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SUBJECT: Locally Published Protest by Ukrainian Refugee Groups in France Regarding Ukrainian SSR Participation at Marseille International Trade Fair (September 12-28, 1959).

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Marseille's daily newspaper, "Le Meridional-La France," (owned by rightist Jean FRAISSINET, shipping magnate and Independent Deputy) published, on October 5, 1959, a lengthy statement by the President and Secretary of the Committee of Coordination of Ukrainian Organizations in France under the title "Here Are The Reasons For Which The Ukraine Exhibited At Marseille At The 15th International Fair." Stating that the Soviets wanted to counteract Free World opinion that the Ukraine is a country oppressed by the Soviets, the statement points out the poverty of consumer goods and intellectual items presented at the fair and goes on to discuss the economic and political vassalage of the Ukraine to Moscow, with heavy emphasis on the fact that the Ukraine is not a free and sovereign state. The statement is essentially a nationalistic pitch for greater autonomy to the Ukraine.

Attached is a translation of the article.

Donald Edgar

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Department: Please pouch copy American Embassy, Moscow.

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The attachment of Ukrainian public opinion to the memory of the Independent Ukrainian Republic (1917-1920), the cultural renaissance of 1920-1933, the battle of the Ukrainian partisan-rebels during the second World War, the moral support given by the Western nations to the Ukrainian cause (celebrated from the date of the Independence of the Ukraine by the Congress of the United States of America, etc.) and finally, the activity of Ukrainian emigrés should incite Moscow to permit the Ukraine to play an important role in the life of the Union and also in international life.

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