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1. SEMENOV UNWILLING TO TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WAR.
2. PERMISSION REQUESTED TO WORK WITH "CYRUS" (1943)

From: STOCKHOLM

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To VIKTOR[i].

In accordance with SEMENOV's[i] instructions, ABRAM[iii] informed "CYRUS" [KIR] [iv] that he did not wish to take part in negotiations on withdrawal from the war, as this was a question which was not within his competence. "CYRUS" passed on this statement to "MAK" [v] who asked [7 groups unrecovered], but he hopes [a] that sooner or later agreement will be reached. "MAK" [2 groups unrecovered] his sincere friend and

[2] groups unrecovered]

at [b] "MAK's" flat with the object of doing the recruiting without "CYRUS's" knowledge. I request your approval. "CYRUS" has [4 groups unrecovered] in the German legation [MISSIYa] and a lot of other interesting connections. Will you, therefore, please permit work with "CYRUS", [3 groups unrecovered]

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Notes: [a] or "they hope".

[b] or 'to'.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] SEMENOV : Vladimir SEMENOV was Counsellor at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

[iii] ABRAM : Igor Mikhaïlovich SPICHKIN, Press Attaché at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

[iv] CERUS : Unidentified cover-name.

[v] HAK :

[vi] VALEKIAN: Vasiliï Fedorovich LAZIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.