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Source: Operational Data and Comments:

1. Most of the information in the attached reports was received by Source from Emilio "TIT" CAPELLARO, a night club musician who is well acquainted with Subject through his professional activities in both Rome and Venice. Subject's usual and frequent tips to CAPELLARO range from 10,000 to 30,000 lire. Last year when CAPELLARO was incapacitated as a result of an automobile accident, Subject sent him a small gift of 100,000 lire in the form of a cashier's check which Source observed. Subject is extremely fond of Russian songs as rendered by CAPELLARO, but strangely enough does not know those of old Russia, but only today's Soviet ones.
2. At one of his meetings with "GIRO" (Ropek Italy #309), Source mentioned his suspicions of Subject. "GIRO" was most obviously loath to discuss the matter but mentioned that Subject is strongly backed and protected by Italy's Ministry of Interior.

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Subject : Activities and Contacts of Moshe OLEANDER & Michel OLIANS.  
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## A. Background. Activities (Report dated 10/12/50)

1. Subject, bearer of a regular French passport, and figuring in Italy as a French citizen, is actually a Latvian-born Jew named Moshe OLEANDER. During WW2, personally backed by Pierre LAVAL, he acted as the Vichy Government's front man for financial operations in Switzerland. This privileged position enabled him to earn, or to appropriate, enormous funds which he now holds in one of the best Swiss banks of which he is also a board member.
2. Establishing himself in Italy after WW2, Subject has been able to corrupt numerous important individuals, and to make himself accepted as an extremely wealthy foreigner who had held "enormous landed properties in the Balkan states" before the war. This rather ingenious explanation is the one given by him to highly placed Italian authorities on the occasion of making a donation of over three hundred millions of lire for a children's orphanage and hospital now being created in Milan.
3. Only a few weeks ago he bought up the biggest cinema producing corporation of Italy, the Scalera Films. Remaining in the background he has placed DODDONI, his trusted agent (and an important DC Party financial figure), at the head of Scalera Films as its managing director.
4. This latter-day Stavisky enjoys such a strong financial and personal position in Italy that he has succeeded in renting for his own use the famous State-owned Villa Madama in Rome. Previously Subject lived in Rome's Grand Hotel and at the Excelsior Lido Hotel in Venice.
5. Subject is in close contact with MAFFIOLI, head of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, and with high circles of the IRI (Institute for Italian Reconstruction).
6. Source's attention was first drawn to Subject because of the latter's free-handed spending in the night clubs of Rome and of Venice where he was usually seen in the company of two very attractive women,

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one Rumanian, one Polish, both polyglots, whose task appeared to be that of facilitating Subject's meeting other clients of the night spots, especially those of foreign military and diplomatic circles. He appeared also particularly anxious to make American acquaintances.

7. Because of his having been observed from time to time in the company of Soviet officials stationed in Rome, it is not to be excluded that his contacts extend even to Moscow. Such contacts would furnish a more credible explanation of his wealth than does the one of landed properties in Balkan territories now controlled by the Soviets.
8. "Interpetrol" Company's BRAUNERUCK is attempting to establish mutually profitable business relations with Subject.

B. Contact with Eugenio DUGONI (Report dated 2/6/50).

9. DUGONI, born in Mantova in 1907, one of the leading figures of the PSI, and a member of Parliament, has given rise to suspicion for the following reasons:
  - a) His close personal relations with Subject, a Communist suspect who lives at Rome's Grand Hotel.
  - b) He has made several trips to Prague, Warsaw and Budapest during those periods when Cominform meetings were being held there.
  - c) Only two years ago he was practically penniless, and was the recipient of gift packages from the United States. It is known for certain that he received a number of CARE packages from S. SIMON of Brooklyn, N. Y. who sent similar aid to MEGARVILLE, SCOCCHIMARCO, Rita MONTAGNANA-TOGLIATTI, and other less-known Italian Leftists during 1946.
  - d) He now has sufficient funds to enable him to pay a 300,000 lire monthly rental for a luxurious apartment in Rome's fashionable Porta Pinciana district, and to entertain on a lavish scale far beyond his income as a Deputy.
  - e) He expends considerable effort in acquiring new American acquaintances and in bettering his old ones among them. His efforts at making American acquaintances in Rome's night clubs while in the company of Subject have been most noticeable.

C. Contact with Kyrill GQRANOFF (Report dated 4/16/50)

10. GQRANOFF, a Bulgarian, 44 years old, has on numerous occasions been observed in Rome night spots with Subject. He appears to be very wealthy, and is living in Rome's Hotel Savoia.
11. GQRANOFF came to Rome from Sweden where his address is c/o Oscar DELAVALUX, Smalands, Anneberg, telephone number 50. He states that he is a sales director of the Delavaux machinery factory and that

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he is in Italy for business reasons. His Milan address is c/o Transinfer Company, #11 Piazza Castello. The latter company is mentioned locally as one of the international trading agencies working with Hungary and other Iron Curtain countries.

12. GORANOFF states that he has been a political refugee since 1942. He speaks perfect Russian with a Moscow accent, is less fluent in his presumably native Bulgarian. On one occasion, while speaking in Russian, he quoted an old Moscow proverb which he stated he had learned from Mrs. KOLLONTAI. He also speaks English, French, German, and Swedish with a high degree of fluency.
13. GORANOFF is currently awaiting issuance of a Swedish entry permit in order to return to Stockholm. This appears most unusual because as a "refugee" he could obtain an Italian entry visa only if he were already in possession of a Swedish reentry permit. Also strange is the fact that in Rome he is using an affidavit in lieu of passport, issued to him by the Rome Questura, and that he is also registered as an eligible D.P. at some headquarters of IRO as witnessed by the IRO identity card he exhibited on one occasion while slightly under the influence of drink.
14. Living at the Hotel Savoia, travelling by air, and haunting Rome's expensive night spots, are far beyond the means of the usual D.P. His cultural background, his intellectual level, his knowledge of languages, and his Soviet contacts would all point to him as a Communist suspect.

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