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1. BRITISH GOVERNMENT VIEWS
2. BREAKING OF A SOVIET CODE REPORTED BY INTELLIGENTSIA AND THE I GROUP
3. GERMAN BOMBING

(1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

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To DIRECTOR.

1. ATTLEE [i] and GREENWOOD [ii], two members of the War Cabinet, have been to the METRO [iii] and stated to the MASTER (KHOLYAIN)[iv] that the danger of invasion was not past but the possibility was growing less every day. The Government intended to follow SASHA's [v] example in supporting China financially in the hope that the latter would use the money to buy armaments in the U.S.S.R. An intensification of German and Italian activity in the Middle East was expected.

2. INTELLIGENTSIA [INTELLIGENTSIA][vi] has reported that the I GROUP [GRUPPA IES][vii] has reported to him that a girl working in a government establishment noticed in one document that the British had broken [RASKHILT] some Soviet code or other and apparently she noticed in a/the document [a] the following [words:][b] "Soviet Embassy in Germany". I stated that this was a matter of exceptional importance and he should put to the group the question of developing this report [further][b].

3. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS' [KOLBASNIKI][viii] night bombing is having a bad effect throughout the country. Trains are running slowly and late. Loading and unloading are slowed down because of the black-out. Some lines [1 group unidentified] do not work for one or two days after a raid. Goods have been sent by canal. The trains are overflowing with refugees from LONDON and other bombed centres.

4. [1 group unidentified][e] the SAUSAGE-DEALERS have now mostly been bombing LONDON and LIVERPOOL. In the period 28th-29th September some of the hangars on HESTON Aerodrome, the PHILIPS Map Works on the corner of WESTERN AVENUE and VICTORIA ROAD, the BOWEN factory located at WILLERSDEN JUNCTION,

which makes components for aircraft and ships, and an aero-engine factory in SOUTHAMPTON were heavily damaged. The BRUNSWICK DOCK in LIVERPOOL was destroyed. Following a raid 7,000 workers at the SIEMENS electrical instruments factory at WOOLWICH are idle. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS are continuing to bomb the railway stations at junctions in LONDON.

5. Latterly the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' heavy bombs have shown that none of the government types of above-ground shelter is any good. At night the Underground is overflowing with people, notwithstanding the instructions of the authorities. An epidemic is possible because of the start of the cold weather and the unhygienic conditions. The Government's plan is to reduce the population of LONDON to five million. Use of the Underground and other places can provide quarters for 500,000 people. It is difficult to understand the Government's statement [4 groups garbled][d]

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Notes: [a] It is not clear from the text whether this is the same document as the one first mentioned, or a different one.

[b] Inserted by translator.

[c] This group probably has the general meaning of "according to reports".

[d] The signature of the message is probably among these groups.

Comments: [i] ATTLEE: Clement ATTLEE, then Lord Privy Seal.

[ii] GREENWOOD: Arthur GREENWOOD, then Minister without Portfolio.

[iii] METRO: The Soviet Embassy.

[iv] MASTER: The Ambassador.

[v] SASHA: the United States. For an explanation of this coverword see LONDON's No. 996 of 11th September 1940 (3/PPDT/T12).

[vi] INTELLIGENTSIA: See also LONDON's Nos. 812 of 25th July 1940, 895 of 16th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1149 of 11th October 1940 and 1165 of 15th October 1940.

[vii] I GROUP: Not identified. See also MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940, and LONDON's Nos. 812 of 25th July 1940, 895 of 16th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1071 of 26th September 1940 and 1188 of 18th October 1940.

[viii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

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