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RE : GANDZIUK Michael Petrovitch, alias GANZUK of Tverskyi Tupik Dim No 9, kwart. 75, KIEV, USSR, presently temporary resident of Room 309, Law Dormitory, University of Penna, 3440 Chestnut St., and his contacts with SHANKOVSKY Ihor of 4804 N. Warnock St., Phila, Pa.

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1. By his letter dtd 22 Feb 1963 SHANKOVSKY Ihor (Sh) informed Uncle that on 21 or 22 Feb 1963 he met accidentally at the GIMBELS DEPT STORE, Coats Dept on the 3-rd Floor, in PHILADELPHIA, GANZUK (GANDZIUK) /G/ who came there to buy a fur-coat for his wife in KIEV. Sh. is employed with GIMBELS, Coats Dept., Tel. WA 2-3300, Buyers Office, Ext. 2078, 3rd Floor Ext. 2079, as "Assistant Buyer" since 8 months.

G spoke broken English and S asked him about his accent. G explained that it was Russian and followingly Sh switched over to the same asking G where he was coming from. G replied that he arrived from KIEV. Sh started to talk in Ukrainian and said that as far as he knew KIEV belonged to the Ukraine. G seemed to be very glad to hear Sh speak his native language and they continued their conversation in Ukrainian. Sh introduced himself as a Ukrainian from LVOV. G told Sh that he was a student at the University of Penna and arrived to the States together with another Ukrainian student on 29 Jan 1963. G's colleague went, however, to Princeton University.

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Sh tried to help G in finding a suitable fur-coat for latter's wife but without success. Sh asked G to come eventually next Saturday again hoping to procure in the meantime something nice for G's wife. G agreed gladly to but unfortunately Sh was unable to get what G wanted and the latter bought no fur-coat at all.

To Sh his new acquaintance looked very sympathetic from the very beginning of their encounter and Sh asked him for a cup of coffee and ice-cream. G gladly accepted Sh's invitation and they spoke for about half-an-hour. By his general remarks G impressed Sh as an honest and conscious Ukrainian and finally they parted as friends intending to see each other more often in the future.

2. About his encounter with G., Sh informed by telephone his father SHANKOVSKY, Lev and asked for advice. According to what Sh Ihor told Peter and Sh, Sh. told his son to

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notify about it not the Uncle but PROCYK, Stepan of 5219 N. War-nock St., Philadelphia. Sh did accordingly, however, as it turned out, later on, he also sent the above mentioned letter (dtd 22 Feb 1963) to Uncle. In his turn PROCYK also informed Uncle about G and Sh. Incidentally, still in Jan 1963 PROCYK was asked by Uncle to find out about and get in contact with G.

3. According to Sh himself and two other sources (Peter and Procyk) , -G and Sh - since their first encounter were coming together almost every day and seemed to become very good friends indeed. At least, in Sh's case this friendship seems to be quite genuine. Sh claimed that they trust each other and were speaking quite openly. Sh invited G to his house, and recently G told even Sh to find him a girl to go out. Sh agreed, of course, only too gladly to do it but taking into account Sh's character it was to be assumed that all that rather had happened under Sh's own stipulation.

As to G's bona fides/of his being a good anti-Soviet/ Sh was stressing G's strong criticism of Stalinism and his assurance that among Soviet students were bad and good individuals, G himself belonged to the latter category.

4. Peter who quite accidentally met G at Sh's house on 24 Feb 1963 was of quite different opinion about G and did not exclude the possibility of G being eventually a trained intelligence officer. G impressed Peter as a serious, clever alert, well poised, inquisitive and intelligent man. In his turn , Sh looked quite inadequate for handling G as he was practically no match for the latter. Moreover, Sh, in his credulity, was inclined to make some indiscretions in his loose talking , mainly about Ukrainian emigration. Sh went even so far as to encourage taking a picture of G and Peter together and divulge some biographic data on Peter's somewhat sensitive past.

Sh was introducing also G to various Ukrainians in clubs in Philadelphia presenting him as a student and his colleague from Brazil what might have eventually rather serious consequences for Sh himself and for all concerned.

There is a very strong feeling on our part that Sh indeed is not adequate and capable to handle this case for our purpose due to his character and lack of proper qualifications.

5. So far G told Sh that he would like Sh to send him various goods , mainly fur coats and other textiles, to KIEV and receive in return other goods from G. for selling here. Sh did not mind making eventually this kind of business if it turned out to be fiseable in the future.

G also told Sh about his friend YURA (he did not say what was Yura's last name) at Princeton University and described him as a good Ukrainian too, stemming from the Western Ukraine (a "Galician") and to whom Sh could speak as openly as to himself. They were planning to visit Yura in the near future together and Sh was asked by G to go by Sh's car.

G also told Sh that on the next weekend he will have to go to New York eventually (2-3 March) to visit someone at the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations.

G asked Sh to accompany him to New York and eventually to introduce to some good Ukrainian emigres there.

6. On 28 Feb 1963 Sh told Peter that recently when he was driving in his car together with G, in Philadelphia, he was given a summons notice by policemen for speeding up. G felt "very offended" at the policemen stopping them and protested very strongly, pointing out that he was a Soviet student.

7. Sh has his own car which he bought at \$ 150.- and a driver's license on his name issued in Philadelphia.

8. Sh promised PROCYK to contact him with G and Yura (The latter is SHESTAK Yuri of Princeton) see previous report/.

PROCYK was instructed by us to disentangle himself from Sh and try to get closer look at both Soviet students. It was planned that after introduction PROCYK will insulate himself in a proper way from Sh and will eventually drive G to New York and later to Princeton by himself. PROCYK will also invite G and later Yura to his house in Philadelphia in order to cultivate further contacts and collect material for their assessment.

9. Please check on PROCYK, Stefan of 52 19 N. Warnock St., Philadelphia, Pa.