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4 - 11 February 1945
To: The President of The United States.

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and confidential.

1 January 1943

We shall be delighted if you will come to Malta.
I shall be waiting on the quay. You will also see the inscription of your noble message to Malta of a year ago. Everything can be arranged to your convenience. No more let us falter! From Malta to Yalta! Let nobody alter!

End.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL or FILE NO. 871, 1 Jan 45

DATE

TOR MAP ROOM 0204202 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: AKEEAN meeting.

ACTION:

1. Answers PPS-PW #595, 31 Dec 44.
2. To the President via usher.
3. Reply prepared by Adm Leahy and Adm Brown; approved by the President; sent to Churchill as PPS-PW #596, 2 Jan 45.

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210 (2)
From: U.S. Military Attaché, London, England
To: The President of The United States
Br: 872, 3 January 1943

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, Personal no 872.

Thank you so much for the 6 new maps which you sent my Map Cabinet, and which were safely delivered today.

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File Copy
FROM: Prime Minister
TO: The President

SERIAL or FILE NO.: 872, 3 Jan 45.

DATE: 3 Jan 45.

TOR MAP ROOM: 0312102

VIA: Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Thanks President for 6 maps.

ACTION:

1. No information in Map Room re maps referred to in this message.
2. To the President via usher.
3. No reply.

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3 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attaché, London, England
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 873 Filed 0314102

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and
Number 873.

Your Number 689:

Thank you for the consideration you gave to my Number
867. In the circumstances it will be better for Alexander
to meet us when we are all together at (?) ARGONAUT. I fully
agree that nothing must stop the immediate dispatch of Eisen-
hower's representatives to Moscow.

End.
FROM: The Prime Minister  
TO: The President  

Serial or File No.  
DATE:  #873, 3 January 1945.  

For Map Room  
DATE:  03/16/45  
VIA: Army Code Room  
SUBJECT: Alexander's going to Moscow with Tedder.  

ACTION:  
1. Answers PH93-PW #689, 2 Jan 45.  
2. To the President via usher.  
3. No reply.  

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DATE:  
BY DIRECTION OF:  

210 (2); 340
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 674, 5 January 1945
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal
and number 674.

Your 690.

In none of your telegrams about ARCADIA have you mentioned whether U.S. likes this place and agrees to it and what kind of accommodation he can provide. I am looking forward to receiving this. It has occurred to some of us that he might come back and say "Why don't you come on the other four hours and let me entertain you in Moscow?" However, I am preparing for Y and am sending a larger liner which will cover all our troubles.

Would it not be possible for you to spend 2 or 3 nights at Malta and let the staffs have a talk together unostentatiously? Also, Eisenhower and Alexander could both be available there. We think it very important that there should be some conversation on matters which do not affect the Russians, E.G., Japan, and also about future use of the Italian Armies. You have but to say the word and we can arrange everything.

We are very sorry indeed you will not come to our shores on this journey. We should feel it very much and a very dismal impression would be made if you were to visit France before you come to Britain: In fact, it would be regarded as a slight on your closest ally. I gather however that you will only go the the Mediterranean and Black Sea, in which case it is merely a repetition of Teheran.

The CIGS and I have passed two very interesting days at Eisenhower's Headquarters at Versailles. Quite...
by chance De Gaulle arrived at the same time on the business about which he has sent you and me, as Heads of Governments, a telegram concerning the Southern Sector. We had an informal conference and the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted so far as he is concerned. Eisenhower has been very generous to him.

I am now in Eisenhower's train going to visit Montgomery, the weather having made flying impossible. The whole country is covered with snow. I hope to be back in England Saturday. Every good wish.

(Telegram dated 4 January 1945.)

No Sig.
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL or FILE NO. 874, 5 January 1943

DATE

TOR MAP ROOM 0519302 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: ASTRONAUT; PM's visit to Western Front

ACTION:

1. Answers F880-Pa #620, 3 Jan 43.
2. To the President via Miss Tully.
3. President gave to Admiral Leahy to prepare answer.
4. Draft reply to Pa #874 and #875 (continuation of #874) prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved with changes by the President; sent to Churchill as F880-Pa #492, 6 Jan 43.

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[Signature]

[Handwritten note: RE(2) 900.9 Churchill]
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 875, 6 January 1945

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt
Personal and Number 875.

ARGONAUT. Please see my number 874.

If you do not wish to spend more than one night at Malta, it could surely be arranged that both our Chiefs of Staff should arrive there a couple of days before us and have their preliminary discussions. We would then all proceed by air to ARGONAUT, thus in no way impeding the journey of the two non-military ships to Sebastopol. Our combined Chiefs of Staff discussions would of course also proceed at Sebastopol at periods when military advisers were not required for the general meetings. The British Chiefs of Staff are repeating this to the United States Chiefs of Staff and suggesting an agenda.
FROM: The Prime Minister

TO: The President

SPLIAL or FILE NO.: 875, 6 January 1945

DATE: 6 January 1945

TO MAP ROOM: O61417Z

VIA: Army Code Room

SUBJECT: 310 ANONAUT

ACTION:

1. Further to PM-PRESS #874, 5 Jan 45.
2. To President via usher.
3. President gave to Admiral Leahy to prepare answer.
4. Draft reply to both PM #874 and #875 prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved with changes by the President; sent to Churchill as PM-PRESS #872, 6 Jan 45.

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210 (2)

To: The President of The United States

Nr: 876, 6 January 1945

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt Personal and Number 876, yours number 691.

Thank you for the information and it is interesting to see that the "Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR" has now been brought up into the line.

Stalin has communicated to me your message to him, of which you sent me a copy in your number 691. We have not ourselves communicated with him on this subject since you sent us a copy of your original message to him (number 875) but had already made it clear in earlier telegrams, and I in fact mentioned it in parliament, that we continue to recognize the London Poles as the Government of Poland. I have now replied to Stalin as follows: - "Naturally I and my war cabinet colleagues are distressed at the course of events are taking. I am quite clear that much the best thing is for us three to meet together and talk all these matters over, not only as isolated problems but in relation to the whole world situation both of the war and the transition to peace. Meanwhile our attitude as you know it remains unchanged. I look forward very much to this momentous meeting and I am glad that the President of the United States has been willing to make this long journey. We have agreed, subject to your concurrence, that the code name shall be called "ARGONAUT" and I hope you will use that in any messages that may be interchanged by the staffs who will be consulting about the arrangements."

You may rest assured of our entire support.
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

DATE 876, 6 Jan 45.

TOR MAP ROOM 061850Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: POLISH-RUSSIAN RELATIONS; ARGONAUT MEETING

ACTION:
1. Answers PRES-PM #876, 6 Jan 45.
2. To the President via usher.
3. To Admiral Leahy for action.
4. Acknowledged in PRES-PM #6524, 8 Jan 45.

052 Poland-Russia Relations; 20 (3)
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 877 Filed 062154Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and

1. CIGS and I have passed the last two days with Eisenhower and Montgomery and they both feel the battle very heavy but are confident of success. I hope you understand that, in case any troubles should arise in the press, His Majesty's Government have complete confidence in General Eisenhower and feel acutely any attacks made on him.

2. He and Montgomery are very closely knit and also Bradley and Patton, and it would be disaster which broke up this combination which has, in nineteen forty four, yielded us results beyond the dreams of military avarice. Montgomery said to me today that the break through would have been most serious to the whole front but for the solidarity of the Anglo-American Army.

3. Although I regret our divisions only amount to seventeen and two-thirds, all units are absolutely up to
strength and we have seven or eight thousand reinforcements all ready in addition in France awaiting transfer to their units. The measures we have taken to bring another 250,000 into or nearer the front line enable me to say with confidence that at least our present strength will be maintained throughout the impending severe campaign.

4. I am deeply impressed with the need of sustaining the foot who bear two-thirds of the losses but are very often the last to receive reinforcements. More important even than the sending over of large new units is the keeping up of the infantry strength of divisions already engaged. We are therefore preparing a number of infantry brigades, including several from the Marines, of which the Navy has 80,000. These brigades will liberate mobile divisions from quasi-static sectors and, at the same time, do the particular work which is needed in them. Montgomery welcomed this idea most cordially as regards the Twenty First Army Group. I gathered from General Eisenhower that he takes the same view and that he is longing for more infantry drafts, i.e. rifle and bayonet, to maintain the U. S. Divisions at their proper establishment.

5. I most cordially congratulate you on the extraordinary gallantry which your troops have shown in all this
battle, particularly at Bastogne and two other places which Montgomery mentioned to me on his own front, the exact location of which I do not carry in my mind, one at the peak of the salient where the First and Ninth American Divisions fought on and won after extremely heavy losses, and the other in connection with the Seventh U. S. Armoured Division, which seems to have performed the highest acts of soldierly devotion. Also many troops of the First Army have fought to the end holding cross-roads in the area of incursion which averted serious perils to the whole armies of the north at heavy personal sacrifice.

6. As I see there have been criticisms in the American papers of our troops having been kept out of the battle, I take this occasion to assure you that they stand absolutely ready at all times to obey General Eisenhower's commands. I believe that the dispositions which he and Marshall Montgomery under him have made are entirely in accordance with strict military requirements, both as regards the employment of troops in counter-attack and their lateral movement, having regard to criss-cross communications. I have not found a trace of discord at the British and American Headquarters but, Mr. President, there is this brute fact: we need more fighting troops to make things move.
7 January 1945

To: The President of The United States
Nr: 877

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7. I have a feeling this is a time for an intense new impulse, both of friendship and exertion, to be drawn from our bosoms and to the last scrap of our resources. Do not hesitate to tell me of anything you think we can do.

END

(Remaining portion of message correct as received.)
FROM: The Prime Minister
TO: The President

DATE: #877, 7 January 1945

SUBJECT: German military situation.

ACTION:
1. To the President via ushers.
2. Reply prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; to Churchill as FB50-M #4914, 8 Jan 45.

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300 Germany
To: The President of The United States

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and No. 878.

Our joint monthly statement about U-boat losses. Admiralty suggest the word "substantially" is stronger than the facts justify and might give an unfortunate impression. I leave the matter in your hands.

END.

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By R. H. Parks Date May 6 1972
FROM:  The Prime Minister
TO:    The President

SUBJ:  or FILE NO:  878, 7 Jan 45.

DATE:  7 Jan 45

TO:   MAP ROOM  072340Z
       VIA:  Army Code Room

SUBJECT:  December sub statement.

ACTION:

1. Answers PRES-PW #692, 6 Jan 45.
2. To the President via usher.
3. President approved deletion of word "substantially" as suggested by the Prime Minister. Dispatch to Churchill prepared by Lt. Elsey; approved by the President; sent to Churchill as PRES-PW #692, 8 Jan 45.

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000.7 (3)
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 879  Filed 0721242

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and

Mail: No. 879.

Your 693. How splendid. Sarah is coming with me.

END.

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By R. E. Parks  Date MAY 6 1972
FROM: The Prime Minister  
TO: The President  
SRLAL or FILE NO.: 879, 7 January 1945  
DATE: 879, 7 January 1945  
TOR MAP ROOM: 0723/402  
VIA: Army Code Room  
SUBJECT: Amnonaut meeting; bringing Sarah.  

ACTION:  
1. Answers PM 8693, 7 Jan 45.  
2. To the President via usher.  
3. No answer.  

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MR. 210 AMNONAUT  

DATE:  
BY DIRECTION OF:  

210 (2)
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 880, 8 January 1945

I am still thinking it of high importance that our military men should get together for a few days before we arrive at ARGONAUT. There will no doubt be opportunities for them to confer together at Sebastopol on days when we are engaged in politics and do not require technical advice. All the same, there are a tremendous lot of questions which should be looked at beforehand, and our agenda ought really to be considered.

2. Even further to this I would add that there would be great advantages in a preliminary conference of about a week's duration between the foreign ministers. If these could be gathered at the Pyramids or Alexandria, about which arrangements are very easy, and could join us at ARGONAUT, an immense amount of preliminary work would be done. I do not know whether you are bringing Stettinum
with you, or whether you would bring him for such a conference. If so, I should greatly welcome it, and the moment that such a decision has been taken, we would invite Molotov to come to the rendezvous. You will remember what advantages were gained last time by the discussions which took place in Moscow before we met at Teheran. Pray let me know whether this appeals to you at all.

3. What are your ideas of the length of our stay at ARGONAUT? This may well be a fateful conference, coming at a moment when the great allies are so divided and the shadow of the war lengthens out before us. At the present time I think the end of this war may well prove to be more disappointing than was the last.

End.

EH/ab

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
January 9, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ADMIRAL LEARY:

FOR PREPARATION OF REPLY.

F.D.R.

PM PRO.
FROM: The Prime Minister
TO: The President

DATE: 8 January 1945

SUBJECT: ARGONAUT

ACTION:

1. Answers PRES-PM #692, 6 Jan 45.
2. To the President via Miss Tully.
3. To Admiral Leahy by memo, 9 Jan 45, by the President for preparation of reply.
4. See further PM-PRES #881, 9 Jan 45.
5. Answered by PRES-PM #696, 9 Jan 45, prepared by Admiral Leahy and approved by the President, and answers both #380 and #881.

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MR 210 ARGONAUT

BY DIRECTION OF:

210 (2)
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 881

Prime Minister to President. Personal and

1. Please see paragraph one of my Nr. 880. In spite of your Nr. 692, our Staffs consider it of the highest importance that they meet with yours before we go on to ARGONAUT. I understand that your Chiefs of Staff are flying separately from you. Why then can they not reach Malta say on January 30th and meet our people there? We think this very important, and we do not see how the agenda can be covered unless there is this preliminary talk. I beg you to consider this. I shall only arrive in time to welcome you on February 2nd.

2. We cannot tell what the flying will be from Malta onward and you may easily have to wait an extra day in Malta. However if our staffs have covered some of the ground, we can spend this day discussing with them. Uncle Joe may if the weather is bad have to put up with a delay.
But he may comfort himself with the reflection that he has made us come to him, which in all the circumstances we are wise to do.

END
FROM: The Prime Minister
TO: The President
DATE: 881, 9 January 1945

TOR MAP ROOM 090400 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: ANGONAUT

ACTION:

1. Further to PM-PRES #880, 8 Jan 45, which answers PRES-PM #692, 6 Jan 45.
2. To the President via usher.
3. Referred by the President to Admiral Leahy for reply.
4. Answered by PRES-PM #695, 9 Jan 45, prepared by Admiral Leahy and approved by the President, and answers both #880 and #881.

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210 (2)
9 January 1945

To: The President of The United States
Nr: 882 Filed 092137Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal

I propose to appoint Admiral Sir Harold Burrough to succeed Ramsay. Eisenhower has been sounded, and would cordially welcome this appointment: and I feel sure that you will agree.

END

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

DATE: 9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Appointment of Admiral Burrough to succeed Ramsay.

ACTION:

1. To the President via usher.
2. Reply written by Adm Leahy; to Prime Minister as ORES #698, 10 Jan 1945.

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BY DIRECTION OF:

100 Burrough; 100 Ramsey; 130
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 883

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and
T. Number 883.
Your number 659.

1. I have now looked into the matter of the
Clipperton Island survey and am relieved to find that
the Air Ministry here did not issue any instructions in
this matter until our delegation in Washington had recei­
ved full approval in writing from the Navy Department for
this survey to be carried out. The Navy Department,
furthermore, provided facilities in the form of gasoline
and oil at Bora Bora. The survey was then carried out,
and its results communicated to the Navy Department.

2. The question of a further flight to complete
the survey was being discussed with the Navy Department
and the State Department at the time your telegram was
sent. I mention this to correct any impression which may
be in your mind that the Air Ministry acted high­handedly.
3. I entirely agree that we should leave the whole matter till we meet.

End.

FXR/VW

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By R. H. May 6 1972
10 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR
VICE ADMIRAL R. S. EDWARDS:

By direction of the President, the attached message from the Prime Minister, No. 883, and the President's reply, No. 697, are forwarded for your information.

The State Department has also been informed.

Wilson Brown,
Vice Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - Msg, Prime Minister to President, No 883, 10 Jan 45.
Incl 2 - Msg, President to Prime Minister, No 697, 10 Jan 45.

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10 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

By direction of the President, the attached message from the Prime Minister, No. 883, and the President's reply, No. 697, are forwarded for your information.

The Navy Department has also been informed.

Wilson Brown,
Vice Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aides to the President.

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Incl 1 - Msg, Prime Minister to President, No 883, 10 Jan 45.
Incl 2 - Msg, President to Prime Minister, No 697, 10 Jan 45.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By F. J. Stewart Date MAY 6 1972
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 883, 10 JANUARY 1945

1. I have now looked into the matter of the Clipperton Island survey and am relieved to find that the Air Ministry here did not issue any instructions in this matter until our delegation in Washington had received full approval in writing from the Navy Department for this survey to be carried out. The Navy Department, furthermore, provided facilities in the form of gasoline and oil at Bora Bora. The survey was then carried out, and its results communicated to the Navy Department.

2. The question of a further flight to complete the survey was being discussed with the Navy Department and the State Department at the time your telegram was sent. I mention this to correct any impression which may be in your mind that the Air Ministry acted high-handedly.

3. I entirely agree that we should leave the whole matter till we meet.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Serial or FILE NO. #683, 10 January 1945

DATE

TO: MAP ROOM 1012012 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Clipperton Island.

ACTION:

1. See PRES-P4 #659, 27 Nov 44, and PM-PRES #638, 28 Nov 44.
2. To the President via usher.
3. Draft reply by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; sent to Churchill as P6-P4 #697, 10 January 1945.
4. Copies of P4 #659 and PRES #697 to Secretary of State and to Admiral Edwards, Navy Department, for information.

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550 Clipperton.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 11, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR
ADMIRAL LEAHY:

FOR PREPARATION OF REPLY,
IF NECESSARY.

F.D.R.
10 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 6614  Filed 1019102

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt,
personal and personal,
Number 6614.
Your Number 696.

1. Thank you very much about the Combined
Chiefs of Staff's preliminary meeting.

2. Eden has particularly asked me to sug-
gest that Stettinius might come on 48 hours earlier
to Malta with the United States Chiefs of Staff so
that he (Eden) can run over the agenda with him
beforehand, even though Molotov were not invited.
I am sure this would be found very useful. I do
not see any other way of realising our hopes about
world organisation in five or six days. Even the

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By H. W. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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Almighty took seven. Pray forgive my pertinacity.

3. I have now read very carefully your message to Congress and I hope you will let me say that it is a most masterly document. Every good wish.

End

RSH/rh

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

Sekr. or FILE NO. 834, 10 Jan 45.

DATE

TO MAP ROOM 102220Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: ARGONAUT

ACTION:

1. Answers PREP-F 9625, 9 Jan 45.

2. To the President in Doctor's office. Adm. McIntire returned to Map Room Watch Officer, stating that the President had directed it be given to Admiral Leahy for preparation of reply.

3. Draft reply prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved by State Department; sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-5, 121631Z.

4. President approved in his MR-IN-2, 121631Z.

5. Reply sent to Churchill as PREP-F 9629, 12 Jan 45.

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210 (2)
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 685, 11 January 1945 Filled 1110302
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt Personal and No 685.
I have never yet thanked you for the bound copy of your D-Day Prayer.
As for the 3 bow-ties, you will see me wearing them at ARCONAUT.

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By R. N. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

SERIAL or FILE NO. #885, 11 January 1945

DATE

SUBJECT: President's gifts to Prime Minister.

ACTION:

1. Read 1114302.
2. No answer.
13 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States

Nr: 886 Filed 1315162

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and confidential,
No. 886.

1. Shall we not have to warn the Turks of the impending arrival of the two ships? We could indeed argue that they are "merchant vessels" for the purposes of the Montreux Convention, with purely defensive armament and not bound on any exclusively military mission. They could thus in theory arrive unannounced at the Straits; but the Turks could still insist on stopping and examining them, and in fact they would be obliged under Article Three to stop for sanitary inspection, which might lead to anything.
2. Should we not tell President Inonu about them at the latest possible moment, for his own strictly personal information, and ask him to give all the orders necessary to ensure that the ships shall pass through unquestioned except by formality? There would be no need to tell him more than that there was going to be a meeting of the heads of governments some day somewhere in the Black Sea.

End
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

DATE: 886, 13 Jan 45.

TOR MAP ROOM 131733Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: ARGONAUT

ACTION:

1. To the President at Hyde Park, MS-OUT-886, 131733Z.
2. Referred to Admiral Leahy for preparation of appropriate reply, MS-IN-5, 131941Z.
3. Reply prepared by Admiral Leahy; sent to Churchill as PRES-FM #700, 13 Jan 45 (132135Z); copy to the President as MS-OUT-13, 132135Z, with following introduction: "I have sent the following message to Prime in reply to his #886."
4. MS-IN-6, 132157Z, from the President to Adm Leahy, stated: "Yr MS-OUT-13 approved." Note that message had already been sent to Churchill.

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210 (2)
14 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 887  Filed 1/410272

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt
Number 887.
Tube Alloys.
I should like Field Marshal Wilson to succeed Field Marshal Dill on the Combined
Policy Committee and hope that this will be agreeable to you.

End
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL or FILE NO.: #887
DATE: 14 January 1945

SUBJECT:
Marshal Wilson's appointment to Combined Policy Committee, Tube Alloys.

ACTION:
1. Answered by PRES-PM #701, 14 January 1945.
14 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 888 Filed 141605Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and
Number 888.

1. Halifax is giving the State Department a
full account of the recent talks which Eden and I have
had with King Peter of Yugoslavia. We have, with the
approval of the War Cabinet, been urging him in his
own interests to accept the Tito-Subasic agreements
which preserve the principle of the monarchy and which
are the best we think he can hope for in the circum-
stances. We told him that he could preserve his own
position by making it clear in a suitable declaration
that he could not, while outside Yugoslavia, assume
actual responsibility for the way in which the agree-
ments were fulfilled and that he accepted them on the
clear understanding that they would be loyally carried
out in the spirit and the letter.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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2. On Thursday, however, King Peter, without consultation with us or with his own prime minister, issued a declaration stating his own views on the Tito-Subasic agreements. You know my views on these matters so well that I do not need to repeat that we should insist, so far as is possible, on full and fair elections deciding the future regime of the Yugo-slav people or peoples.

3. We are now examining the situation to see how we can save the agreements and preserve the title of the Royal Yugoslav Government until the people or peoples of those mountainous regions have a chance of going to the poll. We have telegraphed to Stalin on the lines which are explained in our telegram to Halifax, which shows our views at length. I should be glad to talk this over with you when we meet.

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**ACTION:**

1. To the President at Hyde Park as MP-CUT-18, 14 January 1945.
2. Copy to Admiral Leahy at his request.
3. Acknowledgment prepared by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President on his return to Washington; dispatched to Churchill as PED 702, 17 Jan 45.

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**011 YUGOSLAVIA**
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 589, 14 January 1945

Prime Minister to President, personal and nr 589.

1. Anthony is very pleased that Stettinius will come to CRICKET if possible on the 31st instant. He will be there to receive him.

2. I will meet you there on your arrival. I must point out however that there after the weather will be our master. I have received from Stalin a notification that he is expecting me at MAGNETO on the 2nd. Ought we not to make it clear that we are governed by weather? My air staff are considering the possible alternatives for the onward flight and I will telegraph their views as soon as possible, but it seems likely that unless you can arrive at CRICKET on the 1st we shall not meet U.J. till the 3rd.

3. I am delighted that you will send Harry over here. There will certainly be plenty to talkover.
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL or FILE NO. #889, 14 January 1945

DATE: 14 January 1945

SUBJECT: ABDONAUT

ACTION:

1. To the President at Hyde Park as MB-OUT-20, 15 Jan 45.
2. MB-IN-8, 15 Jan 45, from the President to the Map Room, referred message to Admiral Leahy for his information.
3. Acknowledged in PRES-PM 702, 16 Jan 45, which was written by Admiral Leahy.

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210 ABDONAUT

DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

210 (2)
15 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attaché, London, England
For: The President of the United States

President Roosevelt from Prime Minister. Number 890. Personal and

1. One of the questions which I think should be discussed at our meeting with Stalin, or between the Foreign Secretaries, is that of Persia.

2. In the declaration about Persia which we and Stalin signed at Teheran in December 1943, it is stated that "The Governments of the United States of America, the USSR and the United Kingdom are at one with the Government of Iran in their desire for the maintenance of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran."

3. You will have seen reports of the recent attitude of the Russians in Persia. We here feel that the various forms of pressure which they have been exerting constitute a departure from the statement quoted above. They have refused to accept the Persian decision to grant no concessions until after the war.
and they have brought about the fall of a Persian Prime Minister who, believing that there could be no free or fair negotiations so long as Russian (or other foreign) troops were in Persia, refused the immediate grant of their oil demands. The new Persian Prime Minister, supported by the Parliament, has maintained his predecessor's attitude on this question. But the Russians have indicated that they do not intend to drop their demands.

4. This may be something of a test case. Persia is a country where we, yourselves and the Russians are all involved: and we have given a joint undertaking to treat the Persians decently. If the Russians are now able not only to save their face by securing the fall of the Persian Prime Minister who opposed them, but also to secure what they want by their use of the big stick, Persia is not the only place where the bad effect will be felt.

5. Please let me know whether you agree that this should be taken up with the Russians: and if so, whether you feel that it should be handled by ourselves with Stalin (as signatories of the Teheran declaration) or by the Foreign Secretaries. I think it should be our object to induce the Russians to admit that the Persians are within their rights in withholding a concession if
they wish to do so. We could agree, if necessary, that the oil question should be further reviewed after the withdrawal of foreign troops from Persia.

6. We do not wish the Russian Government to represent that they were not warned in time of the strength of our feelings on this matter. If, therefore, you agree generally with my suggestion, I propose that we should separately or jointly let Stalin know now that we think Persia should be discussed at our next meeting (or by the Foreign Secretaries).

7. Before replying to this telegram, I think that you should see Soviet note of December 29 to Foreign Office, which we have communicated to State Department.

End
For: The President of the United States
Number 890
File 151639Z

President Roosevelt from Prime Minister. Number 890. Personal and
Correction to paragraph six.

6. We do not wish the Russians to be able to represent that they were not warned in time of the strength of our feelings on this matter. If, therefore, you agree generally with my suggestion, I propose that we should separately or jointly let Stalin know now that we think Persia should be discussed at our next meeting (or by the Foreign Secretaries).
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: The Iranian Question

There is enclosed in accordance with your directions a suggested reply to the Prime Minister's telegram no. 890, January 15, 1945, regarding the Iranian oil concession controversy. You will note that we in the Department feel that the subject should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting, as the Prime Minister suggests, and that the talks should be among you, Churchill and Stalin as signatories to the Declaration signed at Tehran. We do not recommend, however, that advance notice be given of an intention to discuss it, since this would give the matter undue importance.

Enclosure: Suggested reply to Prime Minister's telegram regarding the Iranian oil concession controversy.
THE IRANIAN QUESTION

1. I concur fully that the Iranian question should be discussed at our next meeting and feel that it should be with Stalin as a signatory to the Declaration signed at Tehran.

2. We have not seen sufficient evidence in Iran during recent days to demonstrate conclusively that Russia intends to insist upon an oil concession now or even upon the repeal of the Iranian law which forbids concession negotiations during the war, but Russia's continued and avowed dissatisfaction with the law arouses apprehension which should be quieted.

3. The Soviets also replied to our note on the question with a lengthy explanation of Soviet action and a reference to the American Government's QUOTE unsympathetic END QUOTE attitude in the matter. There seems little reason to doubt, therefore, that the Soviets are fully aware of the attitude of both our Governments. I do not think it would be advisable to single out the Iranian question by giving notice in advance of an intention to discuss it since no agenda is being planned and advance reference to this question alone would tend to accord it undue importance.

I concur that a test case may well arise in this matter which may have important bearing on the Dumbarton Oaks plans for post-war collaboration. For this reason we must make every effort, firm but conciliatory, to reach a just solution.
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL or FILE NO.: #890, 15 January 1945.

DATE:

SUBJECT: Persia

ACTION:

1. Received at 152155Z.
2. Sent to the President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-23, 152214Z.
3. MR-IN-9, 152300Z, President referred FM #890 to Admiral Leahy for preparation of reply.
4. Referred to State Department by Admiral Leahy.
5. Memorandum with suggested reply prepared by the Secretary of State. Given to the President in the White House by Sec State.
6. This memo (attached) was taken to Yalta by the President, but not read by him until his return to U.S., when he read it at Hyde Park and sent it to file without action.

To: The President of The United States.

Nr: 891

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt Personal and Number 891.

I suggest that the press should be entirely excluded from ARGONAUT, but that each of us should be free to bring not more than three or four uniformed service photographers to take "still" and cinematograph pictures to be released when we think fit. Please let me know if you agree.

There will of course be the usual agreement communique, or communes.

I am sending a similar telegram to U. J.
January 22, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ADmirAL LEAHY:

Will you please speak to Steve before you prepare reply and I think one should go to Marshal Stalin as well as the Prime Minister?

F.D.R.

[Handwritten note:] Out Adm. Leahy, nothing to go to Stalin.
1. To the President via usher.
   2. Referred to Admiral Leahy by the President by usher, stating:
      "Will you please speak to Steve before you prepare reply and I think
      one should go to Marshal Stalin as well as the Prime Minister."
   3. Draft dispatch to Churchill prepared by Adm Leahy; approved by
      the President; sent to Churchill as FR05-FM #704, 22 Jan 45. Admiral
      Leahy stated that nothing was to be sent to Marshal Stalin.
   4. (See Pa's answer to #704, which requested the President to inform
      Stalin.)
22 January 1945

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 892 Filed 2223392

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and No. 892.
Your 704.
Please tell U. J.
End

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT

SERIAL or FILE NO. 892, 22 January 1945
DATE
TO MAP ROOM 23/00422 VIA Army Code Room
SUBJECT: Press representatives at ARGONAUT

ACTION:

1. Answers PRES-PW #704, 22 January 1945.
2. To the President via usher just prior to the President's leaving on ARGONAUT trip.
3. Reply to Stalin as suggested by the Prime Minister in this message prepared by Admiral Leahy and dispatched to Stalin as PRES-STALIN #178, 22 Jan 45. Quoted to Churchill in PRES-PW #705, 22 Jan 45.

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DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

210 (2)
To: The President of The United States.
Nr: 893    Filed 2323102.

Prime Minister to President, Personal and
Nr 893.

1. My people are now discussing with yours in Naples the plans for our flight from Malta to the Crimea. These should be drawn up in advance if possible, so that the flight arrangements can be completed and so that we can give the necessary warning to Marshal Stalin and to President Inonu of Turkey. It is, of course, understood that they are liable to change at the last minute if the weather makes this necessary.

2. The route proposed is from Malta, south of the island of Kythera, passing east of Athens and the islands of Skyros, Lemnos and Samothrace, across European Turkey to Midia and then straight over the Black Sea. The flight would be 1,300 miles long and would take about seven hours.

3. The highest point is in the Island of Samothrace, which is just over 5,000 feet high and this would mean, if the

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visibility is not good, that the aircraft might have to climb to about 7,000 feet for a short time. The rest of the flight could be done quite low down.

4. We could do the flight either entirely by day or by night with a landing in the morning. As the enemy fighters have now left the Aegean, a daylight flight would be quite safe and the navigational and other arrangements for it would be slightly simpler than for a night one. However there is no serious objection to a night flight and indeed I myself did this part of the journey by night when I went to Moscow. A night flight would, moreover, have the great advantage of getting us to the Crimea in the morning with the whole day before us to drive to Yalta.

5. The Russians have asked us to arrive at the Saki airfield as it has the best runways available. This is about ten miles from Eupatoria and would leave us a drive of at least seventy to eighty miles, and possibly more if the roads across the hills south of Simferopol are blocked by snow. I am told that the Russians have not yet had time to repair the roads, which are still very bad and the going upon them is therefore very slow. The drive to Yalta would, therefore, probably take at least four hours and perhaps longer, even
in daylight, and I do not think that we could possibly do it in darkness. After a daylight flight the greater part would necessarily be after dark.

6. I have therefore come to the conclusion that we ought to plan to fly by night arriving at Saki in the morning. If you are in agreement I will have the plans drawn up accordingly.

7. If your advisors consider that the risk of rising to 7,000 feet is not acceptable it might be possible to leave CRICKET about 3:00 AM so as to pass Samothrace at dawn and ensure a daylight drive to MAGNETO.

8. From the foregoing it will be seen that unless you can arrive at CRICKET on 1st February we shall not meet U. J. till the 3rd and I suggest that we should give him an amended date if this is necessary.

End.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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FROM The Prime Minister
TO The President

DATE #893, 23 Jan 45.

SUBJECT ARGONAUT conference.

ACTION:
1. Sent to the President on board the USS WIND en route ARGONAUT Conference as WR-13-25, 24 Jan 45.
2. Answered by PUB-PM, #706, 28 Jan 45, which was sent to the Map Room as WR-IN-18, 28 Jan 1945.
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 894, 24 January 1945

File Date 241032Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt Personal and Secret number 894.

It would be a great pity if Eisenhower and Alexander only come to CRICKET and if we do not have them with us at MAGNETO. This will really make it impossible for the Heads of Government to enter fully into the military problems. I hope therefore they may be instructed as originally proposed to come to MAGNETO as well as CRICKET and if they have to be absent from either, it should be CRICKET.

The above of course is subject to battle exigencies.

End.

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By R. H. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

Serial or FILE NO. #894, 24 January 1945

DATE 241212Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Eisenhower's and Alexander's coming to Yalta as well as Malta.

ACTION:

1. Sent to the President on board USS QUINCY en route ARGONAUT as 48-OUT-27.
2. Acknowledged by PRES-PW.4707, 31 January 1945, which was sent from the QUINCY to the Map Room as 48-IN-21.

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210 (2); 100 EISENHOWER, General; 100 ALEXANDER, Marshal
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 895, 25 January 1945

I am appointing Air Marshal Park as Air Commander in Chief, South East Asia, to fill the vacancy created by Air Chief Marshal Leigh Mallory's death. Park has, as you know, a splendid war record, first in the Battle of Britain, then at Malta, and lately in the Middle East. I am sure you will like my selection.

End

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FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL or FILE NO. #895, 25 January 1945

DATE

FOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Air Marshal Park appointed to fill position created by Air Marshal Leigh-Mallory's death.

ACTION:

1. To the President on board the USS QUINCY en route for ARGONAUT as MR-CUT-35, 2511552.
2. Acknowledged by PERS-PW #707, 31 Jan 45, which was sent to the Map Room for transmission as MR-IN-21.

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100 PARK, Air Marshal; 100 LEIGH-MALLORY, Air Marshal; 130
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 896, 26 January 1945

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and number 896.

The attached telegram has been received from Group Captain Pickard, The Commanding Officer of the staging post we are setting up at ALBATROSS airfield.

Begins:-

"Am compelled to advise you of my great concern regarding extreme difficulty in communicating with MAGNETO from ALBATROSS by road. Two attempts made by American General Hill resulted in failure to pass mountainous track in blizzard. Personally accompanied General at first attempt and endured most terrifying experience. Am informed under favourable conditions journey takes six hours. Similar difficulty anticipated in road communication ALBATROSS to Disraeli." Ends.

We must hope we get better weather when we arrive.

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By R. N. Parks Date MAY 6 1972

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FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL or FILE NO. #896, 26 January 1945

DATE

TO MAP ROOM 26/12072 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: ARGONAUT conference.

ACTION:

1. Sent to the President on board the USS QUINCY en route ARGONAUT as NR-OUT-40, 26/12072.
2. Answered by PERS-PH #706, 28 January 1945, which was sent to the Map Room as NR-14-18, 28 Jan 45.

COPYED TO:

210 ARGONAUT

DATE: BY DIRECTION OF:

210 (2)
To: The President of The United States.

1. I have just heard from Dublin that your people are asking the Government of Southern Ireland to sign a bilateral civil aviation agreement. Naturally everyone here is astonished that this should have been started without our being told beforehand. We already complained when they were invited to the Chicago conference without a mention to us. We were together at Hyde Park and I thought you felt that my attitude deserved consideration. It was because of their behavior in the war that the Southern Irish were not asked to talk civil aviation with the rest of the British Commonwealth and Empire at Montreal. I cannot feel sure this affair has been brought to your notice and I am certain that you would have wished at least to acquaint us with your intentions beforehand.

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Govt., State Dept. tel., 5-29-72
By R. H. Parke Date MAY 6 1945

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2. The War Cabinet have very strong feelings on this episode and we all earnestly hope as good friends that you will consider the matter personally yourself. We went far to meet your requests about the Argentine meat in spite of the grave and growing injury to ourselves and the risk to the general war effort, which is now becoming evident. I am sure we may ask you to postpone these negotiations with the Southern Irish until at least you and I have a chance of talking it over together.

Prime.
From: The Prime Minister  
To: The President  
Serial or File No.: 210 Air Conference.  
Date: 27 Jan 45.  

SUBJECT: Air Agreement with Govt of Southern Ireland.  

ACTION:  
1. To the President on ARGONAUT trip as MR-OUT-52, 2811165.  
2. Acknowledged by PMES-PM #707, 31 Jan 45, which was sent from the QUINCY to the Map Room as MR-IN-21, 30 Jan 45.  
3. (See also MR-OUT-75, from Grew to the President; and MR-IN-23 from the President to Grew on this subject.)  
4. See further PM-PRES #897, 27 Jan 45.  

Copies To: 210 Air Conference.
To: The President of The United States.
 Nr: 898 Filed 290853Z.

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and urgent, Number 898.

Have just received your letter of January 11 about the resolution of the Congress recognizing the services of Sir John Dill. I am deeply touched by this impressive recognition of his work for our cause and I have asked the Secretary of State for War that the document which you have forwarded to me shall be framed and preserved in the War Office in the room of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

End.
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

DATE 8/8, 29 January 1945

TO MAP ROOM 2910307 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Resolution of Congress on Sir John Dill's services.

ACTION:

1. To the President on ARGONAUT trip as MR-OUT-58, 29 Jan 45.
2. Acknowledged by PTS-PW #707, 31 Jan 45, which was forwarded from the QUINCY to the Map Room as MR-IN-21, 31 Jan 45.

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100 Dill, Sir John
29 January 1945

To: The President of The United States
Nr: 899 Filed 291705Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal.

Again we both send you and yours our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

(Signed) Winston and Clementine Churchill

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**ACTION:**

1. Sent to the President on ARGONAUT trip as WR-CUT-62, 2919002.
2. President's reply sent to the Map Room as WR-LA-21; sent to the Prime Minister as PMR-PM #707, 31 Jan 45.