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The attached is an interesting example of problems the Soviet regime has in disciplining its intellectuals. It further confirms the feeling that Ivan DRACH compromised his principles in return for a trip to the West. The information on the books in the Vydubysky Monastery (para.6) is interesting. It adds to the suspicions that the fire in the library of the Acad. of Sciences was more than an act of revenge by a mentally deranged employee against his superior.

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SUBJECT : Visit in Kiev with Ivan SVITLYCHNYY who released from prison

1. The source of the following information is an American citizen of Ukrainian birth, an architect by profession, who was in the Ukraine from 15 August to 7 September 1967. Through a writer in Kiev with whom the source had contact, he was put in touch with Ivan SVITLYCHNYY, from whom the source learned the information given below. SVITLYCHNYY impressed Subject as a quiet, phlegmatic type, somewhat reserved, introverted but friendly, and radiating with warmth. He seemed to accept anything and everything with a strong stoicism and self control. It was apparent SVITLYCHNYY is held in high esteem by his fellow Ukrainians. When the source walked along Khrashchatyk Street in Kiev with him, at least 30 individuals approached him to shake his hand.

2. During his first 3 months in prison, SVITLYCHNYY was under very strict discipline. The last 5 months, he was permitted to read and write, and was treated better in all respects. He had "dozens and dozens of high level conversations with generals of the KGB." They all spoke a fine Ukrainian. He was not neglected by the KGB after his release from prison either. The KGB continues periodic talks with him through the present. Contact with him is maintained by a "general of the KGB, who speaks Ukrainian, of course, and who probably realizes I know that all the Ukrainianism is but a masquerade." SVITLYCHNYY said he was frequently questioned by the KGB about Roxanne and that it would, therefore, be wise for her not to travel behind the iron curtain.

3. Valentyn MOROZ was brought from Mordovia to Kiev in September of this year for additional questioning, and on 3 August, Vyacheslav CHORNOVIL was arrested in Lvov for his complaints to the authorities concerning the secret trials and imprisonment of Ukrainian intellectuals. (Note: We have a copy of a long letter dated 15 April 1967, which MOROZ wrote to the Deputies of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, in which

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complains about the treatment of political prisoners in the Mordovian prison camps and about the unjust sentencing of intellectuals to the prisons.)

4. SVITLYCHNYY told the source that he and his colleagues do not approve of the "policy" of Ivan DRACH and Vitaliy KOROTYCH, which aims at finding compromise with the regime but has to abide by the principles it proclaims. SVITLYCHNYY and his colleagues place emphasis on honesty, integrity, truthfulness and genuine freedom of action, as opposed to dishonesty, falsehood, corruption and servility; and it is only by abiding by those ideals and being ready to suffer for them that his group became and will remain a focus of attraction for young Ukrainians. This line has in the last few years attracted a wide circle of young intellectuals and SVITLYCHNYY was very optimistic about the future. SVITLYCHNYY said that if he and the other members of his group would compromise, as did DRACH and KOROTYCH, they would not only betray their own ideals but would indicate their approval of the "ideals" of the DMYTERKOS and the SKABAS. Identification with the DMYTERKOS and SKABAS would mean there was no Ukrainian body politic left at all. SVITLYCHNYY said he felt very sorry for DRACH and that he had much understanding for him personally, but that on the other hand, for higher considerations, he had to disavow him. Prior to this shift, DRACH had earned the reputation as one of the leaders of the group; and as one of the leaders, he should not have done what he did. It was DZYUBA who the regime first selected to attend the United Nations General Assembly as a Ukrainian Delegate, in exchange for which opportunity he was to write an article against Ukrainian emigres. When DZYUBA told "them" to leave his home and close the door behind them, DRACH was approached, and DRACH could have done what DZYUBA did. Evhen SVERSTYUK, another writer with whom the source talked, was even more outspoken against DRACH. He said "DRACH was one of our leaders and he broke down, a luxury a leader cannot allow himself."

5. SVITLYCHNYY told the source about the 22 May demonstration at the Shevchenko Monument in Kiev. He said his sister Nadia was in the front row with the demonstrators. It was the biggest demonstration Kiev ever saw. When the militia turned off the water hoses, which they brought out to break up the gathering, and the leaders were led away, more people began to gather and they all marched to the CC CPU to demand the release of the leaders. It was SVITLYCHNYY's opinion that the authorities would not have

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released the leaders if the group demanding their release had not kept growing larger and larger. He felt that a significant precedent had been set, because it was the first time the regime had yielded to the demands of the people.

6. According to SVITLYCHNYY, books taken from the library at the Academy of Sciences during the fire in May 1964 are being kept in the Vydubysky Monastery in Kiev. He requested that the Western press raise the question of why the books are being retained at the Monastery and whether the books have been catalogued. The source, at SVITLYCHNYY's request, visited the Monastery and learned from a young woman (L.I. GONTAR, vul. Vydubyskyi 1, Korpua 7, Kiev 14) who was sorting the books that the Monastery would soon be open to tourists, and that the books were soon to be dispatched to an unknown destination. The source saw great numbers of books, in no apparent order, all over the place.

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