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The present state of Finnish scientific espionage^a and my views on the subject.

I. The present situation:

1. According to the statements of a Finnish scientific espionage officer, Finland is in a state of political upset and has completely suspended cooperation with other countries. For example, as far as relations with Germany are concerned, the latter has stopped sending important material. As far as relations with Hungary are concerned, Finland and Hungary have had a mutual understanding for some time, but recently this has become a dead letter. As a consequence, Finland must carry on the work through her own efforts.

2. There has been no change in the attitude of the Finnish agency here; the Finns do want to cooperate with Japan. However, in their cooperation with other countries, their fundamental rule is equality in the exchange of material and this policy applies to Japan as well as to others.

The privilege of freely inspecting the places where the Finns do their work, a privilege which had been enjoyed previously, has been completely suspended.

3. The Finns have not progressed greatly since last fall in their work on Russian, American, and

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British (?codes?) and being very anxious to decrypt American codes, want Japan's aid in this project.

II. My views.

1. Cooperation with Finland will certainly be difficult to accomplish in view of the situation as outlined above. I especially fear that we will be at a great disadvantage if the question of furnishing important material should arise. However, as long as the people dealing with --G-- secret activities^b are working in this city --5M-- exchanged material to this extent --M-- reported --M-- am trying to follow your wishes as much as possible.

2. I believe that if we are really going to try to maintain this type of secret activity^b in the European area in the future, it will be difficult to make requests of others --2G--.

- a - KAGAKU CHOHO.
- b - CHOHO (see note "a").

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