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- 1. REPORT ON PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN THE USSR
- 2. PIERRE COT AND HIS WIFE

(1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No: 146

17th May 1945

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To VIKTOR.[i]

Copy to the 8th Department.

Herewith brief particulars of the personnel of the Venezuelan Embassy in the USSR. The source is "CHARRO"s[ChARRO]"[ii] wife (henceforth "

[48 groups unrecoverable]

[272 groups unrecovered]

meet[a] intimate friends of Pierre COT[iii] and his wife[b], [18 groups unrecovered] friend of the Soviet Union. Is acquainted with

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[48 groups unrecovered]

circles in which

[22 groups unrecoverable]

.....el GABALDON[iv] (first name not accurate). Was born and brought up in an atmosphere

[14 groups unrecovered]

José GABALDON[v],

[28 groups unrecoverable]

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GABALDON - the son[vi] was allegedly  
 [32 groups unrecovered]  
 friend and supporter of the Soviet Union  
 [28 groups unrecoverable]  
 [27 groups unrecovered]

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PROKHOR[vii]

Notes: [a] or "meets".

[b] or "... intimate friends, Pierre COT and his wife,".

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

[ii] CHARRO: Gustavo MACHADO.

[iii] Pierre COT: COT was French Minister for Air from 1933 to 1938; a member of the Consultative Assembly of the French Committee of National Liberation, ALGIERS, from autumn 1943; and subsequently a member of the Consultative Assembly, PARIS.

By 1st July 1942 COT had been allocated the covername "DAEDALUS" in NEW YORK MGB traffic (S/NBF/T1332); the BOGOTA resident, ANTIPOV (see Comment [vii]), was seemingly unaware of this. No other references to COT/DAEDALUS are known outside the NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO lanes, but his mistress (covername MARTHA) is mentioned in LONDON to MOSCOW [REDACTED]

[iv] ...el GABALDON: Probably General José Rafael GABALDON.

[v] José GABALDON: See Comment [iv] above.

[vi] GABALDON, the son: Marques Roberto GABALDON, son of General José Rafael GABALDON, was posted to the Venezuelan Embassy in MOSCOW on 7th April 1945

[vii] PROKHOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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