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To VIKTOR. [i]

At the last two meetings by ORESTES [OREST] [ii] there was [5 groups unrecovered]  
[58 groups unrecoverable]

original materials. [B In the opinion] of ORESTES, MOUNTAINEER [GORETS] [iii] to guess [a] that [C: the material] goes to the Soviet Legation. ORESTES said that MOUNTAINEER was working for the Hungarian Government, but, knowing that it was not likely to be long-lived, he was establishing contact with the Allies. He [C: is in contact] with an American journalist SHANKS [iv] with whom he worked for about three years in BERLIN, and is in contact through CUNNINGHAM [KUNINGHAM] [v] with the British. But as it is clear to him that the fate of HUNGARY will be decided by the USSR, he is seeking contact with the Russians. ORESTES [3 groups unrecovered] need to recruit MOUNTAINEER and [1 group unrecovered] to do it himself, putting forward various alternative proposals, in particular:

1. Suggest to MOUNTAINEER that he should give various documents to the Russians; [D: this] will compromise and bind him.
2. Recruit [him] [b] openly.

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We have forbidden the recruitment of MOUNTAINEER; however we cannot be certain that ORESTES has not already, to a certain extent, initiated MOUNTAINEER and is trying to justify his action after the event. ORESTES has told MOUNTAINEER about his official acquaintance with VALERIAN (vi) and has been asking IRINA (vii) to hint to MOUNTAINEER that it is in fact VALERIAN that he is passing on the material in order to divert suspicion from ANATOLI (viii). As regards MOUNTAINEER we shall in this line [3 groups unrecovered] KLIM (ix). However, KLIM will raise the question of who [3 groups unrecovered] in (C, liaison with) ORESTES. It is feared that, owing to operational inexperience, [B, the assistance] which we offered KLIM [8 groups unrecovered] liaison with ORESTES [5 groups unrecovered]. We consider that ORESTES (C, the English) [5 groups unrecovered].

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Notes: [a] Presumably some such word as "is beginning" has dropped out before this infinitive.

[b] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] ORESTES : Possibly Vilmos BOZSI, employed for a time as a translator in the British Legation in STOCKHOLM.

[iii] MOUNTAINEER :

[iv] SHENKE : Probably Edwin A. SHANKE, Associated Press correspondent in STOCKHOLM.

[v] CUNNINGHAM : Probably Hugh Francis CUNNINGHAM, 3rd Secretary at the American Legation in STOCKHOLM.

[vi] VALERIAN : Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN, First Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

[vii] IRINA : Aleksandra Nikolajevna YAKOVA, Press Attache at the Soviet Legation.

[viii] ANATOLI : Probably Aleksej PANIN of the Soviet Trade Delegation in STOCKHOLM.

[ix] KLIM : Elisej Tikhonovich ELISEV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation.

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