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1. "ANTON" RECAPITULATES ON LIAISON WITH "TALENT".
2. APPREHENSION REGARDING "DAVIS".

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1706

4 Dec 1944

To VICTOR(1).

Your telegram No. 5625(a). I have been in liaison with TALENT [TALANT][i] for more than a year. About 20 meetings lasting from 30 minutes to an hour have been carried out. So far I have not noticed a COMPETITOR [KONKURENT] at the meeting places. The last meeting was on 28 November[iii] - nothing [C: suspicious]. The next regular meeting is on 13 December[iv]. Should one break off liaison with him without [C: declaring] [it][b] at the last meeting or should one carry out the latter warning him about the [C: break] to avoid TALENT seeking out me or our people at the PLANT [ZAVOD][v]. He is acquainted with STOCK [SHOK][vi]. TALENT does not know my place of work and real surname.. In the future he may meet [C: me] by chance at the FACTORY [FABRIKA][vii] which he wants to enter as a consultant. Occasionally he meets Soviet engineers and may start enquiries from [my][b] description [NAVESTI SPRAVKU PO PRIMETAN].

From the other agency [AGENTURA] LONG [DLINNYJ] (DAVIS [DEVIS])[viii] is giving rise to apprehension.

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You know that he was in liaison with GEMELDIJ[ix] and after the incident with him DAVIS [C changed] his residence and telephone number and tried hard to break off liaison with us.

[8 groups unrecovered]

From what LIGHT [SVET] says DAVIS is even now trying hard to break off liaison with us being apprehensive for reasons unknown to us. At the same time DAVIS is trying hard to establish LIGHT's real identity and his surname and also to get the money requested. LIGHT has not reached a definitive conclusion about DAVIS and expresses doubts about whether further work with him could be fruitful. For these reasons the money allotted to DAVIS has not been passed on by us, only 500 have been handed out. LIGHT is to find out about DAVIS.

No. 941
4th December

ANTON

T.N.: [a] Not available.

[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] VICTOR: probably Lieutenant-General Pavel Mikhajlovich PITIN.

[ii] TALANT: later HENRY [GENRI]. Identified as William Marius MALISOFF. Born in Russia, 1895. Derived U.S. citizenship from the naturalisation of his father. PH.D. at Columbia (expelled for faking laboratory work). From 1943 - 1945 owner and general manager of United Laboratories. Died 16 Nov 1947.

[iii] Probably the meeting reported on by MAJ on 30th November 1944 [S/NBF/T191].

[iv] On 13th December ANTON reported that the meeting he was to have had that day with HENRY [TALANT's new cover-name] had fallen through as the latter was under surveillance by two COMPETITORS.

[v] ZAVOD: the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

[vi] SHYOK: possibly Mikhajl Aleksandrovich SHALYAPIN, clerk in the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK, 1940 - Sept 1944.

[vii] FABRIKA: the AMTORG Trading Corporation.

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[viii] Note that on 26 July 1944 MAJ stated that, with MOSCOW's sanction, LONG [DLENEV] would be handed over to LIGHT [SVET]. The context of this statement is poorly recovered, but it appears that he was previously being controlled by STOCK. [S/NBF/T22, Item 2].

[ix] GENNADIJ: no other references available. It seems improbable that he has any connection with the MOSCOW signatory of the same name.

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