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1. Subject arrived in March 1963 in EDMONTON as one of Ukrainian orthodox priests sent by Alexei's Church to Canada to service orthodox communities in that country. He is Ukrainian, aged 60, married ( his wife arrived with him in Canada), their grown up sons remained in the Ukraine. Subject finished his theological studies in WARSAW, Poland, then studied history in PRAGUE, CSR. During the German occupation of the Ukraine he lectured at Gymnasium (Secondary school) in KHOLM (CHELM), or HRUBESHIV (HRUBIESZOV). He is a good theologian, very intelligent, smooth, and sympathetic. ~~His wife~~ His wife is also very sympathetic, sociable, and speaks fair English. Source met him accidentally in a bus near EDMONTON when Subject was on his way to a nearby place where he was supposed to help another priest in confessions. Then Subject <sup>has</sup> visited Source and now they are on quite a friendly foot.

2. In June 1963 Subject left for the Soviet Union with his wife for vacations. On 29 July 1963 he telephoned Source that he just returned from vacations and was going to visit Source in a few days. Subject told Source that he spent his vacations with relatives <sup>and</sup> in KIROVOGRAD. There was some delay with his return to Canada because he could not get ~~xxxxx~~ plane-reservation in time.

3. Prior to his departure for vacations in the Soviet Union, Subject called on Source. They drank "a little bit" and consequently had quite a sincere talk. Subject was rather nervous and did not conceal his reluctance to go to the Soviet Union. He told Source that if he had no children in the

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Ukraine he would remain in Canada, "defect" and go over to the Ukrainian Catholic church. But because of children he had to return.

He also told Source that <sup>at</sup> the recent synod in NEW YORK, N.Y. Subject had an argument with Bishop Pantheleimon. The latter proposed to print new prayer books in Russian to what Subject protested explaining that there were practically ~~no~~ <sup>very few</sup> Russians in their Church here and therefore no need for Russian prayer books. On his part Subject suggested to print prayer - books in Ukrainian as there was a great demand for them, or if the hierarchy was unwilling to print Ukrainian ones, to print some in Old -Slavic. Anyway, Subject stressed that there was no point to publish Russian books because people do not understand Russian.

To that Bishop PANTHELEIMON reacted very strangely: he stood up and announced that there was no Ukrainian nation and no Ukrainian language. In his turn Subject pulled then his ~~valid~~ Soviet passport and pointed out his ~~nationality as Ukrainian~~ Ukrainian nationality as stated in it. Bishop Pantheleimon was very angry and commented only: Ah, I see -"a little Ukrainian" (Ukrainchuk)! At that moment another Bishop interfered with their quarrel and by pointing out that their argument was irrelevant to the problem of prayer-books, stopped the argumentation. Anyway, the question of prayer-books remained unsolved at that synod.

Shortly afterwards Subject <sup>received</sup> a letter from the Patriarch in Moscow that he will have to spend his <sup>va</sup> ~~vacations~~ in the Soviet Union. Subject was not sure whether they will send him back to Canada and therefore liquidated partly his household in EDMONTON before leaving for the Soviet Union.

4. On 21 May 1963 Source was told by the Subject that the latter will go in June 1963 for 4 weeks-vacations in the Soviet Union. At the same time there were rumors in EDMONTON that Subject and another orthodox priest were actually recalled back to the Soviet Union and instead 6 new priests will

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arrive. As it turned out finally, Subject came back to Canada.

5. Early spring 1963 when Soviet Ambassador visited EDMONTON, his secretary met Subject .

6. Subject told Source that ~~when~~ he was leaving first time for Canada he paid a visit to Bishop SAVRASH of STANYSLAVIE (now IVANO-FRANKIVSKYI) The Bishop "played a comedian", let him wait for an hour though had nothing to do, then received him very officially in full ornate and gave his blessings. Subject was surprised because he knew very well the Bishop still from <sup>the</sup> times when the latter was only a priest too.