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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M DATE: 9 January 1940
FROM : Chief of Mission, 15-10
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Genl. Operational Matters - Switz.
 SPECIFIC: John Donovan of Paris

1. The last time ⁰²INFAMOUS saw Paul GHALI, the latter was much worked up about the plight of a certain John DONOVAN in Paris whom GHALI suspected to be a member of the AIS. GHALI told source that it was not the type of story he could take to the Embassy which was the reason he was telling source. GHALI stated that DONOVAN was rapidly going to the dogs with a disreputable group in Paris which included RADEV, the former Bulgarian Consul in Geneva, and his girl-friend, Mignon WOLLENBRANDT, a Hungarian of about forty-five whose mother had been a THYSSEN. GHALI indicated that this group practiced every vice known to science and had the worst type of reputation in Paris.
2. Source remembered that WOLLENBRANDT had been ordered to leave Rome for similar conduct about a year and a half ago and that RADEV had gone with her. Source described WOLLENBRANDT as an unattractive but wealthy cripple who supported RADEV.
3. Does the Paris DONOVAN ring a bell?

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