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The following information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past.
The source has provided information on the activities of [redacted] in the past.
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KUMER, whose parents are both well known in the Russian American High School in the Bronx, had also had experience at Washington Dickinson College. He was graduated in 1937, and during the summer of 1938 he was in the summer of that year and 1939 he was in the summer of that year. At that time his College was about to expire, and he began to study Slavic in the College. He has lived about 10 years on his attendance from the College. During 1938 (or 1939) KUMER lived with an uncle in the Bronx, where he studied the Russian language and culture. Formerly a Russian quite well and after taking his exam in Slavic at the Institute, he would like to continue his studies or go back to the United States to teach the language. His O.I. will expire in April 1941, and after that money will be a problem. He stated that he likes Russian literature, but not the Soviet writers because they are compelled to write to conform to the Party line of social realism.

The above biographic information on KUMER was obtained from an initial lead from conversation with M/I. Before we checked the Section files, KUMER looked like a good prospect. He still should not be ruled out. Not knowing about the material in the files, we told [redacted] at our meeting on the 23rd to go and cultivate KUMER. We gave him a good briefing on that information he should elicit and how he should pursue this target. [redacted] has arranged a dinner for evening, 29 November, with KUMER and should be able to provide a rough initial assessment of him at our next meeting. [redacted] in initial assessment, which is why he was prone to pursue this lead, is that KUMER was a tactically insignificant person, but not elevated up to his potential. He is inclined to be shy, nervous, and a bit lonely. He is not too refined in his mannerisms. [redacted] said that KUMER had some American friends in Copenhagen, but they were not "regular students." [redacted] then explained to us the type of environment from which KUMER came (and with which he is familiar) and said that it was his opinion that this could very well account for the impression of himself which KUMER gave to others.

5. After our next meeting with [redacted] in which we should get a rough clearer picture of KUMER, we should be able to tell whether this lead is fruitful, and if it looks promising complete traces will be requested from [redacted]. After the evening's contact with KUMER, [redacted] has been instructed to keep the contact but not to pursue it aggressively, until he has further information. Regardless of how this lead turns out, it will be valuable practice and experience for [redacted], which is, we believe, worth while.

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