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Subject: Rev. SOLOVIY Melatyi, OSBB, New York, N.Y.

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1. Source spoke with Subject on two occasions after his return from Europe in May 1966. In his trip there Subject spent 5 days in Lvov and 1 day in Kiev, end April 1966, coming by plane from Vienna to Lviv and then returning ~~via~~ Kiev.

In Lvov Subject spent all his time mainly with his relatives - brothers, sisters, uncles, and aunts, who came to see him to Lvov from the countryside. He also paid a visit to the Orthodox Bishop of Lvov (Yurik) at St. George Cathedral, and met Rev. BORSA, fnu, brother of Rev. Borsa of New York, N.Y.

N.B. Rev. BORSA of Lvov was described by Cardinal Slipyi as the priest who betrayed him to authorities in Siberia about his 7 volume History of Ukrainian Catholic Church which the Cardinal kept hidden.

Subject was going also to pay a visit to Prof MAKSYMOVYCH Mykola, Rector of Ivan Franko University of Lvov, and had already been in his waiting room, but taking advantage of the fact that he was told to wait for one hour, decided to withdraw after 20 minutes waiting. As he explained it to Source he was quite frightened and did not want to be involved into anything. Therefore he did not go to Miskrada or other institutions and avoided contacts with unknown people. His sojourn in Kiev he limited to visiting Pecherska Lavra and some other churches & museums.

2. According to what Subject's relatives told him in Lvov in Oct 1965 there were students demonstration~~s~~ at the Lvov Politechnical Institute against the russification of this and other institutions. As a result militia and plainclothesmen arrested leaders of the demonstration but failed to disperse the crowd. When the arrested leaders ~~were~~ were brought away from the Politechnics ground many students gathered around them and gave them a tremendous ovation. Some girls

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were throwing flowers on cars and the turmoil lasted for a few hours.

In March 1966 there was a similar demonstration of students in Kiev. Students from Kiev University went to Shevchenko Monument on the anniversary of his birth, and started making speeches whose contents left no doubt as to their anti-Russian character, and recited Shevchenko's "appropriate" poems. A high militia or KGB officer approached the crowd and asked in Russian what was going on here. " Chto zdes' delaetsya? " - he shouted. To that a student stepped on the roof of a nearby van and replied: " There will be no shtokannia or kakanya ( from shto and kak) here and if you want to talk in Russian now, then go away to Moscow!" The officer became confused, said a few words to himself to the effect that he could <sup>still</sup> not grasp what was it all about, and the meeting continued.

3. With the ortodox Bishop of Lvov Subject discussed "various problems in general". They talked mostly about Oecumenical Council and matters connected with it. Subject was very reluctant to disclose anything more except for his comment that after having seen the Ukraine he was now more and more convinced that Ukrauhian catholicism will have to find some sort of compromise with Orthodoxy.

4. Subject was very much impressed by a highly qualified Ukrainian intelligentsia he was told about by his relatives. In this respect he was very optimistic as to potentialities of Ukrainian element. At the present there could be no comparison with "Polish times" when there was such a shortage of educated people. There was also no doubt as to their patriotism. As he was told everybody waited for further changes to come and those " were unavoidable".

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