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1. LEVANGER: CIPHER WORK
2. APPARATUS TO BE HANDED TO BERNS
(1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 31

7th January 1942

To DIRECTOR.

[B% In reply to your No][2 groups unrecovered]

[D% measures have been taken. The scope of] LEVANGER's[i] [D% cipher work]

[33 groups unrecovered]

Military Academy (as a cipher officer[s] [7 groups unrecovered]
[O% periodically he][1 group unrecovered][D% that] nearly all his time
is occupied by cipher work. [2 groups unrecovered] his actual and [B%
theoretical] potentialities, make it possible to use him

[35 groups unrecovered].

No. 6 ✓

AKASTO[ii]

To NORTHERN[iii].

[1 group unrecovered] in reply to your No. 93[b].

In official [7 groups unrecovered] [O% where][2 groups unrecovered].
On 9th January BERNS[iv]

[22 groups unrecovered]

transfer of material[c]. The first apparatus [APPARAT][d] will be handed to
BERNS.

[Continued overleaf]

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3. On [1 group unrecovered], 7 January our stations heard the MUSICIAN [MUSYKANT][v]: [B% on 6th January] did not hear[?]

[26 groups unrecovered]

the soldier[c] will return.

[22 groups unrecovered]

wavelength of 60 metres. On a wavelength of 50 metres at 0315 hrs. The coefficient of the wavelength is +6[vi].

No. 7 ✓

.KJSTO

- Notes:
- [a] Or "cipher clerk".
 - [b] Not available.
 - [c] Presumably documentary material, i.e. papers etc.
 - [d] Certainly a camera or film roll.
 - [e] No information.
 - [f] The verb is in the third person singular. It is not clear whether that the subject is.
 - [g] Or "soldiers".

- Comments:
- [i] LEVASHIN: Unidentified. This could be a Norwegian surname or covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 333 of 8th May 1942 (3/108/T102) and STOCKHOLM's No. 1534 of 21st 1942 (3/NBF/T1675) and No. 3135 of 25th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1579).
 - [ii] .KJSTO: Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.
 - [iii] NORTHERN: MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.
 - [iv] BEHNS: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in messages sent between MOSCOW and STOCKHOLM between 8th October 1941 and 19th April 1942.
 - [v] MUSICIAN: R/T operator.
 - [vi] 6: A security device whereby the word "LIT" is disguised by an objective.