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Interviewer: N. Ivansco
Place: N.Y.C.
Date: March 25, 26, 1957

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

1. Respondent's name: Code 26-M
2. Age; 26
3. Sex; Male
4. Marital status: single
5. Religion: Greek Catholic
6. Birthplace: Mezoladany
7. Spent most of his life: Mezoladany
8. At the outbreak of the revolution he lived in Budapest, on Gorkij Street near the Soviet Legation and the Stalin statue.
9. Ever abroad: Rumania in the summer of 1953 to attend an athletic track meet.
10. Military service: As a student he served in the Hungarian army one month in the summer of 1951.
11. Education: Graduated from an agricultural secondary school; enrolled in the Debrecen University School of Medicine in 1951. Before he could be admitted he had to undergo examinations from gimnazium subjects which were not taught in the agricultural school. (For example, Latin) He was expelled from the University Medical School because of political reasons in December, 1951. He studied music in the Debrecen School of Music. In the Fall of 1956 he enrolled in the Academy of Music in Budapest. (Conservatory)
12. Occupation: Did not have regular employment. Worked for a time on his father's farm. As a music student in Debrecen he had a part-time job in one of the Debrecen theatres as a maintenance and prop man.
13. Parents: Both living in Hungary. Father 56; mother 51
14. Respondent has married sister age 30 living in Hungary
15. Children: None
16. Left Hungary: December 1, 1956

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17. Arrived U.S.: December 14, 1956
18. Travels in U.S.: Camp Kilmer, Bard College, and N.Y.C.
19. Immediate plans: Would like to continue his music studies.
20. Respondent has not been questioned since leaving Hungary except for routine interviews with government officials.
21. Foreign languages: Studied German in school for five years, but does not speak it well. Studied Russian for two years in school, but knows very little.

Respondent is a 26 year old music student of peasant background. Intelligent, silent, and meditative type. Frankly admits he had been afraid during the revolution, and took no active part in the fighting. It required some time to gain his confidence, and there were some questions he was reluctant to answer. He speaks slowly, weighing all his answers very carefully, as most Hungarian peasants do. This lengthened the duration of the interview considerably, but it was well worth the time, because his answers on many questions were not the stereotyped ones we have been receiving so far.