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GBI. 389.464/1-C.

30 November 1945

SUBJECT: Azerbeidijan National Committee

TO: Security Division,
Public Safety Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Reference is made to your SD/199.16 dated
17 October, 1945 and to your SD/199.16-A dated 14 November,
1945 subject as above captioned.

1. All but three of this Committee are at present in custody.
2. If it is established that they are Soviet National arrangements will be made by A.F.H.Q. to hand them over to Russian Authorities.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

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S/ SIDNEY L. HENDERSON,
Major, G.S.C.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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14 November 1945

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Subject: Azerbeidijan National Committee

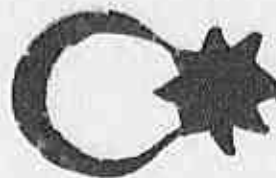
To : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

Would you please expedite reply to our letter ref. SD/99.16
dated 19 Oct. 45, subject as above.

CBH.
JOHN W CHAPMAN
COLONEL J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION

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Berlin, Rome, Sept. 26 1945

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Oct. 9 1945

To His Excellency
Admiral Elvery S. Stone, USNR,
Head of the Allied Commission
R o m e

Your Excellency,

Your Excellency certainly will know, that the Turkish and Caucase populations have fought already for centuries for their liberty. When in 1917 the Russian Empire collapsed, populations of Turkestan, Crimea, North-Caucase, Azerbeidjan, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Finland, Poland and Baltic-States have organized their governments on democratic base. During the years 1920-1921 the bolsheviks conquered the first seven of these States and destroyed our independency. The fighting for freedom though has never ceased since. The bolsheviks have drowned the uprisings in an ocean of blood. During the bolshevik domination these countries have been reduced to the utmost poverty.

The country of Azerbeidjan may serve as an example. It really is a very rich country. Baku had 75% of whole oil-production of Soviet-Russia /33 000 000 t. yearly/. The reserves of Azerbeidjan-naphta are enormous. The mountains hold many precious metals. The silk-and cotton-manufactories, the production of fish-conserve, of vegetables and fruit are highly developed in the country. As a matter of fact the wealth of Azerbeidjan is hardly to be estimated and in spite of this fact the population lives in the greatest misery. The russification of the Turkish and Caucase populations has made great progress. They are obliged to use Russian letters instead of their own alphabet. Never in history any population has been oppressed and tortured in this manner. Can the russification of 40 millions of Turkish and Caucase populations be of any use to England and America? It can be easily understood, that these populations were natural allies of any State in war against Soviet-Russia. The populations of USSR hated Stalin a regime to such a degree, that nobody wanted to fight for it. That is the reason, why the Germans in the beginning of the war make so many prisoners and only for this reason they had such a big success. As a matter of fact Hitler ought to have been grateful to Stalin for his victories in 1941/2. And Stalin owes his salvation to England and USA. The populations of Europe and Asia supported Stalin only, because he was the ally of England and USA.

Our political program accepted by the Congress has nothing in common with nazism, fascism or bolshevism, but proposes to build up the life of the Azerbeidjan State on democratic base. This program does not contain a single word against England and America, though that would have been very important and much desired in Germany. At once after my election as the president energetically against

the removal of our troops towards West. I told them: "England and USA never have been the enemies of the Turkish and Caucase populations and I cannot call my people to fight against them, though England and USA are the allies of bolsheviks and we are allies of Germany. "I obtained that the greater part of Azerbeidjan troops were employed in the fight against the bolsheviks. Only in the beginning of February 1945 I have done my best to remove our troops to Italy and Denmark, so that they might fall into the hands of England and America and not into the hands of England and America and not into those of the Soviets. Things developed accordingly and all our troops surrendered under the explicit conditions not to be sent to the bolsheviks. I was with part of my staff and with my family in Bergamo. When the German garrison capitulated on April 29th, I presented me at the American Command and was conducted to the diplomatical camp in Montecatini. On June 23rd we were transferred to the camp of Salsomaggiore together with the Japanese diplomats. On July 25th I was discharged with my family and my staff.

On May 2nd I have dispatched from Montecatini a memorandum to General Clarke asking not to remove our soldiers to Soviet-Russia. I received the answer, that nobody would be sent to Soviet-Russia unless he wanted to. Only when I left the camp for good, I learned that the chief group of our troops have been sent to Soviet-Russia. I have received notice, that many men sprang from board ship into the sea and others threw themselves under the trains. England and America have not destroyed the nazi, the fascist troops, not the SS and other units who during six years fought against englishmen and americans. They are free by now and can go home. But we, who surrendered to England and America, never have been their enemies, i.e., who fought up to the last against bolshevism, have only continued the never finishing combats of our ancestors for liberty and independency of our Country. We only wished and will wish for ever, that the principles of the Atlantic Charter may be applicated to all the populations and especially to those under bolshevik domination.

In my quality of elected President of the National Azerbeidjan Committee and plenipotentiary of whole Turkish and Caucase populations and in my quality of soldier ask you to protect the rest of our troops who lives in great misery and who are not assisted by any international organization and who do not find any shelter in thy foreign country.

s/ ABO FETHETBEYLI-DUDAGINSKY
t/ ABO FETHETBEYLI-DUDAGINSKY
President of the
Azerbeidjan National Committee.

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