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RAIGORODSKY in contact with one NEONILA SHEVKO MAGIDOFF in 1945. Information regarding MAGIDOFF set out. Confidential Informants have no knowledge of RAIGORODSKY'S family. No credit or criminal record, NYC, on RAIGORODSKY, his daughter, or his son-in-law.

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DETAILS:

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Continuing on background information of Mrs. MAGIDOFF:

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