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Director of the
chemical department:

Professor Cergei-Alexandrovich Vosneszenski.

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Director of the
biological department:

Professor Timofeyev (fnu), a geneticist.

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Scientific co-workers:

Dr. Herbert Becker, a physicist

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Dr. Walter Froewis, a chemist.

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Dr. Herbert Henschel, a chemist

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Gerhard Praetorius, an engineer (Dipl.Ing.),

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Dr. Mathias Schmidt, a chemist,

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Schmidt (fnu), a student of physics

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Dr. Schulte-Overberg (fnu), a chemist,

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15. German Civilians who Signed Soviet Contracts

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Dr. med. Katsch (fnu),

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Dr. Koch	1,500.-	" " "
Dr. Froewis	900.-	" " "
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Herbert Friedrich Becker, a former officer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Dr. Otto Deventhal, a mathematician who had been in Sukhum.

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Dr. Doll (fnu), a surgeon

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Heinz Eulen, who worked as a laboratory technician in Sukhum.

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Adolf Fischer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Artur Frank, who worked as a laboratory technician in Sukhum.

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Dr. Guenter Fuchs, physician and physicist, who had been in Sukhum,

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Dr. Heinz Gramberg, a chemist, who had been in Sukhum.

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Hermann Gropp, a radio expert, who had worked as an electrician in Sukhum.

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Dr. Franz Harren, a medical internal specialist

Walter Harz,

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Christian Hauk, a former officer, who had worked as a laboratory technician in Sukhum.

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Kurt Kettner, presumably a graduate engineer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Dr. Kreckler (fnu), a dentist, who had been in Sukhum

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Kraetzig (fnu), who had been in Sukhum.

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Heinz Krueger, a laboratory technician, who worked in Sukhum.

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Josef Kuester, a laboratory technician

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Wladimir Meidl, a graduate engineer (Dipl.Ing.), who had worked in Sukhum.

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Karl Melcher, who worked as a laboratory technician in Sukhum.

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Waldemar Melz, engineer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Heinz Murdak, civil engineer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Dr. Heinz Moehr, a chemist,

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Dr. Gotthold Mueller,

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Kurt Panten, who worked as a mechanic in Sukhum.

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Richard Pock, a chemist

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Walter Romstedt, graduate engineer (Dipl.Ing.) ? who had been in Sukhum.

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Eduard Schmidts, who had been in Sukhum.

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Bernhard Schwaeye, who worked as a laboratory technician at Sukhum.

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Dr. Robert Trattner,

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Kurt Wetzig, who had been in Sukhum.

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Viktor Winkler, a graduate chemist (Dipl.Chemiker) who had been in Sukhum.

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Other PWs in Borovichi and Sukhum which are to be Regarded with Suspicion:

20. Ludwig Buschhueter, who had been in Sukhum

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Otto Helm, who had been in Sukhum.

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Gottfried Keufen, who worked as a cook in Sukhum.

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Director of the chemical department:

Professor Sergei-Alexandrovich Vosneszenski.

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Dr. Guenter Fuchs, physician and physicist, who had been in Sukhum, [redacted] 25X1

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Heinz Krueger, a laboratory technician, who worked in Sukhum.

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Karl Melcher, who worked as a laboratory technician in Sukhum.

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Waldemar Melz, engineer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Heinz Murdak, civil engineer, who had been in Sukhum.

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Dr. Heinz Moehr, a chemist,

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Dr. Gotthold Mueller, a graduate engineer (Dipl.Ing.)

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Kurt Panten, who worked as a mechanic in Sukhum.

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Richard Pock, a chemist

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Walter Romstedt, graduate engineer (Dipl.Ing.) ? who had been in Sukhum.

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Eduard Schridts, who had been in Sukhum.

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Bernhard Schwaeke, who worked as a laboratory technician at Sukhum.

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Dr. Robert Trattner

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Kurt Wetzig, who had been in Sukhum.

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Viktor Winkler, a graduate chemist (Dipl.Chemiker)

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Other PWs in Borovichi and Sukhum which are to be Regarded with Suspicion:

20. Ludwig Buschhueter, who had been in Sukhum

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Otto Helm, who had been in Sukhum.

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Gottfried Keufen, who worked as a cook in Sukhum.

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Emil Weldin, who had been in Sukhum.

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