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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No.: 2358

16 September 1943

To [Name CB] [1].

1. On [B% 16] September the second group of ships arrived safely at NEW**** [11]. On the way from NORFOLK [5 groups unrecovered]. In Captain Second Rank NIKITIN's opinion, the submarine-chasers stood up well. There have been no breakage accidents. -----

AKULIN and I will hear MOL's and NIKITIN's report on the passage.

As a result of [B% a strike] the first group was delayed at ST. JOHNS

[3 groups unrecoverable]

one of the ships (which one, SKRYAGIN does not say) [3 groups unrecovered] on ICELAND today [B% 16] September[;] evidently there is no serious damage. I have directed that the ship in disrepair be left behind if repairs take longer than 5 days and that it be joined to the second group.

[5 groups unrecovered]

and advise me of [1 group unidentified] so that [1 group unidentified] permission to sail.

No. 732

[Name CE] [111]

Comments:

- [1] Name CB: Possibly BOGDENKO, Director of Operations from March 1943.
- [11] This may be NEW YORK, but NEWPORT NEWS has been suggested.
- [111] Name CE: Possibly EGORICHEV, Naval Attache, WASHINGTON.

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