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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

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To VIKTOR.[1]

"KOLOMENSKIJ"[11] has passed word

[18 groups unrecovered]

"ZHAROV"[111] with

[28 groups unrecovered]

texts of deciphered telegrams.

[3 groups unrecovered]
[13 groups unrecoverable]

telegraph your opinion. We have no grounds for asserting that documents in this condition have got into the waste paper, but we consider it criminal [5 groups unrecovered] complete deciphered texts. We are taking steps to put an immediate stop to this sort of thing happening. Please [C] warn ZHAROV[a] the SYNDICATE[iv] in such a way, however, as not to disclose [RASSHIFROVAT'] KOLOMENSKIJ.

Please expedite an answer to our No. 11.[b]

No. 15

MAJ[v]

Notes: [a] Presumably a word has been omitted here such as "through."
[b] SAN FRANCISCO's External Serial No. 18 of 28th January 1946 - not published.

Comments:

- [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [11] KOLOMENSKIJ: Unidentified cover-name.
- [111] ZHAROV: Unidentified cover-name. Possibly Nikolaj Efremovich EZHOV,
- [iv] SYNDICATE: The M.K.I.D.
- [v] MAJ: i.e. MAY, Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in SAN FRANCISCO.

Who replaced I.I. FEDOSEEV in June 1945 as cipher officer
in San Francisco (NKID).
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