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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Latest Developments on the Ukrainian Scene
(Through 10 January 1969)

1. According to a Project AERODYNAMIC source, who visited in the Ukraine in early January of this year and who spoke with a number of dissident intellectuals, the following are some of the more recent developments.
2. The drive against Ukrainian intellectual dissidents continues, although there are no new imprisonments. Reluctant to create any more martyrs, the authorities now have dissidents dismissed from their jobs and reject the applications for registration for legal residence in the cities of released political prisoners. These measures are creating even greater hardships than imprisonment.
3. Mykhaylo OSADCHYY, literary scholar and critic sentenced in early 1966 to 4 years for anti-regime, nationalist activities, and released in the summer of 1967, is allowed to visit his wife and daughter in Lvov, but he has been denied permission to reside there and is not even permitted to spend a night with his family. He has been roaming around in nearby villages since the summer of 1967. Mykhaylyna KOTSYUBINSKA,, who has been involved in dissident activities since 1965, as a result of which she was expelled from the CPU and from her job at the Institute of Literature at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, is still unemployed. Ivan SVITLYCHNYI's sister Nadiya, who was dismissed from her job with Radio Kiev as a result of her involvement in dissident activities, recently was able to find employment as a librarian in a Kiev suburb. Alla HORSKA, (Kiev sculptress expelled from the Ukrainian Union of Artists for signing a protest document), and

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her husband, Viktor ZARETSKY, have been expelled from the CPU. It was rumored that ZARETSKY would be reinstated. Ivan DRACH, who was expelled from the Party for the same "crime" is being readmitted to the CPU. Halyna SEVRUK, Kiev artist, was expelled from the Union of Artists, as were a number of others. The source was told that the Union of Artists was subjected to a severe purge. Viktor KARPENKO and Oleksander NAZARENKO (arrested 26 June 1968 for "distributing anti-Soviet leaflets") are still waiting to be tried. Valentyn MOROZ was brought to Kiev from Mordovia and is waiting for a new trial. MOROZ's wife was notified in 1968 that she would be expected to cover the expenses of the new trial. It is expected that Vyacheslav CHORNOVIL, who now is in a prison in Lvov, will be released in February of this year. Opanas I. ZALYVAKHA (journalist and artist sentenced in 1966 to 5 years) was told he would be released if he signed a confession. He refused and remains in a Mordvinian camp.

4. Igor KALYNETS (employee of Lvov Oblast archives, who was put through a series of interrogations in the past by the KGB because of his involvement with dissidents) was threatened with dismissal from his job, following interrogation by the KGB after a poem of his appeared, along with some indiscreet commentary by the editors, in Shlyakh Peremohy (OUN/B newspaper in Munich).

5. Oles' HONCHAR is back in favor. He told the authorities that his adversaries tried to politically interpret his Sobor in a way which never occurred to him. In the opinion of Ukrainian intellectuals with whom the source spoke, the turmoil around Sobor created a favorable atmosphere for the dissidents.

6. The source was told in Kiev that a new campaign of discrimination against Soviet Jews is now in full swing. Following an announcement that immigration to Israel would be permitted, those who registered were not permitted to leave, and were later dismissed from their jobs.

7. Kiev dissident intellectuals claimed to have good contacts with Russian liberals in Moscow and Leningrad, among

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whom they were finding a growing understanding for the Ukrainian cause. SVITLYCHNYY and Yaroslav STUPAK attended LITVINOV's trial in Moscow. SVITLYCHNYY also said he received a New Year's greeting from Yuri DANIEL.

8. Kiev Ukrainians spoke of OVCHARENKO (Fyodor D., Chief of the ideological section, CC CPU) as an "intelligent, basically positive man", who arrived in his present position too late and who is being by-passed in the CC CPU. He is inclined to grant concessions in order to check tense relations with Ukrainian intellectuals, but is hampered in these moves by the hard-liners. There are now a number of West Ukrainians in the CC CPU, which is not an all positive aspect, since West Ukrainians are more sensitive and more experienced in detecting any negative trends.

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