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source: KOMISAROV Vladislav formerly of Moscow, presently residing in the Hotel Wolcott, 4 W. 31 St. New York, rm. 709. 2 May 1966

Source defected to Juckey from the USSR in August 1965 by swimming **6**. the miles from the USSR to Tarkey. In Turkey he was granted political estime, after being interviewed by representatives of the US counter interligence service. He arrived in New York from Beirut Lebanon on April 1966. In the USA he was put in the care of Mr. Bohdan Bodnar. the own Source met Source on 29 April by the Ukrainian National home posether with Mr. Eugene Stahkiv. On 30 April 1966 Source and our zan went to see a lacross game in CCNY and later went sightseeing and for

Source in Polish by nationality, born in Poland. He moved to Moscow with his parents after the war as a small child. Presently he is 26 ears old. In the USSR Source was very active in sports, being the thanpion of the USSR in the Penthatolon in the early 1960's, was champion swimmer of Moscow in his division in 1964. His father is employed te Lt. Colonel in the KGB working in the postal censorship. His cousing is employed by GRU in the codeing department. Source's mother is still reand lives in Moscow, he also has a brother who wanted to defect with him, but Source did not take him along, for fear that he could not manage to swim the long distance. Source was helped by two Armenians pross the border, but they were afraid that they might drown attempting crossing. Source is single, has travelled to the West: Finland, mance, and the Eastern Bloc countries, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia. the reasons for defecting were intense hatred for the Soviet syster, hatre of his father whom he considers to be a "prostitute of the USSR".

Source told our man that he knew many famous athletes in the USSR, and mentioned 2 Ukrainians whom he knew wanted to defect to the West at the first opportunity that presented itself, they are SAVENKO and HAYBYKO.

In the USA, Source would like to make contact with members of the MES, and the journal POSEV, since he considers himself to be a staunch anti-communist, and is able to write essays about life in the USSR. He became familiar with the NTS and Pogev while in Moscow, and considers them to be a very active and sound group. They are known in the USSR, and copies of Pogev can be obtained occasionaly.

5. Him father joined the KGB during the war, while he served in the Red ermy, he was stationed in Poland for some time after the war then was moved to Moscow. He works in the postal censorship branch of the KGB on Dzerzhins by St. in Moscow. Most of the actual censorship is done by women secretarie who read the mail, while Source's father is mainly an administrator. Pay in the KGB is very good, and Source's family had a dacha near Moscow. According to Source, most people recruited for the KGB are from the Armed Force's, who have little schooling, and the KGB offers them a good job, with high pay.

Source often travelled to Ukraine, and visited Lvov and Kiev. In Lvov, actual our man that Ukrainians are very nationalistic. He mentioned that when he went into a bar in "estern Ukraine, many of the people present into the travelled to be a source of be and of someone refused, he was later beaten up. Lvov is considered a almost Western city, and when he travelled to Lvov, he would say that he was going to "that fascist city". The same is said about Riga. In Erevan, the and Tbilisi, the local population refuses to learn Russian, and when circumstances require that they do speak it, they mispronounce as many words as possible on purpose. Russification is very strong in Eastern Ukraine and in Belorussia.

7. In 1963 there was a demonstration in the town of Nikolgyev because of the shortage of bread. When the army was asked to step in and disperse the demonstrators, they refused. The KGB was called in, and they fired upon the demonstrators. In Moscow there was a demonstration in the factory "Hammer and Sikle" and reached such proportions, that <u>FURTSEVA</u> and other party leaders were called in. During Furtseva's speech to the workers, she was yelled down and called "Khruschevs prostitute".

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8. In 1957 students started demonstrations in Moscow for greater literatry freedom. These demonstrations spread to Kiev, where a large demonstration was held in 1957.

According to Source there are 3 possibilities for a change in govern-9. ment in the USSR. The first is a military takeover by the army. This is the most often spoken topic in the USSR. Since the officer corps is comprised of mostly regular people from the towns and villages, and since there exists a hatred of the KGB among army personal, this is the most logical means of changing the present government. The next possibility is the spread of nationalism, since presently nationalism plays a very great role in republics like Ukraine, and the Baltic nations. Source remarked that there is quite a lot of talk in Ukraihe about leaving the USSR, even if Ukraine should remain Communist, but independent. The third possibility is that if another person like Beria should appear in the USSR. Source related that at the end of Beria's short rule, there was much talk about every republic getting its independence, if this should happen again it could lead to a revolution. Source minimized the influence of outspoken intellectuals, because many hundreds of those have been arrested in the last few years, and sent to Siberia and Kazakhstan,

10. According to Source the first prison is the "insane asylum", where writers who go against the regime are sent. There they are told that if they don't stop writing against the government they will be arrested. When a person is arrested, and is sentenced to be shot, he is sent to a secret underground factory where he is put to work with radioactive materials and eventually dies from exposion. Source does not know the actual location of these factories, but that they are in Kazakhstan. Lubyanka prison in Moscow is only a temporary prison, where people are held in transit. Source does not know who is presently imprisoned in Lubyanka. Most of the KGB officers in Moscow are Ukrainians, in this way the government uses Ukrainians who traditionally dislike Russians. A the same time Russians are employed a great deal in Ukraine in the Security organs.

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11. Source considers the theater group "Sovremenek" a part of the Nonsomon and not as liberal as add out to be in the dest. Nost of the plays put on the Communist basicly, and criticizm of the theater is only very light. The popular singer <u>OKUDIJAVA</u> is a pupper for the Romsomol, and has lost his popularity. According to Source, he has gone along the party line secretly.

12. Young poets are the same at **ENULY** (AVAYELVE), shows has surrendered to the ,arty and is dopt only for the lest. Source and seen the journal "Femike" while in moscow, said that it was written by students of the moscow state university, and that the Kus keeps a close watch on the stokents involved with the journal.

13. Addie Source was on tour with Soviet athletic seals in the delty, there was aswayd to dealer of the sole with the delevation to watch the athletes. The hap officer was usually the head of the delegation, and know very firstle about athletics. After a contest involving USA tests the Soviet delegations were praised if they won, but if they lost, mey were called to the Gentral Cosmittee and Shouted at for "subverting Soviet policy" and Sabotage. This is one of the reasons Source gave for leaving the Gentral.

14. One of the problems facing the power value in griculture present is the loss of collective farm labor. People are not always paid on time on the farms, and this discourtges them from remaining there. The government tried to stem this flow by not issueing work passports to farmers. Pany protests followed and this regulation was softened. Fredent 10 to 15 young people leave a collective farm per year. Pource sees the possibility of a crisis in the near future if this state continues.

15. Source's cousin who works for URU in the coding department is reluctent to take about his work. Then wourdd like what he does, he just replied that it is top secret. The cousin is well paid and this (according to worke) makes him keep quiet about his work.

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16. In the Arealia and the colitouro, there is a straigle going on at present. Source mays that the people talk mouth a berthilan clique in the Arealia, since there is a predominance of Okrainians in the Lipstin the AGB is still very strong, and feared more then in the Stalin era. This is due to the fact that supposidly arrests do not take place now, while in reality they occur more then ever.

17. Destern literature is easier to find in Ukraine, then in Russia bind very many Ukrainians from Janada and USA visit Ukraine and oring in literature. In the destern thraine discussion is relativly free, while in Russia people are still afraid to talk on the street.

10. Source considers Fr. Bodnar an agent of the American counter-intell igence service, but aid Aspeak badly of him. Source would like to work in sports in the con, and if possible compete in the clympic games in newloo. He is a graduate of the Roscow State University where no studied physical education.

19. Source gave our man a article he wished to be rublished in a suscian or bkrainin emirre journal. (attached with report)
20. Source a read to meet our man on 3 Lay 1956. Our man is R.

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