

~~TOP SECRET~~

USER

Reference: 3/1111/175

22-2-40

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION RE BEAVERBROOK
2. GERMAN BOMBING OF LONDON
(1940)

From: LONDON

Re: BOMB

No: 1069

26th Sept. 40

To DIRECTOR.

1. BEAVERBROOK (i) told the MASTER of the NETRO (K002Yain NETRO, (ii) that they were working on night air defence (PVO) with the aim of enabling fighter pilots see in the dark. He said that air position was good in regard to matériel; they had reserves and from October onwards would be receiving 750 aircraft from SUSA (iii). They apparently have as many bombers as group garbled the SUSA-DEALERS (K003.SHXI, (iv). From November onwards they would begin to get Canadian pilots. On 20th September 119 British aircraft of three types bombed BERLIN. Apparently a few days ago the British once again secretly received peace (B condition) from the Germans. He says they are not bad. The basic (B condition) is that the British are not to interfere in the affairs of the continent of Europe.

2. On 25th of September I was in the western suburbs of LONDON. There has been slight bomb damage to the FIRESTONE (FIRESTONE) Tyre Factory and the PACKARD automobile workshops in the GREAT WEST ROAD industrial area. One workshop has been damaged in the large SLOUGH complex of factories. At the same time the SUSA-DEALERS are continuing

to bomb housing and railway junctions in LONDON. As night falls the British increase the number of balloon barrages. About 150 can be seen from the METRO (v), which means that there are not less than 600 in total. Their height is not more than 1,500-2,000 metres. A British-made mine weighing 1,300 kg and three metres long was dropped in Tooting. A group [unidentified] naval ratings sent from FOLKSTONE rendered it safe.

No. 267

B.RCh (vi)

Comments: ✓ (i) BELVEDERE: Lord BELVEDERE, then Minister of Aircraft Production.

✓ (ii) MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.

✓ (iii) S.Sh.: the United States.

✓ (iv) S.USAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ (v) METRO: the Soviet Embassy.

(vi) B.RCh: 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 B.RCh occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRIAN.