Bogota KGB – Moscow Center Cables

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From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 50 1 May 44

We confirm receipt of the trial telegram[a]. We wish you success in the work.

No. 1798 VIKTOR[i]

Note: [a] Presumably refers to BOGOTA’s No.64 of 25th April 1944 which had Internal Serial No.1 and was signed by “PROKhOR” i.e. Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA and MBG Resident (not published). “PROKhOR’s” Internal Serial No.2 was sent on 9th May 1944, as BOGOTA’s No. 79 (3/NBF/T895).

Comment: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF "ACHIEVEMENT" CASE (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 55  10 May 1944

Tell us at once what you did with the "ACHIEVEMENT"[DOSTIZhENIE][i] case?

No 1965  9 May  VIKTOR[ii]

Footnotes: [i] ACHIEVEMENT: Unidentified coverword; possibly connected with the attempt to release TROTSKY’s assassin. Also occurs in BOGOTA’s Nos.79 (internal serials 2,3) of 10,11 May 1944 (3/NBF/T895,896); and in NEW YORK’s No.846 of 3 June 1943 (3/NBF/T1087) and MOSCOW to NEW YORK No.596 of 1 May 1944 (3/NBF/T417); and in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No.154 of 12 March 1944 and MEXICO CITY’s No.474 of 6 June 1944 (3/NBF/T556,686).

[ii] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.
Bogota MGB ordered by "Viktor" to find out real reasons for retirement of López (1944)

From: Moscow
To: Bogota
No: 60 20 May 44

Use the opportunities which you have to ascertain the real reasons for the retirement of the President of the Republic, López,[i] and report them to us. What part does the Catholic Church play in this matter? Whom successor to López.

No. 2172 Viktor[ii]

Comments: [i] Alfonso López was President of Colombia during the periods 1934-8 and 1942-5.

[ii] Lt.-Gen. P.M. Fitin.
FINANCIAL MESSAGES

Item 1
From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 70 10 June 1944

On 8th June in the name of Comrade RYaZANOVI [sic] there were remitted to you by telegraph for the second quarter 200 American dollars. Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 2525 VIKTOR

Comments: [i] Grigorij Fedorovich REZANOVI, Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.
[ii] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[Items 2 & 3 overleaf]

Distribution
BAD EFFECT OF “KIRILL’S” FINANCIAL WORRIES ON HIS WORK WITH AGENT NETWORK (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 72 12 June 44

1. Advise from whom you received the information about the situation in the country. In future in such cases always indicate the source of the material.

2. According to our information the treatment of “KIRILL’s”[i] child will cost him [1 group unrecovered] which neither we not “KIRILL” will be in a position to pay. Thus, in view of the fact that he will not be able to pay, we propose that you [1 group unrecovered] should fix with the doctor the maximum monthly fee for “KIRILL” (worry about this payment to his doctor is affecting his work with the agent network).

3. Advise us [1 group unrecovered] “KIRILL’s” [B% date of departure].

No. 2536[a] VIKTOR[ii]

T.N.: [a] BOGOTA External Serial No.108 of 23rd June 1944 (S/NBF/T580) was a reply to this telegram.

Comments: [i] Unidentified cover name NIKOLAI GEOIEVICH PANSHIN

[ii] Lt.-Gen. P.M. FITIN.
MGB AND GRU REPRESENTATIVES TO
COLLABORATE IN RECRUITMENT OF AGENTS (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 79[a] 22 June 1944

In practice [B% in our work] there are cases when we and the military neighbours[i] are working on the preparation of [B% the signing on] KONTRAKTATsIYa of one and [B% the same] person. In view of this, [and] to avoid misunderstanding, when need arises establish business contact with the chief military neighbour[ii] and reciprocally check with one another on the spot persons of interest to you. The neighbours have given similar instructions in their line.

No. 2673 VIKTOR[iii]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]
T.N.: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to NEW YORK, MEXICO CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, OTTAWA, and CAIRO.

Comments: [i] The Soviet military intelligence organisation.
   [ii] The local GRU resident.
   [iii] Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
REISSUE

FURTHER REPLY ABOUT “ACHIEVEMENT”; MENTION OF “MIRA”, “Sh....” (1994)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 79[i] 11 May 1944

To VIKTOR[ii].

Further to our No. 2[iii] [1 group unrecovered] “ACHIEVEMENT [DOSTIZhENIE]”[iv] [4 groups unrecovered]. Material on “[2 groups unrecovered]” [3 groups unrecovered] [D% in the case] of “MIRA”[v], “Sh....”[vi] and the workers connected with them.

No. 3 P PROKhOR[vii]
11 May 1944

[Continued overleaf]
Footnotes: 

[i] This message and the preceding BOGOTA message of 10 May 1944 (internal serial No. 2, 3/NBF/T895) have the same external serial number; both appear to be in reply to MOSCOW’s No. 55 of 10 May 1944 (3/NBF/T894).

[ii] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[iii] 3/NBF/T895 – see Footnote [i].

[iv] ACHIEVEMENT: Unidentified coverword; possibly connected with the attempt to release TROTSKY’s assassin. Also occurs in MOSCOW to BOGOTA No. 55 of 10 May and BOGOTA’s No. 79 (internal serial No. 2) of 11 May 1944 (3/NBF/T894, 895); and in NEW YORK’s No. 846 of 3 June 1943 (3/NBF/T1087) and MOSCOW to NEW YORK No. 596 of 1 May 1944 (3/NBF/T417); and in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 154 of 12 March 1944 and MEXICO CITY’s No. 474 of 6 June 1944 (3/NBF/T556, 686). 


[vi] Sh....: Vicente LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.

[vii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary at the Soviet Legation, BOGOTA, from about February 1944 to December 1945.
REPLY ON WHEREABOUTS OF "ACHIEVEMENT" CASE (1944)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 79[i]  10 May 1944

[C% As far as I know] I handed over the whole case to KUMAR’YaN[ii].
It is possible that after my departure the "ACHIEVEMENT[DOSTIZhENIE][iii]"
case was taken for study by Comrade OV.[iv], BOG.[v], or APR.[vi].

No. 2
9 May 1944  PROKhOR[vii]

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Footnotes:

[i] This message and the following BOGOTA message of 11 May 1944 (internal series No.3, 3/NBF/T896) have the same external serial number; both appear to be in reply to MOSCOW’s No.55 of 10 May 1944 (3/NBF/T894).

[ii] KUMAR’YaN: Presumably Ivan Aleksandrovich KUMAR’YaN, Third Secretary at the Soviet Embassy, MEXICO CITY, from about April 1945; previous post Not known.

[iii] ACHIEVEMENT: Unidentified coverword; possibly connected with the attempt to release TROTSKY’s assassin. Also occurs in MOSCOW to BOGOTA No.55 of 10 May and BOGOTA’s No.79 (internal serial No.3) of 11 May 1944 (3/NBF/T894,896); and in NEW YORK’s No.846 of 3 June 1943 (3/NBF/T1087) and MOSCOW to NEW YORK No.596 of 1 May 1944 (3/NBF/T417); and in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 154 of 12 March 1944 and MEXICO CITY’s No.474 of 6 June 1944 (3/NBF/T556,886).

[iv] Comrade OV.: Presumably Commissar (later Major General) Gajk Badalovich OVAKIMYaN, Deputy Chief of the First Directorate of the NKGB n the 1944-46 period.

[v] BOG.: Repeated as BI. No likely candidate has been traced.


[vii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary at the Soviet Legation, BOGOTA, from about February 1944 to December 1945; previous post Not known.
23 May 1944

To VIKTOR[i].
1. KIRILL’s [ii] child is ill with Infantile Paralysis of both legs. Treatment costs 85 American dollars a month and will last two years

[50 groups unrecoverable]
[16 groups unrecovered]

3. Please communicate the amount of our additional payment.

No. 5 PROKhOR[iii] 22 May

[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN
[ii] KIRILL: Nikolaj Georgievich PANShIN
[iii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV
REFERENCES TO "KIRILL"

Item 1

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 87  30 June 1944

Advise [4 groups unrecovered][B% up to the end] of this year for the treatment of "KIRILL's"[i] child. What [8 groups unrecovered] and what part can KIRILL himself pay?

No. 2875  VIKTOR[ii]
29th June

Comments: [i] KIRILL: unidentified.
[ii] VIKTOR: Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

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Distribution

S/NBF/T684
[3 Pages]
RE-ISSUE
PAYMENTS TO "NEIGHBOURS" ON BEHALF OF "PROKHOR" AND "KIRILL" (1944)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 90 31 May 44

To VIKTOR.[i]
Please pay to the financial section[ChAST'] of the NEIGHBOURS[SOSEDI][ii] 500 roubles from me and 600 roubles from KIRILL[iii] on account against our subscription to the 3rd War Loan. [17 groups unrecovered] savings book, which [1 group unrecovered] in his interests [4 groups unrecovered]

No. 6 PROKhOR[iv]
31 May 1944

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] Presumably the Soviet military intelligence organisation [GRU].
[iii] KIRILL : Nikolaj Georgievich PANSHIN, radio engineer and technician at the Soviet Station in BOGOTA.
[iv] PROKhOR : Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.

Distribution

3/NBF/T853
2nd REISSUE

1. REFERENCE TO "WATER TRANSPORT WORKER".

2. REFERENCE TO "KIRILL's" DEPARTURE.

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 108 23 June 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Your number 2536[ii].

1. [10 groups unrecovered]
......OV, henceforth "VODN[a]

[53 groups unrecoverable]

and took place in accordance with his wishes. There were present the Director [DIREKTOR][iii], "WATER TRANSPORT WORKER[VODNIK]"[iv] and I.

2. I have started taking over "KIRILL's"[v] affairs. The Director has objected to "KIRILL's" departure before the arrival of a substitute, about which he has advised the Centre, and is inclined to accept part of the expenses for medical treatment as a charge to the Office. The doctor considers that a break in the

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treatment connected with [1 group unrecovered] to [53 groups unrecovered]

[B% allot in exchange] to "KIRILL"

[53 groups unrecoverable][b]

a month [8 groups unrecovered].

No. 8 PROKhOR[vi]

T.N.: [a] Almost certainly VODNIK, of. infra.

[b] There are indications that the last of these groups may be either "dollars" or "American dollars".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] DIREKTOR: possibly refers to the Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.


[vi] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
REMITTANCE FOR 2000 AMERICAN DOLLARS
SENT TO THE DIRECTOR.

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 109 23 June 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

1. Please repeat what sum
[14 groups unrecovered]
there has arrived addressed to the Director [DIREKTOR][ii] a
remittance for 2000 American dollars, purpose unknown.

2. [23 groups unrecovered]

No. 9 PROKhOR[iii]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii] In BOGOTA’s no. 108 of the same date, 23rd June
1944, PROKhOR apparently referring to a meeting,
said: “There were present the Director
[DIREKTOR], “WATER TRANSPORT WORKER [VODNIK]”
and I.” [S/NBF/T580].
As monetary remittances for the MGB are known to
[Continued overleaf]
have been sent to the Soviet Minister in BOGOTA, it is conceivable that PROKhOR’s method of referring to the Minister was by using DIREKTOR. Compare the use of KhOZYaIN and KhOZYaJKA in other lanes.

[iii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
Reissue (T1333)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No. 109

26 July 1944

In order to shed light on the Soviet Colony in the Legation establish contact with our probationers as follows:

1. Teacher in the Soviet school [1 group unrecovered] Alexseevna BAYyuShKINA – "ALEKSEEVA". Password: You: "Greetings to you from [4 groups unrecovered] from ALEKSEEVA". She: "From whom?" You: "From ALEKSEEVA – [2 groups unrecovered]". ALEKSEEVA has experience in the work of a probationer, is reported upon favorably.

2. Grigorij Ignat’evich IGNAT’EV – "SLONOV". Password: "Grigorij Ignat’evich, greetings to you from [6 groups unrecovered]"; Thank you, I have been expecting news of him for a long time." "SLONOV" has experience in the work as a group leader [3 groups unrecovered] and is reported upon favorably.

3. Valentina Pavlovna KLYuKVINA – "MARIA". Password: "Greetings to you from Georgij Nikolaevich." She has no experience in the work of a probationer.

No. 3290                                             VIKTOR [i]
25th July

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

9 June 1976
Item 2

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 119

27 July 1944

On 17th July there were remitted to you by telegraph in the name of Comrade REZANOVI [sic] 700 American dollars, an advance on the estimate of the third quarter. Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 3305
25 July 1944

VIKTOR [ii]

Comments: [i] Grigorij Fedorovich REZANOVI, Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.

[ii] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
To VIKTOR[i].

On the [B% 15th] of July Gustavo MACHADO[ii] is returning to VENEZUELA

[44 groups unrecoverable]

chartered a [C% French] ship [1 group unrecovered]. [D% After] the suppression of the uprising lived in exile in MEXICO CITY. Since 1939 has been living with his family in COLOMBIA where he is engaged in distributing Soviet films and literature. In November 1943 got the chance to return to his native country. In CARACAS he is a partner in an office for the distribution of Mexican and Soviet films. During the course of his two months’ stay in COLOMBIA I found him [D% a lover] of Soviet films and literature, [D% while being] quite mature, devoted, well informed. Has wide connections in liberal circles in COLOMBIA and VENEZUELA. I request you permission to sign "CHARRO [CHARRO]"[iii] on as a source of political information and leads. [C% We will] maintain liaison through his wife. In one of the conversations "CHARRO" said: "On the day the Venezuelan Trade Unions were dissolved "Sh...[iv], who was in CARACAS, had a conference with the leaders of the FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN[ZELMYaKI] and expressed himself in favor of the formation of an illegal FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN’S[ZELMYaChESKAYa][v] organization.

[37 groups unrecoverable]

Comments:

[i]   VIKTOR              : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN
[iii]  "CHARRO"          : Probably Gustavo MACHADO MORALES.
[iv]  "Sh..."             : A cover-name beginning Sh...orShK... This cover-name has also occurred in messages on the MEXICO CITY lane, where it has been identified as probably denoting Vicente LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.
[v]  "FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN’S": Communist.
Item 2

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No.: 121  6 July 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

The treatment of “KIRILL’s”[ii] child from 1 May 1944 to the end of the year will cost 675 American dollars. The Director [DIREKTOR][iii] and “KIRILL”

[19 groups unrecovered]

*th July  PROKhOR[iv]

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

[ii]  KIRILL: unidentified.

[iii]  DIREKTOR: possibly refers to the Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.

[iv]  PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
REFERENCE TO “ChARRO” (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 129 13 Aug. 44

1. “ChARRO”[i] has been checked by is - there is no adverse material. In principle there is no objection to his being brought into our work. However before revealing your intentions to him (work for Soviet Intelligence) you should thoroughly check his sincere devotion to the Soviet Union [4 groups unrecovered]. For your information we advise that no data confirming “ChARRO’s” stay in MOSCOW and [17 groups unrecovered]

2. Advise the name of the code clerk in accordance with the simplified [17 groups unrecoverable]

Comment: [i] ChARRO : Gustavo MAChADO.
Item 3

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 132  15 August 1944

1. [B% Pass on] to “KIRILL”[i] that we consider the sending of telegrams to the Centre [TsENTR] without your consent incorrect.

2. According to the quarter’s estimate what monthly
   [40 groups unrecoverable]

Comment: [i] KIRILL: unidentified.

[Item 4 overleaf]

S/NBF/T684
Item 3

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No.: 144 31 August 1944

1. On 26th August there were remitted to you by telegraph in the name of Comrade RYazANOV[i] [sic] 750 American dollars on the estimate of the third quarter. Confirm receipt of the money.

No. 39** VIKTOR[ii]
30 August 1944

Comments: [i] Grigorij Fedorovich REZANOV, Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.

[ii] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

S/NBF/T626
RE-ISSUE

AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR RETURN OF ROSATKEVICh TO USSR (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 145 2 Sept. 44

Permission has been given for ROSATKEVICh’s return to the UNION[,] [4 groups unrecovered] and advise/of the date of departure and the route.

No. 4047  VIKTOR
1st September

Note: [a] I.e. the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Comments: [i] ROSATKEVICh : Ivan Vasilievich ROSATKEVICh - Soviet Consul in BOGOTA.
[ii] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

Spacing adjusted to accommodate additional typed text.
AWARD OF A MEDAL (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 153 12 Sept. 44

[2 groups unrecovered] medal “For the Defence of MOSCOW”. We congratulate you on the award from the Government and wish you success in your work.

No. 4232 VIKTOR\[i\]

Comments: \[i\] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
"NORA", "CHARRO", MARIYa” AND “SLONOV” (1944)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 157  8 Oct. 44

Advise:
1. Have you succeeded in tracing [USTANOVIT’] “NORA”[i]?
2. What is the matter with "CHARRO"[ii]? Also give precise information about his wife.
   Did you get in touch with "SLONOV"[iv] and "MARIA"[iii]?
3. Have you put "MARIYa[MARIYa]"[iii] in touch with "SLONOV"[iv]
4. [C% Which] [5 groups unrecovered]

No. 4671[a]  VIKTOR[v]

Note:  [a] Answered by BOGOTA’s No. 221 of 21st October 1944 (3/NBF/T1256).

Comments:  [i] NORA : Unidentified cover-name. Could either be English Christian name or Russian word meaning "burrow" or "hole".
   Also occurs in N.Y.’s No. 802 of 28th May 1943 and No. 1001 of 25th June 1943 (not published).

   [ii] CHARRO: Possibly Gustavo MACHADO MORALES, C.P. leader in VENEZUELA.
Comments (Contd.): [iii] MARIA: Valentine Pavlovna KLYuKINA, secretary to Semen Aleksandrovich GONIONSKIJ, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

EXTRACT

From: Moscow
To: Bogota
No.177 4 November 1944

Mentions "ChARRO", "MIRLE", "a collection of books about Colombia" and "literature on your country".

No.5138
VICTOR
2 November
Engineer WALTER ROSENTHAL [VAL’TER ROZENTAL’] through the intermediary of an acquaintance has passed a letter to the DIRECTOR [DIREKTOR] [i] offering his services and [B% giving the following information] about himself:

In 1933 he came to MOSCOW as a German political [B% emigré], worked in KUZNETsK and MOSCOW, town of BARRANQUILLA, has a German passport, connection with the COMPETITORS [KONKURENTY] [ii] in NEW YORK and the ISLANDERS [OSTROVITYaNE] [iii] from the “FBI” and “BSS”.

[33 groups unrecoverable]

No. 22[a] PROkhOR [iv]
10th October

[Note and Comments overleaf]

Distribution

(2 Pages)
Note [a] Also appears as the Internal Serial No. of External Serial No. 206 of 11 October 1944 (3/NBF/T695), item 1). In both cases the number seems firm and the repetition must be presumed to be an error.

Comments:

[i] DIRECTOR : Unidentified cover-name. Possibly refers to the Soviet Minister in BOGOTA.

[ii] COMPETITORS: Members of a rival, non-Soviet intelligence organisation.


[iv] PROKHOR : Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation, BOGOTA.
RE-ISSUE

Item 1

DEPARTURE OF ROSATKEVICH FROM BOGOTA (1944)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 211 15 Oct 44
To VICTOR.[i].

[1 group] ROSATKEVICH [8 groups unrecovered] trip to MOSCOW. From BOGOTA he is leaving by air on 17th October via BARRANQUILLA and BALBOA
[20 groups unrecoverable]
to MEXICO CITY. [3 groups unrecovered] SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 22[a] PROKhOR[ii]

T.N. [a] This is the Internal serial also of External Serial No. 206 of 11 October 44 (3/NBF/T694). Presumably an error in one case.

Comments: [i] "VIKTOR": Lt.-General P.M. Fitin
[ii] "PROKhor": Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA

Distribution
"NORA", "CHARRO" AND DAVID DRESZER, HENCEFORTH "TORO"

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 221 21 Oct. 44

To VIKTOR[i].

Your No. 4671.[a]

1. Concerning "NORA"[ii] [4 groups unrecovered] "CHARRO"[iii] [6 groups unrecovered] [D% his wife] to help[b]. In accordance with your instructions”

[44 groups unrecoverable]
[59 groups unrecovered]

3. Antonio MORALES [5 groups unrecovered] MACHADO

[70 groups unrecoverable]
FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN[ZEMLYaKI][iv] and us.

[13 groups unrecovered]
[D% .....A] (wife of MACHADO

[80 groups unrecovered]
in LIMA,

[40 groups unrecoverable]

[Continued overleaf]
[4 groups unrecovered] [D% from BOGOTA]
[14 groups unrecovered],

letters,

[50 groups unrecoverable]

[15 groups unrecoverable].


[33 groups unrecoverable]

No. 25
23rd October 1944                        PROKhOR[v]

Notes: [a] MOSCOW-BOGOTA No. 157 of 8th October 1944 (3/NBF/T1013)

[b] Or : "to help [D% his wife]".

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

[ii] NORA : Unidentified cover-name. Also occurs in N.Y. messages
No. 802 of 28 May 1943 and No. 1001 of 25 June 1943,
(not yet published).

[iii] CHARRO : Possibly Gustavo MACHADO.


[v] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the
Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

[vi] David DRESSER: Jaime David DRESZER.
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 230 5 November 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

We send you felicitations on the great holiday of the 27th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution and on the freeing of Soviet soil from the Hitlerite gang.

No. 26 PROKhOR[ii], KIRILL[iii]
5 November 1944

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
[iii] KIRILL: unidentified, but there can be little doubt that he was a Russian MGB cadre-worker.

Distribution
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 252

25 November 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Source "TORO"[ii]. According to information from the
Secretary-General of the National Police

[63 groups unrecoverable]
[22 groups unrecovered]

No.27 PROKhOR[iii]
24 November

Comments:
[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN
[ii] TORO: Jaime David DRESZER
[iii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV
Item 4

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 14 14 January 45

Your No. 30 [a]. Taking into account the severe illness of "KIRILL's" [i] child, [B% he should not] be detained in BOGOTA. In view of this learn the cipher-work yourself with KIRILL's help and, as soon as you are sure you can manage this work, send KIRILL off home. We are looking for a replacement for him.

No. 256 GENNADIJ [ii]

T.N.[a] Possibly BOGOTA's message No. 292 of 26th December 1944, the text of which is not at present available.

Comments: [i] Unidentified cover-name.
[ii] Major-General Gajk Badalovich OVAKIMYaN.
VISIT TO THE OFFICE; KAROLA, ...IERA
(1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 16 11th January 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

The other day the OFFICE[KONTORA][ii] was visited by

[29 groups unrecovered] in MONTE[iii] [7 groups unrecovered] [C% Colombian.]

[14 groups unrecovered] in BERLIN, at the present time is an instructor at the Pedagogical Institute in MONTE. [4 groups unrecovered] with KAROLA[iv] [1 group unrecovered] [B% married] to a woman who is a native of this country

[19 groups unrecovered]
[35 groups unrecoverable]

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several FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN[viii][v],

[10 groups unrecovered]

. For liaison

[25 groups unrecovered]

in MONTE

[45 groups unrecovered]

tested person [8 groups unrecovered] ...IERA[vi] for the third time sent to

[28 groups unrecovered]

narrow-mindedness and [4 groups unrecovered] [D% an attempt on the life of]

[11 groups unrecovered].

According to information from the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN

[22 groups unrecovered]

No. 31                                          PROKhOR[vii]
11th January 1945

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

[ii] OFFICE:             MGB office,presumably at the Soviet Legation,
                        BOGOTA.

[iii] MONTE:              BOGOTA, COLOMBIA.

[iv] KAROLA:             Not traced:  possibly the first name Carola.

[v] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN:   Members of the Communist Party.

[vi] ...IERA:            Presumably the final syllables of a propername.

[vii] PROKhOR:            Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary
                          at the Soviet Legation, BOGOTA.
RE-ISSUE

MGB BOGOTA CRITICISED FOR NEGLECT OF WORK ON
SOVIET COLONY; REFERENCE TO VARIOUS PROBATIONERS (1945)

From: MOSCOW
To: BOGOTA
No: 20 28 Jan.45

For a number of months you have not been informing us about the state of the Soviet Colony. Evidently you are not paying due attention to work in this line. In your next letter report in detail what is being undertaken by the office to get the work of looking after the Soviet Colony going smoothly, what noteworthy material has been obtained recently, what specifically is being done [C% to get going with] setting up a qualified probationer[STAZhERSKAYa] network, whether liaison has been established with "ALEKSEIeva",[i] "SLONOV",[ii] "MARIYa",[iii] "ZARAJSKIJ",[iv] how these probationers are being employed [and] what they are giving us of value. We direct your attention to the need for more serious attention to work in the line of looking after the Soviet Colony.

No. [C% 50]°* [3 groups unrecoverable]

Comments: [i] - [iv] Unidentified cover-names.

Distribution

S/NBF/T632 (Re-issue)
REQUEST FOR CHECK ON CERTAIN PERSONALITIES (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 66 4 Mar. 45

To VIKTOR[i].

Hector MARTINEZ GUERRA [GEKTOR MARTINES GERRA]; the well-known journalist
Eduardo SALAMEA BORDA [ULYSSES [ULISES]]; member of the staff of the Bio-
Chemical Institute, [B% worked] for a long time in the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Luis CABAL. Please check them in the register. Out of the pro-
bationers [STAZhERY] for the Soviet Colony liaison has been established
with "SLONOV"[ii] and "ZARAJ"[iii]

[50 groups unrecoverable]

[15 groups unrecoverable]

No. 41 PROKhOR[iv]

3rd March

[Comments overleaf]

Distribution
Comments:  [i]  VIKTOR:  Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii]  SLONOV:  Unidentified cover-name.

[iii]  This is probably the covername "ZARAJSIKIJ", which occurs in other messages on this lane.  Unidentified.

[iv]  PROKHOR:  Aleksej Prokhorovitch ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.
Item 2

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 71  9 March 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

Your number 1360[ii]. In public circles [8 groups unrecovered] about the synod of the Armeno-Gregorian church nothing is known. After arriving in "MONTE", where

[23 groups unrecovered]

in the entourage of [8% the head] of the Catholic church in "MONTE".

No. 6  PROKhOR[iii]
8th March

Comments: [i]  VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii]  Probably MOSCOW’s message of 6th March 1945 which is known to have been sent to MEXICO CITY [see Item 1 of this report], BOGOTA and MONTE-VIDEO.
[iii]  PROKhOR: MGB resident in BOGOTA.

[Continued overleaf]
"TORO’s" REPORT ON EVENTS IN COLOMBIA (1945)

From: BOGOTA  X - 5
To: MOSCOW
No.: 75  13 Mar. 45

To VIKTOR.[i]

Source "TORO"[ii] [reports:][a]

Following the discovery, on the morning of 10th March, of large stores of hand-grenades and explosives in the Cathedral and in other places in the capital, and an announcement regarding the exposure of preparations for a rising on 16th March, large scale arrests and searches are in progress in the capital and the provinces. In the capital there was printed to-day, in the name of more than 300 people.

[16 groups unrecovered]

, reactionary [1 group unrecovered] priests and officers and the fifth column especially by misrepresentation. No precise details are available concerning the organizers of the conspiracy. The Conservatives and right-wing Liberals are trying to put the blame on the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN[ZEMLYaKI][iii]

[30 groups unrecoverable]
[17 groups unrecovered]

Dario SAMPER[iv]
[20 groups unrecovered]

that SANTO[v] [2 groups unrecovered]

[20 groups unrecoverable]
[13 groups unrecoverable]

No. 7
12th March 1945  PROKhOR[vi]

Distribution  [Note and Comments overleaf]
Note:  [a] Inserted by translator.

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

[ii] TORO  : David DRESSER.


(iv] Dario SAMPER  : Secretary of the Liberal Party of COLOMBIA.

[v] SANTO  : Just possibly a reference to Eduardo SANTOS of the newspaper "El Tiempo".

[vi] PROKhOR : Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 105  5 Apr. 45

To VIKTOR.[i]

Please expedite a reply to our No. 8.[a]

[iii] Today the DIRECTOR[ii] is sending a telegram to the NKID/and to ShATALIN[iv] about the recall of GONIONS\[v\] to MOSCOW and [7 groups unrecovered] GONIONS\[v\] for [7 groups unrecovered].

No. 9.  PROKhOR[vi]
5th April 1945

Note: [a] Possibly BOGOTA’s Mp. 98 of 1st April 1944 – not published.
Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. General P. M. FITIN.
[ii] DIRECTOR : Presumably the Soviet Ambassador in BOGOTA.
[iii] NKID : People’s Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. [Narodnyj Kommissariat Inostrannikh Del]
[iv] ShATALIN : Not known.
[v] GONIONS\[v\] : Semen Aleksandrovich GONIONS\[v\] was 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA from December 1943 to March 1946.
[vi] PROKhOR : Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation until January 1946.

Distribution

3/NBF/T794
REPORT ON ALFREDO MICHELSEN, COLOMBIAN MINISTER IN MOSCOW (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 117 17 April 45

To VIKTOR[i]
Copy to 8th Department.

[14 groups unrecovered]

G. TRILLAS[TRIL'YaS][ii]

[35 groups unrecovered]

following: Conchima QUINTANA[KANTANA[sic!]] VILA, [iii] 18 years old; Alberto QUINTANA[KANTANA[sic!]] VILA, 17 years old [4 groups unrecovered] QUINTANA[KONTANA] VILA, 13 years old. Their father – Vermando QUINTANA[KONTANA] [2 groups unrecovered] person, Spanish journalist, 61 years old, married to a Russian woman. [3 groups unrecovered] of TRILLAS [3 groups unrecovered] through the Colombian [B% Minister inMOSCOW, Alfredo MICHELSEN[MIEL'SEN]. TRILLAS also told me that

[45 groups unrecoverable]

to .....Z[....S][iv] to permit his marriage to a Russian woman and at the same time asked for a transfer to another country, because in that case he would not be able to stay in MOSCOW. TAMAYO[TAMAJO][v] told TRILLAS that after the conference in SAN FRANCISCO MICHELSEN might not return to MOSCOW. On 7th April[vi]

Distribution [Continued overleaf]
[3 groups unrecovered] to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Alberto Lleras Camargo [Alberto L'ERAS KAMARGO], who requested assistance to be given to Michelsen's journey to the conference in San Francisco together with his wife, and stated that after the conference Michelsen and his wife would return to Moscow.

Herewith we send you brief information about Michelsen. Source - Luis Cabal [Kabal'] [vii] [henceforth "MAZUR"] who was educated and worked for several years with Michelsen [6 groups unrecoverable]

(47 groups unrecoverable)
(or a Colombian bank) The director of the Bank of Colombia. His elder brother Eduardo and his father Ernesto are also directors of banks. Intelligence limited. Education - up to third from in secondary school. Since he was incapable of continuing his schooling his father put him into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on technical work. Later he worked as a technical worker in the Embassies in Washington, London, Berne, Montevideo.

[43 groups unrecoverable]
is not [C% of value]. He was earmarked as Minister to Uruguay but at his personal request and under the patronage of Lopez's [viii] [C% wife] obtained an appointment to Moscow. As a man he is correct, honest, irascible. In politics he plays no part. A typical official. He does not enjoy special respect in Bogota circles. He speaks favourably of the USSR. Has left-wing tendencies, especially recently. The announcement in the Press of his marriage to a Soviet citizen, Maria Semenova was in general favourably received in local circles, but was regarded slightly ironically.

No. 11
16 April 1945

[ii] TRILLAS: Gabriel Trillas, Secretary of Spanish Communist Party in Colombia.
[iii] QUINTANA VILA: The name by which Trillas' children were known in Russia, whither they were sent during the revolution in Spain.
[iv] ...Ž: Probably Lopez.
[v] TAMAYO: Luis Tamayo: Bogota journalist and diplomat; was Columbian Consul-General in New York until April 1945 when he became Minister of National Economy.
[vi] 7th April: I.e. the date of Michelsen's marriage to Mariya Nikelaevna Semenova.
[ix] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich Antipov, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in Bogota.
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DELEGATES TO A CHURCH SYNOD

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 120

To VIKTOR.

1. Further to our telegram No. 6[a]. According to information received by "MAZUR"[ii] from Monsignor CASTRO, counsellor to the head of the Catholic church in COLOMBIA, there is no information among the archbishop’s entourage about the synod and delegates from Latin America. CASTRO also said that he did not know of the existence in Latin-America of any organisation of the Armeno-Gregorian church.

2. Enrique MICHELSEN[MIKELSEN], who has been appointed counsellor in the embassy in EQUADOR, told "MAZUR" that his uncle, Alfredo MICHELSEN, was agitating for a transfer from MOSCOW to another country. After the conference in SAN FRANCISCO, A. MICHELSEN will probably return to MOSCOW where he will be for 2 or 3 months and then will leave for COLUMBIA until being appointed ambassador to one of the European countries.

No.12
20 April 1945

Note: [a] Internal serial of BOGOTA’s no. 71 of 9th March 1945 – See Item 2 of 3/NBF/T564.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] MAZUR : Luis CABAL
[iii] PROKHOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.
3rd RE-ISSUE

1. REPORT ON PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN THE USSR
2. PIERRE COT AND HIS WIFE

(1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 146 17th May 1945

JJB17
To VIKTOR.[i]
Copy to the 8th Department.

Hereewith brief particulars of the personnel of the Venezuelan Embassy in
the USSR. The source is "CHARRO’s[ChARRO]“[ii]wife (henceforth “

meet[a] intimate friends of Pierre COT[iii] and his wife[b], [18 groups unrecovered]
friend of the Soviet Union. Is acquainted with

[65 groups unrecoverable]
[48 groups unrecoverable]
circles in which

[22 groups unrecoverable]

.....el GABALDON[iv] (first name not accurate). Was born and brought up in
an atmosphere

[14 groups unrecoverable]
José GABALDON[v],

[28 groups unrecoverable]

DISTRIBUTION [Continued overleaf]
GABALDON – the son[vi] was allegedly
friend and supporter of the Soviet Union
[32 groups unrecovered]
[28 groups unrecoverable]
[27 groups unrecovered]

No. 13
17th May

Notes: [a] or "meets".
[b] or "... intimate friends, Pierre COT and his wife,".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] CHARRO: Gustavo MACHADO.
[iii] Pierre COT: COT was French Minister for Air from 1933 to 1938; a member of the Consultative Assembly of the French Committee of National Liberation, ALGIERS, from autumn 1943; and subsequently a member of the Consultative Assembly, PARIS.

By 1st July 1942 COT had been allocated the covername "DAEDALUS" in NEW YORK MGB traffic (3/NBF/T1332); the BOGOTA resident, ANTIPOV (see Comment [vii]), was seemingly unaware of this. No other references to COT/DAEDALUS are known outside the NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO lanes, but his Mistress (covername MARTHA) is mentioned in LONDON to MOSCOW.

[i] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

S/NBF/T569
EXPENSES OF BOGOTA MBG FOR 1st QUARTER OF 1945

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 180 16 June 1945

To VIKTOR. [i]

[Reference][a] your telegram No.3940[ii].

Herewith financial returns for the first quarter of 1945, month by month, in Colombian pesos.

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Purchases for the Centre

Total

Distribution

[Continued overleaf]
No. 14
16th June

PROKHOR[iii]

Total spent in the first quarter
- 1256.70.

Balance at 1st April
- 3613.05.

T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.

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

[ii] MOSCOW’s External Serial No. 113 of 14th June 1945, asking for details of accounts for the 1st quarter of 1945 (S/NBF/T339). The message was also sent to ALGIERS, CANBERRA, BRUSSELS, HAVANA, MEXICO CITY, NEW YORK, OTTAWA and PRETORIA.

[iii] Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF "MAZUR" (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 220 15 July 45

To VIKTOR.[i]

With a view to possible signing on I have been [B% studying] and have checked on individual [C% tasks] Luis CABAL *ERGARA[a], otherwise "MAZUR". Born in 1902 in the city of BUGA, COLOMBIA [21 groups unrecovered]. Personal [C% fortune]

[70 groups unrecoverable]

, who was allegedly

[63 groups unrecovered]

[C% Liberal] Party. In recent years has been close to the Communist Party, At present is a member of the Social-Democratic Party. They trust him in the Party, but regard him as an adventurer. [3 groups unrecovered] 10 places in [15 groups unrecovered]. "MAZUR" [6 groups unrecovered] in political

[15 groups unrecoverable]

[5 groups unrecovered] and conservative politicians [C% are afraid]

[47 groups unrecoverable]

Distribution [Continued overleaf]
In the future [16 groups unrecovered] "MAZUR" or employment through him in [24 groups unrecovered].

No. 16
14 July 1945

PROKhOR[iii]

Note: [a] Given first as VERGARA, then repeated as SERGARA.

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

[ii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1945.

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 239 12 August 1945

To VIKTOR[i]

Herewith the accounts for

[68 groups unrecoverable]

-393
Total 513

Balance at 1st May 4850

Expended in May:
Article 2 97

[40 groups unrecoverable].

Expended in June:
Article 2 98
Article 3 16
Article 5 123
Total 237

[Continued overleaf]
Balance at 1st July:  4263

Expended in July:
- Article 1:  7
- Article 2:  97
- Article 3:  19
- Article 5:  133
- Total:  256

Balance at 1st August:  4007

No. 17
12th August.

Comments:
- [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] PROKhOR: MGB resident in BOGOTA
"PROKhOR’s" ASSOCIATION WITH THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE".

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 246 17 August 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

Source "ZARAJSKIJ"[ii]. In one of "ZARAJSKIJ’s" chats with GONIONSKIJ about the Director [DIREKTOR] [iii], GONIONSKIJ said to "ZARAJSKIJ" -

[15 groups unrecovered]
[13 groups unrecoverable]

GONIONSKIJ

[11 groups unrecovered]

with TIKhOMIROV and "KIRILL"[iv]

[15 groups unrecovered]

GONIONSKIJ [2 groups unrecovered] [D% that he] knows about my belonging to the Editorial Office [REDAKTsIYa][v].

No. 18 16th August

PROKhOR[vi]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

Distribution

S/NBF/T413
[2 Pages]
Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii] ZARAJSKIJ: unidentified cover-name.
[iii] There is no evidence available to show to whom this refers.
[iv] KIRILL: unidentified cover-name.
[v] REDAKTsIYa: identified on the NEW YORK lane as the TASS News Agency.
[vi] PROKhOR: MGB resident in BOGOTA. Unidentified.
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 253

27 August 1945

To VIKTOR[i] Copy to the 8th Department.

At a reception in the embassy of cultural figures, the editor of the newspaper "DIARIO POPULAR" Nelson ROBLES told me that [5 groups unrecovered] LAVERDE[ii]

[17 groups unrecovered]

LAVERDE with [2 groups unrecovered] with all available

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[2 groups unrecovered] that his views regarding the USSR were completely changed.

No.19 PROKhOR[iii] 26 August

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

[ii] LAVERDE: Probably Vincente LAVERDE APONTE, at one time Director of Detectives of the National Police of Columbia.

[iii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV
Bogota-Moscow
1945
No. 258 (29 August)

To Victor [VIKTOR].

I confirm receipt of individual pads [BLOKNOT I] no. 23/28 - no. 23/40 inclusive for encipherment and number 24/23

[51 groups on a depth of one]
From: Bogota
To: Moscow
No.265 5 September 1945

To VICTOR(1). Copy to the 8th Department.

Source: [C% head] of the Basque emigr’es in MONTE, Francisco de ABRISQUETA.

1. The progress of the Spanish emigrant [2 groups unrecovered] BARRIOS [6 groups unrecovered] supporters of PRIETO - a part of the socialist party, some [1 group unrecovered] republicans, part of the U.G.T. This group always stood for [2 groups unrecovered] PRIETO, with participation of the moderate Catalonians. The presidency of BARRIOS, who has a bad reputation both in politics and as a man, does not satisfy [1 group unrecovered] conditions. Members of this group in MONTE, knowing that Negrinists and communists are not included in the government, have taken their position as supporters of this government. The basic thesis of PRIETO and his supporters: it is necessary to form a moderate government of socialists but without representation of the extreme leftists and without friends of Russia; only the United States and England can ensure a free Spain and these countries fear [1 group unrecovered] in Spain of a pro-Russian government; if a leftist government is created Franco will remain in power.

2. Supporters of NEGRIN [4 groups unrecoverable] republicans, part of the U.G.T. and C.N.T., communists, P.S.U.K. and other Catalan [51 groups unrecoverable] [48 groups unrecovered]

No.23 PROKHOR(2) 3 Sept.

(1) Lt.Gen. P.M. Fitin
(2) Aleksei Prokhorovich Antipov.
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 270 9 September 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

On 11th September I am leaving for CARACAS[ii] to
premises for the embassy in Venezuela [C% where] until the arrival of the ambassador

[32 groups unrecoverable]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, who is identified as the MGB resident in BOGOTA, was in CARACAS from 13th September until 29th September 1945.
From: BOGOTA  
To: MOSCOW  
No. 271  
9 September 1945  

To VIKTOR[1]
[5 groups unrecovered] with GONIONSKIJ[ii] about [unrecoverable] which are taking place

[59 groups unrecoverable]

At the last moment the owner of the house refused to leave the living room and dining room furniture and to carry out repairs. In connection with this the owner of the house was paid 140,000 pesos and a receipt was issued by the Director[iii] to the owner for 1786

[25 groups unrecoverable]

was kept in the Director’s personal safe and was expended by him on the purchase of furniture, [6 groups unrecovered] sum of about 12 thousand pesos. How it might be spent and whether the Director had permission to use 17860 pesos at his own discretion, GONIONSKIJ does not know. I have obtained a written explanation from GONIONSKIJ concerning the above mentioned business.

No. 26  
PROKhOR[iv]

Comments:

[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN
[ii] GONIONSKIJ: Semen Aleksandrovich GONIONSKIJ was 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA from Dec. 1943 to March 1946.
[iii] DIRECTOR: Presumably the Soviet Ambassador.
[iv] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation.
REPORT FROM "TOMAS" ON JEWS.

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 275 10 Sept 1945

To VIKTOR[i]. Copy to 8th Department.

Source: "TOMAS". Many Polish Jews living in MONTE[ii]
[52 groups unrecoverable]
among Jews in the PROVINCES [PROVINTs][iii] [6 groups unrecovered] Government.

No. 27 10th September

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii] MONTE: apparently a covername for a city.
[iii] In NEW YORK MGB traffic, "the PROVINCES" was the covername for Latin-America.
[iv] PROKhOR: MGB resident in BOGOTA.

Distribution

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S/NBF/T572
[1 Page]
POSTPONED DEPARTURE OF "PROKHOR" FROM BOGOTA (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 2845 3 Oct. 45

To VIKTOR[i].

In view of the delay in the arrival of the Embassy I have returned to BOGOTA. I will leave again [3 groups unrecovered] at the end of October.

No. 28
3rd October 1945 PROKHOR[ii]

Comments: [i] Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
VISIT BY “PROKhOR” TO CARACAS IN OCTOBER 1945.

Item 1

From: BOGOTA
MOSCOW
To: MEXICO CITY

No.: 293 16 October 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

On 17th October I am leaving by air for CARACAS for approximately 10 days.

No. 29 PROKhOR[ii]
15 October 1945

Comments:
[i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
[ii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.

[Item 2 overleaf]
Item 2
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW

No. 320                                    30 October 1945

To VIKTOR(i).

I arrived from CARACAS on 28th October.

No. 30                                    PROKhOR[ii]
29 October 1945

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.
          [ii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
From: Bogota
To: Moscow

No.324 31 October 1945

To VICTOR(1). Copy to the 8th Department.

Continuation of telegram No.31.

[23 groups unrecovered][41 groups unrecoverable]
in criticism with reactionary [66 groups unrecoverable]

ROMULO BETANCOURT, vice president of the “A.D.” party,
chairman of “EL PAIZ”, was a member of the leadership
of the communist party of COSTA [38 groups unrecoverable]
as political sectarians [30 groups unrecoverable] GONZALO
BARRIOS and RA [30 groups unrecoverable] DELGADO CHALBAUD
and Captain MARIO VARGAS, [17 groups unrecovered]. EDMUNDO
FE [21 groups unrecovered][5 groups unrecoverable] “A.D.”,
well-known writer [25 groups unrecoverable].

Continuation follows.

No.32

PROKhOR(2)

30 October

(1) Lt.Gen.P.M.Fitin

(2) Aleksei Prokhorovich Antipov
To VICTOR(1). Copy to the 8th Department.

Continuation of telegram No.32.

[50 groups unrecovered] masses. [1 group unrecovered] however, that the agrarian [8 groups unrecoverable] of the mass rural [29 groups unrecovered] in the national economy is completely un[19 groups unrecovered] three independents, has clearly expressed [17 groups unrecoverable] CARLOS MORALES, independent, has a huge fortune [29 groups unrecovered]. Minister [1 group unrecovered] [C% UMBERTO] GARCIA AROCHA, independent, most positive [25 groups unrecovered] EDUARDO MENDOZA, independent, [15 groups unrecovered] comes from rich families. Minister of War- VARGAS, a member of the Junta, a military man. Minister of Health- EDMUNDO FERNANDEZ, a member of the Junta, independent. Minister [8 groups unrecoverable]. Minister of the Interior (----) - VALMORE RODRIGUEZ, former [15 groups unrecoverable] one of the most bitter and [30 groups unrecoverable]; Minister of Industry - JUAN PABLO [31 groups unrecoverable]

PROKhor(2)

31 October.

(1) Lt.Gen.P.M.FITIN

(2) Aleksei Prokhorovich Antipov
From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No. 330 4 November 1945

To VIKTOR.[i]

[73 groups unrecoverable](a)
deprives the regime that has been set up of stability. The lack of stability may delay the presidential elections and keep

[22 groups unrecovered]

persons who were mixed up in the embezzlement and was afraid of the latter.

[10 groups unrecovered]
influential in a social and economic respect. If [2 groups unrecovered] arrogant and provocative attitude

[60 groups unrecoverable]
young military men. Self isolation and delay in carrying out the most urgent democratic reforms harbor the danger of the stability of the Junta itself, as a preparation for which the Anti-Communist campaign of BETANCOURT may serve.

[C% Those arriving] from MONTE[ii] evaluate the revolt as reactionary and taking place not without the support of American imperialists.

We shall report details.

#34 PROKhOR[iii]

2 November

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

[ii] MONTE: Here MONTE would appear to be either CARACAS or VENEZUELA.

[iii] PROKhOR: Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.

(a) This probably includes at the beginning: “Copy to the 8th Department. Conclusion of telegram #33”.

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REFERENCES TO INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH "MAZUR"
AND PAYMENT MADE IN HIS NAME (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 356 25 Nov. 45

To VIKTOR[i].

[23 groups unrecovered]

questions of external and internal political conditions, [6 groups unrecovered],
economy and [3 groups unrecovered] through "MAZUR"[ii] [5 groups unrecovered]
concerning foreign capital investments in MONTE. For this [5 groups unrecover-
able] department was paid in the name of "MAZUR" 5700 pesos.

3. Probationers'[STAZhERY] reports on the Soviet Colony are forwarded
[C% monthly]

[36 groups unrecovered]

for August, September, [C% October and November] 1945.

No. 36
25th November PROKhOR[iii]

Comments: [i] Lt.Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] Luis CABAL.
[iii] Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR GONIONSKIJ’s DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 367 1 Dec. 45

To VIKTOR[i].

In view of the fact that the NKID[ii] is considering the question of GONIONSKIJ’s[iii] departure for MOSCOW and of [3 groups unrecovered] to BOGOTA [6 groups unrecovered], the Director only [14 groups unrecovered] for 19th-24th December. Route [1 group unrecovered]: BOG[18 groups unrecoverable].

No. 37 PROKhOR[iv]
1st December

Comments: [i] Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] People’s Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.
[iii] Semen Aleksandrovich GONIONSKIJ was 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA from December 1943 to March 1946.
[iv] Aleksej Prokhorovitch ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation.

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REPORT FROM "TOMAS" ABOUT FORMER POLISH MINISTER CHALUPCZYNSKI (1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No: 369  5 December 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

1. Source "TOMAS"[ii].

EIGER[iii], in charge of the propaganda department for the Polish Legation in COLOMBIA, told "TOMAS" that a few days ago the former Polish Minister CHALUPCZYNSKI[iv] Provisional Polish Government in COLOMBIA.

[16 groups unrecovered]

in COLOMBIA during the was years dirty slander about the Soviet Union. CHALUPCZYNSKI and his wife are intimate friends of the American Ambassador in COLOMBIA WILEY[v]

[17 groups unrecovered]

CHALUPCZYNSKI.

2. On 14 December my last meeting with "TOMAS" will take place. It is necessary

[25 groups unrecoverable]

[Continued overleaf]
Footnotes: 

[i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhailovich FITIN.

[ii] TOMAS: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to BOGOTA No 177 of 4 November 1944 (unpublished) and in BOGOTA's No 275 of 10 September 1945 (3/NBF/T572).

[iii] EIGER: Kazimierz EIGER was Commercial Attaché, Polish Legation, BOGOTA during the 1940s.

[iv] CHALUPCZYNSKI: Accredited as Polish Minister to COLOMBIA during the 1940s.

[v] WILEY: John Cooper WILEY, U.S. Ambassador to COLOMBIA from 1944.
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PROKhOR’S FINAL MESSAGE WITH DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRET DOCUMENTS ETC
(1945)

From: BOGOTA
To: MOSCOW
No.: 388[i] 28 December 1945

To VIKTOR[iii].

Tomorrow I am leaving BOGOTA by air. I shall be in MEXICO on 31 December. I shall destroy the cipher documents after enciphering this telegram and certify that I have done so. The certificate will be enclosed in a sealed Category [LITER] “V”[iii] packet in which

[12 groups unrecovered]
American dollars, various secret documents and receipts. In the last post [2 groups unrecovered] acceptance from me for despatch to NEW YORK of the Category “V” packet and two Category “N”[iii] items. The head of the Secret Cipher Department [SShO] has been instructed as follows: incoming diplomatic mail addressed to me must be returned to MOSCOW by the same couriers, unopened.

No.41 PROKhOR[iv]
27 December [Continued overleaf]
Footnotes:  

[i] This is the final RUDAI message from BOGOTA.

[ii] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[iii] Category "V", "N": Designators for classes of diplomatic mail. Cf instructions in MOSCOW's circular message of 8-13 June 1945 (3/NBF/T20), in which "category "o"" and ""v"" bags" are mentioned.