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FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT MR. JONES (1945)

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[Part I] Reference your No. 446[a] and further to our No. 395[b].

Francis Arthur JONES was born on 3rd November 1893 in FRANCE. He went to ROGRAD(sic)[o] in 1899. After leaving Saint Anne's School [SHKOLA] (VYKTOJ ANNY) in ROGRAD(sic) in 1909, he worked from 1912 to 1919 in the CREDIT LYONNAIS and the Russo-American Trading Company [OBShohESTVO] [7 groups unrecovered]. In 1919 he went to ENGLAND and taught in a school at EIDFORD. [1 group unrecovered] In 1921 he moved to HARBIN where he worked until 1944, first in a British soya export firm and then in a British insurance company, which, among other things, dealt with the insurance of property belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway [KVEZD]. In HARBIN, JONES knew the British Consul [3 groups unrecovered][d], who it seems is now working in PANAMA

[59 groups unrecoverable]

[PART II] About 1936 or 1937 JONES married in HARBIN a Soviet citizen, Nina AFRAN'S'EV, who officially renounced her Soviet citizenship in 1937. After the winding up of the company in HARBIN, JONES went to SAN FRANCISCO [3 groups unrecovered] was invited to work in the Consulate-General by the British Consul-General BUTLER [BUTLER] (who is now in LONDON). [1 group unrecovered] in the Consulate-General JONES first worked as a registrar [DELOPROMIZVODITEL'], then as a cipher clerk and latterly

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[8 groups unrecovered] in SAN FRANCISCO, JONES used to attend regularly [AKTIVNO][e] the meetings of the American-Russian [1 group unrecovered] as a representative of the Consulate and on his own account. It was noted that he

[20 groups unrecovered]

POPOVICH. (who had [1 group unrecovered] and [1 group unrecovered]). The appointment of JONES as First Secretary does not appear normal since he is not [8 groups unrecovered]. According to JONES's statement, his appointment came about in April 1945 as the result of a talk he had with

[19 groups unrecovered]

[PART III]

[75 groups unrecoverable]

is being sent by diplomatic post.

[22 groups unrecovered]

V.VILOV[1]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] San Francisco's No. 395 of 21 July 1945 (3/NBF/T1109).

[c] Presumably a mistake for PETHOGRAD: see No. 395.

[d] A name, probably beginning DER...

[e] AKTIVNO: literally 'actively'.

Comment: [1] V.VILOV: Soviet Consul in SAN FRANCISCO.

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