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To: 7408.

Memo No. 412.

From: 7404/7417.

8th December, 1944.

Your Memo No. 393 of 5th December.

Thank you for the copy of the accounts, balance sheet and progress report.

2. Both 7404 and myself were very disturbed indeed to find that Beaver had spent valuable Swedish currency in purchasing a black market machine-gun for Corn. Nearly 50 tons of stores have been delivered during the last four weeks to the Field. Much of these stores consisted of Sten guns, and a large number of them have been diverted to Corn, who, indeed, arranged for the reception of the bulk of this material. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is very wrong of Beaver to indulge in these small, petty purchases when so much stuff is being sent direct and when Swedish currency is so limited. I should be glad if you would point out to him that we cannot at any time in the future allow the purchase of any arms unless our approval has been obtained beforehand.

3. 7410 informed me last night that he is now quite certain that Beaver is not capable of running the D.R.T. effectively, particularly now that the route has this new boat from the Bank, and it looks as if our friend Beaver will be displaced. There is no suggestion yet as to who would take over the route, but I am very much inclined to agree with 7410 that Beaver's enthusiasm often outruns his common sense, and he is certainly not the man to maintain discipline amongst his collaborators.

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