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MOSCOW'S COMMENTS ON "WILLOW'S" REPORT ABOUT HIS WORK (1945)

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To IGOR'S [1]

Herewith are our conclusions on "WILLOW'S" [IVA] [11] report about his work.

Bearing in mind the favourable opportunities afforded by "WILLOW'S" cover, the results of the work over the period which has elapsed are far from adequate. Evidently "WILLOW" does not [a] always

[16 groups unrecovered]

for strengthening his [b] authority

[14 groups unrecoverable]

as "WILLOW'S" immediate ^{case officer} ~~controller~~ [RUKOVODITEL'] has evidently been taking an interest in him only where the actual direction of his work was concerned, although in [11 groups unrecovered].

From the report it is evident that "WILLOW" ^{at work} [1 groups unrecovered] dissipates his attention on the mass of his "nodding" acquaintances, of whom, as may be seen, "WILLOW" has no lack. You should assist "WILLOW" day by day, concentrating his attention on questions of [2 groups unrecovered] people and training him to carry through to a conclusion ^{work that he has commenced.} "WILLOW" complains that we are not [B% grateful] to him for his notes and work, despite the fact that we have [B% repeatedly] [4 groups unrecovered] his notes an award [NAGRAZHDENIE] [c] was sent to you for him. We cannot understand why "WILLOW" has [O% still] not got to know of this.

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Speaking of "WILLOW" writes that he
 [D% once] sent us on her [7 groups unrecovered] "REUTER". [iii] However, we have
 not received these materials.

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VIKTOR [iv]

- Notes: [a] Or "has not", "is not".
- [b] Or "her", "their" or "its".
- [c] Or "Reward". "Award" seems appropriate in this context. See also N.Y.'s No. 1635 of 21.11.44 (T177) reporting ROBERT's satisfaction with a "reward", probably more appropriately an "award". Cf. Elisabeth BENTLEY's award of the Order of the Red Star.

Comments: [i] IGOR' : Konstantin Mikhaïlovich KUKIN, Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in LONDON.

[ii] WILLOW :

[iii] REUTER : It is not clear whether this is a cover-name or not. If so, it is unidentified.

[iv] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

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