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To: SAN FRANCISCO

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Numbers 196[1] and 197[11].

To "GIFT [DAR]"[111].

Without co-ordination with us the VLADIVOSTOK office, knowing that SOSIN was an old probationer in LENINGRAD, independently gave SOSIN a rendezvous with "PETR"[iv], which we consider incorrect and henceforth [1 group unrecovered] will prohibit. Bearing in mind your communication concerning SOSIN please organise the most careful surveillance of him so as to exclude the possibility of desertion. * [2 groups unrecovered], we recommend not to break off liaison with SOSIN for the time being, but to pretend in this way [to confirm] [a] our confidential relationship towards him, permit [2 groups unrecovered] loyalty on his part. On SOSIN's arrival in VLADIVOSTOK [7 groups unrecovered].

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[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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* With these objections, we recommend not to break off liaison with SOSIN, demonstrating thereby our confidence in him and dispelling vigilance on his part.

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T.N.: [a] Or "[C: to observe]".

Comments: [i] SAN FRANCISCO's message no. 196 was sent under external serial no. 342 of 9th September 1944 [S/NBF/T429].

[ii] SAN FRANCISCO's message no. 197 was sent under external serial no. 343 of 9th September 1944. Apart from a reference to "PETR", the text is not at present available.

[iii] D/R: Grigorij KASPAROV.

[iv] PETR: Aleksandr Petrovich GRACHEV.

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