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1. WRITER B%
 2. Kh. Z. SLONI[M]
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TO DIRECTOR

1. WRITER [i] has arrived [C% from] GLASGOW where he has been working in a ship [a] which of late has stayed where it is [b]. I consider it [B% essential] that he should [B% take up] work in a nearer port so that we can liaise with him. *He has good technical qualities*. His [c] [5 groups unrecovered] him on Saturday.

2. A certain Kh. Z. SLONI [M] who has a doctorate and is a chemist [d], has applied at the METRO [ii] for permission to enter the USSR. The doctor is 46 year old and has relatives in GRODNO at BONIPATERSKAYA [BONIPATERSKAYA] Street. He is apparently known to Academician FRANK [iii]. He studied chemistry in GERMANY and from 1926 to 193- [a] he was a scientific worker in [5 groups unrecovered] enterprise in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. He is now working as a consultant to an English chemical company to which he sold his process [SPOSOB] for making chromium oxide. He has his own methods of producing iron oxide, SIN' [f], manganese dioxide [and] [g] a special substance for increasing the working life of dry batteries by 5% per cent. He has worked in PRAGUE at a military institute [C% on] [h] [5 groups unrecovered] his own methods of purifying the water used as raw material. The MASTER [KHOZYAIN] [iv] of the METRO considers that he would be useful [D% to us] but supposes that his clearance [OPORMENIE] will take about 6 months. I have not met the doctor [1 group unrecovered.]

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- Notes:
- [a] Literally a "steamship".
 - [b] Literally "has been without movement".
 - [c] Or "him". There may be an inversion of subject and object i.e. the sentence may begin with 'him' as the object of a verb in the succeeding gap.
 - [d] Literally "Doctor chemist". This presumably means that he is a Doctor of Chemistry, although the usual Russian expression is "Doctor of Chemical Sciences".
 - [e] There is technical evidence to show that this year is in the late 1930's.
 - [f] SIN: The literal translation is "blue". Probably the first half of a compound term, the second half of which has been omitted. Perhaps SIN-KALI, i.e. potassium ferricyanide, was intended.
 - [g] Inserted by translator.
 - [h] Or "the Military Institute [for] ^{C%}.....".
 - [j] MOSCOW-LONDON No. 417 of 20th August 1940 (3/NBF/T1735) is in answer to this message.

- Comments:
- ✓ [i] WRITER: Unidentified covername: Also occurs in MOSCOW-LONDON No. 417 of 20th August 1940 (Reissue of 3/NBF/T1735) ~~to be published shortly.~~
 - ✓ [ii] MINTRO: The Soviet Embassy.
 - ✓ [iii] FRUMKIN: Aleksandr Neumovich FRUMKIN, member of the Academy of Sciences; Professor of Electrochemistry at MOSCOW University.
 - ✓ [iv] WALTER: The Soviet Ambassador, Ivan MAISKY.
 - [v] BARCH: Unidentified covername. LONDON addressee and signatory 3rd March 1940-22nd August 1940.

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