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MGB

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 705

17 May 1944

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 [ii] KRAFSUR: Simon Samuel KRAFSUR
 [iii] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.
 [iv] ZEMLYaK: Member of the Communist Party
 [v] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN.
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 [vii] [redacted] Journalist, born in 18[redacted] 25X1
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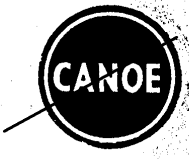
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Item 2.
From: NEW YORK
To: MOSCOW
No.: 709

17 May 1944

To PETROV.

Your no. 269[a].

In another detailed discussion with me ZARE[i] expressed the desire immediately [6 groups unrecovered]. Should the details of the discussion be reported to you by telegraph or post?

Please telegraph the decision [as][b] ZARE is waiting for it impatiently.

I did not want to *disclose myself to "ZARE"* decipher in ~~ZARE's presence~~ as she does not remember me in connection with the HOUSE [DOM][ii].

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MAY [MAJ][iii]

T.N.: [a] Not available.
[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] ZARE: Elena Konstantinovna GORBUNOVA.
[ii] DOM: apparently a Soviet installation, possibly in MOSCOW.
[iii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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