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1. As arranged on Subject's own initiative by telephone on previous day, he arrived at Source's house on 16 Jan 1970 at 18.00 hrs and stayed until 22.00 hrs. He came to bring the gifts from CHERNIAVSKYS of Kiev for Source and her female friend. These consisted of several books and small postcard-size reprints of contemporary Soviet Ukrainian artists, and small ^{wooden} replicas of Volodymyrsky and Sofiysky Sobors of Kiev, plus a short 8mm film from Kiev and slides from Kiev and Lenigrad issued by Novosti Agency. Subject also brought a book by Lohvyn "Po Ukrayini" which originally was promised by BATTUK Viktor, Second Secretary, Ukr Mission, New York. He also gave a letter from CHERNIAVSKY Margarita with greetings, dtd Sept 1969. As agreed upon, Source abstained ^{this time} from her usual practice of putting various questions to her guests and instead only listened to the other party. Subject was very nervous in the beginning and on the whole was ill at ease. Only after an hour or so he felt somewhat better and more assured. Following is the gist of what he told the Source.

2. Subject stems from Uman, Ukraine. His parents are still alive, also his grandma who is 90 years old. Subject's parents are now for their first year on retirement and receive Rubel 105.- per month pension (father - 55,- , mother 50.-). They are pretty well off , moreover they have a huge orchard and garden with so much fruit and vegetables that often they cannot use all of it for themselves. Incidentally, Subject himself helped to plant trees in his father's orchard just after his graduation from desiatylitka in Uman.

Subject studied history at Kiev University. His thesis was on economic situation in the USSR in 1920-21 and on foreign aid received at that time from abroad, in particular from Hoover's Relief Commission. Now he is interested in study of influence of technology on socio-political developments in society. He visited quite a few universities in this country and maintains contact with many American professors. He mentioned Prof FISHER who enabled ^{him} to study ~~xxxxxxx~~ materials on a research conducted among miners. In Subject's opinion the questions and conclusions

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of this research were so self-evident that the whole project he considers just a waste of time, labor, and money. Incidentally, Prof Fisher himself agreed with him. As an example Subject mentioned such questions as, "who will be usually first hired; a white man or a ~~black~~ negro", or "who will be fired first ^{the} young, or ^{the} old?" To Subject such questions and answers to them are obvious and there was no need to spend great sums of money on them.

Subject had recently much trouble with his son (aged 10 or so) who was seriously ill. He got some tropical disease and for 3 months had to have an intensive treatment. Subject assumes that either he brought this disease from African or other diplomats or his son acquired it himself when playing with diplomats' children. This illness attacks liver and could be recurrent. So he is worried a lot about his son.

In April 1970 Subject goes to Kiev for a month or so, and his wife and son will stay here in New York. He thinks it's better not to subject his son to much traveling and change of climate. After his return from Kiev, he will go with his family to Rockaway Beach, for vacation.

3. In Feb 1970 Petro NEDBAYLO ^{is Prof of Law} is coming to New York. Lately he became correspondent-member of the Academy of Sciences.

4. Subject praised IVANYTSKY, Mykhailo, the new secretary of Smolych's Society for cultural contacts with Ukrainians abroad as a very good, able and brilliant man. IVANYTSKY visited recently this country together with a group of Soviet Ukrainian tourists headed by SHEVELOV Arnold. Incidentally, SHEVELOV is a Russian but made a very good impression on American Ukrainians because he spoke a very fine Ukrainian and was familiar with Ukrainian affairs. From now on Ivanytsky's Society will be fully in charge of contacts with Ukrainians abroad, DMYTRUK'S Society will maintain contacts only on ^{govt} government level. Subject also praised DMYTRUK as a very able person whereas ^{he was} of a rather reserved opinion about KOLOBKOVA.

Ivanytsky's Society is being "expanded". Recently they created quite ^{new} a few ~~new~~ different departments and sections, like youth, library, historical and others, and will increase their activities accordingly.

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5. According to Subject President Nixon turned out to be much better than he expected.

6. YARENKO, Ivan of Chicago, Ill. (or rather Philadelphia, Pa) will sponsor a concert of Bella RUDENKO in Chicago, Ill. in mid-Feb 1970. He got it from Hurok-Agency with Mission's help. Subject complained that HUROK ~~was~~ to present Ukrainian artists as Russians and Subject was very happy about Yaremko's sponsorship.

On this occasion Subject said something to the effect that it was a pity the Ukrainians had no consulates of their own because whenever the Permanent Mission of Ukr SSR in New York tries to intervene or make some move on their own they are being reminded of their proper function at the UN which is not the same as the consular one.

He added that "maybe we shall still have a consulate" in this country that would be more concerned with Ukrainian affairs. Also, ~~we~~ resigned from American consulate in Kiev but there is still a decision pending as to a choice between Odessa and Leningrad". The implication was that in case Odessa would get American consulate, the "reciprocal" Soviet consulate in this country would be more concerned with Ukrainian affairs.

7. Subject complained about recent Jewish demonstrations in front of the Soviet Mission in N.Y.C. " They yelled all nights through and one could not even sleep. When we told American authorities about it they said that they can give us any protection needed but they cannot forbid and stop ^{the} demonstrations ."

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