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REPORT ON "SHMIDSKIJ", ARTEMENKO AND KIRICHENKO (1945)

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[Part I]

To SEMEN.[1]

[8 groups unrecovered]

"ShMIDSKIJ"[11] [2 groups unrecovered] on the S.S. "SMOLNYJ" was ARTININKO[111] [5 groups unrecovered] one of the shippards. About ARTEMENKO

[30 groups unrecovered]

former Inspector of the register of the shipping company with whom, through "ShMLDSKIJ" and other Soviet seamen, an attempt was made by

[14 groups unrecovered]

SHMIDSKIJ

[17 groups unrecovered]

development [RAZRABOTKA] of ARTEMENKO

[107 groups unrecovered]

ARTEMENKO

[46 groups unrecovered]

TRUMAN [3 groups unrecovered] HOOVER and DEWEY

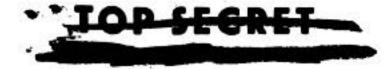
[14 groups unrecovered]

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According to ARTEMENKO

[39 groups unrecovered]

hope that a coup d'état in the USSR may come about through an Army revolt

[17 groups unrecovered]

and that he[a] arrived

[40 groups unrecovered]

ARTEMENKO in

[40 groups unrecovered]

and that [1 group unrecovered] among Soviet seamen [9 groups unrecovered] which[b] [B% was not mentioned]. It has been established that ARTEMENKO's closest contact is Tim... KIRICHENKO[iv]

[30 groups unrecovered]

SAN FRANCISCO. ARTEMENKO stated that KIRICHENKO was a [1 group unrecovered]. On 3rd June while visiting ARTEMENKO, KIRICHENKO

[15 groups unrecovered]

KIRICHENKO is trying hard to make contacts among Soviet seamen and [1 group unrecovered]

[9 groups unrecoverable]

[51 groups unrecovered]

[0% ARTEMENKO] [8 groups unrecovered]

[13 groups unrecoverable]

[4 groups unrecovered]

[BK /RTEMENKO]

[43 groups unrecovered]

ARTEMBNKO

[63 groups unrecovered]

[Part II] [4 groups unrecovered]

KIRICHENKO where our [HK source] was [9 groups unrecovered] KIRICHENKO and ARTEMENKO [3 groups unrecovered]

[41 groups unrecoverable]

[11 groups unrecovered]

on the S.S. "A. NEVSKIJ"

[18 groups unrecovered]

S.S. "SEVZ!PLES" - KLEIMAN[KLEJMAN][V]

[44 groups unrecovered]

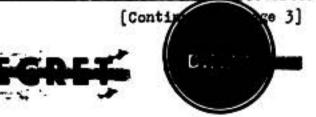
KLEIMAN. KLEIMAN

[12 groups unrecovered]

. [O% KLEIMAN]

[46 groups unrecovered]

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Resident reported that KLEIMAN is[c] trying all the time [9 groups unrecovered]

[327 groups unrecoverable]

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SERGEJ[vi]

Notes:

[a] or 'she/they'

[b] or 'who'

or 'was' [0]

Comments: [i] SEMEN

: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee.

[ii] ShMIDSKIJ: Unidentified cover-name. The only other occurrence

is in MOSCOW-SAN FRANCISCO's No. 310 of

23rd September 1944 (3/NBF/T803) where it was

originally published as "Sh[1 group unrecovered]SI".

[iii] ARTEMENKO : Possibly Koz'ma Petrovich ARTEMENKO, a lieutenant

commander in the USSR Navy, who arrived in the

United States on 26th October 1943, and was attached to the various firms concerned with the building and

fitting out of ships.

[iv] KIRICHENKO: Probably Timofej Fred KIRICHENKO, a naturalized American citizen of Russian origin. During 1944 he was employed as a machinist at the United States

Marine Corps Supply Depot in SAN FRANCISCO.

[V] KLRIMAN

: Unidentified.

[vi] SERGEJ

: Viktor Vasil'evich AFANAS'EV, Soviet Vice-Consul in

SAN FRANCISCO.



