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GERMAN AIR-RAIDS (1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 864

10th Aug. 40

To JOHN [REDACTED][1].

1. From [REDACTED] 1st] August to 7th August the German air-raids [were made][a] by aircraft operating singly and in small groups in various parts of the country day and night. The majority of them dropped leaflets but there were occasions when individual aircraft bombed with 10-kg incendiaries, each aircraft dropping 100 bombs [spread out][a] every 30 metres.
2. On 8th August the Germans bombed as reported by our radio [11] yesterday. The height of the German air-raids was 6,000 and 9,000 metres. The Germans used metal nets to drop over British fighters.
3. The British are using barrage balloons [secured][a] directly on vessels in a convoy.

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DICK [REDACTED][111]

Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: JO[1] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee 6th July 1940 - 16th September 1940.

[11] Our radio: It is not clear whether this refers to an illicit W/T set, MOSCOW Radio or the B.B.C.

[111] DICK: Covername of unidentified LONDON signatory and addressee between 6th July 1940 and 11th October 1940.