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REQUEST THAT ABRAM SHOULD BE LEFT IN STOCKHOLM (1945)

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To VINTGR(i).

In answer to No. 5338(a).

ABRAM(ii) is the most highly qualified man(RABOTNIK) here and his departure would put the RESIDENCY in a difficult position. He is actually (i group unrecovered) but (B: the Swedes) surely take it "(B: for granted)" that, apart from "the MISTRESS(KHOZYAJKA)"(iii), everyone is carrying out "(B: agent(.GERTURNYJ)) work" and they keep everyone under all-round surveillance. In the past week, for instance, surveillance of ANATOLIJ(iv) has been maintained but it was discontinued in the case of ABRAM. ABRAM would prove his worth if he were in charge of(RUKOVODITEL') a group or of work with legitimate contacts(LEGAL'NYE SVYAZI). Later on several (i group unrecovered) contacts(SVYAZI) might be handed over to him. At present he is in contact with (SVYAZAN S) two agents(b) and is carrying out the development (RAZRABOTKA)(c) of several persons. It is very (B: important) that ABRAM should be left here.

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VALERIAN(v)

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- Notes: [a] Not available.
- [b] An alternative interpretation is: "... he is running two agents ..."
- [c] "Development" is one of the stages in recruitment and includes the assessment of the candidate and developing his trust in the case officer.
- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] ABRAM : Igor Mikhaĵlovich SPICHKIN, Press Attache at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.
- [iii] MISTRESS : Aleksandra Mikhaĵlovna KOLLONTAJ, Soviet Minister in STOCKHOLM.
- [iv] ANATOLIJ : Aleksej PANIN, an engineer in the Soviet Trade Delegation in STOCKHOLM.
- [v] VALERIAN : Vasiliĵ Pedorovich RAEIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

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