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Mrs. Minerva Brehm
1817 N. Raynor Avenue
Crest Hill, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Brehm:

Your letter to NBC has been forwarded to me for reply.

The report you ask about was done by Chet Huntley when he was in Czechoslovakia last September and it was on our news program. So I have asked our New York office to send you a copy of it, and you should be receiving it in the next day or so.

Sincerely,

David Brinkley

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(LIDICE)

M-0226

9/21

GUNTLEY AT LIDICE

AS THE WEST GERMANS WENT TO THE FOLLS THIS

3:50 a.m.

PAST SUNDAY, THE PEOPLE OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES OF

EASTERN EUROPE WATCHED UNEASILY. FOR WHATEVER

GERMANY IS. . . AND WHATEVER GERMANY DOES. . .

CHURNS

INEVITABLY ~~CHURNS~~ UP MEMORIES AND EMOTIONS IN THIS

PART OF THE WORLD. . . . AND CHIEF AMONG ~~THEM~~ ^{THESE} IS

FEAR.

THE HATREDS OF THE PAST MAY HAVE BEEN SOFTENED BY

TWENTY YEARS. . . BUT NOT THE FEAR. THERE ARE

REASONS FOR THIS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS ~~REGION~~

PLACE

~~IS~~ IS FAST BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. . . ^{PARKING}

WITH THE ANCIENT CASTLES WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN

ALMOST ANY ~~VILLAGE~~ ^{VILLAGE} NEARBY.

THIS IS WHAT USED TO BE THE TOWN OF LIDICE. . A FEW

MILES WEST OF PRAGUE IN THE SOFTLY ROLLING HILLS OF

BOHEMIA. ^{HORAK'S FARM} THOSE STONES ARE ALL THAT IS LEFT OF

HORAK'S FARM. . . THE PLACE WHERE ^{THE} GERMANS SAID

CZECH'S HID THE ASSASSINS OF HEYDRICH, COMMANDER OF

THE GERMAN OCCUPATION FORCES.

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4:04 c.s.

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HORAK'S FARM

VOICE OVER
STARTS HERE

Roll #3

PAGE TWO. . . LIDICE

HORAK'S FARM

Roll #3

ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE NINTH, NINETEEN FORTY-TWO,
THE MEN OF LIDICE. . . A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE
OF THEM. . . WERE MARCHED IN SMALL GROUPS DOWN
THESE STEPS TO THE CELLAR ^{AND} AND A FEW HOURS LATER,
MARCHED BACK OUT AGAIN TO THEIR DEATH BEFORE A
FIRING SQUAD.

TILT UP TO LS SCHOOL

(TILT IS ON A#5)

UP THE HILL IS ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE SCHOOL.
EIGHTY-ONE OF THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR CHILDREN
WERE KILLED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. AFTER THE WAR,
NINE CAME BACK FROM GERMANY WHERE THEY HAD BEEN
SENT FOR "GERMANIZATION." SEVEN WERE RETURNED FROM
ORPHANAGES IN PRAGUE. . . NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE REST.

A#4

RUINS OF CHURCH

A#4

~~THIS WAS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE TOWN'S CHURCH. . .
BUILT IN THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY.~~

GRAVESITE

A#6

THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE MEN OF LIDICE WERE
DUMPED INTO A MASS GRAVE. . . JUST A FEW YARDS AWAY
FROM HORAK'S FARM.

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FLOWERS AT GRAVE

R#6

MOST OF THE WREATHS HAVE BEEN LEFT BY GERMANS.

~~WHO~~ MAKE UP A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOURISTS VISITING LIDICE EACH YEAR.

TOURIST BUSES

THIS YEAR, NEARLY HALF A MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE ~~MEMORIAL~~ MEMORIAL. THEIR TOURS USUALLY STARTED

CLOTHES ON RACK

IN THE MUSEUM WHERE THE PATHETICALLY FEW ~~PERSONAL~~ PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF ~~LIDICE'S PEOPLE~~ LIDICE'S PEOPLE ARE DISPLAYED. . . THE EXHIBITION IS NOT CALCULATED TO LET ANYONE FORGET ANYTIME SOON.

R#1

~~PIX~~ PIX OF PEOPLE & OTHER SHOW CASES

THEN THE TOURISTS WERE SHOWN A FILM OF HOW TO WIPE A VILLAGE OFF THE ~~MAP~~ MAP IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

R#2

LIDICE FILM (35 MM)

THIS IS WHAT LIDICE LOOKED LIKE IN PEACETIME. . . (HOLD OPEN FOR ABOUT 10 SEC.)

LIDICE BURNING

THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE ON THE TENTH OF JUNE, NINETEEN FORTY-TWO. AFTER THE MEN WERE SHOT AND THE

LIDICE BURNING

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SENT OFF TO SEPARATE ~~CONCENTRATION~~ CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THE GERMANS SET THE TOWN ~~ON FIRE~~ ON FIRE.

TROOPS WALK THROUGH

THEN, AFTER A LAST INSPECTION, DEMOLITION TEAMS WERE SENT IN. . . THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED:

LIDICE DISAPPEARS UNDER SMOKE (LS)

(HOLD OPEN FOR AS LONG AS DESTRUCTION PIX PLAYS)

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PAGE FOUR

MLS LIDICE UNDER SMOKE
MLS GERMANS WATCH FROM HILL TOP
LS LIDICE UNDER SMOKE
CU GERMAN SOLDIER LAUGHS

ETC....
CEMETERY (USE THIS AS TRANSITION TO NEXT SEQUENCE. ~~IT SHOULD BE GOOD~~)

R#P

~~XXXXXXXX~~

LIDICE ~~IS~~ THE ONLY PLACE IN ~~CZECHOSLOVAKIA~~

WHICH STIRS UP FEARS OF GERMANY. ~~THIS~~ IS THE

PINSKY

PRAGUE

~~SYNAGOGUE~~ SYNAGOGUE IN ~~PRAGUE~~. AT FIRST ~~THE~~ THE WALLS

PINSKY SYNAGOGUE

LS WALLS

R# 11, 12, 13, 14

~~APPEARED~~ APPEARED WITH A CURIOUS SORT OF MOSAIC.

CLOSE-UP, THE MOSAIC TURNED OUT TO BE AN ALPHABETICAL

LISTING OF NEARLY EIGHTY-THOUSAND JEWS FROM

CZECHOSLOVAKIA KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO

CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND WHO DID NOT RETURN.

AND A BLOCK AWAY IS THE OLD SYNAGOGUE. . . THE OLDEST

IN EUROPE . IT IS A MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE OF EARLY

GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE. IT WAS UNTOUCHED BY THE

GERMANS DURING THE WAR, ~~AND~~ SOONER OF LATER. . . ON

EVERY TOUR. . . SOMEONE ASKED WHY. THE ANSWER OF

THE GUIDE WAS CHILLING. HITLER WANTED TO MAKE IT

THE WORLD'S FINEST MUSEUM ~~IN~~ FOR AN EXTINCT RACE.

EXT. - R# 7
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R# 10

~~XXXXXXXX~~ OLD SYNAGOGUE

LEY AT LIDICE

ON A TOUR HERE THE OTHER DAY, A ^{YOUNG} BOY ASKED

HIS MOTHER A SIMPLE, DIRECT QUESTION: ~~WHY~~ WHY WAS

SHE SHOOK HER HEAD AND SAID SHE
LIDICE DESTROYED? ~~WHY WAS LIDICE DESTROYED?~~

DID NOT KNOW. ~~WHY WAS LIDICE DESTROYED?~~

AND THAT IS ~~ONE~~ ONE REASON WHY THE PEOPLE OF

EASTERN EUROPE STILL FEAR THE GERMANS. . . THEY

^{Do Not} ~~KNOW~~ KNOW WHY LIDICE HAPPENED ~~WHY~~. . . AND

^{WILL NOT} THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN IT ~~WILL~~ HAPPEN AGAIN.

THIS IS CHET HUNTLEY, NBC NEWS, LIDICE.

THIS IS CHET HUNTLEY REPORTING

DAVID.