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1. INFORMATION FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR
2. POULTRY-DEALER
3. PRESS REPORTS ON GERMAN AIRCRAFT AND BOMBING
4. INTELLIGENCE ON A.A. DEFENCES

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To DIRECTOR.

1. The MASTER of the METRO [KHOZYAIN METRO][i] [has said][a] that the Balkan diplomats here are disquieted by the German activity in the Balkans, [c% linking] this with the fact that the invasion is held up. The Greek Ambassador told him that Germany is said already to have an understanding with Roumania and Bulgaria on the passage of troops through to the Turkish frontier. The Czechs report the concentration in the KRAKÓW area of 36 SAUSAGE-DEALER [KOLBASNIKI][ii] divisions for a Balkan operation. BUTLER [iii] yesterday suggested to the MASTER that talks should be started on the Chinese question and asked if the U.S.S.R. wished to take part in the talks between Britain and SASHA [iv] about the Pacific Ocean.

2. POULTRY-DEALER [KURNIK][v] has reported that because of the bombing of Eastern Command Headquarters [SHTAB OKRUGA VOSTOCHNOGO] which was in HOUNSLOW, part has gone to ASHFORD and part to CLING [vi]. Some steamships have brought into HULL from SASHA 70-80 small river-type vessels. It is thought that these vessels are for use against the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' barges if there is an invasion. Last week about 80 SAUSAGE-DEALER aircraft made a sudden air-raid on the BRISTOL Aircraft Factory. About 200 bombs were dropped, slightly damaging two workshops and killing 123 people who were in an above-ground shelter at the factory. The workpeople will not go into these shelters now.

3. Herewith press information on the new FOCKE-WULF FW 187 KERSTOVER [b]

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two-seater fighters. Two DAIMLER-BENZ 601A 1,150 h.p. engines. Maximum speed 520 k.p.h. Service ceiling 11,800 metres. Rate of climb 2,000 metres in 1.9 minutes and 6,000 metres in 5.8 minutes. Armament four machine-guns (two on each side of the fuselage) and two cannons apparently firing through the engine shaft.

4. According to available information there is a red line with 40, 50, 60 and 70 degree divisions on the side of the cockpit of the Ju-87. The fighter pilots know the angle of dive from where this line coincides with the horizon.

5. In the CAMBERBURY area last week A.A. guns shot down a four-engined SAUSAGE-DEALER bomber which was accompanied by 28 fighters. An aircraft of this type sometime or other made a non-stop flight to South America. [It has] [a] a crew of 22 and carries five tons of bombs.

6. It has been established by observation that the British have set up at various points on LONDON's inner air defence perimeter single guns whose calibre is apparently not less than six inches. The guns are in places closed to access and are camouflaged. The guns open fire only when the 3.7-inch battery alongside is firing. Usually after one or two rounds from this gun the SAUSAGE-DEALERS immediately get out of its field of fire [СФЕРА ДЕЙСТВИЯ].

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] Probably an error for "Zerstörer" = "destroyer".

Comments: ✓ [i] MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.

✓ [ii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ [iii] BUTLER: R.A. BUTLER, then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

✓ [iv] SASHA: the United States.

✓ [v] POULTRY-DEALER: Unidentified covername. See also LONDON's Nos. 876 of 13th August 1940, 882 of 14th August 1940 and 1141 of 9th October 1940.

[vi] CLING: An error for EALING. See the correction in LONDON's No. 1141 of 9th October 1940.

[vii] 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 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRION.

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