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To VIKTOR[i].

SERGEJ[ii] in CARTHAGE[iii] has made the acquaintance of PANCAKE[BLIN][iv]. Earlier SERGEJ had several times tried to [B% contact] him personally and also through IDE[YaL'][v] but the impression had been created that PANCAKE was avoiding a meeting. At the first conversation SERGEJ told him that he had very much desired to make his acquaintance since he greatly valued his work as a correspondent and had likewise heard flattering

[23 groups unrecoverable]

PANCAKE to give us information. P.[vi] said that he had noticed our attempts to [B% contact] him, particularly the attempts of IDE and of people of the TRUST [TRUST][vii], but he had reacted negatively fearing the consequences. At the same time he implied that the attempts at rapprochement had been made with insufficient caution and by people who were insufficiently responsible. To SERGEJ's reply that naturally we did not want to subject him to unpleasant complications, PANCAKE gave him to understand that he was not refusing his aid but [B% one should] consider that he had three children and did not want to attract the attention of the KHATA[viii]. To SERGEJ's question how he considered it advisable to maintain liaison P. replied that he would be glad to meet but he rarely visited [B% TYRE[ix]] where he usually spent

[54 groups unrecoverable].

His fear is primarily explained by his unwillingness to spoil his career. Materially he is well secured[.] He earns as much as 1500 dollars a month but, it seems, he would not be averse to having a supplementary income. For the establishment of business contact with him we are insisting on [1 group unrecovered] reciprocity. For the work is needed a qualified [2 groups unrecovered] CARTHAGE. Telegraph your opinion.

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Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] SERGEJ: Vladimir PRAVDIN, TASS representative.
[iii] CARTHAGE: Washington, D.C.
[iv] PANCAKE: Isidore F. STONE.
[v] IDE: Samuel KRAFSUR.
[vi] P.: i.e. PANCAKE.
[vii] TRUST: The Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Comments: [viii] KHATA: U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.
(Cont.)

[ix] TYRE: New York City.

[x] HAJ: Stepan APRESYAN.

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