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SUBJECT: Canberra Translations

While these translations are of messages on the Moscow --> Canberra lane, the messages are circulars sent to other KGB Residencies including NYC (AHS/NSA did not decrypt the circular on the NYC lane however, breaking the message only on this lane).

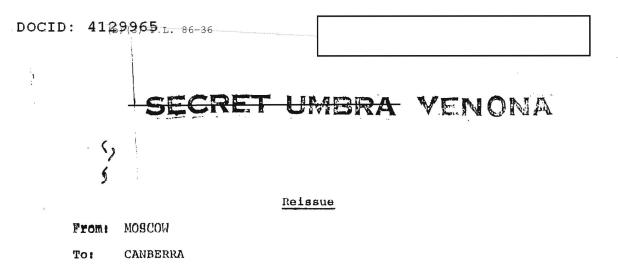
3. Reason for this request: the 12 Sep 43 message is of extraordinary historical importance to the understanding of the connection between the COMINTERN/national communist parties and the Soviet intell services. The other message is of general tradecraft interest (internal security of the KGB).

4. In normal course of events, according to our schedule, we would not release these messages til July 96. In Sep 95 we are releasing the 250+ messages of 1943 on the NYC-Moscow lanes. These messages would be of great interest to historians and they involve no personal names/privacy issues. I know your decision on the Hiss message, but believe this requested exception to the release schedule is different.

Lou Benson



1 Approved for Release by NSA on 07-03-2014, FOIA Case # 42771



No: 142[a]

12 September 1943

1. A change in circumstances - and in particular the 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] organizations on intelligence matters.

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.

We propose:

a) That personal contact with leaders of the local FELLOW-COUNTRYMAN organizations should cease and that FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN material should not be accepted for forwarding to the "BIG HOUSE."

b) That meetings of our workers may take place only with special reliable undercover[ZAKONSPIRIROVANNYJ] contacts of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN [D% organizations], who are not suspected by the [1 group unidentified][b] local authorities, exclusively about specific aspects of our intelligence work (acquiring [1 group unidentified] contacts, leads[NAVODKI], rechecking of those who are being cultivated, etc.). For each meeting it is necessary to obtain our consent.

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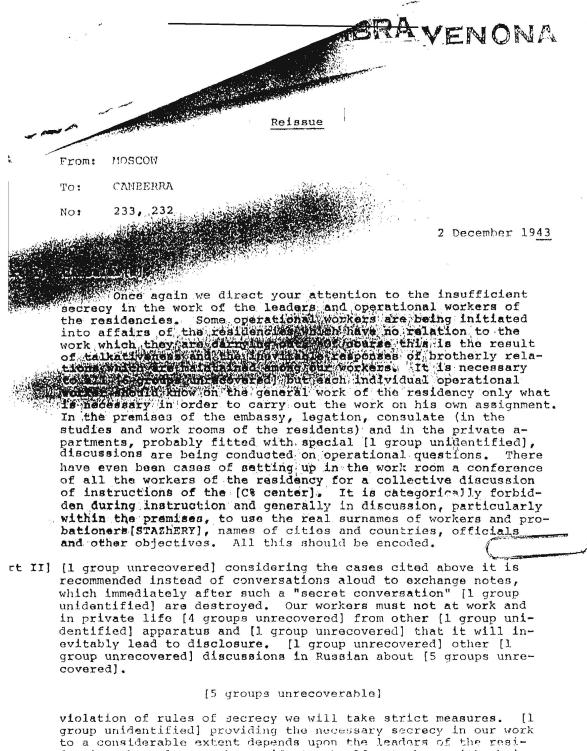
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Notes: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO and OTTAWA. [b] The unidentified group is the same in both cases. [b] BIG HOUSE: The COMINTERN. [i] BIG HOUSE: The COMINTERN. [ii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN(-MEN): Communist(s). [iii] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

17 August 1971



dencies themselves. The residents should not share with their subordinates communications which they are not supposed to know for the work.

No. 677

TOP SECRET

PETROV[1]

16 August 1971 VENIORIA

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

> PETROV: Unidentified MOSCOW signature. [1]