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PERSONS, FIRMS OR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED:

General Lothar Rendulic, Commander of the 20th Army.

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SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

Nickel Mine Kolosjoki

Supreme Commander (General Rendulic) orders to tell General Manager Baron Wrede that evacuation of the whole Army will take about five to six weeks. The mining of ore during this time is of eminent importance for us, therefore, it is asked to turn over the company immediately. In case of trouble, Commander suggested to arrest eventually Baron Wrede and to force him by threatening to shoot him to give the orders for turning over the company. These orders will be given with regard to the war vital importance of the company. Supreme commander agrees herewith.

(Edited by Theo. Felber, OCC, 3 October 1946.)

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1115 hrs:

Orientation of the Commander-in-Chief on the situation by the Chief of Staff in the presence of the Ia and Ic.

Report on the situation at the Corps (plural).

Measures of the Army are approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

Nickel Mine Kolosjoki:

The Commander-in-Chief requests that Director General Baron Wrede be informed that transporting and loading of the entire Army will require about 5-6 weeks.

Mining the ore during the period is of far-reaching importance to us.

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Incase difficulties occur in view of the importance of the plant for the war effort the Chief of Staff proposes to seize Baron W, circumstances permitting, and to force him, under threat of being shot to death to issue orders for the handing over of the plant.

The Commander in Chief gives his approval.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

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