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REISSUEVISIT OF A.G. KOLESNIKOV ("TAGOR"): "ARTUR", "ALEKSANDR"
(1944)

From: MOSCOW

To: MONTEVIDEO

No.: 255

24th November 1944

Your No. 122[a]. 17th November 1944.

1. On 12th November Aleksandr Grigor'evich KOLESNIKOV[i] (in future "TAGOR") left for your place in the plausible guise of a diplomatic courier.

"TAGOR" has been sent [1 group unrecovered] SOUTH AMERICA for the special purpose of acquainting himself on the spot with the work of "ARTUR"[ii] and "ALEKSANDR"[iii] and of helping you

[15 groups unrecovered]

"TAGOR" will give you details in person.

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2. In readiness for "T.'s"[iv] arrival, organise
 [45 groups unrecovered]
 put agents on ice, as
 [23 groups unrecovered]
 agents whom you planned to leave in CHILE.
 [22 groups unrecovered]
 put on ice. In practice we shall decide this question after "T.'s" meeting with
 "ALEKSANDR".
 4. [26 groups unrecovered]
 it was considered that "ALEKSANDR" had reliable cover,
 [66 groups unrecovered]
 [B# 51]76[b] that "there is no need
 [54 groups unrecoverable]
 4 months.
 [30 groups unrecovered]
 ...00 dollars,
 [99 groups unrecovered]
 task of organising
 [25 groups unrecovered]
 "ARTUR" and "ALEKSANDR", [3 groups unrecovered] up to this time, without telling
 them of the purpose of the summons.
 Your No. 101[a].
 We point out once again that [8 groups unrecovered] a full and clear character
 report.

No. 5494
 22nd November

VIKTOR[v]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] MOSCOW's No. 239 of 5th November 1944 (3/NBF/T2007).

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- Comments: [i] Aleksandr Grigor'evich
KOLESNIKOV ("TAGOR"): First Secretary at the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who arrived in the USA on 17th December 1944 and left for MONTEVIDEO (from CUBA) on 2nd February 1945 (see MOSCOW's No. 40 of 9th February 1945 - 3/NBF/T316).
- [ii] ARTUR: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK-MOSCOW messages between 15th May 1942 and 26th December 1944 and in MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW messages between 23rd June 1944 and 10th July 1945.
- [iii] ALEKSANDR: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK-MOSCOW messages between 29th May 1942 and 13th March 1945 and MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW messages between 23rd June 1944 and 10th July 1945.
- [iv] "T.": i.e. "TAGOR": see Comment [i].
- [v] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

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