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Miscellaneous intelligence on the United States and on the American Army: (The source for this information is the same as that in Finland wire #4<sup>a</sup>.)

1. According to the views of military experts, the armored divisions will not be increased in the future.

Recently a certain division was disbanded. Its attached armored regiment was attached as the 4th regiment of an infantry division.

2. By the end of 1943, about 2,500,000 American troops had been sent overseas. This figure will reach approximately 5,000,000 in 1944.

3. (Preparations for<sup>b</sup>) protection against gas warfare will be completed in 1944.

4. The opinion that air bases acquired during the war will not be returned after the war is very strong in congressional circles.

a - D - 4711.

b - These words not in the text.

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