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1. BATES FROM THE CHEMICAL WARFARE SECTION OF THE U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT

MURPHY

(1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 813

29th May 1943

[a]

[8 groups unrecovered]

BATES[BEJTS][i] from the Chemical Warfare Section [OTDEL] of the War Department [C; considers that] [6 groups unrecovered] chemical warfare against the USSR as a last [C% resort with the aim of] achieving victory.

[13 groups unrecovered]

BATES considers that in

[20 groups unrecoverable]

the Germans "[1 group unrecovered]" in the[b] "BANK"[ii]

[34 groups unrecovered]

MURPHY[MORFI][iii]

[25 groups unrecovered]

in the question of subversive [5 groups unrecovered] morals[c] in ITALY and

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[65 groups unrecoverable]

[5 groups unrecovered]

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[a] Address, signature and internal serial no. not recovered.

[b] Or "to the".

[c] The word used here is "MORAL' " which means "morals/ethics". Possibly the sense is "morale", although the Russian for this is "MORAL' NYJ DUKh" or "MORAL' NOE SOSTOYANIE".

BATES: Comments: [i]

Not traced.

[ii] BANK:

U.S. State Department.

[iii] MURPHY or possibly MORPHY: Not traced. MURPHY occurs in NEW YORK's No. 1025 of 30th June 1943 and as MERFI in No. 1484 of 19th October 1944