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INFORMATION FROM SQ/LDR FLEET ABOUT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE
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To DIRECTOR

Squadron Leader FLEET(MAJOR FLIT)[i] [stated][a]:

It appears that the Germans deliberately communicated to the Swedes in BERLIN the following facts about their Air Force:

1. In GERMANY there are in reserve seven divisions [1 group unrecovered] ([5 groups unrecovered]) [OK in all] operating at night 19[1 group unidentified][b] aircraft.
2. 5th Fleet, NORWAY-FINLAND, [1 group unidentified][b] aircraft.

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3. 1st and ⁴⁸2nd Fleets - fighters 100, bombers [1 group unidentified][b], dive-bombers and [3 groups unrecovered], reconnaissance aircraft [1 group unidentified][b]. [C% In all] [1 group unrecovered] in the two fleets [C% 1,0]00 aircraft.

4. Air Command [2 groups unrecovered] aircraft [1 group unrecovered] ^{2 ->} ~~2nd~~ Fleet - fighters [1 group unidentified][b], operating at night [1 group unidentified][b], bombers [1 group unidentified][b], dive-bombers [1 group unidentified][b], reconnaissance aircraft [1 group unidentified][b] 0. [C% In all] 965 aircraft [1 group unrecovered] ~~2nd~~ Fleet - fighters [1 group unidentified][b] 0, bombers 180, dive-bombers [1 group unidentified][b], reconnaissance aircraft 140, [87 groups unrecoverable]

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ORN[ii]

Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator.

[b] Unidentified figure.

Comments: [i] Squadron Leader FLEET: Squadron Leader Donald Heyton FLEET, British Assistant Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[ii] ORN: ✓ i.e. "ORNE"; probably Lt. Col. Serafim Efimovich PINTUGIN, Soviet Assistant Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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