answers to letters and a piece on Soviet rewriting of history, in connection with the fact that Khrushchev is now being acclaimed for the part he played at the time of the encirclement of Kiev. The latter he found exceptionally fine. We found two different programs which dealt with this subject: one "Have You Noticed" item written by Pilajew, another Predtechevskiy piece. He did not think, however, that either of these was the show he heard. He believed that he heard the broadcast on the first or second Saturday of December. Bob Tuck and I at first thought it must have been a Gradoboyev talk but a quick look at the program summaries did not reveal any such thing. Since he intends to visit you I thought you would want this info. I check yourself.

... you have had a very merry Christmas and will enjoy the happiest of New Years.

Very best,

FSRonalds:ne

cc: Mr. Obolensky

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