

SUBJECT: KRUK, Yaroslava

SOURCE :

DATE : 19 May, 1961

TIME : 10-12 PM

PLACE : Idlewild Airport, New York

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SUBJECT, 18 years of age (born 1942) arrived from TURKA, Lviv oblast to join her parents KRUK Yaroslav and Tekla, who reside 1628 West 39th St., Gary, Ind. SAS Airlines notified Subject's parents of her arrival and asked that arrangements be made to pick her up at Idlewild Airport. LUBO and GEORGE posing as "friends" of her parents approached her and had a conversation with her. Subject left for Chicago from Idlewild Airport at 0015 hrs, 20 May, 1961.

During the conversation SUBJECT expressed the following views:

She is not going to stay in America and will go back to Ukraine. She did not like the food during the flight and she was suffocating because the air smells badly. She would not even consider going to America, but her grandmother she stayed with in Turka insisted. She graduated from desiatyrichka and was teacher in a school, 7 km from Turka. She earned 41 rubles (new currency). She said that now people live better and the situation improved.

In TURKA are 2 desiatyrichkas, one Ukrainian and one Russian "for Army children". She planned to continue to study history in Ukraine and hoped to receive a grant. She likes reading. For 6 years she studied German language and for the last 2 years English. But she was not able to speak or to understand because "the language here is different".

Q: Did many people return from exile to Siberia?

A: Very many, there were many people in the woods but now all this is past. There is even one man who came back from exile, about whom people say that he killed

many people, but he works now.

Q: Do people talk about independent Ukraine?

A: The present situation is the best. Ukraine cannot be independent, because always someone would want to grab the country, because it is rich. Now in Kiev there is a Ukrainian government, Ukrainian ministers.

Q: How do people live in kolkhozes?

A: At the kolkhozes it is still not as good. Who can goes to cities and towns to study. People go used to kolkhozes, only those who were rich would like to own property, all others are for the kolkhoz. It is better this way.

Q: Are young men drafted to the Army?

A: All who pass the medicals go. They are taken to Central Asia and from there they sent others/
~~xxx~~ assigned to TURKA and other places. But she knows one case that a man from TURKA was serving with the Army in TURKA.

Q: Are many soldiers in TURKA?

A: Not many in town. They are out of town. ^{side/} somewhere. To cross the Carpathian Mountains no special passes are necessary, everybody could go freely.

Q: Do people attend church?

A: Only old people. Grandmother always asked her to go to church but she didn't.

Q: What do people say about war and peace?

A: All the people want peace, we are all for peace.

Q: Was she in TURKA during Gagarin's flight?

A: Yes, all people were very pleased. "And you here were very angry, weren't you?" She also visited bigger cities. She was in Lviv, Drohobych, Sambir. She was very pleased with Moscow and would have stayed there. She speaks very well Russian and she liked Russian language in the school.

Q: Who advised her to go to America and who was against it?

A: The majority advised her to go. Even the director of her school advised her to

go saying "you will have there better living conditions materially, but you will not feel well spiritually." And he was right.

Note: SUBJECT did not sleep for 2 nights, during her trip. This fact probably made her feel hostile about the new surroundings. She is also a Soviet product and was probably indoctrinated. She was proud for Soviet achievements and critical to everything American. Idlewild Airport was "just nothing" to her. "Vnukovo is also very pretty". Everything she saw or the food she tasted was not good. She remarked: "what is so unusual about this all, and where is this all famous American?"