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1. OPERATIONAL MATERIAL TO BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO VIKTOR
2. ENQUIRY ABOUT PROPOSED DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN "TEChNIK" AND "BEN"  
(1945)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: X27

7th July 1945

Reference your No. 49[a].

Address material of an operational nature to Comrade VIKTOR[i] only.

Reference your No. 50[b].

Your reason for proposing to put "TEKhNIK"[ii] into direct liaison with "BEN"[iii] is not understood. Surely "BEN" had not yet met you

[ 3 groups unrecovered]

transferred to the "FRATERNAL[BRATSKAYA]"[iv] [9 groups unrecovered] him into direct liaison will require

[ groups unrecovered]

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[B% possibility] of a disruption. According to this

[50 groups unrecoverable]

..." documentary [1 word unrecovered], since a reliable way of keeping them until the time comes to dispatch them from SYDNEY to

[15 groups unrecovered]

No. 4578

VIKTOR

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Notes: [a] CANBERRA's No. x97 of 3rd July 1945 (3/NBF/T 79).

[b] CANBERRA's No. x98 of 3rd July 1945 (3/NBF/T32).

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: X Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] TEKhNIK: X i.e. "TECHNICIAN", Fedor Andreevich NOSOV.

[iii] BEN: X Alfred HUGHES.

[iv] FRATERNAL: V Communist Party.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND ENQUIRIES CONCERNING MAKAROVICH ("UCN 44"),  
SOLDATOV ("ALEKSEJ") AND CERTAIN PROBATIONERS  
(1943)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 124

21st August 1943

[150 groups unrecoverable]

MAKAROVICH[i] - in future "UCN 44". In the course of a year's work for another  
FLOOR[ TAZh][ii] he gave a good account of himself, easily established contact  
and mastered our work. The arrangements for making contact are as follows:

You: "I knew BOBROV who studied at the MOSCOW Textile Institute

[12 groups unrecoverable]"

"UCN 44": "[D% I have] a brother but he [2 groups unrecovered]. He did  
not study at the Textile Institute".

Afterwards give your covername.

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5. State whether SOLDATOV[*iii*] - in future "ALEKSEJ" - has established contact and in what circles he has the opportunity of working.

6. State [1 group unrecovered] [C% Soviet officials] and probationers[STASHER] in the [C% work] of "KON [1 group unrecovered]"[*iv*].

7. [3 groups unrecovered] important information, not repeating newspaper slander and [1 group unidentified] reported by [1 group unidentified] in its line.

No. 3694

VIKTOR[*v*]

Comments: [*i*] MAKAROVICH/"UCN 44":

Not traced. It is not clear whether this is a surname or a patronymic.

*Sergij xxanakovich*[*ii*] FLOOR:  
*BROV (Jx/xxx)*

Presumably indicates another Soviet Intelligence department.

[*iii*] SOLDATOV/"ALEKSEJ":

Aleksandr Alekseevich SOLDATOV,  
First Secretary at the Soviet Legation  
in CANBERRA.

[*iv*] KON [1 group unidentified]:

Presumably a coverword, possibly  
KONFEDERATSIYa-CONFEDERATION;  
unidentified.

[*v*] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON SETTING UP ILLEGAL RESIDENCIES  
(1943)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No. 126

21st August 1943

Continuation of telegram No. 216[a].

4. Pay particular attention to the setting up of illegal residencies, selecting as illegal residents the most reliable and qualified agents who are not under suspicion by the local authorities and whose collaboration with us is known to a very limited number of our agents, when setting up an illegal residency, establish the resident's office[BYuRO] independently of the local FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN[i], using *institutions*<sup>1</sup> for this such forms of cover as organization of commercial ~~[1 group unidentified]~~, cinemas, [1 group unidentified], restaurants, fashion houses, handicraft shops; and also the entrée through connections[KONTAKT] into various [1 group unidentified], enterprises etc; and set about creating trustworthy liaison which will ensure the prompt delivery of information from offices[ORGAN] of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [7 groups unrecovered] a system of reliable counterintelligence agents, opportunities [2 groups unrecovered]. No organization[C% al] measures in this matter are to be

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<sup>1</sup> An extra return was added to accommodate handwritten text.

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taken without our consent.

5. With a view to setting up ~~{1 group unidentified}~~ necessary contacts [5 groups unrecoverable] material our cadre workers are being allowed to join various clubs, sporting and other organizations run by foreign governments, having first obtained our agreement. [~~8 groups unrecovered~~], permitting entry into these organizations  
of ~~and other {1 group unidentified}~~ Soviet ~~{1 group unidentified}~~, however only with  
the permission of the Ambassador, Minister or Consul. Further information to  
follow.

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Note: [a] Previous part(s) of message not available. Probably a circular.  
The internal serial number is compatible with the series used for  
messages from MOSCOW signed by PETROV; this signature would have  
appeared at the end of the first part of the message.

Comment: [i] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN: Members of the Communist Party.

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<sup>2</sup> An extra return was added to accommodate handwritten text.

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NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING SALARIES AND FAMILY  
ALLOWANCES FOR RIS WORKERS  
(1943)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 140

8th September 1943

Circular[a].

With effect from October a new set of regulations [1 group unrecovered] our workers will be introduced, in accordance with which the basic salary with [1 group unrecovered] percentage increase in accordance with our existing scales [C% will be maintained]. Payment to families will be carried out [4 groups unrecovered].

[34 groups unrecoverable]

estimate [for the][b] fourth quarter the following information [C% is required] individually about each worker:

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1. The post which is being occupied and the basic salary which is being received from his cover in foreign currency and Soviet rubles.
2. [1 groups 1[V[nOeign currency 4] percentagen ccreasebeing received

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[REDACTED]Reissue

From: MOSCOW  
 To: CANBERRA  
 No: 142[a]

12 September 1943

1. A change in circumstances - and in particular in dissolution of the "BIG HOUSE[BOL'SHOJ DOM]"[i] - necessitates a change in the method used by the workers of our residencies to keep in touch with the leaders of the local FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYaChESKIJ][ii]

2. Our workers, by continuing to meet the leaders of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN, are exposing themselves to danger and are giving cause [1 group unidentified][b] local authorities to suspect that the "BIG HOUSE" is still in existence.

3. We propose:

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 a)  
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1. REPORT ON SMIRNOV, SMIRNOVA AND KRANIDOVA
2. "AMMARILIS"  
(1943)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 150

17th September 1943

The neighbourly relations between SMIRNOVA[i] and KRANIDOVA[ii] [1 group unidentified]. We hava943

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[C% Decisions] on questions of this nature are to be put into effect through [1 group unidentified][a], trade union and physical culture organisations.

No. 4146

VIKTOR[vi]

Note: [a] This unidentified group is the same in both instances.

Comments: [i] SMIRNOVA: Nina Stepanovna SMIRNOVA, wife of Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV (see Comment [v] below).

[ii] KRANIDOVA: Helen KRONIDOFF (wife of Aleksander Mikhajlovich KRONIDOFF), Russian emigré, became Australian citizen in 1930.

[iii] SYNDICATE: Peoples' Commissariat for Foreign Affairs (NKID).

[iv] AMMARILIS: Presumably the name "AMARYLLIS" (the correct Russian spelling is AMARILLIS); unidentified coverword or covername. First occurrence.

[v] SMIRNOV: Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV, cashier at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA.

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

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SECURITY: DETAILED REMINDER TO RIS RESIDENTS AND OPERATIONAL WORKERS  
(1943)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 233, 232

2nd December 1943

[2-part message complete]

[Part I] Circular[a]

Once again we direct your attention to inadequate security in the work of leaders and operational workers in residencies. Some operational workers are being initiated into residency matters which bear no relation to the work being carried out by them. Of course this is the result of talkativeness and the inevitable consequences of the close relations existing among our workers. It is necessary for all [6 groups unrecovered] but, as regards the general work of a residency, each individual worker should know only what is essential in order to

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carry out the work in his own field. In embassy, legation and consulate buildings (in the private and general offices of residents) and also in private flats, probably fitted with special [1 group unidentified], discussions on operational questions take place. There have even been cases where conferences of all of the workers of a residency have been arranged in a general office, for the collective discussion of directives from the centre. It is categorically forbidden, in the course of briefing and in general during discussions, particularly if held on the premises, to use [1 group garbled] surnames of workers and probationers[STAZhERY], names of towns and countries, of [C% officials] and of other objectives. All this should be encoded.

[Part II] [1 group unrecovered] [C% considering] the cases cited above it is recommended that, instead of audible conversation, notes should be exchanged, which, immediately after such a "secret conversation", [1 group unidentified] will be destroyed. At work and in private life our workers should not [4 group unrecovered] from other [1 group unidentified] of the organization[APPARAT] and [C% group themselves together]: this will inevitably lead to disclosure. [2 groups unrecovered] other [1 group unrecovered] discussion in Russian of [4 groups unrecovered] with them. [5 groups unrecoverable] infringements of the security regulations we shall take severe measures. [1 group unidentified] maintenance of necessary security in our work depends to a considerable extent on leaders of residencies personally. The resident should not share with his subordinates information which they are not required to know in the course of their work.

No. 677

PETROV[i]

Notes: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to HAVANA, MEXICO CITY OTTAWA, SAN FRANCISCO and NEW YORK.

Comments: [i] PETROV: Unidentified MOSCOW signatory; probably a covername or pseudonym.

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FINANCIAL MESSAGES

Item 1

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 182

27 July 1944

On 17th July to Comrade VLASOV for you there  
was remitted[a] by telegraph an advance for

[11 groups unrecovered]

[D% pounds].

Confirm receipt of the money [D% .]

VIKTOR

[2 groups unrecovered]

25th July 1944

USSR

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## FINANCIAL MESSAGES

Item 2

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 214 31 Aug 1944

On 26 August 350 Australian pounds were remitted by telegraph to Comrade SOLDATOV for you as per estimate for the third quarter.

Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 4038

VIKTOR

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Item 4

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 156

19 Aug 1945

On 17th August of this year 500 Australian pounds were remitted by telegraph to LIFANOV[a] as per estimate for the third quarter. V

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No. ~~6044~~  
6044

VICTOR

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- \* T.N.: [a] Note that in this instance the words "for you" were omitted. It is, however, assumed that this message is exactly parallel to similar ones reported in other items.
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Item 5

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 184                                  6 Sept 1945

On 1st September of this year an advance of 300 Australian pounds was remitted to LIFANOV for you to cover telegraph expenses in the third quarter.

Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 6456                                  VICTOR  
5th September.

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Item 6

T219  
[see 27-7-44]

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 253                                  6 Nov. 1945

On 3rd November 650 pounds were remitted by telegraph to LIFANOV for you as follows: 500 as per estimate for the fourth quarter and a supplementary 150 in accordance with your request.

Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 8050                                  VICTOR  
5 [D% November] [2 groups unrecovered]

Item 7

T219  
[see 27-7-44]

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 54 13 March 1946

To EFIM.

On 9th March 350 Australian pounds were remitted  
by telegraph to LIFANOV [as per][a] your estimate for the  
first quarter. Acknowledge receipt of the money.

No. 1631  
12 March

VICTOR

[T.N.:a] next page



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Item 9

T219

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 134

9 June 1947

To EFIM.

ON 5th July 175 Australian pounds were remitted  
by telegraph to LIFANOV as an advance for expenses in the  
second quarter. Acknowledge receipt of the money.

No. 5288

GENNADIJ

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Item 10

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T219

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 199

17 Sept 1947

On 11th September 117 Australian pounds were remitted  
by telegraph to LIFANOV for you for expenses.  
Acknowledge receipt of the money.

No. [C% 82]13[a]

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T.N.: [a] Or [C%83]13

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Correction to  
Ref. No.: S/NBF/T182 of (29.4.1952)

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From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 191

3 Aug. 1944

CORRECTION

In the second line of the text, please alter "[67 groups unrecovered]"  
to read "[67 groups unrecoverable]".

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NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY OF "PALM".

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 212

29 Aug 1944

To EFIM.

At the beginning of October of this year there will arrive in SYDNEY the French Consul-General and Trade Adviser xxACHEFF L'YaShEV Boris L'vovich (in future "PALM[PALM]"), born 1892, Russian, [D% in 1917 France] [1 group unrecovered] [D% .] From [1 group unrecovered] [a] he worked in [D% a section] of a French Ministry; in 1940, being in Columbia[i], he represented DE GAULLE's movement there; in 1942 he was appointed a member of the Free French Mission in the U.S.A. and was posted to SAN FRANCISCO, [D% where] [2 groups unrecovered] Consul-General right up to January 1944, when he was recalled to ALGIERS to take up a new appointment. He was recruited for our work at the end of 1943. "PALM" [B% is not]

[10 groups unrecovered]

Forbid him to establish with our diplomatic workers closer [B% connections] than is customary in the diplomatic world. To put the matter in such a way [D% that] [2 groups unrecovered] [b] to [c] PARIS through him [7 groups unrecoverable] institutions one ought not [d

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words, the French Intelligence Service (~~RAZVEDKA~~) suggested to him that he should co-operate in the collection of intelligence information, to which he, on the basis of the alleged expediency of such a step for our work, gave his consent.

We are informing you of these facts in order to determine the line of conduct and work with "PALM" in future.

Conditions of meeting: a week after his arrival in SYDNEY "PALM" will go out systematically every Monday and Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the morning to a meeting at the "Arthur Philip [ARTUR FILIPP]" Memorial, around which he will stroll for ten minutes. In his hands he will hold a pale blue Russian book - "Diplomatic [B% Commentaries]", author Filipp KUDZIROV. The password for you will be the following phrase spoken in Russian: "Excuse me, I think you lived in Malyj Zlatoustinskij Pereulok?" "PALM" will reply to this: "Quite right, evidently you know Aleksandr Aleksandrovich." After this you can go on to the actual

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REFERENCE TO "GRANDSON" (1944)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No: 213

30 Aug. 44

To EFIM. [i]

Your No. 35[a].

We agree with your suggestion.

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We confirm our orders about the use of "GRANDSON[VNUK]" [ii] only in the dark [VTEMNUYu] [b]. By personal observation try to discover the real intentions of "GRANDSON", his interest in further work with us. [B% Initiative]

[19 groups unrecoverable]

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T.N.: [a] Not available.

[b] it appears that  
this expression refers to the "unconscious" use of a source.

Comments: [i] Semen Ivanovich MAKAROV.

[ii] First mention of this unidentified cover-name.

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FINANCIAL MESSAGESItem 2

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 214

31 Aug 1944AMENDMENT

It is now known that the internal serial number  
of this message should be 4038.

