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1. MILITARY INFORMATION
2. QUERY ABOUT BUYING A CAR AND REFERENCE TO THE NEW COMRADE (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 703

15 Apr. 42

To [Name No. 42].^[i]

1. At present about 30 battalions of German coastal defence troops are quartered in NORWAY. Three of these arrived in STAVANGER from DENMARK by ship on 6th April. Three battalions are stationed in TRONDHEIM and its vicinity, two in NARVIK and one each in HJERNERFEST and TROMSØ.

2. 80 medium tanks passed through NARVIK on their way north at the end of March.

3. HIMMLER's headquarters are near BERLIN in ORANIENBURG.

4. The Finns are making full use of the airfield in the occupied territory at TUNVUOLA^[a] near UNVUOLA^[a].

5. I request your authority to buy a small car costing about 1300 kronor. If we are not allowed to get one for the office, the new comrade^[ii] and I will pay back what it costs in four months.^[iii]

No. 52

[Name No. 64]^[iv]

Note: [a] Not traced. May contain garbles.

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- Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) M. A. VORONTSOV.
- [ii] new comrade : Cf. the statement in ^{MOSCOW}STOCKHOLM's No. ²⁵⁶255 of 7th April 1942 - "The cover-name of the new comrade is 'RAOUL'. (3/NBP/T1498)
- [iii] MOSCOW replied on 20th April 1942 (No. 291 - not published) asking what use the car would be.
- [iv] Name No. 64 : Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, a Tass correspondent.