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1971, Michael

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DATE AND SOURCE:

(Kushnir, Michael, & Kushnir, Michael). Born Georgia 1900: characterized as "intelligent, domineering, cynical, glib but not smooth, vain, calculating, a quibler"; emigrated from Georgia with family 1921 to Istanbul; then on to Paris with uncle Constantin KEDIA; 1924 received scholarship from oil magnate Choschbaria to study law in Germany; stayed on in Germany, then returned to Paris; sometime between 1924 and 1927 started yogurt manufacture with his father in Paris; fairly successful; joined Levinsky's Caucasus: 1934 - '39 under-surface rivalry with SMILG; established relations with German officials outside of Levinsky group; got behind-the-scenes support from German officials; immediately before war went to Berlin to combat influence of small group of Georgian basis liveli. there; on return to Paris stopped Levinsky and had violent fight with Levinsky; when Germans arrived Paris Levinsky made director of Caucasian migration; became leader of all Georgian relations with Germans; great organizer, reconciled all differences among Caucasians; anti-Menshevik but a good friend of Jordanian who submitted to subject's overall direction during war; cooperated with Germans on sole basis that Germany should help him to regain Georgian independence; used his influence to save Jordanian group which was in bad spot because they had declared war on Germany, Lithuania, and USSR; saved Georgian Jewish emigres in Paris; For information on subject's activities with German intelligence during war,

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KEDIA, Michael

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MGKA-16888, 4 April 1950: alias M. MICHAL, alias Michael KOHLER,  
 (full biography in Registry 200-7-13-8)

MSB-1465, March 1948: data on travels and finances.

RTI-W-225, 5 Feb. 1948: is reported to be attempting to reactivate a chain of agents & contacts in Turkey he used for collecting info on Russia during the war while he was working for the Germans. He also wrote a letter to Emile (?) saying Menagari & Alexander KANKEVA were his principle agents in Turkey.

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...for information on sub-  
ject's post-war relations. At Berlin, ...  
German ...  
1945-49 ...  
maintains relations with the Germans through wife of ...  
official who directs ...  
contacts and establish new ones with anybody; works with ... in Spain;  
KOBANIDZE (pro-Soviet) in Paris; has contacts in Germany; reportedly  
connected with British; has been reported as having approached the  
Americans in Switzerland; subject receives financial support of 5.0  
Swiss francs/month (\$100 plus) from ... (inadequate); C D is  
in touch with ... their comment on ... is "the case of ... is be-  
coming increasingly complicated."

One address given for subject (Sept. 1948) is:  
Michael ...  
1 rue des Granges  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Believed to be living in ...

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Oct 1947

Wife & children in Paris & under complete control of KOBANIDZE; she  
mistress of ... of the Soviet Embassy Paris

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