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Re: Contacts with Soviet Exchange students in Boston.

Source : Mr. Lubomyr HAYDA related to ~~X. Lucasway/57~~

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Contact with Soviet Exchange students in Boston was made by Lubomyr HAYDA, Prof. BANDERA, and Prof. TRYTIK, contact took place Feb./March 1965 in the residence of another person (name unknown) This person set up the original meeting and was better acquainted with the students.

Present from the Soviet exchange students were the following:

YURCHENKO, Volodymyr; nationality Ukrainian, born in Kiev and lives in Kiev. Born 1934 5'8", 150 lbs., fairly well built, Subject seemed to be the leader of the group, was witty, and sharp with his comments, had self-confidence, told anti-regime jokes. Was the best dressed of the group, and the friendliest.

NETREBSKY, Boris; nationality Ukrainian, lives in Moscow, born 1936, Wt. 140-50, 5'10", thin built, wears eye glasses, reddish-blond hair slightly balding. Was described as being quite phlegmatic, did not talk too much, and when he did he just agreed to YURCHENKO'S views.

BATVRIN, Anatol; nationality Russian, lives in Dnipropetrovsk, speaks some Ukrainian but with a heavy Russian accent. Born in 1931. Ht. 5'8", 160 lbs. stocky built, married has children, light hair, described as being quiet and phlegmatic.

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FIRE IN LIBRARY OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN KIEV:

During the conversation YURCHENKO was asked about the fire in the public library in Kiev. He commented that the library was set on fire by a insane person, who had a few wives, and was generally considered immoral. YURCHENKO said that the population of Kiev was very much angered by the fire, and mostly by the method of extinguishing it. He gave the reason for this anger by saying that the people did not understand why water was used to extinguish the blaze, and not chemicals. People in Kiev commented that by using water, more books were destroyed than by the fire itself. Another protest was against the length of time it took to put out the blaze. YURCHENKO said that the protests

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were mostly verbal, he did not know of any organized protests or letters to the press.

During the remainder of the discussion few political themes were discussed.

YURCHENKO when questioned about the role of the Ukrainian SSR in the USSR replied that Ukraine is a soviergn nation with all the attributes of one. When asked about the possibilities of diplomatic relations with other nations ~~of Ukraine with the west~~ he replied that there are good possibilities for such at this time. The subject explained the absence of such relations up to now by saying that there was no money for such.

The subject's knew about the death of Bandera, and the trial of Stashinsky. When told that Stashinsky was an agent of the KGB they commented "very interesting".

On the subject of religion there was a long arguement with the exchange students trying to explain that there was no god, and the local people refuting this. YURCHENKO commented that there are still believers in the Western Ukraine, especially in the small villages. He mentioned that in the eastern Ukraine only the very old go to church. Among sects which he considers dangerous to the security of the USSR, YURCHENKO named the Jehovah's Witnesses.

YURCHENKO commented on the SHEVCHENKO statue in Washington, and said that it does not resemble Shevchenko at all.

ANTI-REGIME JOKES:

YURCHENKO told the following jokes: " Radio Armenia asks what will happen to the Soviet Union if it catches up to the U.S. while the U.S. is standing on a the edge of a cliff. "

" Radio Armenia asks why the USSR still has not caught up with the U.S. in agriculture and the reply is that it would be embarrassing to catch up with torn pants".

"Once a teacher asked his pupil who wrote "War and Peace", and the pupil, Ivan, answered that he did not write it. This annoyed the teacher and he went to the director of the school and explained to him. The director looked at him, and said-"Well maybe he didn't write it after all." This answer perplexed the teacher even more, and he called a friend of his who worked for the NKVD, he explained the situation to him and asked for advice, the friend told him not to worry, he'll settle everything. In 2 hours the teacher

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received a phone call from the agent, the agent said: " About that problem you mentioned to me, well we arrested both of them two hours ago and they both confesed to writing it". Another joke was about 3 workers in a factory who were telling each other why they were arrested. The first one said that he came to work 5 minutes late one day and was arrested for sabotage. The second said that he came to work early one day and was arrested for espionage. The third said that he came to work on time for 15 years and was arrested for stealing a swiss watch.

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