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FROM : ECONIC, SSU

SUBJECT : Michel Olian

The following information is all we have  
on Michel Olian at present:

Olian's last known address is Hotel des Bergues,  
Geneva. At the war's outbreak he went from Paris to  
Geneva. Around 1942, he was reported to have gone to  
Paris with the help of Lenard, an attorney of Paris and  
Geneva (Paris address: 14 rue de Warignan), who aided  
collaborators in getting back to France and who was  
said to be "homme de confiance" of Anatole de Monzie.

Olian (alias Olianof) is said to be a  
part in foreign exchange transactions and in the  
of frozen assets in the U.S. Forty-five  
million Swiss francs, which the Nazi leaders reportedly  
drained from the German people, are said to be deposited  
in a Western Swiss bank in his name.

Olian was reported to be working for the High  
Command of the German Army in close association with  
von Kaiser, Chief of the Finance Division, but was com-  
pelled to liquidate his undertakings in Switzerland  
after he was placed on the English and American black  
lists.

A Dr. Scheffer of Geneva is reportedly close  
to Olian and informed of his activities. Scheffer is  
a retired mining official, aged 62, who lived in Paris  
from 1926 until 1938 when he moved to Geneva. In 1941

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he was in France on some special mission for the chiefs of the Armistice Commission. He is a member of the German colony in Switzerland. (Econic 1357, 3 Aug. 1943.)

Another report states that Olian, who was born in Riga, 27 July 1897, travels on a Hansen passport and is either a Lithuanian or a Lett. His fortune in Switzerland has been estimated at more than 4,000,000 Swiss francs. He has often been in contact with the Germans and has profited greatly by these contacts. (Econic 3406, 18 Jan. 1946.)

Olian is reported to be Director of CIPA (Cie d'Importation de Produits Alimentaires et Agricoles), which is alleged to be a cloak for Hentsch & Cie. (Econic 3440, Jan. 1946).

Another report states that Hentsch & Co., 13 Rue Corratierie, Geneva, has a large amount of German funds on deposit. (Econic 3239, Sept. 1943).

We are forwarding to the field your request for information on Olian's connections with Banque Interecontinentale, Jean Cerf, and Pedasa, S.A.

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