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RE : The Visit of Dr Kl and her Friends at the Permanent Mission  
of Ukr SSR to the UN in New York on 24 Nov 1965

Date : 29 Nov 1965

1. Following a mailed invitation of the Mission to ~~give~~ ~~the~~ party at their premises on 24 Nov 196 at which the film Tina Zabutykh Predky was to be shown, Dr Kl, Eve P, LIS Olga, MENGERS Natalia (wife of Prof MENGERS), and Father KRAYEVSKY Wolodymyr ( Order of Redemptorists of Newark, N.J.) arrived there at approx. 18.00 hrs. Prof MENGERS joined ~~the~~ <sup>them</sup> hour or so later after having finished his lecture at Columbia. Father KRAYEVSKY was invited by Dr Kl to accompany them after he expressed the wish to go to the party, too.

At the party there were also SHUMETKOS of New York, LITVIN Myron (owner of the Funeral Home) of Newark, N.J., Dr LEVITSKYI Wolodymyr of New York, and the whole bunch of progressives headed by TOLOPKO. There was also STASIUK Platon with his daughter and son-in-law.

Dr Kl and her party were met by CHERNIAVSKY and KOCHUBEY. The latter went at once after TRONKO who kept Dr Kl's company practically throughout the whole party. At the very beginning he told her that he had something special to discuss with her and asked her ~~not to leave~~ before that. Whereas KOCHUBEY and CHERNIAVSKY were somewhat surprised by Father KRAYEVSKYI's arrival, TRONKO greeted him with great reverence and then all the others followed his suit. Eve stayed mostly in company of SHEVCHENKOS, who were very friendly to her. SHEVCHENKO gave his address in Kiev:

Shevchenko Serhiy  
Khreshchatyk 15, Ko 84  
Tel. BORYS 9-2637

After the demonstration of Tina Zabutykh Predky (in color) they also showed Ukraine - Today, a sort of documentary for 10-15 minutes.

2. In a tete-a-tete with Dr Kl, TRONKO told her the following:

a/ He has just returned from Canada. There he discussed the same problems they were laboring now on here in the States and in Kiev. Also there he has heard about Dr Kl. He would like to assure her that despite her political convictions, he and his colleagues in Kiev, trust her and believe her attitude to the Ukrainian people was sincere. He would like to pay a visit to Dr Kl now but if it were not possible ~~now~~ because of his departure

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for Kiev on 27 Nov 1965 it did not matter because the main thing was he wanted to see Dr Kl herself and the meeting with scholars and writers - her friends - was not so important at the present. ( Dr Kl had indicated that she could <sup>not</sup> organize a party on Thursday or Friday because she was already engaged by some other arrangements).

Moreover, TRONKO will come here again next year, probably quite soon, and on that occasion the meeting can be arranged.

b/ As soon as he arrives in Kiev, TRONKO will contact KOLOSSOVA, and together they will present the subject of Ukrainian Catholic Church and "language" ( a euphemism generally used by people from the Mission and TRONKO for "Russification") to proper people. He can assure her that everything looked quite promising, and therefore Dr Kl and her friends will be able to visit Ukraine next year.

TRONKO stressed that KOLOSSOVA'S position was very strong "and we together with my other friends can do quite a lot".

To expedite the matter with the Church it is advisable that Cardinal Slipyi alone or even together with some other Ukrainian Catholic Bishops abroad write a letter to Ukrainian Government in Kiev asking them to "allow" Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Ukraine.

c/ According to TRONKO, they (in Kiev) need the help of emigration and Dr Kl would be very much appreciated for her efforts to convince her friends among scholars, students, and other professionals stop their attacks and slander against the Soviet Ukraine, and putting obstacles to Kiev's work. He can assure Dr Kl that they ( in Kiev) are doing all they can to improve the situation of Ukrainian people but there are many difficulties and not all can be done at once. "Let's help each other" - he continued. "We are being told that we should go together with Chinese but this is a complete nonsense. We cannot go with a war-party and we cannot expect anything positive from there. Instead, we - the people in the Ukraine and you here - the emigration, we have to stick together and help ourselves". By emigration, of course, as he explained, he meant in this case "honest people".

3. On other occasion, in presence of Father KRAYEVSKIY, TRONKO mentioned again "as soon as I come back to Kiev we shall discuss the church question". It was obvious that he wanted also Father KRAYEVSKIY to hear that.

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4. SHEVCHENKO assured both - Dr Kl and Eva - that he will "definitely" see them next year in Kiev, preferably in July because at that time he will be vacationing in Kievsk too.

5. SHEVCHENKO was the one who accompanied PEDANIUK'S body to Kiev. He told Dr Kl that PEDANIUK had been buried nearby MANUILSKIY'S grave.

6. CHERNIAVSKIY told Dr Kl that in his opinion the Pope should award to Dr Kl a special medal for what she is doing for the Catholic Church. "If things will move as TRONKO is planning to now, Dr Kl will obtain her goal".

7. CHERNIAVSKIY has trouble with his son. He is getting deaf and physicians have little hope that they could do something against it. CHERNIAVSKIY is leaving for Kiev on 1 Dec 1965 and will return with his wife to New York around 25 Dec 1965. He is very much worried about his son.

8. GOLOVKO wanted some material on Ukrainian emigre writers and Dr Kl promised to give him SLOVO # 1 and 2. When SHUMEIKO suggested that everybody sign his name on her invitation GOLOVKO was quite frightened to put his signature and did so only on CHERNIAVSKIY'S strong hint. He told Dr Kl that he was twice wounded during the war.

9. MAKSIMENKO is staying in New York. BERKANS have just returned from Kiev. MRS BERKAN was very friendly to Dr Kl, told her that only two weeks ago they had finally got the word that they would return to New York and were very happy about it.

10. TRONKO was very friendly and polite, completely different than at the first encounter. He told Dr Kl that he had two daughters but one died during the war.

11. SHEVCHENKO promised to lend Tiaid Zabutykh Pradky for making a copy (16 mm) for herself "and her friends". On this occasion he asked Dr Kl to make a copy also for himself what he would appreciate very much. He also hoped to get Son (The DREAM) and certainly would lend it to Dr Kl, too.

12. Mrs BRAZHENYK, fnu of New York was discussing with SHEVCHENKO sending of parcels to Ukraine and complained that customs fees were too high. She asked SHEVCHENKO to help her in sending parcels to her relatives through the Mission and he promised to look into the matter.

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