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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN "OCTANE" AND "TWAIN" (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 801

28 May 43

"OCTANE[OKTAN]"[i] rang up "TWAIN[TVEN]"[ii] but did not give his name, [3 groups unrecovered] FACTORY[iii]

[55 groups unrecoverable]

we are attending to[a]

Note: [a] The Russian verb used here has several meanings. Without a context it is impossible to say for certain which one is intended.

Comments: [i] OCTANE : Unidentified cover-name. Also occurred in NEW YORK's Message No. 1054 of 5th July, 1945 [REDACTED] and No. 876 of 8th June, 1943 (not published) and MOSCOW's No. 314 of 15th May, 1942 (not published).

[ii] TWAIN : Semen Markovich SEMONOV.

[iii] FACTORY : If a cover-name here, AMTORG.

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