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MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM MOSCOW TO THE  
STAFF OF THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE".

From: MOSCOW

To: MEXICO CITY[1]

No.: 260

30 April 1944

We wish you and the staff of the Editorial Office [REDAKTSIYA][11] a happy May Day holiday. We wish you success in the work.

No. 1814

VIKTOR[111]

Comments: [1] This message is known to have been sent also to BOGOTA, HAVANA, LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK and OTTAWA.

- [11] REDAKTSIYA: Identified from NEW YORK message no. 1433 of 10 Oct 1944 [S/NBF/T414] as the TASS News Agency. The significance of VIKTOR sending greetings to the "REDAKTSIYA" in all the above places is not clear. Such greetings are normally sent to the MGB resident, but in the case of NEW YORK the resident is known to have had his cover at this time in the Consulate-General. It is conceivable that, prior to the arrival of Pavel Ivanovich PEDOSIMOV as resident in NEW YORK early in 1944, the resident was a TASS representative, and that in sending out the May Day greetings MOSCOW overlooked the fact that in the case of NEW YORK the resident's cover was no longer in the TASS Agency.

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[iii] VIKTOR: probably Lt-General P.M. FITIN, head of the 1st (Foreign Intelligence) Directorate of the Ministry of State Security.

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