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To [Name No. 83], [i] Copy to [Name No. 1] [ii]

Reference [Name No. 83's] No. 311. [a] This is to inform you of changes which have taken place among senior personnel of the Naval Staff. In March by order of the People's Commissar the following appointments were made:

Rear-Admiral ALAFUZOV - Chief of Staff of the Pacific Fleet.

Captain [E, 1st] rank GOLUBEV - Commander of TUAPSE Naval Base.

Vice-Admiral STEPANOV [iii] - acting Chief of Naval Staff.

Rear-Admiral BOGDENKO - Head of the Operations Directorate of the Naval Staff.

Captain [E, 1st] rank [Name No. 20] [iv] - Head of the Department [2 groups unrecovered] of the People's Commissariat of the Navy.

In April the former Deputy Chief of Naval Staff for Political Affairs, Captain [E, 1st] rank VOLKOV was appointed Head of the Political Directorate of the Baltic Fleet [PUBALTA]. Rear-Admiral [Name No. 45] [v] holds the post of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff. Captain 2nd rank YAKOVLEV is acting Deputy Head of the Operations Directorate of the Naval Staff.

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BOGDENKO [vi]

Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] Name No. 83 : Unidentified.

[ii] Name No. 1 : "

[iii] STEPANOV : Appears in the text as Name No. 24 which we believe to be STEPANOV according to MOSCOW's No. 481 of 19.3.43 (See Section III para. 3(b) of 3/NBF/C14). Presumably Vice-Admiral G. A. STEPANOV.

[iv] Name No. 20 : Unidentified

[v] Name No. 45 : "

[vi] BOGDENKO : Presumably Rear Admiral V. L. BOGDENKO.

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