

F 379

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~US OFFICIALS ONLY~~

COUNTRY: Finland 18 November 1954 25X1A2g

SUBJECT: Attitude Toward the Nordic Council. [REDACTED]

PLACE ACQ: - - - - DATE 24 Nov 1954

DATE ACQ: [REDACTED] SUPPLE TO _____

DATE OF INFO: [REDACTED] 25X1A2g RESPONSIVE TO _____

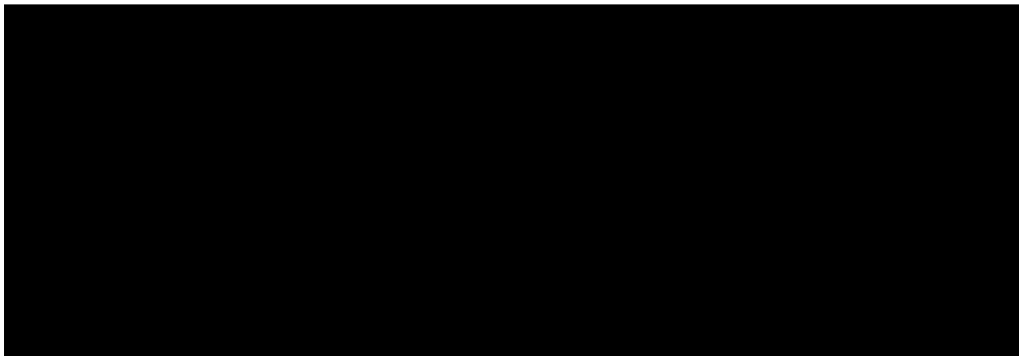
~~This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Section 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this report is prohibited.~~

This UNEVALUATED INFORMATION is supplied for the possible interest of your analysts. It does not warrant dissemination by [REDACTED] report.

25X1A2g

Source or Clarifying Statement:

25X1X6



1. A large majority of the people of Finland and the members of Parliament favor joining the Nordic Council, but to do this at this time with the USSR in opposition would amount to economic suicide.
2. Trade with the USSR, both import and export, is essential to Finland's existence. Member countries of the Nordic Council know this fact and consequently do not take an alarming attitude toward Finland.
3. When the time arrives that trade with Western countries is more favorable to Finland and when Finland is not dependent upon trade with the USSR, then Finland will become, in fact as it is in heart today, a Nordic Council member.

-end-

ww 25X1A9a



80-47.8

136 Finland

- 54 - R

DEC 13 1954

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~US OFFICIALS ONLY~~