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1. BRITISH ARMY INFANTRY DIVISIONS

2. JÉRÔME

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To DIRECTOR.

1. The existence of British Army infantry divisions bearing the following numbers has recently been noted: 5, 12, 18, 23, 49, 50, 51 and 52. This suggests that the British are assigning new divisions those numbers [in the series][a] 1-8 and 42-55 which were not taken up in ~~past times~~ by the regular divisions or territorial divisions [respectively][a].

2. JÉRÔME [JEROME][1] has reported that the Germans used incendiary bombs on the hangars to [do] strike against the Allies' aircraft in the first days of the advance into France. This forced the Allies to move out into the fields. A journey round the country confirms that this experience has been made use of in the United Kingdom [METROPOLITAN]. New aerodromes have no hangars. The aircraft are out in the open and are camouflaged.

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: ✓ [1] ✓ JÉRÔME: André LABARTHE, Director-General of French Armament and Scientific Research at General DE GAULLE's Headquarters till September 1940. See also LONDON's Nos. 741 of 8th July 1940 (3/NEP/T1773), 776 of 17th July 1940 (3/NEP/T1472), 784 of 18th July 1940, 798 of 22nd July 1940, 807 of 24th July 1940, 865 of 10th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1056 of 23rd September 1940 and 2151 of 6th August 1941 (3/NEP/T1477).

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- [11] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername ERICH.