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ELENA BONNER

1. H OF C MET MRS BONNER AT THE AIRPORT ON 2 JUNE. THE US EMBASSY HAD LAID ON CARS FOR HER, THE TWO CONGRESSMEN TRAVELLING WITH HER, AND THE TWO AMERICAN FAMILY FRIENDS ALSO ACCOMPANYING HER. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH, BELGIAN, NORWEGIAN AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES ALSO ATTENDED ALBEIT RATHER HESITANTLY, AND A DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE HOVERED VIRTUALLY UNSEEN IN THE BACKGROUND.
2. MRS BONNER'S ARRIVAL WAS AS FAR AS POSSIBLY NORMAL. HEMANS WAS THUS ABLE TO TALK TO HER AT SOME LENGTH IN THE CUSTOMS HALL WHILE SHE WAITED FOR HER LUGGAGE. SHE WAS IN GOOD FORM ALTHOUGH VERY TIRED. SHE WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO MRS THATCHER FOR RECEIVING HER IN LONDON AND FOR THE SUPPORT SHOWN TO HER. SHE SAID THAT SHE FELT MUCH BETTER AS A RESULT OF HER TREATMENT. SHE HOPED TO SPEND THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN THE FAMILY FLAT IN MOSCOW BEFORE GOING ON TO GORKI. THE TWO CONGRESSMEN WERE INTENDING TO SEE HER TO HER FLAT. THE TWO FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO GO ON TO GORKI WITH HER. SHE HAD NOT HAD WORD OF HER HUSBAND SINCE SHE SPOKE TO HIM ON THE TELEPHONE ON 15 MAY. SHE SPOKE VERY POSITIVELY OF HER TREATMENT IN THE WEST AND CONTRASTED IT SHARPLY WITH 'WHAT YOU SEE HERE' (KGB FILM CREWS WERE BUSY FILMING HER ARRIVAL IN THE CUSTOMS AREA). THE WORLDS PRESS GATHERED OUTSIDE AND WHEN SHE EMERGED SHE WAS BESIEGED. SHE SPOKE BRIEFLY AND QUIETLY TO REPORTERS AND EMBRACED RUSSIAN FRIENDS. SHE AND HER PARTY THEN LEFT IN THE AMERICAN CARS.
3. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE BOTH OFFICIALLY (HER BAGGAGE WAS GIVEN A VERY THOROUGH GOING OVER AS WAS THAT OF ONE OF THE CONGRESSMEN) AND UNOFFICIALLY (KGB REPRESENTATIVES WERE BUSY IN THE CROWD NOTING FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHING). THERE WAS NO ACTUAL OBSTRUCTION OR UNPLEASANTNESS. INDEED A UNIFORMED POLICEMAN DID HIS BEST TO KEEP SOME DEGREE OF ORDER IN THE SUPGING MOB OF JOURNALISTS.

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MRS BONNER'S ARRIVAL

1. THE AMERICANS TELL US THAT THE PARTY ARRIVED AT MRS BONNER'S FLAT WITH NO INCIDENT. BY PURE COINCIDENCE THE HALL AND THE STAIRWAY OF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN RECENTLY PAINTED AND THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE TIDIED UP. RUSSIAN FRIENDS HAD STOCKED THE FRIDGE AND THE ARRIVAL WAS PERFECTLY NORMAL WITH LITTLE OR NO SURVEILLANCE AND NO HASSLE. AFTER SEEING MRS BONNER SAFELY IN THE CONGRESSMEN RETURNED TO THEIR HOTEL AND ON 3 JUNE LEFT THE SOVIET UNION TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THE TWO AMERICAN FRIENDS ARE STAYING AT AN HOTEL AND HAVE APPLIED TO GO ON TO GORKI WITH MRS BONNER IN 2 OR 3 DAYS TIME. NO REPLY HAS BEEN GIVEN SO FAR.

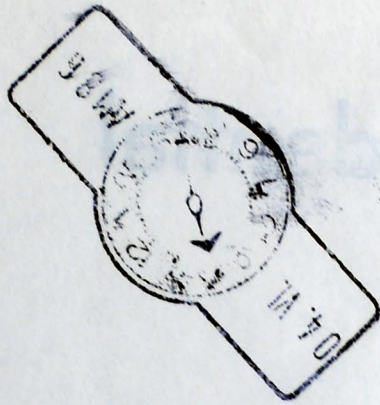
2. THE AMERICANS SAY THEY ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE BUT THEY CONCEDE THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING MORE TO GO ON THAN THE BEST BEHAVIOUR OF THE AUTHORITIES OVER THE ARRIVAL.

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