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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Counter Intelligence Activity in Switzerland.

From a confidential source considered reliable the following information of war time espionage and counter intelligence activity in Switzerland has been received.

1. Recently the Swiss representative BOERLIN asked the Federal Council what measures had been taken to counteract the anti-democratic manoeuvres of some Swiss elements (by this word the Swiss usually mean foreign espionage). His request was based on three points:

a. Expulsion of National-Socialist elements by the Federal Council.

b. Activity of the Cantonal Police in collaboration with the Federal Prosecutor.

c. Propaganda and infiltration of National-Socialist elements in the cultural field.

The following information has been gathered from the answer forthcoming from the Federal Council.

2. In the first part of the Federal Investigation Committee report, was explained the technique followed for the expulsion of some 400 Italians and Germans who were espionage Agents. A list of these Agents has been produced. The expulsion took place according to the following plan:

1941	1 German
1942	None
1943	3 Germans
1944	1 German

This shows that as long as Germany was fighting, the Swiss took no protective measures and that they intervened only when the Germans had been definitely beaten. Moreover, although there is no proof, Swiss Police cooperated with the GIS until 1943.

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3. The dossiers against the expelled German and Italian Agents are almost always incomplete, so that the defendants' pleas for hearings were usually accepted, since no definite and sufficient proofs against them could be reached by examining the dossier itself.

4. During this period the counter intelligence activity of the Federal Government was undertaken by the Federal Police and the several Cantonal Police Agencies. There are some 25 Cantonal Police Agencies in Switzerland. In spite of the good opinion that the Swiss have of their Counter Intelligence Service, it is believed that foreign intelligence Agents, well aided from the outside, could develop a large network of espionage Agents and Informants.

5. It is interesting to note that from 1941 to the end of 1944 only 5 foreign Agents were actually expelled from Switzerland, but, as soon as the war ended, nearly 400 were designated as unwelcome and were to be expelled.

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