

# Farm Scene Taken While W. Averell Harriman Was Touring the Soviet Union in 1959



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## Description

Exterior view where W. Averell Harriman (no head) is seen standing between unidentified men and a woman in a wheat field. He may have been visiting the Viktorov State Farm not far from Rudni (Rudnyy), Kazakhstan. Thayer's typewritten account of the visit states "that the farm was started on the 15th of April in 1955." Thayer also writes, "We drove out to the wheat fields over gently rolling country where we could see the green young wheat stretching for miles to the horizon." Charles W. Thayer accompanied W. Averell Harriman as a guide and confidant on the trip which took place May 12 - June 26, 1959. Harriman went as a special foreign correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA). Trip visits included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, etc., as well as areas in Siberia and the Urals, and ended with a meeting with Nikita Khrushchev. Original 35mm negative.

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June 13, 1959

3.25x5 Black & White

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**People Pictured** Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986

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