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WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE:

In June 1943 Paul CARBONE, thru Simon SAPIANI (SHAEF card #240), suggested to Lt. COL. von ESCHWEGE, Gunn Isiter II in Paris, that subject be released from the French concentration camp at Tournelles. BACULA had been sent there as an "undesirable" because he had been involved in the drug traffic and had been punished in Germany, then extradited to France. CARBONE thought that BACULA might be of interest to Abwehr II. As a matter of fact, CARBONE had talked to von ESCHWEGE earlier about a plan which called for getting heroin into North Africa. Von ESCHWEGE accepted this plan, by which the Germans were to get the drug into the hands of Corsicans who would get it into North Africa thru Spain. Once there it would find its way into the "maisons de tolerance" operated by Corsicans (Peretti at Algerete - SHAEF card No. 754. Possibly identical with Antoine PERETTI - SHAEF card No. 716). In this way von ESCHWEGE thought he could direct it toward the military element.

After a long silence on the part of Berlin, to whom all such projects had to be submitted, the plan was turned down by them, and the use of stupefying drugs in intelligence and counter-intelligence was strictly forbidden. Von ESCHWEGE was very much annoyed by this decision, because he felt that in matters like this, the possessor of drugs was the master of the situation.

In the meantime, at any rate, BACULA was freed from prison and CARBONE put him up at the home of Etienne LEANDRI (SHAEF card #203). Abwehr II was content for the time being merely to obtain from him particulars concerning his career.

BACULA was educated in Germany, but comes from a Peruvian family living in Lima. He followed a diplomatic career and took advantage of his diplomatic position to take part in the drug traffic, especially in South America, where he is known as one of the principal figures in this business. He was directly associated with CARBONE, who was distributor for France.

CARBONE intervened in BACULA's behalf three times, but this was merely in order to get him freed, because later CARBONE declared that he could not use him in his drug traffic because he was too well-known. CARBONE also told Von ESCHWEGE on many occasions that he was afraid that BACULA had become communist. According to what BACULA told

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