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To SEVERNYJ[i].

According to information from SMID[ii]:

1. The Swedes consider that the Germans on the eastern front have 120 divisions and 80 divisions in reserve. The Germans [6 groups unrecovered] resting 100 divisions.

[31 groups unrecovered]

little.

3. The Germans are planning an attack on the southern front with the object of occupying the DONBAS, reaching the line of the DON and then, after covering themselves [6 groups unrecovered] against the CAUCASUS.

[193 groups unrecovered]
[57 groups unrecoverable]
[17 groups unrecovered]

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AKASTO[iii]

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- Comments: [i] SEVERNYJ: i.e. "NORTHERN"; MOSCOW addressee and signatory; probably Northern Department.
- [ii] SMID: X Unidentified covername. Also occurs in a number of messages between Nos. 1530 of 9th December 1941 (unpublished) and 770 of 23rd April 1942 (unpublished); possibly identical with covername SMIT which occurs in STOCKHOLM's Nos. 596 of 11th July 1941, 823 of 15th August 1941 and 942 of 3rd September 1941 (all unpublished) 1104 of 2nd October 1941 (3/NBF/T1673) and 230 of 5th February 1942 (unpublished).
- [iii] AKASTO: \ Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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