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1. Subject visited Dr Kl on 5 Feb 1966 from 17.15 to 18.45 hrs. He came in company of Borys, Inu, his driver whom Dr Kl had also invited to the apartment. The latter showed a "conspicuous respect" for Subject and practically took no part in conversation. All the talking (did Subject himself).

2. Subject stressed at the very beginning that Dr Kl should start immediately with preparation of her re-visit to Kiev. She is expected there together with a large group and it would ^{be} a terrible mistake on her part if she would miss the occasion. Subject and his friends in Kiev, those like TRONKO, KOLOSJOVA and others, put great hopes on her arrival as they were convinced that Dr Kl and her emigre friends would do a good job in convincing "the others", both in Kiev and Moscow, to meet at least half-way Dr Kl's demands and wishes. TRONKO returned from the States and Canada with a completely different notion as to what was necessary to be done in the realm of cultural exchange than before, and to a great extent this was definitely to be attributed to Dr Kl. "You convinced myself, TRONKO, Kolossova, Palamarchuk and many others who came here, so now, please, go to Kiev and convince other people as well". "I am sure you will do a wonderful job there" - he concluded. In his opinion Dr Kl had already missed a great opportunity by not visiting Ukraine last year just as he and his friends had recommended.

The bigger the group accompanying Dr Kl the better. While she and her close friends would conduct negotiations and talks with various personalities in Kiev and Moscow, the others would attend to their particular interests. Thus engineers would go to Donbas and Kharkov, physicians would visit medical centers in Odessa and Kiev or wherever they would like to go, scholars should meet with Academicians at the Academy of Sciences and

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certainly understands that "they" (in Kiev and Moscow) have also to prepare many things in advance. Therefore he would like to have Dr Kl's answer as soon as possible.

While in Kiev or Lviv Dr Kl and her friends from the clergy will be able to attend Mass. Subject wanted to know whether the priests and nuns coming with Dr Kl would mind to read Mass at churches that belong now to ^{the} Orthodox Church.

Also in Kiev Subject could speak to LYTVYN of the Committee of Cults with whom she would discuss church affairs. In Subject's opinion any further development in church affairs depended very much on whether she could convince or rather win LYTVYN for her side. Subject added that he was sure Dr Kl would succeed.

Asked what happened with his previous statement to the effect that pretty soon the Ukrainian Catholic Church would ^{be} re-established to the status as of 1947, Subject replied that there turned out to be still some "elements" to be taken into account and in his personal opinion it will take somewhat longer, maybe even 2-3 years to reach this phase. Again he switched over to Dr Kl's planned trip to Ukraine pointing out that her visit would definitely accelerate the whole business.

Later on Subject added that the problem of Ukrainian ^{Catholic} Church will definitely be discussed by GROMYKO with the Pope or later's representatives during former's stay in Rome, in Mar 1966. He indicated that precisely in Rome many things should be prepared for "final settlement". Asked whether GROMYKO will see Card. SLIPIYI, Subject replied that this would depend mainly on the Cardinal and his superior meaning the Pope.

3. According to Subject TRONKO "ordered" him to do for Dr Kl anything she would ask for. Dr Kl asked him then what about her points she had conveyed from Card. Slipyi. Subject replied that TRONKO was just now on vacation what was the usual procedure ~~for~~ with all big shots returning from a trip abroad. At this moment Dr Kl made it quite clear to Subject that she was not going to start anything with her trip as long as

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4. Subject stated with explanations that there ^{be} might some delays in "communication" with Kiev at the present since all were involved in preparations for the 23rd Congress.

5. Subject mentioned that on 4 Mar 1966 Prof NEDBALLO is coming to New York together with other delegates to the UN Session. Subject himself and his friends at the Mission are very busy now with lining up the delegates of other countries to get Prof NEDBALLO elected to the chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the UN.

6. According to Subject, KOCHUBEI, his wife and their daughter were all suffering now from heart troubles.

7. On 9 Feb 1966 Subject visited again Dr Kl. He came alone to the apartment while his driver Boris KACHURENKO (the different one than Boris mentioned in para 1) stayed in the car. Subject stayed from 11.30 to 15.00 hrs.

8. Subject asked Dr Kl for getting for him and SHEVCHENKO a teacher of English who would come either from Columbia or some other institution and could give them separate lessons. He explained that they preferred to have someone from an institution because in such cases they have less trouble with payments. Also he would like to have a teacher of more or less pure Anglo-Saxon stock and with no knowledge of Russian or Ukrainian to "insure" against ~~that~~ accents and slipping into Slavic during the lessons. Subject wanted to have his lessons separately if possible because SHEVCHENKO was less advanced in English and bothered him too much with questions in some previous lessons they had taken together. They would also like to have their lessons "cheaper when possible", thus they could not afford to pay \$ 6 or 7 per hour. Actually, he thought that even \$ 5.- would be too much.

Later on Subject suggested that his wife could teach Dr Kl Russian (this was when Dr Kl mentioned that she was told that one Russian lesson was \$ 7.-) and Dr Kl would give her English lessons. Subject himself

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no definite answer but promised instead to look for a teacher of English for Subject and SHEVCHENKO.

8. Dr Kl attacked Subject for "Nochnye Ptitsy" by Belayev, to be more precise for Belayev's attacks and slander against the Metropolitan Sheptytskyi, Card. Slipyi, and the Ukrainian Patriarchate. Subject replied that one should pay no attention to what BELAYEV was writing because his writings did not represent "official line". He added that BELAYEV was born in Kamenets Podilskyi or somewhere nearby, was of Ukrainian stock, "or maybe even half Jewish". BELAYEV wants to step into late HALAN'S boots and that's why he is writing "such stuff".

The church affairs will be seriously discussed now in Rome during GROMYKO'S visit to Italy. It did not mean, of course, that everything will go smoothly. Subject personally ~~was~~ ^{had some doubts} taking into account "the policy of the present Pope which in many aspects differs from that of the Pope John XXIII". Still in 1953 there were serious considerations in Moscow to normalize relations with the Vatican. Then when ADZUBEI had visited the Pope he was actually talking about a Vatican Nuntius in Moscow. But after Khrushchev's removal things had been protracted again because the new government was primarily concerned with getting out of economic mess Khrushchev had put them in. Now, much ~~is~~ will depend on the new Pope.

Subject reiterated again that Dr Kl could take with her priests and nuns and they could read mass in St. George's Cathedral and St. Volodymyr Sobor, in Lviv and Kiev, respectively.

9. When Dr Kl indicated that she was not only interested in church but also in political affairs and expressed her concern about Russification in the Ukraine, Subject replied that this was exactly the subject matter she should discuss with people in Kiev though he personally thought things were getting better. Subject himself was writing many times about this problem and only recently he had prepared TRONKO'S report-speech, together with Tronko's secretary he added - which the former read to the Presidium of Supreme Soviet, Ukr

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"I can assure you that I put in it all the stuff you, Yaremko, Tolopko and others have hammered into my head" - he concluded. "And I can tell you - Subject continued - that all members of the Presidium have applauded the speech".

10. Subject denied that the status of the Ukr SSR was being diminished and described Dr Kl's interpretation of the absence of a Ukrainian Foreign Minister as completely wrong. So far there has been no one appointed to this post because of the forthcoming 23rd Congress at which it will be finally decided who will go from Kiev to Moscow. Thus to avoid new shifts in personalities in Kiev "they" decided to wait for the Congress and then fill Kiev posts with people who will remain in the Ukraine. TRONKO is going together with KOLOS OVA as delegates to the Congress and if TRONKO should not be retained in Moscow he would "probably" be appointed to the Foreign Minister of Ukr SSR.

To repudiate Dr Kl's arguments Subject said that "pretty soon" the Ukr SSR will open a few consulates but he refused to specify where and when adding smilingly "I already have told you too much".

11. According to Subject he did not expect the nationalities problem to be given any prominent place at the 23rd Congress. On the contrary, economic problems will be in the focus. But Subject expected a further increase of Ukrainian element in "responsible positions" in Moscow and indicated that to all intents and purposes KOLOSSOVA would be elected to the CC CPSU. This did not mean however that she would live Kiev.

12. Subject complained that the Mission had little success with lining up the delegates at the UN for NEDBAILLO and expected Costarican candidate to be given preference to the former.

13. Subject stressed that TRONKO was deeply interested in maintaining contact with Dr Kl and the latter should not disappoint him. He raised again the matter of her trip to Ukraine and asked her for preparing a list of people who would go with Dr Kl. Subject himself would take this list to the Embassy in order to avoid any misunderstandings.

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Dr Kl replied that any further move on the trip will depend on TRONKO'S answer to the points conveyed by her from the Cardinal and on official invitation she would get. As of now, there was no point in discussing the trip at all.

14. Referring to the Patriarchate Subject said something to the effect that much in this respect depended also on Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy in general since "we don't want to have the same trouble as the Poles have now with Wyszynski". He retreated, however, soon from this theme and did not want to elaborate.

15. Subject complained that Emob" had got the upper hand in the emigration and as a result was depreciating its significance. On this occasion he mentioned that, for instance, there are only two papers of which though one could not approve, but still one could read them; this ^{one} is "Ukrainske Zhyttia" of Chicago, Ill. and "Suchasnist" of Munich. "These people at least use reasonable argumentation and do not restrict themselves to slatder and calling names".

16. At the end Subject promised to help Rev SOLOVIY of New York, N.Y. (O.S.B.M.) in arranging his research trip to the Soviet Union in 1966. Rev SOLOVIY has actually two problems: he wants to do some research in Kiev and Moscow and would like to stay there at least for 3 months or so. To accomplish his research he would have to have access to some archives in Kiev and in Moscow which as Subject has indicated are now under the Orthodox Church's jurisdiction.

Another problem Rev Soloviy has is the following: He is taking care of a Ukrainian in New York, aged about 35, a mental case, former junior of SS Division Galicia whom his mother and sister in West Ukraine (near Lvov) want to get home. Rev SOLOVIY is willing to let him go provided the Soviet authorities will except the man.

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17. Subject wrote a list of books he would like to have for himself and his friends. Among them were mainly books by Hrushevskiy, Lypynskiy, Chubatyj, Petlura, and other. Also "Ukrainian Nationalism" by Lapichak.

He also asked Dr Kl on behalf of TRONKO for a complet of The History of Ukraine by Hrushevsky.

According to Subject , in 1966 Kiev was going to celebrate Hrushevskiy's anniversary and his "History" was becoming very fashionable in the sense that it was much desired on the top".

18. Subject was given the following books:

History of Ukrainian Church (in Ukrainian) by Chubatyj

Volodymyr Velykyi by Nazarko

Kievski Mytropolyty " "

Documenta Ecclesiae

19. On 11 Feb 1966 Subject met with Rev SOLOVIY at Dr Kl's house. Subject promised Rev SOLOVIY to give him a letter to Prof MAKSIMOVICH of Lvov University and to someone at the Academy of Sciences in Kiev. He also promised to look into possibility of sending a/m mental case to his mother near Lvov. According to Subject the main obstacle is to be expected from American authorities because the latter were as a rule unwilling to let people go from the States.

20. Subject was given the following books by Dr Kl :

Rozstrilane Vidrodzennia by Lavrinenko

Statti-Lysty-Dokumenty by Petlura

Ukrainskyi Natsionalizm by Lapichak

Ukrainskyi Historyk - 2 issues ,of 1964 and 1965

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Subject was very grateful and asked for additional books. He stressed that "they" were after books so much because "they" would like to get hold of everything that was destroyed during Stalin's rule and replenish their libraries accordingly. In this respect , such works as Rozstrilane V�drozennia, are of particular value for them.

21. Asked about arrests in the Ukraine Subject replied that he has heard nothing about them and thought this was just another hoax of nationalists abroad.

22. According to Subject , Virskyl's Ensemble is scheduled for New York in May 1966.

23. When talking about TARSIS , Subject remarked that "the West will still have many opportunities to see who Tarsis is, this crazy man".

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