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"EZh", ARTUR, [D% GON...], A NATURALISED FRENCH CITIZEN, KNYAZEVSIIJ,  
 "SONYa", JACOB MUCHNIK ("FINANSIST"), "KALISTRAT"  
 ) (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 764, 765

24th May 1943

[2-part message complete]

[Part I] To VIKTOR[i].

[11 groups unrecovered]

reports:

1. The report on the work [3 groups unrecovered] "[1 group unrecovered]";  
 our courier ("EZh"[ii]) does[a] not [7 groups unrecovered] [B% ARTUR][iii]  
 with [1 group unrecovered] "[D% GON...]" [1 group unrecovered]"[iv] but  
 [B% through]

[17 groups unrecovered]

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native of BESSARABIA, a naturalised French citizen, [2 groups unrecoverable];  
 radio specialist in PARIS: worked with KNYaZEVSKIJ[v]

[43 groups unrecovered]

: gives the impression of being a [B% friendly] person. Information

[56 groups unrecovered]

100-watt, crystal[b]

[24 groups unrecoverable]

watt, crystal[b],

[21 groups unrecovered]

in TYRE[TIR][vi] in April.

5. [B% ARTUR]

[17 groups unrecovered]

money, crystals

[20 groups unrecovered]

having extensive information and connections in SPAIN.

7. He is awaiting [D% your instructions][c] on the use of the other  
 [C% candidates mentioned] in the report.

8. [31 groups unrecovered]

communications with NORTH AFRICA complained

[41 groups unrecoverable]

[22 groups unrecovered]

[Part II] [1 group unrecovered] ARTUR's letter [B% I report]:

1. Information

[20 groups unrecovered]

(to "SONYa"[vii]) entry

[46 groups unrecovered]

in HAVANA, CUBA,

[59 groups unrecoverable]

4. Paragraph 3 of the letter is clearly talking about Jacob MUCHNIK  
 (henceforth "FINANSIST"[viii]), who [C% was in RIO[ix]] [3 groups  
 unrecovered] and is now here. He is about 40 years old, is the manager  
 of the publicity and advertising department

[23 groups unrecoverable]

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[1 group unrecovered]. Here  
   [44 groups unrecovered]  
 permitted. On the return journey FINANSIST  
   [31 groups unrecovered]  
 "KALISTRAT"[x]  
   [11 groups unrecovered].  
 If [3 groups unrecovered] CHILE  
   [23 groups unrecoverable]  
 No. 422                                       LUKA[xi]

## Notes:

- [a] Or "did".  
 [b] Presumably particulars of a radio set.  
 [c], Or "[D% Your instructions] are awaited".

## Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR:           Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.  
 [ii] EZh:            i.e. "HEDGEHOG"; unidentified covername. Also occurs  
                           in NEW YORK's No. 592 of 3rd July 1943 [REDACTED]  
 [iii] ARTUR:         Unidentified covername. Also occurs in messages between  
                           15th May 1942 and 26th December 1944 on the NEW YORK-  
                           MOSCOW link and between 23rd June 1944 and 10th July  
                           1945 on the MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW link.  
 [iv] GON...:         Possibly GONETS i.e. "EXPRESS MESSENGER", covername for  
                           [REDACTED]  
 [v] KNYAZEVSKIJ:    Possibly Boris KNYAZEVSKIJ, who in 1938 was sent as a  
                           member of the Soviet Delegation to the Paris Fair.  
 [vi] TYRE:           NEW YORK CITY.  
 [vii] SONYa:         This covername is not known elsewhere in MGB traffic,  
                           but in secret writing messages (cf. NEW YORK-BUENOS AIRES  
                           letter of 17th November 1941 - [REDACTED]) it represented  
                           Jose David ALFARO SIQUEIROS.  
 [viii] FINANSIST:    i.e. "FINANCIER".  
 [ix] RIO:            BUENOS AIRES.

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Comments

[Cont'd]: [x] KALISTRAT: Aleksandr Semenovich FOMIN, clerk at the Soviet Consulate in NEW YORK.

[xi] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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