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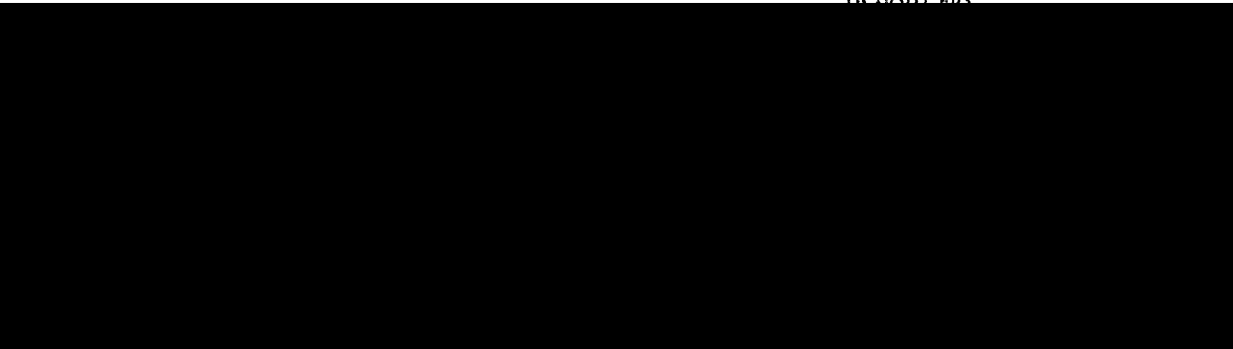
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1. Colonel Ponchardier in January 1949 stated that according to information he had received he had gained the impression that the Service d'Ordre would be disbanded in June or July of 1949. He stated further that plans for demobilization were to be made immediately, although such plans might not be carried out until 1950.

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2. In December 1948, Ponchardier instructed the Service d'Ordre units to be "prudent in their activities". Traffic in arms, transport of arms, military instruction within official groups (e.g. pre-military instruction centers) is prohibited. Intelligence activities within the Service d'Ordre was also discontinued. (Ponchardier added that a few completely dependable roseaux would be retained as well as a few well-placed and reliable agents who had provided the Service d'Ordre with first-class information.) In conclusion, Ponchardier stated that the organization must to all appearances be completely "above-board".
3. Colonel Carre is believed to be in charge of coordination between the Paris Region Service d'Ordre and the National headquarters where Laboureau is Secretary of the organization.

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4. An auxiliary group, similar to the Service d'Ordre, called the Service d'Ordre d'Appui (SOA) was created in the Paris Region in November 1948. This group is composed of elements formerly held in reserve and has absorbed some of the elements formerly in the Detachements Anti-Communistes (DAC). Eventually the SOA will be completely incorporated into the SO, according to Ponchardier.

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5. Debarge, chief of the Information Service for the Paris Region SO, has been appointed to act as liaison between the SO and the SOA.
6. Ponchardier has instructed Commandant Thamys to drop those elements of the DAC not absorbed by the SOA.
7. A "Brigades Centrales" known as the "Brigade Louis" is made up of about 600 men, none of whom are given a RPF identification card and all of whom are completely armed. The members of the brigade are black marketeers, "things", etc.
8. Colonel Ponchardier is forming what he calls a "Ponchardier team" whose mission will be to maintain the "Ponchardier spirit" within the SO. Members of this team with their immediate assignments, as stated by Ponchardier, are as follows:

Lt. Claude Dumont - (Secretary General of the Paris Region SO) - Chief of the Ponchardier team; will direct and coordinate activities of team members.

Lt. Debarge - Instructed to watch Thamys and Prevost (Thamys' assistant); Debarge was also instructed to familiarize himself with the SOA and the DAC. (Note paragraph 5 above.)

Lt. Pierre Demore - (Director of Administrative Services of Paris Region SO) - Instructed to watch Padovani, Assistant Chief of the Administrative Services. Ponchardier stated that Padovani is egotistic, ambitious and opportunistic. Ponchardier stated that Padovani should be kept at an administrative level and should not be allowed to interfere in matters dealing with sector or command assignments.

Lt. Andre Vannas-Jouves - (Deputy Director General SO in the Seine-et-Oise); - Instructed to watch Captain Alex Prat who recently finished courses at the Ecole Politique and whom Ponchardier described as having "the corruption of politicians". Ponchardier does not want Prat to use the SO of the Seine-et-Oise to realize his own ambitions.

Lt. Pierre Collet - (Director General of the SO for the city of Paris) - Instructed to "guide and protect" Lt. Maurice Guillaudot (Director General of the SO of the Seine Department, excluding Paris).

Lt. Jean Lamoure - (Director of Finances, Personnel and Transportation - Paris Region SO headquarters) - no assignment made.

Inspector Pistolle - (Director of "Discipline") - no assignment made.

9. The following group attached to RPF headquarters favors violent means to bring de Gaulle to power: Colonel Ponchardier (and staff) of the SO of the Paris Region; Imbert and Chaiaulot, Political Responsables of the Seine-et-Oise; Louis Vallon, Political delegate of the Paris region; Andre Halraux, in charge of propaganda. This group is very critical of the political stand taken by the RPF, citing as an example the Conseil de la Republique, where of the 130 members elected on the RPF ticket, only 50 are loyal to the Party.
10. Colonel Nemy is the only member of the RPF who is cited as favoring legal means to bring de Gaulle to power. With a few exceptions, this difference in point of view is reported to place the National Directorate in opposition to the Paris Region Directorate.

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