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Reissue (T399.1)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1142

10 August 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Your no. 3502[a].

1. In accordance with a decision of the HOUSE[DOM][ii] ChIzh[iii] and KARLOS[iiv] before departure from TYRE[TIR][v] were instructed in the use of a deciphered[TABLICHNYJ] code which they were to

[46 groups unrecoverable]

[D% alphabet] and in addition ChIzh was to write in English and KARLOS in Spanish. We cannot establish whether the pads[TABLITSY] for the codes were sent home since they were entered under the heading "ChIzh's Business" and "KARLOS's Business" [4 groups unrecovered] there are no inventories. From TYRE no enciphered letters were sent to[b] Ch. and K. Both codes ended up in ShTOK[vi] hands.

2. For correspondence with ARTUR[vii] a book in the Spanish language "Una Excursion a Los Indios Ranqueles" was used as a code.

3. For correspondence with ALEKSANDR[viii] the books "My Sister Eileen" and ["] Defense Will Not Win War ["] were used as codes.

4. For correspondence with MARGO[ix] the book "Opera"[OREGA[sic]], which was sent to you in accordance with your instructions, was used.

5. For correspondence with GARRI[x], KHUAN[xi] and ANITA[xii] books were used whose titles were not kept since they were destroyed after the departure of LUKA[xiii] to the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYA][xiv].

6. In a simple cipher square[SETKA] TVEN[xv] trained

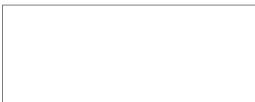
[34 groups unrecoverable]

....ZUL'[xvi], POL'[xvii] which were destroyed and for ShTABIST [xviii] which we are dispatching to you by the next regular post.

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Notes: [a] Not available. Also referred to in NEW YORK's no. 1621 of 20 November 1944 (3/NBF/T399. Item 2)

[b] "To" or "by."

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] DOM: Probably a reference to the COMINTERN.
- [iii] ChIZh: i.e. SISKIN, unidentified cover-name.
- [iv] KARLOS: Christian CASANOVA Subercaseaux.
- [v] TYRE: NEW YORK, N.Y.
- [vi] ShTOK: i.e. STOCK, Mikhail A. ShALYaPIN.
- [vii] ARTUR: Unidentified cover-name.
- [viii] ALEKSANDR: Unidentified cover-name.
- [ix] MARGO: Margarita NELKEN Mansberger de Paul.
- [x] GARRI: i.e. HARRY, Jacob EPSTEIN.
- [xi] KHUAN: i.e. JUAN, possibly Juan GAYTAN Godoy.
- [xii] ANITA: Unidentified cover-name.
- [xiii] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN who had been 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY.
- [xiv] DEREVNya: MEXICO.
- [xv] TVEN: i.e. TWAIN, Semen Markovich SEMENOV.
- [xvi]ZUL': AlternativelyZULE. Possibly the last part of an unidentified cover-name, or even the whole of a cover-name.
- [xvii] POL'! i.e. PAUL, unidentified cover-name.
- [xviii] ShTABLST: i.e. STAFF-MAN, unidentified cover-name.
- [xix] MAJ: Stepan Zakharovich APRESYaN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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enquiry about the days and times of reception.
A ring means that a meeting takes place at [C% exactly] 7p.m. at the entrance to the Teresa Cinema, Avenida Juan De Letran. KhE...[i] holds the magazine Life, will be wearing spectacles, which from time to time he takes off and wipes. Our man holds the magazine Time and asks KhE... in English: Are you Mister TOREN? KhE... : No, my name is Charles BRUNO. After this they go on to talk business. If the meeting does not take place on the day of the 'phone call, it is changed to the next day under the same conditions. KhE...'s distinguishing features - middle height, dark-haired, wart on right cheek, small moustache, round spectacles.

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14th June

MAY [MAJ][ii]

Comments: [i] KhE...: Floyd Cleveland MILLER, alias Mike CORT.

[ii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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Item 5

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 1143-1144

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[Part I] To VICTOR.

Your number 2878.

1. The task concerning sending the letter to the capital of the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYa][i] has been carried out. The letter

[15 groups unrecovered]

all materials on ROURKE [RURKE][ii].

[7 groups unrecovered, 32 groups unrecoverable]

the letter as you proposed was not sent.

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2. Mexico: RITA

1. M.H. JK

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2. Khe...[iii] has returned to TYRE [TIR][iv] from the COUNTRYSIDE. The authorities did not molest him when crossing the frontier. Khe... has submitted a detailed report on his trip. He obtained the names and addresses of the most active POLECATS [KHOR'KI][v] in the COUNTRYSIDE. He has described in detail the position in the OLD WOMAN's [STARUKHA][vi] house. for → He has reported the departure from the COUNTRY [STRANA][vii] of ROURKE, Victor SERGE[viii] and GORKIN[ix]. SERGE has apparently broken with the POLECATS, P.O.U.M. people[x] [and][a] left wing socialists, and has retired from the editorial board of "MUNDO"[xi]. Recently SERGE and GORKIN's apartment was [C% raided] by the police of the COUNTRYSIDE. There is some information to the effect that on arrival in the COUNTRY they will attempt to organize a separate group round themselves. He has described the situation of the Spanish, German and COUNTRYSIDE sections of the POLECATS, [and][a] the relations between them and the OLD WOMAN. The latter intends to demand a renewal of the investigation of the effects of Robert Sheldon HART[xii] who was murdered

[63 groups unrecoverable]

[Part II] With the judge's permission ROURKE succeeded in photographing the RITA[xiii] file. The film is kept in the OLD WOMAN's house.

GORKIN related that a close friend of his in the COUNTRYSIDE was one of our fellow workers. He states that SEAL [TYALEN'][xiv] and the "head of the GPU" in the COUNTRYSIDE had a difference of opinion concerning the method of combatting the POLECATS. The latter is supposed to have insisted on the use of terrorism

[26 groups unrecovered]

[C% trip] Khe... has been continuing to work on coastal steamers[xv] to obtain a further postponement of his call up and for this reason will be unable for some time to concern himself regularly with the POLECATS. However by making use of his successfully accomplished trip we will continue to put him forward for the staff[b] and strengthen his authority with the POLECATS.

While Khe... was in the COUNTRYSIDE the FELLOW COUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI][xvi] in their paper "LA VOZ" of the 7th of July said that one of the chief POLECATS of the COUNTRY had recently arrived. This also is being used by us to strengthen Khe... 's position. Khe... 's report we will send by post.

Khe... has learnt of BOB's[xvii] return to TYRE and has told us that he is afraid of a failure

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[PROVAL][c] with the POLECATS because of BOB's excessive talkativeness. The latter told his relatives that he was not a POLECAT and gave them to understand that he worked on assignments. KhE... is afraid that this may get to the ears of the POLECATS and they may become suspicious of KhE... as he came to them through BOB.

3. After an unsuccessful attempt to get into the international secretariat[xviii] and after the retirement from work of VAN HEIJENOORT [KHEJDZHENURT][xix], TULIP [TYUL'PAN][xx] may

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close to foreigners. The affairs of the international secretariat have been taken on by COCHRAN [KOKRAN][xxi], a member of the staff of the POLECATS. At present TULIP is being used by us on the GNAT [KOMAR][xxii] case and is carrying out the task very DILIGENTLY.

No. 634 [d]

- T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.
- [b] I.e. the staff of the POLECATS. See the last paragraph of the message for this phrase.
- [c] PROVAL: compare also S/NBF/T223. There is some reason to think that the word is used in this type of context with the acquired meaning of "compromise" of an agent.
- [d] The signature occurs in the 63 unrecoverable groups at the end of the first part of the message.

- Comments:[i] DEREVNYa: Mexico.
- [ii] Walter ROURKE, alias Walter KETLEY, bodyguard and personal secretary to Natal'ya Ivanovna SEDOVA-TROTSKY until replaced by Duncan FERGUSON in January 1944.
- [iii] KhE...: Floyd Cleveland MILLER, alias Mike CORT.
- [iv] TIR: NEW YORK, N.Y.
- [v] KHOR'KI: Trotskyites.
- [vi] STARUKha: Natal'ya Ivanovna SEDOVA-TROTSKY.
- [vii] STRANA: the United States of America.
- [viii] Victor SERGE, more properly VIKTOR L'VOVICH KUBALCHUK, born in [redacted] [continued on next page]

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on 30th December 1890, of Russian Revolutionary emigré parents. Became a leader in the Bolshevik movement, but was expelled from Russia in 1933 and deprived of Soviet citizenship in 1936. Spent much time in France until 1940, after which he went to Mexico, where he was active in Trotskyite circles. Died 18 Nov 1947 in MEXICO CITY.

- [ix] GORKIN: properly Julian GOMEZ GARCIA. Born in the Province of V. LENCIA, Spain, 12th January, 1902. Fled from Spain in 1921 and became active in the Communist movement. Went to Russia in 1925, but became disgusted with the Russian Communist Party and STALIN. In 1931 formed the P.O.U.M. (see comment [x]) in Spain. Fled to France after the fall of the Spanish Republican Government at the end of the Civil War, and then, in 1940, to Mexico where he organised a section of the P.O.U.M.
- [x] P.O.U.M.: Partido Obrero Unificacionista Marxista. Holds views close to the Trotskyites while at the same time maintaining differences with them. Attacked by the Spanish Communists during the Spanish Civil War and its leaders were accused by them of treachery. Reactivated in Mexico by GORKIN between 1940-1946.
- [xi] "MUNDO": a socialist magazine organised in Mexico by GORKIN under the title "MUNDO SOCIALISMA Y LIBERTAD".
- [xii] HART: an American citizen who became a body-guard in the TROTSKY household. He was killed some time before the murder of TROTSKY during a night raid on the house.
- [xiii] RITA: from collateral evidence available it appears that RITA is Frank JACSON, the murderer of TROTSKY. JACSON alleged that his real name was Jacques Mornard VANDENDRESCHD.
- [xiv] TYULEN': no other references available.
- [xv] MILLER was connected with the Seafarers International Union and prior to his two months' holiday had a job as oiler on a deep sea tug.
- [xvi] ZEMLYAKI: members of the Communist Party of the country in question.
- [xvii] BOB: Robert Owen MENAKER.
- [xviii] I.e. of the Fourth International.

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- [xix] VAN HEIJENOORT, Jean Louis Maxime, alias Marc LORIS. Born 23rd July, 1912 at CREIL in France. Resident in the U.S.A. since 1939. Reported in 1946 to be Secretary of the International Secretariat of the Fourth International.
- [xx] TULIP: later KANT. Unidentified.
- [xxi] COCHRAN, Bert, alias Alexander GOLDFARB, E.R. FRANK, Herb COULTON, Bert COLTRELL. Born in WARSAW 30th December, 1913. Acquired U.S. citizenship through naturalisation of his father, Joseph COCHRAN, in 1927. He was expelled from the Communist Party in 1934 as a Trotskyite. Joined the Socialist Workers' Party and is now Managing Editor of the magazine "Fourth International" and member of the National Committee of the S.W.P.
- [xxii] KOMAR: Viktor Andreevich KRAVCHENKO.

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