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in Switzerland of 10th
November drawn up on the basis of information from the German
Aviation industrialists:
"Disposition of German fighter aircraft strength:
Balkans 500, Strategic reserve 3000 of which 2[000] on the
Eastern Front and 1 on the Western front and in Germany.
(Legation note: No evidence here of existence of strategic
reserve. Possibly this in other words means aircraft of a
scarcely usable nature). Eastern front 2000, Western and
Germany 2200. In October the number of bombers on hand all
active aircraft 6100.
In comparison with Anglo-American, the majority of
German aircraft is obsolete. Full effort of the industri jee could produce about 900
machines of all types mostly underground but it is hoped
that [19 groups unrecoverable]
Messerschmidt [MESSERSHMIDT]. For carrying and launching
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Heinkel 111. Production of Mark 52s drastically curtailed.
Dornier factory at Friedrichshafen again operating in
spite of air attacks and furthermore is producing new types
of fighter.
MET -210 (Twin engine fighter) is increasingly used.
The most powerful of German fighter planes is the Heinkel
177. Again there is no lack of ground and air crews. In
industrial and military aviation circles the attitude
towards the position of the German Air Force is pessimistic.
This information relates to October.

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ROBERT[11] handed over a secret telegram of worker of the
COUNTRY HOUSE [DACHNIK][v] KENNAN [KENNAN] to the BANK[vii] of
17th November:
"Yesterday I had a frank conversation with some highly
placed persons about speeding things up. According to local
[15 groups unrecoverable] representatives and departments. In addition there were two
special causes of delay not connected with us, which I shall
communicate .......... have never been so bored and cold as
now when for days and weeks on end I have had to be idle but
shall of course stick it to the end".
Note: [5 groups unrecoverable] but we hope it is of interest.

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