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1. On orders from Moscow and for reasons not stated, the heads of Communist centers in the following regions have been suddenly removed from office and arrested, without a word of explanation:

Pitnjak, southeast of Turkul [sic]

Sairao, southwest of Bokhara

Dasti, east of Merv.

2. At the same time, the following replacements arrived by air from Moscow:

Kornili Klimov

Alexis Parvitchenko

Nadir Urunkov

Peter Znamkin.

3. These men are to organize the regions mentioned above and to put in power leaders "worthy of the Soviets". They themselves are to be political controllers of the following regions: Krasnovodsk, Ashkhabad, Merv, Bokhara. A large scale investigation is now in progress in these regions, with a view to a complete purge.

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