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SOURCE: [redacted] A West European journalist.

1. In May 1963, Rene Souetre, who claimed to act as external coordinator for the OAS organization, said that after de Gaulle, there would be only two choices in France: Communism or the OAS. Therefore, the OAS believed that it was important to allow de Gaulle to remain in power while the OAS strengthened its organization. Souetre pointed out, however, that the OAS must be prepared to counter a Communist plot at any time, as de Gaulle was an old man and also since he could easily meet with an accident. Souetre smiled as he made this last statement, but hastened to add that the Communists might see fit to assassinate de Gaulle in order to precipitate the revolution.
2. Souetre claimed that the OAS had a list of the Communist penetrations of the French Government and expressed the belief of the OAS that the de Gaulle government was aiding the Communist takeover by seeking a rapprochement with the USSR. The OAS, according to Souetre, was NOW trying to penetrate the French Army and the Government in order to build a counter force to the Communists within the French Government.
3. Souetre explained that the OAS intended to prevent a Communist takeover at the post-de Gaulle election by the expedient of preventing the election from taking place.

1. [redacted] Information [redacted] indicates that Souetre is the name of a former French Army captain who escaped from a detention camp in 1961. Subsequent to his escape he was alleged to have been involved in an assassination attempt

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Against de Gaulle. Bouatre was born on 15 October 1930, in the Gironde Department of France.

B. Headquarters Comment:

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