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Messages from Broadway Ukrainian Group

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The letter quoted below and dated November 12 has been received from SMASH through SUREDDUM.

"Herewith for your information the text of wireless messages received during October from the leader of our party of Ukrainians in Western Ukraine:

a) First message dated 8th October:

After acknowledging receipt of our latest messages the sender states that operations by the authorities in the Carpathians, aimed against the partisans, have been intensified. He then goes on to enumerate the party's needs, as follows:

- arms and ammunition,
- medicines for treating wounds,
- drugs against T.B. and rheumatism,
- blank Polish and Czech documents for the use of returning couriers.

b) Second message dated 8th October:

According to information so far received it would appear that PIMSTA and his entire party fell in action. There is no news about the fate of the mail and W/T equipment it was carrying, but it is almost certain that these articles were concealed before the party perished. The sender of the message discounts treachery and thinks that rumours about the presence of parachutists got about and caused the authorities to take action because of the group's failure to observe proper security precautions over its contacts with the local population. There are reports that the authorities took local inhabitants to view the bodies with the object of possible identification.

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c) Message dated 25th October:

In this message the sender replies to our enquiry about the possibility of maintaining W/T contact during the winter months in the following words:

'It is impossible to maintain normal communications during the winter. Nevertheless we will try and remain in contact with you as instructed, so far as conditions permit.'

"We attribute the irregularity in W/T contact with our party to the fact that it is still on the move.

"During the month of October we have carried out various security checks with the leader of the party. The results of these checks have been satisfactory and we have no serious grounds for suspecting that the party is being controlled by the enemy."

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