

Uncle (by phone) stated today that he had visited the Kovbasnyuk travel agency. Vera told him they plan to take a group to the Ukraine again this spring. They cannot get permission to go to Tarnopol or Uzhgorod the excuse being "no accommodations". She told Uncle the Soviet Union is now going to permit Soviet citizens to visit relatives in the West for short periods of time. Relative in West must invite his relative. Vera told him the first case she knew of was a Jewish male, father of seven children in the Soviet Union, who visited a relative in New York and applied ~~to the~~ for permanent residence in the States. He did not wish to go back even though his wife and 7 children had remained in the Soviet Union. She did not know outcome but felt this would discourage Sovs from granting visas for such visits.

I asked Uncle to have Czeikovsky send me the usual annual report which is used with the cover letters.

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Uncle had letter from Shankowsky saying he would not be coming back to work.

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