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Subject: DOBROVSKA, Maria Stepanivna

Date : 22 Jan 1968

1. Subject arrived ^{for good} from the Ukraine to New York, N.Y., on 22 Nov 1967 via Moscow and Amsterdam, by air, together with her mother Olga Dobrovska, and stays now with her uncle WRUBEL, Joseph at Flushing, 144 - 51 68th Road, N.Y., Tel. BO 1 - 6715. WRUBEL was their sponsor (and also paid for their trip). Subject was born on 7 July 1950 at PIDYARKIV, r-n Peremyshlany, obl. Lvov. There she lived with her mother and brother, (aged 23, married who had remained at Pidyarkiv). Subject went to school first in her native village and then last two years of desiatylitka attended in Lvov, at Lychakiv, where she lived in a dormitory. Subject is Ukrainian, single, former member of Komsomol. She was expelled from Komsomol because she refused to resign from her American visa. A short interview was already held by a friend of ours at Subject's house. Arrangements for further interviews have been made. Subject is a bright, intelligent, serious girl and makes a good impression on the whole.

2. After Subject made application with her mother for an American visa, she was warned by her Komsomol superiors that "this was not right on her part". A real trouble started after her mother got permit to emigrate. This was about 2 or 3 months prior to their departure for America. Subject was publicly upbraided and criticized for her lack of "ideological consciousness", refused to be ~~given~~ her Certificate of Graduation from Desiatylitka, and finally publicly at a Komsomol meeting, expelled from it membership. All that was preceded by numerous talks with Komsorgs, teachers and even party bosses who tried to convince her that she should resign from her emigration to the States. As main arguments were used the following "facts about the USA":

a/ USA is a capitalist country where working class was still inhumanely oppressed and starved. This applied in particular to the Negroes who continued to exist in the state of slavery.

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b/ There was no future in the States for emigres. Their status, with few exceptions, was similar to those of Negroes.

c/ Subject will have no chance to study in the States because tuition there was very expensive and only rich people could afford it.

d/ Street - and other crime is an every-day- fact of life in the States. Material and spiritual filth in American cities is no proper atmosphere for maturing of young people.

e/ Life in the States is very brutal, materialistic, and solely dictated by "dollar" and its owners. Subject won't feel well in the States and sooner or later will get frustrated and lonely. She will never make good in America.

Shortly before her departure, Subject wrote to Moscow, to the Ministry of Education, and asked about her Certificate of Graduation. After a while she was called to the school and given her certificate. The treatment given her by Komsomol was so bad that she almost suffered a nervous breakdown. A Ukrainian nurse helped her to recover and persuaded her not to give in. In desiatylitkas Subject attended, all subjects were taught in Ukrainian. Only Russian literature and language were in Russian. Subject stayed mostly in Ukrainian circles and felt very strongly about her being Ukrainian. At Komsomol they also spoke Ukrainian.

4. According to Subject's mother people were talking now that since 1966 and particularly in summer 1967 the KGB personnel has been increased and "anew" a lot of plainclothes-agents suddenly came to appearance, on all levels, even in rayons.