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- 1. INFORMATION FROM "HARE".
- 2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF "SITSILLA'S" EMPLOYMENT IN THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE" (1944)

From: NEW YORK

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To VIKTOR.[i]

HARD ZAYATS [ii] advises that the end of April SFORZA [iii] asked the BANK's [INNE][iv] permission to return to the COUNTRY [STRANA][v], where, in his opinion, he would be more useful in popularising Italy.

HEN HARRING LUN'] [vi] recommended him to remain in Italy.

Sanction as an exceptional case SITsILE's [vii] going to work for the EDITORIAL OFFICE [REDAKTSIYa][viii] for two weeks. Has worked in the RADIO STATION [RATSIYA][ix], used to send information [from][a] SMYRNA [SMIRNA][x], the COUNTRY HOUSE [DACHA][x] and our information. Just recently has been working with [b] RUR[o].

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[Notes and Comments overleaf]

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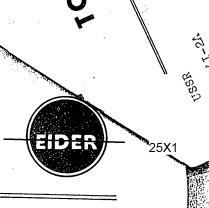
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- Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator. The precise meaning of the sentence from this point onwards is obscure.
 - [b] Or "for". The preposition is not expressed.
 - [c] Possibly "Russian War Relief [RAShIAN WAR RELIF]".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] HARE : Maurice HALPERIN.

[iii] SFORZA: Count Carlo SFORZA, became member of the new

Italian Government in April 1944.

[iv] BANK : the U.S. State Department.

[v] COUNTRY: the U.S.A.

[vi] HEN-HARRIER: Cordell HULL.

[vii] SITsILLA: Possibly William E. DODD, Jr.

[viii] EDITORIAL OFFICE: TASS News Agency.

[ix] RADIO STATION: the Office of War Information.

[x] SMYRNA : MOSCOW.

 $[\mathtt{xi}\,]$ COUNTRY HOUSE: the U.S. Embassy in MOSCOW.

[xii] MAY : Stepan Zakharovich AFRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul

in NEW YORK.

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