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REPORT ON JOSIAH ELLIS DuBOIS OF "NABOB'S" ESTABLISHMENT, INTIMATE FRIEND OF "RUBL'" (1945)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No: 1759

28 March 1945

At the very beginning of April [there will be][i] sent from here to MOSCOW an American delegation, headed by Isador LUBIN [IZIDOR LYUBIN][ii], to take part in the work of the Reparations Commission. From "NABOB's"[iii] establishment [2 groups unrecovered], in the capacity of a member, a young lawyer, an American of French extraction, Josiah Ellis DuBOIS[iv], born 21 October 1910, in the town of CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, married, graduated from PENNSYLVANIA University Law School, working now [1 group unrecovered] of "NABOB" ([3 groups unrecovered] senior consultant). DuBOIS is an intimate friend of "RUBL'"[v] and we recently

[30 groups unrecovered]

work(s) with "NABOB". "RUBL'" maintains the most friendly relations with him and asserts that DuBOIS [2 groups unrecovered] to us and by his views is a FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][vi]. He has never been a member of any FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYACHESKIE][vi] organisations whatsoever. At one time, soon after arrival in [6 groups unrecovered] used to express his leftist views, but later, under the influence of R.[v] he became more discreet. "NABOB" had talks with him about his trip to MOSCOW on 22 and 23 March and on 24 March the "BANK"[vii] had already enquired of us [about][i] a visa for him. In

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conversation with R. on the subject of his trip to the [SOVIET][i] UNION D.[iv] repeatedly expressed his

[50 groups unrecovered]

and a senior worker of the [C% "KhATA"][viii] Sam [SEM][ix]

[50 groups unrecoverable],

but R. refused having warned him [B% to wait]. R. considers

[9 groups unrecovered].

He indicates that on the strength of the relations existing between him and D., he can [B% normally obtain by asking] [3 groups unrecovered] and [3 groups unrecovered] what it is all about. I request instructions.

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Footnotes: [i] Inserted by the translator.

- [ii] Isador LUBIN: From 1941 to 1945 Special Statistical Assistant to the White House; in 1945 appointed U.S. Representative (later Associate Representative) on the Allied Reparations Commission in MOSCOW.
- [iii] NABOB: Henry MORGENTHAU, Jr, Secretary of the Treasury.
- [iv] Josiah Ellis DuBOIS: From December 1944 Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury; in 1945 appointed a member of the Allied Reparations Commission, MOSCOW.
/D.
Reference books give his date of birth as 21 October 1912.
Name sent in Latin spell, also in Cyrillic as DZhOShUA ELLIS DYuBUA.
- [v] RUBL'/R.: ie "ROUBLE"; probably Harold GLASSER, an Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, Department of the Treasury.

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Footnotes

- (Continued): [vi] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN: Member of the Communist Party/Communist Party (adjective).
- [vii] BANK: The State Department.
- [viii] KHATA: The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- [ix] SAM: Unidentified.
- [v] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, First Secretary, Soviet Embassy, WASHINGTON D.C..

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