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BRITISH AIR DEFENCES AND GERMAN BOMBING (1940)

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To: DIRECTOR.

1.(a) Last night the British met the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [FOLBASNIKI, (i)] with gunfire only. Additional guns were concentrated for this purpose. Old but improved three-inch guns were noted at a number of new points. The firing was particularly heavy in the direction of the aircraft noise. Searchlights were not used. During the night the SAUSAGE-DEALERS dropped their bombs at random, since the military objectives under our observation did not suffer. Two SAUSAGE-DEALERS were shot down. [1 group unidentified] that since 7th September the SAUSAGE-DEALERS have been bombing LONDON and have hardly been bombing other industrial centres at all. The British have thrown in engineer units to repair the LONDON docks.

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BARCH (ii)

Note: [a] There is no paragraph two.

Comments: ✓ (i) SAUSAGE-DEALERS: The Germans.

(ii) BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BPTON.