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that if its fighting position deteriorates still further, it will be split up and its component parts isolated, in which case there might be piecemeal surrenders.

Just recently the Soviet authorities announced that another 70 officers of the German Army had been taken prisoner, and if we look at the matter in the light of the increasing numbers of high-ranking officers that are being made prisoners, should it become clear in future that their fight is a hopeless one, it is to be feared that the morale of the front-line troops cannot help but be adversely affected.

I realize that the above is a very pessimistic view of the situation, but I am convinced that in the present situation it behooves us to consider the worst possible eventuality, and toin the future.

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