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- C-6 1. In connection with the tapping of new sources of Jewish immigration, an unconfirmed report appears to indicate that the Jewish Agency contemplates sending an emissary to Moscow to ascertain the position of Polish Jews, who are reportedly in the USSR at present, possibly with a view to gauging their attitude towards immigration to Palestine.
- F-6 2. According to a reliable Polish source, approximately 250,000 Polish Jews were either evacuated or had fled to Russia at the time of the German onslaught in 1939. Of these, 170,000* have reportedly left the USSR, either to return to Poland or to settle elsewhere. Of the balance, one-half may be considered dead, thus leaving an estimated 40,000 Polish Jews in Russia.

Comment: It is believed that this figure represents the number of Jews in Poland in 1946 (approximately 70,000), as well as the estimated number of Polish Jews who arrived there from the USSR (approximately 100,000). It is probable that the latter figure will be increased by the inclusion of some USSR Jews who claim Polish nationality.

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