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Gen. Holter as Chief of Staff of the 20th Army
Gen. Rendulic as Commander of the 20th Army

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SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

The order forbids the return of Norwegian police and civilians to the evacuated territory in northern Norway and orders the Army and Navy to save scarce materials that they can collect inside the evacuated territory. The order states expressly that the Commander of the Army (Rendulic) wants to prevent by this order a return of civilians to the evacuated territory. The reasons for this measure are clear without elaboration.

(Edited by A. Schirmer, OCC, 10 October 1946.)
To:

1.) Headquarters Army-Narvik Branch, Priority

For the information of:

2.) Admiral of the Polar Coast, Priority

The Commander-in-Chief has forbidden continuation of the salvaging of goods in short supply from the evacuated territories by Norwegian police forces with Norwegian private individuals and at the same time ordered that salvaging is to take place through offices of the Army and the Navy.

Headquarters Army-Narvik Branch is made responsible for the execution of the action and is to effect liaison with Admiral of the Polar Coast and the Office of Reich Commissioner in Tromsoe, accordingly.

It occurs to the Commander-in-Chief that in this way, a return of the local inhabitants may be prevented and they will get no further insight into the evacuated territories. (Ch. handwritten)

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In, No. 2162/44 Top Secret
Hoelter, Brigadier General
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1.) Kdo. Armea-Abt. Narvik
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Nachr.: 2.) Admiral Polarkueste
KR


Es kommt dem Herrn Oberbefehlshaber darauf an, dass auf diese Weise eine Rückkehr von Landesbewohnern verhindert wird und diese keinen Einblick mehr in die evakuierten Gebiete nehmen.

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