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From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 183
Filed 011755Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and secret Nr. 183.

Your Nr. 392. I send you herewith a Staff and Foreign Office note on your specific proposal about American Engineers.

"It would be impossible to send American Army Engineers until Portuguese agreement is obtained. We are not in occupation of any of the islands and the facilities granted to us by the Portuguese only cover the airfield in Terceira and limited port facilities in Fayal. The Portuguese civil and military administration is still functioning in all the islands.

It would be helpful and save time if you could send the Engineer equipment already suggested by our Chiefs of Staff on 9th Oct.

Quite apart from securing Portuguese agreement, a necessary preliminary to the construction of new airfields will be the survey by aircraft photography for map making and by a reconnaissance party on foot both of which have been arranged by our two Staffs.

We will of course give you all possible facilities for transit aircraft at Lagens airfield as soon as Portuguese agreement to your military aircraft landing there has been obtained. The facilities at this airfield are fortunately better than our earlier report had indicated."

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Answer's POTUB #398. Sent to Hyde Park as White 32 (011948Z).

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From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 404, Filed: 02/03/43

Prime Minister to President personal and

1. Eden and, I presume, Hull are held up
at Moscow by weather and cannot reach Cairo till
fourth or fifth. If you wait for Hull to join
you at Washington, our meetings at Cairo would
be still further delayed beyond twenty second.
Would it not, therefore, be better for you to
sail as arranged on ninth, arriving at "O" say
sixteenth, and let Hull rest in Egyptian sun­
shine for a few days and meet you there? In that
case, I will ask Anthony to meet me in Africa in­
stead of coming home.

2. Parliament here rises, eleventh, and
I can lie alongside you at "O" or Gib, which last
is much the better on fifteenth or sixteenth. We
could, then, discuss the general situation and
results of Moscow conference on the highest level.

3. Admiral Andrew Cunningham, who knows
the Mediterranean back and forth, says that our
two staffs might meet in Malta on, say, seventeenth
and that in his opinion, voyage thru the Medi­
terranean could be safely arranged. I shall have an
extra cruiser? Staffs will want at least four
days together, and Malta is by far the best place
for the generals to come from the armies. We
could join them on the third or fourth day, say,
twenty-first, and then proceed to Cairo for the
main conference on twenty third or twenty fourth.
Weather is said to be bad for flying west of
Malta at this season but better to eastward.

* ADD - "to send staff forward on if convenient."

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By A. H. Parks Date 5/1972)
4. Conference at Cairo will open on twenty fourth, and here I suggest, notwithstanding what I have previously written, we ask for a triple conference with a proper Russian military delega-
tion beginning, say, twenty fifth or twenty sixth. We shall, then, have settled up our own business
of the Anglo-American campaign and will open the whole war situation frankly and fully to the
Russians. Chiang could arrive twenty seventh or twenty eighth, and we could turn homeward about,
say thirtieth. There is no need, unless you wish, for you to touch at Malta.

5. Uncle Joe will not come beyond Teheran.
I see no advantage in going to Basra, though I would gladly do so if a triple meeting could be
arranged. I suggest that, when we are at Cairo, we try to wheedle him to Habbaniya, or if the
weather is really good, make a six hours hop our-
selves to meeting him in Teheran. Failing this,
we should ask for Molotov.

6. The above plan seems to me to meet all
the essential needs, namely,

(A) Our preliminary meeting,

(B) The preliminary discussions of the
Anglo-American staffs in contact
with our generals, and

(C) The triple, and presently, quadruple
meeting at Cairo, where final de-
cisions can be taken.

In proposing this programme, I am influenced by the
prodigious results of the Moscow conference as exem-
plified in the paragraphs of the agreed communique
beginning, "Second only to the importance" and
"This conviction is expressed" and especially the
sentence "This declaration provides for even closer
collaboration in the prosecution of the war and in
all matters pertaining to the surrender and dis-
armament of the enemies with which the four countries
are respectively at war. This seems to me to contemplate an eventual, and possibly near, breach between Russia and Japan with all its consequential reactions.

7. I beg you to let me know how this programme strikes you and what changes in it you propose. Matters are so urgent that we must settle our plans soon.

8. I am sending a copy of this message to Eden who will still be in Moscow tomorrow.

Prime
FROM: PRIME

TO: POTUS

SERIAL: 484

DATE: 2 Nov 43

DATE/TIME: 02/0140Z

OR FILE NUMBER:

TOR MAP ROOM: --

VIA: Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Sextant conference.

ACTION: Sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 54.

Further comments made by PM in his §487, 2 Nov. President replied in his §406, 2 Nov.

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ACTION COMPLETED: 5 Nov 1943

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2 November 1943

From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 485

Prime Minister to President. Personal and most
Number 485.

My number 484.

1. Paragraph 2, last line. Omit the words
"which seem to be."

2. Paragraph 3. After the words "an extra
cruiser" add "to send staff forward on if convenient."

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By R. H. Parks Date May 5 1972
FROM PRIME TO PRESIDENT

SERIAL 485 DATE 2 Nov 1943

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TOR MAP ROOM VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT SEXTANT conference; correction to PM #464.

ACTION Corrections made in PM #464. No further action.

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED: 5 Nov 1943
From: London
For: The President of the United States

Number 486, Filed 021613Z

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt Number 486 personal and .

As I expected, Casey proposes that Admiral Q should use United States Minister's villa, and Colonel Warden Casey's villa, both handy and in the Pyramid District. There are several additional satisfactory villas for others, and I have got the option on Tutankhamen's tomb for Celestes. Everything can be made thoroughly satisfactory and secure and we shall all be together in the Pyramid District. All arrangements are going forward to be in readiness from the twentieth onwards. Your own Minister is arranging everything for your personal convenience. All will be smooth and easy in Cairo and I doubt not excellent arrangement can be made in Malta where several palaces are undamaged.

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From: London
For: The President of the United States

Number 487  Filed 02/NFT

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and

Further to my No. 484, Chiefs of Staff think it would be simpler and more secure if we rendezvoused around 17th at Malta. This would avoid our ships touching either at Oran or Gibraltar, both of which are to some extent under observation. Please consider this simplification.

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FROM  PRIME  TO  PRESIDENT

SERIAL  487  DATE  2 Nov 1943

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TOR MAP ROOM  --  VIA  Army Code Room

SUBJECT  SEXTANT conference (rendezvous at Malta)

ACTION

Continuation of PM 484.

Sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 40.

Answered by President in his 406, 2 Nov 1943.

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ACTION COMPLETED:  FILED:  5 Nov 1943
From: London
For: The President of the United States

Number 488

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and confidential Number 488. Your number 406.

1. I and the British Staffs will await you in Cairo on 22nd.

2. We think it necessary that the British and United States Staffs should consult together before any triple conference with the Russians take place, and that when it takes place there should be a responsible Russian delegation and not a mere observer. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you agree with this.

No Sig

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAY 5 1943

SECRET

0519
FROM PRIME

SERIAL 468

DATE/TIME 0X/1418Z

TOR MAP ROOM --

SUBJECT (1) Sextant conference; (2) Soviet representation at conference.

ACTION

Sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 43, 03/1358Z.

PARA 1 -- Answers POTUS 4406. "British staffs will await
U.S. staffs on 22nd at Cairo.

PARA 2 -- Continuation of PM 476, 27 Oct. Answered indirectly
by POTUS in his message to PM 410; to Stalin, Cnnav 082350, NCR 627.

ACTION COMPLETED: 9 Nov 43

FILED: 9 Nov 43
From: MA London
To: The President of the United States
No. 489 Filed: 2115 Z/03

From Prime Minister to President number 489.

Between the end of May and the middle of June there was some correspondence between our Governments on the subject of our representation at the seat of French authority in Algiers. Our last communication indicated that we did not propose, for the moment, to appoint a representative distinct from the Resident Minister.

Much has happened since then. We have recognized the French Committee of Liberation. The armies have marched forward into new lands. MacMillan has fresh, and increasing, duties and responsibilities with Eisenhower in Italy. I have decided, therefore, that the time has come to appoint a new and additional representative who can give his whole time to these anxious and intricate French affairs, and I have selected Duff Cooper for this purpose. I feel bound to give you advance information of this in case you may wish to consider any change in your representation.

No Sig
4 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEWS

The President has directed that the attached secret message from the Prime Minister be transmitted to the Department of State for its information and file.

L. MATHERSON
Colonel, General Staff

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**ACTION**

Sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 50, 3 November.

Paraphrased copy sent to State Department for information and file.

(Admiral Leahy said President did not intend to answer this message.)

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**ACTION COMPLETED:** 8 November 1943
From: London
For: The President of the United States

Prime Minister to President and personal Nr. 490.

1. It is with very great regret that I must bring to your notice the increasing anxiety of his Majesty's Government about the withdrawal of landing craft from the Mediterranean at this critical juncture. We now have before us General Eisenhower's forecast that he will not be able to occupy the line necessary to protect the Rome airfields before the end of January or even February if the present programme of withdrawals of landing craft is rigidly adhered to. He further explains in his NAF 498 the costly and prolonged frontal attacks that will be necessary in order to achieve this disappointing result. We feel entitled to ask our American Allies to attach weight to our earnest representations in view of the very great preponderance of British troops deployed against the enemy in Italy, with proportionate losses, and also in view of the clear opinions of the United States Commander in Chief under whom we serve.

2. Accordingly, the War Cabinet have formally desired me to ask that consideration shall be given by the United States Chiefs of Staff to the requests put forward by the British Chiefs of Staff in their cos (W) 929. We very much regret that the urgency of the matter does not permit us to wait another 3 weeks until the next staff conference can be convened, as this would entail the departure or immobilization meanwhile of the landing craft, with grave injury to the Italian campaign.

3. I may mention that by various intense efforts we have every hope that an additional 75 LCT(S) can be produced in the United Kingdom by the date fixed for OVERLORD.

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**ACTION**

To President via Admiral Brown.

Answered by POTUS #409, 5 Nov 43.

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From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 491,

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt number 491 personal and

Your number 405, anti U-boat warfare statement for October. I entirely agree subject to one point. Latest figures have increased losses in October, which now becomes second best month of war, August being the best. I suggest therefore that last sentence of paragraph two be amended to read "Our tonnage losses from all causes in October were the second lowest of any month of the war".

I am sending text as amended to Mackenzie King and will let you know as soon as he has replied.

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**OR MAP ROOM**

**SUBJECT** October monthly statement.

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**FROM** PRIME 491

**TO** PRESIDENT

**DATE** 6 November 43

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**ACTION**

Answers POTUS #408.

To President via Admiral Brown.

Answered by POTUS 408, 6 Nov 43.

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5 November 1943.

From: London
For: The President of the United States

Number 492, Filed 05/NFT

Number 492 personal and urgent to President Roosevelt from Prime Minister your 407.

Thank you very much.

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An urgent message regarding Turkey's entrance into the war.
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SERIAL | 492 | DATE | 5 Nov 43
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OR FILE NUMBER | | | |
TOR MAP ROOM | 06/1246Q | | |
SUBJECT | Turkey's entrance into the war.

**ACTION**

Answers POTUS #407.

To President via Admiral Brown.

(See PM #455, 6 Nov (Para 3) for further comments.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ADmiral Leahy

Reference paragraph 5 of attached message, No. 493, from the Prime Minister.

You will undoubtedly wish to discuss this with the President with a view to further possible action by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Wilson Brown

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By W. J. Stewart Date.
06 November 1943

From: Embassy London
To: The President of the United States

NR. 493
Filed 06/NFT
Former Naval Person to President personal and

Para 1. Thank you very much for your numbers 408, 409 and 410.

Para 2. Your number 409. My colleagues and I are greatly relieved that the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff will give time for our affairs to be discussed between us on the spot and for our strokes in the South and West to be concerted and timed so as to give the best prospects of success in the campaign of 1944. The Chiefs of Staff also are grateful.

Para 3. Please also refer to your number 407. Since I telegraphed thanking you for this the British Chiefs of Staff have examined the proviso in the last part of this telegram. They do not think that the Commanders should be responsible for allotting the forces for OVERLORD, operations in Italy and the Eastern Mediterranean, but that this should remain as hitherto the duty of the Combined Chiefs of Staff who would naturally have before them the opinion of the "Commanders responsible". They would therefore like to leave out the words "Commanders responsible" and insert "The Combined Chiefs of Staff". Will you very kindly think over this. I imagine we all mean the same thing.

Para 4. Your number 410. I start 11th or 12th probably in Renown which anyhow is carrying my party. I can certainly meet you at "O" on 19th or 20th. I agree with the arrangements you propose that the British and American Combined Staffs and Planners should meet in Cairo and then, after they have had their necessary meetings, meet the Russians and/or Chinese. I also agree that Chiang should be asked to get to Cairo by the 22nd. I shall be obliged if you will send him a joint invitation from us both. I hope indeed you will succeed in persuading U.J. to meet us as you propose between the 25th and 28th, and I think it will be very good if Molotov and some Russian Generals came back to Cairo with us when the triple conference could be held and our Staffs could go into all technical details.
with them and convince them at once of our resolve to strike with all our strength while reserving the necessary flexibilities inseparable from the ever changing fortunes and hazards of war.

Para 5. I told Ismay to make a thorough examination on the spot of the communications between Cairo and Cairo 3 and I send his report in my immediately following. I had not realised that the railway journey from Basra to Cairo 3 was so short. I do not see why we should finally shape our plans until we get to Cairo. You may be sure however that in all this I shall defer to your wishes and act with you.

Para 6. Many congratulations on the Senate resolution.

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FOR MAP ROOM: 06/1500Q | VIA Army Code Room  
SUBJECT: (1) Sextant; (2) Turkey’s entrance into war & alloting of forces; (3) Communications between Cairo and Teheran.  

ACTION: Thanks POTUS for his #408 (sub statement), #409 (allotment of LSTs), and #410 (Sextant plans).

PARA 1 & 2 -- No answer per Admiral Leahy.

PARA 3 -- (Answers POTUS #407) Draft answer prepared by Admiral Leahy in Map Room, approved by President. Sent to PM as #412, 8 Nov; to Harriman in Moscow as Unnumbered, 8 Nov.

PARA 4 -- Prime requests joint invitation to Chiang. Draft reply written by Admiral Leahy. President did not use Leahy’s message but wrote his own. Sent to Chiang as Amsda Churking #5788; to PM as POTUS #492, 8 Nov.

PARA 5 -- See POTUS to STALIN, Opnav’s 082350, NCR 627; 082358, NCR 628, 8 Nov.

PARA 6 -- No answer.

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0533
From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States
No. 494

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and

My immediately preceding telegram. Following is report from Ismay referred to in paragraph 5.

Para 1. Begins: "Best information from most experienced and reliable quarters shows that chances of interruption due to weather of communications between Cairo and Cairo 3 are exaggerated.

Para 2. Last year during the period Mid-November to Mid-December B O A C flight between Cairo and Cairo 3 was only twice delayed and then for not more than 2 days.

Para 3. Even if flights over the mountains were prevented by the weather journey from Baghdad to Cairo 3 should not be interrupted and should not exceed 3 days. This could be reduced to 2 days by a properly organized relay system of cars along the route.

Para 4. A further and quicker alternative would be flight from Cairo to Basra and then by rail (26 hours) Bandashahpur to Cairo 3. Train travels regularly 5 days a week".

0534
FROM: PRIME MINISTER
TO: PRESIDENT

SERIAL: 494

DATE/TIME: Nov. 6, 1943

OR FILE NUMBER:

TOR MAP ROOM: 1425

VIA: Army courier

SUBJECT: Sextant Itinerary

ACTION:

11/6/43
To the President via Usher.
President stated to Admiral Brown that he would make no reply.

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From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and

Para 1. All my information goes to show that we should lose a lot in breaking up the present King Badoglio show. Victor Emmanuel is nothing to us but his coordination with Badoglio did in fact deliver the Italian Fleet which is rendering very useful service now and this same combination is at this moment holding the loyalties of a very large part of the unhappy Italian Army and people and of course of Italian Diplomatic Representatives everywhere. Why should we add to the burden of our British and United States soldiers on the march to Rome by weakening any of these aids? We ought not in my personal opinion to countenance a change in the Badoglio King Regime till we are seated in Rome and a really broad based Italian government can be formed.

Para 2. I understand Eisenhower in the main inclines to this view. Surely we should stick to what we have got till we are sure we can get something better and this can

06 November 1942

[Signature]

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only be ascertained when we have Rome in our possession.

Para 3. I do not believe that Sforza counts for anything that will make men kill or die.

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**ACTION**

11/9/43
To the President via usher.
President sent to General Eisenhower for his comments.

11/10/43
General Eisenhower's reply received, Message No. W-4808, CM-IN-6205 filed in SEXTANT Folder. Copy made for Admiral Brown and taken by him for the President to SEXTANT.
From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 496

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt.
Person and No. 496.

Your No. 411. You may be sure that everything is being arranged. Will telegraph more fully.

No Sig

411 informed P.M. of message to Reilly

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
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| VIA | Army Code Room |

**SUBJECT**

| SEX/ANT - 4944/8/1/00 | Quarters for Presidential party. |

**ACTION**

| Sent to President via Usher. |

Answers POTUS 411.  
(Continued in Annex *497*)

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FROM: MA LONDON ENGLAND

TO: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

NO. 497 FILED 1211Z/09

PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT. PERSONAL AND YOUR 411.

CASEY TELLS ME THAT KIRK DID NOT FEEL ENTITLED TO TELEGRAPH TO YOU TILL HE HEARD FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT SEXTANT. HE IS PROUD AND DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT YOU WILL USE HIS HOUSE AND ALL PREPARATION ARE PROCEEDING ACTIVELY TO THAT END.

I LEAVE BY SEA 12TH REACHING GIBRALTAR EVENING 15TH, ARRIVING MALTA BY AIR DAWN 16TH. I SHALL SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS IN THE FIELD WITH ALEXANDER, MEETING YOU AT OBOE, OR IF YOU PREFER, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FUN, AT MALTA.

NO SIG

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By R. H. Parke Date MAY 5 1972

0541
From: MA London England
To: The President of the United States
No. 497
Prime Minister to President, Personal and

Your 411.

Casey tells me that Kirk did not feel entitled to telegraph to you till he heard from the State Department about SEXTANT. He is proud and delighted to know that you will use his house and all preparations are proceeding actively to that end.

I leave by sea 12th reaching Gibraltar evening 15th, arriving Malta by air dawn 16th. I shall spend two or three days in the field with Alexander, meeting you at OBE, or if you prefer, and I think it would be better fun, at Malta.
PM's plans as to when he leaves for Sextant

ACTION (Continuation of 497) answer PHSUS 411
To President via Usher.

Admiral Brown drafted reply, which was ok'd and sent out as Number 416 at 101215Q.
From: London
To: President of the United States
Number 498  November 10, 1943
Prime Minister to President - personal.

I am not at all content with the changes in the French National Committee which leave De Gaulle sole President. The body we recognized was of a totally different character, the essence being the co-presidency of Giraud and De Gaulle. I suggest we maintain an attitude of complete reserve until we can discuss the position together.

No Sig
FROM PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL 498 DATE 10 November 1943

DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER VIA Army Code Room

TOR MAP ROOM 1000232 SUBJECT Changes in French National Committee

ACTION 4/10/43 To President via Usher.

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10 November 1943

From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 499 No filing time

Number 499. and personal. To President Roosevelt from Prime Minister.
Your number 415.
I hope the abdication will not take place before our armies have reached Rome and certainly not before you and I have had a talk about it on the spot.

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**ACTION**

To President via Usher.

**ACTION COMPLETED:**

**FILED:**
From: MA London England
To: The President of the United States
No. 500 Filed: 10/2345 Z

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt. Personal and Number 500.

I think it would be best, irrespective of any arrangements which we may be able to make for our own meeting with U. J., to cable him at once in the following sense:

"The British and American Chiefs of Staff are meeting in Cairo about the 22nd November to discuss in detail the operations of the Anglo-American Armies and also the war against Japan, for which our long term plans have now been prepared. For the latter subject it is hoped that Chiang Kai Shek himself and a Chinese Military Delegation may be present. After these domestic and far eastern discussions have been concluded we have the hope that the meeting of the three heads of Governments may take place. Besides and apart from this it is proposed that there should be a formal
triple conference of the Soviet, United States and British Staffs, starting about the 25th or 26th November, to discuss the whole field of the war in all its aspects. It is much hoped, therefore, that you will send a powerful military delegation to this conference, accompanied if possible by M. Molotov. All this is separate from and additional to the meeting which we still hope it may be possible to arrange between the three heads of Governments."

As I feel sure that the above is in accord with your views and wishes, I am sending it off today in order to avoid delay.

I have just received your 416. A meeting at Malta en route to SEXTANT is clearly out of the question. I shall therefore go direct to Cairo.

No Sig
Delivered to President via USNRR.

President took along original -- Admiral Brown took with him duplicate copy. Lt. Rigdon copied subject dispatch on board USS IOWA and returned it via pouch carried by Lt. Sogue, 11/12/43.
From: London
To: President of the United States
Number 501 11th November 1943
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal.

1. There seems to have been a most unfortunate misunderstanding. I thought from your number 410 that the British and American Staffs would have "many meetings" before being joined by the Russians or Chinese. But now I hear from Ambassador Clerk Kerr that on the 9th November the United States Ambassador at Moscow delivered a message from you to Stalin inviting Monsieur Molotov to go to Cairo on November 22nd with a Military representative. November 22nd is, however, the first day on which the Staffs can meet. I ask therefore that the date of the arrival of Molotov and his Military representative shall be postponed till the 25th November at the earliest.

2. I am very glad to hear also from Ambassador Clerk Kerr that you contemplate going on November 26th to Teheran. I rather wish you had been able to let me know direct.

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**ACTION**

11/11/43 To the President via Usher. Answered immediately by President in his No. 418.
From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States

NR. 502
File 12/1146Z
Prime Minister to President. Personal and
Most immediate. Your number 418.

Para 1. I am very pleased that you have managed to
arrange the Constitutional matter and that our meeting is
now definitely arranged. That is a great step forward.

Para 2. The Chiefs of the Staff are however very
apprehensive about the arrangements which you have settled
for military conversations and I share their misgivings.
I thought from your number 410 that the British and American
Staffs would have "Many meetings" before being joined by
the Russians or Chinese. I still regard this as absolutely
essential in view of the serious questions which have to be
settled. There is no objection to you and me seeing Molotov
before our meeting with U J, but the presence of a Soviet
military observer so early in the conference may cause grave
embarrassment. H M G cannot abandon their rights to full
and frank discussions with you and your officers about the
vital business of our intermingled armies. A Soviet observer
cannot possibly be admitted to the intimate conversations.
which our own Chiefs of Staff must have and his exclusion may easily cause offense. None of these objections would have applied to the formal triple staff conference which I suggested should take place in due course.

No Sig

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By R. E. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
FROM  PRIME MINISTER  TO  THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL  506  DATE  12 November 12, 1943

DATE/TIME  12/1448Z  OR FILE NUMBER

TOR MAP ROOM  VIA  Army Code Room

SUBJECT  Desirability of British and American Staff Meetings before Sextant meeting with Russians and Chinese.

ACTION

11/1 3/43

Held for Pouch destined for Cran leaving via air morning of fifteenth. Dispatch to be sent on 11/18/43 advising President of existence of this PM dispatch and that it will be in pouch material when he arrives at Cran. Refers to President's 418.

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BY DIRECTION OF:

ACTION COMPLETED:

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0555
From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States
No. 503
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and most secret.

Para 1. Reference your No. 417 of 11th November.

Para 2. I have immediately telegraphed to General Auchinleck to render every possible assistance in the constriction of the four air bases.

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Reply to the President’s message No. 417. Forwarded to the President via pouch to reach him upon disembarkation at Oran, 11/20/43. President advised of existence of message by White mag. from Colonel Mathewston to Major Greer.
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and Nr. 504.

1. You have, no doubt, been informed of the lamentable outrages committed by the French in Syria. These completely stultify the agreements we have made with the French and also with the Syrians and Lebanese. There is no doubt in my mind that this is a foretaste of what De Gaulle's leadership of France means. It is certainly entirely contrary to the Atlantic Charter and much else that we have declared. The situation will be most grave throughout the whole of the Middle East and the Arab world and also every where people will say: "What kind of a France is this which, while itself subjugated by the enemy, seeks to subjugate others?"

2. Accordingly, I am of the opinion that the British and United States Governments should take this up in the strongest manner together. Already we have seen the character of the body we recognised at QUADRANT totally altered by De Gaulle's complete assumption of power. The outrages in the Levant are of a different character and afford full justification, with the support of world public opinion, of bringing the issue with De Gaulle to a head.

3. Our position should be that the kidnapped Lebanese President and Ministers should be set at liberty and permitted to resume their full function, and that the assembly should meet again as soon as conditions of law and order can be guaranteed. If he fails to do this at once, we should withdraw our recognition from the French National Committee and stop the process of arming the French troops in North Africa.
4. Meanwhile, I am enquiring carefully into the state of our forces in the Levant. At the same time, should action be taken it would be necessary to take precautions in North Africa, for I assure you there is nothing this man will not do if he has armed forces at his disposal.

No Sig

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
ROM PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL 504 DATE 15 November 1943

ATT/FILE NUMBER R FILE NUMBER 120240Z

OR MAP ROOM VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: French conduct in the Levant and proposed action to be taken by U.S. and British jointly.

ACTION

11/13/43

Held for Pouch to Oran leaving via air morning of 15th, to be delivered to the President immediately upon disembarkation at Oran.

COPIES TO: DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:
From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States
No. 505

Prime Minister to President. Personal and

Para 1. I have received the following message from

Stalin.

1. I have received your two messages today.

2. Although I wrote to the President that Monsieur
Molotov would come to Cairo on 22nd November, now I must say,
however, that on certain reasons of serious character Mon-
sieur Molotov to my regret cannot come to Cairo. He will be
able to come to Teheran at the end of November and will arrive
there together with me. Several military men also will accompany
me.

3. It stands to reason that a meeting of the heads
of only 3 governments must take place at Teheran as it had
been agreed. There should be absolutely excluded the part-
ipation of the representatives of any other powers.

4. I wish success to your meeting with the Chinese
concerning the far eastern affairs. Sgd Stalin.

Stalin
Para 2. I have sent the following reply.

Para 3. "Your message of November 12th received. I entirely understand your position and I am in full accord with your wishes. I am at sea. All congratulations on your continued triumphant advance."

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| VIA   | Message to the Prime Minister from Marshal Stalin.

**ACTION**

11/14/43

Forwarded to the President via Pouch to reach him immediately upon disembarkation at Oran. Also sent to Admiral Brown for the President aboard USS IOWA 17 November. Encoded message delivered to Captain Cuts, Navy Department by Lieutenant Elsey at 1600, 17 November 1943.

**COPY TO:**

**DATE:**

**BY DIRECTION OF:**

**ACTION COMPLETED:**

**FILED:**
RADIO WASH PASS THIS FROM COMNAVNAV TO COMINCH EMBARKED, AND
READ NO FURTHER.

SUPER NICOH. DUPLICATE FROM EISENHOWER TO COMINCH.

WHILE UNQUESTIONABLY THE ENEMY STRONGLY SUSPECTS IMMINENCE OF
CAIRO MEETING BECAUSE OF ELABORATE PREPARATIONS I CONSIDER
THAT ARRANGEMENTS THERE OFFER BEST DEGREE OF SECURITY THAT CAN
BE PROVIDED IN WHOLE REGION. IF DEEMED DESIRABLE I CAN LAND
MID-EAST TEMPORARILY ADDITIONAL FIGHTERS TO INCREASE AIR
DEFENSE. MY FIRST RECOMMENDATION IS THEREFORE THAT PRESENT
PLAN BE FOLLOWED WITHOUT CHANGE. IF HOWEVER THE PRESIDENT
BELIEVES A CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE I RECOMMEND MEETING PLACE BE
MALTA FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
NAVAL MESSAGE

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181649Z NCR 6735-8 (PAGE 2 OF 2 )
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT
TEXT

(A) EXISTING FACILITIES PLUS ADDITION OF BRITISH SHIPS IN HARBOUR ENSURE IMPROVIZED ACCOMMODATIONS ON SHORT NOTICE.

(B) MALTA IS A FORTRESS WITH DEFENCES THAT PROVISE MAXIMUM SECRECY AND HIGH DEGREE OF SAFETY REGARDLESS OF POSSIBLE LEAK

(C) MALTA IS ON ROUTE FOLLOWED BY BOTH PARTIES TOWARDS CAIRO AND ALL PREPARATIONS AT LATTER PLACE SERVE AS EXCELLENT COVER FOR MALTA MEETING

(D) I CAN PROVIDE AT MALTA MAXIMUM DENITY OF AIR COVER.

I HAVE CONSULTED FORMER NAVAL PERSON WHO IS SENDING YOU A DECLASSIFIED
MESSAGE OF SIMILAR IMPORT.

By Authority of JCS
901/495-1 25 May 1972

By Rh Date UN 31972

No. 1 ADMIRAL. No. 2 FILE. No. 3 F-1 OR CHARTROOM. No. 4 SPECIAL.

SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (6) NAVREGS.)
FROM COMNAVHAW TO COMINCH EMBARKED. RDO WASHINGTON EFFECT DELIVERY AND READ NO FURTHER.

SUPER HICOM. FROM EISENHOWER TO COMINCH.

DUPLICATE FROM FORMER NAVAL PERSON TO ADMIRAL QUEEN.

"IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF YOUR ULTRA 331 I HAD A CONFERENCE HERE WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER, FIRST SEA LORD AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN. WE ALL AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CAIRO RENDEZVOUS. WE HAD OF COURSE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THE NEWS WAS BOUND TO LEAK DIRECTLY WE GOT THERE, AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS LEAKED A FEW DAYS EARLIER SHOULD NOT THEREFORE VERY MUCH AFFECT OUR PLANS. WE WOULD BE WELL DISPERSED AT CAIRO. ENEMY AIRCRAFT HAVE TO FLY 100 MILES
OVER LAND BEFORE REACHING US AND ARRANGEMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN
MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE FIGHTER AND GUN DEFENSES OF THE ENCLAVE
IN WHICH WE PROPOSE TO LIVE. IN ADDITION WE COULD, IF NECESSARY
HAVE ALTERNATIVE RESIDENCES. IF, HOWEVER, YOU REMAIN OF THE
OPINION THAT WE SHOULD NOT GO THROUGH WITH CAIRO, YOUR
SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE, KHARTOUM WOULD NOT I FEAR BE FEASIBLE.
APART FROM THE FACT THAT ACCOMMODATION THERE IS INADEQUATE
IT IS 1015 MILES FROM CAIRO AND OFF OUR ROUTE AND IT WOULD BE
VERY DIFFICULT TO MOVE THE NECESSARY STAFF.

THE BEST SUBSTITUTE FOR CAIRO SEEMS TO BE MALTA WHERE I
AM NOW AND I AM HAVING THE POSSIBILITIES EXAMINED. C-IN-C
MEDITERRANEAN STRONGLY ADVISES THAT YOUR SHIP SHOULD NOT COME
HERE SINCE ITS PRESENCE WOULD BE SURE TO BE DETECTED BY THE
ENEMY AND THIS WOULD GIVE AWAY OUR WHEREABOUTS. WE ARE OF COURSE NEARER THE ENEMY HERE BUT THE DEFENCES ARE GOOD.

PRAY LET ME KNOW YOUR WISHES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ALTER ARRANGEMENTS.

PLEASE REPLY SAYING CAIRO OR MALTA.
**FROM** THE PRIME MINISTER  
**TO** THE PRESIDENT  

**SERIAL** --------  
**DATE** 18 November 1943  
**FILE** 1816Z, NCR 67248  
**TOR MAP ROOM** VIA  

**SUBJECT** Leakage of news of SEXTANT and possibility of change of plans and itinerary.  

**ACTION** Sent to The President aboard USS IOWA, via Naval Radio, Algiers.

**COPIES TO:**  
**DATE:**  
**BY DIRECTION OF:**

**ACTION COMPLETED:**  
**FILED:**
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: OMINOCH (HMS)
RELEASED BY:
DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1943
TOR CODEROOM:
DECODED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY:

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

191702

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

FOLLOWING IS 191634 PASSED TO ADMIRAL QUEEN BY HMS AT REQUEST OF RAD XX FROM SPENCER. QUOTE PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISPATCHED AND FURTHER EXAMINATION SHOWS THAT MALTA WOULD BE MOST INCONVENIENT ADMINISTRATIVELY AND CONDITIONS WOULD HARM WORK OF CONFERENCE XIII. WE ARE NOT REPORT NOT THEREFORE PROCEEDING WITH MALTA PREPARATION XIII. ALL AUTHORITIES HERE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ADHERING TO PYRAMID AREA AND THAT AIR RAID DANGER IS SLIGHT X. IF DESIRED PRINCIPALS COULD SLEEP IN CAIRO AT ANY RATE PART OF THE TIME X. EVERYTHING IS PREPARED AND ALL PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN IN PRESENT POSITION AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DECIDE TO COME THERE X UNLESS I HEAR FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY DURING THE DAY OF 20TH I SHALL PROCEED TO CAIRO. ENDS X. THIS MESSAGE IS ALSO BEING PASSED TO ADMIRAL QUEEN THROUGH CINCBMED'S HEADQUARTERS AS ALGIERS UNQUOTE.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972

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Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (c) NAVFREQS.)
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL 191702 DATE Nov. 19, 1943

DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 191702

TO MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT Change in Location of Sextant from Cairo to Malta.

ACTION

Transmitted to the President aboard USS IOWA via B&AD through Radio, Washington.

COPIES TO: DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:
From: London
To: The President of the United States
No. 506, Filed 21/1500Z

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and No. 506.

1. My arrival in Egypt is bound to be known as I shall pass through to see Catroux and others: moreover British Parliament meets on 23rd and my absence must be explained. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall allow it to be stated on 22nd that I am in Cairo.

2. This publicity will be unsupported cover for your movement which I think should not be announced for a few days.

3. You will be receiving a telegram about military precautions which are excellent.

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11/21/43
Transmitted to the President via Major Greer as White 24, 21 November 1943. Released from Map Room same date at 1330.

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21 November 1943

From: Amembassy London
To: The President of the United States

Unnumbered (#507) Filed 21/1728Z

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt most immediate personal and See St. John, chapter 14, verses 1 to 4.

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BIBLICAL CHAPTER REFERRED TO:

1. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

REGRADED UNCLASSIFIED by British Govt., State Dept. tel., 3-29-72
By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
FROM PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT
SERIAL Unnumbered (7807) DATE
DATE/TIME 21/1728X
DE FILE NUMBER
FOR MAP ROOM VIA Army Code Room
SUBJECT Refers to Biblical Passage.

ACTION
11/21/43
Transmitted to the President via Major Greer as White 26, 21 November 1943. Biblical passage included along with the Prime Minister's original dispatch. Passage referred to determined by Lt. Collins. Released Map Room 211330, EWT.

COPIES TO: DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:
From: London, England
To: The President of the United States

No. 509 Filed: 21/2114 Z

Most immediate former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and

1. I asked Commanders-in-Chief Middle East to let me have:

   (1) Their estimate of the risk attached to our meeting.

   (2) Arrangements already made to deal with air and parachute attacks.

   (3) Proposals for reinforcing above.

2. Their reply is as follows.

   (A) Appreciation of risk.

      Risk small in view of precautions taken.

      Target is 100 miles inland giving ample warning and good fighter and A. A. defences have been provided. There is a remote possibility that low flying enemy aircraft might
reach target, but every possible precaution is being taken against this.

(B). Arrangements made against air and parachute attacks.

(1) Fighters. Five Spitfire Squadrons, three Hurricane Squadrons and one Night Fighter Squadron of which one Spitfire Squadron at Matabeleland West and one at Heliopolis.

(2) A.A. One Regiment Light AA (54 guns), two Regiments Heavy AA (48 guns) and 18 searchlights deployed in target area. One Balloon Squadron standing by but not deployed. Smoke screen available.

(3) R.D.F. and Warning System. R.D.F. will cover along whole coast and special arrangements have been made for cover inland. Special arrangements have been made also for WT observer posts covering target. Specially organized gun and fighter operation rooms controlling air and AA defence of area. Adequate air raid warnings and shelter arrangements have been made in target area.

(4) Ground. Three Infantry Bns. Plus one Troop of Armoured Cars guarding Mena area which is fully wired. Extent of parachute attacks appreciated by command.

(C) Proposal for increased insurance.

We are taking following steps to increase insurance.

(1) Fighters. We are adding one Spitfire
Squadron to air defence scheme.

(2) Ground. We are reinforcing ground defence by equivalent of one Regiment Mixed Armoured Cars and Tanks.

(D) We consider arrangements in (B) and (C) above fully adequate to deal with all foreseeable contingencies.

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From: Milattache London
To: President of the United States
Nr, 509
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Y and
personal.

Para 1. I gave the paper in my immediately following
to Inonu. They have asked for 4 days in which to consult
their Parliament but meanwhile will allow build up to begin
and 250 specialists are starting forthwith. On the whole
I am hopeful. Vyshinsky liked the layout.

Para 2. Earnestly trust your voyage has prospered
that Malta was interesting and Fansy Palace comfortable.
I am so glad that the 14th chapter was verified. I am
tidying up with the King of Greece and expect a solution
and arrangement in harmony with your feelings. Every good
wish to you and Harry.

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12/10/43
Briefed by Colonel Mathewson and sent out as White 121. Original being held in "Hold for President" Folder.
From: Milattache London
To: The President of the United States
Nr. 510 Filed 090955Z
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. 

Personal

Following is paper referred to in my immediately 
preceding telegram. Begins timetable for operation 
"SATURN" Most Secret.

Para 1. Air preparations and other supplies till 
February 15th.

Para 2. Discussion of war plans.

Para 3. Programme of munitions import.

Para 4. Discussion of political questions. Fifteen 
February Allies ask permission to "Fly in". If reply 
negative-Allies direct all resources to another Theatre 
and must abandon hope of wartime cooperation with Turkey. 
If reply "Yes"-

Sub Para 1. Continuation at fullest speed of 
programme of import munitions for Army and Air.

Sub Para 2. Opening of the sea route to Turkey.

Sub Para 3. Reinforcement by British anti-tank 
and armoured units.
Sub Para 4. Execution of agreed plan with full scope of Allies and Turkey.

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From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 511 Filed: 15/2208Z

Minister to President personal and No. 511

1. Am stranded amid the ruins of Carthage, where you stayed, with fever which has ripened into pneumonia. All your people are doing everything possible, but I do not pretend I am enjoying myself. I hope soon to send you some of the suggestions for the new commands. I hope you had a pleasant voyage and are fit. Love to Harry.

2. Deputy Prime Minister wishes to add that on security grounds no reference whatever is being made at present to the fact that the Prime Minister is ill.

No Sig

[REgraded UNCLASSIFIED by British Govt., State Dept. tel., 3-29-72]
By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 19
FROM PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL 511 DATE 15 December 1943

DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 15/2208 Z

TOR MAP ROOM 2016, EWT VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT Health of Prime Minister.

ACTION

12/15/43 Held by Captain Price (on night watch) for decision as to transmission to the President.

12/16/43 Encoded by 0800 Watch Officers and sent to both USS IOWA AND USS POTOMAC as WHITE 134. Released from Map Room at 0850, EWT.

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:

(Handwritten signature)
From: MA London
To: The President of the United States
No. 512 19 December 1943

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and

Thank you so much for your telegram No. 420.
I have harkened unto the voice of Moran and made good progress but I am fixed here for another week.

Since our last talk on the subject I have given much thought to the remodelling of the Commands and have had discussions with Eisenhower, Alexander and Tedder. I have also consulted my colleagues at home and have today (18th) had a long conversation with the CIGS on his return from a visit to Italy. As a result I am able to place before you the following proposals which if you approve them will, I am satisfied, be generally accepted.

I had always thought that Alexander would succeed Eisenhower, but am convinced by the arguments of the CIGS, Eisenhower and others, that it would be impossible for
him or Montgomery to act as Supreme Commander and at the same time fight the battles which will take place in Italy after the conquest of Rome. Alexander, by himself, quite saw this.

I therefore propose General Wilson as Supreme Commander, vice Eisenhower. Under him will be:

A. General commanding Algiers, a US Officer. We have heard that it might be convenient to you to transfer General Devers from his present post.

B. Commander in Chief of the Armies in Italy, Alexander.

C. General in charge of operation ANVIL, Clarke. We understand that this was what you and General Marshall had in mind. If so, we concur.

D. A British Major General in charge of the Yugoslav assistance measures, Tito, Greeks, etc.

E. Commander in Chief, Mideast, for operational purposes within the Mediterranean Theatre, also in charge of the Turkish operations, Paget (now Commanding British home forces).

The Air Officer Commanding in Chief should be an American appointed by you. Arnold when passing through here spoke of Brereton or Eaker. We would agree to either, but we should miss the latter from the bombing and OVERLORD
buildup. Sholto Douglas will be Deputy AOC in C and also Commander in Chief of all the RAF in the Mediterranean Theatre.

Political assistance will be provided for the Supreme Commander:

A. By Messrs Murphy and MacMillan who work hand in hand.

B. From the French angle by Duff Cooper and Wilson.

C. From the Middle Eastern area by the Minister of State or his successor.

Bedell Smith will accompany Eisenhower after a few weeks and become his Chief of Staff in England, being replaced here by a British Chief of Staff. We leave it to you to decide whether you would like to have a Deputy Supreme Commander, who would of course be an American.

You will understand that I have given most careful consideration to the appointment of Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, having regard to his age and I am satisfied that for the great coordination task which will be entrusted to him he has all the qualifications and the necessary vigour. This is also the opinion of the CIGS. When I mentioned this idea to you at Cairo you seemed to like it.

Turning to the OVERLORD Theatre, I propose to you that Tedder shall be Eisenhower's Deputy Supreme Commander.

[Signature]

[Stamp: MAY 5 1945]

0589
on account of the great part the air will play in this
operation, and this is most agreeable to Eisenhower. The
War Cabinet desire that Montgomery should command the
First Expeditionary Group of Armies. Eisenhower would
have chosen Alexander, but I feel the Cabinet are right
as Montgomery is a public hero and will give confidence
among our people, not shared by yours.

I beg most earnestly that I may soon have your
reply on these proposals, or at least upon the key ones,
as the Commander of OVERLORD is urgently required, and
I should like to arrange for Wilson to take over from
Eisenhower at an early date and to come to him even sooner
in order to settle the many consequential details.

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ACTION Answers President's #420. To President via usher, 0940.

(Also see Mr. Hopkins' message to PM, 21 December 1943.) Answered by PRES #421.

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From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 513
Filed: 21/22092
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and
No. 513.

1. I am shocked at the arrests reported this morning
of Boisson, Peyrouton and Flandin. There are even rumours
here that the first two at any rate will be shot. I con-
sider I have a certain obligation as, in supporting your
policy and that of General Eisenhower, I did undoubtedly
in Algiers in February encourage these men to hold firm in
their posts and aid us in our struggle for Tunis, saying
also in that case, "Count on me". It seems to me the
American obligation is even stronger because we were ad-
mittedly following (query) your general lines.

2. I trust, therefore, you will take what steps
you can to impress upon the French Committee the unwise
of their present proceedings. You, no doubt, will also
be considering the question of offering asylum. Pray let
me know if there is any way in which we could help.

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To Pvt via US Div 3/1955

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**ACTION**
Sent to President via usher at 21/09.

Admiral Leahy prepared directive to General Eisenhower (FREEDOM 5466, 22 Dec); repeated to the Prime Minister in Algiers in POTUS 423 (FREEDOM 5467, 22 Dec); sent by memorandum to Secretary of State for him to advise Murphy of action.

(See Eisenhower's msg to POTUS, 22 Dec 43, filed Miss.
Copy to Colonel Sexton, 25/1400 for preparation of reply to msg from Bedell Smith, 25 Dec 43. See POTUS 425 for further reply.

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**ACTION COMPLETED:**

"French Jail Committee"
From: London
To: The President of the United States
No. 514, Filed 22/0910Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and No. 514. Your 421 of 20th December.

1. I am very glad to have your agreement as set out in paragraph 1 to the key changes. May I take it however that you are also agreeable to Montgomery commanding the British and Canadian expeditionary group of armies under Eisenhower and to Alexander commanding the Allied Armies in Italy under Supreme Commander Wilson. Both these appointments are an essential part of any announcement that could be made on January 1st. I hope to see Eisenhower on the 23rd and will discuss the matter with him. He would prefer Alexander for OVERLORD but War Cabinet consider that the public confidence will be better sustained by the inclusion of the well known and famous name of Montgomery and I agree with them as the operations will be to many people heart shaking. You will I am sure also remember that although Tedder will get on excellently with Eisenhower and will make a fine
deputy, he is an airman and the British Army which will have to sustain very heavy losses will expect to have some soldier who they can trust placed in command of home forces and the British Expeditionary Army and also that some British soldier of eminence should find a place in the hierarchy of command at the moment of its announcement.

2. Other secondary appointments can take their turn later but if we leave out these at the outset it will only be possible to delay decision (for a question) very few days thereafter and it is better to do things straight away than to have them pulled out piece meal by the press.

3. Baker will have a warm welcome in the Mediterranean though we shall miss him with the bomber force at home.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 22, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR
ADMIRAL LEAHY:

Will you take this up
the first thing in the morning with
General Marshall and Harry Hopkins?

F.D.R.

PM 5 1/4
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL 614 DATE 22 Dec 1943

DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER 22/0910Z

TOR MAP ROOM VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT Command changes.

ACTION Answers POTUS #421, 20 Dec.

Given to usher for delivery to President, 0730.

Answer prepared by Leahy. Sent to PM as POTUS #424, 23 Dec 43. (Also see unnumbered message PM-HOPKINS, 22 Dec)

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FILED:
From: MA London
To: The President of the United States
No. 515 Filed: 23/1525 Z
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal

War Cabinet fully approve my last to Harry Hopkins about announcement but they say that unless the announcement of General Eisenhower’s appointment is accompanied by simultaneous announcement of Alexander and Montgomery the effect on public opinion will not be good. Although we have full confidence in Eisenhower and know his worth and zeal, Marshall is a greater figure in British eyes.

As Montgomery’s appointment is exclusively to the command of British and Canadian Expeditionary Forces and Alexander involves in fact no alteration, since he already commands the 15th Army Group, I hope you will be willing to agree to my mentioning both names. We should also greatly prefer to add Tedder as Deputy to Eisenhower, Ramsey agreed upon as Naval Commander-in-Chief and Paget,
who is displaced by Montgomery, to be announced simultaneously to command Middle East. Could it not be simultaneously stated in Washington that the other United States Commanders in United Kingdom and Mediterranean will be the subject of an early announcement?

I am getting on well and hope to reach Flower Villa on 26th.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
FROM Prime Minister

TO The President

SERIAL 515

DATE 23 December 1943

DATE/TIME 23/1655Z

OR FILE NUMBER

TOR MAP ROOM 23/1655Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT Command announcement.

ACTION Delivered to Miss Tully 23/1720Z for the President.

Answered in POTUS 424, 23 Dec 43.

See "Command" in control card file.

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ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:

"Command"
23 December 1943

From: London
For: The President of the United States

Number 516, Filed 2321412

Colonel Hadden to President. Personal and

Bedell Smith who is now with me says that Montgomery
whom he saw yesterday would like the proposed appointment
very much and that he is entirely acceptable to Eisenhower.

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By R. H. Parks Date

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HARRY HOPKINS:

For the necessary action.

F.D.R.

Following message sent by Mr. Hopkins to the President at Hyde Park as WHITE 6, 24 Dec 43:

"I HAVE SEEN THE TWO MESSAGES YOU RECEIVED LAST NIGHT FROM CHURCHILL AND AS FAR AS I CAN SEE NO ACTION IS NECESSARY IN EITHER CASE."

0602
FROM The Prime Minister
TO The President
SERIAL 816
DATE 23 December 1943
DATE/TIME 23/1845Q
OR FILE NUMBER 2321422
TO MAP ROOM VIA Army Code Room
SUBJECT Command changes and announcement.

ACTION Given to President, 23195Q.

Reflected to Mr. Hopkins "For the necessary action."

Hopkins, in WHITE 6, 24 Dec 43, to the President at Hyde Park
said "I have seen mag... and as far as I can see no action is
necessary."

See "Command"

in control card file.

ACTION COMPLETED: "Command"
From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 517 Filed: 23/2215Z

Colonel Warden to President Roosevelt personal and urgent No. 517.

1. I have signalled my colleagues that I am in entire agreement with your No. 423 about the arrests and have every expectation that instructions will be given to MacMillan to support your action. The actual form of the démarche might be discussed by Eisenhower with MacMillan and Wilson.

2. Our case is a very strong one. Boisson saved us the cost and diversion of a major expedition against Dakar. Peyrouton returned voluntarily at the invitation of Giraud and his journey was approved and facilitated by the State Department. Flandin was, it is true, a minister at Vichy and was turned out for his opposition to the German demands. Notably he prevented an expedition from Dakar being sent to attack the Free French near Lake Chad.

3. But far above individuals, the whole question of our relations with France is raised.
From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 517
Filed: 23/2215Z

France can only be liberated by British and American force and bloodshed. To admit that a handful of emigres are to have the power behind this all-powerful shield to carry civil war into France is to lose the future of that unfortunate country and prevent the earliest expression of the will of the people as a whole, in fact, we should be lending ourselves to a process of adding to the burdens and sacrifices of our troops and of infringing our fundamental principle, "All governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

No Sig
December 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HARRY HOPKINS:

Does this need any action?

F.D.R.

Following message sent by Mr. Hopkins to the President at Hyde Park as WHITE 6, 24 Dec 1943.

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**ACTION**

To President at 23/1980Q.

Referred to Mr. Hopkins by the President with notation "Does this need any action?"

Hopkins, in WHITE 6, 24 Dec 43, to the President at Hyde Park said "I have seen msg ... and as far as I can see no action is necessary ...

Copy to Colonel Sexton, 25/1400Q for preparation of reply to msg from Bedell Smith, 25 Dec 43.

Suggested reply to Eisenhower sent to President as WHITE 14, 25/20602, President approved in BLACK 6, 26/17004, Sent to General Eisenhower as FREDON 5782, To PM as FOCUS 6426.

See "French National Committee" in control card file.

**COPIES TO:**

| Colonel Sexton | 25 Dec 43 | Colonel Mathewson |

**ACTION COMPLETED:**

"French National Committee"
From: MA London  
To: The President of the United States  
No. 518  
Filed: Prime Minister to President. Personal and most secret. Your 424.

Announcement will be made accordingly from London as soon as you have announced Eisenhower. I wish to announce certain further British secondary appointments, i.e. Tedder, Ramsey, Leigh-Mallory and Paget with a short explanation in time for the British newspapers when they resume on Tuesday morning. They will be vexed at the present time table which favours the United States Press and all wireless at their expense. Can you not make your appointments fit this plan? Can we concert a list?

About your speech ought we to make a present to the Germans of the phrase "The Fortress of Europe" which we are to attack. Would not the expression "For the liberation of Europe" be better than "For operations against the
Fortress" etcetera. Pray think of this. Hitler is always trying to make out that he is Europe which we are disturbing.

In any case the following is the text of the announcement which I am making from Number ten.

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Balance of message will be forwarded as soon as received.

WDCC

REGRADED UNCLASSIFIED by British Govt., State Dept. tel., 3-29-72
By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972.
FROM The Prime Minister
TO The President

SERIAL 518
DATE 24 December 1943

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TOR MAP ROOM 24/1825Z
VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT Command changes and announcement. PM wishes to announce certain further British secondary appointments.

ACTION Received in Map Room 24/1825Z. Sent to President at Hyde Park as WHITE 7, 24/1835Z.

Copy to Colonel Sexton for preparation of reply, 27 Dec 43. Draft approved by President, sent to PM as POTUS #426, 27 Dec 43.

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ACTION COMPLETED:
"Command"

FILED:
From: MA London
To: The President of the United States
No. 519  Filed: 21/10/29 Z

Prime Minister to President. Personal and confidential. Following is text of announcement referred to in my number 518.

The following appointments which have been the result of conversations between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister are announced on behalf of His Majesty's Government:

To be Supreme Allied Commander of the British and United States Expeditionary Forces organizing in the United Kingdom for the liberation of Europe: General Eisenhower.

To be Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre: General Henry Maitland-Wilson.

To be Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy: General Sir Harold Alexander.
To be Commander-in-Chief of the British Group of Armies under General Eisenhower: General Sir Bernard Montgomery.

To Command American Strategic Bombing Force operating against Germany: General Spaatz.

Various consequential appointments of other Commanders will be announced shortly.

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**SUBJECT** Command changes and announcement. PM's announcement of certain further British secondary appointment.

**ACTION** (Continuation of FM #518.)

Received in Map Room at 24/2010Z. Received at Hyde Park as WHITE 8, 24/2043Z.

President, in his BLACK 3, 24/2208Z, directed that it be turned over to Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins notified of dispatch by Colonel Mathewson by phone.

Copy to Col Sexton for preparation of reply. Draft approved by the President, sent to PM as #426, 27 Dec 43.

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**ACTION COMPLETED:** Command

**FILRD:**
24 December 1943

From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 520 Filed 24/2200Z
Following from Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Randolph and Sarah to President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Our thoughts are with you at this Christmas season. We send our warmest good wishes to you and yours.

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rc'd 24/2315Z
Sent as white 11 - 24/2328Z

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972
FROM  The Prime Minister | TO  The President

SERIAL  520 | DATE  24 December 1943

DATE/TIME  24/2200Z | OR FILE NUMBER  24/2200Z

FOR MAP ROOM  24/2318Z | VIA  Army Code Room

SUBJECT Christmas greetings.

ACTION  Sent to the President at Hyde Park as WHITE 11, 24/2328Z.

Major Greer advised Admiral Brown in BLACK 6, 26/1700Z that the President would reply to Churchill's greeting from Washington on 27 December 1943.

Acknowledgement prepared by Col. Mathewson; approved by President; sent to PM as Para 1 of POTUS 426, 27 Dec.

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To be shown to Mr. Hopkins A.M. 23rd in accordance with Black's.

(Mr. H. notified of dispatch by Col. M by phone)
From: Embassy London
To: The President of the United States
Number 521
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal

Para 1. I held a conference today with Eisenhower
Bedell Smith General Wilson Tedder Alexander and Admiral
John Cunningham with other high officers. Report as follows.

Para 2. General Alexander is prepared to execute
operation SHINGLE about 20th January if he can get a lift
of two divisions. This should decide the Battle of Rome
and possibly achieve destruction of a substantial part of
enemy's army. To strike with less than two divisions would
be to court disaster having regard to positions likely to
be achieved by that date by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

Para 3. For purpose L.S.T.S. are required, these
can only be obtained by delaying the return home of 56 L.S.T.S.
due to leave the Mediterranean from 15th January onward sending
them home by convoys starting 5th February. Nothing less
than this will suffice. The 15 L.S.T.S ex BUCCEACHER cannot
arrive in time though they would be invaluable to replace
casualties and for the building up of ANVIL.

S of Rome

Med 26/1130Z
Completed sending 20/1240Z

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Para 4. By various expedients it is believed that lost three weeks can be recovered and existing prescribed build up for OVERLORD maintained. This will be the subject of further telegram in detail.

Para 5. Having kept these 56 L.S.T.S. in Mediterranean so long it would seem irrational to remove them for the very week when they can render decisive service. What also could be more dangerous than to let the Italian battle stagnate and fester on for another three months thus certainly gnawing into all preparation for and thus again affecting OVERLORD. We cannot afford to go forward leaving vast half-finished job behind us. It therefore seemed to those present that every effort should be made to bring off SHINGLE on a two division basis around January 29th and orders have been issued to General Alexander to prepare accordingly. If this opportunity is not grasped we must expect the ruin of Mediterranean campaign of 1944. I earnestly hope therefore that you may agree to the three weeks delay in return of the 56 landing craft and that all the authorities should be instructed to make sure that the May OVERLORD is not prejudiced thereby.

Para 6. I recognise with regret that HERCULES and
the Aegean policy must be sidetracked in these higher interests and it may well be that PIGSTICK will require to be moderated in order to build up three divisions for ANVIL. This has been most painful to me but I could not face the Italian stalemate and disaster which will otherwise ensue.

No Big
I had WAR check with the originator to clear up the difference in dates in paragraphs 2 and 5 of PM 521. Service showed that date in Para 5 should have been same as that in Para 2. The President has the correction.

Admiral Leahy requested and was given a copy of PM 521 for J.C.S. consideration, per Colonel Mathewson.

RWB
MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL:

Attached hereto is a copy of a dispatch from the Prime Minister to the President received in the Map Room today, 26 December. The President has directed that copies be delivered to you and to Admiral Leahy for the preparation of a reply to be transmitted tomorrow.

A copy of the dispatch, and the desire of the President, is being delivered to Admiral Leahy.

Robert W. Boggs
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.
FROM The Prime Minister
TO The President
SERIAL 521
DATE 26 December 1943
DATE/TIME 26/12/43 0953Z
OR FILE NUMBER
TOR MAP ROOM 26/11302 VIA Army Code Room
SUBJECT SHINGLE operation.

ACTION
Sent to the President at Hyde Park as WHITE 15, 26/1240Z.

The President in BLACK 7, 26/1700Z, directed copies be furnished Admiral Leahy and General Marshall for preparation of reply for approval and transmission on 27 December.

Answered by POTUS #427, 27 Dec 43, (See background folder.)

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ACTION COMPLETED: 'Shingle'

FILED:
From: London
To: The President of the United States
No: 522, 26th December 1943

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal.

1. I have received no reply to my telegram Number 518 of December 24th regarding the further secondary appointments.

2. As I shall be travelling tomorrow (Monday), I am telegraphing to instruct the Minister of Information to announce appointments of Tedder and Paget in Tuesday mornings newspapers leaving to you to announce further American appointments. Upon which we are agreed or which in any case rest with you.

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n312 OK via usher 27/3002 - OK
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President
SERIAL 822 DATE 26 Dec 43
DATE/TIME OR FILE NUMBER
TOR MAP ROOM 27/12012 VIA Army Code Room
SUBJECT Command changes.

ACTION Received in Map Room 27/12012, sent to President via usher at 27/1300Z.

Copy to Col Sexton for preparation of reply in conjunction with PM's 518 and 519, and POTUS 424. President approved draft answer; sent to PM as #426.

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Colonel Sexton 27 Dec 43 Col Mathewson

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:
"Command"
From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 523, filed 2718372
Prime Minister to President. Personal and 
Number 523.

1. I understand you have invited Polish Prime Minister
to visit Washington, arriving January 15. Would you very kindly
consider whether this visit could not be postponed for a month
or six weeks? This would enable me to see the Poles before they
leave. If they come over to you with no sort of agreement, is
there not a danger of their becoming the centre of Polish enthu-
siasm, much of which is likely to be anti-Russian and may this
not cost them dear? I am sure you will not mind my making this
suggestion.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972

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Miss Judy 27/1200Z

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**ACTION**

To President via Miss Tully at 27/2000Z

To State Department for action. Draft msg of State Department amended by President, sent to PH as #627. Message sent to Polish Prime Minister Mikolajczyk by State Department via Schoenfeld in London.

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ACTION COMPLETED: [Colored]

FILED:
From: Embassy London
To: The President of the United States

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and 

Para 1. Your number 427. I thank God for this fine decision which engages us once again in whole hearted unity upon a great enterprise.

Para 2. I have heard from the British Chiefs of Staff that the Admiralty can conform to the conditions provided the releases are made from SHINGLE of the numbers which are agreed upon. The Chiefs of Staff will be telegraphing today in full detail to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Meanwhile, here the word is "Full steam ahead".

Para 3. After travelling quite unaffected at 12,000 feet I arrived yesterday at Flower Villa, where I am indeed in the lap of luxury, thanks to overflowing American hospitality. Max has just flown in from London. I propose to stay here in the sunshine till I am quite strong again.

Para 4. Hope you are pleased about the Scharnhorst.

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From: MA London
To: The President of the United States
No. 525 Filed: 29/0850 Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and confidential. Number 525.

Your number 428. Thank you for your message.

I am forwarding your congratulations to the home fleet who will be most gratified.

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Reg. 29/0850 Z
Incl. to ush. 29/0850 Z

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**ACTION**

Answers POTUS 428.

To President via usher, 29/1200Z.

*No answer necessary*

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From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 526

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and
Number 526.

1. I see you have announced General Devers as Commander of all the American Troops in the Mediterranean. This is very agreeable to us and I would be quite prepared that Devers should become Deputy Supreme Commander, a title which Alexander with his customary selflessness is quite willing to relinquish.

2. As soon as you let me know whom you choose for your A.O. C-in-C in the Mediterranean, I will proceed to nominate the British Deputy.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 5 1972

Red. 30/1350Z.
Delivered to u.s. 30/1355Z
Gen. Watson.

Ref: Directed by Admiral for preparation of reply.

0631
30 December 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMiral LEAHY

The President has directed that the attached message be referred to you for preparation of reply.

L. Mathewson,
Colonel, General Staff.

1 Incld.-
PM-POTUS 526.
FROM Prime Minister TO President

SERIAL 526

DATE 30 Dec 1943

DIA M TIME OR FILE NUMBER 30/1251Z

TOR MAP ROOM 30/1355Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT Command changes and announcement.

ACTION

To President via General Watson; 30/1355Z.

Referred by direction of the President to Admiral Leahy for preparation of reply.

Draft message prepared by Leahy; approved by President; sent to FM as POTUS 4432.

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Admiral Leahy 30 Dec 1943 The President

ACTION COMPLETED: FILED:

0633
30 December 1943

From: London
For: The President of the United States
Number 527, filed 3016102

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Number 527. Personal and

1. Your number 425. We are instructing MacMillan
to associate himself with Wilson in accordance with your
message.

2. It is not only a question of trials but of
detention in prison meanwhile. In my view the three
gentlemen you mention should be at once accorded either
parole or bail or residence surveille.

No Sig

Reid: 30/1702
Reply to Miss Tully: 30/17052

Copy to Ad. Secty.
December 30, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ADMIRAL LEAHY

I want something like
this paragraph #2 sent to
Wilson.

F. D. R.
FROM | Prime Minister | TO | President
-----|---------------|----|---------
SERIAL | 527 | DATE | 30 December 1943
DATE/TIME | 30/1610Z OR FILE NUMBER | VIA | Army Code Room

ACTION
Answers POTUS #425. Delivered to Miss Tully for President, 30/1705Z.

Copy to Admiral Leahy by direction of President for preparation of reply to Ambassador Wilson. Message to Wilson unnecessary in view of Eisenhower-Marshall, Algiers W-8959 31 Dec 43, filed OII French Natl Com (1) Sec. 3.

Leahy's draft message to Prime Minister approved by the President, sent to PM as POTUS #431, 31 Dec 45.

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Admiral Leahy | | |

ACTION COMPLETED: | FILED:
French Natl Committee
30 December 1943

From: London
To: The President of the United States
Number 528  Filed: 30/1742

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt
personal and more number 528.

1. I have now received from my brother, Jack, full accounts of the Christmas tree at Chequers. All my grandchildren were there and a number of other children and a good time was had by all. Winant, who was present, has promised to write to you about it. Thank you so much for sending me this token. I have, also, to thank you for the wonderful map case which has arrived from you for me and which I am longing to see. We are indeed in comfort at this beautiful flower villa, and I am making good progress. The sun is shining today, but nothing did me the same good as your telegram showing how easily our minds work together on the grimly simple-issues of this vast war. Alexander reports he has arranged satisfactory plans with Clark for SHINGLE.
He is using the British First and the American Third Divisions with paratroops and armour. I am glad of this. It is fitting that we should share equally in suffering, risk and honour.

2. I received on the same day congratulations on my recovery from Franco and Tito. So what?

3. Sarah thanks you for your message and sends her love.

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To President via usher at 30/1435.

Miss Tully brought reply to Map Room at 1800/30th. Sent to PM as 4350.

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