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COMMENT ON THE ACCURACY OF "STANLEY'S" INFORMATION (1945)

From: MOSCOW

To: LONDON

No: 46[a]

17 Sept 45

To BOB[1].

[C. The chiefs [NACHAL'STVO]] [b] gave their consent to the checking of the accuracy of your telegram [c] concerning "STANLEY'S [STENLI]" [ii] data about the events in CANADA [iii] in the "NEIGHBOURS" [SOSEDI] [iv] sphere of activity. STANLEY'S information does correspond to the facts.

No 6802
17th September

GRU (R. Army) VIKTOR [v]

Probably, PHILBY

Confirmation

Notes: [a] This message was accorded the highest degree of priority in despatch known to be used on the MOSCOW-LONDON link. It was originated before 8 p.m. (MOSCOW time) on 17th September and transmitted between 8.11 and 8.13 p.m. It could have been deciphered in LONDON by 6.20 p.m. B.S.T.

[b] NACHAL'STVO is the collective noun deriving from the noun NACHAL'NIK which means 'chief' or 'head'.

[c] Or 'telegrams'.

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- Comments: [i] BOB : Unidentified LONDON Addressee.
[ii] STANLEY : Probably H.A.R. PHILBY.
[iii] GUZENKO defected in OTTAWA on 5th September 1945.
[iv] NEIGHBOURS : Members of another Soviet intelligence organization, in this instance the GRU.
[v] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

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