

VENONA

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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 166

16 April 1945

To SEMEN[1].

[78 groups unrecovered]

SAN FRANCISCO and PORTLAND.

[9 groups unrecovered]

PORTLAND: [C% FILES[a]]

[62 groups unrecovered]

"VOLKOV"[11]

[25 groups unrecovered]

"VOVChEK"[111], "VITALIJ"[1v] and "NIKOLAJ"[v]

[28 groups unrecoverable]

tasks of VITALIJ represent no more than 28 percent of a full time job. In our opinion this may be the result of VOVChEK's lack of organization in connection with his work. I talked for a long time with him and

[18 groups unrecovered]

by VOVChEK and VITALIJ was a series of decisions along the line of cover. At present VOVChEK characterizes VITALIJ

[13 groups unrecovered].

of VITALIJ answered that he won't be able to cope with this work. VOVChEK requires daily guidance and even special [4 groups unrecovered].

4. According to our information the traitor KUZNETSOVA[vi] is in a hospital in the PORTLAND area (KUZNETSOVA [D% has tuberculosis])

[11 groups unrecovered]

probationer "BRAMS"[vii] with the aim of sounding out the frame of mind of KUZNETSOVA and the possibilities of getting her out. BRAMS is an old [C% family] acquaintance and enjoys her confidence. BRAMS was advised by me of VITALIJ's instructions. I will report the results. From VITALIJ I asked for and received a report about the work for the first quarter

[14 groups unrecovered]

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SERGEJ[viii]

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Notes: [a] If correct, this appears to be the first name of an individual. It may be repeated in the Latin alphabet and start out PH----, (perhaps Phyllis??).

Comments:

- [i] SEMEN: Unidentified.
- [ii] VOLKOV: Andrej Romanovich ORLOV.
- [iii] VOVChEK: Aleksandr Pavlovich BOChEK.
- [iv] VITALIJ: Pavel Kus'mich REVIZOROV.
- [v] NIKOLAJ: Unidentified cover-name.
- [vi] KUZNETsOVA: Elizabet Mitrofanovna KUZNETsOVA, second mate of the "PSKOV," who deserted in PORTLAND on 9 February 1944.
- [vii] BRAMS: i.e. "BRAHMS." In the MOSCOW-SAN FRANCISCO message no. 274 of 26 August 1944 the cover-name "BRAMS" refers to the mechanic FUGAEV, a probationer on the ship "BAKU." This may or may not be the same person.
- [viii] SERGEJ: Viktor Vasil'evich AFANAS'EV.

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