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DICK'S VISIT TO KENLEY AIR STATION (1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 915

20th Aug. 40

To JOHN [DICKON][i].

On 18th August the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBASNIKI][ii] bombed KENLEY Aerodrome. I was there today. I could not get onto the aerodrome since all the roads are closed and guarded by soldiers. Soldiers and machine-gun nests are dispersed round the aerodrome in bushes and trenches [iii]. Fuel tanks are concealed in bushes. Near the aerodrome there are bombed-out houses. A squadron of HURRICANES patrols in formation above the aerodrome the whole time in flights of three aircraft. Passers-by have their papers checked. There was no panic among the population during an alert.

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

✓ [ii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans

[iii] These security measures may have been connected with CHURCHILL's visit to KENLEY on 22nd August 1940 (W.S. CHURCHILL, The Second World War, Vol. II, p. 584 in Cassell's edition).

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