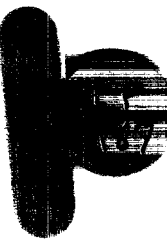
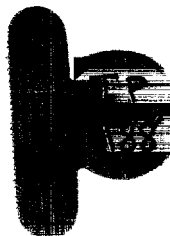


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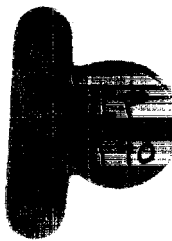
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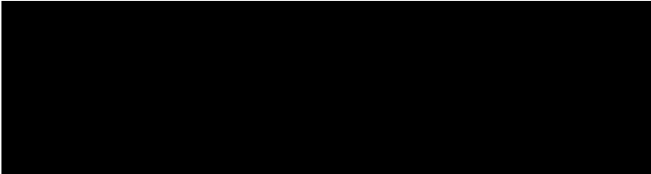
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1. This office has a requirement for an evaluation of the present political sympathies of subject group. We would also appreciate any background information on the Colony that is available to your Latin American Division.

2. We would appreciate word from your office as to the progress being made on this requirement prior to November 24, 1950.

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REFERENCE: (a) D/Pub memo, same subject, dated 14 November 1950

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25X1A 1. This Division has no information on the subject of Reference (a). It is believed that Reference (a) probably refers to the Malachite colony at the Guadalupe Valley area in Baja California, Mexico. This report accordingly treats the latter subject. If interested in source material, you are referred to [redacted]

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2. Latest information concerning the Malachite colony is as of April 1948. At that time members of the "foreign" colony living in the Guadalupe Valley, 12-15 miles northeast of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico were few in number, allegedly spoke a little-known dialect of the Russian language, and belonged to the Malachite religious sect. They were descendants of a group of immigrants from the Kars region of Turkey, who settled in the area at the turn of this century. Their alleged use of a Russian dialect earned for them the title of a "Russian" community. By 1942 the colony reportedly contained more than 1000 persons, which may account for the rumored "concentration of Russians" reported in the press at that time. An ensuing US Embassy investigation revealed a colony composed of "Russian" families who had resided for many years ^{in the Guadalupe Valley area} and had engaged in no political activity. An investigation conducted by the 11th MD at San Diego, California in April 1948 revealed that between 1942 and 1948, 1000 men, women, and children of the group of Turkish immigrants had gradually migrated across the US border to the vicinity of Ramona, San Diego County, California, where they were permitted free entry under the Turkish quota. As of April 1948, the original "colony" had been reduced to not more than 10 or 12 families in Baja California. These, according to a competent source, are an agricultural people, little interested in politics and ideologies, and a negligible factor in any question relating to the security of the United States.

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3. Some available information reflects the personal opinion of one [redacted] a former resident of Ensenada, Baja California but residing in San Diego, California as of April 1948. As an employee of Standard Oil Company in Mexico, he was a business competitor of some of the "Russians" living in Ensenada. His comments about the four outstanding families who might be described as "Russian" appears to remove any possibility that they might engage in subversive activity against Mexico or the United States.

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