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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Soviet Internal Affairs Branch, OCI

SUBJECT: Excerpts of Material from SB/S/CA Operations

Source: Soviet citizen who emigrated to the United States in the fall of 1966.

1. Although source did not recall specific names, she spoke about arrests of artists and writers which took place in the summer of 1965 in Ivano-Frankovsk, Tarnopol, Lvov and Kiev. The source said that in late summer 1965 Soviet authorities learned about a plan to unveil a statue of Taras Shevchenko in Sheshory and to hold some sort of demonstration. They gave orders for the unveiling to be postponed to a later indefinite time. The unveiling was held according to schedule, however, and the ceremony ended up as an anti-Russian demonstration. Arrests followed immediately and those responsible for organizing the ceremony were sent to prison. The source heard rumors to the effect that two of the individuals involved were sentenced to death and shot.

2. There are off limit areas in the vicinity of Ivano-Frankovsk. Source could not pinpoint them but said they were near PISOCHNA, which had been completely evacuated; in Zelene, and in the direction of Vorokhta in the Carpathian Mountains. There reportedly is an off limits area near Bolekhiv where uranium ore is being extracted. It is said that individuals working in the uranium mines are prisoners sentenced to 15 or more years, who will never be permitted to leave the area.

3. Soviet Ukrainians are pleased about the conflict between China and the Soviet Union because it is felt there is now an enemy who will teach the Soviets a lesson.

4. Source's friends from Ivano-Frankovsk stated that some nearby kolhozes were introducing a system of payment of cash instead of in kind to the peasants employed. Those individuals involved reportedly were unhappy with the new practice because they were being paid as little as 5 to 8 rubels monthly.

5. Certain young enlistments from the Ivano-Frankovsk area were reportedly in Vietnam and specialists were being recruited for service in Vietnam.

Acting Chief, SB/S/CA

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