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Reference: AB 36 Operation's No: BSC/Ops/007  
Source: Ford Report Date: 20 December 1946  
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Date Info Received: 17 December 1946  
SUBJECT: FORD MEETING WITH SKURIN AND CHERNIKOFF.

1. For reference, see BSC/Ops/005 of 17 December 1946 and BSC/Ops/004 of 6 December 1946.

2. On Friday, 13 December, source had a scheduled meeting with Captain SKURIN. However, instead of the regular SKURIN-DOOCIA team, this time SKURIN arrived with Major CHERNIKOFF and another interpreter, male, previously unknown to source. Later during the same meeting, two more officers arrived: a senior lieutenant, in uniform, and another in civilian clothes.

3. Major CHERNIKOFF took active part in the meeting. Source stated SKURIN had told him previously that Major CHERNIKOFF was his, SKURIN's, superior officer. (NOTE: This is the first indication we have had on the SKURIN-CHERNIKOFF relationship. The only confirmation at the moment is, possibly, in CHERNIKOFF's being present at this meeting.)

4. Three topics were discussed. First, the Russians were anxious to know what, to date, source had been able to find out about ADN (Allgemeines Deutsches Nachrichtenburo). Secondly, the American officer whom source had "met" was to be watched by source, and his contacts noted carefully. Thirdly, source was requested to contact Frau BLUM alias BREITZ. He was asked to prepare a brief himself, and on the next meeting SKURIN will also supply a brief.

5. The disappearance of SAVOY has been a major disappointment to SKURIN, and has resulted, he informed source, in an official rebuke. To make up for it, and to keep his production figures up, he has requested source continue to supply him with names of people who can be picked up.

6. SKURIN also told source that in the future they would meet each other in Weissensee, if possible. Source was given the mission of finding an appropriate room, with a direct entrance of its own from the street. (NOTE: SKURIN formerly worked out of Weissensee, and source wonders if this is an indication he will be transferred back to that office, another possible result of the SAVOY case.)

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