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Subject: Prof P. and his wife, their trip to Moscow and Kiev in Aug 1966

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1. Subject is 33 years of age, US citizen of Ukrainian descent, Prof. of Mathematics at the Uni of Chicago, Ill. His wife, aged 31, US citizen of Ukrainian descent, too, is an artist. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

Subject went to Moscow together with his wife to attend the Congress of Mathematicians at which he delivered a paper. He left JFKennedy on 15 Aug 1966 at 19.00 hrs together with other US delegates to the Congress. After the Congress Subject and his wife stopped for two days in Kiev and via Moscow returned to New York, N.Y. on 31 Aug 1966.

On entering and leaving the Soviet Union they had very little trouble with customs. The inspection was rather perfunctory. However, they have reason to believe that their luggage was searched in hotel room during their absence.

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2. Subject delivered a paper at the Congress, which made him very popular among the Ukrainians present there. After he read his paper in English, some of those attending suggested that he summarize it in Russian. Subject explained that his Russian was very poor, but he could speak in Ukrainian. The chairman agreed, and Subject repeated the introduction to his paper in Ukrainian, while the chairman translated into Russian. Immediately after the talk, about 30 Ukrainians gathered around him, and spoke in Ukrainian. Until that time he hadn't met anyone who admitted to being Ukrainian. Some of those who came to him after the lecture excused their admixture of Russian words in speaking Ukrainian.

3. Subject became acquainted with the following persons:

MYTROPOLSKY Yuri Oleksandrovych, Director of the Institute of Mathematics, Ukr Academy of Sciences;

PARASIUK Ostap Stepanovych, deputy director of the Institute;

PETRINA, fnu; LUCHKA, fnu; KORBAY, fnu - all from Western

Ukraine ;

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FEDORENKO, fnu - from DNEPROPETROVSK;
BEREZHNYTSKY, fnu - from VORONEZH.

The above named are all assistants or junior associates of the Institute.

4. Subject talked the longest with PARASIUK. He is a young academician (born 1921), a top-notch mathematician, from Western Ukraine. He divides his time between the Academy and the University of Kiev, where he is a full professor. He has attracted young Ukrainian scientists, mainly from Western oblasts to both, the Institute, and the University.

In Subject's opinion PARASIUK is a Ukrainian patriot, critical of the present situation in the Ukraine, but who at the same time is very careful and cautious. He sees a chance for improvement of the situation in the Ukraine through the advancement of Ukrainians in various walks of life, but he feels that all this work might be conducted only within the framework of Lenin's nationality policy and on the basis of loyalty to the regime.

At the same time he spoke quite favorably of the UPA activities during the war and immediately after it. He feels that if UPA had not organized the young people at the time of the German retreat, these youngsters would have ended up in the Soviet Army on the front lines, where they would have faced certain death.

PARASIUK is very much interested in developing contacts between the Ukraine and the Ukrainian emigres. He praised the emigres' activity, particularly in the publishing field and suggested that more of the emigre intellectuals-scientists should visit the Ukraine. He said the regime has full respect toward the scientists from abroad and would not put any obstacles if these people wanted to lecture in Ukrainian. He suggested in particular that Subject should come to Kiev for at least a year to lecture at the Academy or the University. His argument was that people such as Subject would have an easier time in demanding from authorities better facilities for the expansion of various ~~fields~~ ^{fields} of study

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in the Ukraine. He offered as an example such things as the Journal of Mathematics and the Institute of Mathematics which need more funds and better facilities, because at present they are quite poor in comparison with their Moscow counterparts.

5. PARASIUK and his colleagues from the Institute were quite familiar with the recent wave of arrests in the Ukraine. Subject talked about the arrests in detail with PETRINA, who first told him about the Lviv trial of HORYNS brothers, and some 20 other intellectuals.

According to PETRINA - KOSTENKO Lina, DRACH Ivan and DZIUBA Ivan - arrived for the trial from Kiev. KOSTENKO presented a bouquet of flowers to the defendants. The latter, he said, refused to be addressed in Russian at the trial. After a meeting the court relented and the trial was continued in Ukrainian. A large group of people, mainly youths, had gathered in front of the court and inside. They expressed their sympathies for the accused and shouted slogans against the accusers. This was a truly patriotic demonstration.

HORYN Bohdan was charged with spreading pamphlets about the alleged Russification of the Ukraine. He defended himself very effectively at the trial, insisting that he bases his views on the principles of Lenin's nationality policy and demands only their adaptation to the Ukrainian language and culture, literature and so.

DZIUBA has written a 150 pages statement or rather treatise on the subject of present Soviet nationality policy entitled Internationalism or Russification. In it the author attacks Moscow's policy in the Ukraine.

6. Subject has also discussed the arrests and trials with LUCHKA. The latter is a hot-headed individual - almost an "old nationalist"-type. Subject was also told that KORBAY is not to be trusted because he might be an informer.

7. Subject was also told that a journalist of Kharkov was arrested and charged with informing a larger group of persons about the Lviv trial.

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8. Subject has made arrangements to correspond with PARASIUK and other

9. While in Kiev Subject had no interesting experiences and
(S. and his wife)
they restricted themselves to sightseeing.

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