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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Soviet Ukrainian Society for Cultural Contacts with
Ukrainians Abroad

1. The following RATAU item appeared in the 15 February
1970 issue of Kultura i Zhyttya (Culture and Life), published
in Kiev.

TRANSLATION:

"A plenum of the Society for Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians
Abroad met in Kiev on 12 February 1970. Participants of
the plenum heard and discussed the address by the head of
the Society, writer Yuriy Smolych, concerning preparations
for the 100th anniversary of the birth of V.I. Lenin.

"A resolution was accepted to further popularize
the teachings of Lenin, Soviet Ukrainian achievements
in economical developments, the sciences and culture, as
well as the strengthening of cultural ties with
Ukrainians living abroad.

"The plenum examined organizational matters. Yu. K.
Smolych was elected President of the Society for
Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians Abroad, and V.I. Tsurkan,
head of the Society.

"Taking part in the work of the plenum was member
of the CC CPU I.A. Peresadenko, and head of the Soviet
Committee for Cultural Contacts with Compatriots Abroad,
M. H. Kulikov."

2. Although not mentioned in the 15 February RATAU item
quoted above, Radio Kiev mentioned that the name of the Society

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for Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians Abroad was changed during
the 12 February plenum to "Ukraina".

      3. It should be noted that Valentin Ivanovich Tsurkan,
[   ] new head of the Society for Cultural Contacts
with Ukrainians Abroad, was a delegate to the 24th U.N.
General Assembly, and a 2nd Secretary to the Soviet Ukrainian
Mission at the U.N. from 1958 to 1964, and known KGB.
During his assignments in New York he was active in contacts
with Ukrainian emigres. Smolych's reassignment to the office of
president of the Society is actually a step down to give
Tsurkan the upper hand.

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