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Item 1

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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20 May 1944

Your no.[a] of 19th April. KhE.....[i] is ready to leave for YURIJ's town[ii]. Taking advantage of the fact that KhE..... has recently been ill with bronchitis and angina, on our instructions he persuaded DAK's[iii] deputy LEWITT[iv] that the staff of the POLECATS [KhOR'KI][v]

[30 groups unrecoverable]

which according to available information will consent to a two months' trip for treatment. KhE..... has advised us that if the business goes normally he will be able to leave in two weeks' time.

The staff of the POLECATS will decide on Monday the 22nd of May the question of where KhE..... is to stay in the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYA][vi]: if KhE..... agrees to help the OLD WOMAN [STARUKHA][vii] in her house, the POLECATS will arrange for KhE..... to stay with [B her]; in this case, as a new man, [D KhE.....] will be under constant observation and will not have complete [C freedom] of movement; if we do not agree to this, KhE..... will persuade the staff of the POLECATS that it is better for him to stay in a hotel. Please telegraph your consent to the decision [C not later than] 9 a.m on the 22nd of May.

No. 395
20 May

MAY [MAJ][viii]

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- Comments: [i] KhE..... : Floyd Cleveland MILLER (known in Trotskyite circles as Mike CORT).
- [ii] "YuRIJ's town" is presumably MEXICO CITY; as YuRIJ was at this time the MGB Resident in MEXICO CITY.
- [iii] DAK: James P. CANNON, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, sent to prison on 31st December 1943.
- [iv] Morris LEWITT, Organisational Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party and Acting National Secretary after CANNON went to prison.
- [v] KhOR'KI: Trotskyites.
- [vi] DEREVN'YA: Mexico.
- [vii] STARUKHA: Natal'ya Ivanovna SEDOVA-TROTSKIJ.
- [viii] MAJ: probably Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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