View Taken During W. Averell Harriman's 1959 Trip to the Soviet Union



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Description
Interior view which includes three unidentified natives working at some type of craft involving bricks or tiles. Image taken while W. Averell Harriman was touring the Soviet Union and the location is believed to be near the Registan in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Thayer's typewritten account states: "we watched a group of artisans cutting and sculpting the rectangular tiles which, after being baked and glazed, will be used to restore many of the mosaic designs." 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. Has 35mm original negative.

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