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*SOURCE Competent and fairly reliable source, from a Turkestan leader who is living in Istanbul, and who is currently in contact with Turkestan refugee circles.

1. Veli KAYULI KHAN, formerly a native of Tashkent, USSR, heads a group of anti-Soviet Turkestanis who are now residing in Minden in the British Zone of Germany, according to informant, who adds that several members of this group have approached the headquarters of the British Commander through a certain Von YAKUP,* a German scholar of Oriental languages and literature. Informant believes that these Turkestanis have received material aid from the British.
2. Informant provides the following data on Veli KAYULI KHAN. KAYULI KHAN was one of the students who were sent by the Dukhara Republic in 1922 to Germany, where he was trained in the field of agriculture. He married a German woman who voluntarily joined the Nazi Party in 1936. When Legions of Turkestan POW's were being formed during World War II, it was planned to establish KAYULI KHAN as the future Khan of Turkestan.*** At the end of 1942 he went to Turkey, but has since returned to Germany.
3. Veli KAYULI KHAN's organization is opposed by a rival group of Turco-Tatars in the American Zone of Germany, according to informant, who states that the latter group, which is known as YEMII MTTIFAK, is headed by Karis KAHAT-BAY.****

177 note: looking - likely to be correct - Von Yakup

** Washington Comment. Von YAKUP may possibly be identical with Gerhardt Von MEYDE, a well-known German orientalist who worked for the Nazi Government throughout the war and was and is active with Russian exile groups.

*** Washington Comment. Not otherwise explained.

**** Washington Comment. Karis KAHAT-BAY, one of Veli KAYULI KHAN's chief opponents, was born in 1911 in what is now the Kazakh S.S.R. He founded YEMII MTTIFAK while he was in exile in Germany in 1945. This group, which has its headquarters in Munich, is composed of anti-Soviet Turk groups in the United States Zone of Germany, and aims at the creation of a general Turk-Muslim front composed of representatives of all Turk-Muslim groups in the Soviet Union. B-1.

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