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RE-ISSUE

- 1. "LILY's" INFORMATION ABOUT "SPIDER"
- 2. REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT "PA".

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 20

4 Jan. 45

To VIKTOR. [i]

According to LILY's [LILIYA] [ii] information, which needs checking, Lieutenant-General A. IGNAT'EV [iii] is one of SPIDER's [PAUK] [iv] connections. SPIDER often visits BENJAMIN [v] (who is to leave for the Soviet Union on the 8th of January) and has already handed him a letter to pass on to IGNAT'EV. SPIDER is said to have drafted telegrams to THEOPHILUS [vi] for BENJAMIN. Measures are being taken to clarify the situation.

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Please expedite checking and telegraph your instructions about "PA" [vii] as he may be leaving. SERGEJ [viii] for the time being

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- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
- [ii] LILY : Possibly Eugenie OLKHINE
- [iii] IGNAT'EV : Unidentified.
- [iv] SPIDER : Unidentified cover-name. *At the same time KASIMOV - REG 3*
- [v] BENJAMIN : Metropolitan Benjamin J. FEDCHENKOFF, Head of the American-Russian Orthodox Church in NEW YORK.
- [vi] THEOPHILUS : Metropolitan THEOPHILUS of the American-Russian Orthodox Church in SAN FRANCISCO.
- [vii] PA : Richard Edward LAUTERBACH, reporter for "TIME" magazine.
- [viii] SERGEJ : Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN, TASS representative in NEW YORK.

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