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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS BY "CORPORAL" AND "PER"
ON THE POLISH QUESTION.

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[Part I] To VICTOR.

Events on the Western Front have diverted the
attention of the public and the Press from CORPORAL’s [KAPRAL]11
statement on the Polish question. From remarks in Congress,
the Press and in private conversation with correspondents
it is evident that public opinion has reacted in precisely the
way in which the BANK1111] wished, that is to say anti-Soviet
circles consider [1 group garbled]112 statement as support
of the Polish claims and in the main as a refusal to betray
the position of the COUNTRY [STRANA]1111 in the question
[2 groups unrecovered] dispute in wartime. Supporters of
a solution of the question on the basis of the Curzon Line
regard the statement, in particular the promise of support
for the transfer of the national minority, as a sign that
the COUNTRY does not agree with PER’s1114] point of view. PER’s
statement was calculated to pacify as much as possible both
camps and is a continuation of CAPTAIN’s [KAPITAN]115 super-
cautious policy of the pre-election period. The keenest
supporters of a close linking of fate with us do not [1 group
unrecovered] this formulation of CORPORAL’s. The same view
is held by BUMBLEBEE [SKOK]116, SWING117, DICKY118]118, and SERGIO119]. [2 groups unrecovered] they frequently

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reflect MIKOLAJCZYK'S line in conversation, expressing
the wish that in forming a new Polish government and the
treaty with the U.S.S.R. a loophole might be left for
renewing in the future talks on the subject of L'IWOV.

[Part II] BUMBLEBEE and SWING consider that a great part in formulating
this statement was played by the unwillingness of the
capitalists to antagonise the Catholics, who under the
pressure of the Vatican's propaganda are categorically
opposing any policy of participation with the U.S.S.R.
SWING [in particular] said to SERGEI:

[27 groups unrecoverable]

[D% SPEL] LMAK we refused a visa)

[16 groups unrecoverable]
is not letting slip an opportunity of emphasising that [2 groups
unrecoverable] to be decided is the fate of our rapprochement and
the establishment of lasting peace.

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T.N. : [a] Almost certainly KAPRAL.
[b] Not available.
[c] The transmission bearing external serial number
1615 contained two messages, of which the first
is given here. The second is published as
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Comments: [i] KAPRAL: Edward R. STETTINUS, Jr., U.S.
Secretary of State, who made a statement
on 18 Dec. 1944 on the policy of the
United States toward Poland.
[ii] BANK: the U.S. Department of State.

[iv] PER: Possibly a variant of PÉR = PEER.
Apparently a new over-name for Winston
CHURCHILL (superseding KABAN = BOAR);
CHURCHILL made a speech in the House of
Commons on 15 Dec. 1944 on the Polish
question, the context of which appears to
fit in with the reference given here.
Note that there is no record of KABAN being
used after 18 Oct. 1944.
[v] KAPITAN: Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.

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[vii] ShMEL': in this case an unidentified journalist.

[viii] SWING: radic commentator.

[viii] DIKI: Johannes STEELE.

[ix] SERGIO: unidentified.

[x] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergoevich PRAVDIN.

[xi] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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