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DANYLO SHUMUK

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the former Ukrainian political prisoner, Danylo Shumuk, who has spent 34 of his 73 years in various forms of detention in the USSR, has been given permission by the Soviet authorities to emigrate to Canada. The Soviet decision was a direct result of Mr. Clark's intervention on Danylo Shumuk's behalf to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Mr. Clark welcomed the decision to allow Mr. Shumuk to join members of his family in Vernon, British Columbia. He said that he expected Mr. Shumuk to arrive in Canada within the next week or two.

Mr. Clark added that he was delighted that his and the Government's efforts on behalf of human rights were achieving this type of good result.