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1. REPORT ON PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN THE USSR

2. PIERRE COT AND HIS WIFE

(1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No: 146

17th May 1945

J' b' To VIKTOR. (1)

Copy to the 8th Department.

Herewith brief particulars of the personnel of the Venezuelan Embassy in the USSR. The source is "CHAPRO"s[ChAPRO]"[ii] wife (henceforth "

[4¢ groups unrecoverable] [272 groups unrecovered]

meet[a] intimate friends of Pierre COT[iii] and his wife[b], [18 groups unrecovered] friend of the Soviet Union. Is acquainted with

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[48 groups unrecovered]

circles in which

[22 /roups unrecoverable]

.....el GABALDON[iv] (first name not accurate). Was born and brought up in an atmosphere

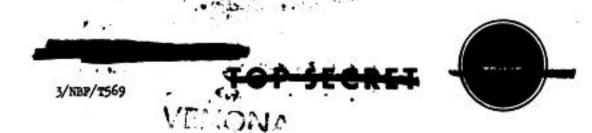
[14 groups unrecovered]

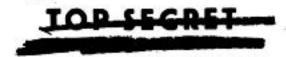
José GABALDON[v],

[28 groups unrecoverable]

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GABALDON - the son[vi] was allegedly

[32 groups unrecovered]

friend and supporter of the Soviet Union

[28 groups unrecoverable]

[27 groups unrecovered]

No. 13 17th May PROKNOR[vii]

Notes:

[a] or "meets".

[b] or "... intimate friends, Pierre COT and his wife.".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Charro:

Gustavo MACHADO.

[iii] Plerre COT:

COT was French Minister for Air from 1935 to 1938; a member of the Consultative Assembly of the French Committee of National Liberation, ALGIERS, from guitumn 1943; and subsequently a member of the

Consultative Assembly, PARIS.

By 1st July 1942 COT had been allocated the covername "DAEDALUS" in NEW YORK MGB traffic (3/NEF/T1332); the BOGOTA resident, ANTIPOV (see Comment [vii]), was seemingly unaware of this. No other references to COT/DAEDALUS are known outside the NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO lanes, but his mistress (covername MARTHA) is mentioned in LONDON to MOSCOW

[iv] ...el GARALDON:

Probably General José Rafael GABALDON.

[v] José GABALDON:

See Comment [iv] above.

[vi] CARALLON, the som: Margues Roberto GLBALDON, son of General Jose Hafael Grat. Doll, was posted to the Venezuelan Embassy in MOSCOW on 7th April 1945

[vii] PROKhOR:

Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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