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Summary of Phone Conversation (6-19-79)

Rev. Lanseth answered the phone and said he had received the letter. He suggested that it may be better to interview other people than himself regarding the ethnic music. He referred me to Arthur Hill in Hancock (former director of the Suomi College Choir), Carl Mustonen in Lake Linden (296-5051) who previously directed the Finlandia Male Chorus in Detroit, and Rec. Olaf Rankinen, the area's Finnish circuit minister. He then asked if that was the type of music in which I was interested. I then described that I was more interested in the folk and oral music traditions of the area. (He appeared to understand the distinction).

He then referred me to Eva Koopikka in Kearsarge (337-2609) of Finnish descent, Mollie Ulseth in Calumet (337-1072) of Norwegian descent as two primary contacts to obtain old or traditional music in their respective cultures. He then asked if I was interested in other nationalities. Indicating my interest, he told me to contact Frances Mischica in Calumet (337-2581) about the Croatian community; Pat Mitchell (337-4269 or 1530) regarding the German Lutheran Church; Jack Foster in Calumet (337-4351) about the Cornish people affiliated with the Methodist Church; and the Hoovers who organized a group of people ("young kids, teenagers, grandpa's and grandma's") to learn over 100 different ethnic dances for Calumet's bicentennial celebration.

At the close of our conversation, he asked if I would be interested in listening to a couple oral history tapes he had done with people in the area concerning their immigration experiences. We set up an appointment for the next morning.

MLH/a  
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