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KEDIA recently approached r with an offer or plan to work together (along intelligence lines), making Turkey the base of operations. The purpose of this cooperation is to precipitate the inevitable war between the USA and the Soviets. KEDIA outlined his reasons in a three hour conversation and the following isc resumé of the conversation:

"First KEDIA expressed his opinion that our Ukrainian organizations, the trilogy (OUN-BANDERA, UHWR, UPA), are guilty of a crime because no order was issued to the UPA to lay down their arms and KEDIA considers all of our efforts useless, in the general fight against Bolshevism as well as for the common Ukrainian cause and even more useless for the victims of this partisan warfare in the East. He said: 'I have not committed this fault because I ordered my men to stop fighting and not to die futilely for "les beaux yeux des Anglais et des Américains" '. He also reproached the Ukrainian organizations for having kept the Displaced Persons in a state of emigration and for having prevented their return to the USSR. He said: 'In any case, my compatriot, STALIN, has already won part of Europe. The Anglo Saxons have abandoned the continent to him because one cannot oppose STALIN with such things as the MARSHALL Plan. In a few months from now the Soviet troops will occupy all of Germany and the DPs will all be massacred. If these DPs return voluntarily to the USSR, it is definite that 80% of them will be deported but at least 20% will be given their liberty and allowed to pursue their lives in peace. In order to save the 20% it is absolutely necessary to immediately cease this futile resistance to repatriation'. KEDIA cited as, an example the group of 73 Georgians from Paris, headed by General SPIRIDON, who left for Soviet Georgia only a few days ago. KEDIA said that the anti-Bolshevik struggle should be conducted along different lines and that the poor unfortunate emigrés whose participation cannot possibly have any effect anyway, should not be involved. The necessary goal cannot be attained except indirectly and through provocation. It is not important today to organize armed resistance in the Ukraine or Poland, however, it is important to cease using the political emigrants from the East as an instrument of organized fighting. Also it is important to find or to create the causes for an armed conflict. KEDIA considers the de GAULLIST success in France and the Rightist in England a catastrophe because these successes will reassure the Americans who in turn will relax their

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war preparations and on the other hand will frighten the Soviets who will become more conciliatory and especially more cautious. Therefore, it is necessary to work for Communist successes in France, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey and Greece; in other words in all countries where America has an interest. The greater the Communist success is in those countries, the sconer the war. These facts must be faced. It is inevitable and sooner or later the real struggle against Bolshevism must be joined and the support of the USA and England sought. KEDIA is certain that anyone who participates in these pro-Communist provocation activities will find much favor with the Allies than those who in a farouche manner, remain faithful to their principles and continue to be anti-Soviet. The leaders of all those people who are fighting against the Soviets: Caucasians, Ukrainians, Poles, Germans (KEDIA puts the latter in the same group), should participate in this provocation plan for it alone can assure success and a future to Eastern and Central Europe."

- 2. KEDIA then continued to say that if he had sufficient funds, he would retire to a South American country and end his days in peace. However, he qualified this nostelgic statement by saying that his life was a vicious circle and he could not escape the work in which he had become involved so he was forced to continue it. With that opening KEDIA proceeded to explain that he already had a good foot-hold in Turkey and there he could recoup financially. The chief obstacle is poor liaison; his lines into that country now are insecure and were developed merely through force of necessity. Now KEDIA is trying to direct his groups through his friend and colleague Sandro MENAGARI but he, KEDIA, is worried about losing control of the operations.
- 3. KEDIA indicated that he would be willing to trust \(\subsection \) to establish contacts, to organize the transmission of money and to develop the controlling headquarters in Turkey. If necessary, the Turkish base would be a Ukrainian one. KEDIA thinks that \(\subsection \) as a journalist, could travel if it were necessary. He told \(\subsection \) that this work would heighten the value of the Ukrainians in the eyes of the English and Americans and that the real work, provocation of an armed conflict between the Soviets and the USA, could be accomplished.
- 4. KEDIA in the meantime has not been inactive.
 ported that KEDIA was expecting Ruslan bey TULAT, Caucasian Turk and compatriot of Ali Khan KANTEMIR, to bring him 1800 Swiss francs from Turkey as well as details on former KEDIA men who have gone over to the Soviets. Ruslan bey TULAT had the misfortune to be killed in the accident of the Swedish airplane near Athens.
- 5. The courier between KEDIA, his wife and KOBAHIDZE is one EGGY (phonetic spelling of the name). He is a Caucasian working as a chauffeur for the Cuban Minister in Paris. Apparently EGGY is doing a thriving business in smuggling money between Paris and Geneva. With MEDIA's aid, BERIDZE, William BARRAUD, Armik DJAMALIAN, Genevese lawyer BILLY, have all used EGGY to carry money, etc. EGGY will not carry less than

50,000 French frames and demands a 10% commission. He is willing to smuggle papers and other items for the price of 500 Swiss frames. The person to whom the money or packet is addressed in Paris will be notified by a "pneumatique" of an address where the packet can be found. EGGY himself refuses to have direct contact with any of the people for whom he smuggles packages until he has been reassured; in other words, the operation has to have been performed successfully several times before EGGY/will agree to deliver the package personally.

- 6. William BARRAUD, who is utilizing EGGY's services, is the husband of an ex-mistress of both KEDIA and DJAMALIAN. Armik/DJMALIAN was one of KEDIA's former collaborators in Germany. He headed the Armenian group and came to Switzerland with KEDIA in April 1945. DJMA-LIAN's wife is an Armenian Roumanian and her uncle is Roumanian Consul General in Paris. Through this uncle, DJAMALIAN was permitted to enter France. DJMALIAN has been thrown out of his own party, the DASCHNAK Party now headed by General DRO in Munich. DRO considers DJAMALIAN to be a Soviet agent. DJAMALIAN admits to working for his uncle, the Rumanian Consul General in Paris. In Geneva he sees KEDIA; Mme. BARRAUD, his ex-mistress; the lawyer BILLY; and BARRAUD who is ill. This whole group is interested in a smuggling deal concerning watches and gold. EGGY is their courier and DJMALIAN came to Switzerland with EGGY.
 - 7. André BILLY is KEDIA's lawyer and appears to be deeply involved with the whole Georgian Group. In Trom Source In mentioned the name of BILI as a Kominform Centre Technique agent and this might have been a reference to the Genevese lawyer BILLY though there have been no previous reports on him.
- 8. C reported on other item on KEDIA: F2 one of Ts sub-sources, encountered KEDIA one evening in the Café Mariette, Geneva. This café is next door to the shop of Arcadi WEIZEN-FELD. KEDIA was paying ardent court to Mme. ROSSI, proprietress of the Café Mariette. During the course of the evening he excused himself and was absent so long that F2 decided to find him. F2 discovered KEDIA in the corridor which runs between WEIZENFELD's shop and the Café Mariette, in a heated conversation with WEIZENFELD. F2 was not seen by the two and he overheard enough of the conversation to gather that KEDIA was expecting a package of some sort and WEIZENFELD was assuring KEDIA that nothing had arrived. KEDIA returned to the table in a very nervous state and started to discuss the weather and similar topics.
- I claims that WEIZENFELD is part of a chain run by Boris POPOFF, Bulgarian Chargé d'Affaires in Bern, which runs from the Ralkans to Paris over Italy and Switzerland. Behind WEIZENFELD's shop is a small corridor which connects with the Café Mariette on one side and the Glacier du Mont-Blanc on the other. Ordinary customers enter WEIZENFELD's shop from the front, which faces on the Quai Mont-Blanc. The more important visitors meet WEIZENFELD in this corridor which can be entered from either of the cafés or the rear. It is difficult to

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there. How er, KEDIA and at another time WOLSKY, leg-man for the Polish Legation, Bern, have been seek talking to WEIZENFELD in this back corridor.

(FIEDD COMMENT: The case of KEDIA is becoming increasingly complicated. KEDIA is renewing old contacts and certainly not dropping any new ones. He is in constant touch with BERIDZE in Spain, he likewice communicates with KCBAHIDZE in Paris and evidently there is a oluse connection with his people in Germany. We are suggesting auo \subset what the lines into Turkey and the Balkans may be. Although we believe I will keep us informed of any developments, we are not that / convinced that _____ is the ideal person to effect a penetration of KEDIA's operations, but at the moment we have no choice. In present-I, there is a very good possiing the above proposition to \mathcal{L} bility that KEDIA is well aware of I's connection with the Americans: In that case it will be interesting to find out why KEDIA is presenting such an idea for American consumption. He may have been deeply disappointed in his reported contacts with the BIS and is turning to the Americans again in an effort to get financial backing for his operations. This should come out if C I agrees to consider the proposition. In that event KEDIA will probably ask for money since, as far as is known, KEDIA's only regular source of income now is BERIDZE who allows him 500 Swiss francs per month, not a sufficient sum to permit many operations. If KEDIA does not ask for money, the situation will be even more interesting and complicated.)