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"ARSENJ's" CONTACT WITH BEISER AND ECKHARDT

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[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To VIKTOR^[i].Description of ARSENJ's^[ii] acquaintances:

1. At the end of 1943 ARSENJ became acquainted through "SPLINE's [SHPONKA]"^[iii] brother with George BEISER^[iv], 39 years old. Home address: 275 Vermont St. [C% in the town of] B.^[v], telephone number

[11 groups unrecoverable]

He specializes in plastics engineering and up to [B% the present time] has been holding the post of Deputy Head of the Planning^[vi] Engineering Department of the BELL [B% Company]. BEISER is by conviction a left winger and somewhat of an idealist. He is married, but lives alone in a home for [1 group unrecovered]. ARSENJ became very intimate with him and he willingly began to impart information about his work. In particular he promised to give [C% an evaluation] of the new machine tools for the production

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if there is an opportunity [3 groups unrecovered].

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[Part II] 2. At the end of [0% April] ARSENIJ became acquainted with an engineer, Jonis ECKHARD[vii], 44 years old. Lives at: 201

[39 groups unrecoverable]

on internal combustion engines [1 group unrecovered]. In 1944 our airmen KOCHETKOV[viii] and SUPRUN[ix] who were appointed to

[46 groups unrecoverable]

more than a month. A.[x] sent him a few small presents, thereby ingratiating himself with E.[xi] still further. The firm refused to pay the hospital expenses [3 groups unrecovered] he became very resentful

[6 groups unrecovered]

look for a new job. E. is a good specialist and

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ANTON[xii]

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt.-Gen. P. M. FITIN.
- [ii] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO, representative of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission at Bell Aircraft Corporation, BUFFALO, N.Y.
- [iii] SPLINE: Identified as either [redacted] or their step-brother [redacted]
- [iv] BEISER: George Andrew BEISER, employed at Bell Aircraft Corporation.
- [v] B.: Presumably BUFFALO, N.Y. since BEISER lived there at No. 275 Vermont Street, but it is not clear why it should be referred to in this way.
- [vi] Planning: Presumably an error for "Plant". BEISER worked in the Plant Engineering Department.
- [vii] Jonis ECKHARD: i.e. Louis Owen ECKHARDT, employed at Bell Aircraft Corporation. Given in the Latin alphabet in the text in this erroneous form.
- [viii] KOCHETKOV: Lt.-Colonel Andrej Grigor'evich KOCHETKOV, representative of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.

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- Comments: [ix] SUPRUN: Major Fedor SUPRUN, representative of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.
- [x] A.: presumably ARSENIJ.
- [xi] E.: presumably ECKHARDT.
- [xii] ANTON: Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV, Engineer for Amtorg.

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