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MGB

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1141

13 July 1943

To VIKTOR.[1]

Your no. 2837.[a]

WILLIAM LANCASTER[VILYAM LANCASTER][11], 58-60 years old, [1 group unrecovered] American, chief [1 group unrecovered] National City Bank, was formerly a deputy director of this bank.

[38 groups unrecoverable]

favorably disposed [6 groups unrecovered].

In the 1930's was in the U.S.S.R.

[61 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered]PS.

In the last conversation he told GUSEV[111] that there would be major developments not only in the immediate reconstruction of industry, but also

[20 groups unrecovered]

American and British troops. These troops are preparing the ground for subversive operations "without dependence on [D% TURKEY's] position." He told GUSEV about post-war financial affairs and

[50 groups unrecovered].

However banking and financial circles

[20 groups unrecoverable]

wants to associate only with certain of our officials. On contact [11 groups unrecovered] association with GUSEV, [8 groups unrecoverable]

No. 636

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Notes: [a] Not available. However, no. 2837 is also referred to in the NEW YORK-MOSCOW message no. 1064 of 3 July 1943.

Comments:

[1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[11] William W. LANCASTER, partner in the law firm of Shearman and Sterling in NEW YORK, active in a number of Communist front organizations.