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1. Attached herewith exact copy of agent report to [redacted] concerning Japanese counter-espionage agents associated with HOVANS.
2. Agent has worked for many years for [redacted]
3. During the Pacific War, agent served as [redacted]. He states, however, that he gives "as much as is good for them".
4. The facts contained in subject report are confirmed from many independent sources and in every respect where comparative data is available.

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Information No. 6.

On the Principal Agents of the Japanese Secret Service in Shanghai.  
E.M. Kojevnikoff (Hovans, Pick, Dr. Kluge)

Former member of the Comintern sent to China as a chief agent to the Soviet General Berodin who was directing at that time the Revolution in China.

For unsuccessful execution of orders of General Berodin, and for bad behaviour, he was ordered to return to the USSR. Had escaped to Shanghai, here he has worked with

Finally he again has joined the Soviet Secret Service and at the same time had secretly joined the Japanese Military Intelligence. From 1937 he became an official agent of the Japanese Secret Service in the Navy Staff. Being there, he organized a big ring of spying agents, among whom were Chinese, Japanese, and the Russians. His activity was to discover the Chungking Secret Service Operatives, and agents of the British and Americans Intelligences.

Hovans had disclosed many secret activities of Chungking American, and British agents and arrested them through the Japanese Gendarmerie.

His nearest agents were: *cit: USSR?*

1. Pavel Arsenievich Savich, who lived in his house and gathered informations in 1945. Hovans had sent him to Peking, having supplied him with a large sum of money. At present Savich has moved to Tsingtao, and probably Hovans is also there. Savich is a Russian emigrant.

2. Brothers Lejnikoffs, boxers, spies of the Soviet Secret Service and of Hovans. They both worked in the Jap. Gendarmerie. They helped in the arrest of many persons, number of the Chungking, British and the American agents and sympathizers.

3. *cit: Portugal* *agent of PICK-HOVAN'S ring*  
Bernes (Carneiro) Portuguese, formerly had a position of a ship inspector he has been employed by the Japanese Gendarmerie and worked together with the Lejnikoff Brothers. By order of Hovans, they were often sent to different towns of China for spying and discovering of Chungking and other agents in various districts of China. He lives with a Russian girl at the Lerten Terrace. He seldom appears on the streets. He was also in charge of buying the war materials for the Japanese Navy.

4. Alexander A. Petuhoff, Russian emigrant, theatrical manager, 352 Route Valen. Has a commission store. Informer of Hovans, a thief by profession has been a great number of times in jail in Shanghai and Tsingtao.

5. Koltzoff, Boris Maximowich, his real name is Blohin, Russian emigrant, Actor, principal informer of Hovans.

6. Sauskin, Russian emigrant, editor of the pro-Japanese newspaper "Novoye Vremya" at present re-named "Shanghai News". Has been working before for the Russian paper "Golos" also with the Japanese support. Worked for the Japanese Gendarmerie with Mr. Kureki, a special Japanese Gendarmerie Agent for the Russian Section.

7. Malishoff, Valentin Ivanovitch, Russian Emigrant, reporter of the pro-Japanese paper "Russian Voice". He was connected with Hovans. He received from Sauskin some printing machines and worked for the German Propaganda Office. Printing leaflets, books, etc. His office is at 335 Cardinal Mercier, and his residence 1353 Cardinal Mercier, Shanghai, China.

8. *cit: USSR?*  
Shermchansky, Urey Appalenevich, Russian Emigrant, Sub-Inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police, Political Department. He was the executor of Hovans instructions and was his best friend, doing many things of very secret character together, supplying him with all the informations from the Police Files, etc. He was in charge of the investigation of the Masonic Activities in China and was making special investigations from the Metropole Hotel, from a special created office for that purpose by the Japanese Gendarmerie.

9. Maiberoda, Alexis A. Russian emigrant, the chief of the Russian Guard Detachment in the North Station in Shanghai. The informer of Hovans in the pay of the Japanese Naval Staff Bund 27. Beside that he was an agent of Gendarmerie, Route Petain, No. 10. He worked with a Japanese Gendarm Komatzu.

10. Mastahoff, Paul Nicelas, informer of Hovans and agent of Gendarmerie. He lives in Wayside, East Broadway, Passage 1169/27, Shanghai, China.

11. Kazakoff V. residing at 76 route Paul Henry, an important agent of the Hovans and the Japanese Gendarmerie, has been working for Hori of the Gendarmerie and important agent of the Japanese Military Mission.  
12. Lonin, the nearest assistant of Hovans, here receives large sums of money from

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Evans; professional criminal and swindler.

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Kashan, Bubbling Well Road, China Bank Building, corner of the Yates Road  
Apt. 8, a very important agent of Evans registered at police as a criminal  
and swindler. Worked for the Japanese Gendarmerie.

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