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Of the various personalities mentioned in HEID 1862, only BERIDZE and

COBAKIDZE are said to be operating in Switzerland, the latter as a courier between Paris and Switzerland. "COBAKIDZE" is carded by the French desk under KOBAKHIDSE, Konstantin.

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ced has Georg (GRegeire or Gregery) BERIDZE ~~known as [redacted]~~ left Switzerland; ~~known as~~ arrived in Barcelona by plane from Geneva on 5 July 47. There have been recent reports that he planned to emigrate to South America; that he was seeking a permis des sejour in Spanish Morocco for himself, KEDIA (see below) and friends; that he was working for the British. Out of all this confusion, the one fact that appeared certain was his departure from Switzerland, BERIDZE, A Georgian whose wealth came from numerous petroleum and banking deals, had been living in Switzerland for some years. The French communist press and the "Veix Ouvriers" of Geneva came out in May of this year against continued sejour in Switzerland of "undesirables" like Subject and KEDIA. KEDIA, Subject's friend and associate is another Georgian; he worked for the Germans during the war and has a long bad record. He reportedly saved Subject from the Germans during the war, in return for which Subject has been financing him ever since. It is not known what effect Subject's departure from Switzerland will have on this arrangement. Subject reportedly has deposits in Switzerland, Spain and Turkey.

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Off. Memo on BERIDZE, KOBAKHIDSE traces.

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