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NOTE: Ever since CAMISADE broached the subject of having the notional American, Mr. WEBB, meet a Russian officer on friendly terms (cf BSC/Ops/131), he has been visited by a succession of new Russian officers. PREGNANT brought a Maj "ANTONOV" to the first meeting after the idea had been advanced, and soon afterwards told CAMISADE he was leaving town. ANTONOV kept a number of appointments with CAMISADE, and then a Capt "PETROV" was introduced. Another time, when PREGNANT's interpreter met CAMISADE without an accompanying officer, CAMISADE was taken some distance down the street to meet an unidentified major, who presented CAMISADE with some food. (cf BSC/Ops/131, 138, 146, 147, 154.) The regularly scheduled meeting of CAMISADE with his Russian case officer on 4 October was attended not only by PETROV and a new interpreter but also by still another Russian officer. This memorandum is an account of what took place at that meeting.

1. At the 4 October meeting of CAMISADE with his Russian case officer, PETROV was accompanied by a new interpreter and a new Russian officer. The interpreter was described by CAMISADE as being tall and thin, with a long, bony face, a large mouth, and medium blond hair. He appeared moderately well educated and spoke German fluently. His accent in German was less that of a Russian than of an Upper Silesian or Pole, possibly of mixed German-Polish parentage.

2. The new officer, blond, blue-eyed, was of average size, and appeared soft but not fat. His face was round, quite soft. He was extremely sure of himself, made no attempt to be friendly, and treated Capt PETROV with an offhand air of command and superiority. He was not introduced by either name or rank, and was referred to by the interpreter only as "der Herr". CAMISADE states the officer was indisputably an expert in what we refer to as "Operation PREGNANT": He was intimately cognizant of the entire history of CAMISADE's collaboration with PREGNANT (with the exception of the fact that CAMISADE has, for the past year, been reporting to us).

3. This officer, with no courteous preliminaries, seated himself at a table in CAMISADE's room, and bluntly asked: "How long have you been working with the Americans?" CAMISADE has, through his sometimes hard experience of the past two years, learned to recognize such a question as the traditional opening gambit of a Russian interrogation. He was not, therefore, unduly taken aback, but rather put on his guard and made aware of the fact that an interrogation was to follow. While PETROV took notes in longhand, the officer reviewed with well considered and well phrased questions CAMISADE's work as an agent. He touched on the subject of CAMISE, dwelt at some length on the PREGNANT-CAMISE-CAMISADE project of April 1947, when it had been expected that PREGNANT would attempt to kidnap CAMISE while she was attending a musicale in

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the French Sector with CAMISADE. The officer brought up the fact that Americans had been seen in the neighborhood, and that the Russians were convinced they had been tipped off and were surveilling the meeting. CAMISADE, of course, stuck to his story of last spring, when he told PREGNANT he had feared CAMISE had warned the Americans.

4. The interrogation lasted an hour, and continued up to the present situation and the WEBB project. CAMISADE asserts with pardonable pride that only by dint of extreme concentration and mental agility did he avoid answering questions with "yes" or "no" and falling into the role of a culprit. He claims to have succeeded in answering all questions calmly, conversationally, and consistently.

Field Comment: It may be assumed, if CAMISADE is telling the truth, that he did probably succeed in convincing the officer of his integrity. In recounting the episode to his U.S. case officer, CAMISADE displayed no symptoms of nervousness or alarm, and seemed, on the whole, quite pleased with himself.

5. After probing into the WEBB project in the same manner as that in which the rest of the interrogation had been conducted, the officer appeared satisfied, and the meeting became conversational. WEBB was further discussed, and CAMISADE was asked if he believed WEBB would be satisfied with social introductions to cultural or press officers on duty with the Russian equivalent of our Information Control. CAMISADE said that he did not, since such officers represented, frankly, the facade of the Soviet Military Administration and were accustomed to dealing on par, prearranged terms with U.S. officers. He said he understood Mr WEBB to want, out of friendship, to meet Russian officers who would not otherwise have an opportunity to have any American acquaintances.

Field Comment: CAMISADE was confirmed in this opinion on 8 October by the undersigned and told to lay even more emphasis on the "friendship" angle in the future.

6. The meeting closed without any sociability on the part of the interrogating officer. He told CAMISADE he would like to see him again on the following Wednesday--an unusual proposal, since for the past few months their meetings have been taking place regularly every Saturday. CAMISADE begged off with the excuse of a previous engagement, but expects to be visited again on Thursday or Friday, 9 or 10 October.

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