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To [Name No. 42][i].

[Information obtained][a] from the French journalist BABELON[11] through [Name No. 6]:[111]

1. All supplies from GERMANY to FINLAND go by sea along the coast from DANZIG to HELSINKI and ÅBO.
2. In the north of NORWAY and FINLAND there is an epidemic of ringworm [LAPPJUKA] among German officers and men. As a result the German Command is obliged to make frequent changes of personnel in the north. The route used for relieving German soldiers from northern NORWAY and FINLAND is: GERMANY, S EIDEN (by railway), northern NORWAY and FINLAND and back.
3. Extracts from statements by Swedish officers:
 - (a) The British have assembled large forces in CYPRUS. American troops are there also. From CYPRUS it is intended to carry out a landing in the DODECANESSE ISLANDS.

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- (b) They believe that a second front in EUROPE will be opened this year in GREECE or FRANCE before the operations in TUNIS[b] are concluded.
- (c) There will probably be no British landings on Norwegian territory with the object of liberating the territory from the Germans, but they are convinced that there will be large scale Anglo-American commando operations in NORWAY.

4. The French Mission[c] in SWEDEN thinks that after total mobilisation, the Germans will be able to recruit 150 divisions by June-July. The quantity[d] of the men in these divisions is very low. There are great difficulties with the officers [KOMANDNYJ SOSTAV]. The new recruits have already arrived at the locations of their units in GERMANY and are undergoing training in the vicinity of the towns of WUPPERTAL, FRANKFURT and STUTTGART.

5. Further to our telegram No. 97[e]. The third member of the American Commission in SWEDEN is from the Board of Economic Warfare[f].

[13 groups unrecoverable]

No. 97

[Name No. 59][iv]

Notes:

- [a] Inserted by translator.
- [b] Sent as "TUNIS". Presumably an error for "TUNISIA".
- [c] Presumably the French Diplomatic Mission.
- [d] Probably an error for "quantity".
- [e] Probably an error for "No. 96", STOCKHOLM's No. 711 of 2nd Mar. 1943 (1/148/1703)
- [f] Sent as 'Ministry of Economic Warfare'. There was a Ministry of Economic Warfare in Britain but the American agency was the Board of Economic Warfare.

Comments:

- [i] Name No. 42: Possibly Captain (1st Rank) M.A. VORONTSOV.
- [ii] BARBLON: Andre BARBLON is listed in the STOCKHOLM telephone directory, 1943.
- [iii] Name No. 6 : Unidentified.
- [iv] Name No. 59: Captain Aleksei TARADIN, Soviet-Naval Attache in STOCKHOLM from August, 1942 to December 1945.

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