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Dear Allen:

Sam telephoned me last Thursday evening, on my return from Washington following his conversation with you.

I invited Simkhaeff to see me on Friday, and arranged that he will ask Mouraviiov to lunch with him as soon as possible. Simkhaeff doubts that Mouraviiov will come to this luncheon alone. On the basis of his past experience with officials of Amtorg, Simkhaeff expects that even if he extends his invitation to Mouraviiov alone, Mouraviiov will appear accompanied by at least one other Amtorg official. Should this happen, we decided that it would be prudent for Simkhaeff to limit his conversation to problems of Soviet-American trade. Should Mouraviiov come alone, however, Simkhaeff will attempt to discuss with him the new situation in the Soviet Union created by the death of Stalin.

I suggested to Simkhaeff, in great detail the manner in which he should lead the discussion to obtain the maximum information on economic and political questions.

Simkhaeff is pessimistic about the possibility of future meetings with Mouraviiov, since his British firm is unwilling to resume fur trading with Amtorg in the United States in the present political atmosphere (while continuing to deal with them in London).

I shall keep you fully informed on further developments.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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