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1. The Chief of the Soviet Repatriation Commission for Kreis Ravensburg-Langengarten, "Lieutenant" GUNDAREV, is in reality an NKVD major, and a graduate of the Moscow NKVD Academy. He poses as a technical expert (chemistry).
2. GUNDAREV travels often to Constance and other cities near the Swiss border. He is reported to maintain contact with OZNA agents in Switzerland. Some German Communists from Munich visited him at the end of May and received instructions from him.
3. On 24 May 1946, GUNDAREV sent his agent SOLNTSEV into the American Zone to find Professor CHATLE, a Soviet citizen who had escaped from the French Zone. SOLNTSEV is known to have made his inquiries among the emigrants in Stuttgart. According to quite reliable reports, however, Professor CHATLE is working now at Heidelberg University.
4. On 26 May GUNDAREV was in Wangen looking for Russians buried in the German cemetery there. The same day he called some of his agents, who were purportedly helping him only in his effort to locate Russian graves, and gave them some "operational supplies," such as tobacco, cigarettes, etc. The transaction took place at his car. In addition to the supplies, each man also received some Russian newspapers and a road map. The car was also loaded with butter, which, however, he kept.
5. GUNDAREV is also active among the Polish DPs through his agent, a German Communist named THUM, who poses as a Pole. His other Polish agent is a real Pole named SULIMA.
6. GUNDAREV is unusually friendly with the French officer assigned to the Soviet Mission, Commandant ROCH of Lindau. ROCH maintains close contact with the Russian ("old") emigres and seems to sympathize with the anti-Bolshevik elements.
7. GUNDAREV has a young French officer assigned to him as his companion on his trips, name unknown. It appears that GUNDAREV has the young Frenchman well under his thumb.

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9. GUNDAREV'S description:

Height: 1.75 m.
Age: 40-45
Dark blond hair; grey eyes
Straight nose
Clean shaven
Well built
Speaks German, French, and Estonian
Has two cars: 4-passenger car N 12688 X
cabriolet NX 12663

10. SOLNTSEV'S description

Height: 1.70 m.
Age: 25-30
Blond hair; grey eyes
Small pointed nose
Small beard
Small built
Always dressed in grey jacket and dark trousers.