CONCERNING THE SENDER OF ENCRIPTED LETTERS (1944)

**Item 1**

From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 438[a]

10 Dec. 44

To VIKTOR.[1]

Reference No. [Q6 56]91[b]. The sender [FUDATEL''HITâ€‌][c] explains that the indicator is the first group. She

Most of the remaining 118 groups are unrecovered and the last 54 groups, including the signature data, are unrecoverable. One or two 5-letter groups have been recovered, however, suggesting that the later part of this message was similar to item 2.

**Notes:**

[a] It is clear on technical grounds that No.438 was originated immediately prior to No.437, and in all probability it contains the internal serial No.228 to which external serial No.437 refers.

[b] Not available, but would have been sent during the first five days of December.

[c] FUDATEL''HITâ€‌ is unambiguously feminine.

**Comments:** [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FUDAT.