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1. On 24 Oct 1969 around 19.00 hrs Sources went to the party given by BILOKOLOS at the Mission. Together with other guests they were welcomed by the Minister, chief of the Mission POLYANYCHKO, his wife, and one or two other people from his entourage standing in the line, incl. a middleaged lady whom they did not, however, introduce to the Source. BILOKOLOS, POLYANYCHKOS, and the lady were very friendly but otherwise the Source was given much less attention than on previous occasions. Furthermore, some of the Mission people were "evidently reserved". Thus, in the very beginning BOLBOTENKO and BATIUK seemed even to avoid them. Instead, KRAVETS approached the Source and started to play host. He obviously enjoyed his role knowing perfectly well how much the Source disliked him because of their "skirmishes" in the past.

2. According to KRAVETS he had greetings for the Source from CHERNIAVSKY Viktor and his wife from Kiev and also a gift which he promised to bring. Also KOCHUBEY sent his greetings and all <sup>history</sup> ~~goodly~~ wanted some books from the Source, particularly "The History of the OUN". After having asked about Source's research work, KRAVETS expressed an interest in Source's documents she was working on, since he thought "they dealt also with Ukrainian affairs". The Source had to disappoint him on that. According to Kravets, both, Cherniavsky and Kochubey "were at the University in Kiev writing their theses".

3. BATIUK approached the Source after a while but seemed to be ill at ease in her company. He asked whether he could bring a book to Source's house he had got recently for her especially.

4. On the whole nothing of substance was discussed. The Source and her friend felt "somewhat offended" and left after half an hour or so.

5. TSURKAN whom Dr Levytsky Volodymyr recommended to Source on telephone the previous day, did not approach the Source and she did not ask about him either.

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6. The only one ( beside KRAVETS) who seemdd to be really interested in the Source was Rev. Mathew STADNIUK . He promised to telephone her to arrange soon for a meeting to discuss " all problems". "There was so much going on in church life , yours and ours , that we'll have to meet and exchange our opinions"- was his conclusion. He did not, however, specify what exactly he meant. Last summer he spent 4 months in Europe, was in Kiev and Lvov. He also took part in some Catholic conference in St.Louis as "an observer".

7. On 8 Nov 1969 ,in the morning, as arranged by telephone ,the Source and her friend picked up Rev. Stadniuk,his wife and Olga,MLYNAR at 96th Street , near the Orthodox Church in NYC and brought them first to her country-house at Walkkill ,N.Y. and then to the Bishop's residence ( Stadniuk's superior) at Pinebush, N.Y.

The talk was rather general, it centered around "ecumenical problems". Rev.Stadniuk stressed necessity for developing "ecumenical spirit" between <sup>Ukrainian</sup> Catholics and Orthodox churches but did not go beyond banal generalities.

The Source tried to direct the talk to more specific problems but Stadniuk continued to pursue his <sup>old</sup> line. He agreed with Source that paralelly with negotiations between the Vatican and Moscow there should be also talks between Kiev and Cardinal Slipyi. On this occasion he even praised Cardinal Slipyi "as a great and wise man ". But otherwise he either talked about "spirit", "atmosphere", "dialogue" etc , or rather preferred to ~~summarize~~ listen to what Source had to say.

As to the fate of Bishop Velichkivsky , he promised to enquire with BILOKOLOS and the Mission in NYC whether it would be possible to do something to get the Bishop released. The Source raised this question stressing that Velichkovsky was her personal friend and friend of her family <sup>still</sup> in old times in the Ukraine.

8. Stadniuk was very much interested in Source's work, her houses, particularly her country-house, her neighbors, and went into such details that almost puzzled her. He wanted to know when she bought the house, from whom , how did she manage " to keep it so orderly", who helped her to do it, etc

9. Stadniuk seemed to be genuinely surprised and unhappy when the Source told him about the "treat" she was given at the Mission party on 24 Oct 1969.

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10. Olga MLYNAR who was introduced to Source as "the lady who cooks for <sup>Bishop</sup> ~~us~~, on the way to Wallkill, N.Y. pretended to be napping while in reality she was listening all the time very attentively. While at Source's home in Wallkill, she was quite helpful to Stadniuk in putting questions to Source. She did not only know how to listen but aksed several questions well "to the point" and turned out to be a very smart, intelligent, and well read woman. According to Source she seemed to be a well trained intelligence agent:

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