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1. REPORT ON AIRFIELDS AROUND LONDON
2. AIR RAID DAMAGE IN THE LONDON AREA (1940)

From: LONDON

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To JOHN[DZHON][1].

1. Yesterday the airfields at FELTHAM, HEATHROW, HENDON, CROYDON, BIGGIN HILL and NORTHOLT were[a]. There are no aircraft on the first two. On the third there are several trainers. On the fourth several aircraft were left [B' after the raid]. On the fifth, fighter aircraft are in position,

From a list of 16: 5 groups unrecovered
It is evident that the damage is not as serious as reported.
Many HERRICANE aircraft are dispersed round the sixth airfield.

BOFORS guns have been positioned in the vicinity of the airfields[b]. Decoy anti-aircraft posts, with dummies dressed in British Air Force uniform, have been sited in prominent positions.

2. While an air raid by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS[KOLBASNIK][11] was in progress during the night, a British fighter was flying over LONDON, periodically showing a white light as a recognition signal

1-2 groups unrecovered
English people, however...
to[c] the LONDON area [B' after the raids] by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS on 24th and 25th August reported the following:

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- (a) In HOEGATE, warehouses, banks and other premises have been destroyed.
- (b) In STEPNEY, many dwellings have been destroyed.
- (c) In KING GEORGE [V][d] DOCK, there has been severe damage by fire. 200 fire engines took part in fighting the fire. In

[3 groups unrecovered]

one and the same region was raided; i bombed on the same night several times.

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DICK[DIX][iii]

Notes: [a] This is a drafting or encoding error. A word has been omitted. The meaning seems to be "were attacked/raided" or "were visited/inspected/seen".

[b] Or "airfield".

[c] Or "in".

[d] "V". Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee.

✓[ii] SAUSAGE-DEALER: Code-word for a "German".

[iii] DICK: Unidentified LONDON signatory.