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Conversation, in Warsaw, with Oleksander Volodymyrovich PALLADIN, President
of the Academy of Sciences, Ukrainian SSR.

In late November 1958, O. V. PALLADIN visited in Warsaw to establish direct contact between the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Sciences. During his stay in Warsaw, one of our Ukrainian acquaintances there had a private conversation with him.

Our acquaintance informed us that before his conversation with PALLADIN, the editorial offices of NASHE SLOVO told him: "Converse with PALLADIN in Russian because he does not know Ukrainian." Our acquaintance, whom we shall refer to as "O", actually began his conversation in Russian but PALLADIN interrupted him stating, "You are from the editorial offices of a Ukrainian newspaper so if you know Ukrainian, speak in Ukrainian." The conversation continued in Ukrainian. During the conversation, PALLADIN emphasized that thanks to him, the first direct contact was being established between the Ukrainian and Polish academies of sciences, he mentioned participation of Ukrainians in research activities connected with the launching of Sputnik and interplanetary missiles. He stated that the Ukrainian emigration seems to attach too little importance to the Ukrainians participation in the research on sputniks and artificial satellites. It is significant also that when "O" bid farewell to PALLADIN with the words, "We wish you Mr. President, good health to continue your efforts for the good of Ukraine and the welfare of universal education", PALLADIN answered with a smile, "That was very well said, I thank you, for the good of our dear Ukraine".

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