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PRIORITY

2 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 641, PERSONAL AND [redacted]T, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Referring to my 635, I have received a reply from U.J. which is not very helpful in the selection of a place for our next meeting. He states that if our meeting on the Soviet Black Sea Coast is acceptable he considers it an extremely desirable plan.

His doctors to whose opinion he must give consideration do not wish him to make any "big trips."

He gave me no information as to location of the meeting, accessibility, living conditions, etc., except to express a hope that it will be possible to provide a safe entrance for my ship into the Black Sea.

He will be glad to see me as soon as I find it possible to make the trip.

I do not wish to go to the Black Sea if it can be avoided, first because the Congress will be in session at that time which makes it imperative that I be at all times within rapid mail communication with Washington by Air Mail, and, second because of sanitary conditions.

Dr. McIntire tells me that health conditions in Black Sea ports such as Odessa are very bad, and we must think of the health of our staff and our ships' crews as well as ourselves.

What do you think of the possibility of our inducing U.J. to meet with us in Piraeus, Salonica, or Constantinople. Any of these would not be a "big trip" for him.

[redacted]

DECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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Please give me your advice as to the best date for the meeting from your point of view, together with any information you may have in regard to a suitable place for the meeting, danger from enemy action, living conditions, etc. I will take a ship to wherever we may go.

I fear that Uncle Joe will insist on the Black Sea. I do think it important that we three should meet in the near future.

All advice and assistance that you can contribute to the solution of this problem will be appreciated.

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Released from the White House Map Room
at 0220252, 2 November 1944.

HENRY W. PUTNAM,
Captain, A. C.

DECLASSIFIED
By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.S. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1977

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#641

[redacted]

November 2, 1944

PRESIDENT TO PRIME:

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
Date 9 NOV 1 1971

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By W.P. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO. 641, 2 Nov 44.
DATE

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Tripartite meeting.

ACTION:

1. See PRES-PM #635, 24 Oct 44, and PM-PRES #808, 25 Oct 44.
2. Written by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President without change, 2 Nov 44, and dispatched.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #814, 5 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY

6 November 1944

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London

NUMBER 642. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

I should like to express to you my personal sorrow and regret at the loss of Field Marshal Sir John Dill, who as Great Britain's senior representative on your Combined Staff Mission in America contributed his high soldierly talents and his wide experience with conspicuous success to the solution of our many common war problems.

America joins with Great Britain in sorrow at the loss of your distinguished soldier whose personal admirers here are legion.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1400, EWT, 6 November 1944

ROBERT W. BOGUE,
Lieutenant, USNR

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By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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06181 NCR 3505

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 642, 6 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Message of sympathy on death of Sir John Dill.

ACTION:

1. Written by the President at Hyde Park; sent to Map Room for transmission to PM as MR-IN-181, 061720Z. Dispatched 061821Z.
2. Answered by PM-PRES #820, 10 Nov 44.
3. See also PM-PRES #819, 9 Nov 44, which asks permission to publish President's condolence message; and the President's reply, PRES #643, 9 Nov 44.

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100 Sir John Dill

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6 November 1944

PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London

NUMBER 643. [redacted]ND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Following is our suggested text of Anti-U-boat statement for October:

QUOTE. The scope of the German U-boats' activities in October 1944 was materially below that of any other month of the war; in consequence of which the number of United Nations' merchant vessels sunk by German submarines during the month was also the lowest of any month of the entire war.

Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it represented a one-sided ratio as compared to the number of Allied merchant vessels sent to the bottom by the U-boats.

The Allies continue to supply on schedule their ever-growing Armies in Europe. UNQUOTE.

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at 1915, EWT, 6 November 1944.

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By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

F. H. GRAHAM,
Captain, AGD

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062338 NCR 3613

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 643, 6 November 1944

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT:
October Sub Statement

ACTION:

1. Statement drafted by Navy Department; approved by OWI; transmitted to Admiral Brown by Elmer Davis by memo dated 6 Nov 44.
2. Statement transmitted to President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-514 (0615152 Nov 44) with following introduction: "Request your approval of the following proposed sub statement for month of October, submitted by the Navy Dept and approved by Elmer Davis..."
3. MR-IN-182 (0622452 Nov 44) stated: "FROM ADMIRAL LEAHY TO ADMIRAL BROWN. The President approves. Send to Prime Minister."
4. Dispatched to PM 6 Nov 44.
5. Answered by PM-PRES 818, 8 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY 8 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV

TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 644, PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 818. I agree.

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Released from the White House Map Room
at 1945Z, 8 Nov 1944.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff.

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By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 644, 8 November 1944.

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: October Sub Statement.

ACTION:

1. See STATUS SLIP attached to PM-PRES #818, 8 Nov 44.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER. PERSONAL AND [redacted]

[redacted]. NUMBER 645.

Your 819. Publication of paraphrase of my 642 approved.

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Released from the White House Map Room
at 1105, EWT, 9 November 1944

John A. Tyree, Jr.
Commander, USN

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.S. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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091527 NCR 3967

President to Prime
Your 819 publication of
paraphrase of my 642
approved
Roosevelt
WDL

#645

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 645, 9 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Release to press of statement re Sir John Dill.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #819, 10 Nov 44, which was sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-532. (See also PM #820).

2. PM #819 read by Admiral Leahy, who prepared reply approving release of PRES #642; this message (PRES #645, 9 Nov 44) released to Navy Department at 091505Z.

3. At 091658 the following message was received from President as MR-IN-186: "Yr MR-OUT-532 approved. Please prepare and transmit reply accordingly." Admiral Leahy's office notified; no further action since message had already been sent.

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10 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV

TO : ALUSNA, LONDON 101615Z NCR ____

NUMBER 646, PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 816 and 817. Thank you for your friendly message and for your repetition of the 1940 message which I certainly had not forgotten. We should now be permitted to continue our work together until this world-wide agony is ended and a better future insured.

F. D. R.

Released from the White House Map Room
at 101615Z, Nov 1944.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff.

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By W.J. Stewart
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#646

10 November 1944

PRESIDENT TO PRIME.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.G. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE #646, 10 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIa

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of election congratulations.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #816 and #817, which were sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-525 and 526 respectively.
2. Reply by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President 10 Nov 44.

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FROM: OPNAV 13 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 647, PERSONAL AND [redacted]T, FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

The death of the TIRPITZ is great news. We must help the Germans by never letting them build anything like it again, thus putting the German Treasury on its feet.

ROOSEVELT

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at 1317032, 13 Nov 44.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff.

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#641

November 13, 1944.

TO: FORMER NAVAL PERSON

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

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ROOSEVELT

FROM	The President	TO	The Prime Minister
SERIAL or FILE NO. DATE	647, 13 Nov 44.		
TOR MAP ROOM		VIA	

SUBJECT: Sinking of German BB TIRPITZ.

ACTION:

1. Written by the President.
2. Answered by Para 1, PM-PRES #822, 16 Nov 44.

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400 Tirpitz; 460

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14 November 1944

PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 1416222, NCR 4758

NUMBER 648. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

The more I think it over the more I get convinced that a meeting of the three of us just now may be a little less valuable than it would be after I am inaugurated on the twentieth of January. The location of a meeting now is very difficult. All my people advise strongly against the Black Sea. I do not think there is a chance that UJ would agree to Jerusalem, Egypt or Malta.

But there is a real chance that by the end of January or early February he could get rail transportation to head of the Adriatic. He might be willing to come to Rome or the Riviera. I would of course stop in England going or returning. I do not think he wants to fly or take a very difficult and long rail journey to Haifa.

Incidentally it would be far easier for me as I am undergoing the throes of the old session and preparing for the new session on January third.

Ever so many thanks for your wire. I finally got angry toward the end of the campaign and replied to the worst type of opposition I have ever met. However it worked well and people are now setting back trying to catch their breath.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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What do you think of postponement? It appeals to me greatly. My best to you on your Parisian trip. Don't turn up in French clothes.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1416222 November 1944.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff.

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By W.J. Stewart
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#648

November 14, 1944.

FOR: CHURCHILL

FROM: ROOSEVELT

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F.D.R.
Roosevelt
WAL.

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 648, 14 November 1944

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Tripartite meeting; election; French

ACTION:

1. Answers PM #'s 814 and 815, 5 Nov 44, which were sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-510 & 512 respectively.
2. Dispatch written by the President after his return from Hyde Park and dispatched on 14 Nov 44.
3. Answered by Para 2, PM-PRES, #822, 16 Nov 44.
4. See PRES-PM #649 and #650 for further correspondence.

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18 November 1944

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PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA LONDON 181803Z NCR 5493

NUMBER 649, PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 822. I am sending you in a message to follow a copy of a message I have just sent to Uncle Joe on the subject of our next meeting. It does not seem to me that the French Provisional Government should take part in our next conference as such a debating society would confuse our essential issues. The three of us can discuss the questions you raise in regard to turning over parts of Germany to France after the collapse of Naziism and the further problems of helping to build up a strong France.

Regardless of available shipping and availability of material in the United States, I have no authority at present to equip an eight division post war French army. I, of course, sympathize with the French point of view and hope that we may all be able to help her meet post war responsibilities. You know, of course, that after Germany's collapse I must bring American troops home as rapidly as transportation problems will permit. I shall be glad to have your views about the time and place of our next meeting.

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Released, 181803Z Nov 44.

R. W. BOGUE, Lt., USNR.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
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18 November 1944.

From: The President.
To : The Prime Minister.

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Roosevelt

ROOSEVELT.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By Jos. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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16 November 1944

PRESIDENT TO PRIME:

Your 822 received.

Regardless of available shipping and availability of material in the U.S., there does not appear to be at the present time any authority for the United States to equip an eight division post-war French Army.

I also sympathize with the French point of view and hope that France will be able to build up a sufficient military force to meet the needs of a post-war period.

I am not prepared now to agree that the provisional French Government should be a fourth member of our next staff meeting. Such a debating society probably would not expedite the essential business of the conference.

In regard to turning over parts of Germany to France after the collapse of Naziism, this will it seems to me require agreement by the Soviet, the U.K., and the U.S.

Participation by the French Provisional Government in discussions leading to such an agreement does not appear to me to be necessary or helpful.

In this connection I will desire and expect to bring the American troops home as quickly after Germany's collapse as is permitted by all the transportation that can be made available.

Roosevelt

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By Leo P. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 649, 18 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIa

SUBJECT: Tripartite meeting; French; equipping French divisions.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM #822, 16 Nov 44.
2. Written by Admiral Leahy; given to Admiral Brown by the President to be reworded so that it would read more personal.
3. Admiral Brown's draft approved by the President 18 Nov 44, and dispatched.
4. See also PRES-PM #650, which is continuation of this message.
5. Answered by PM-PRES, #825, 19 Nov 44.

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18 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

1818072 NCR 5492

NUMBER 650, PERSONAL AND [redacted], FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

I have today sent the following message to Stalin:

QUOTE. All three of us are of one mind — that we should meet very soon, but problems chiefly geographical do not make this easy at this moment. I can, under difficulties, arrange to go somewhere now in order to get back here by Christmas but, quite frankly, it will be far more convenient if I could postpone it until after the Inauguration which is on January twentieth.

My Navy people recommend strongly against the Black Sea. They do not want to risk a capital ship through the Aegean or the Dardenelles, as it would involve a very large escort much needed elsewhere. Churchill has suggested Jerusalem or Alexandria, and there is a possibility of Athens, though this is not yet sure.

Furthermore, I have at this time a great hesitation in leaving here while my old Congress is in its final days, with the probability of its not adjourning finally until December fifteenth. Also, I have to be here, under the Constitution, to send the Annual Message to the new Congress which meets here in early January.

What I am suggesting is that we should all meet about the twenty-eighth or thirtieth of January, and I should hope that by that time you will have rail

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By W.P. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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travel to some port on the Adriatic and that we should meet you there or that you could come across in a few hours on one of our ships to Bari and then motor to Rome, or that you should take the same ship a little further and that we should all meet in a place like Taormina, in eastern Sicily, which should provide a fairly good climate at that time.

Almost any place in the Mediterranean is accessible to me so that I can be within easy air distance of Washington in order to carry out action on Legislation — a subject with which you are familiar. I must be able to get Bills or Resolutions sent from here and returned within ten days.

I hope that your January military operations will not prevent you from coming at that time, and I do not think that we should delay the meeting longer than the end of January or early February.

Of course, if in the meantime the Nazi Army or people should disintegrate quickly, we should have to meet earlier, though I should much prefer the meeting at the end of January.

A further suggestion as to a place would be one on the Riviera but this would be dependent on the withdrawal of German troops from northwestern Italy. I wish you would let me know your thoughts on this.

I hope to talk over many things with you. We understand each other's problems and, as you know, I like to keep these discussions informal, and I have no reason for formal agenda.

My Ambassador in China, General Hurley, is doing his best to iron out the problem between the Generalissimo and the forces in North China. He is making some progress but nothing has been signed yet.

My warmest regards to you. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1818072, November 1944.

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RICHARD PARK, JR., Colonel, General Staff.

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By Deputy Archivist of the
By W. J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 650, 18 Nov 44.

TOR MAP ROOM VIa

SUBJECT: Tripartite meeting.

ACTION:

1. Further reply to PM #822, 16 Nov 44. Also see PRES-PM #649.
2. Quotes to Churchill a message sent by the President to Marshal Stalin, 18 Nov 44. (PRES-STALIN #124, 18 Nov 44.)
3. Answered by PM-PRES, #825, 19 Nov 44.

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

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PRIORITY

18 November 1944

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 1823152, NCR

NUMBER 651. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Early in October you were good enough to agree to defer for a while the signature of a meat contract with the Farrell regime in Argentina. Your refusal to sign a contract has helped us tremendously. It has increased the uncertainty which has driven the Colonels to a desperate condition.

We believe that if our tactics can be continued, we have a very good chance of putting an end within a reasonable time to a Fascist regime that otherwise would be a threat to the peace and security of this continent for many years to come.

I have been concerned to hear recent reports that you may shortly take up the matter of the Argentine meat contract with us again.

It is my strong personal conviction that if you sign a meat contract with the Farrell regime the consequences will be disastrous and much more far reaching than we have been able to make some of your people understand. Such action would be propagandized by the Argentine regime to demonstrate a division between us; it would strengthen both their domestic and their international position; and because our own people feel so strongly about the Nazi threat on this continent while their sons are fighting all over the world, such action would have repercussions in the press, in public discussions, and in Congress at a most unfortunate time.

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I would not, of course, urge this so strongly if it meant less meat for your people. As you know, you are getting all the meat you can carry from Argentina right now even though you have no contract, and you will recall that this was also the case for ten months prior to the signing of the last contract.

I know that we can continue to count on your help to liquidate this dangerous Nazi threat.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1823152, November 1944 by

F. H. GRAHAM,
Capt, AGD.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W.J. Stewart
Date NOV 1 1971

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

In accordance with your request there is enclosed herewith a draft message to Prime Minister Churchill respecting further delay in the meat contract negotiations with Argentina.

E R S Jr.

Enclosure:

Draft telegram for
Prime Minister Churchill

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~~Department of State~~

THE WHITE HOUSE *Washington,*

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State Dept. letter, 1-11-72
By [illegible] Date FEB 14 1972

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
WINSTON CHURCHILL, M. P.
PRIME MINISTER, LONDON

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ERS p. ~~I am glad to say that our people tell me the phase two land-lease discussions are going well.~~

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 651, 18 Nov 44.

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Argentine Beef.

ACTION:

1. Dispatch drafted by the State Department, sent to the President by memo, 17 Nov 44, signed "ERS jr."
2. President approved message without change; dispatched 182315Z.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #826, 19 Nov 44.
4. Further answered by PM-PRES #832, 26 Nov 44.
5. (Also see WINANT-PRES #1063, 20 Nov 44, on this subject.)

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PRIORITY

20 NOVEMBER 1944

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FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

201703Z NCR 5674

NUMBER 652, PERSONAL AND [redacted], FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your Number 823.

General Maitland Wilson is entirely acceptable to us as a successor for Sir John Dill. We would welcome him to Washington.

As to the command arrangements in the Mediterranean resulting from General Wilson's transfer to Washington, I feel that General Alexander is logically General Wilson's successor and his appointment as Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean Theater is agreeable to the U. S. Chiefs of Staff and to me.

I appreciate the compliment you pay General Clark in suggesting that he take over the Army Group in Italy as General Alexander's successor. I think that is also a logical arrangement. Generals Alexander and Clark have worked together successfully now for some time and I see no reason to change that combination.

General McNarney's status as Deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander should remain the same under the new arrangements.

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Colonel, General Staff.

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War Department
Office of the Chief of Staff

19 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL LEAHY:

Attached is a proposed answer to the Prime Minister's message to the President.

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20 November 44

Proposed Message to the Prime Minister

Your Number 823

General Maitland Wilson is entirely acceptable to us as a successor for Sir John Dill. We would welcome him to Washington. ~~Have you considered General Ismay who would also be very acceptable to us?~~

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 652, 20 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Appointment of Gen Wilson to CCS; Mediterranean commande.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #823, 17 Nov 44, which was sent to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for draft reply.
2. Draft reply prepared in Chief of Staff's office; approved by Adm King; approved by the President 20 Nov 44; and dispatched to London.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #829, 26 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY

21 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

211617Z NCR 5923

NUMBER 653, PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 821. In regard to the Italian grain ration it is true that I have "jumped some fences" and because of the great number of Italians in this country I must continue in the future to follow the same practice. I know you will understand.

I have not been at all satisfied with the administration of the relief problem to date, expecially with the distribution of food in Italy.

In September, 1944, General Wilson reported that from a military standpoint the tranquility of the Mediterranean area might be jeopardized if the 300 gram bread ration were not sanctioned.

The provision of relief to the distressed peoples in liberated areas presents very difficult problems of shipping. My own view is that until after German collapse the import of such supplies must be limited to those supplies for which the Combined Chiefs of Staff can obtain shipping in the light of shipping requirements to carry out current and projected operations. In view of these heavy operational shipping demands, I think that, until German collapse, they can provide shipping in operational areas only for those basic essentials necessary to avoid disease and unrest which would interfere with operations or lines of communication and supply. I agree with your suggestions that we should not discriminate in favor of Italy over

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other liberated areas, although, in view of shipping limitations, it will only be possible to furnish a minimum relief program necessary to prevent prejudice to military operations.

It is my belief that to continue military personnel in the Allied Commission any longer than is absolutely necessary is inconsistent with the principles you and I announced in our joint statement. I therefore feel that whenever a position in the Commission need no longer be filled by an officer, he should be replaced by a civilian as soon as a suitable replacement can be found. I will, of course, be glad to consider any views which you may have on these matters and other problems of economic assistance to Italy, after your consultation with MacMillan.

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME:

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 653, 21 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT:
Italian grain ration.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #821, 12 Nov 44, which was forwarded to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for preparation of reply.
2. Reply drafted by Joint Chiefs; first two paragraphs added by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President 21 Nov 44 and dispatched.

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From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 212116Z, NCR 5901

NUMBER 654. [redacted]T AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

The aviation conference is at an impasse because of a square issue between our people and yours. We have met you on a number of points, notably an arrangement for regulation of rates and an arrangement by which the number of planes in the air shall be adjusted to the amount of traffic. This is as far as I can go. In addition, your people are now asking limitations on the number of planes between points regardless of the traffic offering. This seems to me a form of strangulation. It has been a cardinal point in American policy throughout that the ultimate judge should be the passenger and the shipper. The limitations now proposed would, I fear, place a dead hand on the use of the great air trade routes. You don't want that any more than I do.

The issue will be debated tomorrow. I hope you can get into this yourself and give instructions, preferably by telephone, to your people in Chicago so that we can arrange, if possible, to agree. It would be unfortunate indeed if the conference broke down on this issue.

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Lieutanant, USNR

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Urgent

November 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS GRACE TULLY

Subject: Aviation Conference

Mr. Berle telephoned Mr. Hopkins from Chicago this morning and requested that a message be sent by the President to the Prime Minister. Mr. Hopkins asked me to clear the matter with the President.

Would you please be good enough to show the attached wire to the President, and if he has any question I am sure Mr. Hopkins will clear it up with him. I understand that Mr. Hopkins will return to his office from the Combined Chiefs of Staff at three o'clock.

E. R. Stettinius Jr.

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Please transmit the following message to the Prime Minister immediately (repeat immediately):

QUOTE The aviation conference is at an impasse because of a square issue between our people and yours. We have met you on a number of points, notably an arrangement for regulation of rates and an arrangement by which the number of planes in the air shall be adjusted to the amount of traffic. This is as far as I can go. In addition, your people are now asking limitations on the number of planes between points regardless of the traffic offering. This seems to me a form of strangulation. It has been a cardinal point in American policy throughout that the ultimate judge should be the passenger and the shipper. The limitations now proposed would, I fear, place a dead hand on the use of the great air trade routes. You don't want that any more than I do.

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Roosevelt

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THE AVIATION CONFERENCE IS AT AN IMPASSE BECAUSE OF A SQUARE ISSUE BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND YOURS. OUR PEOPLE HAVE MET YOUR PEOPLE ON A NUMBER OF POINTS, ESPECIALLY AN ARRANGEMENT FOR REGULATION OF RATES AND AN ARRANGEMENT BY WHICH THE NUMBER OF PLANES IN THE AIR SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO THE TRAFFIC OFFERING. BUT THE BRITISH POSITION NOW IS THAT, IN ADDITION TO THOSE POINTS, THEY WISH TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PLANES BETWEEN POINTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE TRAFFIC OFFERING, AND THIS IS, FOR US, AND, INDEED, FOR EVERYBODY, A FORM OF CONTINUING STRANGULATION. IT HAS BEEN A CARDINAL POINT IN AMERICAN POLICY THROUGHOUT THAT THE ULTIMATE JUDGE OUGHT TO BE THE PASSENGER AND THE SHIPPER. WITH THE LIMITATIONS NOW INSISTED ON, THE GREAT AIR TRADE ROUTES WOULD BE DEAD THINGS INSTEAD OF LIVE THINGS.

I THINK WE HAVE WALKED OUT OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CONCEPTION OF AIR TRADE TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CONCEPTION OF AIR TRADE AND STAND ON THE THRESHOLD AND THAT WE OUGHT TO GO RIGHT ON THROUGH.

SINCE THE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE WILL BE TOMORROW, I HOPE YOU CAN GET INTO THE MATTER YOURSELF AND GIVE INSTRUCTIONS, PREFERABLY BY TELEPHONE, TO YOUR PEOPLE IN CHICAGO SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE, IF POSSIBLE, TO AGREE.

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 654, 21 Nov 44.

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Aviation Conference in Chicago.

ACTION:

1. See memo, Stettinius to Tully, 21 Nov 44, filed herein, which gives background for this message.
2. Msg first drafted by Mr. Hopkins; altered by State Department; approved by President 21 Nov and dispatched.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #827, 22 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY

22 November 1944

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 221842Z, NCR 6047

NUMBER 655. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. Apparently the Chiefs of SHAEF would like something done by top level to help break down German morale.

2. I can think of nothing except a joint statement from you and me and therefore suggest something along the line of the following:

QUOTE. We have viewed the overall iron discipline of the Wermacht and strangle-hold of the Nazi party over the individuals of the German nation and we have considered the problem of getting the truth to the people of Germany, for they have been flooded with Nazi propaganda that the Allies seek the destruction of the German people and the devastation of Germany.

Once more we wish to make it clear to the German people that this war does not seek to devastate Germany or eliminate the German people.

Once more we want to make it clear to the people of Germany that we seek the elimination of Nazi control and the return of the German people to the civilization of the rest of the world.

We are winning. There is no question of that.

But we want to save lives and to save humanity.

We hope that this slaughter of Germans can be brought to an end but we are going to bring this war to a conclusion which will satisfy civilization and seek to prevent future wars. The answer lies in the hands of the German

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people. They are being pressed the whole length of their boundaries on the Rhine. They are being pressed by overwhelming numbers and inexhaustable resources in Poland and Czechoslovakia and Hungary. German towns are daily being destroyed and your enemies draw closer in the closing of an inexorable ring. The simple fact remains that the Allies are united in demanding a complete military victory.

The choice lies with the German people and the German army. Do not prolong the days of death and suffering and destruction. Join all the other people in Europe and Africa and America and Asia in this great effort for decency and peace among human beings. UNQUOTE.

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OGDEN KNIFFIN,
Major, C.E.

Adm Leahy by a memo notified Gen Marshall of the above message. Gen Marshall in turn informed General Eisenhower.

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November 22, 1944

To: Former Naval Person

From: The President

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per Cindy Smith Roosevelt
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France.

To: War Department
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr: S 67648 20 November 1944

This is SCAF number 134. S 67648 to for action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for info Central District UK Base for British COS from SHAEF signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT [redacted]

1. German morale on this front shows no sign of cracking at present. I am of the opinion that enemy's continued stolid resistance is a main factor postponing final victory which, in present circumstances can only be achieved by prolonged and bitter fighting.

2. Factors which are compelling the enemy to continue strong resistance appear to be:

a. Overall iron discipline of the Wehrmacht and stranglehold by the Nazi party.

b. Successful Nazi propaganda which is convincing every German that unconditional surrender means the complete devastation of Germany and her elimination as a nation.

3. Consider it is of vital importance that we should redouble our efforts to find a solution to the problem of reducing the Germans will to resist and then to bring every appropriate weapon to bear to achieve this end. I have in mind particularly the employment of deception methods in addition to propaganda and other possible means.

4. Since any plan which aims at reducing the enemy's will to resist must affect the German Army in all theatres, this is not a subject which can be dealt with by Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, which is not in possession of the relevant information and does not control all the weapons to put such plan into effect.

5. This matter has been discussed with the controlling officer, who has had the subject under review. I now request that it be taken up in London as a matter of urgency.

ACTION: CC/S

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE #655, 22 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Proposed statement to German people to break German morale.

ACTION:

1. See War Dept msg, #67648, 20 Nov 44, from EISENHOWER to CCS. President read this message, and discussed it in length with Admiral Brown at evening news presentation, 21 Nov 44. President took dispatch with him to prepare draft statement and msg to Prime Minister.
2. President's draft given to Admiral Leahy to be taken up with Gen Marshall. President left for Hyde Park on evening of 21 Nov 44.
3. Leahy to President, MR-OUT-538, 22 Nov 44, stated: "Marshall and I agree as to the advisability of sending to PM, for his approval, your proposed joint statement designed to break German morale. Upon receipt of your permission, I will send the message to Prime and will also inform Eisenhower of your action in the matter."
4. MR-IN-187, 2217102, 22 Nov 44, replied: "Send msg to Churchill and Eisenhower mentioned in your MR-OUT-538."
5. Dispatched to PM, 22 Nov 44.
6. To Gen Marshall by memo signed Admiral Leahy, for dispatch to Gen Eisenhower, 22 Nov 44.
7. Answered by Om-Ans #828, 24 Nov 44.

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24 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA, LONDON

241658 NCR 6355

NUMBER 126, PERSONAL AND [redacted], FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR AMBASSADOR WINANT.

Please take the following message personally to Winston and convince him that he has got to come through. You will understand how important it is that he does.

"I have read carefully the message in your 827 ~~and am replying to it in my next telegram.~~[1] I am afraid you do not yet fully appreciate the importance of reaching a satisfactory agreement. Our people have gone as far to meet yours as I can let them go. If the conference should end either in no agreement or in an agreement which the American people would regard as preventing the development and use of the great air routes the repercussions would seriously affect many other things.

"We are doing our best to meet your lend-lease needs. We will face Congress on that subject in a few weeks and it will not be in a generous mood if it and the people feel that the United Kingdom has not agreed to a generally beneficial air agreement. They will wonder about the chances of our two countries, let alone any others, working together to keep the peace if we cannot even get together on an aviation agreement.

"I hope you will review the situation once more and see if we cannot get together."

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1. Deleted by direction Mr. Hopkins. See Para 5 of STATUS REPORT.

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FROM The President TO Winant (for Prime Minister)

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 126, 24 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Aviation conference.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #827, 22 Nov 44, which was sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-541, 22 Nov 44.
2. By direction Mr. Hopkins, paraphrased copy of PM #827 sent to State Dept for preparation of reply.
3. Draft reply submitted by State Department to Mr. Hopkins. Several changes made by Mr. Hopkins. Sent to the President at Hyde Park for his approval as MR-OUT-545, 241400Z.
4. President telephoned Mr. Hopkins giving his approval to the message as written. Message sent to the Navy Code Room for transmission to London.
5. By direction of Mr. Hopkins, exact copy of #126 sent to Mr. Achilles in the State Department. Mr. Achilles called Mr. Hopkins' office, suggesting that the clause "and am replying to it in my next telegram" be deleted from the message since no further message from the President would be sent. Mr. Hopkins agreed. Navy Code Room notified and directed to make change.

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Note that this message was sent to Ambassador Winant to be delivered personally to the Prime Minister. Therefore the message to the Prime Minister was unnumbered.

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6. Answered by WINANT-PRES #1069, 27 Nov 44; PM-PRES #835, 27 Nov 44; and PM-PRES #836, 28 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY

26 November 1944

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 261609Z, NCR 6719

NUMBER 656. PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

The announcement proposed in your Number 830 for 23.30 GMT, Sunday, November 26, is approved.

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RICHARD PARK, JR.,
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26 November 1944

PRESIDENT TO PRIME #656

The announcement proposed in your Number 830 for 23.30 GMT, Sunday, November 26, is approved.

Roosevelt

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 656, 26 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Announcement of Gen Wilson's, Gen Alexander's and Gen Clark's appointments.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #830, 26 Nov 44. (Also see PM-PRES #829, 26 Nov 44).
2. Written by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; dispatched 261609Z.
3. No reply.

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From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 261614Z, NCR 675

NUMBER 657. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 828. Your attitude toward the proposed joint statement, my 655, is accepted and I have informed General Eisenhower in regard thereto.

I share ~~with~~ as your earnest hope that both the British and American Armies can throw extra weight into the effort and succeed in destroying the German West Wall Armies by the end of this year.

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PRESIDENT TO PRIME: #657

Your 828. Your attitude toward the proposed joint statement, my 655, is accepted and I have informed General Eisenhower in regard thereto.

I share ~~with~~ your earnest hope that both the British and American Armies can throw extra weight into the effort and succeed in destroying the German West Wall Armies by the end of this year.

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 657, 26 Nov 44.

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SUBJECT: Proposed statement to German people to break German morale.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #828, 24 Nov 44, which was sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-548, 242236.
2. The President, in MR-IN-188, 2423232, directed msg be referred to Admiral Leahy and that it be paraphrased and sent to Gen Eisenhower.
3. Msg was referred to Adm Leahy; paraphrased and sent as GEN-EISENHOWER #127, 25 Nov 44.
4. Draft reply prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved without change by the President; dispatched 2616142.
5. Gen Eisenhower informed by Gen Marshall of PRES #657 (See 1st Para.)
6. Answered by PM-PRES #834, 27 Nov 44.

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 2616372, NCR 6716

NUMBER 658. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 825. Uncle Joe has now replied to my message in regard to the tripartite meeting forwarded to you in my 650.

He expresses regret that my Naval advisors doubt the expediency of meeting on the shore of the Black Sea. He does not object to a meeting at the end of January or the beginning of February, but he has in mind that we shall choose as a meeting place one of the Soviet port cities. He must consider the opinion of his doctors that a long trip would be a danger to him.

He hopes that we will now or soon finally agree upon a meeting place that will be acceptable to all of us.

I have a feeling that we will not succeed in getting U.J. to travel beyond the Black Sea unless the Germans should have surrendered by that time.

In regard to paragraph six of your 825, there should be no difficulty for us in equipping so much of a French occupation force as they may need in a disarmed Germany from the military equipment that we will take from the German Army when it surrenders or is destroyed.

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In any event, I have at the present time no authority under which it would be possible for me to equip any post-war foreign army, and the prospect of getting such authority from the Congress is more than doubtful.

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November 26, 1944

President to Prime: #658

Your 825. Uncle Joe has now replied to my message in regard to the tripartite meeting forwarded to you in my 650.

He expresses regret that my Naval advisors doubt the expediency of meeting on the shore of the Black Sea. He does not object to a meeting at the end of January or the beginning of Feburary, but he has in mind that we shall choose as a meeting place one of the Soviet port cities. He must consider the opinion of his doctors that a long trip would be a danger to him.

He hopes that we will now or soon finally agree upon a meeting place that will be acceptable to all of us.

I have a feeling that we will not succeed in getting U.J. to travel beyond the Black Sea unless the Germans should have surrendered by that time.

In regard to paragraph six of your 825, there should be no difficulty for us in equipping so much of a French occupation force as they may need in a disarmed Germany from the military equipment that we will take from the German Army when it surrenders or is destroyed.

In any event, I have at the present time no authority under which it would be possible for me to equip any

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post-war foreign army, and the prospect of getting such authority from the Congress is more than doubtful.

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 658, 26 November 1944

TOR MAP NOON VIA

SUBJECT: Tri-partite meeting; equipping of French occupation force.

ACTION:

1. Answers PRES-PM #825, 19 Nov 44.
2. (See STALIN-PRES 23 Nov 44, which this message quotes in part to the Prime Minister.)
3. Prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; dispatched 261637Z.
4. Answered by PM-PRES #834, 27 November 1944.

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27 November 1944

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PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 2717222, NCR 679/

NUMBER 659. [redacted]AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

In mid October Air Vice Marshal Willock informed our Navy Department of his intention to survey Clipperton Island in compliance with instructions from British Air Ministry and we understand that a survey party is now at Acapulco, Mexico. Having in mind the Monroe Doctrine, air agreements now under discussion and American public opinion, I suggest that any plan of development of military bases on Clipperton or any other territory in or near American waters be discussed by the Governments concerned rather than by the Armed forces. I request that you cancel any instructions by your people about a further survey of Clipperton until you and I can discuss it. King is sure he can work out a schedule of your planes through Hawaii to meet military requirements. I have personally visited Clipperton twice.

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OGDEN KNIFFIN,
Major, C.E.

sent copies to State - War & Navy by Admiral Leahy's office.

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#659

26 November 1944

PROPOSED MESSAGE

TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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Copy to: State
Navy
War
Joint Staff

I have personally visited Clipperton twice.
Roosevelt WSL

NOTE:—Consult State before sending. Direct Navy to investigate Clipperton and install a weather and radio station.

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November 27, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary for War:

The following message, sent by the President on 27 November to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, is quoted for information and guidance of the State, War and Navy Departments:

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/s/ H. D. Leahy.

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To: Secretary for War
Secretary of State
Secretary of the Navy

Cc to Joint Chiefs of Staff

FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO. DATE 659, 27 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: British air base on Clipperton Island.

ACTION:

1. Dispatch written by Admiral Brown. Taken to the President by Admiral Leahy. President added last sentence. Dispatched to PM at 271722Z NCR 6791.
2. Copies to Sec State, Sec War, Sec Navy, and Joint Chiefs of Staff by Admiral Leahy for information and guidance.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #838, 28 Nov 44.

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27 November 1944

PRIORITY

From: Opnav

To : Alusna, London 271728Z, NCR 6792

NUMBER 660. [redacted] AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Referring to your 829, Truscott has been ordered to report in Italy December 5 for duty.

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November 27, 1944

PRESIDENT TO PRIME:

Referring to your 829, Truscott has been ordered to report in Italy December 5 for duty.

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Operations Divisi[redacted]
European Section, W[redacted]
OPD 384 TS (23 Nov 44)
Lt Col W L Hardick
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24 November 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Number: WARX 67839

[redacted] Book Message from Marshall to Eisenhower for action and McNarney for information

Issue necessary orders transferring Lt General L K Truscott to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Instruct him to report not later than December 5, 1944 to Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Caserta, Italy for instructions and assignment. You are authorized to issue orders transferring to Mediterranean Theater of Operations such personnel as is agreed mutually upon between you and Truscott.

End

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ORIGINATOR: GEN HULL

INFORMATION: GEN HENRY
ADM LEAHY
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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 660, 27 Nov 44.

FOR MAP ROOM VIa

SUBJECT: Assignment of Truscott to 5th Army.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #829, 26 Nov 44.
2. Prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; and dispatched 271728Z NCR 6792.
3. Answered by PM-PRES #837, 28 Nov 44.

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30 November 1944

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PRIORITY

300102 NER 7237

FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA LONDON

NUMBER 661. PERSONAL AND [redacted] FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

I have given careful thought to your 836 and to the problems which you cite. You know that I have no desire for any arrangement by which our people would profit from the sacrifices which yours have made in this war. Your confidence in the justice and fair play of the American people is, I am sure, justified. I have equal confidence that your people have the same qualities in the same measure. I know that they want [redacted] equal opportunity in the air and unquestionably they should have it. I can not believe that they would want aviation, in which you as well as we have a great future, stifled and suffocated because they were for a moment in a less favorable competitive position.

You say that the British Empire is being asked to put bases all over the world at the disposal of other Nations. Of course it is. Would you like to see a world in which all ports were closed to all ships but their own or open to one foreign ship, perhaps two if they carried only passengers and cargo bound all the way from Liverpool to Shanghai? Where would England be if shipping were subjected to such limitations? Where will it be if

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aviation is? I am unable to believe that you do not want an agreement at this time.

I can not agree that the answer is to hold everyone back. It must be rather to go forward together. I know the handicaps under which your aviation industry has laboured during the war. We have found ways to help you before and I am confident that we can find ways to help you in overcoming this. We are prepared to make transport aircraft freely available to you on the same terms as our own people can get them. Our only stipulation is that aviation must be permitted to develop, subject only to reasonable safeguards, as far and as fast as human ingenuity and enterprise can take it.

We have no desire to monopolize air traffic anywhere. I do not see how increased frequencies on long routes would dominate traffic on short ones, when all lines would have the same right to increase their frequencies on the same basis. Nor do I see how in the long term such an arrangement would favor us over others, despite our head start.

You asked that I give further consideration to the fundamentals of your position and that I state the issues as I see them. I have done both and I am more convinced than ever that the answer is not to hold back but to go forward together.

I feel that the Conference can still reach an agreement vastly helpful both in the air and in wider fields. Swinton and Berle on November 27 publicly stated our respective positions. The smaller States have spoken and, if I may say so, our position seemed to have by far the greater support. If it is not possible to reach complete

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agreement when our delegations have so closely approached it, the reasons, despite our best will, would be all too clear.

You speak of impartial arbitration within the general framework. The Canadians undoubtedly see both points of view, have laboured tirelessly to bring us together and on November 27 brought out a new formula which might provide a reasonable line of compromise if the small nations would indeed accept so limited a formula. I will give Berle latitude for one more try on the lines of that formula if you will give Swinton the same.

Given, on both sides, that spirit of justice and fair play of which you speak, I know that an agreement can be reached which will be equally beneficial to both our interests and to the world.

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Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL LEAHY

In accordance with your request of this morning, there is enclosed a draft of a further message to the Prime Minister concerning the Aviation Conference.

H.A.

Enclosure:

Draft Message to
the Prime Minister

FOR VICTORY
BUY
UNITED STATES
DEFENSE
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

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DRAFT OF TELEGRAM TO THE PRIME MINISTER -

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 661, 30 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Air Conference at Chicago.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #836, 28 Nov 44, which was sent to the President at Warm Springs as MR-OUT-559, and also referred by Admiral Brown to the State Dept for information, 28 Nov 44.
2. MR-IN-190, from the President to Adm Leahy, stated: "Please take up MR-OUT-559 with Sec State and have him call Berle on the subject. The three of you work out an answer and send me a draft of it."
3. (Also see MR-OUT-563, from Berle to the President, re Air Conference.)
4. Reply prepared by State Dept, approved by Adm Leahy and forwarded to the President as MR-OUT-569, 292355Z.
5. MR-IN-191, from the President to Adm Leahy, stated: "MR-OUT-569 approved. Please send."
6. Dispatched 30 Nov 44.
7. Answered by PM-PRES #840, 1 Dec 44.

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210 Air Conference

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30 November 1944

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FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA LONDON

NUMBER 662. PERSONAL AND [redacted]ROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

Ever so many happy returns of the day. I shall never forget the party with you and UJ a year ago and we must have more of them that are even better.

Affectionate regards.

F.D.R.

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Robert W. Bogue
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.
DATE 662, 30 November 1944.

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT:

Churchill's birthday.

ACTION:

1. Received in Map Room from the President at Warm Springs as MR-IN-194, 3002452.
2. To PM at 3003102.
3. Acknowledged in PM-PRES #842, 3 Dec 44.

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