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SUBJECT: Further on Nicolas GVINADZE, Member of Soviet Legation, Bern			STATUS: Pending

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SYNOPSIS OR BRIEF REPORT:

1. GVINADZE comes from the same village as Marshal BERIA and it is BERIA's protection which helped GVINADZE to advance to his present position. GVINADZE is reported to hold the rank of major in the NKVD.

2. In Switzerland, he has contacted Michel KEDIA, Grégoire BERIDZE, and Khariton CHAVICHILLY. This contact was established through Arcadi WEISSENFELD, owner of a small fruit store in Geneva.

3. GVINADZE also sees Vladimir VELIKOTNY-GARCIA whom Source reports as part of the entourage of DON JUAN, the Spanish Pretender. Further VELIKOTNY-GARCIA is described as German agent in Turkey and Bulgaria during the war but expelled from Turkey as a Soviet, not a German, agent.

4. GVINDAZE is approaching the Georgian emigrés as a patriotic and sentimental Georgian who is homesick for his country and his own language.

COMMENTS: KEDIA is appearing in several different lights today. Source suggested once that KEDIA was still in control of a former GIS chain in Spain but was uncertain whether he was today working for the RIS, BIS, or what. In the meantime, KEDIA continues to live peacefully in Switzerland.

BERIDZE has left Switzerland with his wife enroute for Tangier. From there they plan to migrate to South America. BERIDZE made a trip to Spain and North Africa two months ago. Before he left, he visited the American Military Attaché's office and the

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Commercial Attaché's office, announcing that he was making the trip to investigate some mine interests in North Africa. The French are still very interested in B.

WEISSENFELD or WEIZENFELD continues to run his small fruit store on Quai Mont Blanc. The store is a very small place with an assortment of wines, stale chocolate bars, slightly old fruit and other odds and ends. WEISSENFELD is short, stout, bald, and wears glasses. He is always dressed in a dirty, blue, Russian tunic and when counting out change counts aloud in Russian.

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