

XX-12492 Interr. of KNOCHEN, 9/10/46

Subject is said to have emigrated from Russia in 1922, or 1923 in connection with the Revolution. Subject is described as extremely skillful and knew how to camouflage his activities and the method of his work is described as effective because of long experience and constant pursuit of his aims concerning Russia. KNOCHEN considers it unlikely that he was ever identified by the Russian CI system and believes that Subject's political outlook, although in fact known to this witness, was sufficiently camouflaged to remain unknown to a larger circle. Subject's reports were regarded as both informative and reliable. Exact details of the technical execution of Subject's intelligence operations are not available beyond the general outline given above. Subject is described as a man almost 6 ft tall with sparse reddish hair which was cropped short; regular features except for a rather large nose; no beard or moustache, and ruddy complexion. The only remarkable things about Subject were his eyes which seemed to dominate the entire man and the witness would call him the ~~par~~ type of an intellectual. The shape of his head is square with a rather long face. Subject speaks French, German, and Russian. Was last seen by KNOCHEN in August of 1944. There is nothing known to KNOCHEN about operations of this intelligence chain after his (Subject's) departure from France. (Engelhaupt) of Amt VI, and one-time collaborator of KNOCHEN should be able to furnish more details on Subject as he was closely connected with Subject on a personal basis.

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Subject also worked in connection with ACTION ZEPPELIN. He was helpful in the selection of qualified personnel but no details are known. DJAMALJAN, son of a General of the same name, also figured in some way in these operations. KNOCHEN, however, is not able to recall details at this time. KAMSARAKAN and GULBEKIAN (probably wrong spelling) also figured prominently in connection with these intelligence operations. Both had oil interests in the Near East and also had a grudge against Russia. KNOCHEN is not sure but thinks it possible that these two worked together with MAULATZ; at any rate they furnished much valuable information on the economic and political sector in the Near East Intelligence work. Their permanent residence was Paris and their connections reached into Azerbaijan. As far as KNOCHEN is able to remember, MAULATZ functions on the economic sector coincided with purely intelligence functions in this case.

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