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Today "VAGUE [SMUTNYJ]"[1] reported that the Privileged Mail Department of the Censor's Office had discovered secret writing on opening a Neighbour's[11] letter addressed home. The letter was written on a form not exactly of the Consulate, and not exactly of the Purchasing Commission. VAGUE has not managed to identify either the sender of the letter or the address of the recipient. I think it essential to check, in the first place with the Maritime Neighbours[111] whether they have not been giving [C% instructions] to their workers in BABYLON[1v] to effect communications in this manner. A worker of the Maritime Neighbours, DEMChENKO[v], has recently arrived in our establishment as a secretary.

[15 groups unrecovered]

Further VAGUE reported that he had received

[11 groups unrecovered]

addressed to P.F. DRACHUK at the address MOSCOW, ARBAT, Malonikolo-Peskovskij Pereulok No.6, Flat No.4.

Further VAGUE was entrusted with keeping an eye on the current account in the "Bank of America" of a certain [C% G.] V. KRAVChENKO, who was living in ROSTOV Malyj Prospekt, No.25. On account KRAVChENKO has 33 dollars.

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KhARON[vi]

Comments: [1] VAGUE: Probably James Walter MILLER.

[11] Neighbours: Members of another Soviet Intelligence Organization.

[111] Maritime Neighbours: Members of Soviet Naval Intelligence.

[1v] BABYLON: SAN FRANCISCO.

[v] DEMChENKO: Vasilij Nikolaevich DEMChENKO arrived San Francisco 4 Sept. 1943 as secretary at the Soviet Consulate.

[vi] KhARON: Grigorij KhEJFETs, Soviet Vice-Consul in San Francisco.