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REPORT FROM B. RON (1941)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 2246

12th Aug. 41 [c]

To DIRECTOR.

On 11th August B. RON [i] reported the following:

1. PO... [b]

[48 groups unrecovered]

communications and transport severe damage was inflicted in Germany. In WESTPHALIA [ii], ^{even at} ~~as far back as~~ the end of May 1941, ^{there was unrest in/about} the conduct of public affairs (was unsettled) [c].

[48 groups unrecovered]

training [d] NOBILITY [Z.N.T'] [iii] so that [B% he can organise] B. RON's very onerous task.

[56 groups unrecoverable]

No. 404

B. RON [iv]

Notes: [a] It has now been established that, although this message was enciphered on 11th August, it was actually transmitted on 12th August.

[b] The beginning of a word spelt out in Cyrillic.

[e] Literally: "... there was anxiety/alarm/disturbance/trouble in the conduct of public affairs."

[d] Third person singular or plural, i.e. "he/she is training" or "they are training."

Comments:

[i] BRON: ✓

[ii] The English version ESTPH.LLA was sent and was spelt out in the Latin alphabet.

✓[iii] NOBILITY: Unidentified covername; see also LONDON's Nos. 987 of 6th September 1940 (3/PPDT/T10), 1024 of 17th September 1940 (3/PPDT/T23), 1170 of 16th October 1940 (3/PPDT/T16), 1232 of 30th October 1940 (3/NBF/T1742, where NOBILITY occurs in the first sentence as "[1 group unidentified]") and 1424 of 20th December 1940 (3/PPDT/T54).

[iv] BRION: Col. I.A. SKLYAROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in LONDON 1940-1946. BRION's first occurrence as a signatory (or addressee) is in LONDON's No. 1149 of 11th October 1940 (3/PPDT/T14).