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Subject: The BULKA Family (Michael and Eugenia, plus their sons Lubomyr and Zenoviy), of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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1. The entire Bulka family ( parents in their early forties, sons, born 1956 and 1959, respectively) immigrated to Canada end November 1968 and are staying with their relatives, the Malko family, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In the Ukraine the BULKAS lived at Cheremoshnya, Buz'ky r-n, Lvov oblast. Mrs Bulka worked as a nurse and her husband as a supply purchaser for ~~restaurant and coffee houses in nearby Olesko~~. He earned Rubel 70,- per month, hers salary was Rubel 60.-per month. They managed quite well on their earnings though on occasions had to buy food from the kolhosp. This was done illegally what was, incidentally, practised on a fairly large scale by all. Stealing in kolhosps and at places of work in general is " a natural thing" and as matter of fact the people are blamed only when they are caught. Punishments are quite "moderate". Two years ago a peasant was stealing corn from Kolhosp with his cart and a pair of horses. One night he was caught and sentenced to 2 years in prison.

2. The living standard of peasants improved since Khrushchev's time. However, there is still a tendency to get out of the countryside. Many peasants leave collective farms to move to Odessa area where wages are higher. Best jobs are in the "Virgin lands" but these are only seasonal. Peasants and workers going there for spring and summer return back for the rest of the year. Only very few decide to settle down in the Virgin lands.

3. The populace is interested in political problems, but rarely discuss them openly for fear of seksots and eventual persecutions. Foreign broadcasts are listened to, the most popular being the Vatican radio, followed by Radio Liberty and VOA. Subjects knew that Rev MARUSYN was in Rome as he was born in a nearby village and people liked to listen to his sermons on the radio from Rome.

4. The Soviet invasion in CSSR was condemned widely by all people. There were <sup>m</sup> comments to the effect that "Russians attacked a defenceless nation", " they were our own", aso. Soldiers who returned from CSSR were full of admiration for Czecks.

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5. Kennedy family is enjoying a tremendous popularity even among

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simple people. Senator Robert Kennedy's assassination engendered a widespread wave of sympathy for all Kennedys. In general Canada is more popular than the USA, to some extent because of Kennedy assassinations.

6. There is now quite a traffic going on across Polish-Soviet border in frontier-areas of both sides. A vyzov from Poland and recommendation of militia are sufficient for people living in frontier area to get a permit to visit Poland, and vice versa.

7. The Ukrainian Underground was active still in 1950's in west Ukraine. Subject recalled a Chornohora who was one of the leaders in his region. Chornohora's real name was Lekh, fnu. This individual fell into KGB's hands, changed sides, and then reported on many people who had helped the UPA. At present Lekh is working in Lvov.

8. As a rule all young people belong to Komsomol. But there were only 6 party members at Cheremoshnya (over 200 families). They were chairman of silrada, of kolhosp and other kolhosp "dignitaries". The Cheremoshnya kolhosp has its HQs in Bilyy Kamen'.

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