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INSTRUCTIONS ON SETTING UP ILLEGAL RESIDENCIES
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4. Pay particular attention to the setting up of illegal residencies, selecting as illegal residents the most reliable and qualified agents who are not under suspicion by the local authorities and whose collaboration with us is known to a very limited number of our agents. When setting up an illegal residency, establish the resident's office[BYURO] independently of the local FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN[j], using for this such forms of cover as organization of commercial ~~(1 group unidentified)~~, cinemas, [1 group unidentified], restaurants, fashion houses, handicraft shops; and also the entrée through connections[KONTAKT] into various [1 group unidentified] enterprises etc; and set about creating trustworthy liaison which will ensure the prompt delivery of information from offices[ORGAN] of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [7 groups unrecovered] a system of reliable counterintelligence agents, opportunities [2 groups unrecovered]. No organization[G: al] measures in this matter are to be

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taken without our consent.

5. With a view to setting up ~~necessary contacts~~ necessary contacts [5 groups unrecoverable] material our cadre workers are being allowed to join various clubs, sporting and other organizations run by foreign governments, having first obtained our agreement. ~~[5 groups unrecovered]~~, permitting entry into these organizations and other [4 ~~groups~~ unidentified] Soviet [1 ~~group~~ unidentified], however only with the permission of the Ambassador, Minister or Consul. Further information to follow.

Note: [a] Previous part(s) of message not available. Probably a circular. The internal serial number is compatible with the series used for messages from KOSCOV signed by PITROV; this signature would have appeared at the end of the first part of message.

Comment: [i] ~~FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN~~: Members of the Communist Party.

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