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REPORT OF GERMAN-SOVIET PEACE TALKS

August 1944: A German source has denied that any talks were held in Stockholm between the Germans and the Soviets through Ministerial Dirigent Dr. Bruno Kleist, as was reported by the United Press from Stockholm at the end of July.

SSS comment: In their denial, which, however, is contradicted by our information, the Germans said that Kleist was alleged to have conferred with Semenov, the Soviet Counselor of Embassy in Stockholm. The United Press report appearing in the New York Times of 20 July reads as follows:

Stockholm, Sweden, July 19 (UP) - Well-informed sources reported today that Dr. Bruno Kleist, described as a member of Dr. Alfred Rosenberg's Ostland Ministry who had connections with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, had recently made unsuccessful attempts to talk with Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, Soviet Minister to Stockholm, to discuss the possibility of separate peace terms.

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