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4/21/43

Arrived at Istanbul from Prague on 3/26/43. Visited Istanbul from Prague twice last year staying only a few days each time. Source says he is organizer of a German-trained group of Armenians who are to cross Turkey to Erivan on the Armenian border, and there foment a revolt against the U.S.S.R.

Has been in the service of the Germans since 1941. First recruited [redacted] XX 305
Caucasian prisoners of war in order to form an anti-communist/Turkey Primer
and Turkey in 1942. Was in Istanbul from 3/26/43 to 4/17/43 and from 4/1/43
12/4/43 to 12/15/43. Was described in March, 1943 as a German of Armen-
ian extraction, this being probably part of his cover. In 1942 and 1943
recruited agents for the S.D. to send to the Caucasus by parachute. During
his visit in December is reported to have been attempting to find staff for
a Georgian monastery to be set up in Rome which should include two S.D. agents.
Is connected with Friedrich WAGNER and Eugen LANG. Stated to be son of Meki KEDIA,
former director of "Surete Georgienne".

Considers himself chief of all anti-Bolshevists Georgians in Europe
and arrogated to himself the right to dispose of all Georgians outside
Russia. A plan was made in autumn, 1943 to set up a Georgian cloister
in Rome under Vatican protection and among the monks to introduce two agents

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Recruited Akaki TCHIKLADZE and other Georgians for the TAMARA (qv)
groups. They were trained at the Chateau de ROCQUENCOURT (qv). Kedia
made them sign papers in German, promising to reveal nothing of what
they learned there. After they were trained, they returned to Paris,
and were paid daily 100 francs while Kedia waited for orders from the
Germans for their disposal. They saw him in the ave Montaigne. Just before Germany declared
war on Russia, subject was very busy looking up all the Georgians in France. When war was
declared, he called them all together and told them they could return to their native land
if they would join the Germans. He said that those who did not volunteer to go
at first could not return later. Subject apparently had complete charge of the Georgians
although he didn't go with them on the Tamara projects. TCHIKLADZE (qv) claims that
Kedia is chiefly responsible for the whole Tamara business, and that he acted through
ambition, and not through Georgian patriotism. He made all the arrangements with the
Germans on his own initiative. He knew what was intended with the Tamara project all the
time.

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Still in Switzerland. Was accepted by the Soviet IS as their principal agent-1400
in Switzerland, upon the intervention of CUEGUETTERKORY and KOBASHIDSE (qv.) 6/46
the latter is his cousin. Very dangerous.

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Subject headed the Georgian section of Amt VI/2 (Zeppelin), RSHA, which dealt with sabotage and subversive operations in Russia. He enjoyed the complete confidence of the Germans and was allowed to direct all the political penetration work. He also directed operations out of Turkey. He took an active part in the work of the Georgian National Committee, an organization organized and subsidized since '41 by ROSENBERG's Ministry for Eastern Territories to serve what seem to be mainly politico-propaganda work.

JLK 2037
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It appears that the "brains" of the Caucasian nationalist anti-Russian movement have taken refuge in Switzerland. The reason for these leaders being in Switzerland while they sent their subordinates to Italy is because they, presumably, intended to intervene with the IRC at Geneva on behalf of the Caucasian FNs and displaced persons in British and American occupied territory, to prevent their deportation to Russia. Subject is probably in Geneva. It seems well established that subject had taken up contacts (in Turkey and Berlin) with various Allied IS.

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10/29/45

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Subject's internment has been postponed. He would like to go to Munich, send DJEMALIAN to Paris, KANTIMIR and ALIBEKOFF to Syria and TSOEALIA to Turkey (qv all).

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who were to keep contact with the S.D. net in the city. The principal persons connected with this scheme were subject, Sadathioraschwili BASILIUS, Father Tarschnisvili MICHELE, and the S.D. chiefs KAPPLER, HOETTL, REISSMANN (qqv). Subject was to pick three novices from among the Georgian emigrants in Germany and send them to BASILIUS; then they would be recommended to Father MICHELE, who was to be the Cloister Abbot. The three novices sent by subject were found unsuitable and many difficulties arose.

Father MICHELE and BASILIUS (qv-Italy) came to Rome in late October of 1943 with special German passports, issued under the approval of subject, in Berlin. Rpt-Father Michele TARSCHNISVILLI 8/15/44

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Was in contact with Ast II, Paris from Sept. 1, 1940 on. Made trips to Abwehr II Hq. in Berlin to assure Georgian independence in case of invasion of Russia. Wanted to take over the Georgian government after the country's liberation. This was subject of his conferences with CANARIS (qv), LAHOUSEN (qv), and von LORINGHOVEN. After outbreak of Russo-German hostilities subject lived in Berlin, where, through Abwehr and High Command, he had direct connections with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Made three trips to Turkey and prepared the ground for uprisings in the Turkish and Caucasian frontier regions. He formed a Georgian office at 6, Ave. Sully-Prudhomme, Paris 7e.

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Associated with Standartenfuehrer BICKLER (qv).
Was associated with SCHAFFER EDZE (qv) up until 1941.

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IN 32002
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Under impression that American are interested in him and offers us the use of his intelligence chain. Was to have been interned 2/1/46 (see IN 32447).

Subject was interviewed by DB7; cable contains list of contacts.

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no further information

*Dr. Krock dead
Dr. Weber
Geleit v. Mende*

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Subject's chain includes Vaki KUCUKARGLIA, (qv), editor of "Les Affaires Georgiennes" and Konstantin KOBANIDSE (qv), both of Paris. It has been reported from two sources that subject and his chain are now controlled by the Russians. Both the French and Swiss are interested in possible use of subject's chain. In offering us his chain subject revealed earlier contacts with SI Geneva.

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BX 651, 2/8/46

Source BENDER (qv) believes subject to be a British SIS agent.

BX 564
12/21/45

Subject offered the Innsbruck Ukrainians his ex-Georgian contacts in Turkey (set up originally for Amt VI) This list was given to DB/7/1 by Subject on the condition that the former makes the initial contacts. DB/7/1 considers Subject impulsive and insecure; fears compromise of the STACHIV Mission, so has submitted the KEDIA list for us to check, see cable for names. (Comment: this list has been checked and reply cable sent #WASH 3058)

**IN-41931
Bern, 9/18/46

Subject was a suspect NKVD agent by his fellow Georgians as late as 1945. His contacts with the NKVD are said to be Lt. MEDIVANI and Capt. CHANTISHVILI, former member Kaukasische Verbindungsstab under RSHA Amt. VI patronage, who subsequently (1946) overtly connected with Soviet Repatriation Mission in Austria. Heidelberg has no trace on the Turks. Cable reply sent 9/21/46.

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** 2095a
BX 625
1/30/46

Docuement contains summary of info on subject. He reportedly saved BERICZE (qv) from the Germans and the latter in gratitude has been financing subject for some time. Through Dr. WEBER (qv) subject met Eugen LANG (qv), with whom he now corresponds in Spain, of the CTTO Organization in Paris, part of the profits of which are set aside for subject. Subject, upon learning that he, DJAMALIAN, KANTIMIR and ALIBEIKOFF (qqv) were to be interned by the Swiss, approached the Americans for intervention on his behalf. In return he would turn over the use of his Georgian intelligence network, with its outposts allegedly reaching as far as Moscow. The Bern office _____ mhc has received several warnings about subject's being a Russian agent.

Subject and TSOVATA (qv) implicated in RUPPERT Mission in France.

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