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Khrushchev-era desktop decoration Kyiv, probably by Baranovka Porcelain Factory, circa 1950s.

Stands 3 1/2" tall, 3" wide. The base is approx. 2" x 1". In glazed porcelain, shaped like a convex lens, with sepia photo artwork on the obverse. The obverse features a miniature photo of the hotel Ukraine in Kyiv as it looked in the 1950s, a building very much resembling similar monuments of the Stalin Empire architectural style in Moscow (e.g., the Lomonosov University). The name of the city is spelled out under the photo, in Ukrainian language. The reverse is blank. The item is not maker marked. However, similar decorations cast from an identical model are marked by the logo of the Baranovka Porcelain Factory, in use from 1950 to 1957.

In good condition. The reverse shows a repaired chip at 12 noon on the clock and a few minor scuffs and scratches in the middle, all blending rather mercifully with the white of the porcelain mass. The surface of the photo artwork on the obverse is very clean, no damage of any kind visible to the naked eye. The gilt on the ornament running around the artwork is mostly intact and has retained most of its original luster.

This decoration is an uncommon period piece from the Khrushchev era and will make a very nice addition to a collection of Soviet memorabilia.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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