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To ADMINISTRATOR[ii].

BARON[iii] has reported the following:

1. 25th February-26th February dozens of military trains[TRANSPORT] proceeded from SAUSAGE-LAND[KOLBASNAYA][iv] via PILSEN and PRAGUE in a north-easterly direction, probably into POLAND.

2. 27th February via KOLÍN[v]-KÖNIGGRÄTZ[vi] proceeded
[11 groups unrecovered].

On the roads of northern BOHEMIA and northern MORAVIA towards POLAND - movement of dozens of columns of infantry in motor transport.

3. Since 24th February via PRAGUE towards KÖNIGGRÄTZ - movement of columns of infantry in motor transport (air-defence troops and reservists).

4. On the LEIPZIG-BERLIN railway in an easterly direction - movement of trains with artillery, armoured vehicles,

[11 groups unrecovered]

movement towards POLAND. There is talk of impending large-scale military movements into POLAND.

6. [1 group unrecovered] the railways of the PROTECTORATE [8 groups unrecovered] movement on the lines: PILSEN/PRAGUE, ČESKÁ TREBOVÁ[vii]/MORAVSKÁ OSTRAVA[viii], ČESKÁ TREBOVÁ/BRNO. In the above sectors heavy military movements are expected in the near future.

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7. In the last ten days from PŘEROV[ix] via MORAVSKÁ OSTRAVA towards BOHUMÍN[x] and KRAKOW [1 group unrecovered] a large number of military trains, including [8 groups unrecovered], one of them having unusual dimensions).

8. On the main PRAGUE-KOLÍN-KÖNIGGRÄTZ road - rapid movement of motorised columns from SAUSAGE-LAND in an easterly direction.

9. The movement into POLAND was confirmed by conversations with soldiers. From 28th February to 3rd March along the PŘEROV-MORAVSKÁ OSTRAVA line passed approximately [35 groups unrecoverable]

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[Signature unrecoverable]

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[ii] ADMINISTRATOR: Probably Chief of 1st Department (Western Europe) GRU i.e. Col. Fedor Fedorovich KUZNETSOV.

[iii] BARON: ✓ Unidentified covername.

[iv] SAUSAGE-LAND: ✓ GERMANY.

[v] KOLÍN: 50-02N 15-12E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

[vi] KÖNIGGRÄTZ: 50-13N 15-50E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Czech version HRADEL KRALOVÉ).

[vii] ČESKÁ TŘEBOVÁ: 49-54N 16-27E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

[viii] MORAVSKÁ OSTRAVA: 49-50N 18-17E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

[vix] PŘEROV: 49-27N 17-27E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

[x] BOHUMÍN: 49-55N 18-20E, CZECHOSLOVAKIA (German version ODERBERG).

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