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1. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF SWEDISH NAVAL OFFICERS
2. PROPOSAL TO USE .....  
(1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 22 ✓

5th January 1942

Re: No. 42)(i).

By a Swedish Government decree of 30th December important transfers were carried out within the High Command and the Swedish Navy: these come into force with effect from 1st April 1942. Rear-Admiral LINDSTRÖM (LINDSTRÖM) (ii), the officer commanding the West Coast Naval District, who is known to be biased in favour of the Germans, is [B. retiring]: he is being replaced by Rear-Admiral SIMONSSON (iii), the officer commanding the Southern Naval District. Rear-Admiral ÖRENSVÄRD (ÖRENSVÄRD) (iv), the officer commanding the Coastal Defence Fleet, is being appointed to command the

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Southern Naval District: he is being replaced by Commodore EKSTRAND[v], the Chief of Naval Staff, who was promoted rear-admiral on 1st January 1942. Commodore STRÖMBÄCK [STRÖMBÄCK][vi] has been appointed Chief of Naval [D: Staff]. Commodore GIRON[vii], Head of the Office [EKSPEDITAIIYA] of Marine Defence[a], has been promoted rear-admiral with effect from 1st January 1942.

I request your permission to take on for [FRITZSCH' K] active work the [viii] [9 groups unrecovered] who in 1935 was

[57 groups unrecoverable].

[9 groups unrecovered].

I assume that he will agree to work.

No. 149 ✓

[Name No. 64][ix]

Note: [a] The original Swedish is "SJÖFÖRSVARETS KOMMANDOLXPEDITION", literally "Marine/Sea Defence Command Office".

Comments: [i] Name No. 42: Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) Mikhail Aleksandrovich VORONTSOV.

✓ [ii] Rear-Admiral Claes LINDSTRÖM.

✓ [iii] Rear-Admiral Hans SIMONSSON.

✓ [iv] Rear-Admiral Gösta EHRNSVÄRD.

✓ [v] Commodore Yngve EKSTRAND.

✓ [vi] Commodore Helge STRÖMBÄCK.

[vii] Commodore Håro Edvard GIRON.

✓ [viii]

✓ [ix] Name No. 64: Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, TASS correspondent.

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