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REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR NYC178 OF 23 JANUARY 1965.
IN ADDITION TO SENDING "A LETTER TO FRIENDS" DATED JANUARY 15TH THE DAUGHTER OF MELCHIOR WANKOWICZ SPOKE TO A GROUP OF POLISH-AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN WASHINGTON ABOUT HER RECENT VISIT TO POLAND AND THE PLANS OF HER FATHER. THIS PRIVATE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 20 PERSONS AND WAS CONFIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER. SHE SAID MORE AT THIS MEETING THAN IN HER LETTER OF JANUARY 15. KNOWING HOW CLOSELY KNIT THE WANKOWICZ FAMILY IS IT CAN SAFELY BE GUESSED THAT WHAT SHE TOLD TO SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HER FATHER AND IS WHAT HE WANTED HER TO CONVEY. THEREFORE THE MAIN POINTS OF HER STATEMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A NECESSARY ADDITION TO WHAT SHE WROTE IN HER "LETTER TO FRIENDS". SINCE, HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT COMMIT HER REMARKS TO WRITING - THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS EVEN MORE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL THAN THE LETTER ITSELF AND ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT MEANT FOR BCASTING.

NO MEMBER OF RFE STAFF OR FREE LANCERS WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

THE POLISH RFE CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON, A POMIAN WAS INVITED BUT THE INVITATION CAME TOO LATE FOR HIM TO ATTEND.

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WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE MEETING COMES FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE NAMED. HERE ARE THE MAIN POINTS OF THE SUMMARY GIVEN BY SOURCE IN A TALK WITH ME.
ONE/ WANKOWICZ IS ABSOLUTELY DECIDED NOT TO LEAVE POLAND IN ANY EVENT, EVEN IF HE HAS TO SERVE HIS PRISON SENTENCE /WHICH HE HOPES WILL NOT BE ENFORCED/ AND EVEN IF HE HAS TO RENOUNCE HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, WHICH BASICALLY HE WOULD PREFER TO KEEP. HOWEVER, HE IS DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP WAS A SPECIAL IRRITANT TO THE REGIME, BECAUSE IT SINGLED HIM OUT AS A WRITER ENJOYING SPECIAL PROTECTION OF A FOREIGN POWER. THE REGIME RESENTED THE FACT THAT THIS MADE HIM A MORE DIFFICULT NUT TO CRACK IN ANY ATTEMPT AT INFLUENCING OR INTIMIDATING POLISH WRITERS AND INTELLECTUALS. IT SEEMS THAT THE "SPECIAL TREATMENT" THE REGIME APPLIED TO WANKOWICZ /ARREST, TRIAL, ETC/ WAS TO A GREAT EXTENT DUE TO HIS US CITIZEN STATUS IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM HEW THE REGIMES LINE OR TO GET RIDE OF HIM AS A SOURCE OF RESISTANCE AND EMBARRASSMENT

COMMENT (THE APPARENT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE TRIAL FOR THE REGIME IS A DIFFERENT PROBLEM)

ANYWAY, WANKOWICZ FEELS THAT IF HIS "AMERICANISM" IS STILL SO OFFENSIVE TO THE REGIME - AS TO PROVOKE FOR INSTANCE HIS DEPORTATION - HE WOULD RATHER LOSE HIS US CITIZENSHIP THAN LEAVE POLAND "WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO DIE" AND WHERE AT PRESENT HE ENJOYS A GREAT PERSONAL POPULARITY BECAUSE OF HIS STAUNCH STAND TAKEN IN COURT WHICH EARNED HIM GENERAL ADMIRATION AND RESPECT.

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BE STATED THAT WANKOWICZ BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE WAR, ALTHOUGH
POPULAR AS A WRITER IN POLAND, WAS NOT PARTICULARLY ADMIRER AS
A PERSON (AND A VERY SHREWD BUSINESSMAN). THEREFORE THE PRESENT
ESTEEM HE ENJOYS MUST BE A

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GREAT GRATIFICATION FOR HIM ESPECIALLY AFTER THE ORDEAL OF THE
ACCUSATION AND TRIAL.

ANOTHER ELEMENT WANKOWICZ'S DAUGHTER MENTIONED IN HER WASHINGTON
TALK WAS THE RELATIONSHIP OF HER FATHER AND THE POLISH
EMIGRATION. SHE SAID THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS TRIAL HE
SUBMITTED TO THE WARSAW COURT A 40 PAGE LONG STATEMENT IN SUPPORT
OF HIS DEFENSE. IN THIS DOCUMENT HE ALSO DWELT AT LENGTH ON
THE CRITICAL ATTITUDE OF THE POLISH EMIGRATION TOWARDS HIM
WHEN HE DECIDED IN 1956/57 TO RETURN TO POLAND AND STRESSED THE
STRONG CRITICISM OF WHICH HE THEN WAS THE TARGET.

OUR OWN REMARK ("OSTRACISM" COULD EVEN BE THE WORD)

IN THIS RESPECT WANKOWICZ'S DAUGHTER SAID: IN HIS 40 PAGES
STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE WARSAW COURT MY FATHER MADE CERTAIN
POINTS / ON THE EMIGRATION/ WITH WHICH MOST OF YOU HERE PRESENT;
WOULD DISAGREE. HE EVEN MADE SOME POINTS WITH WHICH I /HIS
DAUGHTER/ WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE.

SHE REFUSED TO ENLARGE ON THIS SUBJECT CLAIMING THAT AFTER
ALL THE TRIAL TOOK PLACE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND SHE CANNOT
RISK TOO MANY DISCLOSURES BECAUSE OF HER FATHER'S PERSONAL
SECURITY.

OWN COMMENT: THIS ARGUMENT IS OF COURSE VALID IN ITSELF,
BUT ANOTHER REASON FOR HER DISCRETION WAS PROBABLY NOT TO HURT
THOSE PRESENT SINCE HER FATHER IN A PAPER DESIGNED TO SUPPORT
HIS DEFENSE MIGHT HAVE EXAGGERATED THE TREATMENT HE GOT IN AMERICA
AFTER HE HAD DECIDED TO RETURN TO POLAND. AT THAT TIME I.A.
THE STIPEND HE WAS RECEIVING FROM FEC WAS DISCONTINUED.

TWO/ IN HIS DEFENSE WANKOWICZ DID DENY TO HAVE SENT ABROAD
SLANDEROUS MATERIAL ABOUT PEOPLES POLAND WHICH HIS DAUGHTER
IN WASHINGTON ALLEGEDLY WAS PASSING ON TO RFE - AS FALSELY
STATED IN THE INDICTMENT. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN WARSAW MAINTAINED
THAT SOME FACTS, COMMENTS AND

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REMARKS MADE BY WANKOWICZ IN A SCRIPT SENT TO HIS DAUGHTER
WERE LATER FOUND BY THE WARSAW AUTHORITIES IN SOME OF RFE
PROGRAMS ON THE 34 INTELLECTUALS /LETTER TO CYRANKIEWICZ/
AND OTHER RFE SCRIPTS.

WANKOWICZ - ACCORDING TO HIS DAUGHTER AS QUOTED BY YOUR
SOURCE - EXPLAINED TO THE COURT THAT SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS
CONTAINED IN THE SCRIPT SENT TO HIS DAUGHTER MIGHT INDEED
HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO RFE - BUT NOT VIA HIS DAUGHTER.
HE ADMITTED THAT HIS SCRIPT SENT TO HER WAS CRITICAL OF THE REGIMES
CULTURAL POLICY AND THAT IT WAS WRITTEN TO BE
DELIVERED AS A SPEECH AT THE MEETING OF THE POLISH WRITERS
UNION BUT WAS NOT DELIVERED BECAUSE THE SENIOR POLISH NOVELIST
MARIA DABROWSKA TACKLED THE SAME PROBELMS IN HER SPEECH AND SO
HIS STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN REPETITIOUS. OF THIS UNDELIVERED
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HIS STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN REPETITIOUS. OF THIS UNDELIVERED SPEECH HE MADE FIVE COPIES OF WHICH HE SENT ONE TO HIS DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON, KEPT TWO AT HOME AND GAVE TWO REMAINING ONES TO OTHER PEOPLE IN WARSAW FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION AMONG WRITERS. IN HIS DEFENSE HE TOOK THIS POSITION:

THE SCRIPT CONTAINED REMARKS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE WRITERS COMMUNITY AND SINCE HE DID NOT DELIVER THE SPEECH, HE FELT ENTITLED TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS BY MAKING THE SCRIPTS OF THE SPEECH AVAILABLE TO SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES. HE CANNOT BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR POSSIBLE LEAKS OR INDISCRETIONS WHICH ENABLED SOME OF THIS MATERIAL TO REACH RFE /IF RFE ACTUALLY DID GET IT/.

AT FIRST HE HAD FORGOTTEN HOW MANY COPIES OF THE SCRIPT WERE MADE BUT HE SUDDENLY REALIZED THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM, AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM PRISON AND FINDING THE TWO COPIES HE KEPT IN HIS APARTMENT. THE APARTMENT OF COURSE, HAD BEEN RAIDED BY THE SECRET POLICE, THEREFORE HE WAS AMAZED TO FIND THESE TWO COPIES. THE EFFECT OF THE AMAZEMENT REVIVED HIS MEMORY AS FAR AS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES IS CONCERNED AND THE USE HE MADE OF THEM.

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THREE/ WANKOWICZS DAUGHTER INTRODUCED ALSO A CERTAIN "JAMES BOND" ELEMENT INTO HER TALK TO THE GROUP OF POLISH AMERICAN FRIENDS SHE ADDRESSED AT THE PRIVATE MEETING IN WASHINGTON BY MENTIONING THE PART PLAYED BY THE ONLY WITNESS OF THE PROSECUTION NAMED CIBOR. WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST HER FATHER. GENERALLY SPEAKING HE WAS UNKNOWN TO THE WARSAW LITERARY AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES AND MUCH GUESSING TOOK PLACE WHEN HIS NAME APPEARED IN THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS. FROM WHAT SHE NOW SAID IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CIBOR WAS SPECIALLY DETAILED TO SPY ON MELCHOIR WANKOWICZ IN WARSAW WHERE HE IS NOW KNOWN TO BE A CAPTAIN OR MAJOR OF THE SECRET POLICE. HE WAS ALSO ALLEGEDLY SPYING ON THE WRITERS FAMILY IN AMERICA WHEN ON ASSIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON (DC) WHERE HE WAS FOR A TIME ON THE STAFF OF THE POLISH EMBASSY AND LIVED IN AN APARTMENT LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE PLACE WHERE WANKOWICZS DAUGHTER LIVES

OUR COMMENT: CIBORS WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT AND HIS RESIDENCE AT THAT TIME IS PROBABLY EASY TO CHECK. I MUST ADD THAT IN REPORTING THE CIBOR STORY OUR SOURCE STRESSED THE WRITERS DAUGHTER WAS LESS POSITIVE IN HER STATEMENTS CONCERNING THIS WITNESS AS COMPARED WITH THE WAY SHE PRESENTED OTHER POINTS OF HER NARRATIVE. THERE WAS LESS FLAT STATEMENT AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GUESSING OR SPECULATION.

FOUR/ SHE STATED THAT DURING HER VISIT TO POLAND SHE HAD NO UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES AND THAT SHE ALSO ENJOYED THE PERSONAL SYMPATHY AND POPULARITY OF HER FATHER I.A. WHEN SHE LANDED IN WARSAW THE PILOT OF THE PLANE AND A CHARWOMAN AT THE AIRPORT APPROACHED HER EACH OF THEM SEPARATELY AND SAID "EVERYTHING IS OK AND YOUR FAMILY IS WAITING". BOTH PARENTS WERE PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT.

FIVE/ SHE ALSO TOLD A WARSAW JOKE WHICH YOU CERTAINLY HEARD BEFORE: ONE STORY GOES THAT "THEY" NOW ARE FEVERISHLY HUNTING FOR THE TWO REMAINING WISE MEN /KACPER AND BALTAZAR/ BECAUSE ONE OF THEM - MELCHOIR IS ALREADY UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

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