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POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND AS DESCRIBED  
BY ZILLIACUS TO "KLARA"  
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From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

8th January 1944

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[2-part message complete]

(Part 1) To VICTOR[ia],  
To St. Department.

ZILLIACUS[TAILLIAKUS][ii], who arrived from FINLAND on  
5th January, told "KLARA"[iii] the following:

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[Part II]

[2 groups unrecovered]{e}

The programme of the Social-Democratic Party [7 groups unrecovered];

1. Military

[31 groups unrecovered]

troops from FINL D.

3. Threat to FINLAND and the allies that [2 groups unrecovered] seek a way both to peace and to friendly relations with RUSSIA. [5 groups unrecovered] [5 groups unrecovered] SEITZ type government could establish relations with the USSR similar to Soviet-Czechoslovak relations [e.g. MALINIKI{xvii}], who was formerly sympathetic towards and in touch with the opposition, [5 groups unrecovered], [1 group unrecovered] in view of the fact that the opposition does not believe in its [e] future and considers that RUSSIA is not and will not be interested in it [e]. Unless RUSSIA adopts a favourable attitude, there is no [2 groups unrecovered] of success. FINLAND, in his opinion, will rely on another [1 group unidentified]{f}. There is also the organized opposition of the Communists and the opposition movement of the liberal and left-radical [1 group unidentified]{f}. The latter is headed by the lawyer PERVALA{xvii}. They advocate an exclusively pro-Russian line and make no [3] claims, to [4 groups unrecovered], [3 groups unrecovered] or to [1 group unrecovered] FINLAND(SUFI), which the Social-Democratic opposition, as a 'vitally important' [2 groups unrecovered] and Russian [2] bases. [5 groups unrecovered] in the final analysis solve the Finnish question according to the Baltic States' [1 group unrecovered]. All the opposition trends are divided

[10 groups unrecovered]

parliamentary opposition. VUORI{xvii}, the Secretary of the Trades Unions, is, as before, a supporter of FINLAND, but [3 groups unrecovered], considering the position of FINLAND now to be [9 groups unrecovered] members.

KILPI

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[39 groups unrecoverable]

and ZILLIACUS.

Note: Z.'s information can be trusted. He described the position in FIELDS to KL as he himself sees and assesses it.

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- Notes:
- (a) Or "tr".
  - (b) This decrypts to "journalists" and it has been assumed that "Journal", which is the next group in the code book, was intended.
  - (c) These two groups presumably represent a preamble e.g. "Continuation of telegram No. 14" or "Further to telegram No. 14".
  - (d) The Finnish government signed a 20-year Treaty of Alliance with the USSR on 12th December 1943.
  - (e) Not clear to what "it" refers.
  - (f) The same unidentified group occurs in both positions.

- Comments:
- (i) VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITTY.
  - (ii) ZILLIACUS: Possibly Doctor Laurin ZILLIACUS, member of the Social Democratic Party of Finland.
  - (iii) KL: 3
  - (iv) VALDEN: Lt. Gen. Carl Rudolf VALDEN, non-party, Minister of Defence in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
  - (v) TANNER: Väinö Alfred TANNER, Social Democrat, Minister of Finance in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
  - (vi) FURUNJELI: Prof. Ellis Ragnar FURUNJELI, member of the Finnish Parliament.

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Comments

- (Cont'd): [xvii] The lawyer ~~PEKALA~~: ✓ Possibly Eino PEKALA, judge; brother of Mauno PEKALA (cf. Comment (vii)).
- [xviii] ~~VOORI~~: ✓ Arne VOORI, Social Democrat, became Minister of Transport in the Finnish (P. SIKIVI) Government.
- [xix] ~~V.L. RIN~~: ✓ Vasilij Fedorovich RIN.

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[Cont'd]: [vii] Eino PERKALA: ✓

Presumably sent in error for Kauno PERKALA (brother of Eino PERKALA, cf. Comment [xvii]), Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament, former Minister; editor-in-chief.

[viii] JETTO: ✓

Josko William JETTO, Social Democrat.

[ix] Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI: ✓

Member of the Finnish Parliament; M.A. Phil.; wife of Eino KILPI (cf. Comment [xi]).

[x] Gunnar ANDERSSON: ✓

Sven Gunnar ANDERSSON, Social Democrat, member of Finnish Parliament; solicitor.

[xi] Eino KILPI: ✓

Juho Eino KILPI, Social Democrat; editor-in-chief of "SUOMEN SOCIAALI DEMOKRATII"; husband of Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI (cf. Comment [ix]).

[xii] Sulo RAJALA: ✓

Väinö Veikko SULO RAJALA, Social Democrat, Minister of Communications and Public Works in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.

[xiii] Oskari RIVIKAINEN: ✓

Oskar Brynol RIVIKAINEN, Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament.

[xiv] Aleksi SALONEN: ✓

Aleksis SALONEN, Social Democrat, Minister of Social Welfare in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.

[xv] Aatos VIRTANEN: ✓

Aatos Kasimir VIRTANEN, member of the Finnish Parliament; editor-in-chief of "ARBEITERSBLADET".

[xvi] Juho Kusti PAASIKIVI: ✓

Juho Kusti PAASIKIVI, non-Party, formed a new Government on 17th November 1944.

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