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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Vassili SOUKHOMLINE @ Victor SAMARET

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1. Our attention has been focused on Vassili SOUKHOMLINE in recent months because of his connection with the new "Socialist" group in France headed by Paul RIVET and the publication "Cahiers Internationaux"

Vassili SOUKHOMLINE, alias SOUKHOMLINE, alias VICTOR SAMARET, alias Wladimir SOUVAROFF, was born in Petrograd (Russia) 26 April 1885. From 1909 to 1912 he reportedly studied in France and, after receiving a law degree from the Universite de Montpellier, he returned to Russia where he remained until 1917 or thereabouts. After leaving Russia he lived in France and Czechoslovakia for a number of years and in 1941 he came to the United States. While in this country he was a correspondent for "Russki Golos," the Russian language newspaper, published in New York City. In 1945, he returned to France where he now resides at 2 rue Auguste Bartholdi, Paris 15e.

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2. (An accomplished journalist) SOUKHOMLINE writes principally for the French publications "Franc-Tireur," "Temps Presents," "L'Humanite," "Action," "Les Lettres Francaises" and "Tribune des Nations" under the name of Victor SAMARET. He has also written for several Czechoslovakian newspapers and, between 1939 and 1945, he was editor in chief of the pro-Soviet publication "Europe Centrale", in charge of the political direction of the revue.

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3. It has also been reported that SOUKHOMLINE was not considered pro-Soviet until his visit to the United States when he became a member of the Council for Soviet American Friendship and a close friend of Lucien VOGEL, an active member of the French relief organization "France Forever", who is known for his Communist sympathies. In Paris SOUKHOMLINE is said to have numerous influential friends and to associate openly with Soviet and Communist elements.

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4. We would appreciate having you forward us any material on SOUKHOMLINE and his activities you may have acquired while he was in the United States. We are particularly interested in obtaining information indicating that he may be a Soviet agent.

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