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REISSUE

1. NICK, KLARK AND ZHEROM
2. SETTING UP OF AN ILLICIT RADIO IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY
3. MARK AND MIM
4. STENLI, BRAUN AND MINISTR
(1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No.: 798

22nd July 1940

To DIREKTOR

1. Please give permission to spend £50 on the purchase of a camera and photographic materials. NIK[i] and KLARK[ii] will do the work. They proved themselves to be good at this when they photographed ZHEROM's[iii] material.

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2. In making the arrangements for setting up the MUSIC[MUZYKA][iv] in the METRO[v], we are, in particular, acutely conscious of the fact that we have no one in the post of deputy to the MASTER[KhOZYAIN][vi] of the METRO. MARK[vii] and MIM[viii] are being used here irresponsibly on minor administrative jobs. They do not see people, are left to their own devices and, moreover, their development as political and diplomatic officials is being hindered. [ix]

3. I have seen STENLI[x] and we have come to the following agreement. We shall find a flat at once for BRAUN[xi] with a MUSIC. STENLI has already learnt how to use the code and will come to work on the days [B% indicated by you]. He will receive £20 a month.

4. STENLI is looking for work on an agricultural farm near the MUSIC so as to obtain deferment of his call-up to the Army and to regain his health.

5. STENLI receives material from us via BRAUN. The latter will be put in touch with MINISTR[xii] or with our man depending on your instructions.

6. STENLI gave the impression of being a very cautious man. He himself is non-party and originates from the Canadian working-class élite. He has no firm political [B% views]. He is avoiding contact with the British CORPORATION[KORPORATsIYa][xiii]. He is of interest as a [B% radio technician]. His wife is the daughter of a Labour Party professional worker.

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BARCh[xiv]

Footnotes: ✓ [i] NIK:

i.e. "NICK"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in LONDON's Nos. 777 of 17th July 1940 (3/PPDT/T119) and 2034 of 31st July 1941 (3/PPDT/T86).

✓ [ii] KLARK:

i.e. "CLARK"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in LONDON's No. 777 of 17th July 1940 (3/PPDT/T119).

X [iii] ZHEROM: ✓

i.e. "JÉRÔME"; André LABARTHE, Director-General of French Armament and Scientific Research at General de GAULLE's headquarters till September 1940.

✓ [iv] MUSIC:

Radio set.

✓ [v] METRO:

The Soviet Embassy.

✓ [vi] MASTER:

The Soviet Ambassador.

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Footnotes

[Cont'd]: [vii] MARK: ✓

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in LONDON's Nos. 776, 777 of 17th July 1940 (3/NBF/T1472, 3/PPDT/T119), 895 of 16th August 1940 (3/PPDT/T1), 998 of 11th September 1940 (3/PPDT/T12), 1107 of 3rd October 1940 (3/PPDT/T24) and 2150 of 6th August 1941 (3/PPDT/T99).

[viii] MIM: ✓

Possibly Mikhail Ivanovich MIKHAILOV, who was in the UK 1st December 1939-24th July 1943; believed to have worked at the Soviet Consulate, LONDON: cf. LONDON's No. 1107 of 3rd October 1940 (3/PPDT/T24).

[ix] Paragraphs 1-2 of this message are a repeat of paragraphs 3-4 of LONDON's No. 193 of 17th July 1940 (3/PPDT/T119).

✓ [x] STENLI:

i.e. "STANLEY"

✓ [xi] BRAUN:

i.e. "BROWN"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in LONDON's Nos. 876 of 13th August 1940 (3/PPDT/T45) and 976 of 4th September 1940 (3/PPDT/T50).

✓ [xii] MINISTR:

i.e. "MINISTER"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in LONDON's Nos. 766 of 15th July 1940 (3/PPDT/T58), 950 of 28th August 1940 (3/PPDT/T34), 966 of 2nd September 1940 (3/PPDT/T57), 1424 of 20th December 1940 (3/PPDT/T54) and 2034 of 3rd July 1941 (3/PPDT/T86) and MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940 (PPDT/T20).

✓ [xiii] CORPORATION:

Communist Party.

✓ [xiv] BARCH:

Probably Simon Davidovich KREMER, Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON, 1937-1946.