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1. The RPF is presently being reorganized so that it can survive financially until the legislative elections scheduled for 1951. Allotments to the various RPF Services, including the Service d'Ordre, are being cut drastically.
2. In order to keep expenses within the present SO budget, the following personnel changes have already been effected:
 - a. Only Colonel Carre, National Protection Delegate, and Jacques Laboureau, Chief of the Service d'Ordre National, will be retained at National Headquarters of the Service d'Ordre.
 - b. The following have been dismissed from the Service d'Ordre of the Paris Region: Commandant Thams, Lt. Prevost, Lt. Guillaudot, Lt. Rene Demore, M. Padovani, Antoine Cometti, M. van den Barron and two administrative secretaries.
3. The above action in the Paris Region was taken in spite of strong opposition from Colonel Ponchardier who protested before a Superior Council of Coordination headed by Jacques Soustelle. According to source, a scheme whereby the services of Thams, Prevost, Guillaudot and Padovani might be maintained "outside the official budget" is presently being contemplated.
4. All SO offices will be located at 51 rue de la Victoire; the offices at 43 rue de Provence are being closed.
5. Ponchardier stated that the SO was highly commended in all reports and that the Coordination Council had promised to increase the SO budget as soon as the financial situation of the RPF permitted.

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