## VENONA TOP SECRET



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CIPHER FOR "ANDERSON" TO BE HODELLED ON THAT USED BY "BERNS" (1942)

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To AKASTO[1].

The cipher for "ANDERGON"[ii] is made up on the principle of "BERNS's"[iii] cipher: the primary encrypted text is in Swedish using the 26 letters of the Latin alphabet. At the end of the code table [B there are] two punctuation marks (full-stop and comma) as well as a word separator. The three digits appearing over the fifth, seventh and tenth letters of the keyword[a] are used for the dinome beginners. To generate the key[b] the letters from the novel [KNIGA][c] are substituted only by the mononomes at the heads of the columns. The key starts at the [B first] letter of the word used as the keyword.

The first indicator is added to the second group from the beginning multiplied by seven[d]. It is put at the fifth position from the beginning of the telegras. The second indicator is added to the third group from the end multiplied by nine[d]. It is put at the seventh position from the end. The service group[e] is added to the last group of the telegram and put at the end of the telegram.

[16 groups unrecoverable]

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from 1 to 7%, ANDERSON from 7: [to][f] the end. All the Swedish and Norwegia: letters with discritical marks in the novel or the telegram are treated as ordinary latin letters. It is not possible to obtain a simpler cipher.

No. 2999 [1 group unidentified][g] harch 1942 LANOV[iv]

Notes: [a] i.e. of the mononome-dinome table.

[b]

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- [o] NMG: literally "book"; "novel" is the cryptological term for a book of any description used for generating key.
- [d] Probably non-carrying multiplication.
- [e] Service group [SLUZhERNAYa GRUPPA]; generally used of a group containing external message data, such as date and group count.
- [f] Inserted by translator.
- [g] 24th or 25th :arch.
- Comments: [i] AKASTO : Col. N. I. NIKITUShEV, Soviet Hilitary attaché in STOCKHOLM.
  - [ii] APDERSON: Unidentified cover-name. See also STOCKHOL's No. 1580 of 24th July 1942 (3/NBF/T1607) and HOSCOT's No. 710 of 30th September 1942 (3/NBF/T160
  - [iii] BERNS : Unidentified cover-name. See also : DSCO 's No. 93 of 13th October 1941 (3/NBF/T1685).
  - [iv] LANOV : Col. BALTERKO of the Special Communications Divisio of the GRU.

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