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1. The principal Communists in Srinagar are:*

Bedi (fnu) and his European wife, Frieda [redacted] 25X1X

Ghulam Mohammed Sadiq, Kashmir Development Minister [redacted] 25X1X

Mohammed Afzal Beg, Kashmir Revenue Minister

Muhiddin Kara (aka Karra, Kurra), a lawyer [redacted] 25X1X

Dhanwantri, a Communist terrorist.**

2. Dhanwantri (fnu), a terrorist who arrived in Kashmir in 1947, presumably from the Punjab, works closely with the Bedis' and with Sadiq.*** They have established a Communist bookshop in Srinagar, which publishes the Communist-oriented vernacular newspapers Noor, Uplift, and Burg.

3. Through dupes and trusted agents, these leaders penetrate and attempt to control various civic and cultural organizations, and to disrupt those which they cannot capture. They also have a cadre of trusted students who work to form pro-Communist groups in various schools and colleges in Kashmir. Their line appeals to the underprivileged Kashmiri students; and they are gaining converts at an alarming rate. Most of the Communist student workers are from poor families. Their education is being paid for by the Communists, with allowances ranging from Rs. 100 to 200 per month.

4. In addition, the Communists give away thousands of rupees worth of literature per month.**** This literature is delivered to the schools through student contacts, and is distributed throughout Srinagar and the surrounding villages by young boys on bicycles.

5. Last summer some Czech men and women from Delhi came to Kashmir. They were in regular contact with the Communist Party leaders there.*****

6. One D. N. Dhar, a Bombay Communist, recently came to Srinagar to try to persuade the purchaser of a new newspaper to follow the Communist line.

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7. There is at least one cache of arms in Srinagar in the home of a Communist. The cache consists of several hundred pistols and revolvers, plus ammunition.*****

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. Compare with the list given by [redacted] 25X1X
25X1A [redacted]

25X1X ** [redacted] Comment. Despite his recent pro-Communist manifestations, Sheikh Abdullah is not believed to be a Stalinist Communist. He probably fears that if he turns against them, Sadiq and the other Communist leaders will organize a Communist revolt.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. This list does not necessarily give the order of importance of these individuals.

25X1X *** [redacted] Comment. Whether by coincidence or not, the emergence of Communism as a real political power in Kashmir dates from the time of Dhanwantri's arrival.

25X1X **** [redacted] Comment. The source of these funds could not be determined. Various Communist leaders from Kashmir visit New Delhi occasionally and they may obtain funds from the Soviet Embassy.

25X1A ***** [redacted] Comment. Some details about the Czech women are given
25X1A [redacted]

25X1A ***** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] claims to have, himself, seen this cache.
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