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C O N F I D E N T I A L

To: All Amateurs in the British Zone  
of Germany.

Subject: Box 88, MOSCOW.

1. No operator on our communication bands needs to be told that all QSL cards for Russian Amateurs must be passed both ways through the above address.
2. It would seem more than likely that Box 88 functions not only as a QSL bureau but also as a recording centre for all the details given on their cards by trusting Foreign amateurs - British, Canadian and American in particular. With the peculiar attitude of the Soviet Authorities towards anything emanating from the West, it is even possible that those Foreign amateurs who do QSL via Box 88, Moscow, are assumed by the Russians to be either fellow travellers or at the very least sympathetic with communism; it would be quite beyond the Soviet Authorities to grasp the simple truth that Russian amateurs are worked (by the vast majority of Foreign operators) only because they are amateurs and in spite of the fact that they are Russian. Anyway it is certain that nothing in the world of amateur radio goes un-noticed by the Soviet Authorities even if the conclusions they may draw from their observations are quite wide of the mark.
3. The above should be borne in mind if and when you contact Russian amateur stations.

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