

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

Interviewer:  
Mrs. Varga

1. Respondent's name F - 77
2. Age 36
3. Sex Female
4. Marital Status Married
5. Religion Protestant
6. Where born Debrecen, Hungary
7. Respondent spent most of her life in Debrecen.
8. Just before the revolution broke out, respondent lived at:  
Guszev Street 5,  
Budapest, VII.
9. Respondent was never abroad.
10. No military service.
11. Education: Six grades of Public School.
12. From 1934 to 1940 respondent was a factory worker in a tobacco factory. From 1940 to 1945, worked as helper in a coffee-house. Since 1945, respondent has worked as cleaning woman and factory worker in the MMHindu Chocolate Factory (to 1947), street-car conductor (1951 - 1953), and cleaning woman at a beauty salon from 1956 to the revolution. Respondent's husband has been a musician, entertainer in restaurants, ever since respondent married him.
13. Respondent's mother is 69, father is dead. Mother is now in Debrecen, Hungary.
14. Respondent has a sister 46 years old.

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15. Respondent has no children.
16. Respondent left Hungary Dec. 26, 1956.
17. Respondent arrived in the U.S. Aug. 2, 1957.
18. In the U.S., respondent has been only in NYC.
19. Subject would like to change her present job to factory work.
20. Subject has been interviewed in Vienna about Radio Free Europe, but doesn't remember by what organization.
21. Subject neither speaks nor reads any foreign language.

#### CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Respondent is a 5' 4" tall woman with a bony but very well shaped figure. Her face, framed with loose dark brown hair has an oriental structure, with high cheek bones, rather big mouth, and almond-shaped, sparkling brown eyes. Almost undoubtedly she is a gypsy. She is only 36 years old, but her face is prematurely worn out, covered with wrinkles and looks at least 45. She is sloppy, wears her dress with a soft negligence and is coquettish. Her movements are slow but always filled with the possibility of a sudden jump. The second day she said irrelevantly: "You know, if I didn't like you I would never have come back today. I wasn't interested in the money a bit. But I know that you won't find such a person as I am very soon."

Her father was a tinsmith in Debrecen and her mother a tobacco factory worker for 40 years. Parents were divorced when respondent was 2 years old and she rarely saw her father when she was a child. Father did well, worked in his own shop with apprentices and later, when respondent grew up, he would stop her on the street offering her money. She always refused it proudly, saying if he hadn't helped her mother for so long she didn't want his money either. She remembers her mother with great tenderness. Her mother and sister, who is ten years older than respondent, worked very hard to assure her an easier life. They always bought her delicate food and fine dresses.