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PROPOSED USE OF "AKMED" AS GROUP LEADER IN THE WHITE LINE (1944)

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To VIKTOR. [1]

After thorough consideration of AKMED's^[ii] qualities and (in part) of his potentialities, we have come to the conclusion that he is suitable for the role of group leader in the White Line in place of [Q. BEK].^[iii] However, for our proposal to be [Q. made] with confidence a personal talk with AKMED himself is [Q. absolutely] essential. In this talk we should also clarify the all-important question of AKMED's potentialities in the First Line (see his communication about KATZ [KATs]^[iv] and CALIPH [KALIP])^[v]. We have received from BEK a detailed personal description of AKMED which gives grounds for thinking that the latter is devoted to us and exceedingly capable as a probationer [STAZHER]. Please give sanction for NAZAR^[vi] to have a special personal talk with AKMED for the purpose of deciding in what direction he should be used in future.

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MAY [MAJ] [vii]

[Comments overleaf]

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Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. PITIN.
[ii] AHMED : Unidentified cover-name.
[iii] BEK : Sergej Nikolaevich KURNANDV.
[iv] KATZ : Unidentified cover-name.
[v] GALIPH : William Christian BULLITT.
[vi] NAZAR : Stepan Nikolaevich SHINDENKO.
[vii] MAY : Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul
in NEW YORK.
