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SUBJECT: YERMOLOVICH (?) Yuri and his 3 colleagues,  
Soviet tourists in New York, June 1963

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IN CONTACT WITH YERMOLOVICH  
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1. Around 21-25 June 1963 KEIS, Vitali of Bronx, N.Y., aged 28, student  
of Russian Institute of Columbia accompanied for 4 days, usually for a few hours  
every day, 4 Soviet tourists - 3 Russians and 1 Ukrainian by the name YERMOLOVICH  
Yuri - in their sightseeing in N.Y.C.

KEIS met them at the Students Hospiz in New York where he was introduced to the  
Soys by STABLE, Arthur "manager" of the Hospiz-Dormitory. Most of his time KEIS  
spent in company of YERMOLOVICH, Ukrainian from KIEV, aged 35, physicist, lecturer  
at Kiev Univ.

According to KEIS, YERMOLOVICH seemed to be a genuine Ukrainian, well  
read in Ukrainian history and literature. He recited by heart many poems by  
Rysiky, Tychyna, Franko, Lesia Ukrainka and others. He also made some indications  
about his anti-regime sentiments though in a very vague manner. As a result  
KEIS considers him to be anti-Russian. According to M., KEIS' appraisal is to  
be taken with reserve as KEIS is considered to be a still rather young  
naive and talkative man, that can easily be fooled.

Together with KEIS YERMOLOVICH and his Russian friends visited Ukrainian  
section in downtown New York and took some pictures of premises of various  
Ukrainian organization. They did not, however, go inside. They also took picture  
of KEIS  
in front of one of the buildings. When YERMOLOVICH photographed St. George's  
Church, his Russian friends seemed to be dissatisfied with that.

YERMOLOVICH gave KEIS his address in KIEV and invited him to visit  
the Ukraine. (The address will be eventually obtained from KEIS by M.)

2. KEIS gave YERMOLOVICH 2 numbers of "Suchasnist". YERMOLOVICH told  
Keis that he had seen this journal once before and now read it with great

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interest. In particular he liked the poetry of BOICHUK and commented that such poems were still not permitted in the Ukraine. YERMOLOVICH knew several verses of Boichuk's poetry and recited them to KEIS.

3. In his conversation with KEIS, YERMOLOVICH asked why there was no co-operation between Ukrainian students and the youth in general, in the Ukraine and those abroad. He recommended quite emphatically an action conducive to such co-operation although remained ~~vague~~ unspecific in practical aspect, himself.

4. YERMOLOVICH was reluctant to talk about present pressure on writers, poets and artists in the Ukraine and in the Soviet Union in general. He simply avoided this topic.

5. KEIS' remarks on Russification in the Ukraine YERMOLOVICH parried with statements that no one was able to russify Ukrainians and ~~it was impossible~~ that the Ukrainian potential remained undestructable. On such occasions he used to recite some Ukrainian patriotic poetry. Also in presence of his Russian colleagues once he stressed that Pereyaslav-Agreement meant actually Russian treason (zrada) to the Ukraine and that only since the October Revolution the Pereyaslav-Agreement acquired its proper contents and meaning.

6. YERMOLOVICH claimed not to know who killed REBET and BANDERA and remarked that in some parts of the Ukraine mothers were still frightening their children with "Banderovtsy". YERMOLOVICH'S Russian friends asserted that BANDERA was definitely killed by Germans.

7. YERMOLOVICH claimed to have read "Blue Etudes" by KHVYLOVYI and have liked them very much. He was surprised when KEIS told him that PETLURA had been a socialist.

8. YERMOLOVICH and his Russian friends made some derogatory remarks about Jews and Negroes and in general seemed to be rather biased on both.

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9. During a debate at Hospiz when an American student was mixing up Ukrainians with Russians, one of YERMOLOVICH'S Russian friends stood up and called him crazy and an ignoramus of geography. The Russian explained that Ukrainians and Russians were two different nations, that Ukrainians had their own identity, their separate language, culture etc. At one moment he pointed at YERMOLOVICH and continued: "Look, here is a Ukrainian, I don't understand his language and you say that there is no difference between Russian and Ukrainian".

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