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From: Helsinki (Helgs)
To: Tokyo
December 1, 1942
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Answering your #859^a (on the subject of decorations to Finnish officers).

1. Major RANTANEN.

a. Name, OTTO KALERHO RANTANEN.

b. Office, member of the second division of the general staff (he is in charge of aeronautic espionage, but don't let this leak out).

c. Additional reports since my last wire.

(1) All my information on Russia reported up to the middle of September (designations, status of equipment, troop strength, disposition, organization, materials, etc.) was furnished by this man.

(2) He also assisted me in a study of Russian military airplane factories and captured articles (planes and materials) (since the last of September, he has been in the hospital with pleurisy.)

2. Major PALKO.

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a. Name, YRJO PALKO.

b. Office, member of the general staff (he is head of the central bureau of chemical espionage. The Finnish GOVERNMENT is keeping this in strictest secrecy, so don't let it get into any public announcement).

c. Additional report to my last telegram.

(1) He has contributed a great deal to our reading of Russian codes, by furnishing us with the instructions and so forth for the latest Russian 5-digit code (523A ?), the 4-digit (vertical ?) garrison code (two kinds), all the codes of the Red Navy and the additives of the Red Army code.

(2) He always accompanied Major HIROSE on his several visits to the front line and not only assisted him in chemical espionage, but furnished him with the various kinds of intelligences which he had obtained.

(3) He is now cooperating in the study of the American diplomatic code (we expect to report the results of this around the last of next January).

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a - Not available.

b - Translator's note: The word "chemical espionage" could also be translated "scientific espionage, (Japanese, KAGAKU).

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