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To VIKTOR. [1].

"TECHNICIAN [TEKHNIK]" [ii] at the regular meeting on 15th March of this year received from CLAYTON [KLEJTON] [iii] a reply to our indirect question on the possibility of using a worker of the counter-intelligence [KONTRRAZVEDKA]. In principle CLAYTON [C.] did not object to [2 groups unrecovered] "TECHNICIAN" with the said worker. He expressed the sole fear that this worker [D.] is being used by the police as [6 groups unrecovered] insufficient preparation and tempering [ZAKALKA] of him, in certain circumstances, may play

[9 groups unrecoverable]

Alfred HUGHES, [P] 45 years. Before the war served as a police con.....

[54 groups unrecoverable]

and the Fascist movement before the war. A cultured person. Studied at SYDNEY University, worked in the [C Department] of Justice. According to MALONEY [MOLONEJ] [iv] not [3 groups

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unrecovered] in the FRATERNAL [BRATSKAYA][v]. He sometimes sees HUGHES at work. Recruitment [C. inadvisable]. Furthermore CLAYTON passed to TECHNICIAN a copy of the notes [5 groups unrecovered] BEASLEY/[BIZLI] at the beginning of March of this year

[12 groups unrecovered]

organs of the Labour Party on the management of elections to the Federal Parliament. BEASLEY [BIZLI] is

[9 groups unrecovered]

in a discussion [1 group unrecovered] with EVATT[vi] about that same

[18 groups unrecovered]

point of view and on the way to a more

[8 groups unrecovered]

also legal [LEGAL'NYJ] Communists and [4 groups unrecovered] BEASLEY brought as a guide documents which indicated

[10 groups unrecovered]

M'LOONEY.

[55 groups unrecovered]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] TEKNIK: Fedor Andreevich NOSOV.

[iii] ✓ Walter Seddon CLAYTON.

[#] ✓ AC[uc] HUGHES

[iv] ✓ Possibly James Joseph M'LOONEY, Australian Minister in MOSCOW from 1943 - 1945.

[v] BRATSKAYA: the Communist Party.

[x] ✓ BEASLEY ps Harvey Jack BEASLEY

[vi] ✓ Herbert Vere EVATT, Australian Deputy Prime Minister, also Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs.