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VICTOR'S TRIP TO PITTSBURG 18-19 February, 1961

The purpose of the trip was to see Mrs PELENSKA, Maria (VONS, First marriage)
 Her husband Father fnu VONS was the parish priest in the village of
 CHERNYLIV, Ternopol region. After her husband died before WWII she
 immigrated to the US and married fnu KHANDOGA , Editor of the Ukrainian
 paper NARODNIA VOIYA. KHANDOGA also died and 4 years ago she married
 fnu PELENSKYI, a widower , who is a new emigre. PELENSKYI has a 16 year
 old daughter who lives with Mrs PELENSKA. PELENSKYI works somewhere on
 the farm in Pennsylvania and comes to visit his wife and daughter once
 in a while. Mrs PELENSKA lives in a house of her own. Her address :
 352 Backroad , Pittsburgh, Penna.

Victor knows well the whole VONS family and was a friend of Mrs PELENSKA's
 children. He visited her on 18 February , 1961 at her home. She received
 him well and they talked about her children. Victor mentioned that he
 was on a business trip in Pittsburgh and felt obliged to pay a visit to
 her. She showed him letters from her daughters who live in Lviv and said
 that they are well off. She has 3 daughters in Lviv. The two sons who were
 Victor's good friends and who supposedly joined the UPA during the war have
 also been discussed. They disappeared during or after the war and there is
 no trace about them. Mrs PELENSKA does not have any information about her
 her sons from her daughters. One of the sons was married and his wife and
 son live in Lviv. She is also in contact with Mrs PELENSKA but writes some
 times through her daughter (Oryshka). Her daughters residing in Lviv are:

1. VONS, Iryna Stepanivna

She carries her maiden name insite of the fact that she was and is
 married now. Her married names were: BOHATIUK, NAZARKO, RYVAK.

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Her first husband BOHATYUK was a priest, the second NAZARKO lives in Lviv and according to Mrs PELENSKA (based probably on information received from her daughters) became a drunkard. He operated during the German occupation a bar in Lviv and is a good friend of VICTOR. His address was unknown to Mrs PELENSKA. Her present husband is RYVAK, Vasyl, a defector from the United States. Mrs PELENSKA showed Victor a picture of her daughter and her present husband . The picture was taken in SOCHI, Crimea last year. Mrs PELENSKA did not discuss RYVAK with Victor.

Iryna VONS known to Victor as ORYSHKA works as a chorus girl in the Ivan Franko Theater of Opera and Balet in Lviv. Her address is:

Leontovycha 8, apt.8, Lviv. She is approx. 46 years of age, good looking

2. VONS, Daria

Older sister of Iryna. Approx. 48 years of age, much less pretty than her sister, but a better and more serious character. She is married but her husband (name unknown , and she carries her maiden name) is in Poland. Her husband wanted her to come to Poland but she probably did not get a permission from Soviet authorities. She is a pharmacist in Lviv and works in a pharmacy. Her address is : Leontovycha 8, apt. 4a. Her next neighbor , with whom she shares the kitchen is a Jewish family.

3. VONS, Olena

Approx 35 years of age. She is the youngest of the 3 sisters. She is also a pharmacist and works in a pharmacy in Lviv. She is also married but nothing is known about her husband. In 1952 she made an attempt to escape to Poland, was caught and received 2 yeras in jail sentence. Her address: Korsunska 18 b, Lviv.

4. Two brothers VONS (first names : Oleh and Ihor) , who have ~~been~~ vanished probably in the underground. Ihor also known as HOROSHOK was 3 years younger than Victor. He was married. His wife
5. VONS, Evhenia lives in Lviv and works in a restaurant as a waitress. She writes sometimes through Iryna (Oryshka) VONS, ~~never~~ but never gave her address. Mrs Pelenska received once a letter from Oryshka in which Evhenia/~~she~~ wrote that her 16 year old son is with her and that he is being brought up in the way his father Horoshka would have wanted it.

In addition to his report concerning the trip to Pittsburgh, VICTOR mentioned that during his trip to Ukraine he would like to bring in order the grave of his father. He asked if that would be proper. He knows that he will not receive permission to visit his native village where his father's grave is located, but being in Tarnopol he could arrange for care of his father's grave. I thought that this intention of his would look only natural and would only strengthen the reason for his making the trip to Ukraine.

During the conversation VICTOR was somewhat uncertain if his trip to Ukraine was still to take place in view of his , as he put it " little accomplishment" during his trip to Pittsburgh. I assured him that his trip to Pittsburgh was only to find out what he was able to do on his part and that he will have a task to perform which will be revealed to him later. He said that "anyway someone has to go". He also said that VONS, Daria was the person whom he could contact. She was also the person who would give him the address of VONS, Evhenia and he would visit her too. VONS, Daria was a person , in his opinion, who had character and he thought for 90% that he would not speak about him to her sister IRENA if he asked her.