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TO : Chief,

FROM : Chief,

SUBJECT : Michael K. DIA and Gregoire ~~BERIDZE~~ (BERIDZE)

REFERENCES : NSB-1088; NSB-1316; NSB-1385

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1. Behind the receipt of NSB-1088 we have worked on the general theory that ~~USIKOV~~ was engaged either in the investigation or the operation of such dissident groups as Ukrainians, Poles, or Georgians from Switzerland.
2. As you are probably aware, ~~USIKOV~~ has a reputation in London as an expert in White Russian activities and he is, we suppose, well informed on the activities of tangent and similar groups.
3. We have therefore used occasional bits of information from such reports as NSB-1316 and NSB-1385 as the basis for indirect inquiry into current British knowledge of the KADIA/~~BERIDZE~~ combine. As a result we have received such cool and evasive replies, that we feel the suspicions in your NSB-1088 are justified perhaps as you stated them.
4. In connection with your NSB-1385, we were told over the telephone today by  that they had nothing to add to our knowledge of KADIA and ~~BERIDZE~~, and had no record of the Princess Nina ~~KASHEK~~. However, we were told in addition that Mr. ~~JOHNSON~~ (~~USIKOV~~) had recently spoken of the difficulty of defining ~~BERIDZE~~'s sympathies and true affiliations. We were then asked if we would accept that as a reply to our letter.
5. Alex ~~USIKOV~~, as you may know, visited England between January 19 and January 23, 1948 to attend the premiere of a film, Vice Versa, produced by his son, Peter, and when he left for Geneva, expected that he would remain there until May, 1948.

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