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1. TAILIN[DR] : LETTER PASSED ON BY
WIRTANEN VIA KLARA
2. FINNISH POLITICAL SITUATION
(1944)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No. 5369

7th October 1944

To 8th Department

[One group garbled] WIRTANEN[VIRTANEN][i] via KLARA[ii] passed on[s]
"TAILIN[DR's"] [b][iii] letter

[69 groups unrecoverable]

was done in the form of a letter to TANNER[iv]

[68 groups unrecovered]

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VUORI[v] and PAGERHOLM[PAGERKHOL'W][vi] now understand that a radical reorganisation of the government is necessary, [and] is in hand, specifically with the aim of preventing tricky incidents, [3 groups unrecovered], and promoting a favourable atmosphere for peace negotiations. This is proceeding now in secret and must not be impeded. TANNER's obstinacy must be taken into account - he can still do harm: incidentally he will also delay

[73 groups unrecoverable]

, as is for example the Minister TAJKI[vii], who does not dare say a word without first asking TANNER's permission. [As Minister of Agriculture] it is proposed to have KEKKONEN[viii]. WIRTANEN himself longs for the opposition to have links with the Russians. He would like to establish these links himself, [ix] used to know POPOV[x] but, as he himself says: "Obviously I am too small a man to have any hope of contact with the Russians"; and VUORI says that WIRTANEN is not acceptable to the Russians because of his former propaganda for a Scandinavian bloc.

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Notes: [a] Or "handed over/transmitted".

[b] Inserted by the translator: the last part of the covername is missing.

It has been assumed that "TALLINER" is in the genitive case, but it is just possible that it is in the dative case: the translation of this phrase would then read "...WIRTANEN via KLARA passed on a letter to "TALLINER"....".

Comments: [i] WIRTANEN: / Atos Kasimir WIRTANEN, Swedish Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament; and editor of "ARBETARBLADET".

[ii] KLARA: /

[iii] TALLINER: / i.e. "CYLINDER"; unidentified. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's Nos. [66] of 22nd February 1944 (3/NBF/T1582), 578 of 25th February 1944 (3/NBF/T523) and 658 of 4th March 1944 (3/NBF/T326).

[iv] TANNER: / Vaino Alfred TANNER, Social Democrat, Minister of Finance in the previous Finnish (LINKOMIES) Government.

