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G.A. Rauche is the author of 16 books and monographs, 22 book-chapters and more than 70 journal articles.

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