

Subject: STADNICHENKO, Andrei

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Source : R / Meeting on August 30, 1964

At 4:00 P.M. I went to the Mission of the USSR to inquire about my friend S. At the door of the mission I was stopped by an American Policeman (N.Y.C.) He asked me to state my business and then rang the bell outside the mission. At the door I was approached by 3 members of the mission.

- Meeting
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1. 5'8" light brown hair, age 40-35, weight 150 lbs. appearance slim, sharp outlined face, long nose, no scars, dressed in a sport shirt, and light pants,
 2. 5'6", 160 lbs, short dark hair, round face, dressed casually
 3. 2nd. secretary to the Ukrainian mission to the U.N.
name: Cherniavsky, age ⁴⁰ height 5'7" dark hair (brown) combed with a part to the left side, hair wavy, face with a dark complexion, dark eyes, square face, Well dressed Western style, Italian shoes, gold tie clasp,

At the door one 1st. man asked me what I wanted here, I said that I came to see my friend who told me that he would be staying here while he would be in N.Y. I said that my friend is a student on the exchange program, and was a student in Cornell University. No. 1 wanted to know my friend's name, I said S. During this conversation we were talking in English, then no. 3. asked me in Ukrainian where I met S. I replied in Ukrainian that I met him in Cornell University. Nos. 2 and 3 went inside, then no. 1 asked me to come in and sit down and wait for my friend while they check to see if he is in. I sat down and the man at the desk (No. 2) rang for S. while I was sitting there no. 3, came up to me and asked me my name I told him, and I asked him who he was, He introduced himself, I then said that I read in the press that there was a Kochubej in the Ukrainian mission, No. 3 said that Kochubej was sent home and that he is the new 2nd secretary to the Ukrainian mission. I asked him if he had heard anything of the fire in the library of the academy of arts in Kiev. He said that he read in the papers that the building was set fire to by some crazy woman. He asked me what I am doing, I said that I am a student, of Soviet History, He wanted to know from what period. I said the present period. He asked if I was interested in any particular branch of country in the USSR. I said no. All this time he was pacing the floor. He asked me if I was born in Ukraine, I said no, but my parents were, he then commented that I speak Ukrainian well. I said that I learned in Ukrainian school. About this time S. came down and we went outside.

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Outside we started talking about New York and what S had seen of the

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city. He said that he had been to the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller center, St. Patricks chatedral, Harlem, Columbia University, N.Y.U. Times Square. He said that he was very impressed by the city and would tell all his friends home about N.Y. He said that he took many photographs of the city and this would be his proof that he really did see N.Y. He was impressed by the number of cars and the fact that most of the people obey the traffic lights, He said that in the USSR many of the drivers do not obey the lights,

Mail exchange:

He asked me what I wanted to him to send me. I said that I would appreciate the books and the newspapers. He said that he would send me an embroidered shirt and wood carvings. I asked him to send me books on Ukrainian grammer. He agreed and promised to send me as many as I wanted. I asked him what he wanted from me, he said that he only wanted American textbooks for the time being. He said that this was his first visit to America and he wants to keep out of trouble. He wanted me to give him a list of books that I wanted. I said that this I would give him the next day. He said that he would get the book that my uncle wanted and send it to me. He also said that he has a small statistacal book about the Ukrainian SSR, which he wanted to give my uncle. I asked him about sending me newspapers from the local provinces. He said that in the provincial papers I would find all the news slanted in the same direction as in the government press. He said that there is only one line.

Ukrainian Nationalism:

S. said that in 1947 he met some members of the Banderivtsi. This took place at a wedding near Lviv, He said that he did not know who they were, he sat drinking with them and talking. Finally after the wedding when they left, he was told who they were. He was also told that they wanted to kill him because he was from the Eastern Ukraine. But the towns people told them that he was a sincere person and to leave him alone. S. said that many atrocities were committed by the Banderivtsi, he told me about the killing of Dr. Halan this he explained was done by an axe murder in Lviv S. said that Dr. Halan was a writer who was first a nationalist and than turned table and wrote against their cause. S. said that

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secretary is a member of the K.G.B. He said that he does not know, but does not think so. He said that he does not know too much about the K.G.B.

Powers:

Said that in his press it was reported that Powers was shot down over Soviet territory, at first the people who found him thought that he was a cosmonaut, but later he was captured and tried for espionage. He said that his press said that he was exchanged, but it did not say for whom. I told him that he was traded for a Soviet spy Abek. S. said that he did not read about this.

Sending packages.

S. asked me that when I send him a package with something to wrap the goods in nylons and blouses, he said that such things are very expensive there, and that he could sell them for a good price.

Illegal trade.

S. said that there is a certain amount of it going on in Lviv and in all the bigger cities of the USSR. But the people who do this are parasites.

About Uncle "Uncle: "

Said that my uncle is a very learned man and it is very interesting to talk to him. S. said that my uncle has many facts at his fingers and seems to know what he is talking about. After the talk he had with him he has many things to think about when he gets home.

Ukrainian emmigration:

Said that the people in the Ukraine look upon us very favorably. Yet a political platform would have to come from the people there. The people would reject a platform from outside. He said that the Banderivtsi should have stayed in Ukraine and demanded their rights there.

Amnesty for members of the Underground.

Said that in 1952-3 a general amnesty was declared for the former members of the Ukrainian underground. Many members turned themselves in, some turned in others. The ones that did not go voluntarily were caught and sent to the Donbas. There they worked for a few years and now they are back in Western Ukraine.

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We went to the Ukrainian section of Manhattan. S. was impressed by the church, and the stores where he saw Ukrainian goods. He said that he would send me articles which he did not see in the stores. At the window of the "Surma" store he read the articles from the American press about the Shevchenko monument unveiling.

Trip to Washington.

S. told me that on his trip to Washington he did not have time to see too many sights. He only saw the capital and some government buildings. (He did not specify which)

Kovalenko.

S. says that Kovalenko was not feeling too well and he did not see him.

S. wants to see "my uncle"

On Sunday night S. said that he wanted to see my uncle before he left for home. He said that he wanted to give him a book of statistics about the Ukrainian SSR.

Housing Shortage.

S. said that the main problem of the USSR is the housing shortage. Many people are applying for rooms, but there are not enough to go around.

Kurmanbaev

On the 30th I saw Kurmanbaev walking with some of the women teachers. He recognized me and said hello.

At 7:00 P.M. we parted and decided to meet again at 9:00 P.M. We talked from 9:00 until 11:00 P.M. and arranged to meet the following day. (August 31) at 10:30-11:00 A.M. On the 31st, S. did not appear for the meeting. At 11:00 A.M. I saw Kovalenko walking out of the mission in a dark raincoat, he walked in the direction of 3rd. Ave. and turned right (down down town)