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San Francisco 27, Cal.

7-30-1962.

My dear Senator:

Thank you for the assistance I have received from our Federal Government in connection with my attending the government-sponsored Foreign Language Institute at the S. F. State College in San Francisco, 6-25-8-18, 1962.

I have been taking the Russian Institute under the able care of Dr. Axelrod and his able assistants. Among them are: Mr. Brator, Mrs. Gavrilovich, Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. & Mrs. Sorokin, Mr. Laperrow, Mr. Dote, Prof. Norman, Prof. Dagnis, and many others - in the Laboratory, in the office, in the restaurant and in the Merced Hall Dorm. S. F. State is wonderful and so is San Francisco. The carefully chosen native speakers

with us, or, taking us to the wonderful restaurants for native meals - all, all of these wonderful people have helped me to improve my knowledge of the Russian Language and now I would be able to teach it much better than I did up to now. Besides attending this wonderful Institute one had the pleasure of meeting the language instructors from all over the country.

My family lives in Minneapolis and I know that they gladly spend their vacations without me knowing that I am studying and am able to send them the check that our U.S. Government had so graciously given to me. Thank you again, Dear Senator.

And now, I have another question to ask you:

(1). How and where can I find the information concerning the early Ukrainian

immigrant, the Reverend Agapius
HONCHARENKO, who came to S.F.
in 1867, was the editor for the "Alaska-
Herald" and who died in 1916?

(2) What could be done to preserve
his historical grave on the
privately owned ranch at Hay-
ward, Calif.?

(3) What could be done to allow
the local S.F. Ukrainians
to have a legal access to that
grave and how can we
rebuild his and his wife's
broken crosses when the
farmer threatens us with
a rifle?

(4) Such unpleasant situation
occurred only a day before yesterday
when the group of the parishioners
from St. Michaels Greek Orthodox
Church and Bill Strobel of the
Oakland Tribune have tried to
visit the precious historical graves.

Wishing you best of everything
I remain Very truly yours,
Ted Luciw

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Dear Senator Kuchel:
 Hon. Thomas H. Kuchel
 United States Senate
 Washington 25, D. C.
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Thank you for Mr. Ted Lucio's letter of July 30, which you enclosed with your communication of August 27, concerning the Reverend Agapine Honcharenko, editor of the Alaska Herald, who died in 1915 and is buried in California.

The National Park Service has no authority to preserve private graves and the Reverend Honcharenko's grave on a privately owned ranch at Hayward, California, necessarily will have to be a matter which concerns the ranch owner and descendants of the Reverend Honcharenko. The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments has repeatedly gone on record as being opposed to the Federal Government assuming responsibility for burial places of even very prominent men in our national affairs.

The question concerning providing access to the grave site for local Ukrainians of the San Francisco area will have to be resolved at the local level in negotiations with the owner of the ranch or by determining the legal rights of access to the grave site.

As for assembling information about the Reverend Honcharenko, that is a question of research in family, local, and census records, which must be the responsibility of the persons concerned.

We are returning Mr. Lucio's letter. We regret that we are not in a position to be helpful in this case, but appreciate your courtesy in writing to us about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) JACKSON E. PRICE

Assistant Director

Enclosure

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