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COMPLAINTS OF NEGLIGENCE IN A PETROL-PRODUCING FIRM

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To the Director.

It is essential to take up with the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade [NARKOMVNESH'TORG] the matter of the criminally [C: inadequate] [1 group unrecovered] work [4 groups unrecovered] plants for the production of high octane petrol of the B/DGER firm. An engineer acquaintance who worked [1 group unrecovered] [D: firm] until recently told PAUL [PAUL'] [1] about this:

The main defects of the [B: plans] are:

1. Bad insulation system. The chief engineer of the Insulation Department [OTDEL] [1 group unrecovered]; in reply to remarks of others about the bad quality of the insulation he always says "That's good enough for them".
2. Drainage. A mass of gas offtakes [GAZOVYE OTVODY]. An [B: accumulation] of gases [3 groups unrecovered] within the building with danger of an explosion is possible.
3. In the calculations for the buildings the vibration of the ground under the foundations of the heavy machines was not taken into account.

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4. The buildings are unsatisfactory from the point of view of waterproofing.

5. Bad system [1 group unrecovered] of the main and auxiliary not clear[a] (this point is not clear).

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T.N.: [a] This is the text as sent. The group for "not clear" is presumably an erroneous reflection of the phrase in parentheses and has ousted some other group or groups.

Comments: [i] PAUL': Unidentified covername.

[11] MOL'ER: MIKHAILOV, an official of the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

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