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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: USSR, Internal situation. Marshal ZUKHOW.

The following information has been received from a reliable source located in Switzerland:

1. According to the "Tass" News Agency, Marshal ZUKHOW has been transferred from Germany (where he was supreme Chief of the occupation Army, Russian Zone), to Odessa, as Commander of the Territorial Headquarters.

2. This move has received two different interpretations by a/n source and from the network of informers connected with same source:

a. Marshal ZUKHOW has been transferred to Crimea to prepare an attack against Turkey;

b. He was transferred for internal political reasons.

The first speculation seems to be unfounded as the Marshal would have been transferred to Bulgaria or Russian Armenia to prepare the ground for an attack against Turkey. The second explanation is more plausible, but its interpretation still seems obscure.

3. Actually, it is believed that Russian high ranking officers unwillingly gave up their participation in the active political struggle of the Soviet Government, and cannot adjust themselves to their present conditions. This fact has been particularly noticed in the Soviet Zone of Occupation of Germany, where the behavior of some high ranking officers (including Marshal ZUKHOW) seemed to be almost rebellious, although not openly so. Several high ranking Officers had been in friendly terms with former members of the German General Staff, and had been greatly influenced by western culture and systems. This was particularly true in Vienna, Prague and Berlin. ZUKHOW may have been eliminated to curb this tendency. Although there have been no official news on

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the subject, it is believed that several other marshals have been neutralized in the same way.

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