

*Exchange of Notes Between Germany and Sweden on Transit of
Wehrmacht Goods and Troops, 29 June 1940
[and finally 8 July 1940]*

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

I have the honour to confirm that between the Royal Swedish Government and the German Government a common consent has been reached about the following,

- 1.) The Royal Swedish Government is willing to accept the transit of shipments of German Wehrmacht goods of any kind (*Wehrmachtgut*) including war material from Germany, or from the areas occupied by Germany in Denmark and Norway, through the territory of Sweden to destinations in Norway as well as in the opposite direction within the bounds of technological limitations for the traffic. The shipments can be escorted by transit commandos.
- 2.) In the case when there is a question about goods for which, according to the Swedish regulations, a transit permit is required, the German government will in each case inform about the dispatches in advance following the usual formalities, in order to secure their undelayed transit.
- 3.) The Royal Swedish Government is willing to allow the transit of members of the German Wehrmacht – particularly soldiers on leave – in uniform (without such kinds of weapons that do not belong to the soldier's personal equipment, and observing that rifles and rank-and-file handguns are to be carried in separate cars) between destinations defined in 1.) through Swedish territory both as individual journeys as well as in compact transports, in the latter case after an advance notice, in order to make an agreement on appropriate measures to be taken for its accomplishment.
- 4.) The discussion about details that still might be needed for the realization of what was agreed above, should be started rightaway between the German legation in Stockholm, in this case with the help of the military attachés on one side and the competent Swedish authorities on the other side.
- 5.) The emerging details that might come out when carrying out this agreement should every time be regulated with the competent Swedish authorities.

Please accept, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Günther.

Source: Handlingar rörande Sveriges politik under andra världskriget. Transiteringsfrågor och därmed sammanhängande spörsmål. *Juni—december 1940*. 33. Kungl. Utrikesdepartementet. Stockholm, 1947.

The proposal of the 29th of June, 1940, between Günther and von Bülow, is word for word the same as the final note on August 8 between Günther and Schnurre.

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