

Re : KOBZIAR, Olga, Xenia Motel, Road 23A, Jewett, N.Y.
LAMPIKA, Maria, Marichka Motel, Road 23 A, Jewett, N.Y.

Their Trip to Ukraine in June 1970

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1. Both, Olga and Maria, are married, in their mid-fifties, post war Ukrainian immigrants, US citizens; they and their husbands are connected with OUN M. Lampikas have also a residence in Trenton, N.J. where they own a "Parcel agency" affiliated with "Cosmos" in New York, N.Y.

2. On 4 June 1970 Olga and Maria left by air from JFK for the Soviet Union together with a tour arranged by Kowbasniuk Agency of New York, N.Y. They were going to stay with the tour to Moscow and then leave it to be on their own. Moreover that Olga was going to see her mother and other relatives in Lvov. Thus, they were actually only formally with the tour which included Moscow (2 days), Lvov (8 days), Kiev (3 days) plus a hydrofoil cruise to Kaniv and Cherkassy and then back home via Rome.

3. According to Olga and Maria, from the time of their arrival in Moscow they were "heading for trouble". Already in Moscow the Inturist arranged for them to stay one day longer than scheduled. On their arrival at Lvov Airport they were photographed by "divers" who brought them to the Inturist hotel. So they were also told by their relatives who came to welcome them at the Airport. They were accommodated in same room but Maria Olga left one of suitcases with her mother.

4. From the very beginning they were put under heavy surveillance. One or two days after their arrival in Lvov Maria asked the Inturist for a permission to visit a village. That's how she thinks the whole problem ^{has} started. Next day she was asked to come to the Oblvykonkom. The first meeting was very general. She was asked about life in the States, their motel in Jewett, N.Y. how it was built, what were the costs, how it was run, what were other methods of building hotels in the States etc. Only gradually they moved to political topics, first very general then more specific. This happened already during second or third interrogation when she was asked in detail about political and cultural organization in the States, political personalities, and their activities. When asked about Mykola Lebed she replied that ~~he~~

he was now an old man ,over 70, and inactive. The KGB officer laughed and said that she should know better how old Lebed was and what he was doing since he was her husband's schoolmate and was born in 1910.

Then they pressed her about her own activities, and finally showed her *her* "case" of 1940. At that time Maria was arrested by KGB (then MVD) , charged with contacts with the OUN, then released. According to her she signed an obligation on her ~~release~~ from Lvov Prison that she would keep ~~quite~~ quiet and would never do anything against the Soviet regime, and *would* help the *her* ~~Shortly~~ after her release she escaped via Carpathian Mountains to German occupied ~~Polish~~ Polish territory. Now, "they" showed her her papers from 1940 and warned her that if she did anything contrary to her obligation from the past she would be in real trouble.

9. ~~On~~ their arrival in Kiev they were again under surveillance. Next day when they were leaving their hotel they were approached by several men who separated them. Olga was taken back to the hotel and Maria was to continue her sightseeing in their company.

10. Olga was led to a room where another officer already waited for her. The ~~start~~ed to interrogate Olga. She was charged with being a courier of the OUN M(~~M~~B). To all intents and purposes this seems to be true). She was told about her OUN membership in the past , her imprisonment in Polish concentration camp in Bereza Kartuska ^{in 1939}. She was given all kind of proof of her and her husband's connections with Melnyk Group now, incl. their donations to "The First Ukrainian Printing House in France" in Paris (owned by OUN M.).

She was even told such a detail as the fact that after her and others' release from ^{Bereza} Kartuska in 1939 by Germans a friend of her ~~left~~ *drove away* by car and left her walking alone. This, according to Olga, "did it" , together with a threat that she won't ever ~~again~~ see her children and husband. Allegedly , she fainted and a female doctor was called who gave her an injection.

In the ~~making~~ meantime Maria was subjected to an interrogation while walking in the streets of Kiev. From time to time one of her companions went to telephone on an "urgent business". Once, when Maria asked him what happened to Olga, she was told that Olga was all right, there was just a doctor with her.

This kind of "sightseeing" continued for Maria for several hours and after she came to the hotel ,Olga was still in bed.

Incidentally Olga told her that not only all her baggage but also her cloths she had on were thoroughly searched.

11. At one point Olga was asked about "what was she told by Slavko " (Yaroslav Hayvas), the Melnyk group's chief of Liason Dept. with Ukraine .

12. when both, Maria and Olga, tried to reach US Embassy in Moscow by phone, ~~that~~ they were told that this won't help them. "Remember the one from Cleveland whom we ~~xxx~~ sentenced and shot? Moreover, if we tell the Americans who you are they will only turn their backs on you in haste."

13. On their departure from Kiev, Maria was told that she might come back but would have to behave herself, and Olga was threatened that if she should come she would be arrested at once. "Don't come here again and don't try to do any nonsense (chepukhu) here again". Maria was also told not to tell anybody in the West about her "experience", "moreover that then you would get in trouble with American police".

14. Prior to Olga's arrival in Lvov, her mother was visited by an electrician who claimed that something was wrong with the main and he had to repair it. Two days later while sweeping the floor the mother found a mike. Next day the same electrician came again because he had to "correct something". In the Inturist room Olga and Maria did not talk about anything compromising and after the former was subjected to an interrogation she wrote about it on paper. Next day she was asked what she was writing. Incidentally, ~~xxxx~~ in Moscow they had a room with radio and television which did not work but they could see themselves in the television screen as though in the mirror.

Both, in Moscow and Lvov their suitcases were searched, while they were out.

7. Olga visited ^{IN LVOV} also other relatives and friends. At a sport stadium she was recognized as wife of ~~the~~ her husband who was famous at one time in Lvov as ~~football~~ soccerplayer, and was given a bottle of cognac.