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ATTN : Chief, WE
: Chief, MI/II
: Chief of Station, The Hague

SYNTHETIC/RINGAP (Report No. 1543)
KRIVITSKY Case

1. There is attached herewith UAH/56/033 dated January 9, 1956, which has obviously been handed to us as a result of our recent inquiries into the KRIVITSKY matter. The contents of this document is self-explanatory and, in essence, requests that arrangements be made to contact Madame MASLING to show her two photographs drawn by BINCK to either confirm or eliminate the possibility that the famous LANS, alias LAILY, was connected with this case is identical with Richard SMITH. This, in any event, is a theory of the research member of the (SYNTHETIC) organization who has been gathering together all the old (SYNTHETIC) information.

Hans' is son of Michael Borodin, CI

2. This matter has been made the subject of an (RGA) dispatch rather than an (CNU) dispatch because it is of operational interest in connection with this study and it is requested that the earliest possible action be taken by Headquarters. Please make reference to UAH/56/033 in your reply.

JACK J. BARR

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CAH/56/038

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RE: Your HS-755 of 14-2-'51; further to our

CAH/52/589 of 11-6-'52.

SUBJECT: Investigation into the KRIVITSKY case;
the firm of GADA; "HANS" and "THEODOR MALY".

We are at present reexamining the KRIVITSKY case and are making again inquiries about the firm of GADA of Amsterdam mentioned in your a.m. letter.

Pending the results of these inquiries we herewith pass you the following information additional to that sent to you by our CAH/52/589 of 11-6-'52, that you may the sooner be able to form an accurate idea of the case.

In April 1951 your London representative received from the British - according to information received by us from them - a report on the statements the Dutch subject Henri Christiaan PIECK, born 19-4-1895 Den Helder, made concerning his activities for the RIS. In this report occur the names of "HANS", alias "HARRY", and "PETER", alias "Theodor MALY", alias Paul HARDT, while two drawings were attached to the report, which PIECK had made of "LUDWIG" - Ignace REISS, and of "HANS".

In the book "This Deception" (published by DUELL, SLOAN & PEARCE - New York) the authoress Hede MASSING tells, that in the first half of the thirties she was in contact with Ignace REISS, SORGE, KRIVITSKY, Paul HARDT, and "FELIK". In the beginning of the 7th Chapter (p. 68) the authoress gives a description of Richard SORGE, saying among other things: "His cold blue eyes, slightly slanted and heavy browed, had retained their quality of looking amused for no reason at all".

It seems a peculiar coincidence, that PIECK in describing "HANS" says: "always appeared to be smiling", and "was slightly Asiatic in appearance". Though in some further points the two descriptions do not quite tally, there is a possibility that "HANS" and SORGE are identical, and that for this reason that SORGE was in the former half of 1933 appointed correspondent for Japan by the "Algemeen Handelsblad" of Amsterdam, and "HANS" had reportedly been commissioned to go to Japan (though according to PIECK he had not obeyed the instruction). No doubt Hede MASSING made much more detailed statements to the F.B.I. on her activities for the RIS than those laid down in her book; she must also have given descriptions of the persons with whom she was in contact.

PIECK gave physical descriptions of his employers in the RIS. It is recommendable to examine whether the two descriptions of Paul HARDT tally, and whether Hede MASSING may be able with the help of PIECK's drawing of "HANS" and the description to identify the latter. It would be advisable also to show to Hede MASSING PIECK's drawing of Ignace REISS to be able to check whether after a lapse of 15 years PIECK has been able to draw a good likeness of his former employers, and has done so with great fidelity.

We should particularly be grateful for the investigation of the KRIVITSKY case to possess copies of the statements Hede MASSING made concerning her contacts with the RIS, and of KRIVITSKY's statements regarding his contacts, targets, and other useful information.

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Further we should greatly appreciate to receive full information from you on the background of the original report on the cover firm of "GADA" passed to us by your a.m. letter.

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