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To NORTHERN[SEVERNYJ][1].

Information from the Polish Military Attaché (STAS[STAS'])(ii).

1. German Army Establishment

Panzer divisions	21
Light divisions	4
Motorised divisions	16
Mountain divisions	6
Cavalry divisions	2
Infantry divisions	
(Including 5 reserve and 30 garrison divisions)	235
Total	285

2. Dispositions

Eastern Front	175
NORWAY, DENMARK, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE	40 (NORWAY 6 DENMARK not more than 2)
POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA and GERMANY	55
BALKANS and NORTH AFRICA	15

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3. STAS considers that the Germans can form at the most 28 to 28 new reserve [divisions][a].

4. As I reported previously, the Germans, according to information from the Swedes, have some 128 divisions on the Eastern Front (evidently in the forward areas alone).

5. According to information from the Swedish Air Attaché[iii], the Germans have seven divisions in AFRICA and the Italians 18

[62 groups unrecovered]

Rumanian, Hungarian and Slovak divisions.

[72 groups unrecovered]

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[18 groups unrecovered]

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AKASTO[iv]

Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] NORTHERN : MOSCOW addressee and signatory, so far only occurring in traffic sent in Scandinavian lanes. Probably Northern Department.

[ii] STAS : This is a diminutive of the Polish name STANISLAW. The Polish Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM in 1942 was Major Peliks BRZESKOWSKI. Other occurrences of this cover-name are in STOCKHOLM's No. 553 of 24th March 1942 (not published) and STOCKHOLM's No. 667 of 11th April 1942 (3/NBP/T1558).

[iii] Swedish Air Attaché : Presumably Stig WENNERSTROM of STOCKHOLM's No. 223 of 5th February 1942 (3/NBP/T1642). WENNERSTROM retained his appointment as Swedish Air Attaché in MOSCOW after his return to STOCKHOLM to work for the Swedish Defence Staff.

[iv] AKASTO : Col. N. I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.