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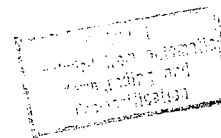
SUBJECT : Mykhaylo Ivanovich *SKULENKO

1. The Subject was employed in the Soviet Pavillion in Montreal during Expo-1967. It was reported at that time by an AECASSOWARY contact that the Subject was employed as an "English speaker with Radio Kiev." In Montreal Subject showed great interest in members of the Ukrainian section of CBC, visiting their homes and joining them for cocktails and dinner parties in their homes and in restaurants. It was recently learned that during his stay in Canada Subject reportedly fell in love with Laryssa *MELNYK of Montreal, and that they had been making plans to get married. Laryssa, a college graduate in her early twenties, is Canadian born. When the Subject returned to the Soviet Union he continued to correspond with Laryssa.

2. Early this year, Laryssa decided to visit the Subject and applied for a visa to the Soviet Union. Her visa application was turned down, and in spite of assurances in the Subject's letters that he would see to it that she was given a visa, she was unable to obtain one. It seemed he too was unable to obtain a visa to visit her in Canada. Finally in June of this year, Laryssa and her mother, Halyna MELNYK, travelled to the CSSR on a CEDOK-prize Laryssa won in a lottery. In Czechoslovakia, after a great deal of effort, they were able to obtain Soviet visas and called on the Subject in Kiev. The Subject this time said he was ready to marry Laryssa only if she promised to live in the Ukraine. Since they had previously talked about marriage with the intention of trying to get him out of the Soviet Union, Laryssa decided she was no longer interested.

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3. During Laryssa's visit with the Subject, he "disclosed" to her that although he was employed with Radio Kiev, he was a Major in the KGB. He said he was depressed because instead of a promotion which he expected on his return from Expo-67, he was assigned to a minor position. It is believed the "disclosure" about being a Major in the KGB was used merely to discourage Laryssa in her intentions to marry the Subject. However, he was at least collaborating with the KGB while in Canada, and it is being reported for your information.

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