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ABREGATTA/2 Contact With Owner of Restaurant Frequented by Soviets

1. Under separate cover as Attachment B is a report written by (ABREGATTA/2 concerning a dinner with Identity A who has also been a contact of FAINBERG. Identity A is of interest because of his Soviet contacts. He has always however been discreet and seldom talks about these Soviets. Being a French citizen, his caution is understandable and he could very well be obliged to report this type of information to (UNBOUND) (ABREGATTA/2 will continue the development for elicitation purposes only. 01 ⁰²

2. Identity B is (ABREGATTA/2's doctor. Station traces include people with the same name as Identity B but do not relate to Identity B.

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A - Identities S/C ATT'D BY RI/AM
B - Report Dated 12 Dec 68

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S., Paris, Oct. 30, 68.

Dinner in our apartment with Lev Adolfovich Aronson, his wife Olga, Dr. Claude Lasry and his wife Gilberte on Tuesday Oct. 29-th.

Aronson is one of those who in Paris sees the most soviet visitors of all kind. Through the Dr. Lasry I met last year a group of soviet physicians.

We know the Aronson for years, but it is the first time that he got really talkative. He related quite a number of things about his encounters with soviet citizens who come to France and so we learned that he invites them regularly to his restaurant "Dominic", 19, rue Bréa, Paris 6/ - sometimes as many as 15 to 20 persons. Moreover soviet citizens of all kind: artists, painters, actors and directors of theatre, but also journalists - for instance from "Pravda" and "Izvestia", come to see him privately in his house.

Last night however he talked mainly about various visits he had in the past. He did not mention once somebody who is presently or was recently in Paris. When I asked him if he had not seen ~~Sham~~ now, these last days, he said: "no, nobody" and he added that the last time, since the Tchechoslovaquia events the soviet visitors became far less numerous. This might be true, but I had impression that it was on purpose that Aronson did not want to tell about recent visits he had received. He is a very cautious man and as he met yesterday for the 1-st time the Dr. Lasry and his wife he perhaps did not want to tell too much about this.

We established recently very friendly relations with the Aronson and yesterday's gathering certainly contributed to tighten our link with them. It remains to be seen if in the futur he will reveal more about his encounters with the soviet visitors and if he will be willing to help us meeting with them.

What can be established already is that he certainly is well connected with a number of them and that his restaurant is a place where they come frequently. What is his purpose of meeting them? I and Z. are not inclined to think that he works for them: he is a rich man and does not need it. Also he certainly has not the mentality of a communist sympathizer. More likely he sees them because he loves art and literature and, especially, because he is a passionate collector of russian antiks and object of art and that these soviet visitors bring him now and then - as a gift for his dinners, or just for sale - some of the objects they succeed to smugle out of USSR.

x/ see Appendix A about his personal characteristics.

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Appendix A.

Lev Adolfovich Bronson ^{FRANCE} ^{Russia} ^{St. Petersburg}
OWNER of the RESTAURANT "DOMINIC"

Personality : a Russian Jew, born in St. Petersburg, age 63 - 64. A jurist had made his studies still in Russia - partly, but also and chiefly a well-known Paris's restaurant owner/rest. DOMINIC/ married to Olga....., also Russian-Jewish and having a grown up adopted son/ the son of his wife with a previous marriage. DOMINIC is the only Russian restaurant in Paris which did not change hands for 40 years. /soon there will be celebration with lots of French personalities of this anniversary/.

He is also a well-known art critic who writes regularly in various papers and among those the review "Vozrozhdenie". Also a collector of antiques and objects of art/ chiefly Russian. He certainly is also a Paris's personality who has many friends among the high officials of the French capital. Politically he belongs to the left-center, but as far as I know, anti-communist.

Character : cautious, cultured, willful, energetic, shrewd.

Intelligence : he certainly is not stupid, but his intelligence is of purely practical, materialistic kind.

Weakness : as he is a passionate art-collector he would go to considerable lengths to get some "treasure".

His connections : he has some family in USSR and goes now and then to USSR/ but not lately/.

NP.- his wife is a nice woman but of little personality, who is not of very good health, also overwhelmed by him.

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Appendix B

Dr. Claude Lasry DOB: C 11 EU: FRANCE
PRO: PHYSICIAN A FRANCE PARIS

Personality : an Algerian Jew but a french citizen, the Dr. Lasry is one of the most capable Paris's physicians /general medicine/, age : 50 or so.

Now he is the chief doctor of "France-Soir" as well as the gen. practitioner of other Paris's medical centers.

Character :

[REDACTED], obliging, helpful as much as one can be, learned and thorough in his medical field, reliable, talkative and slightly naive.

Intelligence : good, but not particularly bright except in his profession; has good memory.

often meets Soviet visitors in Paris

wife: LASRY, GILBERTE

His connections: as politically he is rather of the left/formerly had sympathies for the communists, but since the Israeli-war changed completely/ he likes and meets, as often as possible soviet visitors to Paris.

NB.- his wife, also jewish has little personality.

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