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1. According to rumors provalent in Finland, there has been a substantial increase in Soviet troops near the Finnish border in the Karelian area north of Lake Ladoga, and two new Soviet divisions have appeared on Soviet territory near the Finnish border in the Salla area, on the Arctic Circle.

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These rumors are believed by the source to be false and to have been initiated by the Russians for political reasons. Such rumors have been recurring periodically in Finland for the past three years, and they may have been given added impetus by recent political developments in Scandinavia.

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