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To ALAFUZOV[1], EGIPKO[11].

The Navy Department proposes to send the following officers on the mine-sweepers being built for us. (See my telegram No. 730 of 23 December 1942[a]).

1. Commander ERDMAN[111] - senior member of the group - torpedo officer [MINER].
2. Lieutenant HATCH[KhATCH] - torpedo officer.
3. Lieutenant ANIKHEEV[1v] - torpedo officer (of Russian extraction).
4. Warrant officer [MICHMAN] GREEN - electrician.
5. Two other specialists will be selected and their names will be given later.

On 12th February a meeting was arranged between the commanders of PANTSIRNYJ's[v] and MOL's[vi] groups and officers of the Navy Department. The meeting took place in a very friendly atmosphere.

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DGORICHEV[vii]

[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] Not available.

- Comments: [i] ALAFUZOV : Rear-Admiral V. A. ALAFUZOV.
- [ii] EGIPKO : Capt. (1st Rank) EGIPKO was appointed head of OVS (Department of Foreign Relations) on 12th February 1943.
- [iii] ERDIAN : See also WASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 (3/NBP/TM 274) and No. 1646 of 17th July 1943 (typescript).
- [iv] ANIKIEV : Lt. Nicholas Michael ANIKIEV, UEN, liaison officer and interpreter. See also WASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 (3/NBP/TM 274).
- [v] PANTS'ERNYJ : Capt. (1st Rank) Pavel A. PANTS'ERNYJ.
- [vi] MOL' : Capt. (3rd Rank) Mikhail Nikolaevich MOL'.
- [vii] EGORICHEV : Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGORICHEV, Soviet Naval Attache in WASHINGTON.

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