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Subject: BATIUK, Victor of the Permanent Mission to the U.N. from the
Ukrainian SSR

Source: RK

Date: 7 Oct. 1969

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1. Meeting was arranged when Source called subject at his residence in the Mission of the Ukrainian SSR. Source told him that he gotten his address from a member of the New York student association, and found out from them that Batiuk was a poet. Since source was interested in Soviet Ukrainian literature, he would like to meet him and discuss with him the latest developments in Ukraine. Subject seemed quite willing, and told source that he would be at a dance sponsored by the New York student association that same evening, the fifth of October.
2. Subject arrived at the dance alone, he was met at the door by members of the student association and by source. After introductions they went inside for a drink. Subject seemed pleasant, easygoing, age about 30, brown curly hair, wears glasses, about 5'11" tall. He is quite talkative, well informed about Ukrainian student affairs and the emmigration in general. He talks about political topics readily.
3. Subject asked if source was at the Munich congress, and if the resolutions adopted there appealed to him. He stated that most of the resolutions were progressive, except for the first few which were "old hat" and had to be inserted to satisfy the older generation.
4. When the conversation turned to Dziuba and the attacks against him in the Soviet press, subject said that he had read Dziuba's book, but felt that he took too harsh a stand in regards to the nationality program in the USSR. Subject further stated that a similar book could not be allowed even in the US which criticized certain policies of the government. Source replied that this was not so, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver is available to everyone, and this book criticizes certain American policies more harshly than Dziuba's. Subject did not answer. Source told Subject that a group of Ukrainian students from New York had written a letter to Shelest protesting the campaign against Dziuba. Subject did not know about this letter, and was interested in seeing it.

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5. Subject was acquainted with Ukrainian emigre poets, and had read their works. He reads Suchasnist regularly, but the September issue did not arrive in the mission yet.

6. Subject would like to meet source again at a later date, he would like to do some sightseeing in New York. His wife and daughter will be arriving in New York next month.