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1. INFORMATION FROM "BARE".
2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF "SITsILLA's" EMPLOYMENT IN THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE" (1944)

From: NEW YORK

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To VIKTOR. [1]

~~MAJ~~[ZAYATs] [ii] advises that <sup>at</sup> the end of April SPORZA [iii] asked the BANK's ~~MAJ~~[iv] permission to return to the COUNTRY [STRANA] [v], where, in his opinion, he would be more useful in popularising Italy. ~~MAJ~~ LIN' [vi] recommended him to remain in Italy.

*omit* Sanction as an exceptional case SITsILLA's [vii] going to work for the EDITORIAL OFFICE [REDAKTsIYa] [viii] for two weeks. Has worked in the RADIO STATION [RATsIYa] [ix], used to send information [from] [a] SMYRNA [SMYRNA] [x], the COUNTRY HOUSE [DACHA] [xi] and our information. Just recently has been working with [b] RUR [o].

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~~MAJ~~ [vii]

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- Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator. The precise meaning of the sentence from this point onwards is obscure.
- [b] Or "for". The preposition is not expressed.
- [c] Possibly "Russian War Relief [RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF]".

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] HARE : Maurice HALPERIN.
- [iii] SPORZA : Count Carlo SPORZA, became member of the new Italian Government in April 1944.
- [iv] BANK : the U.S. State Department.
- [v] COUNTRY: the U.S.A.
- [vi] HEN-HARRIER: Cordell HULL.
- [vii] SITsILLA: Possibly William E. DODD, Jr.
- [viii] EDITORIAL OFFICE: TASS News Agency.
- [ix] RADIO STATION: the Office of War Information.
- [x] SMYRNA : MOSCOW.
- [xi] COUNTRY HOUSE: the U.S. Embassy in MOSCOW.
- [xii] MAY : Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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