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THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

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My Brother!

Firstly, I wish to congratulate you heartedly on your promotion and your new position. It brings me joy to work with you, and I now come with the first piece of business.

October 1st, lieutenant-colonel Barkman, chief of the defence staff's department for air- and air defence, will be leaving his position, to be succeeded by major Dyrssen. It would be advantageous if Barkman, which in the Norwegian-Swedish cooperation has handled issues concerning air surveillance, had the opportunity to visit Oslo and hand over his contacts in the defence staff and in the air force to Dyrssen, before leaving his post. These contacts are as important as the rather lean plans.

Coordinator for all the plans, including the air safety plan, is lieutenant Werneman, chief of the signals services department in the defence staff. Werneman has told me that his counterpart on the signals side in Norway, colonel Palmström, has left his post, but that he [Werneman] does not know if a successor has been appointed.

However, Werneman has all the other necessary contacts, and primarily wishes to meet the following officials.

Lieutenant Stordal and his cipher officer, primarily so that his own cipher officer captain Risling, who is new on the job, shall meet with the latter. Cooperation on ciphers is presently not fully satisfactory. A meeting with Stordal is desirable but not necessary, should for example Stordal be abroad.

Furthermore, we would like to move from words to deeds concerning additional microwave-link connections Norway-Sweden. Besides Palmström, Werneman has cooperated with lieutenant-colonel Rörholt. Werneman will, as on previous occasions, be accompanied by head-of-bureau Franzén.

A brief meeting with colonel Jahr might perhaps also be arranged for W, and he is furthermore particularly interested in something he calls Nella, a counterpart to the communications command we are planning to set up.

Air safety issues will probably be discussed in October, when representatives from the Norwegian air force come to visit the Swedish air staff. We suggest a two-day visit to Oslo, e.g. during the week [illegible]-13 September. As concerns reporting on radioactive fallout, Ilstad has written to the command department [of the ministry of defence] in Stockholm. I would be grateful if the [illegible] was not passed that route, but only along the channels used hitherto. Werneman will bring up the matter during his visit.

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