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"VALERIAN" MEETS "ORESTES" IN SCOTLAND: "ORESTES" INTRODUCES HIM TO
"MOUNTAINEER" (1943)

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To VIKTOR[i].

In SCOTLAND en route to SWEDEN, I[ii] made the acquaintance of "ORESTES[OREST]"[iii]. We had to share a room in the hotel and we became friendly. However my official position marked the limit of the acquaintance despite the fact that ORESTES [3 groups unrecovered] whether it was not true that I had been appointed in KIN's[iv] place. As there were a lot of foreigners, a number of allied missions know I am officially acquainted with O.. Make use[a] of the fact that ORESTES took the opportunity to introduce me to MOUNTAINEER[ORETS][v] when the latter asked him to do so, BUT then remained in the background himself. On finding myself tête-à-tête with MOUNTAINEER, I [2 groups unrecovered] recruitment[vi] which I have no doubt will be successful. I request your approval.

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VALERIAN[vii]

Notes: [a] From the context it seems likely that a verb with some such meaning as "I have decided to" or "May I have permission to" has been omitted from the beginning of the sentence.

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- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. N. FITIN.
- [ii] I : Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN ("VALERIAN") arrived in STOCKHOLM on 25th October 1943 to take up the post of 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation.
- [iii] ORESTES : Possibly Vilmos BOEHM, translator at the British Legation in STOCKHOLM.
- [iv] KIN : Boris Nikolaevich YARTSEV, Counsellor at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM and ICB Resident until his departure from S. EDEN on 15th July 1943.
- [v] MOUNTAINEER : Presumably the introduction took place after "VALERIAN" reached STOCKHOLM.
- [vi] recruitment : of STOCKHOLM's No. 398 of 28th January 1944 (3/NBF/T571) where "VALERIAN" reports that "We have forbidden the recruitment of MOUNTAINEER".
- [vii] VALERIAN : See Comment [ii]

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