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JOHN'S REPORT ON FINNISH ORDER OF BATTLE (1942)

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To: NORTHERN[i].

According to JOHN[DEHON][ii] the order of battle [SOSTAV] of the Finnish Army based on information obtained [by him][a] is as follows:

1. Karelian Isthmus

4 Army Corps General GESCH[b]

1 Army Corps MÄKINEN[MEKINEN], no record of [2 groups] infantry divisions [i], [ii]
[~~20 groups unrecovered~~] VIHMA, PAJARI, HANNUKSELA,
[5-9 ~~divisions~~], MÄKÄLÖ[c] and possibly BLICK.

4 Army Corps was severely mauled and of its original divisions General VIHMA's division alone remains.

2. SVLA Front

6 Army Corps General TALVELA

(5 Infantry Division General KARHU

17 1st ~~group~~ [1st ~~group~~] STEWEN, 7 1st SVENSON

[~~20~~ groups unrecovered] division.)

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3. OMEGA Front

- 7 Army Corps :General HAGGLUND[HEGGLUND]
 1 Infantry Division PAALU
 2 Infantry Division HEISKANEN[d]
 Cavalry [B^r Brigade] OINONEN
 > 2 Jäger[BERSKIJ] Brigade ^{Southern} ANNAGUS
 1 Jäger [BERSKIJ] " " "
 2 Army Corps [4 groups unrecovered]
 4 Infantry Division VILPAINEN[e]
 8 Infantry Division
 [11 groups unrecovered]
 HEINRICHS

4. PUKAJARVI Front

- ? Infantry Division RAAPONA[f]

5. Northern SOROKA

All under the command of General FALKENHORST.

- 3 Army Corps SILLASVNO[g]
 9, 10 ?
 two divisions [4 groups unrecovered], VIKLA

6. 163 Infantry Division[iii] is awaiting an opportunity
 [11 groups unrecovered]

- Army Corps
 [40 groups unrecovered]
 [35 groups unrecoverable]
 [40 groups unrecovered]

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- Notes:
- [a] Inserted by the translator.
 - [b] Names of Commanding Officers are spelt out in the Latin alphabet throughout the message.
 - [c] A surname ending in "LO".
 - [d] Possibly a mistake for HEISKANEN.
 - [e] Possibly a mistake for VILJANEN.
 - [f] Possibly a mistake for RAAFFANA.
 - [g] Possibly a mistake for SIILASVUO.
- Comments:
- [i] NORTHERN: MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.
 - [ii] JOHN: Unidentified covername. Occurs as a source of information in August 1941 and at various dates between January and April 1942. See also STOCKHOLM: No. 714 of 16th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1552).
 - [iii] The 163rd German Infantry Division was in Finland at this time.
 - [iv] AKUSTO: Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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