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The following information was obtained from a reliable source who is in direct contact with personalities listed.

1. Personalities on whom traces were requested:
 - a. ALCHIBAJA, Gregoire - at present working as a CIC, Region IV, informant in Munich. Made several trips in 1947 to British Zone where, on his own admission, he was in contact with the British I.S. He states that he was not happy working with the British because "they are not able to support our cause as fully as I believe the Americans can, so our relations were severed". CIC gives ALCHIBAJA two cartons of cigarettes a month for his services.
 - b. TZOMAJA, fnu - at present informant for CIC, Region IV, Munich. Is in contact with ALCHIBAJA.
 - c. VATCHNADZE, Dato or David - reported to be informant for CIC, Traunstein, Region IV.
 - d. ANDRONIKOFF - no trace CIC Region IV files.

FIELD COMMENT: Source states that to the best of his knowledge, trips made to Italy by the Georgians are largely for black-market purposes, the only means of living by which the Georgians keep alive (sic). The extent of these activities is not known.

2. Source reports that Professor ACHMETELI contacted CIC Munich, on or about 12 February 1948 and stated that he had completed his work for the Historical Section, EUCOM and was now out of a job. Source states ACHMETELI was not recruited by CIC. In the conversation, however, ACHMETELI stated that he had recently been approached by a former SS Obersturmbannführer KURITZ, who requested ACHMETELI to develop an intelligence net, ostensibly for the British I.S. ACHMETELI stated to ACHMETELI that his immediate superior was fnu of the British I.S.

FIELD COMMENT: The name KURITZ is possibly an alias. Traces exist on one KURNK, who was connected with the ZEPPELIN Project.

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3. Source reports that in October 1947, ALCHIBAJA stated that the Georgians in general felt that KEDIA was working for the Soviet I.S. due to pressure through his (KEDIA's) wife. In early February 1948, ALCHIBAJA informed Source that his original statement was wrong and that KEDIA is not working for the Soviets. ALCHIRAJA will be again questioned on this point in April 1948.

FIELD COMMENT: CIC officers are, in most cases, aware of the futility of dealing with the Georgians as a group, and of the fact that the members of that group work for CIC merely for the protection which the association affords. However, these individuals are kept on as informants because they do supply, from time to time, information on the local scene which is of interest to CIC.



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