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Kiev, Ukr SSR

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Source: Prof. Petryshyn (Para. 2)

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1. Subject is Secretary of the Department of Mathematical Methods in Theoretical Physics, Institute of Theoretical Physics, Academy of Sciences, Ukr SSR, Kiev. Since Dec 1969 at University of Miami as visiting or rather exchange professor. Subject is Ukrainian, born near Peremyschl, West Ukraine now Poland, aged 36, married, in 1947 together with his parents resettled to a village near Salishchyky, West Ukraine, studied in Lvov and Kiev. He has a Soviet PhD degree which, according to his own statement, he acquired after 1½ year of "political activity", and with the help of a Ukrainian professor from the Institute of Mathematics im. V.A. Steklov, Moscow. At one time Subject arranged for a lecture of the above mentioned Ukrainian professor in Kiev who many years ago had to leave Ukrainian capital for Moscow to avoid some sort of persecution in the Ukraine. Later on the professor became one of the Retsenzenty of Subject's Doctor thesis.

The chief of Subject's Department is Ostop Stepanovich PARASIUK, and his deputy V.P. Shelest, son of Petr Shelest. According to Subject he is on very friendly terms with V.P. Shelest with whose help he actually managed to come to this country. V.P. Shelest himself has already been to this country at least twice, and plans to come here again to the Uni of Miami for 6 months or so, together with his wife.

Subject is scheduled to stay in this country for 6 months, and has already a new assignment for another six months at the Institute of Physics of Turino Uni, in Italy. He also would like to come to the USA again some time in the future, preferably together with his wife.

2. From Prof PARASIUK Subject had references to Prof V. Petryshyn who met PARASIUK on his trip to the Ukraine a few years ago. After his arrival at Uni of Miami Subject contacted Prof Petryshyn and with his help was invited to New York City in Feb 1970 and to Princeton early March 1971 for 10 days. Subject plans also to visit MIT and eventually some other "worthwhile" universities. His opinion about Uni of Miami is rather low and he is very happy to be able to visit other places and above all to meet Prof Petryshyn and other Ukrainian scholars. While in New York Subject was a member of the local Ukrainian community.

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suggestion.

On 12 Feb 1970 Subject went together with Prof and Mrs Petryshyn to the Bella Rudenko party at Dr Sochynsky's home in Brooklyn, N.Y. and met there with V. Kravets of the Soviet Ukrainian Mission. Subject seemed to be rather "confused" by Kravets's presence explaining it later on allegedly by the fact that this was his 3rd day in New York City and he has not contacted the Mission yet.

Around 1 March 1970 Subject went to Princeton as planned. From Princeton he would like to return again to New York.

3. Subject seems to be a typical representative of Soviet younger generation of the "new class"; self-assured, energetic, enjoying his status and power, with access to powerful people (through Shelest's son), basically loyal to the system but critical of its "conservative" and "illogical" outgrowths and features, "outspokenly Ukrainian" or at least pretending to be so, intelligent, smart, scholarly oriented in the sense that only scientists are the people who really count. Tactful, with good manners.

4. According to Subject his Institute is the only one which has secret voting and 50% of positions reserved for visiting scientists including foreigners. Incidentally, Subject suggested to Prof Petryshyn he should come to his Institute at least for one year as visiting professor.

5. Subject was not very fond of "American reality"; rather criticized some aspects of it and complained in particular about restrictions put on his movements immediately after his arrival to Unit of Miami. He was, however, full of praise for American girls whom he described very attractive.

6. Subject's Department is one of the four in the Institute of Theoretical Physics headed by Prof Mykola Mykolayevych BOHOMIY. Other three are; Dept of Atomic Nucleus (headed by G.S. DAVYDOV), Dept of Elementary Particles (A.M. LEVCHENKIN), and Dept of Quantum Theory of the Field and of Statistical Physics (O.I. ANTONOV).

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Following is the gist of information obtained by various sources.

1. Peter Shelest is primarily an economics man concerned with Ukrainian national economy, and for his knowledge and achievements ~~and~~^{is} being properly appreciated in Moscow. In political matters, particularly in nationalities problems he often relies on his advisors but basically follows his "common sense" and is not anti-Ukrainian. On the contrary, if Subject could give any advice to Ukrainians abroad, he would suggest they should not praise him as a good Ukrainian because this would make ^{him} look bad in Moscow.

On other occasion Subject expressed the view that actually no one knows for sure what Peter Shelest thinks. He has a strong backing in Moscow but not from Podgorny or Polansky. He refused, however, to name the person supporting him. Podgorny is Ukrainian but Polansky is Russian.

^{Andriy Danylovych, former boss of ideology in the Ukraine.}
2. SKADA_A was noted for his denunciation of Peter Shelest to Moscow as "pro-bourgeois nationalist".

According to Subject SKADA and BILODID and their alike are getting too much attention from Ukrainians abroad, and their influence in highest party and government echelons is being exaggerated. At least to people like Subject they mean nothing, for younger generation they simply don't exist and it's only a matter of time when they will ~~be~~ vanish.

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3. A. OVCHARENKO / ^{Andriy Danylovych, former boss of ideology in the Ukraine.} is a good ^{scholar} and a good scholar (his field is chemistry) but ~~is~~ a weak politician. He is too naive and too lighthearted. Thus, for instance, ^{he} went at one time to SUSLOV to "enlighten" him on the grave problem of Russification in the Ukraine. Only a naive person like Ovcharenko could approach Suslov, the outspoken protagonist of Russification, with a plea on this matter. As a result Ovcharenko only weakened his stature with the Russian bosses. Instead of going with his elaborated plea to Suslov he should have built 10 new state scientific institutes for the Ukrainian and put young Ukrainian scholars to work in them, thus "demonstrating" the superiority of Ukrainian science.

4. V.M. Shelestyis is primarily a theorist and doesn't like politics. He is quite different from his father. Sophisticated, articulate, interested in many objects. He likes, for instance, modern art.

5. Subject was full of praise and respect for Ivan Dziuba. The latter and people like Ivan Svitychyn brought up and "folded" Kostenkos, Drachs, and others. According to Subject the greatest among them was V. Symonenko.

Ivan Drach's trip to the USA as member of Soviet Ukrainian Delegation to the UN a few years ago was strongly disapproved in Subject's circles. Everybody was condemning Drach for this irresponsible and compromising step. "Drach ceased to be Drach when he went to the United States."

6. Subject knows about nakhalayna literature but he does not approve of everything written and done. Thus, he criticized the Protest of 129 because it was initiated primarily by Jewish intellectuals who later on were left alone by the KGB whereas their Ukrainian colleagues had to suffer various unpleasantnesses. Incidentally, Subject has a "slight" anti-Jewish bias which he expressed at other occasions.

7. In Moscow there are two schools of mathematics; Jewish at the Moscow University, and Slavic, consisting of Russians and Ukrainians at the Math Institute of V.A. Steklov, Academy of Sciences, USSR.

8. As to Ukrainian philologists in Kiev so all good people are mainly with the University of P. Shevchenko whereas all the bad guys stay with the Academy of Sciences, or rather its respective institutes.

9. Bella Rudenko is of Jewish descent. She is a welcome guest to all important houses, both in Kiev and Moscow. She sings together with Buniat at Kiev Opera.