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EGORICHEV REQUESTS ADVICE ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

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19 May 43

To: EGIPKO [1]

[D: I have an opportunity] of inspecting the French battleship RICHELIEU which is being refitted in NEW YORK. The head of the French Mission, represented here by DEZHIRO, [a] has promised to show me and my specialists over the whole ship. [D: I consider that] we shall miss a very good opportunity if we adhere rigidly to the principle that we do not have normal diplomatic relations with DEZHIRO, especially since the latter offers his services "as an ally". The Ambassador has not said anything definite to me on this question and recommended that I should apply directly to the CENTRE. [11] Please answer immediately.

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EGORICHEV [111]

Note: [a] ¹⁰The Head of the French Mission which is representing DEZHIRO here, ...'.
If this is correct DEZHIRO might be a mistaken transcription of GIRAUD.

Comments: [1] EGIPKO : Capt. (1st Rank) EGIPKO was appointed Head of OVS in February 1943.

[11] CENTRE : Presumably the Department of Foreign Relations (OVS) to which Naval Attachés abroad were responsible.

[111] EGORICHEV: Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGORICHEV, Soviet Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON.

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