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Reference: 3/PPH/T4

MOSCOW QUERY ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF BRITAIN'S POSITION (1940)

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LONDON

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Sept
10th Oct. 40

BARCh [1].

The German radio on 6th September reported serious damage to many air aerodromes, a shortage of aircrew, negligible resistance to the bombers and that the people of LONDON were spending their nights in shelters. Let [us][a] know how serious the position really is in Britain.

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[a] Inserted by translator.

Notes: [1] BARCh: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCh occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 9th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRICW.