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Subject: PODGORNY Nikolai in Rome, Italy (

Source: Dr K, Rome

Date: 16 Mar 1967

1. According to a usually well informed Ukrainian clergy source in Rome, during Podgoray's visit to the Pope, primarily the matter of a re-establishment of Roman (Latin) Catholic dioceses in the Soviet Union was discussed. The dioceses should be re-established in the Ukraine, and Baltic Republics. An eventual re-establishment of Ukrainian Catholic church was not taken into consideration at all. On the contrary, there was a clear tendency on the part of PODGORNY to ~~weaken~~ <sup>weaken</sup> Ukrainian Catholic Church abroad as well. Thus he demanded the liquidation of Ukrainian Small Seminary in Rome as one of the conditions for further negotiations with the Vatican. Some Vatican circles are indeed inclined to "sacrifice" Ukrainian Catholics but will try, of course, to get as much ~~far~~ as possible in return. At the same time they want to save as much as possible of Ukrainian catholicism and keep it "in reserve". The Vatican plans to emphasize unofficially a special status of Cardinal SLIPY and <sup>of</sup> his church vis-a-vis the Vatican proper and ~~xxxx~~ also to enhance its meaning as an eventual bargaining power.

In accordance with all that, Cardinal SLIPYI is planning, for instance, to purchase the Small Seminary from the Selesians and subordinate it to himself. Thus the Vatican could say that it cannot touch the seminary. Although it is reported that the initiative for this transfer of "property" came from the Cardinal, it is assumed that the suggestion came from the Vatican circles themselves.

2. Rev. Myroslav Marusyn, secretary of Archbishop EUSHYO Ivan was officiatingly guiding PODGORNY on his visit to the Vatican's Museum. On instruction from "proper <sup>Vatican</sup> circles" MARUSYN was told to introduce himself

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to PODGORNÝ as secretary of Cardinal Yosip Slipyi and to talk in Ukrainian. PODGORNÝ talked also in Ukrainian, asked many questions about exhibits, and about some other matters. What were these other matters, Source did not know, but there must have been something special because immediately after his reporting to his superiors, rev. MARUSYN was sworn into keeping his conversation with Podgorny secret.