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On behalf of the Matthew A. Mancuso family, enclosed is a post placement report on their adopted child, Masha.

Sincerely,

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Adoption Post Placement Report Progress report on: Masha (Maria) Mancuso March 23, 1999

Nursery Name (Russian name of child) Masha Yashenkova

Sex, Age, Date of Birth Female, 6 yrs old, August 25, 1992

Parents
Mr. Matthew A. Mancuso - father

Address
158 Shearer Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

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Russian Institution/Agency/Orphanage (and address) Orphanage (name unknown), Novoshaktinsk, Russia

Date of relinquishment to orphanage January, 1997

Date child left orphanage (in custody of adoptive parents) July 2, 1998

Date of guardianship July 9, 1998

Date of arrival in the United States July 11, 1998

Family Description
The immediate family consists of Mr. Matthew Mancuse, father, and his adopted daughter, Masha. Mr. Mancuse's mother, sister, and brother-in-law live nearby and are part of the immediate family.

Adoption Background
Masha is of Russian descent. At the age of four, she was placed in an orphanage in Novoshaktinsk, Russia. Mr. Mancuse adopted Masha in Eussian court in June of 1998 and escorted her to the United States on July 11, 1998.

Initial Adjustment Period
Masha adjusted very quickly to her new home and family. She understands
the concept of having a new family and has not displayed any signs of
rejection. Masha has developed a strong paternal boad with Mr. Mannusc.
There is no evidence of attachment disorder or with hawal. Masha has not

shown any negative behavior problems.

During the first few months, Masha was quiet and shy around new people. Mancuso feels it was largely due to the initial language barrier. Masha has become more outspoken as her understanding of English has grown. Masha now communicates in English very well and she no longer speaks Russian.

Masha has not been eager to try new foods. Her diet is very plain, probably because of her upbringing.

Mr. Mancuso has changed his work schedule slightly to accommodate Masha's school and day care times. He has added a new room to their house primarily for Masha's activities and toys.

Family Adjustment
The extended family has accepted Masha and there have not been any problems between family members due to the adoption.

Physical <u>Development</u>

Masha has shown a dramatic improvement in motor skills and coordination. She is a very active child and Mr. Mancuso has spent a lot of time with her at the local park where she climbs and plays on the playground equipment.

Masha's current weight is forty-one pounds. Masha's current height is forty-fire inches five inches.

<u>Personality</u>
<u>Masha is a very cheerful and playful child. She is kind and generous to everyone.</u> Masha is shy with adults she doesn't know but eventually she likes to be their center of attention. Masha likes to participate in group activities but she is also content being alone when coloring or doing puzzles.

Daily Routine

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In the morning, Masha has breakfast at home before going to Pivik Elementary School where she attends morning kindergarten. At noon she is taken by school bus to a day care facility where she eats lunch and then spends the afternoon playing and socializing with the other children. Mr. Mancuso picks her up at 4:00 p.m. and takes her home. In the evening Masha has dinner at home, does her homework, plays with her toys, plays computer games, and watches cartoons on television. On Saturdays, Mr. Mancuso has been taking Masha to the local high school for swimming lessons.

Health
Masha has had regular visits to a pediatrician. She does not have any
chronic medical conditions. She is having additional vaccinations on a
scheduled basis to meet school district requirements. Masha is taking daily vitamins as prescribed by her physician.

Masha has had four dental appointments to take care of severe tooth decay. At this time her dental work is complete and she will now be on a bi-annual schedule of regular check-ups.

Two opticians have also examined Masha to evaluate her vision and crossed Iwo opticians have also examined Masha to evaluate her Vision and crossed eyes. They have prescribed eyeglasses to correct her vision which she now wears all of the time. Corrective surgery for her crossed eyes is optional and would be for cosmetic purposes only. Mr. Manguso has not made any decision on eye surgery for Masha at this time. Education and School
Masha is enrolled in kindergarten at Pivik Elemetary School in Plum Borough, PA where she attends a four hour morning session. Twice a week, she meets with a speech teacher who helps her with English vocabulary and sentence structure. In spite of the initial language barrier, Masha is considered to be an above average student by her teacher. She does not show any learning disabilities. Masha now speaks fluent English and has forgotten how to speak Russian. She can also read and write many English words as well as do simple addition and subtraction. In the afternoon, Masha attends Sunnyside Day Care where she plays with other children. The day care has indoor and outdoor facilities including a computer that Masha enjoys.

Immigration and Legal Status
Masha has received her United States Alien Registration Card. Mr. Mancuso
has filed the necessary documents for Masha's U.S. citizenship, which is
pending. Masha has received a U.S. Social Security number. Mr. Mancuso has
not yet re-adopted the child in the state of Pennsylvania but intends to do
so.

Summary
Masha-is a well-adjusted child and there have not been any problems associated with her adoption.

I declare the above to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Francis White ACSW, LSW

State of Pennsylvania

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County of Westmoreland

Before me this 34th day of March 1999 personally appeared the undersigned and acknowledged to me that the

information in this document is true and correct.

Notary Public