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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 238, 239

7 May 1945

[Part I] To SEMEN[1]

I am reporting the results of the investigation of the circumstances of desertion of the seamen PORUBOV[11], TURAEV[111] and KUZLYAKIN[1v]: On 14 April PORUBOV, KUZLYAKIN and TURAEV did not have liberty from the ship, after work they were in the crew's quarters and played dominoes until evening

[13 groups unrecovered].

It was established that for the period from 26 March through 14 April this year KUZLYAKIN was granted liberty in the city 7 times, TURAEV 6 times and PORUBOV 4 times [3 groups unrecovered] KUZLYAKIN was granted liberty together with TURAEV or PORUBOV. In the ship's command TURAEV, KUZLYAKIN and PORUBOV were above suspicion. It was established that KUZLYAKIN during shore liberty had several meetings with an unknown American with whom

[22 groups unrecovered]

at the hostel for Soviet seamen in SEATTLE visited a police

[59 groups unrecoverable]

by BEZHUKOV[v] and VELIKOTSKIJ[vi] the police [C% reported that] the seamen [6 groups unrecovered] were released. Then it was clear that KUZLYAKIN and TURAEV at the time of detention gave fictitious names. Since then we have not succeeded in getting any information whatsoever about the whereabouts of the deserters. The captain of the ship "LOZOVSKIJ" at the suggestion of "VOLKOV"[vii] submitted a statement to the police which showed that the deserters stole 198 dollars which had been collected by the crew for the purchase of provisions. Having arrived in SEATTLE I[viii] mobilized a search

[13 groups unrecovered]

at VOLKOV's suggestion

[35 groups unrecovered]

VLADISLOV[ix]

[68 groups unrecovered]

immigration authorities

[11 groups unrecovered]
[remainder of Part I missing]

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[Part II]

On 28 April

[62 groups unrecovered].

With the consent of Consul-General VAVILOV I

[15 groups unrecovered]

Consulate-General made an official representation about the search

[18 groups unrecovered]
[38 groups unrecoverable]
[28 groups unrecovered]
[55 groups unrecoverable]
[42 groups unrecovered]
[33 groups unrecoverable]
[38 groups unrecovered]

but now he will make them a serious

[63 groups unrecovered]
[51 groups unrecoverable]
[25 groups unrecovered]

"DYaDYa"(x), so that he wasn't

[54 groups unrecovered]

, however we consider it important that

[12 groups unrecovered]

according to an arrangement with the Consul-General who

[65 groups unrecovered]

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[Signature unrecoverable]

Comments:

- [i] SEMEN: Unidentified.
- [ii] Roman Deevich PORUBOV.
- [iii] Aleksandr Semenovich TURAEV.
- [iv] Petr Fedorovich KUZLYAKIN, who with PORUBOV and TURAEV deserted from the S.S. "LOSOVSKIJ" on the evening of 14 April, 1945 in TACOMA, Washington.
- [v] Nikon BEZBUKOV, Chief of SGPC in SEATTLE.
- [vi] NikolaJ Vasil'evich VELIKOTSKIJ, assistant to BEZBUKOV.
- [vii] VOLKOV: Andrej Romanovich ORLOV.
- [viii] Although the signature of this message is unrecoverable the "I" is certainly SERGEJ, i.e. Viktor AFANAS'EV.
- [ix] VLADISLAV: NikolaJ Gregorievich REDIN.
- [x] DYaDYa: Isaac FOLKOFF.
i.e. "UNCLE";

6 April 1978

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