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Reference: MPDT/T12

1. DETELLIGENCE FROM BAUER

2. CRECE OFFICER TALEST-SPOTTED BY BAUER

(1940)

TOR: LONDON

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11th Sept. 40

DEFECTOR.

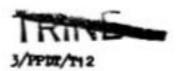
MUER [MUER][1] has reported [the following:][a]

Out of the Csech contingent a brigade totalling 3,000 men is being formed comprising two infantry battalions, two batteries of 75 mm gums, one cupany of engineers, one anti-tank company and a reserve group. The brigade commander is Coneral MIROSLAV [11]; in the past his surname was MAJMAN [111]. Il the senior efficers are alleged to have changed their surmanes now. The 5 m [gums][a] were received from the British who are arming themselves ith them because they have been [RS received] from SAShA [iv] on an old remen order. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs RIPKA recently made a peech to the efficers. In answer to a question he stated that the U.S.S.R. ad been unable to help Gsechoslovakia at the appropriate time because of be latter's lack of preparedness for war. BAUER indicates that the junior ffloors are well-inclined towards the U.S.S.R. [1 group missed] fascist modencies are predominant among the higher officers. He says that, after seting the British, other officers whom he knows have formed a good spression of the British Army. He considers that they have mobilised [2 roups garbled] [MK 500,000 men]. [2 groups missed] and the desire to fight. Llegedly

[9 groups missed]

umot [36 come] to LONDON for several months. I made an appointment with in in the city of CHESTER not far from his camp [v] for 28th of September. think I shall send MARK [vi]. I gave him £25 sterling and the British by [36 regulations][b]. MAUER knows a Casoboslovakian officer [vii] who is





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- s: [a] Inserted by translator.
 - [b] Possibly a garble for "assignment", in which case this would read "an assignment on the British Army".
 - [c] The signature is probably in the passage missed.
- MUER: Lieut, HEIN of the Crech Army. See also MOSCOW's Nos. 450 of 7th September 1940 and 469 of 16th September 1940; and LONDOW's Nos. 895 of 16th August 1940 and 1107 of 3rd October 1940.
 - [11] MIROSIAV: a Creek Christian name rather than a surname.
 - iii MAJMAN: Alternative, but less common, forme of this surmane are MAJMANN, MAIMAN or MEDMANN (op. PRAGUE Telephone Directory, 1964).
 - [1v] SESMA: the United States. This coverword, which is normally an affectionate form of ALEXSANDR, is probably formed from the Russian abbreviation for the U.S.A. SSMA (Res-Shm-A). See also LOWDON's Nos. 784 of 18th July 1940, 882 of 14th August 1940, 926 of 25rd August 1940, 947 of 27th August 1940, 1069 of 26th September 1940 and 1112 of 4th October 1940.
 - [v] His comp: HEIN was in comp at MALPAS (LONDON's No. 895 of 16th August 1940).
 - [vi] MARK: Unidentified covernme; see also LONDON's Nos. 776 of 17th July 1940 (3822/21472), 798 of 22nd July 1940, 895 of 16th August 1940, 1107 of 3rd October 1940 and 2150 of 6th August 1941 (3/202/21476).
 - [vii] Csechoslovakian efficer: see also NOSCOW's No. 469 of 16th September 1940.

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