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"KLOD'S" REPORT ON MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY "BEN" FROM SYDNEY SECURITY
ORGANS' FILES, INCLUDING FILE ON MIDKHEEV
(1945)

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To VIKTOR[i]. 8th Department[a].

"KLOD"[ii] has reported that "BEN"[iii] has been bringing a number of items of operational material[MATERIALY][b] from the SYDNEY security organs for him to see, in particular special files on the Soviet Legation and on TASS representatives. In "KLOD's" words, the former do not present any special interest, since the main files on the Legation are in CANBERRA, whereas in SYDNEY material[b] is collected only about journeys

[75 groups unrecoverable]

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which "KLOD" went through was opened on MIKHEEV[iv]. In this file there were copies of telegrams sent by M.[v] to MOSCOW and received by him from MOSCOW. There is an extract in the file [8 groups unrecovered] from the CANBERRA intelligence organs, requested from Intelligence in SYDNEY (СИНДЖУКАЯ RAZVEDKA) information about MIKHEEV, his address, facts about his possible connections with the Communists in SYDNEY. In the document it was pointed out that the facts about M. had been requested by American Intelligence, since M. stopped in SAN FRANCISCO on his way to the USSR and travelled about AMERICA. The copy of the answer said that no connection between M. and the SYDNEY Communists had been noticed and that he had moved chiefly in journalistic circles. Apart from this "KLOD" went through the dossier "Investigation of German Organisations in SYDNEY". All these organisations were dissolved at the beginning of the war, the investigation was completed and the dossier was shelved [8% with others]. In the file there was a detailed account of the activities of the various organisations. On the basis of "BEN's" material "KLOD" reported a lot of information about the organisational structure of AUSTRALIA's intelligence [C% organs].

I shall send additional material on this question by post.

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EFIM[vi]

Notes: [a] MOSCOW's No. 127 of 7th July 1945 (3/NBF/T202) refers.

[b] The word "MATERIALY" means items of information, either written or verbal.

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[iii] BEN: ✓ Alfred Thompson HUGHES.

[iv] MIKHEEV: ✓ Vladimir Ivanovich MIKHEEV, TASS correspondent.

[v] N.: i.e. MIKHEEV (Comment [iv]).

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