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TO: []
FROM: [] Mario K. GIORDANO 21 September 1972
SUBJECT: General TUPIKOV.

The names of the officers mentioned in the attached report are:
Major General (later Lt.General) Nikolai REEK, Chief of Estonian Joint Staff
Colonel Richard MAASING, Chief of Estonian 2nd Bureau, later First Deputy
Chief of Estonian Joint Staff.
Colonel LIENICH, Fnu, Polish Mil. Attache in Estonia in ca 1934-37.
Major of Airforce SZCZEXOWSKY, Polish Mil. Attache in Estonia from 1937 or
1938 up to September 1940
Captain RADOMSKY, Jerzy, Polish Assistant Mil. Attache in Estonia
from ca 1933 to ca 1938.

You know the name of the Estonian captain involved. He was Chief of
the General Section of the 2nd Bureau.

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TUPIKOV, Fnu (possibly V.I.), General.

TUPIKOV was Soviet Military Attache in Tallinn, Estonia for approximately three years between 1934 and 1938. During his stay in Estonia, military ranks were introduced ^{in THE RED ARMY} and he had to change his insignia of the Military Attache ^{to} ~~against~~ those of a Colonel.

About 5'6", of average built, dark hair, brown eyes. The eyes showed sometimes a strange glare and therefore some people thought that he was using some kind of narcotics. Age at that time betw. 30^{to} 40.

He was quite intelligent, sociable and knew ^{how} to behave. He was quite good in chess.

Once during a stag party given by the Polish Mil. Attache, soon after the officers ranks were introduced in the Red Army, TUPIKOV played chess with General REEK, the Chief of the Estonian Joint Staff. General REEK said jokingly to TUPIKOV that soon the officers of the Red Army will be wearing shiny golden shoulder pieces like the officers of the tsarist Army ^{did}, and the Soviet officers will stop and face every ikona ^{they saw, and} cross themselves like ^{did} the tsarist officers when passing an ikona. TUPIKOV took it easy, showing no embarrassment.

He was well prepared for his job in Estonia, he knew the geography very well. During an organized outing of the Mil. Attaches somebody asked how far the group was from Tallinn. The accompanying Estonian officer gave the approximate distance, to what TUPIKOV added that from the next crossroads to Tallinn is exactly ... (the figure is forgotten, but this was the true distance as indicated on the maps).

He was able to drink a lot, but he also knew to abstain in due time. During the a/m outing he drank very little although some other Mil Attaches became "very tired".

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On another occasion, after a stag lunch in the Soviet Legation in Tallinn which TUPIKOV gave to honor the departing Polish assistant Mil. Attache, TUPIKOV suggested a drinking competition between himself and an Estonian captain whom he, TUPIKOV, said ^{he had} never ~~had~~ seen drunk. The challenge was accepted. The chief of the Estonian Second Bureau and the Polish Mil. Attache were umpires but had to participate also. Four bottles of "Kremlevskiy" cognac were consumed. Then TUPIKOV disappeared and was not present when the three other participants left the Legation. The next morning, however, it became clear that TUPIKOV was not as drunk as he showed up the night before, - he called the Estonian 2-nd Bureau rather early and had a chat with the captain involved in the drinking competition.

TUPIKOV was married but his wife visited with him in Tallinn for short periods only. She was a motherly-looking Russian woman. She explained her short stay in Tallinn with his studies (was it of medicine or engineering?) in the Soviet Union.

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In 1940, early July the a/m captain, then a refugee in Berlin, was cautioned not to go close to the former Estonian Legation ^{because} ~~because~~ the building had been taken over by the Soviets and was used by their Military Attache, who at this time was General TUPIKOV. The Germans were afraid that TUPIKOV could recognize the captain and could ask some unpleasant questions because this was the time of "friendly" cooperation between Germany and the USSR. XAE-144

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