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REPORTED COMMENTS BY IRENE SAXBY ON
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To VICTOR. 8th Department.

"CLAUDE" [KLOD] has reported that Irene SAXBY has returned to SYDNEY from the Australian mission in MOSCOW

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SAXBY is telling her friends and relations that "the Australian mission in MOSCOW enjoys no better a reputation with the Soviet public than the Japanese embassy." Speaking about herself she [B. emphasised] that Soviet people respected her with perfect kindness and sincerity. She gave an unfavourable report of ALEXANDER, who, so it seems, gives nobody in the mission any peace, but is always sniffing and poking about. Moreover he himself is an anti-Soviet type of the deepest dye. He supports and cultivates any anti-Soviet manifestations. In the mission's library there is a very great deal of Trotskyite and anti-Soviet literature. CLAUDE has access to SAXBY through friends of his. He promised to report her [C. remarks] about the Australian mission in MOSCOW in greater detail by next time.

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