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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 323

19 August 1944

To VIKTOR[1].

Your no. 3742[a].

GERGELEVICH was known to the ship agentura of the "MAYAKOVSKIJ" and, apparently, of the ship which he sailed [4 groups unrecovered]. Since he was not enumerated on our lists here we didn't get in touch with him. We knew about his close friendly relations with the captain of the ship "STALINABAD," BABIEVSKIJ, who was also apparently known to him as our probationer. In a conversation about his treachery BABIEVSKIJ began to "explain" the motives which had driven GERGELEVICH to this step, which sounded almost like a justification of this action, which provoked, in the words of BABIEVSKIJ, an unfortunate established personal tie. The former captain of the "ShchORS," KUDLAJ (now an employee of the Purchasing Commission in SEATTLE) was on no less friendly relations with GERGELEVICH. GERGELEVICH stopped at his apartment in MOSCOW in 1942. KUDLAJ is not enumerated on the lists of the agentura. From the cadre workers who are here GERGELEVICH well knows the meeting places (I questioned him

[43 groups unrecoverable]
[1 group unrecovered]

agentura.

Reference no. 3487[b].

ChERNYakOVA[11] [6 groups unrecovered] 31 May the apartment was left to your disposal and I personally don't have any objection to a rearrangement.

An answer was delayed as a result of the lack of communications for two weeks.

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DAR[111]

Notes: [a] MOSCOW-SAN FRANCISCO message #268 of 17 August 1944.
[b] Not available.

Comments:

- [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [11] ChERNYakOVA: As sent. Possibly ChERNYakOVA was intended.
- [111] DAR: i.e. "GIFT," GrigoriJ KASPAROV, Soviet Vice-Consul in SAN FRANCISCO.

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