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According to Berthelsson [chief of the naval staff], agreement has been reached with the English:

1. that the Western powers in case of war will use recognition-signals known to us, and common to all Scandinavian countries,
2. that on the outbreak of war an officer will be sent to Oslo with all our naval codes and we will receive the Western powers' in return,
3. that we will get their convoy regulations already in peacetime (has not yet happened concerning the convoy regulations for wartime, but for the regulations for peacetime).

Berthelsson in Oslo
(april 1954)

Johannesen and Berthelsson will, each on their own, do a study of problems that we have in common. Andressen with captain Kjiholt here with his study 8 May.

Those who know about this and other agreements are:

Storkeil, Berg, Kjiholt, Johannesen, and C/Mop in Oslo commander Luhr.

The Norwegians plan to deploy the bulk of their naval forces for the defence of northern Norway. The remainder for 14 days to protect deployment-transports for Norwegian forces, focusing thereafter on the protection of shipping in the Oslo fiord. An operations analysis conducted two years ago concerning the protection of shipping in the Skagerrak, has yielded a more optimistic view of the chances. The English cannot help in the Skagerrak (i.e. from Stavanger).