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Subject: Tourist from Lviv, Ukrainian SSR

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1. Subject was in the U.S. visiting his father and brother. He arrived in April and returned to the USSR 22 June 1970. During his stay he lived with his relatives at 357 2nd St., Trenton N.J.
2. Subject is 40-45 years old, medium height, light brown hair. Married, has son and daughter. In Lviv he works in a factory, but this is his secondary job, his main occupation is trainer for the junior team of "Karpaty", a soccer club in Lviv.
3. While in Lviv, subject read some "Samvydav" articles written by Dzyuba, he could not remember their titles, but said that they were given to him by his friend. After reading them, he gave them back. His son, a student at Lviv Polytechnic Institute once brought home some "underground" literature to read, but subject did not remember what it was. While being familiar with Dzyuba, he did not know about Chornovil or arrests in 1965 and later. It was here in the US that subject became acquainted with this matter.
4. Subject related the incident which took place last year during the playoffs for the USSR soccer championship. In the final game held in Moscow, the two teams competing were "Karpaty" from Lviv and "Rostov" from Rostov. For this final game, 3,000 fans from Lviv came to Moscow. After Karpaty won 2:1 the Ukrainian fans went wild, marching through the streets of Moscow, yelling, carrying banners. When "Karpaty" arrived back in Lviv, 40,000 people met them at the airport. Subject said that he never saw anything like this. The army had to be called out to keep order. Often in Lviv during soccer games there are national manifestations. When a Russian team is playing, the fans yell "Beat the Russians", while the Russian fans reply "Beat the nationalists".
5. Russification is indeed a problem in Ukraine, but Subject feels that Western Ukraine is holding out very well. The cities in Western Ukraine have not been Russified to the extent that Eastern Ukrainian cities have. The main factor of Russification is the huge influx of Russians into Ukraine. They are primarily chauvanists, will not learn Ukrainian and demand that Russian be spoken everywhere. The response to Russification is a strengthening of national feelings by young people. In Lviv, it is the young people who speak Ukrainian in a demonstrative manner. They speak it even more than older people. In Lviv University subject had heard that there was a club of Ukrainian students who used to pay fines for every Russian word spoken. Eventually this group was arrested. Subject

did not know details.

Last year a meeting was held of all the Masters of Ceremonies who work in resort areas in Ukraine, a representative from Moscow was there to see how they were doing. After the meeting, he asked the head of the Ukrainian branch if it would be possible for an all-union congress to be held in Ukraine. The head of the Ukrainian branch said that he would have to talk with Kiev and get permission. At a meeting in Kiev, it was decided that the congress would take place, but that the Ukrainian delegation would speak Ukrainian. As a result of this, the congress was called off by Moscow.

6. Subject said that he and his friends know that the government in Kiev is without power, and a fiction. Everything is done in Moscow. Even a young person who reads an newspaper and sees that a small African country has gained independence reasons to himself that Ukraine is a colony. Subject said that the Ukrainian emmigration should not fight communism, but should fight Russian imperialism and chauvanism. If Ukraine was like Yugoslavia, it would be ten times better off then what it is today. Subject mentioned that he, and his friends would like to see Ukraine have an independent representation in the Olympic games, free trade with other countries, diplomatic relations with other nations. At the present time it is not feasible to demand complete independence, but there are many legal ways of ~~bringing~~ demanding greater concessions.

The Ukrainian emmigration should concentrate its efforts on publishing as much as possible in English and other languages about the current situation in Ukraine. Source told subject that this is being done, and informed him that Dzyuba's book is now in its second English printing, as well as informing him about articles in Western newspapers about Ukraine.

Subject believed that the only way the situation in Ukraine will change is by way of a war. Not a large one, but any conflict with the USSR directly involved will improve the situation in Ukraine. The Chinese conflict is looked upon as real and could be a way of achieving greater independence, but at the sametime, the Chinese are viewed as chauvanists and expansionists.

In Lviv Subject listens to BBC and other radio stations, but not regularly. He has a friend who listens and always tells him at work what was said.

Upon returning home, subject feels that he will be interrogated by the KGB for a while. He stated that he will not tell the KGB anything, say that he stayed with his family and did not meet anybody political. He requested that his name not be mentioned, and that the information he gave be kept quiet.

7. Subject while in US read information by UHVR in Svoboda, 16 June about the arrest of Moroz and the "Ukrainskiy Visnyk". He mentioned that Ukrainians in US know more about what is happening in Ukraine than they do.

Subject had heard that Shelest is supposed to be "all right" but is not sure. Brezhnev is looked upon as a fool, and subject feels sorry that Khrushchev was deposed. Brezhnev is a Stalinist, and the latest repressions are all his work.

8. Source gave subject literature to read. While glancing over it, he remarked that he would read Dzyuba's book for sure and other literature from Ukraine, but doubted if he would have time to read everything. He added that he was afraid to take anything with him back to Lviv.