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Reverend Konstantyn DOERTANSKY (the Subject) arrived in Winnipeg in December 1966 to visit a brother, Rev. Roman DOBRIANSKY. The Subject is about 60 years old, married and has children (number not known). He is a former Ukrainian Catholic (Uniate) priest from Tarnopol who converted to the Ukrainian Orthodox faith during the official liquidation of the Uniate church in the Ukraine. He reportedly is quite active in his new post and has established a good relationship with Soviet authorities. The Subject currently serves a Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Terebovla, Tarnopol Oblast.

According to the Subject, by sharing the contents of gift parcels he received from relatives in the West, he was able to develop a friendly relationship with a neighbor of his who is an officer in the KGB, and it was through the efforts of this neighbor that he obtained permission to visit in Canada. Subject claims he convinced his neighbor that since several Ukrainian clergy from the West visited the Ukraine, it would be politic to permit him, a clergyman, to visit the West.

The Subject was granted a Canadian visa for 6 months, but his Soviet permit was validated for only 2 months in Canada. He will, therefore, have to return to the Soviet Union in January 1967, but he plans to return to Canada for the Monureal Exposition. It is not known whether or not he has already left Canada.

The Subject volunteered the information that among the Ukrainians sentenced to hard labor in the summer of 1966, were the cons
of two priests, and HORYN and fine GERETA. The latter two, along
with a fine LYTVYN, organized a choir at the University of Lvov.
The choir travelled to various cities in the Ukraine. It developed
a repertoir of nationalist music, based on the works of Ivan
SVITLYCHNY and other contemporary writers. The choir's performances
were frequently accompanied by speeches and lectures in which there
was much said about the need to demand more rights for Ukrainlans
in the Ukraine, the time to implement prerogatives guaranteed them
by the Constitution. Encouraged by the choir's popularity and the
fact that it had not been interfered with by the KGB, other students began to organize similar choirs in other Ukrainian cities.

GERETA, according to the Subject, was accreted by the KCh while he was en route to Odebsa with choir texts, programs, and other material for a group being organized in Odessa. The KCh confiscated a list of addresses which he had in his possession of potentially choir candidates. LYTVYN also was arrested. The latter reportedly broke down during questioning and compromised many of his colleagues. Among those arrested were Party members who insisted they were not seeking separation from the Union but only

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said that although the trials are over, the matter is not closed. There have been appeals, and the Subject felt everything would soon be quietly resolved in favor of those sentenced, because the majority of Ukrainian youth seek the same conditions in the Ukraine demanded by those who were sentenced. Sympathy, in general, is on the side of those who were sentenced. To illustrate his point, the Subject said that his daughter appeared before a University of Lvov professor for some oral examinations. The professor asked whether she was acquainted with one of the leaders of those arrested. She fearfully admitted that she knew him very well indeed. She was given a high grade and dismissed without having been asked one question pertaining to her examination.

The Subject said it was general knowledge that all epistles and circulars issued by Patriarch Cleksey are first submitted to the authorities for censorship. Usually only minor changes are made, but occasionally the text is changed completely. The Patriarch finances all church activities with funds contributed by the believers. Subject estimated there to be about 100 million believers in the Soviet Union. He said that if each one contributed only I rubel, it would amount to a tidy sum, but most people are very generous contributing from 2 to 4 rubels a month.

Uzhgorod Bishop ZAKALAK as now restricted in his movements. Because of the lack of resistance on the part of ZAKALAK, authorities managed to close 60 churches in his dicese.

Subject said it was his opinion that the KGB liquidated Father Havryyil KOSTEL'NYK, (A Ukrainian Catholic Priest who converted to Orthodoxy during Liquidation proceedings of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the Soviet Union). KOSTELNYK reportedly, according to Subject expressed the following interesting view: "In 1054, Christianity split itself into two different streams, which flow parallel to each other and sooner or later will again unite. Today the two are faced by atheism which fights both in a similar manner. In view of our common menace, we must stick to Christianity, even at the price of switching to Orthodoxy, if that is the only way to remain Christians. Those who refuse to convert to Orthodoxy will be sufficient evidence of the Uniate church's adherence and loyalty to Rome." Some time later, according to Subject, KOSTELNYK delivered in St. Volodymyr's Sobor in Kiev a sermon which was very nationalistic and in which he criticized the Soviet regime. He was not arrested, as everyone expected he would be, but shortly thereafter he was assassinated.