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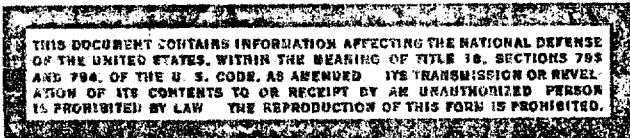
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1. The creation of a uniform veterans's organization seems now to be extremely doubtful. The Goslar group, headed by Dr. Werner Noack, believes that the Bund Deutscher Soldaten (BDS) (Federation of German Soldiers) and the Krakau group, supported by the Soldaten Zeitung and right wing politicians, are opposed to the formation of an unpolitical veterans' organization. These elements are believed to be strong enough to insure a nationalistic type of leadership as represented by Colonel-General Hans Friessner.
2. The issue will be debated at the Wiesbaden conference in early February. The Goslar group is prepared to split the veterans' organization if it is outvoted. It believes that only a minority of the veterans are now organized and that each group will have an opportunity to appeal to the majority for support. This course of action is preferred once the division has been made.

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