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Source :

1. Subject is Ukrainian, eged 39 (born in 1925), 589, xkix strongly built but not fat, black receding hair, engineer, specialist in transformators Married, has a 6 or 7 years old daughter. Subject exchanged addresses with Source after she gave him a little doll for his daughter. He invited Source to visit him in the Ukraine. DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY

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2. At the Exhibition, in presence of another Sov Subject wondered why the Source was so much concerned about nationalities problem in the USSR. In his view neither nationalities nor languages problems existed for Ukrainians in the Ukraine, and the emigration much exaggerated the whole matter. He did not care what language his children spoke - Russian or Ukrainian . The main thing is they should be good Soviet patriots, good communists. Anyway, Ckrainian language is old, spoken mainly in the countryside. But to "cheer up" the Source he can tell her, for instance, that all official documents are still in two languages - Ukrainian and Russian, also court verdicts are usually in Ukrainian. Georgians happened to preserve their language to a greater degree because their language was completely different from Russian.

3. There is no need for newspapers with dif erent points of view. The truth is only one and consequently a different view must just fea falsehood. When asked how about the "truths" from the period of Stalin of which even recently Khrushchev himsel d spoke critically, Subject skipped the question and switched over to another topic. 74-124-29/3

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4. There was no restriction for Soviet youth to study at **the** Institutes and universities. Everyone can get a state scholarship which is usually equal about MFranks 200.- Students are not forced to work in collective farms. They have only to have some training in their own professional field.

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5. Soviet citizens can read Balzac,Zola,Flaubert, Aragon, Stendh al. There is no need for them to read authors like Baudelaire because they won't understand them anyway. There is only one art, that of the people. Anything else is superfluous and might_harmful,too.

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Asked if he ever has been to France since he is quite well informed about French literature and France itself, Subject gave no answer.

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6. Alone with Source (tete-atete): it was not as bad with Ukramian language as it might look much at the first glance. Ukrainians have their newrspapers, magazines, books, famous writers and poets, artists, and specialists in all fields of economy. Of course, Russian is dominating in cities because it became something like a Soviet Esperanto, in other words a means of understanding and communication among various Soviet nations. Also, because there is some lack of "proper technical and scientific terminology? in Ukrainian.

7. In presence of another Russian from Leningrad:

- Russian and Ukraine are united for ever. Ukrainian people want to belong to Russia. Only Bandera and those alike ,wanted to separate Ukraine from hussian. They served the Germans, they were fashists. Khmelnytsky was a great statesman and knew well what he was doing when he signed the Ereyaslav Agreement.

- Persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union was a falsehood

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and slander against Soviet government . There was no persecution of any religion.

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