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Subject: Oleh KRYSA d.o.b. ca 1933  
Source: K, Rome p.o.b. Lubelshchyna, Poland  
Date: 15 Dec. 1964

Oleh KRYSA is a 22-year-old, highly-rated concert violinist.  
His present address is:

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Moscow State Conservatory.

He stayed at Hotel Imperiale in Rome, and travelled to various Italian cities ~~with~~ to give concerts.

K is about 5'8" tall, speaks good Ukrainian with a Lviv accent. He was ~~recently~~ <sup>two years ago</sup> married in Moscow to an Armenian girl, and the couple has an 8-month-old boy.

He was born in Poland, in Lubelshchyna of Ukrainian parents. When the Ukrainian-Polish border was re-established his family, along with other Ukrainians were exiled to Ukraine. They settled in Lviv, where the rest of the family still lives. The Father works there, and Oleh's two brothers are students; one is in engineering, the other in the conservatory studying violin.

K said he always emphasizes his Ukrainian origins, although in Italy he had been referred at times as Russian, and in Poland they talked of him as of a Pole. He said the newspaper Molod Ukrayina incorrectly wrote that he was born in Lemkivshchyna.

K was accompanied on this trip by an older man, named Yampolsky -- a Ukrainian-born Russian. K was very glad to receive the visitor, who ~~was~~ is also a Ukrainian, and talked quite freely, although it seemed that he would have been more open had it ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> more private. The meeting took place in K's hotel room, Dec. 1, 1964.

He seems very sure of his capabilities as a violinist saying that he hopes to win another first prize in the international competition in Moscow in 1965. He won the top prize in a similar contest in Italy in 1963 and others.

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K started playing the violin when he was six. After completing the secondary school education he entered the conservatory in Lviv, where he won the Lenin Prize and moved to Moscow. He said his scholarship (which is to run another year, or until the completion of his studies) plus the money he makes on concert tours makes it possible for him to live quite well.

Language

When asked about the Russianization of Ukrainian language, K replied that he did not know much about the Eastern Ukraine, but in Western Ukraine he was not able to notice it. He said he did not know of any difficulties anyone had because he spoke Ukrainian.

Youth

"Young people are trying to move up in life. This is why they study hard. The possibilities to achieve a good position in life are unlimited. All that is needed is the desire to learn.

He added that young people are generally happy and satisfied with what they have. They are not awaiting some changes, but he feels that some changes have to take place. The reality of things dictates that.

Nationality Policy

K was not familiar with the decisions of recent plenums CPSU on the unification of Soviet population. When told about this K replied: "That's silly. It will never come to that. Each nation has its own characteristics and they cannot be destroyed. They will keep on developing in their own national spirit.."

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