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ZAYaTs HANDS OVER TELEGRAMS SENT TO THE "BANK" FROM U.S.  
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN STOCKHOLM  
(1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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8th July 1943

To VIKTOR[i].

"ZAYaTs"[ii] handed over [the following][a] telegrams, dated 9th June, from the Ambassador[b] of the COUNTRY in STOCKHOLM, JOHNSON, to the "BANK"[iii]:

"During his recent visit to STOCKHOLM, the Chargé d'affaires of the COUNTRY's Embassy[b] in FINLAND, McCLINTOCK, was invited to the Soviet Legation and, when questioned by the Soviet representatives as to what was known about the rumours of poison gas being sent to FINLAND by the Germans for use on the Eastern Front, he replied that he knew nothing. He said that the Finns were not prepared for gas warfare and therefore

[22 groups unrecovered]

[45 groups unrecoverable]

the attempt by the Germans to form a "Russian Army" from Soviet prisoners of war has failed. In May of this year the "Army" of VLASOV [ 4 groups unrecovered] only 300 men.

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Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator.

[b] The terms Ambassador and Embassy are used in error: The U.S.A. had Legations in both SWEDEN and FINLAND.

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- Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] ZAYaTs: i.e. "HARE" or "STOWAWAY"; Maurice HALPERIN.
- [iii] BANK: U.S. State Department.
- [iv] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.