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The following information was obtained from Rev. Konstantyn DOBRIANSKY of Terebovla, Ukr SSR, by our Source in Winnipeg, Canada (see report on Subject dtd 3 Jan 1967) : *by Source*

1. Approx. 20 persons were arrested and some of them tried, in Ternopil- area, in 1965/66. It was an illegal, "conspiratorial" youth movement whose program consisted in elevating the status of the Ukrainian republic to that of a satellite country by acquiring more political rights, changes in cultural policy etc. According to DOBRIANSKY all the arrested and tried were finally released. Some sentence - terms were suspended and defendants put on probation. One of those was GERETA Igor who was under investigation for two months and then sentenced to 2 years. When Source showed DOBRIANSKY an article stating that GERETA was sentenced to 4 years, DOBRIANSKY did not deny it. On the whole his tendency was to minimize the whole affair and to justify the persecution by pointing out that " any state would have done it".

Oles Gereta, father of Igor, was present at the trial in Ternopol and made some notes. At one time Oles was Dobriansky's coadjutor in Ternopol.

DOBRIANSKY praised GERETA Igor as a very intelligent, young man, (aged 27), bright, industrious, sociable. He was in touch with many young people in Ternopol and other cities of Ukraine and for his appearance, intelligence, and courage was generally called " Duke Igor". *repeated*

Gereta Igor was on friendly terms with Lina KOSTENKO who was said to have visited him. He used to criticize the Soviet policy in the Ukraine and was quite outspoken on the topic.

After the trial Igor spent only two months in prison and then was released. He received even his salary back for these two months.

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Igor was said to have changed after his release. He became more reserved , less outspoken, and rather sad. He also does not meet so many young people as before. He continues to work on his previous job.

2. DOBRIANSKY claimed not to know the first name of CHUBATY who was tried together with GERETA. The latter should have complained about CHUBATY'S "unclear attitude" during the trial. CHUBATY is 26 years old) After his release he was returned to his previous job and received his salary back.

3. DOBRIANSKY encouraged Source to visit Ukraine claiming that things had much improved, "the Ukrainization was going on, etc". His (Dobriansky(s) brother and sister plan to visit Ukraine or rather Dobriansky in The Ukraine, next year.

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