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NOTE: Shis report is supplementary to HSC-4 (LIGE-442) on <u>Likolai</u> AVTONOLOT and contains some information not available at the time HSC-4 was written. All the data here presented was given personally to source by <u>Father ZACHARIAS</u> and Dr. Faun SCHELLENEERG, the sub sources.

1. Father ZACHARIAS, a Dutch Capuchin who was sent to Gernany by the Vatican in September 1946 to act as assistant to AVTONCION and to investigate him, turned in a report to the effect that he believed AVTONOMOV to be, if not a Soviet agent, certainly as least a crock. There is no question that AVTONOMOV's career in Platigorsk in 1939 and 1940 was sponsored by NKVD, and while no absolute evidence exists that he is in Soviet employ, almost every plece of information about him indicates that he must be. On the basis of ZACHARIAS' report, the Vatican in December 1946 sent a note signed by Misgr. MOUTINI, the acting secretary of state, to AVTORCHOV, with-drawing his appointment as head of all Catholics of the Hyzantime Slavic rite in Germany and requesting his retirement. This document was delivered, read, and interpreted to AVTORCHOV by ZACHARIAS in the presence of Cardinal FAULHARER of Hunich and Bishon TUENCH of the Vatican Lission to USFET. The latter suggested that AVTONCHOUV V leave Germany. He plans to leave the Catholic church and emigrate to South Germany. He plans to leave the Catholic church and emigrate to South America.

2. Additional information on AVTONOHOV's activities was origi-hally given to <u>Rather TEIGER</u> by Dr. Franz SCHELLENDERG, who did not actually obtain the data himself but received it and some documenta. from "American officers" at USFET, to whom he acts as advisor and who know of his interest in Cetholic affairs. They asked him to forward it to the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities because, although it was the result of a USFET investigation, they did not with to take action until the Catholic church had had an opportunity to deal with AVTONOHOV independently. SCHELLENDERG refused to reveal the names of bis American informants until they had anthorized bis the names of his American informants until they had authorized him to do so, but he promised not to mention the matter to them again

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without communicating with Source. He stated emphatically that he was not involved in any intelligence activity and was not an informant of the American officers, but had acted only as their intermediary.

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Source Comment: SCHELLENBERG is a Gerran born in Russia and speaking fluent Russian. For twenty years before the war, as engineer and director of Rheinmetall-Borsig, he represented the German government in many negotiations on armaments contracts with USSR and traveled extensively in that country. He was in close contact with top-ranking Soviet officials on runitions and war production and is well-informed about this phase of Soviet industry. He is employed by FIAT or some similar organization at USFET as advisor on technical questions concerning German production and factories. Field Comment: SCHELLENBERG is the person incorrectly named as SCHOEMERERG in ESC-4 and incorrectly described as ZACHARIAS' assistant in the AVTONOMOV investigation. His assistance has been explained above. He is a resident of Eichstaett (M49/T53). He previously offered information on industrial and technical matters to OSS shortly after the end of the war, but his services, although valuable, were declined because of the lack services, although valuable, were declined because of the lack of interest in his field at that time.

3. SCHELLENEERG possesses more information and corroborative details on AVTONOLOV than he has yet divulged. He considers that there is no doubt that the documents (reproduced in HSC-4) given to ZEIGER were genuine and that the material in them is true. Although he is not sure that AVTONOLOV himself is an agent, he believes him to be an EVD tool and a conscious one. It is, however, fairly certain that AVTONOLOV's secretary VASHENKO is actually an LVD agent.

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Field Comment: VASHENKO was not mentioned in the two documents received from SCHELLENDERG, and the name of AVTCHOLOV's secre-tary was given as KULOVETS; with the comment that the actual secretarial work was done by AVTOHOLOV's daughter <u>Naderhas</u> Alereyeven and her husband SVENITSKI (HSC-4). It is possible that VASHENKO is an alias used by one of these persons.

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