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SUBJECT **REDWOOD AERODYNAMIC - Soviet Relations with Ukrainians in Canada**

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: OCOA-8992, 4 December 1964

1. Nothing has come to our attention to indicate that Soviets are refusing visas to individuals in any given communities consisting of former Soviet minorities. However, we are not surprised by the information contained in the reference.

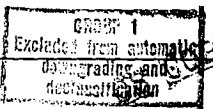
2. There have been reported incidents of Soviet citizens refusing admittance into their homes of their relatives, Ukrainian "Progressives" from Canada on the grounds that they have betrayed their brothers in the homeland through their affiliation with the Communists. (One Canadian was spat upon and the door was slammed in his face by his sister. The impression given was that Soviet Ukrainian Communists are one thing but Ukrainians in the free world affiliated with the Communist Party are not looked upon too kindly by Ukrainians in the homeland.) These and other Canadian Ukrainian Progressives became thoroughly disenchanted with the Communist Party after personally witnessing conditions in their home villages and talking to their relatives.

3. As a rule, non-Communist Western citizens, particularly Americans and Canadians, are not granted permission to travel to their home villages when they visit the USSR. Instead, their relatives are transported to and from the villages to the nearby cities where their Western relatives can entertain them in their hotel rooms and in restaurants. The Soviets, on the other hand, find it awkward to deny fellow travellers permission to visit their home villages. As a result of such visits many Ukrainian Progressives have freely expressed their disillusionment with conditions in the homeland after their return to the West and have ceased to continue their Communist affiliations or sympathies. It is, therefore, not surprising that Soviets would begin to deny visas for travel to the Soviet Union to Ukrainians affiliated with the AUUC since this is easier to do than it is for them to invent excuses why home villages are off limits.

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4. Ukrainians affiliated with the Communist movement in the United States or Canada are held in very low esteem by their Soviet compatriots. Comments made by Soviet Ukrainian citizens to nationalist Ukrainian emigres have been quite unflattering.

5. Concerning paragraph 3 of reference, there are many Russians in official capacities in the Ukraine who either cannot or refuse to speak Ukrainian. Even Soviet Ukrainians express their dislike for the Russian influence in the Ukraine and suppression of the Ukrainian language (the use of the Russian language in official correspondence, by administrative officials, between native Ukrainians in public). There is presently being circulated among Soviet Ukrainians a document in reaction to what Ukrainians consider a national outrage: the burning of the Kiev Public Library of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR and with it what the author calls "Ukrainiana," the irreplaceable written heritage of the Ukrainian nation. The author accuses the Soviet state of purposeful destruction of their collection as part of its campaign against Ukrainian nationalism. It is not surprising, therefore, that complaints should be heard from Canadians of Ukrainian birth who for years have believed that their motherland was flourishing under the protection of her big brother, find during a visit there that even their native tongue is not heard in public.

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