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To the 8th Department.

"ROUBLE's [RUBL']" [i] material.

We transmit a telegram of the Ambassador of the "COUNTRY STRANA" [ii] in "SMYRNA" [iii] number 1818 of 30 May 1945 addressed to the "BANK". [iv]

"According to an article by L. VOLODARSKIJ

[38 groups unrecoverable]

of VOLODARSKIJ does not give any more specific details or a more precise determination of this estimate. [8 groups unrecovered] figure of 250 milliard gold roubles (roughly about 50 milliard dollars).

The fact that the Russians' estimate of their war losses will of course be astronomical (see Embassy telegram number 1230 of 18 April 1945), is merely confirmed by the figure of 100 milliard dollars quoted above. It is very likely that the total national wealth of the Soviet Union in the pre-war period was valued at a sum less than the 100 milliard dollars indicated in this article as being the losses in the Ukraine alone."

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Comments: [i] ROUBLE : Harold GLASSER.  
 [ii] COUNTRY : U.S.A.  
 [iii] SMYRNA : MOSCOW  
 [iv] BANK : U.S. State Department.  
 [v] VADIM : Anatolij GROMOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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