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PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

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By W. E. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1976

To the Former Naval Person from the President, Number 405.
Personal and ~~SECRET~~

Our Office of War Information and Navy Department recommend the following statement, with which I agree:

"1. During the months of August, September and October approximately 80 U-boats were destroyed. This brings to more than 150 the number of U-boats destroyed during the last six months. The record of the last three months is particularly gratifying because during most of this period fewer U-boats were operating, fewer targets were presented for our air and sea forces.

"2. During August, September and October more U-boats were destroyed than Allied merchant ships were sunk by U-boat action. The ratio of U-boat to merchant ship attrition during October was more satisfactory than in any previous month. In fact, our tonnage losses from all causes in October were the lowest of any month of the war.

"3. Merchant ship tonnage lost to U-boat action during the last three months was less than one-half the merchant ship tonnage lost during the previous three months despite the fact that actual shipping increased.

"4. The Germans have introduced new U-boat weapons and tactics. Thus far we have been able to cope successfully with the changing situation. The battle continues in full vigor."

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at 2230 EWT, 1 November 1943

Boyce P. Price

BOYCE P. PRICE
Captain, C. E.

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NCR 9448

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FROM POTUS	TO FM
SERIAL 405	DATE 1 Nov 43
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 02/0308 NCR 9448	
TOR MAP ROOM 02/0205Z	VIA WHITE 31 - BLACK 8
SUBJECT October Monthly Sub Statement.	

ACTION

(See POTUS #402, 29 Oct; PM #480, 30 Oct.)

Statement prepared by Navy Department; concurred in by ONI; sent to POTUS at Hyde Park as White 31 (01/1914Z). Approved by POTUS in Black 8 (02/0205Z).

Sent to FM as Opnav's 020308 NCR 9448.

Prime answered in his #491, 5 Nov.

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2 November 1943

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

Number 406, personal and [redacted] for the Former Naval Person from the President.

For many reasons it is advisable that Cordell be back in Washington while I am away and even now he can be home by the 18th.

For escort reasons also it will be much easier to carry through the original plan and a change would interfere with convoys. If I leave by 14th at latest and by going straight through I ought to be able to meet you and staffs in Cairo by the 22nd or 23rd. Perhaps it is just as well to get the main business over first, and you and I can do the inspection work on the way back.

I am wiring Hull to ask U. J. if he could come to Basra for even one day. That would be infinitely better than no meeting with him at all.

I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Roosevelt

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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FROM	POTUS	TO	PRIME
SERIAL	406	DATE	2 Nov 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	022352 NCR 9601		
TOR MAP ROOM	--	VIA	BLACK 9, 2 Nov 43.
SUBJECT	SEXTANT conference		

ACTION

Answers PM #484 and 487.

Sent to Map Room by President from Hyde Park as BLACK 9,
2 Nov. Sent to PM as #406,

PM answered in his #488, 3 Nov.

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4 November 1943

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From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ NUMBER 407, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER
NAVAL PERSON.

THIS GOVERNMENT AGREES TO JOIN GREAT BRITAIN AND SOVIET IN MAKING
IMMEDIATE DEMAND ON TURKEY FOR USE OF AIR BASES AND LATER PRESSING
TURKEY TO ENTER THE WAR BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SUBJECT TO THE
FOLLOWING: NO BRITISH OR AMERICAN RESOURCES WILL BE COMMITTED TO THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMANDERS
RESPONSIBLE ARE NECESSARY FOR OVERLORD OR FOR OPERATIONS IN ITALY.

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at 1235, EWT, 4 November 1943.

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GEORGE M. ELSEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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November 4, 1943.

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME

This government agrees to join Great Britain and Soviet in making immediate demand on Turkey for use of air bases and later pressing Turkey to enter the war before the end of the year subject to the following: No British or American resources will be committed to the Eastern Mediterranean area which in the opinion of the commanders responsible are necessary for OVERLORD or for operations in Italy.

Roosevelt

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FROM	POTUS	TO	PRIME
SERIAL	407	DATE	4 November 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	041713 NCR 9674		
TOP MAP ROOM	--	VIA	Admiral Brown Leahy
SUBJECT	US agrees in making demand on Turkey for use of air bases and declaration of war against Germany.		

ACTION

Quotes message sent to Ambassador Harriman in Moscow.

Sent to Navy code room at 1235EWT, 4 Nov.

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To: Alusna, London

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~
NUMBER 408.

Your Number 491. Thank you for your prompt reply. We shall
issue the statement as amended by you at the agreed time.

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Robert W. Bogue
Robert W. Bogue
Lt. (jg) USNR

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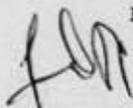
To : Alusna, London.

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL AND [REDACTED]

Year No. 491

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 408	DATE 5 November 1945
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 052356	
FOR MAP ROOM 1900 EWT 5 Nov.	VIA A dmiral Brown
SUBJECT Anti-Submarine Monthly Statement	

ACTION Answers Pm to Pres No. 491

Acknowledged by PM in his #493.

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To: Alusna, London

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~
Number 409.

Replying to your 490, the Combined Chiefs of Staff today authorized Eisenhower to retain until December 15 ~~sixty-eight~~ L.S.T. now scheduled for an early departure for the United Kingdom.

It seems to me that this action ought to meet his essential requirements as stated in his NAF 498.

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Robert W. Bogue
Lt(jg) USNR

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 409	DATE 5 November 1945
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 052359	
TOR MAP ROOM 5 Nov. 1900 EWT	VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT Retention of LSTs in the Italian theatre.	

ACTION Answers Pm to Pres No. 490

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PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 410 PERSONAL AND S ~~SECRET~~ FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON. YOUR NUMBER 488.

I am sorry that the uncertainty of Hull's return and no reply from U.J. have made my plans so uncertain. HULL has now decided to come back by plane and should be here by the 10th. Therefore I expect to get away by the 11th and get to O by the 19th or 20th.

I think it best to go straight by air to Cairo with perhaps one short stop. Perhaps you could arrange to meet me in O and we could go on together.

I think it simpler in every way for the Combined Staffs and planners to meet in Cairo just as soon as my people, most of whom will start when I do, can get there. Of course they and we will have many meetings before the Russians or Chinese meet with us.

In regard to Chiang, Somerville^{ell} who is just back from that very successful meeting in Chungking at which Dickie was present, thinks you and I should see Chiang before we see U.J. or Molotov. Therefore I think I should ask Chiang to get to Cairo by the 22nd.

In regard to U.J. I am begging him to meet us for even one day in Basra or at the point of the railway just south of the mountains. This would take very little of our time and his,

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and Molotov could then proceed back to Cairo with us. This jaunt into Persia would be let us say between the 25th and the 28th.

You and I can arrange for Tunis or Italian visits after the Egyptian campaign is over. All goes well.

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Robert W. Bogue
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From Naval Person #410
from The President
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after the Egyptian campaign
is over. All yours well

Roosevelt

FROM POTUS	TO PRIME
SERIAL 410	DATE 5 November 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
TOR MAP ROOM 2115 EWT 5 Nov.	VIA Lt Bogue
SUBJECT Meeting with Prime Minister--SEXTANT	

ACTION
Answers PM #488.

Written by the President; received by Lt. Bogue from the President in his study.

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From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

Number 411, personal and [REDACTED] for the Former Naval Person
from the President.

Your 479.

I have not received invitation from Kirk and have directed
my representative Reilly to make arrangements after consultation
with British Minister.

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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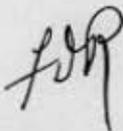
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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER # 411

Your 479.

I have not received invitation from Kirk and have directed my representative Reilly to make arrangements after consultation with British Minister.



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your 479

1. Have not received invitation from Kirk and have directed my representative Reilly to make arrangements after consultation with British minister.

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FROM POTUS	TO PRIVE
SERIAL 411	DATE 8 Nov 43
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 082143 NCR 595	
FOR MAP ROOM --	VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT SEXTANT - Map Room Quarters for President's party. No invitation from Kirk.	

ACTION

Answers PM #479.

Prepared by Admiral Leahy in the Map Room, approved by the President. Sent to Navy Code Room at 1640, EWT, 8 Nov.

Answered by PM in his 496, 9 Nov.

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PRIORITY

8 November 1943

From: Cpnav
To: Alusna, London

Number 412 from the President to the Former Naval Person ~~██████████~~
and personal.

Your 493.

I accept your suggestion that "Commanders responsible" in
Paragraph 3 be changed to "Combined Chiefs of Staff" and have
so informed Harriman and have authorized him to attach agreement
to the protocol.

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER #412

Your 493.

I accept your suggestion that "Commanders responsible" in Paragraph 3 be changed to "Combined Chiefs of Staff" and have so informed Harriman and have authorized him to attach agreement to the protocol.

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Pres to Prime

you 493 I accept your
suggestion that "Commanders
responsible" in paragraph 3
be changed to "Combined
Chiefs of Staff" and
have so informed Harriman

FROM POTUS	TO PRIME
SERIAL 412	DATE 8 Nov 43
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 082139 NCR 594	
TOR MAP ROOM --	VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT Requesting Turkey to enter war, and changing "Commanders responsible" to Com. Chiefs of Staff" in message.	

ACTION

Answers PM 493, Para 3.

Message prepared by Admiral Leahy, approved by the President.

Sent to Ambassador Harriman in Moscow, Opnav 082146 NCR 596; to PM as #412.

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PRIORITY

From: Cpnav
To: Alusna, London

For the Former Naval Person from the President, Number 413, [redacted] and personal.

Your Number 493.

For your information I have today dispatched the following message to Chiang:

"Many thanks for your message. I am leaving for North Africa in two or three days and I hope to get to Cairo on the twenty-first. Churchill will meet me there. We hope to meet Marshal Stalin in Persia about the 26th or 27th. However I would prefer that you and Churchill and I meet before that. Therefore can you try to reach Cairo by the 22nd of November? We will arrange good accommodations and guard for you and your party in or near Cairo. Please let me know as soon as you can."

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at 1700, ENT, 8 November 1943.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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FROM	POTUS	TO	PRIME
SERIAL	413	DATE	8 Nov 43
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	082147 NCR 596		
TOR MAP ROOM	--	VIA	Admiral Brown
SUBJECT SEXTANT - quotes message to Chiang Kai-Shek asking him to meet at Cairo on 22nd.			

ACTION

Answers PM #493, Para 4.

Draft reply written by Admiral Leahy. President did not use Leahy's message but wrote his own. Sent to Chiang Kai-Shek as Amisco Chungking #3788, 8 Nov. Quoted to PM in #413.

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8 November 1943

From: Opnav
To : Alusna, London

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NUMBER 414.

Your 474.

We too have received many reports of the German Rocket activity. The only information recently coming to me which might be of value to you is a statement that factories manufacturing the Rocket bomb are situated in Kaniafried, Richshafen, Mixtgennernth Berlin, Kugellagerwerke Schweinfurt, Wiener Neustadt and at an isolated factory on left side of the road going from Vienna to Baden just south of Vienna. Production is said to have been delayed due to death in bombing of the experimental station at Peenemunde of Lieutenant General Shemiergembeinski who was in charge. This came from an informer via Turkey.

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Lieutenant (jg), USNR

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FROM: THE PRESIDENT #414
TO: THE PRIME MINISTER

YOUR 474.

WE TOO HAVE RECEIVED MANY REPORTS OF GERMAN ROCKET ACTIVITY. THE ONLY INFORMATION RECENTLY COMING TO ME WHICH MIGHT BE OF VALUE TO YOU IS A STATEMENT THAT FACTORIES MANUFACTURING THE ROCKET BOMB ARE SITUATED IN KANIAPRIED, RICHSHAFEN, MITTGEMNERTH BERLIN, KUGELLAGERWERKE SCHWEINFURT, WIENER NEUSTADT AND AT AN ISOLATED FACTORY ON LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD GOING FROM VIENNA TO ~~BRUNNEN~~ ^{Baden} JUST SOUTH OF VIENNA. PRODUCTION IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO DEATH IN BOMBING OF THE EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT PENNEMUNDE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHERMIRGEMBEINSKI WHO WAS IN CHARGE.

*This came from an
informant via Turkey.*

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5 November 1943

Memorandum

From: Captain Lewis L. Strauss, U.S.N.R.
To: Rear Admiral Wilson Brown

Dear Admiral Brown:

I am returning the message which was enclosed with your note, which I received yesterday. Together with it, I am attaching a memorandum of comment. This represents my own views and not those of the Bureau of Ordnance. I assume that, if you wish anything in the nature of a formal commentary from the Bureau, you will let me know or request it of Admiral Blandy directly.

Respy.
Lewis Strauss
Lewis L. Strauss
Captain, U.S.N.R.

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5 November 1943

Memorandum

From: Captain Lewis L. Strauss, U.S.N.R.
To: Rear Admiral Wilson Brown.
Subject: Message from the Prime Minister to the President,
25 October 1943, re German rocket reports.

1. There has been a recent acceleration and wide diffusion of these reports--a substantial percentage of recent German prisoners of war appear to have heard rumors or particulars. Coupled with other intelligence and with the recent use of rocket motors on certain types of bombs by the Luftwaffe during the Salerno and other operations, I would be inclined to assume a considerable background of truth for the reports. There are indications of rocket test flights varying from 35 to 70 miles, and photographic evidence that emplacements with removable covers over large pits have been built along the ^{coast} coast.

2. Feasibility: There is no doubt as to feasibility. Our own application of rockets to Naval ordnance has been limited up to the present to a solid type of propellant (ballistite and its variants) with very fast burning times--on the order of one second,--and effective ranges of somewhat less than 15,000 yards. From intelligence reports, the German long-range weapon would not appear to be of this type, but is described as an "Aethodyd." The designation is stated to be coined from a contraction of "aero-thermodynamical-duct." In this system there is an intake nozzle through which the forward movement of the rocket forces air into a combustion chamber where the oxygen in the air is combined with the liquid propellant, and an exhaust nozzle through which the expanded product of combustion emerges to provide the forward kick. We have no definite information as to the composition of the liquid fuel, which may contain some of the oxygen required for its combustion. It has been described by a P/W to be an acetaldehyde, butane, nitric acid composition. There is, however, a wide field of liquid fuels that might

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be used for the purpose.

3. Accuracy: By nature rockets are much less accurate than conventional projectiles. They have no axial rotation as a result of rifling. Any variation in the pushing stream has a tendency to induce yaw. With this inherent dispersion, it would probably be difficult for the enemy to hope to hit any target more precise than cities from across channel. It may be, however, that in a rocket of the size described, they have incorporated some stabilizing element and control surfaces upon which it would operate. They appear to have been successful in doing this with the slower rocket-propelled bombs used at Salerno. They may incorporate beam control, steering the rocket by selectively firing auxiliary jets arranged radially.

4. Evaluation: Unless range and deflection are controllable, the principal value of this weapon to the enemy would appear to be its effect on morale, as there would probably not be adequate warning of its approach (its speed exceeding that of sound), and it could be fired at any time to any place within range, irrespective of weather conditions limiting the use of aircraft. Some of the reports associate the rocket with rumors of a new explosive, but it is hard to reconcile that rumor with the reported size of the rocket. If conventional explosives are employed, the actual damage as compared with daylight precision bombing or night mass bombing, would be relatively small unless employed in extremely large quantities. Preliminary calculations here indicate that, for a hundred mile range, the payload of explosive would constitute only about 10% of the total weight of the missile. The saving in personnel as compared with aircraft bombing, would, of course, be considerable.

5. Counter Measures: These rockets would travel too rapidly to be intercepted or shot down by any present means, except as a result of pure happenstance. Discovery and destruction of emplacements and manufacturing facilities is indicated. Emplacements near the coast might be located by flash ranging, as well as by spotting aircraft, or if the rockets are beam-guided, by using radio locators.

Lewis L. Strauss

Lewis L. Strauss
Captain, U.S.N.R.

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PARAPHRASE

25 October, 1943.

From: The Prime Minister.
To: The President.

1. From many sources evidence has continued to accumulate during the last six months that the Germans are making very long range rockets which may possibly weigh 60 tons and carry an explosive charge of 10 to 20 tons and which are being prepared for an attack on England, particularly London. On account of this we have raided their main experimental station at Peenemunde. Watten near St. Omer, where construction work is proceeding the purpose of which we could not determine, was also demolished. In the Pas de Calais and the Cherbourg Peninsula there are at least seven such locations and there may be many more which we have not detected.

2. The opinion of scientists differs as to the practicability of making this type of rocket, but personally I am not convinced that they cannot be made. All possible work is being done and we are in close touch with your people who are ahead of us in rocket propulsion, which they have studied for giving airplanes a send-off. This business is being followed by an expert committee which thinks it possible that the main attack will be attempted in the new year but that a heavy though premature and short-lived attack might be made in the middle of November. The Germans are naturally benefitted by spreading talk of new weapons to encourage their troops, their satellites, and neutrals. And it may be in this case that their bark will be much worse than their bite.

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PARAPHRASE

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972

0438

Map Room Papers
Messages: Roosevelt-Churchill
November-December 1943

The following Office of Strategic Services classified document is
closed:

Report on German weapons, undated, attached to Roosevelt to Churchill,
11/8/43

0439

FROM POTUS	TO PRIME
SERIAL 414	DATE 8 Nov 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 082355 NCR 626	
TOR MAP ROOM --	VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT Rocket bombs	

ACTION

Answers FM to POTUS #474, 25 Oct 43.

Message prepared by Lt. Wiley from various sources of information, approved by the President, sent to Navy Code room at 1930 SWT.

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PRIORITY

9 November 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 415, PERSONAL AND ██████████ T, FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON
FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I FEEL PERSONALLY THAT I AM SO FAR REMOVED FROM FIRSTHAND
KNOWLEDGE OF ITALIAN CONDITIONS THAT IN REGARD TO YOUR NO. 495
I AM ASKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PEOPLE ON THE SPOT. THE OLD
GENTLEMAN, I AM TOLD, CLICKS ONLY BEFORE LUNCH. IN ADVANCE OF
FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS, I AM INCLINED TO THE IDEA OF RETAINING
THE HOUSE OF SAVOY THROUGH THE BOY AND, AT THE SAME TIME, BRINGING
IN ALL PARTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1130, EWT, 9 November 1943.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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0441

November 9, 1943. WSP

TO: FORMER NAVAL PERSON #415

I feel personally that I am so far removed from firsthand knowledge of Italian conditions that in regard to your No. 495 I am asking for recommendations from people on the spot. The old gentleman, I am told, clicks only before lunch. In advance of further recommendations, I am inclined to the idea of retaining the House of Savoy through the boy and, at the same time, bringing in all parties as soon as possible.

ROOSEVELT

Roosevelt

0442

FROM	THE PRESIDENT	TO	PRIME MINISTER
SERIAL	415	DATE	Nov. 9, 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER			
TOR MAP ROOM 1120		VIA Admiral Brown	
SUBJECT Italian Government - (Resignation of King and Bodoglio)			

ACTION

11/9/43

Prepared by Admiral Leahy. Re-drafted by President. Dispatch sent (No. 2097) to General Eisenhower requesting his comments.

11/10/43

Dispatch received from General Eisenhower. One copy (exact) made for Admiral Brown to be taken by him to SEXTANT for the President.

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0443

10 November 1943

██████████
PRIORITY

From: Cpnav
To: Alusna London

Personal and ██████████ from the President for the Former Naval Person. Number 416.

Your 497.

As we cannot arrive OROE before forenoon November 20th, it seems to me impracticable to have a meeting at Malta enroute to SEXYANT. It is best to go straight through with one stop at Tunis for the night.

Perhaps we can visit Malta on the return journey.

I am glad you are bringing Winant.

ROOSEVELT

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at 1215, ENT, 10 November 1943.

George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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WSP

[Redacted]

November 10, 1943.

From: Uprav
To : Alusna London #416

Personal and [Redacted] from the President to the Former Naval Person.

As we can not arrive OBOB before forenoon November 21st

it seems to me impracticable to have a meeting at Malta enroute to Sextant. *It is best to go straight through with one stop at Tunis for the night.* Perhaps we can visit Malta on the return journey.

I am glad to hope you are bringing Warrant.

Russell

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO PRIME MINISTER

SERIAL 416

DATE Nov. 10, 1948

DATE/TIME
OR FILE NUMBER

FOR MAP ROOM 1215

VIA Admiral Brown

SUBJECT SEXTANT CONFERENCE

ACTION

11/10/48

Acknowledgement of PM 497 re itinerary.

Originated by Admiral Brown, additions by President.

Date changed from 21st to 20th by Admiral Brown after further information was received from the Navy Department.

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PRIORITY

10 November 1943

From: Opnav
To : Alusna, London

PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.
NUMBER 417.

We have under development a project whereby we can strike a heavy blow at our enemy in the Pacific early next year with our new heavy bombers. Japanese military, naval and shipping strength is dependent upon the steel industry which is strained to the limit. Half of the coke for that steel can be reached and destroyed by long-range bombers operating from bases in the Chengtu area of China. The bombers can supply themselves by air, from bases to be constructed near Calcutta, without disturbing present air lift commitments as agreed at QUADRANT.

In order to expedite this project I ask that you arrange for the Government of India to render every possible assistance in the construction of these four air bases for long-range bombers. American Aviation Engineer forces, under a capable general officer, are being prepared for movement as a matter of first priority, so that we may contribute experienced construction personnel to this enterprise without drawing on similar forces in India which are now engaged in other operations. Mountbatten is familiar with this project.

I am sending a similar message to the Generalissimo asking him to expedite construction of five advanced bases in the Chengtu area, financed by Lend-Lease funds.

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This is a bold but entirely feasible project. Together by this operation, we can partially cripple the Japanese naval and military power and hasten the victory of our forces in Asia.

ROOSEVELT

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at 1900, EWT, 10 November 1943

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

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0448

W.B.

November 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOPKINS:

Subject: Acquisition of Airfields in India and China for B-29's.

Attached hereto are two cablegrams which I would like very much to have sent. They are very important as I can see no other way by which we can get the airfields in India and China in time to permit the operations of the 150 B-29's which will be available for these missions next March.

The project has been approved by Joint Army and Navy planners and these cablegrams have been approved by General Marshall.

The one to the Generalissimo should be sent through General Stilwell. If you will let me know when they are sent I would like to send General Stilwell also a copy of the one sent to the Prime Minister.

Earliest possible action is desired.

H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

Incl: 2 cablegrams

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DRAFT OF SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
TO PRIME MINISTER

10 November 43
417.

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Roosevelt

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29 November 1943

The following message was sent to Prime Minister Churchill by the President on 10 November 1943:

"Under development we have a project whereby with our new heavy bombers we can strike a heavy blow at our enemy in the Pacific early next year. Japanese military, naval and shipping strength is dependent upon the steel industry which is strained to the limit. Long-range bombers operating from bases in the Chengtu area of China can reach and destroy half of the coke for that steel. Without disturbing present air lift commitments as agreed at QUADRANT, the bombers can supply themselves by air from bases to be constructed near Calcutta.

To speed the construction of these four air bases for long-range bombers I ask that you arrange for the Government of India to render every possible assistance. So that we may contribute experienced construction personnel to this enterprise without drawing on similar forces in India which are now engaged in other operations, American Aviation Engineer forces, under a capable general officer, are being prepared for movement as a matter of first priority.

To the Generalissimo, asking him to expedite construction of five advanced bases in the Chengtu area, financed by Lend-Lease funds, I am sending a similar message.

This project is bold but entirely feasible. Together we can partially cripple the Japanese naval and military power and hasten the victory of our forces in Asia by this operation." Signed Roosevelt.

By W. J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1943

Original of this para. ~~SECRET~~ delivered to General MacArthur's office by Colonel Matheson 30 November 1943

0451

FROM	PRESIDENT	TO	PRIME MINISTER
SERIAL	417	DATE	Nov. 10, 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER		102313, NCR 988	
TOR MAP ROOM	1900	VIA	Admiral Brown
SUBJECT Acquisition and construction of new plane bases in India -- request for arrangements with Government of India.			
ACTION 11/10/43 Originated with General Arnold. Approved by President at 1800. Released from Map Room 1900. 11/29/43 <i>Paraphrased and ^{delivered} sent to Gen. Marshall's office by Colonel Matheson.</i>			
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11 November 1943

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL
PERSON Number 418. Your 501.

I have just heard that U. J. will come to Teheran. I received a telegram from him five days ago which made me think he would not come even to that place - - this because his advisors did not wish him to leave Russia's soil.

I wired him at once that I had arranged the Constitutional matter here, and therefore that I could go to Teheran for a short meeting with him and told him I was very happy.

Even then I was in doubt as to whether he would go through with his former offer to go to Teheran.

His latest message has clinched the matter, and I think that now there is no question that you and I can meet him there between the twenty-seventh and the thirtieth.

Thus endeth a very difficult situation, and I think we can be happy.

In regard to Cairo, I have held all along - - as I know you have, that it would be a terrible mistake if U. J. thought we had ganged up on him on military action. During the preliminary meetings in Cairo the Combined Staffs will, as you know, be in the planning stage. That is all. It will not hurt you or me if Molotov and a Russian military representative are in Cairo too. They will not feel that they are being given the "run around." They will have no staff and no planners. Let us take them in on the high spots.

It is only five hours ago that I received U. J.'s telegram confirming Teheran. Undoubtedly, Molotov and the military representative will return there with us between the twenty-seventh and the thirtieth and, when and after we have completed our talk with U. J., they will return with us to Cairo, possibly adding other military staff to the one representative accompanying Molotov on the first trip.

I think it essential that this schedule be carried out. I can assure you there will be no difficulties.

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By W.S. Stewart

Date NOV 1 1971

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

I am sending you this at the first opportunity of letting you
about U. J.

I am just off. Happy landing to us both.

ROOSEVELT

Used from the President's
Room at 2130 EWT 11 November 1943

George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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0454

November 11, 1943.

FORMER NAVAL PERSON

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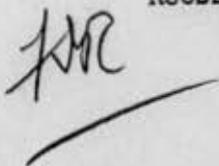
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I am just off. Happy landing to us both.

ROOSEVELT



FROM THE PRESIDENT	TO THE PRIME MINISTER
SERIAL 418	DATE Nov. 11, 1943
DATE/TIME R FILE NUMBER 102313 NCR 988	
OR MAP ROOM 2130	VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT SEXTANT CONFERENCE	

NOTATION

11/11/43

This is a reply to Prime's 501. Dictated by President to Miss Tully in his study. President delayed departure of his party for SEXTANT for sufficient time to dictate 418.

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0457

~~SECRET~~

21 November 1943

From: The President

To : The Prime Minister

Personal and ~~secret~~ for the Prime Minister from the President.

Thank you very much for your messages Numbers 502, 503, 504 and 505 which were delivered to me upon my arrival early yesterday. I expect to reach SEXTANT early morning November twenty-second, and it will be grand to see you again. I hope your cold is better.

ROOSEVELT

Above message sent by the President from Tunis to the Prime Minister at Cairo thru local channels.

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By WJ Stewart

Date NOV 1 1971

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0458

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NAVAL DISPATCH

NAVY DEPARTMENT

21 November, 1943.

FROM: The President.

DATE:

TO: The Prime Minister.

PRECEDENCE:

INFO:

FOR CODEROOM:

RELEASE:

PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGES NUMBERS 502, 503, 505 and 505 WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO ME UPON MY ARRIVAL EARLY YESTERDAY. I EXPECT TO REACH SEXTANT EARLY MORNING NOVEMBER TWENTYSECOND. ~~LOOKING FORWARD~~

~~OUR DISCUSSIONS AND SEEING YOU AGAIN.~~ *and it will be grand to see* *I hope you could in letter*

Roosevelt

Released:

WB.
Wilson Brown,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

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By *W.F. Stewart*

Date NOV 1 1971

0459

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~ 8 December 1943

PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To: Alusna, London

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON, ~~SECRET~~ AND
PERSONAL. NUMBER 419.

With reference to the Cairo despatch of December 8th from the
Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the Mediterranean command, I
am in agreement with sub-paragraphs one and two but would like
more time to consider the third and fourth sub-paragraphs.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 2230, ENT, 8 December, 1943.

Boyce P. Price

BOYCE P. PRICE
Captain, C. E.

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By *W.P. Stewart*
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0460

FROM PRESIDENT	TO PRIME MINISTER
SERIAL 419	DATE 8 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
TOP MAP ROOM 2017, ENT	VIA Telegraphic Office
SUBJECT Combined Chiefs of Staff decisions re Mediterranean Command, Overlord Command.	

ACTION

12/8/43

Received in Map Room as Black 89. Is reply to White 115,
(WD, Incoming, CM-IN-4989, 8 Dec. 1943), re CCS decisions on
Mediterranean Command.

Paraphrased by Capt. B. P. Price and released to Navy Code
Room 2230, ENT, 8 December 1943.

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0461

December 11, 1943

AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON (ENGLAND)

NO DISTRIBUTION

PERSONAL AND SECRET FOR AMBASSADOR WINANT OR IN HIS
ABSENCE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES BUCKNELL.

The following message has today been received at
the White House. A copy is being handed the President
upon his return and as it is not known whether it was
sent direct to London I desire, for and in the absence
of the President, that you communicate it immediately
to the Prime Minister:

QUOTE Secret and Personal from Premier Stalin to
President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill:

I thank you for your joint message in which you
inform me of the additional decisions regarding the
prosecution of the war against Germany in 1944. Greetings.
UNQUOTE

Hull

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State Dept. letter, 1-11-88
By *RAE* FEB 4 1972

0462

FROM THE PRESIDENT	TO PRIME MINISTER
SERIAL UNNUMBERED	DATE December 11, 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER ??????????	
TOR MAP ROOM 111230, EWT	VIA Russian Embassy
SUBJECT Transmission of U.J. Message to Prime Minister re additional decisions taken at SEKTANT.	

ACTION

12/11/43
 Received from Russian Embassy (Mr. V. I. Bazykin) at 1230 EWT, this date. Transmitted for and in the name of the President by Mr. Hull to the Prime Minister.

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0463

~~SECRET~~

17 December 1943

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT, PERSONAL AND
~~SECRET~~ NUMBER 420.

Your number 511.

I am distressed about the pneumonia and both Harry and I plead with you to be good and throw it off rapidly. I have just left the IOWA and am on my way up the Potomac. The Bible says you must do just what Moran orders, but at this moment I cannot put my finger on the verse and the chapter. As soon as I get back to Washington tomorrow, I will try to help Chiang out on the stabilization question.

I am glad about the Turkish offer. Nothing further seems to be imminent, so do what Sara says and give her my love and take it easy.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 0050, ENT, 17 December 1943

Boyce P. Price
BOYCE P. PRICE
Captain, C. E.

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 420	DATE 17 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 170606 NCR 6731	
TO: MAP ROOM --	VIA <i>ARM</i>
SUBJECT PM's pneumonia; stabilization question of Chiang's; Turkish offer.	

ACTION Answers PM #511.

*Sent from President to Map Room for
transmission from USS Potomac*

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PRIORITY

20 December 1943

From: Opmav
To: Alusna, London

Personal and [redacted] from the President to the Former Naval Person, number 421.

Replying to your 512 of December 19, I am agreeable to an announcement on January first of selection of Eisenhower to command OVERLORD, Tedder to be Eisenhower's Deputy Supreme Commander, Wilson to relieve Eisenhower as Supreme Commander Mediterranean, this change to be made when Eisenhower reports that conditions in Italy justify the change, Eaker to command Allied Air Force Mediterranean.

I prefer to delay announcement of changes in subordinate commands until after the first of the year, because I want to have opportunity to discuss it with Marshall who will return to Washington in a few days.

I am delighted that you are really so much better and I wish I could be with you at the flower villa at Marrakech. I hope you have sent for your brushes. My love to Clemmy. I feel relieved that she is with you as your superior officer.

Roosevelt

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at 1310, EWT, 20 December 1943.

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By W. J. STEWART
Date NOV 1 1971

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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By William C. Stewart

Date NOV 1971

SECRET

December 20, 1943

PRESIDENT TO PRIME: # 421

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Roosevelt

0467

FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 421	DATE 20 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 201815 NCR 7216	
FOR MAP ROOM --	VIA --
SUBJECT Announcement of command changes.	

ACTION

Answers PM #612.

(See also Hopkins' message to PM, 21 December 1943)

Answered by PM # 514.

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21 DECEMBER 1943

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PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

Number 422, personal and [redacted] from the President for the Former Naval Person.

I have just received the following message from Harriman dated 20 December. QUOTE. Request that I be informed of the action taken to carry out the commitment made by you and the Prime Minister at the Teheran Conference that the Italian ships requested by the Soviets should be delivered on one February, as I shall undoubtedly be queried at a meeting with Molotov scheduled for Friday or Saturday to discuss unfinished business of Teheran. UNQUOTE.

I have sent the following reply. QUOTE. It is my intention that Italian surrendered ships to a number of one-third of the total be allocated commencing about one February to the Soviet war effort as rapidly as they can be made available from their present employment in the Allied War effort.

After the surrender of our common enemies the title of ownership will be decided.

I have requested Combined Chiefs of Staff to issue necessary orders to General Eisenhower. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1315, EWT, 21 December 1943.

George M. Elser
GEORGE M. ELSER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

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By *W.F. Stewart*
Date NOV 1 1971

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FROM The President

TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL 422

DATE 21 December 1943

DATE/TIME 211740 NCR 7415
OR FILE NUMBER

FOR MAP ROOM

VIA

SUBJECT Turning over 1/3 of Italian ships to Russians.

ACTION President sent message to Ambassador Harriman (via Alusna Moscow) on 21 December 1943 in answer to Harriman's message re giving 1/3 of Italian ships to Russians, as previously promised by Pres and PM. President directed that copy of his message to Harriman be sent to PM.

Lt. Elsey paraphrased both messages, which were incorporated in Pres' #422.

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PRIORITY

FROM: WAR
TO: FREEDOM, ALGIERS #5457

22 DECEMBER 1948

FOR THE EYES OF GENERAL EISENHOWER OR GENERAL SMITH ONLY FOR
DELIVERY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ NUMBER 425, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

REFERRING TO YOUR 518, I HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING TO EISENHOWER
THIS DATE:

"PLEASE INFORM THE FRENCH COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

'IN VIEW OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE ALLIED ARMIES DURING
THE CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA BY BOISSON, PETROUTIN AND FLANDIN, YOU
ARE DIRECTED TO TAKE NO ACTION AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS AT
THE PRESENT TIME.'

I HOPE YOU ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THIS DIRECTIVE AND WILL SO
INFORM EISENHOWER AND MACMILLEN.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS THE PROPER TIME EFFECTIVELY TO ELIMINATE
THE JEANNE D'ARC COMPLEX AND TO RETURN TO REALISM. I TOO AM SHOCKED BY
THE HIGH HANDED ARRESTS AT THIS TIME.

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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December 22, 1943.

PRESIDENT TO PRIME

423

Referring to your 513, I have sent the following to Eisenhower this date:
"Please inform the French Committee as follows"
"In view of assistance given to the allied armies during the campaign in Africa by Bolasson, Peyroutin and Flandin, you are directed to take no action against these individuals at the present time."

I hope you are in full agreement with this directive and will so inform Eisenhower and MacMillen.

It seems to me that this is the proper time to effectively ^{to} eliminate ~~the Jeanne~~ the Jeanne d'Arc complex and to return to realism. I too am shocked by the high handed arrests at this time.

Roosevelt

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 423	DATE 22 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER Freedom #5457	
FOR MAP ROOM 1130	VIA Admiral Leahy
SUBJECT Trial of Boisson, Peyrouin, and others. by French Committee.	

ACTION Answers PM #513.

Admiral Leahy prepared directive to General Eisenhower, (FREEDOM #5456, 22 Dec); repeated to the Prime Minister in Algeria in this message (FREEDOM 5457, 22 Dec); sent in memorandum form to Secretary of State for him to advise Murphy of action.

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ACTION COMPLETED: <i>"French Trial Committee"</i>	FILED:
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PRIORITY

23 DECEMBER 1945

FROM: WAR
TO : FREEDOM, ALGIERS

FOR THE EYES OF GENERAL EISENHOWER OR GENERAL SMITH ONLY FOR
DELIVERY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

NUMBER 424, PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~, FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE
FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

YOUR 514 AND MESSAGE TO HOPKINS 22/1855Z I WILL ON DECEMBER 24
ANNOUNCE THAT EISENHOWER WILL COMMAND THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ORGANIZING IN THE U.K. FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST THE FORTRESS OF EUROPE,
AND THAT SPAATZ WILL COMMAND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN STRATEGIC BOMBING FORCE
OPERATING AGAINST GERMANY, THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMAND IS TO BE
TURNED OVER TO A BRITISH COMMANDER WHOSE NAME WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY YOU.
I WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE THAT A LARGE AMERICAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE WILL BE
EMPLOYED IN THE VITAL MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

IT IS AGREED THAT YOU MAY AT THE SAME TIME IF YOU WISH TO DO SO
ANNOUNCE THAT WILSON WILL COMMAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THAT MONTGOMERY
WILL COMMAND THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY GROUP UNDER EISENHOWER,
AND THAT ALEXANDER WILL COMMAND THE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY UNDER WILSON.
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MY ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE IN A RADIO SPEECH FROM HYDE PARK AT THREE
P.M. EASTERN WAR TIME. PLEASE SYNCHRONIZE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT.

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at 1245, EWT, 28 December 1945.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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December 23, 1943.

PRESIDENT TO PRIME #424.

Your 514 and message to Hopkins 22/1855Z I will on December 24 announce that Eisenhower will command the Allied Expeditionary Forces organizing in the U.K. for operations against the fortress of Europe, and that Spaatz will command the entire American strategic bombing force operating against Germany, that the Mediterranean Command is to be turned over to a British Commander whose name will be announced by you. I will also announce that a large American Army and Air Force will be employed in the vital Mediterranean Area.

It is agreed that you may at the same time if you wish to do so announce that Wilson will command in the Mediterranean, that Montgomery will command the British and Canadian Expeditionary Group under Eisenhower, and that Alexander will command the Allied armies in Italy under Wilson. Subordinate Commanders will be announced later.

My announcement will be in a radio speech from Hyde Park at three p.m. Eastern War Time. ~~I hope your announcement~~ ^{Plus} ~~can~~ synchronize *your announcement*.

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PRIORITY

27 DECEMBER 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 426, PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM
THE PRESIDENT.

YOUR 517.

YESTERDAY I SENT THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL EISENHOWER.

"IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION SINCE DISPATCH TO YOU
OF THE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED IN AGWAR 5456, IT IS DESIRED THAT IF NOT
ALREADY DELIVERED TO THE FRENCH COMMITTEE YOU WITHHOLD IT AND, SUBJECT
TO YOUR DISCRETION, DELIVER THE FOLLOWING WHICH EXPRESSES MY VIEWS ON
THE MATTER. IF, IN YOUR JUDGMENT, THE SAME ENDS CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, FORMAL PRESENTATION NEED NOT BE MADE. IN ANY
EVENT WE MUST HAVE FORMAL ASSURANCE FROM THE FRENCH COMMITTEE THAT NO
TRIALS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE RESTORATION OF
FRANCE IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL
LAWS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

"IN VIEW OF THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED THE ALLIED ARMIES DURING
THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN BY PETROUCON, BOISSON AND FLANDIN THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIEWS WITH ALARM REPORTS REACHING IT
TO THE EFFECT THAT THESE GENTLEMEN HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH HIGH
TREASON. IF, IN VIEW OF THE CHARGES MADE, IT IS NECESSARY
THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD STAND TRIAL, THEIR TRIALS SHOULD
NOT BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE LIBERATION OF FRANCE AND THE ES-
TABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT."

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Room at 1130, EWT, 27 December 1943.

ROOSEVELT

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER #425

Your 517.

Yesterday I sent the following instructions to General Eisenhower:

"In view of developments in the situation since dispatch to you of the instructions included in AGWAR 5456, it is desired that if not already delivered to the French Committee you withhold it and, subject to your discretion, deliver the following which expresses my views on the matter. If, in your judgment, the same ends can be obtained through informal discussions, formal presentation need not be made. In any event we must have formal assurance from the French Committee that no trials of these individuals will take place until the restoration of France is accomplished and then in accordance with the constitutional laws of the French Republic.

"In view of the assistance rendered the allied armies during the North African campaign by Peyrouton, Boisson and Flandin the United States Government views with alarm reports reaching it to the effect that these gentlemen have been charged with high treason. If, in view of the charges made, it is necessary that these individuals should stand trial, their trials should not be held until after the liberation of France and the establishment of constitutional government."

ROOSEVELT



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FROM President	TO Prime Minister
SERIAL 425	DATE 27 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 271616 NCR 8164	
TOR MAP ROOM --	VIA Admiral Leahy
SUBJECT Arrests and trial of Boisson, Peyrouton and Flandin.	

ACTION

Answers PM #517, copy of which was sent to Colonel Sexton, together with PM 513, POTUS #423, POTUS-EISENHOWER 5456, EISENHOWER-POTUS 22 Dec 43 and memo, MARSHALL-PRESIDENT which quotes msg from Bedell Smith.

Sexton prepared answer; approved by Leahy 25 Dec; sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 14, 25/2050Z; President approved in BLACK 5, 26/1700Z; sent to General Eisenhower as FREEDOM 5752; quoted to PM in this msg, #425.

See "French Natl Committee" in control card file.

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"French Natl Committee"

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27 DECEMBER 1943

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FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 426, [REDACTED] AND PERSONAL, FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT.

YOUR FINE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE REACHED US AT HYDE PARK WHERE MRS. ROOSEVELT AND I WERE GATHERED WITH THE CHILDREN. THANK YOU ALL EVER SO MUCH.

REFERENCE YOUR 518 AND 522.

MY BRIEF ABSENCE HAS INTERVENED TO DELAY DECISION ON SOME OF THE SECONDARY AMERICAN COMMANDERS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AND UNITED KINGDOM. IT SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AT WHICH TIME I WILL ANNOUNCE THEM.

MEANWHILE I CAN SEE NO OBJECTION TO ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS OF TEDDER, RAMSEY, LEIGH-MALLORY AND PAGET AS YOU HAVE INDICATED.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1540, EWT, 27 December 1943.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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Date NOV 1 1971

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER #426

Your fine Christmas message reached us at Hyde Park where Mrs. Roosevelt and I were gathered with the children. Thank you all ever so much.

Reference your 518 and 522.

My brief absence has intervened to delay decision on some of the secondary American commanders for the Mediterranean and United Kingdom. It should be settled within the next few days at which time I will announce them.

Meanwhile I can see no objection to announcing the appointments of Tedder, Ramsey, Leigh-Mallory and Paget as you have indicated.



ROOSEVELT

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Radio to Prime Minister #426

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By W.J. Hewitt
Date NOV 1 1971

FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT stop REFERENCE
YOUR FIVE ONE EIGHT AND FIVE TWO TWO I CAN SEE NO OBJECTION TO ANNOUNC-
ING THE APPOINTMENTS OF TEDDER comma RAMSEY comma LEIGH-MALLORY AND
PAGET AS INDICATED stop THE MATTER OF SECONDARY AMERICAN COMMANDERS
BOTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND IN UNITED KINGDOM HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY
DECIDED UPON period A DECISION ON THESE COMMANDERS SHOULD BE REACHED
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AT WHICH TIME I WILL ANNOUNCE THEM

The above was approved
by General Marshall 27 Dec
and formed the basis
for the President's 426 of
same date to the Prime
Min.

0482

FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 426	DATE 27 Dec 43.
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
FOR MAP ROOM --	VIA --
SUBJECT Acknowledgment of Christmas msg; Command changes.	

ACTION Para 1--Answers FM 520, Christmas greetings.

Para's 2,3, and 4--Answer FM 518, 519, and 522, copies of which were sent to Colonel Sexton for preparation of reply. President approved draft answer, sent to PM as POTUS #426.

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27 December 1943

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London

NUMBER 427. PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

Your Number 521.

It is agreed to delay the departure of fifty-six LST's scheduled for OVERLORD for mounting SHINGLE on 20 January and on the basis that OVERLORD remain the paramount operation and will be carried out on the date agreed to at Cairo and Teheran. All possible expedients should be undertaken to overcome probable effect on OVERLORD preparation to which end the other twelve LST's for OVERLORD should depart as now scheduled and the fifteen LST's ex-BUCCANEER arriving in Mediterranean on 14 January should proceed directly to U.K. I agree that HERCULES and Aegean must be side-tracked and that we cannot give further consideration to launching HERCULES prior to ANVIL.

In view of the Soviet-British-American agreement reached in Teheran I cannot agree without Stalin's approval to any use of forces or equipment elsewhere that might delay or hazard the success of OVERLORD or ANVIL.

ROOSEVELT

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

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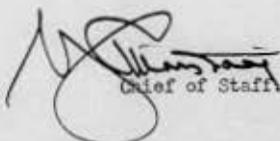
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

27 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL LEAHY:

Attached hereto is the draft of a proposed reply from the President to the Prime Minister concerning the delay in departure of fifty-six LST's from the Mediterranean for OVERLORD.


Chief of Staff

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER #427

Your Number 521.

It is agreed to delay the departure of fifty-six LST's scheduled for OVERLORD for mounting SHINGLE on 20 January and on the basis that OVERLORD remain the paramount operation and will be carried out on the date agreed to at Cairo and Teheran. All possible expedients should be undertaken to overcome probable effect on OVERLORD preparation to which end the other twelve LST's for OVERLORD should depart as now scheduled and the fifteen LST's ex-SUCCANER arriving in Mediterranean on 14 January should proceed directly to U.K. I agree that HERCULES and Aegean must be sidetracked and that we cannot give further consideration to launching HERCULES prior to ANVIL.

In view of the Soviet-British-American agreement reached in Teheran I cannot agree without Stalin's approval to any use of forces or equipment ^{elsewhere} that might delay or hazard the success of OVERLORD or ANVIL.

Roosevelt

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 427	DATE 27 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
FOR MAP ROOM --	VIA ---
SUBJECT Operation SHINGLE; assignment of 1ST's.	

ACTION

Answers PM 521, which was sent to Hyde Park as WHITE 15, 261240Z. The President, in BLACK 7, 261700Z, directed copies be furnished Admiral Leahy and General Marshall for preparation of reply for approval and transmission on 27 Dec. (See "Background folder")

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27 December 1943

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PRIORITY

From: Opanv

To : Aluzna, London

PERSONAL AND ~~SECRET~~ FROM THE PRESENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL
PERSON. NUMBER 428.

The sinking of the SCHARNHORST has been great news to all
of us.

Congratulations to the Home Fleet.

ROOSEVELT

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

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27 December 1943

PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER.

THE SINKING OF THE SCHARNHORST HAS BEEN GREAT NEWS TO ALL
OF US.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOME FLEET.

Roosevelt

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FROM The President	TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 428	DATE 27 December 1943
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
FOR MAP ROOM	VIA
SUBJECT Congratulations on SCHARNHORST sinking.	

ACTION

Prepared by Lt. Myers in Map Room. Approved by President; sent to Code Room at 1845/27 EWT.

Answered by RM's 525, 29 Dec 43. (Also Para 4, RM #524, 28 Dec 43)

See Thrust-Accident memorandum, 3 Jan 44, for acknowledgment from Admiral Fraser.

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PRIORITY

28 December 1943

From: Opanv
To : Alusna, London

PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL
PERSON. NUMBER 429.

I agree absolutely with your 523, in regard to the postponement
of the Polish Prime Minister's visit to Washington until after you have
had an opportunity to see him. I am sending him a message accordingly.

ROOSEVELT

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Robert H. Myers
Lieut. (jg) USNR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

There is attached for your approval a reply to Mr. Churchill's telegram no. 523 regarding his suggestion that it might be advisable to postpone the Polish Prime Minister's visit as well as a message to the Polish Prime Minister explaining the reasons for the postponement.

The copy of Mr. Churchill's telegram to you is returned herewith and if you approve of the telegram to Premier Mikolajczyk, please return it to the Department and I will see that it is dispatched.

Heil

Enclosures:

1. To Mr. Churchill.
2. To Premier Mikolajczyk.
3. From Mr. Churchill,
27 December, 1943.



#429

See message to Prime Minister Mikolajczyk, 28 Dec 43, sent via State Department.

0493

(Send thru Map Room)

December 28, 1943

FOR: PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL #429

I agree absolutely with your 523, in regard to the postponement of the Polish Prime Minister's visit to Washington until after you have had an opportunity to see him. I am sending him a message accordingly.

ROOSEVELT

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DRAFT TELEGRAM FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

I agree absolutely with
~~in accordance with the request in your 523,~~
^{in regard to}
~~I am agreeable to~~ the postponement of the Polish

Prime Minister's visit to Washington until after

you have had an opportunity to see him. I am sending

him a message accordingly

Franklin D. Roosevelt

~~FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT~~

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A.R.

0495

FROM The President

TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL #429

DATE 28 December 1945

DATE/TIME 28/2237 NCR 8453,
OR FILE NUMBER

FOR MAP ROOM --

VIA --

SUBJECT Visit of Polish Prime Minister to Washington.

ACTION

Answers PM 523, copy of which was sent to State Department for preparation of reply. Draft msg of State Department amended by President, sent to PM as this #429. Message sent to Polish Prime Minister Mikolajczyk by State Department via Schoenfeld in London.

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30 DECEMBER 1943

PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 430, ~~REDACTED~~ AND PERSONAL, FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I AM IN BED FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS WITH A MILD CASE OF THE "FLU" WHICH, IN A MILD FORM, HAS BECOME EPIDEMIC THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

YOUR 528. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE SAFELY AT FLOWER VILLA. I SUGGEST THAT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY YOU INVITE THE TWO GENTLEMEN WHO CONGRATULATED YOU, THEN LOCK THEM IN IN THE TOP OF THE TOWER WHERE WE SAW THE SUNSET AND TELL THEM YOU WILL STAY AT THE BOTTOM TO SEE WHETHER THE BLACK OR THE RED THROWS THE OTHER ONE OVER THE BATTLEMENTS.

ROOSEVELT

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George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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Date *NOV 1 1971*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1943.

FORMER NAVAL PERSON

#430

I am in bed for two or three days with a mild case of the "flu" which, in a mild form, has become epidemic throughout the country.

^{Yours S 28} I am delighted that you are safely at Flower Villa. I suggest that on New Year's Day you invite the two gentlemen who congratulated you, then lock them in in the top of the tower where we saw the sunset and tell them you will stay at the bottom to see whether the black or the red throws the other one over the battlements.

ROOSEVELT

0498

FROM	The President	TO	The Prime Minister
SERIAL	430	DATE	30 December 1943
DATE/TIME	310208 NCR 8911		
OR FILE NUMBER			
OR MAP ROOM	// 1800/30	VIA	Miss Tully
SUBJECT	In bed with Flu; reply to congratulation to Churchill from Franco and Tito.		

ACTION

Answers #528. Miss Tully brought reply to Map Room at 1800/30th. Sent to President as 30/1800Z.

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PRIORITY

31 DECEMBER 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

~~██████████~~ AND PERSONAL, NUMBER 431, FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON
FROM THE PRESIDENT.

REPLYING TO YOUR 527 I AM INFORMED TODAY BY EISENHOWER THAT
MR. WILSON HAS REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE PERSONS REFERRED TO IN 527
WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL BEFORE THERE IS A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN FRANCE AND THAT DE GAULLE GUARANTEES THEY WILL
IN THE MEANTIME BE HOUSED IN COMFORTABLE QUARTERS ON OUTSKIRTS OF
ALGIERS.

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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December 31, 1943.

PRESIDENT TO PRIME #431.

Replying to your 527 I am informed today by Eisenhower that Mr. Wilson has reported to him that the persons referred to in 527 will not be brought to trial before there is a properly constituted National Assembly in France and that DeGaulle guarantees they will in the meantime be housed in comfortable quarters on outskirts of Algiers.

Roosevelt

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FROM	The President	TO	The Prime Minister
SERIAL	451	DATE	31 Dec 45.
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER			
FOR MAP ROOM	1110/31 C	VIA	Admiral Leahy
SUBJECT Arrest of Boisson, Peyrouton and Flandin by Natl French Committee.			

ACTION

Answers PM 527, 30 Dec 45, which was given to Admiral Leahy by direction of the President for preparation of message to Ambassador Wilson. Message to Wilson unnecessary in view of Eisenhower-Marshall, Algiers W-8959 31 Dec 45, filed 611 French Natl Committee (1) Sec. 5.

Leahy's draft message to PM approved by President, 301100G.

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DATE _____

THE PRESIDENT FDR (2)

MR. HOPKINS RL

ADMIRAL LEAHY WDL (E)

ADMIRAL BROWN WB (E)

COLONEL MATHEWSON LM (E)

CAPTAIN WOOD HW

31 December 1943

~~SECRET~~
PRIORITY

From: Opnav
To : Alusna, London

FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL
AND ~~SECRET~~ NUMBER 432.

Referring to your number 526. Thank you for agreeing that General Devers may be assigned as Deputy to General Wilson in addition to commanding U. S. troops in the Mediterranean Theater, which appointment I have announced. I have also announced that General Eaker has been chosen to command the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean.

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L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

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December 30, 1943.

PRESIDENT TO PRIME

432.

Referring to your number 526.

Thank you for agreeing that General Devers may be assigned as Deputy to General Wilson in addition to commanding U. S. troops in the Mediterranean theater, which appointment I have announced. I have also announced that General Eaker has been chosen to command the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean.

Roosevelt

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

[Handwritten signature]

December 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL LEAHY: 432

Attached is a proposed reply for the President to the Prime Minister's number 526:

"At a press conference on December 28 I announced that General Devers would be assigned to command the United States Forces in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations as Deputy to Supreme Commander General H. Maitland Wilson. Also at the same press conference General Eaker was announced as Commander of Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean."

[Handwritten signature]
Chief of Staff.

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FROM President	TO Prime Minister
SERIAL 432	DATE 30 December 1945
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER	
TOP MAP ROOM 1200/20	VIA Admiral Leahy
SUBJECT <i>Command change & announcement.</i>	

ACTION Answers PM #626, 30 Dec 45. By direction of the President Leahy prepared answer; sent to PM as this #432.

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<i>Command</i>		