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To Victor [VIKTOR].

Your number 6047. Bass [BAS] received the Reefs [RIF^UI] telegram 4 January. On 20 December Bass received a letter from the Bank [BANK] with the request to come by himself?..... of the Reefs. Bass entrusted the business to a Carthaginian [KARFAGENSK-Y] lawyer, who on 4 January advised by telephone that the Reefs question was being examined by a special commission of the Bank. As soon as the letter from the Bank had been received we asked Bass to check on whether the visa had been issued[;] he, however, has not yet done this, wishing beforehand to find out from the lawyer how the business is going. So far there is no documentary evidence that the visa has not been issued, but the examination of the business by the commission.....entrance visa had [has?] not been issued. We.....Bass to leave for Carthage [KARFAGEN] on 9 January and jointly with the lawyer got more precise information about the question and if the visa has not yet been issued to respond?? as much time as is required on this. Inasmuch as at the end of.....Marcus [MARRUS] advised Bass that the visa had been issued we have just asked Bass to get in touch with him immediately and get an explanation. Bass asked.....to wait until the situation in Carthage was clarified on the grounds that Marcus's interference just now might definitively hamper the way the business is going. In a day or two upon Bass's return from Carthage we shall let you know a great deal about the situation.

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