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“IVANOV” INSTRUCTS BERLIN TO DISCOVER DETAILS REGARDING AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCES.

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military and air attachés of the U.S.A. in all countries in Europe, the Near and Middle East, who delivered reports on the present day military situation in the countries where they are and the lines of the further military development of these countries. Together with discussion of the military attachés’ reports, [unimportant] talks were given by leading persons in American Intelligence on problems in the field of political, economic and military intelligence. According to [available documentary] data the main objective of this conference[b] was the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe. At the conference a Commission Number 4 was set up, among whose tasks are the discovery and working out of measures to counter Soviet illegal organisations in other countries, the spread of Communism and Communist organisations and the working out of measures designed to undermine the influence of the Soviet Union in the countries of Eastern Europe. We also have available data to the effect that in June this year a special conference of American intelligence [organs] is to be called in Holland or Belgium which is to be a continuation of the conference in FRANKFURT. In putting you in the picture on this matter, we request you urgently to take steps through agent and other channels to

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discover the content of questions which have proved worth [B% a conference] and decisions taken on them, especially on questions affecting the Soviet Union. At the same time it is desirable to establish when and where the first conference of American intelligence [D% organs] took place and what questions were discussed at it. Advise by telegraph of all materials obtained and especially documentary data.

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8th June 1947.

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T.N.: [a] Resent as No. 830 on 10 June 1947.

[b] The Russian is: OSTRIE ĖTOJ KONFERENTsII BYLO NAPRAVLENO PROTIV etc.

Comment: [i] Nothing is known about the precise identity of this outstation. The W/T procedure used is similar to that employed in clandestine traffic passed between MOSCOW and the Soviet Embassy in LONDON.

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