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

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1 November 1943

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FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSHIA, LONDON

To the Former Naval Person from the President, Number 405.

Personal and

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 60 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."
ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room at 2230 EWT, 1 November 1943

BOYCE P. PRICE

Captain, C. E.

020307
NCR 1448

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By W.J. Howard
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**ACTION**

(See POTUS 4402, 29 Oct; PM 4480, 30 Oct.)

Statement prepared by Navy Department; concurred in by CMI; sent to POTUS at Hyde Park as White 31 (01/19142). Approved by POTUS in Black 8 (02/0205Z).

Sent to PM as Cpnav's 020308 NCR 9448.

Prime answered in his **29** Nov.

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**FILED:**

8 Nov 1943
From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

Number 406, personal and confidential 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 Baara 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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**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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**ACTION COMPLETED:**

**FILED:** 5 Nov 1943
4 November 1945

From: Opnav
To: Aluana, London

PERSONAL AND 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.

ROOSEVELT

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
Signature: W.G. Stewart
Date: Nov 1, 1971

Released from the White House Map Room at 1235, EWT, 4 November 1943.

Georges M. Ellery
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
November 4, 1943.

SECRET
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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By
Date NOV 1 1971
FROM POTUS TO PRIME

SERIAL 407 TO

DATE/TIME 041713 NCR 9874

OR FILE NUMBER

TOR 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 1235 WST, 4 Nov.

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILMED: 4 November 43

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5 November 1943

PRIVATE

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

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

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

ROOSEVELT

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By
Date

Released from the Map Room,
1930 E.W.T. 5 November 1943

Robert W. Bogue
Lt. (JG) USNR
From: Opnav.
To: Alumna, London.

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL AND

Year No. 491

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

ROOSEVELT

Notify W+H Navy
FROM The President
TO The Prime Minister
SERIAL 408
DATE 6 November 1943
DATE/TIME
OR FILE NUMBER 052356
TOR MAP ROOM 1900 BET 5 Nov.
VIA Admiral Brown
SUBJECT Anti-Submarine Monthly Statement

ACTION Answers Pm to Pres No. 491

Acknowledged by PM in his #493.

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ACTION COMPILED: FILED: 8 Nov 1943
5 November 1943

From: Opnav
To: Alumsa, London

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT, PERSONAL AND NUMBER 409.

Replying to your 490, the Combined Chiefs of Staff today authorized Eisenhower to retain until December 16 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 MAP 498.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the Map Room, 1930 H.W.T. 5 November 1943

Robert W. Bogue
Lt(jg) USNR

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By
Date NOV 1 1971
November 5, 1943.

SECRET

PRESIDENT TO PRIME #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. I think this action will meet his essential requirements as stated in his N.A.F. 498.

Roosevelt

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By: W. Stewart
Date: Nov 1 1971
FROM: The President
TO: The Prime Minister

SERIAL: 409
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER: 082359
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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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:
5 November 1943

PRIORITY
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 410 PERSONAL AND SPECIAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER
NAVAL PERSON. YOUR NUMBER 468.

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 C 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 C 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, Somervell 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,
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.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 2140 E.W.T. 5 November 1943

Robert W. Boggs
Lt.(jg) USNR

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By: __________________________
Date: NOV 1 1971
Fleming Naval Person #410

From The President

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25 and 26

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is over. All this will

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 FM #425.

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

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ACTION COMPLETED:

FILED: 8 Nov 43
From: Opnav
To: Alusma, London

Number 411, personal and secret for the former naval person from the President.
Your 479.
I have not received invitation from Kirk and have directed my representative Heil to make arrangements after consultation with British Minister.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room at 1640, EWT, 8 November 1943.

L. Mathewson, Colonel, General Staff.

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Your 479.

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

ROOSEVELT
Press to Prime

Your 479

I have not received invitation from
Kirk, and have elected my
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**ACTION**

Answered 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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Filed: 9 Nov 1943
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From: OcnAv
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.

ROOSEVELT

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By

Date: Nov 1 1971

Released from the White House Map Room at 1645, EWT, 8 November 1943.

L. Mathewson,
Colonel, General Staff.

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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.

ROOSEVELT

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By LWJ Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971
Mr. Prime,

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

Message prepared by Admiral Leahy, approved by the President.

Sent to Ambassador Harriman in Moscow, Opnav 082146 NCR 598; to FM as #412.
SECRET

8 November 1943

From: CNO
To: Aluana, London

For the FormerNavalPerson from the President, Number 413,

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."

ROOSEVELT

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By
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at 1700, EST, 8 November 1945.

L. WATKINS
Colonel, General Staff.
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**SUBJECT** SEXTANT - quotes message to Chiang Kai-Shek asking him to meet at Cairo on 22nd.

**ACTION**

Answers PM #495, 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 Amica Chungking #3788, 8 Nov. Quoted to PM in #413.

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8 November 1943

From: Opnav
To: Aluma, London

AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

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 Kanisfried, Richshafen, Mixtgenmerth Berlin, Kugellagerwerke Schweinfurt, Wiener Neustadt and at an isolated factory on the 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 Shemlergembeinski who was in charge. This came from an informer via Turkey.

ROOSEVELT

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Ogden Collins
Lieutenant (Jg), USNR

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Nov 1 1977
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
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 KANIAFRIED, RICHSFAPEN, MIXTENKERTH 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 PERNEMUND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHMIEGEMEINSKI WHO WAS IN CHARGE. This came from an

informant via Terry. ROOSEVELT
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.

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

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 "Alicrylax." The designa-
tion 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 combus-
tion 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/M to be an acetaldihyde, butane, nitric acid compo-
sition. There is, however, a wide field of liquid fuels that might
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
Captain, U.S.N.R.

The foregoing are only the personal comments of the writer.
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 impulsion, 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 benefited 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.
The following Office of Strategic Services classified document is closed:

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

TO PRIME

SERIAL 414

DATE 8 Nov 1943

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TOR MAP ROOM -- VIA Admiral Brown

SUBJECT Rocket bombs

ACTION

Answers PM to POTUS #474, 28 Oct 43.

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

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED: 9 Nov 43
9 November 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUENA, LONDON

NUMBER 415, PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL, 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, EET, 9 November 1943.

L. MATHERSON, Colonel, General Staff.

DECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

By W.E. Stebbins
Date NOV 1 1971

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November 9, 1943.

TO: FORMER NAVAL PERSON #41/5

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

[Signature]
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - (Resignation of King and Bodoglio)

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.
10 November 1943

From: Opmav
To: Alouza London

Personal and from the President for the Former Naval
Person. Number 416.
Your 497.

As we cannot arrive OROR before forenoon November 20th, 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 you are bringing Winant.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1215, EST, 10 November 1943.

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By: W. P. Stewart
Date: NOV 1 1974
November 10, 1943.

From: OSS
To: Alussa London #416

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[Signature]

P.S. If you should return by air to U.S.
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**ACTION**

11/10/43
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.
From: Opnav
To: Aluana, London

PERSONAL AND 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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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By [Signature]
Date [Nov 1 1971]
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

Released from the White House Map Room at 1900, EWT, 10 November 1943

L. MATHERSON,
Colonel, General Staff
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

DECLASSIFIED
By Authority of SEC ARMY
BY TAG PER 720574
By RAMO Date MAY 6 1972
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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.

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Original of this document delivered to Samuel Marshall's office by Colonel Matthews 20 November 1943.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11 November 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO: Alusma, London

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON

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.

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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 Staff's 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.

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

DECASSIFIED
By Deputy Assistant of the U.S.

Date: 02/14/1971

0453
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 2120 EWT 11 November 1943

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

RECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By, Date

SECRET
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November 11, 1943.

FORMER NAVAL PERSON

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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.
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 SEKTANT 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.
NAVAL DISPATCH
NAVY DEPARTMENT
21 November, 1943.

FROM: The President.
DATE: 
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TOR Coderoom: 

TO: The Prime Minister.

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PERSONAL AND 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. TYPographically well so letter.

Released:

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

By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By 
Date 
NOV 1 1971
8 December 1943

PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To: Almuna, London

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

With reference to the Cairo dispatch 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, EWT, 8 December, 1943.

Boje P. Price
Captain, C. E.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By
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0460
FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

SERIAL 419 DATE 8 December 1943

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TOR MAP ROOM 2017, EWT 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, CH-IN-4989, 8 Dec. 1943), re CCS decisions on Mediterranean Command.

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

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December 11, 1943

AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON (ENGLAND)

PERSONAL AND SECRET FOR AMBASSADOR WINANT OR IN HIS
ABSENCE CHARGE 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

S:JFS:ARK

DECLASSIFIED
DEPARTMENT LETTER, 1-11-48
By FEB 4 1972
Received from Russian Embassy (Mr. V. I. Barykin) at 1230 EWT, this date. Transmitted for and in the name of the President by Mr. Hull to the Prime Minister.
17 December 1943

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT, PERSONAL AND 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 0530, EST, 17 December 1943

BOYCE P. PRICE
Captain, C. E.
FROM The President
TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL 420
DATE 17 December 1943

DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 170506 NCR 6700

TOR MAP ROOM -- VIA APR

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.
20 December 1943

From: Omna
To: A. Alusma, London

Personal and secret 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, Baker 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 Marrakesh. 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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Released from the White House Map Room at 1310, NWT, 20 December 1943.

By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

L. Mathews
Colonel, General Staff.

TG 201815 NCR 7216
December 20, 1943

PRESIDENT TO PRIME: #421

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Answers PM #612.

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

Annexed by PM # 514.

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21 DECEMBER 1943

FROM: CPHAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

Number 422, personal and secret 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.
**ACTION**

President sent message to Ambassador Harriman (via Alusna Moscow) on 21 December 1943 in answer to Harriman's message regarding 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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**SUBJECT**

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

PRIORITY

FROM: WAR
FRIDOM, ALGIERS

TO: FREEDOM, ALGIERS

22 DECEMBER 1943

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

PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] NUMBER 625, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

REFERRING TO YOUR 618, 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, PETROUIN AND PLANIN, 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 MACMILLAN.

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.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room at 11:00, EST, 22 December 1943.

DECLASSIFIED By Deputy Archivist of the U.S. By [Signature] Date [Redacted]
SECRET

PRESIDENT TO PRIME 423

December 22, 1943.

Referring to your 513, I have sent the following to Eisenhower this date:

"In view of assistance given to the allied armies during the campaign in Africa by Boisson, 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 eliminate the Fascist threat. The conditions are most favorable to this course of action.

[Signature]

DECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By [Signature] 1 Nov 1974
FROM  The President

TO    The Prime Minister

SERIAL  425

DATE  22 December 1943

DATE/TIME Freedom #5487

OR FILE NUMBER

FOR MAP ROOM 1130 VIA Admiral Leahy

SUBJECT Trial of Boisson, Peyroutin, and others by French Committee.

ACTION Answers PM #512.

Admiral Leahy prepared directive to General Eisenhower, (Freedom #5466, 22 Dec); repeated to the Prime Minister in Algiers in this message (Freedom #5487, 22 Dec); sent in memorandum form to Secretary of State for him to advise Murphy of action.

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ACTION COMPLETED:

"French trial Committee"

PIRHD:
23 DECEMBER 1943

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 ____________, FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE
FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

YOUR S14 AND MESSAGE TO HOPKINS 22/18552 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 SPAAZT 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.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room at 1345, EST, 23 December 1943,

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

DECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

By ___________, Date ___ NOV 1 1971
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. These your announcement will be can synchronize your announcement.
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Answers PM-POTUS #614, and PM's message to Hopkins, 22 Dec 43.

Prepared by Admiral Leahy.
FROM: OPNAV  TO: ALIUSKA, LONDON

NUMBER 426, PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL 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 8486, IT IS DESIRED THAT IF NOT ALREADY DELIVERED TO THE FRENCH COMMITTEE YOU WITHHELD IT AND, SUBJECT TO YOUR DISCRETION, DELIVER THE FOLLOWING WHICH EXPRESS 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 PETROUTON, DOISSON AND PLANDIN 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

Released from the White House Map Room at 1130, EWT, 27 December 1943.

L. MATHENSON,  Colonel, General Staff.
SECRET

PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

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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**ACTION**

Answers PM #517, copy of which was sent to Colonel Sexton, together with PM 515, POTUS #423, POTUS-EISENHOWER 5466, 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, 26/2050Z; President approved in BLACK 5, 26/1700Z; sent to General Eisenhower as FREEDOM 5782; quoted to PM in this msg, #425.

See "French Natl Committee" in control card file.

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**ACTION COMPLETED:**

"French Natl Committee"
FROM: OPM NAV
TO: ALUSHA, LONDON

NUMBER 426, 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.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By L. Mathewson, Colonel, General Staff.
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 618 and 622.

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
Radio to Prime Minister #426

FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT stop REFERENCE

YOUR FIVE ONE EIGHT AND FIVE TWO TWO I CAN SEE NO OBJECTION TO ANNOUNCING 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 44 and formed the basis for the President's 426 stop same date to the Prime Minister
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**VIA**

**SUBJECT** Acknowledgment of Christmas msg; Command changes.

**ACTION**

Para 1—Answers PM 520, Christmas greetings.

Para's 2,3, and 4—Answer PM 518, 519, and 522, copies of which were sent to Colonel Sexton for preparation of reply. President approved draft answer, sent to PM as CHUTS #426.
To: Alusna, London

NUMBER 427. PERSONAL AND 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

Released from the White House Map Room at 1350, EST, 27 December 1943.

L. Mather Son, Colonel, General Staff
MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL LERTY:

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.

[Signature]
Chief of Staff
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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-JUCCANEER 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 elsewhere to any use of forces or equipment that might delay or hazard the success of OVERLORD or ANVIL.

Roosevelt
FROM | The President
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TO | The Prime Minister
SERIAL | 427
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER | 27 December 1943
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VIA | ---
SUBJECT | Operation SHINGLE; assignment of LST's.

**ACTION**

Answers PM 521, which was sent to Hyde Park as WHITE 16, 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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**ACTION COMPLETED:** SHINGLE

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From: Opnav

To: Alama, London

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL TO 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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By [Signature]
Date [Nov 1, 1971]
27 December 1943

PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOME FLEET.

[Signature]
NEW YORK TIMES, 30 December 1943

Acclaim British Navy

By The Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 29—President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin sent messages to Prime Minister Churchill congratulating the British Navy on sinking the German battleship Schamholtz, 19 Downing Street announced tonight.

President Roosevelt's message said:

"The sinking of the Schamholtz has been a great news to all of us. Congratulations to the Home Fleet!"

Premier Stalin said:

"I send to you personally and also to Fraser (Admiral Sir Bruce A. Fraser, commander in chief of the Home Fleet) and the valiant sailors of the Duke of York my congratulations on this splendid blow, the sinking of the Schamholtz."

Also included in the message were:
FROM  The President
TO    The Prime Min. ster
 SERIAL  428
 DATE  27 December 1943
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 SUBJECT Congratulations on SCHRANHORST sinking.

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

Answered by 7m 525.  29 Dec. 43. (Abc  
Case A, PH 525.  29 Dec. 43)

See Assistant-Adinter unnumbered 3 Jan. 44 for acknowledgment from Admiral Read.

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILMED:

"Schnorhorsit"
From: Opnav
To: Alusma, London

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL 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

Released from the White House Map Room at 1815, EWT, 28 December 1943

Robert H. Myers
Lieut. (jg) USNR

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By [Signature]
Date NOV 1 1971

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292237 - NCR 8153
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 Molotow, please return it to the Department and I will see that it is dispatched.

Enclosures:
1. To Mr. Churchill.
2. To Premier Molotow.
3. From Mr. Churchill, 27 December, 1943.
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
DRAFT TELEGRAM FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

I agree absolutely with

In accordance with the request in your 523,

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
FROM: The President
TO: The Prime Minister

SERIAL: 429
DATE: 28 December 1943

DATE/TIME: 28/2237 NCR 8463

FOR MAP ROOM: --
VIA: --

SUBJECT: Visit of Polish Prime Minister to Washington.

ACTION:

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

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED: "Bland"
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PRIORITY

30 DECEMBER 1943

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSHA, LONDON

NUMBER 430, 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 RATTLEMENTS.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
on 30 December 1943, 1805, EWT.

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

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By
Date NOV 7 1973

SECRET
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1943.

FORMER NAVAL PERSON

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.

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.

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ACTION COMPLETED

Answers #628. Miss Tully brought reply to Map Room at 1800/50th. Sent to President as 50/1800Z.
SECRET
PRIORITY

31 DECEMBER 1943

FROM: COHNA
TO: ALUSMA, LONDON

REPLYING TO YOUR 527 I AM INFORMED TODAY BY EISENBAWER 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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at 1115, EWT, 31 December 1943.

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Date, NOV 1 1971

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.
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.

[Signature]

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W. Stewart
Date Nov 1, 1971
The President

TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL 431

DATE 31 Dec 45.

DATE/TIME FOR FILE NUMBER

FOR MAP ROOM 1110/31 G VIA Admiral Leahy

SUBJECT Arrest of Boisson, Peyrouxton 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 in French Natl Committee (1) Sec. 3.

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

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:

"French North Committee"
31 December 1943

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, London

FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON FROM THE PRESIDENT. PERSONAL
AND 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.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1215, EWT, 31 December 1943.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff

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By [Signature]
Date [Nov 1 1971]
December 30, 1943.

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.

[Signature]

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
Date Nov 1 1971
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. Wainwright Wilson. Also at the same press conference General Eaker was announced as Commander of Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean."

Chief of Staff.

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**ACTION**

Answers FM #626, 30 Dec 43. By direction of the President Leahy prepared answer; sent to PM as this #432.