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1. The attached report written by Denyse DONDAINAZ (MSGA-281) was given to us by subject on 6 March 1951. To a great extent the report is self-explanatory and needs no further elaboration. In a discussion of this report with subject, he pointed out that the statements accredited to Said HADDAD (MSGA-279) must be weighed against the fact that HADDAD is continually trying to impress DONDAINAZ with his importance. We think this is born out particularly by paragraphs 2, 9 and 10 of the attachment. The most interesting development reported in the attachment is the fact that it seems that HADDAD has another woman agent working for him at Berne. Subject stated that in a talk with Arieh ELAN (MSGA-279) prior to his departure for Israel, ELAN had commented that HADDAD had an unknown woman agent working for him in Berne who was in a situation similar to DONDAINAZ. Subject took this to mean that the Berne agent also worked for a travel agency. Subject also felt that ELAN got this information from Mohammed SAAD (MSGA-271).

2. The most interesting operational development as far as we are concerned is the possible transfer of DONDAINAZ from Switzerland to Lebanon. For the moment we have no more information concerning this than is in the attachment.

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Denyse DONDAINAZ' report of trip to Milan1. 5 March 1951

I met HADDAD, to whom I gave the reports, except for one which I had not finished and which I will send to him by mail. These reports were to be turned in before 0100 AM the night of 5-6 March at Rome in order to be sent or carried to Paris. HADDAD was to arrive at Rome at 2400 hours.

2. HADDAD counts on staying in Rome until the 19th at least. During the last 15 days has met the Chef d'Etat Major of General Eisenhower.\*

3. HADDAD does not understand how Mohammed SAAD (MSGA-271) can have so many debts, for before HADDAD's departure in October 1950 for Syria, he gave SAAD enough to make him solvent. HADDAD is more and more irritated at SAAD. HADDAD is going to send to SAAD about 2000 Swiss Francs, in order to get him out of trouble for the last time. He thought at first of taking him to Lebanon as a chauffeur, but now he no longer wishes to employ him, at least not in his entourage. However, he will be able to use him again if SAAD enters the Egyptian Legation at Berne, as he spoke of doing when he came to Geneva on 18 February, and if he gets an interesting post there, which HADDAD doubts.

FIELD COMMENT: According to subject, since SAAD has been fired from the Syrian Legation his financial situation has been desperate and he has been attempting to find another job. It is quite doubtful that SAAD will succeed in getting a job with the Egyptian Legation.

4. Max BRAENDLI (MSGA-271) has never written nor spoken of making a press campaign, it seems. All of that must have been an invention of SAAD's to make himself seem more interesting. It is not \$ 350 but \$ 150 that he was asking per visa on the non-valuable passports of the German officers who were passing through Switzerland to get to Syria. A list of these officers had been established by HADDAD and he had paid BRAENDLI the cost of the visas. HADDAD did not know that the Federal Police had given authorization to the Swiss Consulate at Munich to issue the visas. BRAENDLI had then kept the money and paid nothing for the visas. Paris knew about this but neglected to advise HADDAD. The Federal Police had equally officially advised the Syrian Government that the Germans could pass through Switzerland at any point, without having to hide themselves as they had done in the past. The Syrian Government equally forgot to tell HADDAD, who continued to pay BRAENDLI, and it is assumed that the latter simply kept the money for himself.

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5. HADDAD is waiting for an important check within the next few days. It appears to come from the sale of 100 German tractors to Syria and the sale of cotton.
6. HADDAD has a woman informer at Berne and it is possible that I will meet her soon. She has spoken to Col. ROESTEL (MSGA-271) in the course of one of his trips to Switzerland with HADDAD. HADDAD wanted to know if ROESTEL could be trusted. In one evening ROESTEL told her the story of his life, and a mass of important facts were revealed at the same time. This woman has also talked with Col. SCHACHT (MSGA-271) and was able to learn that he works for the Americans.

(FIELD COMMENT: In MSGA-271 we hazarded the guess that SCHACHT is employed by ZIPPER. Even though the above does not confirm our assumption, it would seem to be a fairly likely possibility. We questioned subject about the above and he replied that the only thing he knew was that SCHACHT supposedly worked for the Germans in Germany. Traces would be appreciated.)

7. The boss of ANDRE (MSGA-271) has been in Rome, for he has seen HADDAD. nothing more about that. Christian SKARNY (MSGA-271) is still in Madrid. A former collaborator of HADDAD has also been in Rome for several days, coming from Lebanon. He is probably Frank WIGGER (MSGA-271).
8. HADDAD thinks he can tell me around 15 March if his job in Beyrouth is going all right and if I will be able to go there. I would have in due time a contract with a large Export-Import firm in Beyrouth where I would work, combining the work with HADDAD's work in the army. SKARNY or Hans J. RENNER (MSGA-271) would come as secretary to HADDAD. In addition to the contract, I would have, it seems, the protection of a high Federal authority, who will put himself in contact with the Swiss from Lebanon, in order that nothing would happen to me; and HADDAD thinks of installing SKARNY, RENNER and me in the same building with him, which will be guarded by his chauffeur during the night.

(FIELD COMMENT: Subject said that the above conversation must have resulted because of the fact that DONDAINAZ is somewhat afraid of physical harm, if and when she goes to Lebanon. The reference to the high Federal authority who will get in touch with Swiss from Lebanon is, according to subject, simply an effort on HADDAD's part to assure DONDAINAZ that she will be safe.)

9. HADDAD said that he is a very important and useful man (he works in high politics) for he holds a fistful of men in his hand and can

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make them manoeuvre as he wishes.

10. HADDAD is full of hope for the future. He has many things going. He awaits a check (if the deals goes through, \$50,000). He said also that he is getting along very well with several important people in the Police and with the Federal Authorities.
11. HADDAD will come to Switzerland perhaps in about ten days and will phone me to go and join him, for he will not come to Geneva.

\* FIELD COMMENTS

2. This obviously is nothing more than bluff on the part of HADDAD. We cannot see under what circumstances he would have anything to do with EISENHOWER's Chef d'Etat Majeur.

8. The high federal authority referred to is a Swiss. No other details are known.

10. The police and Federal authorities are, according to source, Swiss authorities. No names or details are known. There is, of course, a possibility HADDAD is in contact with [ ] This is an interesting operational possibility which we will continue to watch.

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