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1. "B" GIVES ARSENIJ AND SHTAMP INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION OF ROBOTS AT THE REPUBLIC PLANT.
2. CONFIRMATION BY LIBERAL AND REPORT ON P-47 AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1327

15th September 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

At ARSENIJ's[ii] last meeting with SHTAMP[iii] they visited a common acquaintance "B".[iv], who is at present working in the REPUBLIC[REPABLIK][v] plant. Details about B. were given in letter No. 7 of 5th September. In conversation B. stated that during the last two months the LEAGUE[LIGA][vi] had attempted to arrange for the robots[vii] to be produced within a period of 60 days[viii]. The firms which were developing the air system[SISTEMA VOZDUKHA][ix] did not want to arrange for production within such a short time limit. REPUBLIC agreed to turn out the robots and started production 55 days later. 10 were turned out for the first time on 2nd September. Each robot weighs 4,500 pounds and has a speed of 500 miles per hour. The range is not known. The air unit [USTANOVKA VOZDUKHA][x] on the robot is 6 inches in diameter and 12 inches long. The LEAGUE has recognised the work as being good. At present production is going ahead at a good pace.

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LIBERAL[xi] confirms that the output of robots has begun and reports that robot launchers[USTANOVKI ROBOTOB] will apparently be mounted on aircraft carriers for action against JAPAN.

REPUBLIC is at present turning out 600 P-47 aircraft a month. The aircraft can do 525 miles per hour. There are 20,000 workmen in the plant.

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- Comments:
- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
  - [ii] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO; Soviet Representative at the Bell Aircraft Corporation.
  - [iii] ShTAMP: i.e. "STAMP". [REDACTED] who was employed by the Bell Aircraft Corporation, has been suggested as a possible candidate for this covername.
  - [iv] B.: Possibly [REDACTED] employed by the Republic Aviation Corporation.
  - [v] REPUBLIC: The Republic Aviation Corporation.
  - [vi] LEAGUE: The United States Government.
  - [vii] The particulars given, although inaccurate, point to the JB-2, the American version of the V-1. (The V-1 is often referred to as a robot bomb.)
  - [viii] After a captured V-1 was received at Wright Field, copies were made within approximately 2 months.
  - [ix] This term is not known; it could be a pneumatic control system or part of the pulse jet engine.
  - [x] This term is not known. See Comment [ix] above.
  - [xi] LIBERAL: Julius ROSENBERG.

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