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"GERTSOG" AND HIS CONTACTS: IVANOVA, VIKTORIYA (TOTO) POZNER SPIRI,

(1943)

From:

NEW YORK

To:

MOSCOW

No: 1148

14th July 1943 _

Your No. 2679[i].

At the regular meeting GERTsOG [ii] reported that he had made the acquaintance of IVANOVA-[iii] [1 group unrecovered] while she was working [1 group unrecovered] in the Zhan KAHN [iv] factory the [1 group unrecovered]s of which, together with a number of other firms, he used to represent in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IVANOVA started work at the factory as a protegee of Viktoriya (TOTO) POZNER SPIRI[v] who was working there - a sister of "PLATON"[vi] (see our No 630 [vii]), who was very close to IVANOVA for group unrecovered] moreover-it-transpired that GERTsCG used to see IVANOVA at TOTO's

[21 groups unrecovered]

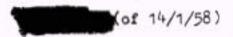
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). G.[ji] knows IVANOVA to be a serious-minded person and devoted to the USSR.

[25 groups unrecovered]

here now. TOTO quite

[4 groups unrecovered]

to be the confidential [| Acoretane]

Arnet included. [13 groups unrecovered]

[18 groups unrecovered]

cannot_

G. arrived here

[15 groups unrecoverable]

in FRANCE because of

In 1943 ha took out his first papers here. Started work so French Acction

[3 groups unrecovered]

the "RADIO STATION [RATSIYa]"[viii] as a protege of the wife [ix] of the engineer Yurkevich [ix]-designer of the "NORMANDIE", whose confidential [D% Accelling] he also was

-[3 groups unrecovered]

he was

(b9. she became acquainted with the same)

[3] groups unrecovered]

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- G.'s connections

[45 groups unrecoverable]

Footnotes: [i] Not available.

[ii] GERTsOG/G. ie. DUKE"; unidentified covername.

Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos. 865-6 of 8th June 1943), 1132-3 of 13th July 1943) and 853 of 16th June and possibly (as G.) in 1944 NEW YORK's No. 1930 of 21st November 1943

[iii]IVANOVA :

Unidentified. Also occurs in NEW YORK's

Nos. 865 of 8th June 1943

and 1930 of 21st November 1943

[iv] Zhan KAHN: Not traced.

[v] Victoriya Victoria MERCANTON-SPIRI, née POZNER.

(TOTO) sister of Vladimir Aleksandrovich POZNER

POZNER_SPIRI. [Footnote [vi].

POZNER-SPIRI:

[vi] PLATON i.e. "PLATO"; Vladimir Aleksandrovich POZNER.

[vii] NEW YORK's Nos. 1132, 1133 of 13 July 1943

[viii] RADIO : Office of War Information. STATION

[ix] YuRKEVICh: Vladimir I. YuRKEVICH, naval architect.

NEW YORK city, formerly resident in FRANCE;

wife: Olga YuRKEVICh.

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