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9. R402000 ONI F-0 7/6/43
10. A19716 France B-1 12/28/43
11. A20446 Reliable Polish, London 1/4/44
12. Paris Soir Vichy 1/1/44
13. Times Herald, NY Herald Tribune, PM. 12/31/43 - no additional information
14. BUCfile FCC 12/31/43
15. VI-727 DSM B-3 11/15/43
16. XX-129 London 3/4/44
17. VX-005-403 4/3/44
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19. 67604 E/F/L "tres bonne" 2/44
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21. B 2274 Bern 4/13/45 amtc No new information
22. JPY 7014 Marseille 4/14/45 amtc
23. XX 6651 Interrogation of Jacques DUBUC 4/16/45 amtc
24. Press Surety 5/13/45 -bc
25. " " 1/1/45 amtc
26. S-546 2 Dec 44 No addition information
27. S-541 10 Jan 45 No new info

28. JRX-681 SGT 2 5 Dec 45
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DARNAND Joseph

Né en 1897, d'une modeste famille de souche paysanne. Il fait ses études au Collège de Belley.
Français. Environ 45 ans. Homme d'affaires. Cagoulard.

1914-18 - Officier dans un corps franc. Beaux états de service
1939-40 -

A mis quelque temps à se rallier à la collaboration
1941 - Chef de la section de Nice de la Légion (section très fasciste)
1942 - Chef du Service d'Ordre Legionnaire (élite de la Légion - imitation des chemises noires de Mussolini) qui doit alimenter la Légion Tricolore. Chargé de la liaison entre l'ancienne Légion anti-Bolchevik et la Légion Tricolore.

(GdR)
(June '41)

Three times in fraudulent bankruptcy; therefore obvious prey to nazi theories.
Head of the Nice section of the Veterans Legion (the most fascist and whole-heartedly anti-democratic section).

N.Y. Herald Tribune, Dec. 31/43 :- Named Secretary of State for Maintenance of Order by Laval. This post takes the place of the previous secretary generalship of police. Darnand is chief of Laval's militia.

"France" of April 11, 1944 reports Darnand's appointed as Chef of the DCA (JO, Av. 10/44.)

Born in Coligny, a village on the borders of the Ain and Jura departments. Started as a cabinet maker's assistant. Enlisted in the Army in 1916. Decorated with the military medal and Cross of the Legion of Honor. Received 7 citations. Between the two wars he directed a transportation business in Nice and grouped around him young nationalists who had decided to resist a communist dictatorship. He was arrested and imprisoned at the Santé and then liberated to take his place at the front where in September he was in command of the Groupe France of the 29th division. During this war he was cited three times and after brilliant action at Forback was made an Officer of the Legion of Honor. After the Armistice he set up the SOL and then the Militia.

(Fr. RR - Jan. 3/44, #11)

The U.P. of June 13, 1944 reports that Darnand was elevated to the post of Secretary of State in the Vichy Cabinet, after the resignation of Marcel Le ... as Secretary of the Interior. (Times, June 14, 1944)

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DARNAND, Joseph

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Creator and leader of the new official Elite Guard in the Service d'Ordre Legionnaire which has just received autonomy under a decree signed by Marshall Petain. The SOL consists of fanatical supporters of the 'National Revolution' organized by the Marshal but now directed by Laval. These men are handpicked and expected to follow their leader blindly. Darnand has announced that his organization possesses a list showing that 100 members of the SOL have been shot in Morocco since the Americans forces landed.

7-16
1/8/43
NY Times, p 7
1/9/43

Chief of the 'Service d'Ordre' (SO) in Morocco. Former chief of the Legion of the Alpes Maritimes; SO established by Pucheu in July 1941 as the French legion had become menace to him.

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7-16
Africa-Morocco

Chief of Pucheu's Service d'Ordre within the Legion. formerly chief of the Legion of the Alpes Maritimes.

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Interview with Gerhard Meyer, March 2-3, 1942.

Had outstanding war record, both in past and present war. (Chef du Corps Franc) is however known to have belonged to Cesar. Used his trucking firm to smuggle arms from Italy (Biretta semi-automatics) Like many very patriotic people in Cesar in 1936 for anti-communist reasons, he may not have followed Cesar boss DELONCIE (qv) in his new pro-Nazi ventures. Subject should be handled with care. Damned good fighter

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if he could be with us. Probably wouldn't fall for De Gaulle.

Gerry, oral
11/4/45

Has become active under Petain regime. Outstanding representative of the Dept. of Alpes Maritimes. Presently not in Nice because of being a kind of Himmler for Laval, as chief of Laval's Special Elite Guard.

1A1110
6/24/43

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Notes Combat (qv) published an article by subject on the French Militia.

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DSM
5/20/43

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Subject the leader of a new Nazi-like party in France, the MILITIA FRANCAISE (qv). See card on organization for details.

BER:16108/43
8/27/43

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Paris Home Service, Oct. 8, broadcast following information on subject: Joseph Darnand, Secretary General of the French Militia with fourteen officers belonging to the higher ranks of the Militia has enlisted in the French formation of the armed SS. At 7 PM tomorrow (Oct 9.) Darnand will make a declaration to French revolutionaries which will be broadcast by Radio Paris.

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Joseph DARNAND

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Brazzaville Broadcast

61445-123143E

12/31/43

Promoted to be General Secretary in charge of Public Order by Laval. Will have at his disposal both the National Police and the Militia.

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Lived at the Hotel CARLTON (qv) in Vichy. Is man responsible for sending French troops to North Africa to fight the Allies.

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7/6/43

-----vbs

The reshuffling of the French cabinet presumably took place two or three days ago, but will remain secret for some time. Darnand, chief of Militia is to become Secretaire General of the Police.

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France

12/28/43

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The nomination of subject to the posts of Secretaire General of the Ministry of the Interior and Chief of Police was a surprise to French Political circles which expected Petain to take a different course and appoint a different man. It is further expected that subject's nomination will result in serious consequences. He could play a part in the elimination

A20446

Reliable Polish

London

1/4/44

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Brazzaville

of LAVAL (qv). which matter seems to be Petain's greatest concern at the present moment. Rumors circulate that Petain's initiative in this matter may go even further and can lead to subject's taking over the Premiership in place of Laval. A20446 cont.

Darnand is undoubtedly a man of the adventurous type. In the army he was commanding a shock unit and was even decorated during the campaign. He owns a commercial establishment at Nice and for some time was chief of the entire black market organization in the South of France. In 1941 he became the hero of a much spoken of affair when he slapped the face of Col. Vautrin of the Deuxieme Bureau. This incident had some connection with the Deuxieme Bureau's activities in favor of the Allies and against the Collaborationists. In connection with it, the Anciens Combattants Organization was ordered to suspend its activities.

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Subject is descended from peasant stock; attended Belley school and then worked as a cabinet maker. Tried to enlist in 1917 but was refused by the board. However, went to the front in 1916. After several months as a non-commissioned officer he earned several citations, the Military Medal and the Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor. After the Armistice he fought against the Turks in Cilicia. He started a transport business in Nice where he became the center of a group of anti-communists. He was arrested and put in the "Sante". Released in 1939, he obtained command of the group franc of the 29th division. Again received citations. Although formerly a prisoner, became chief of the Legion of Combattants.

Paris Soir

Vichy

1/1/44

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Joseph DARNAND

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Information same as above

Times Herald
NY Herald Tribune
P.M.
12/31/43

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Sec. General for the Maintenance of Order.
FCC 12/31/43. Former Chief of th Militia.
Cable 239/236. Is said to be a supporter of Marcel Deat (qv).
FCC 1/18/43 Ordered 371 arrests of "anti-nationalists".
FCC 2/5/44 Attacked. FCC 2/15/44. In charge of food distribution in France.
FCC 2/21/44 Returned from Inspection tour of Haute Savoie. (Paris).
FCC 2/23/44 Participated in roundups of terrorists in Lyons Is at present
serving with the National Socialist Motor Corps in Italy. (Berlin)
FCC 2/24/44 Went to Villeneuve to attend the trial of 12 Communists since executed
FCC 3/10/44 Ordered arrest of seven important Militia Leaders.

SI File
FCC 12.31.43

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Mme. GUYON-CESERUN (qv) is reported to be subject's mistress.

VX-727
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DSM
11/15/43

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Is now making every effort to obtain more effective arms for the
National Police from the German authorities, and is meeting
with some success.

XX-129
London
3/4/44

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Subject, with GUILAUD (qv), DEAT (qv), LUCHAIRE (qv) and de
TISSOT (qv), wrote "A Plan for the National Rebuilding of
France" dated Paris, Sept. 1943, and addressed to the German
Government. This gov't refused to acknowledge document.
Document proposes specific remedies for situation of growing dis-
unity between Collaborationists and German Government, under leadership
of a new Collaborationist Government which would fulfil the following
requirements: Security for occupying authorities, inclusion of all
collaborationist leaders, variety of ministers so that each pro-Axis
Frenchman finds one official reflecting his own shade of opinions,
governmental policy to unite French workers in a manner similar to
that of German workers. For specific method of carrying out these
proposals, see document.

VX-005-403
4/3/44

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Subject is also head of the Waffen SS Francais which is directly
under the orders of the Wehrmacht and wears the uniform of the SS.

Radiotelephone
#124
Berne
4/18/44

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E/F/L
"tres bonne"
2/ /44

Document is History of the Milices Francaises.
Subject is driving force behind this organization, built it up and directed it through the more trying moments of its history as the Anciens Combattants, SO, SOL and finally as Milices Francaises, with close cooperation with the SS. Powerful political force, naturally; has a great deal of influence with Petain, etc.

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Subject exercises full authority over Militia which is also subordinated to Waffen SS. This Militia operates in old "Free Zone", former Occupied Zone controlled by DORIOT'S (qv) Militia. Total strength of personnel of Administrative services at Vichy is 35,000.

CID 66699
Dutch Intel. Service
B-2 (Dutch Evaluation)
3/30/44

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According to Heinz SMOENHERZ(qv) subject ordered the arrest of Jean FAUCAMBERGE(qv), MALACARNE(qv), and Rene ES- MIOL(qv) who had driven by auto to Vichy from Nice to meet a Dr. SCHMIDT(qv)- Gabriel JEANNTET(qv) was also arrested on orders from subject-Nothing further is known of their activities.

***KX-1573
Saint
10/30/44

RSF

Subject has rank of Sturmbannfuhrer in the CHARLEMAGNE Division (qv) Latter division was training in region of Ulm, Germany, January 1945.

FPX005-206
S-571
DGER
2/6/45

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Report that DARNAND has been in Milan for 3 weeks with 3,000 men, engaged in combatting local maquis.

FPX 7014
Marseille
4/14/45

GOMBERT (qv), director of French sabotage school known as Organisation Technique (qv) is a friend of Subject's. CSDIC rpt. on Roger DELILLE & Guy FOUQUIER "Vichy Militia Training" 1/11/45

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FILJOL & DENIS, DUBUC, Pw. ELAS, Frl. HARTMAN held meeting in Bad Ems 21 Sept. 1944 with a view to constituting the Organisation Technique which would recruit miliciens to carry out espionage and sabotage on behalf of Darnand and the Germans

KX 6651
4/16/45

Subject and 200 members of the militia have been taken prisoner in northern Italy.

Press Survey
5/11/45

Subject expected at Fresnes Prison. His dossier has been prepared for trial.

Press Survey
7/1/45

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SEE 20637-406 UNDERCOVER ORGANIZATIONS 6-22

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DARNAND France
Minister for the Maintenance of Order in
Vichy Government

Nos. 398 (X), 594(X), K-544, 807-X,

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Information re Darnand and the role he will probably play at the time of the invasion.

Durrants 2/7/44.

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DARNAND

See XX 636 0-15 7-16 Briere, Emile Jean

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8/14/45
8/24/45

DARNAND

Transmitting "D" reports 993 and 994 re reaction of Mil. Authorities to Allied-controlled press and on Darnand's fr. Rome. Explanation of how these "D" reports are handled.

Wentworth, D. E.

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For info see: R-3342, 1-5, FRANCE POLICE MILITIA

611, Zulu 2-25-44

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DARNAND

Memo enclosing article by Andre Labarthe entitled "The Phase of the Strong-Arm Men", attempts by Germany and Vichyites, particularly Darnand, to create an organized chaos for the purpose of preventing resistance and to keep France down forever.

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AFRICA, MOROCCO

DARNAND, JOSEPH

Chief of the 'Service d'Ordre' (S.O.) in Morocco; former Chief of the Legion of the Alps Maritime; S. established by Pucheu in July 1941 as the French L. had become a menace to him.