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To VIKTOR(i). 8th Department.

The Norwegian Colonel OSS(ii) stated on 25 January in a conversation with me that, according to his information, QUISLING's visit to HITLER [1 group unrecovered] in connection with the proposed evacuation of the German troops from Northern NORWAY. The evacuation will take place by sea and may extend as far as NARVIK. The evacuation, from what OSS said, has been caused by the isolated position of the German Army in the North and the absence of a battle fleet to protect communications.

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Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhaïlovich FITIN.  
 ✓ [ii] Colonel OSS: Just possibly identical with Major Knut AAS (pronunciation similar to OSS), listed in May 1945 as Norwegian Assistant Military Attaché in SWEDEN.  
 ✗ [iii] VALERIAN: Vasilij Fedorovich RATIN.

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