

REPORT ON GEORGES BERIDZE - Prepared by Max Lippman on  
info furnished by RAMEAU.

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It appears that RAMEAU was interned in 1940 in the French camp at Le Vernet with GEORGES BERIDZE, one of the Georgian leaders in France who had worked with KEDIA. BERIDZE and RAMEAU became friends. KEDIA arranged for BERIDZE to be released under the occupation in 1941. He remained in France until August 1944 and then left for Switzerland. He is reputed to be strongly anti-Nazi but at the same time to have profited enormously through his German contacts, earning millions of francs which he succeeded in transferring to Switzerland.

At the end of the war of 1914 BERIDZE was the Georgian representative at the League of Nations in Geneva, and is considered as one of the greatest experts in petroleum matters. His friendship with KEDIA was very close, and it was he who subsidized KEDIA'S studies when the latter was a young man. It is thought that BERIDZE had personal petroleum interests in the Caucasus.

At the present time BERIDZE is living with his family at Lausanne where RAMEAU sees him frequently. RAMEAU has a power of attorney for BERIDZE and supervises his apartment and other affairs in Paris. This letter has been seen, and it is a full power.

It is probable that KEDIA while in Switzerland will be in touch with BERIDZE.

BERIDZE is also a friend of General GUISE, Swiss Chief of Staff, and M. MARTIN, former director of the Journal de Geneve.

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