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1. REPORT FROM "ROBERT" EXPRESSING DISTRUST OF GENERAL HURLEY, AND REFERENCE TO LISTS OF GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS CONSIDERED RELIABLE BY "IZBA" AND THE "ISLANDERS" RESPECTIVELY (1944)
2. MENTION OF "ROBERT'S" "PROFOUND SATISFACTION" WITH HIS REWARD, AND REFERENCES TO "ALBERT", "EL" AND "DORA" (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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To VIKTOR. [i]

ROBERT [ii] reports:

1. During his visit to the Chinese 8th Army General HURLEY [a] [iii] asseverated his friendship. CHOU EN-LAI should be warned that H. [Kh.] cannot be trusted. We think H. is a CHIA-HUO LU-[Gé TU] (Stooge) [a] of CHANG KAI-SHEK. Even the BANK [iv] considers H.'s views to be in contradiction to the BANK's policy.
2. IZBA [v] has passed on to the Army a list of 20,000 "reliable Germans" with whom IZBA considers it safe to have dealings. It is impossible to obtain the list here at the moment. Perhaps it could be procured in SIDON [vi]. An analogous list of Austrians has been compiled by the ISLANDERS [OSTROVITYANE] [vii].

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1. ALBERT asks for word to be passed to you that EL' [b] and he [D% profoundly]
[20 groups unrecoverable]
2. ROBERT is sincerely overjoyed and profoundly satisfied with the reward [given him][c] [C% in accordance with your instructions]. As he says his work for us is the one good thing he has done in his life. He emphasised that he did not take this only as a [C% personal] honour, but also as an honour to his group. He wants to see the reward and the book.
3. DORA [viii] is very uneasy about the fate of her relations [and][c] again asks news of their whereabouts.

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MAY [MAJ] [ix]

T.N.: [a] Given in Latin letters in the original.

[b] I.e. the Russian name for the letter "L".

[c] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] Lt.-Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Nathan Gregory SILVERMASTER.

[iii] Brigadier-General Patrick Jay HURLEY, appointed U.S. Ambassador to CHINA in December 1944.

[iv] U.S. Department of State.

[v] Office of Strategic Services [O.S.S.].

[vi] LONDON.

[vii] The British.

[viii] Helen (WITTE) SILVERMASTER, wife of ROBERT.

[ix] Probably Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.
