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ARTUR: REFERENCES TO WORK AMONG GERMANS; ALLIED COMPETITORS,
 ARGENTINIAN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS
 (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 965-966

21st June 1943

[2-part message complete]

[Part I] To VIKTOR[i].

Further to our telegram No. 499[a].

In the report we referred to about work in connection with the
 Germans, ARTUR[ii] states that the development[RAZRABOTKA] of the
 Germans

[12 groups unrecovered]

and Allied COMPETITORS[KONKURENTY][iii]

[44 groups unrecoverable]

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[D% former] Spanish veteran

[11 groups unrecovered]

was expelled from the organisation.

2. Gunter BERKHAN[iv], covername "KARLOS", a photographer, a former Spanish veteran and instructor at an officers' school

[24 groups unrecovered]

and [1 group unrecovered] Committee [2 groups unrecovered].

3. Genrih SILLOFF[v] [3 groups unrecovered] [D% is not known to us], major in the International Brigade. Dealt with [1 group unidentified][b] matters in SPAIN.

[10 groups unrecovered]

over[c] a local COMPETITOR.

[20 groups unrecoverable]

...Z PEERZ PASTOR[vi], 29 years old, an Argentinian. [4 groups unrecovered]. Dealt with [1 group unidentified][b] matters in SPAIN. Covername "KARO"[vii].

[11 groups unrecovered].

"KARO" [5 groups unrecovered] Ricardo Jose BARCELO FERRE[viii] [2 groups unrecoverable], Argentinian

[10 groups unrecovered]

...AZO[ix]. Ricardo was handed over to ARTUR by the Catalan FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYACHESKAYA][x] organisation for

[41 groups unrecovered]

[Part II] Among the local Germans, the Allied COMPETITORS and the Gestapo have carried out a thorough [6 groups unrecovered] from all Germans [D% ARTUR]

[14 groups unrecovered]

relatives whose help

[13 groups unrecovered]

only where there are verified

[10 groups unrecovered]

colonists from the Province of ENTRE RIOS [B% who had arrived] there before the first World War, whom ARTUR

[176 groups unrecovered]

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- Notes: [a] NEW YORK's Nos. 908-910 of 12th June 1943 (3/NBF/T786).
- [b] In each case the same unidentified group occurs.
- [c] The preposition in the original suggests that it was preceded by some such word as "surveillance".
- Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] ARTUR: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in messages between 15th May 1942 and 26th December 1944 on the NEW YORK-MOSCOW link and between 23rd June 1944 and 10th July 1945 on the MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW link.
- [iii] COMPETITOR(S): Member(s) of a non-Soviet intelligence organisation
- [iv] Gunter BERKHAN:
(KARLOS) GüntherJohann Friedrich BERKHAHN, member of a German Argentinian family, Communist sympathiser; in July 1943 he fled from ARGENTINA to MONTEVIDEO. "KARLOS", i.e. "CARLOS" may be a locally-allocated covername.
- [v] Genrih SILLOFF: Spelt in Latin letters. Probably Erich (or Enrique) SIELOFF, German Communist, arrived ARGENTINA in 1926.
- [vi] ...Z PEEZ PASTOR: Presumably Rudolfo PEREZ PASTOR, Spanish, in touch with Spanish Communists in ARGENTINA, an associate of Erich SIELOFF (Comment [v]).
- [vii] KARO: Possibly relates to PE[R]EZ PASTOR (Comment [vi]).
- [viii] Ricardo Jose
BARCELO FERRE: Argentinian, born 1913, lived in SPAIN (CATALONIA) 1916-1929 and fought in the Spanish Civil War. See also NEW YORK's Nos. 775, 776, 777 of 29th May 1942 (3/NBF/T765).
- [ix] ...AZO: Unidentified.
- [x] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN: Communist (adj.).
- [xi] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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