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SONIA's MEETING WITH IRIS: REPORT ON EXPENDITURE:

SCHEDULES FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS (1941)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 2843

31 July 41

To: DIRECTOR.

IRIS[1] had a meeting with SONIA[SONYA][ii] on 30 July. [She][a] told her what was in your No. ***0 and in the letter[b].

SONIA reported as follows:

1. [15 groups unrecovered] 2. Out 17

¹²
L***00[o] she has spent:

(a) Salary for 7 months	£406	
(b) [1 group unrecovered] JOHN[DZHON][iii]	£195	27
(c) [3 groups unrecovered] from abroad	£116	
(d) Expenditure [B on] MUSIC[iv] and MIKRO[v]	£105	
(e) Expenditure on [1 group unrecovered]	£ 55	
Total expenditure	£877	

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[15 groups unrecovered]

3. She [~~is~~ played][vi] on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th July at 2400, 0100, 0200 hours [1 group unrecovered], but did not receive you. [2 groups unrecovered]

[16 groups unrecoverable]

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BRION[vii]

- Notes: [a] Inserted by translator. See Comment [i] below.
- [b] or: "[She] told her what was in your No. *** and handed over the letter".
- [c] This is at least a 4-digit number.

Comments: [i] IRIS: ✓ Unidentified cover-name. See also LONDON's No. 8.. of 1st August 1940 (3/NBF/T1633). Probably the English Christian name IRIS, used as a cover-name for a woman, although there is no proof of this in the text.

The Russian word IRIS means either the flower, or a kind of toffee; in either of these meanings the word seems an unlikely choice as a cover-name.

- ✓[ii] SONIA: ✓ Probably Ursula BURTON. First occurrence.
- ✓[iii] JOHN: ~ Probably Leon Charles BURTON.
- ✓[iv] MUSIC: Cover-word for 'radio'.
- ✓[v] MIKRO: Microdots.
- [vi] 'To play': means 'to operate a wireless set'.
- ✓[vii] BRION: Possibly Boris ShVETsOV, Assistant Military Attaché. Col. I. A. SKLYAROV is no longer considered to be the candidate.

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