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saying that Borodin was not a Soviet representative and was not even in the service of the Soviet Government but that he was a private citizen in the service of the Chinese Government and that the Soviet Government were not answerable for his actions; and that message was followed up three days later by another one stating that an announcement of Borodin's recent visit to Moscow, where he received instructions, had been previously published and that, if possible, it would be desirable to contradict this. On February 3rd Monsieur Rosengolz published a statement in the "Daily Telegraph" to the effect that "Borodin is a private individual who is not and never has been in the service of the Soviet Government" and that "in view of that fact that Monsieur Borodin has no relations whatever with the Soviet Government, it is therefore self-evident that the Soviet Government can in no way be held responsible for his actions and speeches". On 11th February Sir Robert Hodgson made enquiries of Monsieur Litvinoff himself regarding Borodin, to which Monsieur Litvinoff replied that he did not know much about Borodin except that he was a Russian Communist and had been a friend of Sunyatsen and that as for the allegations that Borodin was a representative of the Soviet Government that was without foundation and that the Soviet Government had no kind of connection with him or responsibility for him. Yet there is in the possession of H.M. Government a telegram dated November 12th last from the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs to the Soviet Representative in Peking in the following terms:- I herewith communicate the Department's decision for your execution.

(i) Until a Soviet representative is appointed (?) to Peking, Comrade Borodin is to take his orders direct from Moscow.

(ii) The Far East Bureau to be informed that all its decisions and measures regarding the question of general policy of

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