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SUBJECT: Atomic Experiments in France.

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1. A reliable source reports that there has been a rumor circulating to the effect that French scientists have the formula and techniques concerning atomic explosives, and that they are now willing to sell this information. They allegedly do not wish to sell to the Allies or to their own government for political reasons "the Communist already have the secret". They are supposed to be desirous to sell the discovery to one of the smaller nations.

2. The group of French scientists allegedly involved is supposed to be composed of Madame CURIE, Prof. SOLIGNY, Prof. BISTRAND, Prof. CASAL of the French Academy of Science, Prof. GAPPARD, and a series of security violations in the "group of American scientists". No additional information is available at this time on any of the above points, and it must be remembered that the reliable source is merely reporting the existence of rumors.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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