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[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To the 8th Department.

Source "ORESTES" (1) "MOUNTAINEER" (GORETS).  
In the middle of Feb. FAT, the personal secretary of the Minister of  
Foreign Affairs, (GITS) arrived from Budapest as a diplomatic  
FAT on the basis of his conversation with the personal  
secretary of the ~~Minister of Foreign Affairs~~ Foreign Affairs  
GITS (2) (6 groups unrecovered) with the Minister  
enjoys

*Handwritten note:*  
GITS is  
... ..

[13 groups unrecovered]

\* In government circles [4 pp] a new probe is of the  
concern to the Finns in this position. The minister is con-  
fident that FINLAND will remain peaceful in the near future.  
[21 groups unrecovered]

\* The situation in Hungary, despite its similarity  
to that of Finland, nevertheless contains fundamental  
differences.

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Distribution:

1. To Germany Finland is a peripheral country, lying outside the bounds of the German military sphere, whereas Hungary remains

[13 groups unrecovered]

in the Balkans.

2. In Finland there are only seven German divisions which, sooner or later, are fated to be expelled. [3 groups unrecovered] Germany has no

lines

[335 groups unrecoverable]

[Part II]

The new Hungarian military attaché called on the German military attaché in STOCKHOLM on 15th February 1944. *The latter proposes the Finnish question and that (1 group) German divisions from industry would have fallen*  
[14 groups unrecovered]

On 17th February 1944 on [C.] his return visit the German military attaché declared that not one German soldier would *voluntarily leave Finland and that whatever might cost, we would fight, and, if necessary, with traitors will*  
[14 groups unrecovered]

*if necessary, [5 groups unrecovered]*. This was demanded by German honour and Germany's interests.

*reported on* The Hungarian Minister [POSLANNIK] *to Stockholm* [3 groups unrecovered] about his chat with the Minister [MINISTR] of Defence CHATLOS [CHATLOSH] of whom he is a *personal friend* and with whom he is on intimate terms. The Minister [MINISTR] complained to him how badly the Germans had behaved with the Slovak troops on [C.] the Eastern front. When they were sent the Germans gave assurances that the troops would be used as occupation troops, and they were armed accordingly. Despite the Germans' promises they immediately landed in the front line and owing to their being inadequately armed were [B.] wiped out or got themselves taken prisoner. The Minister was convinced that the same fate would befall the troops which were still at the Eastern front. There there were two divisions which were quite inadequately armed. One of them was serving in the area of the BUG and the other in the Crimea. *You can just imagine -*  
*by the distribution of* [1 group unrecovered] the Minister [MINISTR] - what impression is produced on [2 groups unrecovered] *under arms* groups without arms. [2 groups unrecoverable] We are demanding the arrest of [D.] the Germans [2 groups unrecoverable], but the Germans give us to understand that the German [C.] troops in this area are [2 on the whole] no better.

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