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RATION ALLOWANCES.

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

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To all Residents.

I inform you that of the new [3 groups unrecovered] supply for employees^[1] having families [1 group unrecovered] food products and manufactured goods which came into force from 1st February, 1947.

Issue to wives and children of permanent employees holding officer's rank the full officer's ration minus bread (they receive bread cards in the house directorates [DOMKUPRAVLENIYA]);^[2] six roubles have been allotted as ration allowance, and both the food and manufactured goods are settled [LIKVIDIRUYUTSYA] in accordance with the following scales:

Heads of Departments [OTDELY] [:] food - 500 roubles per month and manufactured goods - 1500 roubles per quarter.

Heads of Sections [OTDELENIYA] and above [:] 200 and 1,000 roubles respectively.

Operational personnel and above [:] 200 and 75 [B. 5] [roubles] respectively.

[53 groups unrecoverable]
are settled in accordance with the scales shown above.

[continued overleaf]

Distribution

as before, issue the dependents of workers who do not hold officer's rank with [B; bread] cards [C], which [6 groups unrecovered]. Allowances for the purchase of provisions and manufactured goods are settled [2 groups unrecovered][c] not to be issued. In this connection offer your [7 groups unrecovered] [B; posts] they wish to pay their dependents and [4 groups unrecovered].

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T.N.: [a] This message was also sent to the following:
 BUENOS AIRES (External Serial No. 65)
 COPENHAGEN " " " 70)
 HAGUE " " " 65)
 MONTEVIDEO " " " 56)
 OTTAWA " " " 82)
 RIO DE JANEIRO " " " 50)
 SAN FRANCISCO " " " 30)
 SANTIAGO " " " ?
 SHANGHAI " " " 73)
 STOCKHOLM " " " 188)
 WASHINGTON " " " 334)

[b] Semi-colon inserted for ease of reading in place of Russian word "and".

[c] The unrecovered groups may be corrupt. The cypher text is not available for checking.

Comment: [i] Note that this message was sent in the MGB cypher and not in the normal diplomatic cypher. The ration allowances therefore presumably apply to MGB employees who do not hold diplomatic status.