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1. DESPATCH OF MAIL
2. REPORT ON KENT'S WORK (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

Nos. 327-828

17 Apr. 43

[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To [Name No. 42][1].

In view of the delay over permission to send off my mail by SPERANSKIJ's^[11] plane, I sent it off in the normal way on 15th April.

In reply to your

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and has seen to the execution of the Naval General Staff's [GSh][a] tasks. At the same time KENT^[11] has thrown light on the question of the condition of DUTCH HARBOUR, has corrected the map of that place and has organised the work of the personnel of our [4; submarines] relating to the execution of your task. I consider KENT's work in this line completely satisfactory. As a result of KENT's frequent absences the people in his set-up [APP/R.T] have been left without supervision and have made no progress, which, however, has led to their being swamped with the processing of materials and with administrative questions. KENT has produced hardly any fresh people, except for two or three who are of no great value to us. I am explaining at a closed meeting of [b]. There has been a delay over the flat ([he][c] has only just recently found one), and [he][c] has not mixed very much in society.

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[Part II] KENT has had school training and has been abroad (in ENGLAND, here), however he has not had the direction of [of commercial] work. I would think it possible to make him the connecting link for 1 or 2 lines, e.g. the West. For the post of Assistant Resident, it would be desirable to send A. FIL-GO [iv] here or ask the NEIGHBOURS [SOSEDI] [v] for a fully mature person. I will have a chat about this tomorrow with their

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[Name No. 91] [vi]

Notes: [a] GSh : GLAVNYJ MORSKOJ SHTAB.

[b] There are signs that a group has been omitted here, and that it is "the NEIGHBOURS [SOSEDI]" - See Comment [v] below.

[c] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) M. A. VORONTOV.

[ii] SPERANSKIJ : Capt. Konstantin SPERANSKIJ, a member of the Soviet Meteorological Mission in U.S.A.

[iii] KENT : Unidentified cover-name.

[iv] A. FIL-GO : Probably an abbreviation for a man whose first initial is A, and whose surname begins FIL.... and endsSKIJ or (less likely)SKOJ,WUJ,NOJ,GO. E.g. A. FILIPPOVSKIJ, A. FILANOVSKIJ. Cf. the abbreviation in TM 063 Note [a].

[v] NEIGHBOURS : Members of another Soviet Intelligence Organisation.

[vi] Name No. 91 : Probably Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGORICHEV, Soviet Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON.

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