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From: MOSCOW
To: HARBIN
No: 203

22 July 1945

To CHEKIN.

Admit to the premises of the Top Secret and Cipher Section [OSShO, OSOBO SEKRETNO-ShIFROVAD'NYJ OTDEL] [1 group unrecovered] GAJ Boris Grigor'evich for work in the line of the Nearer Neighbors [BLIZhNIE SOSEDI][i].

ZheREB'TsOV

Comment: [i] BLIZhNIE SOSEDI: the NKGB.
From: HARBIN
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29th November 1943

To DEKANOZOV[i]

On 27th/28th November the local Soviet citizens Georgij YuShchENKO, Viktor ShIShOV and VERTKOV were arrested as well as several émigrés. Some of [1 group unrecovered] are connected with the NEAR NEIGHBOURS[BLIZhNIE SOSEDI][II]. According to [1 group unrecovered] information, [3 groups unrecovered] still some people who are connected with the NEAR NEIGHBOURS. I consider it desirable to withdraw some of the NEAR NEIGHBOURS' officials, particularly STETsYuK[iii] and ChE...KOV[iv]. I request your instructions.

PAVYChEv[v]

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Comments: [i]  DEKANAZOV: Vladimir Georgievich DEKANAZOV; Deputy People’s Commissar for Foreign Affairs.
YuShchENKO Not further identified
[ii]  NEAR NEIGHBOURS: MGB
[iii]  STETsYuK: Not further identified.
(iv)  ChE...KOV: Not further identified.
[v]  PAVLYChEv: Senior Soviet consular official in HARBIN.
RESHETKO TO DO WORK FOR JURIST (GRU RESIDENT) (1994)

From: MOSCOW
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16th March 1944

To PAVLYChEV[i].

[1 group unrecovered] RESHETKO[ii] can be [D% admitted] to the OSShO[iii] to do work for [C% JURIST[iv] only in the latter's room. [D% In other] rooms of the OSShO he should not be [1 group unrecovered].

RYZhIKh[v].

Comments: [i] PAVLYChEV: Senior Soviet consular official in HARBIN.
[ii] RESHETKO: Unidentified.
[iii] OSShO: A Secret Cipher Office; full expansion not known.
[iv] JURIST: The GRU RESident.
[v] RYZhIKh: Head of the Cipher Department of the People’s Commissariat of Foreign Affairs in MOSCOW.

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10 November 1944

To ChEKIN[i].
Instead of ChEBOTKOV[ii] admit ZININ[ii] to the rooms of the OSShO[iii] for cipher work on the JURIST’s[iv] line.

RYZhIKh[v]

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[i] Consular (NKID) code clerk at HARBIN.
[ii] ChEBOTKOV and ZININ are otherwise unknown to us.
[iii] OSShO: Top secret cipher office
[iv] JURIST: The military GRU resident.
[v] Head of the code office of the NKID (People’s Commissariat of Foreign Affairs) in MOSCOW

14 October 1977
From: MOSCOW
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7 June 1945

The State Bank [GOSBANK] requests that 20,000 yuan be issued to the Near Neighbours on the account [1 group unrecovered][a] of the Centre [TsENTR].

[10 groups unrecovered]
Report compliance, [1 group unrecovered][1]

T.N. [a] This group should be the letters SUN. Possibly an abbreviation for a section of the Centre.

Comment: [a] A Moscow signatory.