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GREETING-CARDS FROM THE FIRST PERSONS OF THE UKRAINIAN STATE IN THE PERSONAL ARCHIVE OF M. SIKORSKY

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Mikhail Sikorsky (1923–2011) is a prominent museum, public figure in the field of culture and museum affairs of Ukraine. M. Sikorsky was born on October 13, 1923 in Chigirin city, Cherkasy region, in a family of workers. The parents died very early, and Michael was raised in the Chigirin orphanage, where he graduated from 8 classes. In 1939–1943 M. Sikorsky studied in aviation technical school. In 1946-1951 he studied at Taras Shevchenko University at the Faculty of History in Kyiv. After his graduation he became a director of the Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky Historical Museum. For 60 years of his work, Mikhail Sikorsky made a significant contribution to the study of history and culture, creating a unique museum complex – Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky State Historical and Cultural Reserve. In 1999, the reserve got the status of National Institution and became known as National Historical and Ethnographic Reserve «Pereyaslav».

For his many years of work and contribution to the development of the Museum of Ukraine M. Sikorsky received a number of state awards: Honored Worker of Culture of the USSR; winner of the State Prize of the Ukrainian SSR. Taras Shevchenko; Knight of the Order of Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise of the 5th degree; Order of Bohdan-Khmelnitsky of the third degree; Honorary Member of the Academy of Architecture of Ukraine; Laureate of the Republican Prize of D. Yavornitsky; Prize winner of Vernadsky; Honorary leader of the Jewish Council of Ukraine; Hero of Ukraine, with the presentation of the Order of the State for selfless service to Ukraine in the field of preservation and perpetuation of the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Ukrainian people, scientific and educational activities.

Till now, his personality continues to attract attention. Mikhail Sikorskiy spoke with many people (colleagues, scientists, public and statesmen). This is confirmed by documents (postcards, telegrams, letters) from M. Sikorsky's personal archive, which show a wide range of connections and suggest that Sikorsky was a remarkable authority.

Letters and telegrams of the highest rank of civil servants deserve special attention among the collected mail correspondence. Partially, M. Sikorsky's correspondence is considered in the article by T. Grudevich [1]. Telegrams from ex-presidents and the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine arouse the equal interest

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1. Dear Michael Ivanovich! Please accept my sincere congratulations on being awarded the title of Hero of Ukraine. I highly appreciate your many years of tireless efforts to preserve and promote the historical and cultural heritage of the Ukrainian people. It is a truly invaluable contribution to the revival of the spirituality of the nation, strengthening of faith in the future of Ukraine. I wish you good health, long years of active life, new achievements for the benefit of our Motherland.

Sincerely yours, President of Ukraine V. Yushchenko. 03/12/2005

2. Dear Michael Ivanovich! I sincerely congratulate you on your appointment of a life-long state scholarship as a prominent cultural figure. This is a testament to the appreciation of your many years of great work and a significant contribution to the development of Ukrainian art.

I wish you good health, kindness and happiness for many years to come.

President of Ukraine L. Kuchma. 90 years of the twentieth century.

3. Highly respected Mikhail Ivanovich! From the bottom of my heart I congratulate you on the joyful holiday of the Holy Resurrection of Christ. In the year before 2000 – the anniversary of Christ's Easter, the festivities are especially marked by the dreamy hope of spiritual rebirth and goodness, the triumph of justice and the spring renewal of life. May the hopes come true – for Happiness and Health, for peace and harmony, for joy and prosperity to you, your relatives and loved ones to the whole people of Ukraine.

Sincerely yours, President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma. 90 years of the twentieth century.

4. Dear Michael Ivanovich! I heartily congratulate you on your birthday. Your significant contribution to the preservation of the historical heritage of cultural and artistic monuments of Ukraine. Active citizenship and high authority naturally inspire a sense of respect. I wish you good health, well-being and kindness.

Sincerely yours, Volodymyr Lytvyn, Chairman of The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. 10/13/2004 [2].

The telegrams from the Ministers of Ukraine are worthy of attention:

1. The Honorable Mikhail Ivanovich! The Ministry of Culture of Arts of Ukraine sincerely congratulates you on awarding the President of Ukraine with the Order of Bohdan Khmelnytsky. We wish you good health, goodness, happiness, new achievements in the name of enriching the national culture.

Minister of Culture – Ostapenko. 9/29/1995

2. Dear Michael Ivanovich! I sincerely congratulate you on Fatherland Defender Day! We honor all those who defended their homeland and defended their independence in bloody battles. Curiously bowing to your deed, we are deeply aware that it is the duty of present and future generations to carry the banner of the Great Victory, to care for a worthy present, to build a peaceful, prosperous State. Your invaluable experience and strong word, dear veterans, are especially valuable today. I sincerely wish you and your loved ones good health, family happiness, peaceful heaven!

Yours faithfully, the Minister of Health of Ukraine – M. Polishchuk. 2005

3. Dear Michael Ivanovich! 60 years ago, when today a blossoming apple-pink spring came to earth and such a long-awaited peace. Thousands of front roads and brotherly graves are left behind for your friends – fellow soldiers, who put their lives on the Victory Altar. An earthly bow and boundless gratitude to you, Victory Soldiers, heroes who, in the difficult times of war, during the difficult post-war years, made sacrificial love for their native country and people. I warmly congratulate you on the holiday of Victory! Happiness to YOU, goodness and peace.

With deep respect, Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko. 2005 [2].

The telegrams from the People's Deputies of Ukraine are interesting:

1. Dear Michael Ivanovich! Please accept sincere congratulations on the title of Hero of Ukraine! Your quiet unbreakable and heroic service in the field of preserving and perpetuating the cultural and spiritual heritage of our Ukraine has long become a legend and an example for future generations. I wish you the health of creative longevity, the opening of new museums on the cherished Pereyaslav land.

Academician of NAS of Ukraine,

Member of Parliament of Ukraine Mykola Zhulinsky 18.03.2005.

Dear Michael Ivanovich! Monitors of the Kyiv region and all of Ukraine congratulate you on being awarded the title of Hero of Ukraine. We wish for new achievements, museums, health and happiness.

P. Tolochko, Chairman of the Association, Member of Parliament of Ukraine. 2005

3. Dear Michael Ivanovich! I sincerely congratulate you on Happy New Year! Merry Christmas! May the New Year of 2004 fulfill your brightest dreams and hopes and good luck in good works. I wish you and your relatives good health, harmony, happiness and love.

Sincerely yours, Chairman of the Board of the Intellectual Cooperation Fund «Ukraine – XXI Century», Member of Parliament of Ukraine – Bogdan Gubsky.

4. Dear Michael Ivanovich. We sincerely congratulate you on the title of Hero of Ukraine. It is a worthy assessment of your personal contribution to preserving the spirituality of the heritage of the Ukrainian people. We wish you good health for years and decades to come to fruition. Let the warmth of human gratitude for many years of ascetic activity in the name of the development of the native state warm the heart.

With deep respect and love for you, Member of Parliament of Ukraine (1989-1991), Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR – Orlik M.A.

5. Dear Michael Ivanovich! I sincerely congratulate you on your birthday! I wish good health, good luck, prosperity and well-being. Let success, stability, optimism and hope be your constant companions.

Yours sincerely, Member of Parliament of Ukraine Kirill Polishchuk. 13.10.2001 [2].

Thus, M. I. Sikorsky is a distinguished personality, and his career, professional activity, and significant museum and scientific achievements are of interest to the international community. The telegrams that are presented in this article are worthy of attention and make it possible to insert in the biography some information that reveals its relationship with high officials of the Ukrainian state.

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FORMATION OF THE PEREYASLAVSKY SCANSEN: IDEA COMMUNICATION AND PRACTICE IN INTERNATIONAL SPACE

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Monumental and museum work in Ukraine in 1960-1970's of XX century. characterized by a wave of mass interest in Ukrainian culture and the spread of the progressive idea of creating ethnographic museums of a new type – open-air museums, commonly called scans.

The first such museum in Ukraine was the Museum of Folk Architecture and Life in the Middle Dnieper region in Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky, Kyiv region, which is one of the richest treasures of original folk architecture and life of the inhabitants of the Dnieper villages of the 19th – beginning of the 20 th. The museum is a part of National historical and ethnographic reserve «Pereyaslav».

It is one of the largest ethnographic museums in the country. 185 objects are exhibited in it 124 of which are architectural monuments of the XVII-XX century of local and national importance. According to the number of monuments among the post-Soviet countries, it is second only to the National Museum of Folk Architecture and Life of Ukraine in the village of Pyrogovo near Kiev (275 sites) and the Lithuanian Museum of National Life in Rumshishkes (189 sites).

An ancient village occupying an area of 24.2 hectares is, situated in a picturesque area on the outskirts of the city on a low hill, which is surrounded by the valleys of the rivers Popivka and Trubezh. It offers a magnificent view of the city, a wide and beautiful panorama of the Dnieper cliffs and floodplain meadows.

The museum presents a wide variety of peasant architecture (monuments of residential and economic, public and sacral purpose), a collection of tools, household items, articles of craftsmen.

Formation of the museum began in 1958 with the creation of an ethnographic exhibition on the territory of St. Michael's Church. A fragment of the interior of the

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