

Subject: CHERNIAVSKY, Viktor

Source : as usual

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The following information was obtained from Subject during his visit to Dr Kl in the afternoon of 23 Feb 1967. Subject arrived alone and Source had the opportunity to talk with him tete-a-tete. Later on they were joined by Father SOLOVIY Maletiy, OSBB.

1. Subject wanted to know whether Source knew anything about PODGORNYYI'S visit to the Pope, in particular whether Cardinal SHIPYI was "involved" in any way. Source told him that it was his (Subject's) duty to know and tell her something about it. To that Subject replied that he had no information from Rome. Asked about "general prospects", Subject said that he saw no immediate changes in the offing, and switched over to another topic, namely, to an eventual Ukrainization of Russian Orthodox Church in the Ukraine. He wondered what would be the reaction of Dr Kl and other Ukrainian catholics in case Ukrainian should be introduced in the Russian Orthodox Church in Ukraine and on the whole the latter would be Ukrainized, incl. establishment of separate Ukrainian Metropole in Kiev. In his opinion there were more chances for a Ukrainization of the Orthodox Church than for a Re-Establishment of Ukrainian Catholic Church. Of course, this is only his private view- he said.

Dr Kl replied that a Ukrainization of Russian Orthodox Church would be welcome by all Ukrainians but this did not collide with Re-Establishment of Ukrainian Catholic Church.

2. Dr Kl told Subject about John Pitt, owner of Peter's Beauty Salon at 96th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue in New York City, a Jew from Ukraine, who wants to recover his gold from Sambor, Lviv Oblast. (N.B. Peter's Beauty Salon is listed at 206 W 96th Street, Tel. RI 9-9727).

John Pitt asked Dr Kl to help him to recover in a legal way "some gold " hidden in a house in SAMBOR. Dr Kl promised to look into the matter and asked about it Subject. According to Pitt, there will be really "some gold" ^{in the form of} ~~different~~ golden items that could fill up half the room. Pitt knows exactly where he had buried it. After the war he tried to recover it "by all possible means" but without success. Dr Kl told the Subject in general terms about the matter and his reply was that her client could get no more than 10% of the recovered gold. Then he phoned her back and told her that according to SHEVCHENKO they would give the man 25%. Dr Kl did not talk yet with Pitt.

3. After Father's SOLOVIY'S arrival they talked mainly about his trip to the Ukraine last April. SOLOVIY mentioned that he saw his relatives and also talked to Archbishop Nikolai of Lviv and some of his clergy.

He also said that he was planning to go in Aug 1967 to Poznan, Poland and perhaps on this occasion will visit again Lvov.

The only trouble was that he was short of money.

Subject replied that he should try to get some financial help from Archbishop ALEKSIY of Moscow who used to finance such trips for catholics and others, non-orthodox visitors. This could be arranged through Archbishop YOANN of New York .

Father SOLOVIY did not comment.