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1. Source prepared the following report upon receipt of information from Germany which made it possible to distinguish between the network of Michel KEDIA and the "Caucasian" network of Haidar BAKHATE, Afghan Charge d'Affaires in Bern:

"From Nicolas LEBID, General Secretary of the External Representation of the UUPR, in Munich we have learned that LEBID met BAKHATE in Rome about the beginning of December 1947. BAKHATE was acting as the representative of the Caucasian Peoples and not in the role of an Afghan diplomat. He told LEBID that he intended to re-activate his Caucasian group and that he wanted to re-establish the former contacts his organization had with the Ukrainian nationalists (before the war BAKHATE collaborated more or less with Colonel Eugene KOKOVALETS' GUN). Being informed on Ukrainian affairs today, BAKHATE wished to have contact only with the Ukrainian nationalists of the Trilogy (UUPR-UPA-GUN/BANDERA). As he is well established in Switzerland, he asked LEBID to put him in contact with a representative of the Trilogy with whom he could work. He indicated that he had technical means which he would be happy to put at the disposal of the Ukrainians: among other possibilities he suggested the use of the diplomatic pouch and Afghan couriers and the opportunity of giving us many international contacts, chiefly in the Near and Middle East. LEBID gave him my name and that of my chief sub-source. BAKHATE said that he would write to me and my colleague and ask us for a rendez-vous.

Having been informed of the above, we decided to make investigation through Ali Khan KANTEMIR and one of BAKHATE's distant relatives."

2. SECRET HISTORY OF THE CAUCASIAN GROUP

The Caucasian Group was founded between 1930 and 1934 in Paris (10 rue Plelo, Paris XV) by Haidar Bey BAKHATE on the platform of a Federated Caucasian State (independent of any Russian or Marxist influence), supported by their neighbors: Ukraine, Turkestan, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan. From a practical point of view the organization favored the anti-Comintern pact and thus depended on the Axis. The first funds for the group came from private fortunes, provided by Prince HAMY, the TCHERNOMIR Family (famous family of petroleum magnates from the Caucasus to which Mre. BAKHATE belongs) Prince DEYVANT

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(at that time Barbara HUTCH's husband) and several other individuals. The purpose of the organization was to join all the national groups of the Caucasus, to carry on an active propaganda service in publications in several languages (Russian - the most interesting -, French, English, and German), to create a world-wide Caucasian network and to establish an intelligence service capable of providing the great powers (the Caucasians serviced all equally - France, Germany, Italy and especially Japan) with confidential information of high political and military value. The head of this organization was Maidar Bey BAKHATE, a man of powerful will, great intelligence and considerable culture, former Caucasian Minister and well known in his country. He forced his colleagues to play a minor role or to be completely dominated by him. There was a Caucasian consulting committee of which the principle members were:

North Caucasus: Maidar Bey BAKHATE, Ali Khan KANTEMIR,
Madjib BEKHATI

Georgia: ABLASHVILI, Prof. AGHMETELI, Gen. VINITADZE,
Michel MEDIA, Constantin MEDIA

Azerbaijan: Halil Bek Has HANNED, Fouad BAJAL, Madjibeyli
BAJAL, Asi Bey ALPAQUD

Armenia: Gregoire VEGARIANS, SCHAUZ

In 1939 the "Caucasus" were established in Berlin (after having been in Paris and Switzerland) under the protection of the Reich. After the German-Soviet pact was signed, the Germans asked BAKHATE to dissolve his organization and leave Germany. In the latter part of August 1939 the last meetings were held in Berlin and it was decided to dissolve "officially" but secretly to keep the framework of the organization. The chief intermediary was designated as Ali Khan KANTEMIR who remained in Berlin but the real chief was Maidar Bey BAKHATE. Michel MEDIA inspired by personal ambition, started an individual quarrel with BAKHATE and kept for himself a freedom of action which would give him control of the organization. In any case BAKHATE avoided all open breaks with MEDIA and it was at his order that KANTEMIR, first as an observer, collaborated with Michel MEDIA in Berlin till the end of 1941.

3. PERSONAL SITUATION OF ALI KHAN KANTEMIR

After having published a report upon the impossibility of the Reich's winning a war against the Soviets and subsequently having quarreled with the Germans, Maidar Bey BAKHATE, states that he made contact with the Poles, the Swiss and the Japanese on 22 June 1941. He left KANTEMIR the job of taking care of the Germans. KANTEMIR's real and official role consisted in trying to protect the North Caucasian P/Ws from bad treatment by the German authorities. It was KANTEMIR who arranged for MEDIA to contact Count von SCHULLENBURG and Admiral CANONIS. Disliked by the Gestapo, KANTEMIR was protected from them by MEDIA who intervened twice to prevent his arrest and finally arranged for him to leave Germany in 1945. MEDIA was counting on the Muslim connections of KANTEMIR.

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In Switzerland BAKHAR was not able to support KANTEIR who, having spent his own funds, had to be supported by MEDIA and partially by KANTEIR's old friend and compatriot, Muslim Bey TILAT.

Haider Bey BAKHAR having lost the sources of his income from before the war (Japan, German, Italy and his private fortune) no longer had anything except his salary as an Afghan diplomat, therefore he could not help KANTEIR. This explains the attitude of the latter who moved in MEDIA's group and who although criticizing MEDIA and constantly trying to free himself from him was not able to break entirely away because of his dependency on him for food and lodging.

At present KANTEIR has told us confidentially that he hoped to be able to leave soon for the USA as a journalist and propagandist for the "Caucasian" group. He also said that he thought BAKHAR would finally arouse himself from his inactivity.

4. ACTUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE "CAUCASIAN" NETWORK

This last statement by KANTEIR plus what we already knew of the reactivation of the "Caucasians", interested us very much and we undertook to make KANTEIR confess with the help of some alcohol and romantic music. Thus according to KANTEIR the "Caucasian" network is once again ready to operate and it could become one of the most important and active networks in matters concerning the Caucasus, the Near and Middle East.

Following is an outline of the Caucasian organization:

- Purposes or Goals:
1. To regather all of the Caucasian strength scattered throughout the world in order to make of it a political and espionage tool of the first order.
 2. To search out parties interested in Eastern affairs and wishing to promote the concept of a federated Caucasus.
 3. To pool the individual international connections of Caucasians to serve the common cause.

5. ACTUAL MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Haider Bey BAKHAR, Ali Khan KANTEIR, Tambij ELIKOTI (Paris), IVANITKI-I QULLI and Prince Jean de TOKARY (one a Georgian and the other a Ukrainian, both in Rome), Fouad DARJAL (Azerbaijan in Istanbul), Ahmed Kabi BAGHA and Aytak Bey NAMITOK (Germany), TOHERI (JEW) (BAKHAR's brother-in-law in USA), Gregoire BAGGALIANI (Germany), Griori DIASSANIDE (Paris), M. BUBIN (half Russian and half Georgian). Ibdn BAGHD is to be the Western protector of the organization.

Proposed Financial Support: Ali Khan KANTEIR has revealed that Haider BAKHAR has more or less settled the financial backing for his group through the famous GULBERKIAN, the TOHERI-JEW family and Prince MATONI-ABELLI, perfume manufacturer in New York.

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Concerning the KBDIA Group and other Caucasian Groups: KANTEMIR has said that BASHATE intends to have the best possible relations with other Caucasian and Eastern groups and if possible incorporate them into his group. That is the reason that no proposition of collaboration is rejected, even with the most suspect groups. The organization has personal contacts with KBDIA, chiefly through KANTEMIR himself, Ahmed Nabi NAKOVA, IVANITSELI-INGURID, DIANSAVIDZE and Prince MATCHIABELI. However, the financial dealings of GILBERIAN and ERITZE are completely opposed. Vidar BASHATE has established a contact with ACHAMIL, descendant of the famous Caucasian hero of the 19th Century, who has an independent organization in Turkey. BASHATE is also in contact with KANT Boy, who collaborated in Germany with Idriss MULANI.

The reactivation of the "Caucasians" according to KANTEMIR as well as our own information is of a very recent date: BASHATE is still feeling out his ground. He asked KANTEMIR what foreign power the group looked to for support. KANTEMIR told us that BASHATE wished first to organize the stateless peoples for collaboration; that was the purpose of his trip to Italy, to meet the Ukrainians of the Trilogy, the Poles of Internarium, the Baltic and the Balkan peoples. This was also the purpose of his conversations with Baron de KOEYER. Apart from that BASHATE is depending on the countries in the Near and Middle East. Among the big powers he is hesitating between the English and the Americans but would like to have a direct contact with London and/or Washington, not wishing to have any relations with the English or American services in Europe.

On the 6th of March 1948, () had a conversation with BASHATE. The latter said that today the essential thing is to consolidate the opposing elements in the Eastern European groups. He proposed again a close and active collaboration with the Ukrainians. At the same time he violently attacked the Americans, saying that one must count on a total lack of comprehension from them when it was a question of Eastern Europe. Further that it would be necessary to look for support from other powers, England, Turkey and Greece, to impress upon America their ideas.

Scurco commented that this was the first meeting in Switzerland with BASHATE and that it is still premature to decide on a line of action or conduct with the latter.

6. The following is a list of some of the personalities who have been involved in the "Caucasian" group:

Prince Sch. N. PRALICHINI: Georgian aristocrat, member of the consulting committee of the Caucasian group before the war. Poet and author who has lived in Paris and Berlin. Friend of BASHATE and KBDIA. Now deceased.

M. L. BUSHARI: Abkhazian of Muslim faith. 45 to 50 years old. Collaborator of BASHATE before the war. Avoided becoming a member of KBDIA's group during the war. Lives in Paris where he has excellent relations with the Muslims of the French Empire. Is in close correspondence with BASHATE and KANTEMIR. Personal enemy of Michel KBDIA and especially of the latter's cousin BOUVIDE.

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Farid ELIBAKI or ELIKOTI: From Issete, about 60 years of age. Musliman faith and important personality in the whole Islamic world. Lives in Paris. Has always collaborated with and advised BAKATE. Has very close relation with a large number of the leaders in the Near and Middle East countries. Has visited Switzerland several times during 1947. Intends to publish an Islamic review in French. During the war was in contact with KEDIA whose activities he has criticized severely. Member of the consulting committee of the "Caucasian" group. Very cold, intelligent but fanatical individual. During the first part of the war, 1939-40, had very close relations with the French Deuxieme Bureau and, according to BAKATE, these relations have continued.

M. GLENIN: Half Russian and half Georgian. Excellent author, living in Paris. Has collaborated with BAKATE for fifteen years. Directed the Caucasian polemics against the Russian emigrants whom he knows very well. In the past obtained the services of some of the valuable Russian cadres for the "Caucasian" services. Is also known under the name of G. LAGONIN.

Grigori BLAGANIDZE: Georgian journalist of about 70 years of age, belonged to the Georgian National-Democratic Party. Lived in Paris and Berlin. Separated from KEDIA for reasons of personal ambition. Intimate friend of BAKATE.

Halil Bey Has MAHMED: Elderly Socialist politician (Mussavat), Azerbaijan and of Musliman faith. Member of the Imperial Russian Douma, former president of the Free Azerbaijan Government. Honorary member before the war of the "Caucasian" group. Died in Istanbul.

G. IVIMITANBE: Georgian nationalist, before the war a member of the consulting committee of the "Caucasian" group. About 70 years of age. Personal friend of Michel KEDIA. Has turned more toward being a "parlor pink". Actually maintains contact with KEDIA and ignores BAKATE. Lives at Chatou, Seine-et-Oise, France.

A. ACHBETELI: Former Georgian Minister in the Menchevi Government of Jordania, in Berlin. Became a nationalist and broke all contacts with JORDANIA. Worked with BAKATE. Before the war a member of the consulting committee of the "Caucasian" group. Professor in a German University. He has a nephew who is also a professor and who works with Professor BUNDE. Died during the war.

Fouad Bey BARJAL: Son of Hadji Beyli BARJAL, head of Azerbaijan State. About 40 years of age. Turkish journalist in Istanbul. Member of the committee of the "Caucasian" group. Has many connections in Turkey where he fought KEDIA's influence during the war. Close friend of Muslim Bey TULAT. Carries on extensive correspondence with Haidar Bey BAKATE and BAKATE.

IVANISSENI-IGUERIE: Georgian, about 60 years of age. Before the war member of the "Caucasian" group. During the war followed KEDIA. Sent by KEDIA to Rome where he remained. KEDIA left him without resources in Italy. At first supported by Muslim Bey TULAT and recently aided financially by BAKATE. Has many connections in Italy and Egypt.

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Prince Jean de Tokary de TORAMBENSI-KARASEN ICA: Aristocrat of the order of Malta and former diplomat for this order at the Vatican. Friend of BAMBATE. Has contacts with aristocratic circles in the entire world. Completely ruined and BAMBATE has recently offered to support him. Lives in Rome.

Gregoire MARGIANS: Armenian of about forty-five years of age. Was the Armenian delegate on the consulting committee of the "Caucasian" group. Officially he represents no group but in reality should be considered an observer for the MASCHAK group. Lived in Berlin and still in Germany. Has renewed contact with BAMBATE.)

SCHAUT: Armenian, young, was also an Armenian representative on the committee of the "Caucasian". Killed during a bombing raid in Berlin.

(FIELD COMMENT: Source is continuing the contact with BAMBATE in order to observe the latter's success in this ambitious plan to re-activate the "Caucasians". We hope to also discover to what extent KEDIA and BAMBATE clash in their various activities. KEDIA appears to be increasingly active and if BAMBATE carries out any of his plans the two men will undoubtedly clash or have to join forces inasmuch as their interests and contacts are in the same groups. We would be very interested in receiving any comment on the above report.)

TRACES: BAMBATE: JEX-5297; X-4131, 4718; NSB-617, 1309

KEDIA: NSBA-484; NSB-1314, 1316, 1375, 1385

KANTYNER: JEX-5297; X-4131; NSBA-274

ACHMETIAN: NSB-1385

TULAT: NSB-1314

IVANITZKI-INGULIC: NSB-1375

De KONVER: JBY-133, NSB-1327

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