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Sub-Source: DUPLEV (F) -cd

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SUBJECT: Vladimir Mikhailovitch DESPOTULI -cd

Note. Sub-source is the former secretary of the Russian Red Cross in Berlin. He was taken PW by the Germans in 1914, and remained in Germany ever since. After the Soviets entered Berlin, DUPLEV worked for the Kommandatura in Potsdam as a translator. From there he managed to get to Berlin, then on a German transport to Bavaria and is at present in the British Zone. He claims that his news of subject's fate came from DESPOTULI's wife.

1. According to sub-source, DESPOTULI never made good his escape to Switzerland in March 1945, but returned to Berlin and was hiding at his country lodge at Spandau, near Berlin.

2. In May 1945, the Soviets entered subject's Berlin residence and found his wife, Fr. Dr. FECHNER. They threatened her with immediate execution unless she revealed where her husband was hiding. She could not stand the mistreatment and gave the Spandau address. DESPOTULI was captured and shot on the spot.

3. Comment by AB-102. Unless there is some special reason why subject's fate is of interest to us, no further investigation of the matter will be undertaken by this station.

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