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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
TO
PREMIER STALIN

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(In the President's handwriting):

DEAR M. LITVINOV: WOULD YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND THIS TO MR. STALIN?

THANKS - F. D. R.

SECRET

TELEGRAM

May 4, 1942.

FOR MR. STALIN:

WE ARE HAVING GRAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE NORTHERN
CONVOY ROUTE AND HAVE INFORMED LITVINOV OF THE COMPLICATIONS.
YOU MAY BE SURE, HOWEVER, THAT NO EFFORT WILL BE OMITTED TO
GET AS MANY SHIPS OFF AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE HEARD OF ADMIRAL STANLEY'S CORDIAL RECEPTION
BY YOU AND WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MOLOTOV AND THE MOMENT
I HEAR OF THE ROUTE WE SHALL MAKE PREPARATIONS TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE
TRANSPORTATION. I DO HOPE MOLOTOV CAN STAY WITH ME IN THE WHITE
HOUSE WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON BUT WE CAN MAKE A PRIVATE HOME
NEARBY AVAILABLE IF THAT IS DESIRED.

ROOSEVELT

NOTE: Carbon copy of this despatch, together with two suggested
drafts which were discarded, delivered to Miss Tully 5-5-42.

THIS COPY FOR MAP ROOM FILE. Copy to Miss Berney
Original to USSR Embassy 5-5-42 Copy to Sec. State 5-6-42
TELEGRAM

JUNE 6, 1942

TO: STALIN
FROM: THE PRESIDENT

I APPRECIATE EVER SO MUCH YOUR Sending Mr. Molotov to see me. we had a very satisfactory visit and I shall await anxiously the news of his safe arrival.

FDR

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By W. J. Stewart Date APR 6 1972
JUNE 17, 1942

The attached despatch sent to Alusna, Moscow, with the following sentence added:

"GIVE THIS TO ADMIRAL STANDLEY TO PRESENT TO STALIN."
TO:  MR. STALIN
FROM:  PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

JUNE 17, 1942

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH PACIFIC AND ALASKAN
AREA PRESENTS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE JAPANESE MAY BE PREPARING TO
CONDUCT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE MARITIME PROVINCES OF THE SOVIET UNION.
IN THE EVENT OF SUCH AN ATTACK WE ARE PREPARED TO COME TO YOUR ASSIS-
TANCE WITH OUR AIR POWER, PROVIDED SUITABLE LANDING FIELDS ARE AVAIL-
ABLE IN SIBERIA.

IN ORDER THAT SUCH AN OPERATION CAN BE PROMPTLY CARRIED OUT,
THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION MUST BE CAREFULLY
COORDINATED.

I WAS VERY HAPPY TO LEARN THROUGH LITVINOFF THAT YOU HAVE APPROVED
OF THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR PLANES FROM ALASKA THROUGH NORTHERN RUSSIA TO
YOUR WESTERN BATTLEFRONT. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS NEW DANGER IN THE
PACIFIC AREA, I BELIEVE THAT AN IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE OF DETAILED INFORM-
ATION PERTAINING TO EXISTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SIBERIA AND ALASKA
AREAS AND THE INITIATION OF SECRET STAFF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OUR JOINT
ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR COMMON INTERESTS.
I CONSIDER THIS MATTER OF SUCH URGENCY THAT OUR CONFERENCES SHOULD BE
EMPowered TO MAKE DEFINITE PLANS AND INITIATE ACTION. I PROPOSE THAT
YOU AND I DESIGNATE SUCH REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT THEY MEET IN WASHINGTON
AND MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY.

ROOSEVELT

RELEASED AT 1030, JUNE 17.

W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
White House Chart Room
TO: AMBASSADOR STANLEY FOR MR. STALIN
FROM: PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

SUPPLEMENTING MY RADIOGRAM TO YOU OF JUNE SEVENTEENTH IT IS DESIRED TO EMPHASIZE
THE GREAT SAVINGS IN TIME THAT WOULD BE EFFECTED IN THE DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT TO
THE SOVIET UNION IF DELIVERIES COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH ALASKA AND SIBERIA
INSTEAD OF THROUGH AFRICA AS WE ARE NOW DOING. also A FERRY ROUTE THROUGH SIBERIA
WOULD PERMIT THE FERRYING OF SHORT RANGE AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE NOW BEING SHIPPED BY
WATER. I AM PREPARED TO HAVE OUR FERRYING CREWS DELIVER AIRPLANES TO YOU AT LAKE
BAIKAL PROVIDED LANDING FIELDS, WEATHER AND NAVIGATION FACILITIES CAN BE
ESTABLISHED TO CONNECT WITH OUR OWN AIRWAYS AT HOME. SUCH AN AIRWAY IN SIBERIA
COULD ALSO BE EASILY CONNECTED WITH LANDING FIELDS LEADING INTO THE VLADIVOSTOK
AREA. THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO RAPIDLY MOVE OUR AIR UNITS INTO THAT AREA TO ASSIST
YOU IN THE EVENT THE JAPANESE SHOULD INITIATE OPERATION AGAINST YOUR MARITIME
PROVINCES. AS A RESULT OF MY STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING AN AIR ROUTE
THROUGH SIBERIA TO LAKE BAikal IT IS EVIDENT THAT BULK SUPPLIES, SUCH AS GASOLINE
AND MACHINERY TO DEVELOP LANDING FIELDS WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED INTO EASTERN SIBERIA
VIA WATER OVER CERTAIN RIVERS EMPTYING INTO THE ARCTIC OCEAN. THIS WATER MOVEMENT
WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHILE THESE RIVERS ARE
ICE FREE. THE NECESSITY FOR INITIATING ACTION AT AN EARLY DATE HAS DICTATED MY
COMMUNICATING WITH YOU BEFORE RECEIVING AN ANSWER TO MY RADIOGRAM OF JUNE
SEVENTEENTH. TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AIR ROUTE, IF YOU AGREE WITH ITS
IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU AUTHORIZE A SURVEY AND EXPLORATORY
FLIGHT OF ONE OF MY AIRPLANES FROM ALASKA OVER THE PROPOSED ROUTE TO DETERMINE THE
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY IN THE CONSTRUCTING OF THE ESSENTIAL LANDING FIELDS
AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. THE PERSONNEL MAKING SUCH FLIGHT WOULD WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHING.
AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO INSURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED IN ANY RESPECT WITH THE MILITARY SERVICE. THEY WOULD, IN FACT, MAKE THE FLIGHT AS PERSONNEL OF A COMMERCIAL AGENCY. THE SURVEY FLIGHT WOULD NOT BE IN LIEU OF THE CONVERSATIONS BY OUR JOINT ARMY, NAVY AND AIR REPRESENTATIVES WHICH I RECOMMENDED IN MY TELEGRAM OF JUNE SEVENTEENTH, BUT WOULD BE CONDUCTED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THOSE REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMENCE THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH A MORE DEFINITE AND DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. WE COULD OF COURSE TAKE ON ONE OR TWO OF YOUR OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS AT NOME, ALASKA.

Roosevelt

Released June 23, 1942, at 1930.

JOHN L. McCrea
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide
June 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT: (The White House)

Subject: Message to Stalin

In connection with the instructions received from you yesterday covering message to Stalin, here-with is one I recommend be sent so that the situation can be clarified and expedited.

H. H. Arnold,
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

Copy of telegram to Mr. Stalin frm. Pres. Roosevelt, 6/17/42.
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ROOSEVELT

RELEASED AT 10:20, JUNE 18.

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FROM: OPMNAV
TO: ALUSHA MOSCON

FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. ALUSHA DELIVER TO JOSEPH STALIN.

INFORM STANDLEY. QUOTE THE CRISIS IN EGYPT WITH ITS THREAT TO THE
SUPPLY ROUTE TO RUSSIA HAS LED PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL TO SEND ME
AN URGENT MESSAGE ASKING WHETHER PORTY APHIM DASH TWENTY BOMBERS
DESTINED FOR RUSSIA AND NOW IN IRAQ CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BATTLE
IN EGYPT. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO EXPRESS A JUDGMENT ON THIS
MATTER BECAUSE OF LIMITED INFORMATION HERE. I AM THEREFORE ASKING
THAT YOU MAKE THE DECISION IN THE INTEREST OF TOTAL WAR EFFORT.
ROOSEVELT UNQUOTE.

Released at 1110, EWT, July 5, 1942.

G. M. Elsey,
Ensign, USNR,
Watch Officer.

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YOUR $5153$ WAS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR NOW IN MOSCOW. ANSWER WAS AFFIRMATIVE WHICH STANLEY HAS CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT THROUGH STATE.
TO: ALCENA MOSCOW

FROM: GORMAN

ALCENA MOSCOW DELIVER TO JOSEPH STALIN. INFORM STANDLEY. QUOTE I AM DESIGNATING MAJOR GENERAL POLLET BROADLEY, COLONEL MICHAEL AND OUR NAVAL ATTACHÉ, CAPTAIN DUNCAN, TO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY AT THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW WHICH WERE SUGGESTED IN MY CABLE TO YOU OF JUNE 17.

GENERAL BROADLEY WILL BE THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE THAT WILL BE SENT TO MOSCOW FROM THIS COUNTRY.

WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE AN AMERICAN FOUR ENGINE PLANE AT MOSCOW WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO MAKE THE SURVEY TRIP, THREE OR FOUR SOVIET OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY IT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE AMERICAN OFFICERS ACCOMPANY A SOVIET PLANE.

GENERAL BROADLEY WILL COME TO MOSCOW FULLY PREPARED AND AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS ALL PLANS IN RELATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

ROOSEVELT. UNQUOTE.

July 6, 1942
JULY 6, 1942

TO: STALIN (TO ADMIRAL STANLEY FOR DELIVERY TO STALIN)

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

MAJOR I AM DESIGNATING/GENERAL FULLETT BRADLEY

COLONEL MICHIELA AND OUR NAVAL ATTACHE, CAPTAIN DUNCAN, TO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY AT THE CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW WHICH WERE SUGGESTED IN MY CABLE TO YOU OF JUNE 27.

GENERAL BRADLEY WILL BE THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE THAT WILL BE SENT TO MOSCOW FROM THIS COUNTRY.

WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE AN AMERICAN 4-ENGINE PLANE AT HOME WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO MAKE THE SURVEY TRIP, THREE OR FOUR SOVIET OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY IT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE AMERICAN OFFICERS ACCOMPANY A SOVIET PLANE.

GENERAL BRADLEY WILL COME TO MOSCOW FULLY PREPARED AND AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS ALL PLANS IN RELATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

Roosevelt

(Sent with the following changes:

TO: Alusna Moscow
FROM: Oprey

Alusna Moscow deliver to Joseph Stalin. Inform Stanley. Quote I am desig... ... to the conference. Roosevelt. Endquote. Released 061930

The above changes made at the suggestion of Mr. Hopkins.

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FROM: DUNCAN MOSCOW

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YOU"S $79115*ACCOMPLISHED.

(Message delivered to Stalin)

* NCR 4844 TO KUIBYSHEV FOR DELIVERY.

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July 9, 1942.

FROM: OPMAY
TO: ALISSA MOSCON

DELIVER TO JOSEPH STALIN AND INFORM STANLEY QUOTE I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY AUTHORIZING TRANSFER TO EGYPT OF FORTY BOMBERS. I AM ARRANGING TO SHIP TO YOU AT ONCE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL MEDIUM TANKS WITH AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS. THESE TANKS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ALL TANKS GOING FORWARD AS PROVIDED IN JULY PROTOCOL SIGNED ROOSEVELT UNQUOTE

Released at 1320, EDT, July 9, 1942.

J. C. McCa

JOHN L. MCCREA
Captain, U.S. Navy
Aids.

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NO 572
FROM: OPHAY  
TO: ALUSNA MOSCOW  
July 22, 1942.

PROPOSED REPLY TO MR. STALIN'S MESSAGE

DELIVER TO JOSEPH STALIN AND INFORM STANDILY QUOTE

Your message concerning the arrangements for the Moscow conference and proposed survey flight from Alaska has been received by us.

Members of the survey flight will be ready to depart from Alaska August 1st. In this connection a four engined bomber will be available at Nome in event it is required.

Your report on the difficulties with American tanks at the front is much appreciated. This information will be most helpful to our tank experts in eradicating the trouble with this model. Future models, however, will operate on a lower octane and the fire hazard therefore reduced.

SIGNED

[Signature]

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JOHN L. McCREA, Captain, U. S. Navy Aide

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August 5, 1942.

FROM: OPHAY
TO: ALUSNA, MOSCOW

FOR STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT INFORM STANDELY

I AM ASKING HARRIMAN TO PROCEED MOSCOW TO BE AT
DISPOSAL OF YOURSELF AND YOUR VISITOR TO HELP IN ANY POSSIBLE
WAY.

ROOSEVELT

Released at OSYO, ENY, August 5, 1942.

JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide

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August 5, 1942.

FROM: CHANCE
TO: ALUSNA MOSCOW

FOR MR. STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT INFORM STANDLEY

I HAVE INFORMATION WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE
DEFINITELY AUTHENTIC THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
HAS DECIDED NOT TO UNDERTAKE MILITARY OPERATIONS
AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AT THIS TIME. I THINK
THIS MEANS POSTPONEMENT OF ANY ATTACK ON SIBERIA
UNTIL NEXT SPRING. WILL YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO
IMPART THIS TO YOUR VISITOR?

ROOSEVELT

Released at 1805, EWT, August 5, 1942.

JOHN L. McCrea
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide

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FROM: CPHAV

TO: ALUSNA, MOSCOW

FOR DELIVERY TO AMBASSADOR STANLEY.

PLEASE TELL MR. MOLOTOV MY RECENT MESSAGE TO MR. STALIN

IN REGARD TO JAPAN WAS BASED ON LAST MINUTE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN

SUBSEQUENTLY STRENGTHENED.

ROOSEVELT

Released at 1530, EWT, August 7, 1942.

W. L. McMann

JOHN L. McGOVNA

Captain, U.S.N.

Naval Aide to the President

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August 8, 1942.

ADMIRAL STANDELEY
KUIBYSHEV

Please convey the following message to Mr. Stalin from me:

"I should like to have your frank opinion on the following plan which I think may be useful:

I am sending Mr. Wendell Willkie to visit the Governments in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran for the primary purpose of explaining to the Governments of these smaller countries the danger they run in a German victory and that their greatest hope for the future lies in the defeat of Nazi domination of the places of the Near East and Middle East.

Mr. Willkie much wants to visit the Soviet Union for a wholly different purpose. He wants to know more about the wonderful progress made by the Russian people, in addition to seeing for himself the undying unity of thought in repelling the invader and the great sacrifices all of you are making."
He is, as you know, my recent opponent in the 1940 elections and is the head of the minority party today. He is greatly helping in war work and is heart and soul with my Administration in our foreign policy of opposition to Nazism and

Personally I think that for the sake of the present and the future a visit by him to the Soviet Union would be a good thing. He would fly to Russia in the first half of September.

Please tell me confidentially and frankly if you would care to have him come for a very short visit."

Roosevelt
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 8, 1942

SECRET

TO: ALUSHA, MOSCOW

From: CAPRA

August 8, 1942

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Quote. I should like to have your frank opinion on the following plan which I think may be useful Colon.

I am sending Mr. Wendell Willkie to visit the governments in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran for the primary purpose of explaining to the governments of these smaller countries the danger they run in a German victory and that their greatest hope for the future lies in the defeat of Nazi domination of the places of the Near East and Middle East.

Mr. Willkie much wants to visit the Soviet Union for a wholly different purpose. He wants to know more about the wonderful progress made by the Russian people, in addition to serving for himself the uniting purity of thought in repelling the invader and the great sacrifices all of you are making.

He is, as you know, by recent opponent in the nineteenth forty elections and is the head of the minority party today. He is greatly helping in war work and is heart and soul with our administration in our foreign policy of opposition to Nazism and real friendship with your government. Personally I think that for the sake of the present and the future a visit by him to the Soviet Union would be a good thing.
HE WOULD FLY TO RUSSIA IN THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE TELL ME CONFIDENTIALLY AND FRANKLY IF YOU WOULD CARE TO HAVE HIM COME FOR A VERY SHORT VISIT. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT

Released at 1445, EST, August 8, 1942.

JOHN L. McCLELLAN
Captain, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By [Signature]
Date JAN 10 1973
FROM: CPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, MOSCOW

FOR MR. STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT INFORM STANDLEY.

I AM SORRY THAT I COULD NOT HAVE JOINED WITH YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MOSCOW CONFERENCES. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE URGENT NECESSITIES OF THE MILITARY SITUATION, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE SITUATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE A TOESOLD IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC FROM WHICH IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE JAPANESE TO DISLODGE US. OUR NAVAL LOSSES THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL BUT IT WAS WORTH IT TO GAIN THE ADVANTAGE WHICH WE HAVE. WE ARE GOING TO PRESS THEM HARD. ON THE OTHER HAND, I KNOW VERY WELL THAT OUR REAL ENEMY IS GERMANY, AND THAT OUR FORCE AND POWER MUST BE BROUGHT AGAINST HITLER AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THIS WILL BE DONE JUST AS SOON AS IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER THE TRANSPORTATION.

IN THE MEANTIME, OVER ONE THOUSAND TANKS WILL LEAVE THE UNITED STATES IN AUGUST FOR RUSSIA, AND OTHER CRITICAL SUPPLIES, INCLUDING AIRPLANES, ARE GOING FORWARD.

THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT RUSSIA IS BEARING THE BRUNT OF THE FIGHTING AND THE LOSSES THIS YEAR. WE ARE FILLED WITH APPRECIATION OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT RESISTANCE. BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT WE ARE COMING AS STRONGLY AND AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN.

EDWIN L. CARSON
Ensign, U.S.N.R.
PRIORITY
SECRET
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSKA, MOSCOW

OCTOBER 8, 1942

FOR MR. STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT INFORM STANDLEY.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SENT ME COPY OF HIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

WE ARE GOING TO MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO PLACE AN
AIR FORCE UNDER YOUR STRATEGIC COMMAND IN THE CAUCASUS. I AM
NOW TRYING TO FIND ADDITIONAL PLANES FOR YOU IMMEDIATELY AND
WILL ADVISE YOU SOON.

I AM ALSO TRYING TO ARRANGE TO HAVE SOME OF OUR MERCHANT
SHIPS TRANSFERRED TO YOUR FLAG TO INCREASE YOUR FLOW OF
MATERIALS IN THE PACIFIC.

I HAVE JUST ORDERED AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE PLANT TO BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO YOU.

WE ARE SENDING VERY SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS TO THE
PERSIAN GULF TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES OVER THAT
ROUTE AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS CAN BE DONE. WE ARE
SENDING A LARGE NUMBER OF ENGINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AS
WELL AS PERSONNEL.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR CONTEMPLATED OPERATION WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL.

EVERYONE IN AMERICA IS THRILLED BY THE GALLANT DEFENSE
OF STALINGRAD AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL SUCCEED.

ROOSEVELT

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Lt. Col., General Staff Corps

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TELEGRAM

OCTOBER 8, 1942

TO: STALIN

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

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FROM ROOSEVELT FOR STALIN.

EVERY POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FIGHTER PLANES TO BE SENT TO RUSSIA IS BEING EXAMINED BY ME. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT ALL AIRACOBRA PRODUCTION IS NOW GOING TO FIGHTING FRONTS IMMEDIATELY. WHILE THESE URGENT COMBAT REQUIREMENTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AIRACOBRA FOR YOU AT THE MOMENT NEVERTHELESS I AM HOPING TO INCREASE OUR PRODUCTION OF THIS TYPE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TYPES IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU MORE PLANES. ALSO IF OUR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS WHICH YOU KNOW ABOUT TURN OUT AS SUCCESSFULLY AS THEY PROMISE, WE WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO RELEASE FIGHTERS. OUR HEAVY EQUIPMENT GROUP HAS BEEN ORDERED MOBILIZED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING ON YOUR SOUTHERN FLANK. THESE PLANES AND SUFFICIENT TRANSPORTS WILL GO TO THE CAUCASUS AT AN EARLY DATE. THIS MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE CONTINGENT ON ANY OTHER OPERATION OR COMMITMENT. TWENTY MERCHANT SHIPS FOR USE IN PACIFIC ARE ALSO BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU. IN OCTOBER WE WILL SHIP TO YOU TWO SIEVE SIX COBRA PLANES AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO EXPEDITE THESE DELIVERIES. I SHALL TELEGRAPH YOU IN A DAY OR SO IN REFERENCE TO EXPLOSIVES, ALUMINUM AND TRUCKS.

ROOSEVELT

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Lt. Col., General Staff Corps

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By V. J. Stewart Date APR 6 1972
PRIORITY

OCTOBER 11, 1942

FROM: CPHAV
TO: ALUSMA MOSCOW

FOR MR. STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I HAVE BEEN EXAMINING EVERY POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THE
NUMBER OF FIGHTER PLANES TO BE SENT TO RUSSIA. IT IS THE SIMPLE FACT
THAT ALL AIRCORPS OUTPUT IS NOW GOING AT ONCE TO FIGHTING FRONTS.
I FIND THAT WHILE THESE URGENT COMBAT REQUIREMENTS MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE
AT THE MOMENT NEVERTHELESS I AM HOPEING THAT WE CAN INCREASE OUR
PRODUCTION OF AIRCORPS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TYPES IN ORDER TO
GET YOU ADDITIONAL PLANES. FURTHERMORE IF OUR COMING OPERATIONS WHICH
YOU KNOW ABOUT ARE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY PROMISE TO BE WE COULD THEN
RELEASE FIGHTERS. UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OUR HEAVY BOMBARDMENT
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SOUTHERN FLANK. THIS GROUP TOGETHER WITH ADEQUATE TRANSPORTS WILL GO
TO THE CAUCASUS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY
OTHER COMMITMENTS OR OPERATIONS. I AM ALSO MAKING AVAILABLE TWENTY
MERCHANT SHIPS FOR YOUR PACIFIC SERVICE. THERE ARE GOING FORWARD TO
YOU TWO SEVEN SIX COMPART PLANES IN OCTOBER AND WE ARE MAKING EVERY
EFFORT TO HASTEN THESE DELIVERIES. I WILL CABLE YOU TOMORROW ABOUT
TRUCKS, ALUMINUM AND EXPLOSIVES.

ROOSEVELT

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dor. This was recalled from Navy Code
Room and despatched in paraphrased form.

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To Stalin

I have been examining every possibility of increasing the number of fighters. It is the general fact that planes to be sent to Russia. Send your plans to me.

There is while these urgent combat requirements make this impossible at the moment mentioned.

I am hoping that we can increase our production of airplanes at the expense of this type in order to get more additional planes. Furthermore if our enemy's factories are as successful as they seem to be we could then return fighters. Under any circumstances our heavy bombardment...
group has been ordered consolidated at
Mqs for fighting our northern
flanks. This group together with
adequate transport will go to the
at the earliest possible moment
Caransen, irrespective of any other
commitments or operations. I am
also making available twenty merchant
ships for your Pacific service.
These are going forward to you
276 combat planes in October and we
are making every effort to hasten their
deliveries. I will call you
Tomorrow about tanks, ammunition
and explosives
Roosevelt
October 14, 1942

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, Moscow

This despatch from Captain McCrea, Naval Aide to the President. Messages sent in CSP 62A should be carefully but closely paraphrased before transmission to ultimate addressee X. They will not be retransmitted to Charge d'affairs when he is in Kuibyshev unless the message specifically so directs X. If Bradley or Paymonville are to be advised message will so state X. Present method of delivery as outlined your 130900 satisfactory X.

Released from Map Room at 1825, EWT, October 14, 1942.

W. C. Mott
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ORIGINATOR DESIRES MESSAGES IN CSP 62A TRANSMITTED TO ULTIMATE ADDRESSEE WITHOUT PARAPHRASING. [WHEN CHARGE D AFFAIRS IS IN KUIBYSHEV SHOULD SUCH MESSAGES BE RELAYED THERE FOR HIS INFORMATION] ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS IN EACH CASE WHEN IT IS DESIRED THAT BRADLEY OR FAY MONVILLE BE ADVISED [DELIVERY PRESENTLY ACCOMPLISHED BY MEANS OF NOTE FROM SENIOR DIPLOMATIC OFFICER MOSCOW TO COMMISBAR FOREIGN AFFAIRS].

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Date—9-11-69

Signature: 9/22
FROM: CHEWAV
TO: ALUNSNA, MOSCOW

FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR MR. STALIN. SHOW BRADLEY AND
FAYMONVILLE.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST I AM GLAD TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
ITEMS INVOLVED CAN BE MAID AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT AS FOLLOWS:

TRUCKS - 8,000 to 10,000 PER MONTH.
EXPLOSIVES - 4,000 SHORT TONS IN NOVEMBER AND 5,000
TONS PER MONTH THEREAFTER.
WHEAT - 2,000,000 SHORT TONS DURING THE REMAINDER OF
THE PROTOCOL YEAR AT APPROXIMATELY EQUAL
MONTHLY RATES.
CANNED MEATS - 10,000 TONS PER MONTH.
HORSE - 15,000 TONS PER MONTH.
LARD - 12,000 TONS PER MONTH.
VEGETABLE OIL - 10,000 TONS PER MONTH.
SOAP STOCK - 5,000 TONS PER MONTH.

I HAVE DIRECTED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO KEEP OUR ROUTES
FULLY SUPPLIED WITH SHIPS AND WITH CARGO IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR DESIRES
AS TO PRIORITIES ON THE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE TO YOU.

I AM STILL EXPLORING THE ALUMINUM SHIPMENTS AND WILL ADVISE
YOU OF THESE AT AN EARLY DATE.

ROOSEVELT

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By W. J. Stewart Date APR 6 1972
PROPOSED REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE RECENT MESSAGE OF MR. STALIN IN WHICH HE ASKS FOR ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF CERTAIN MATERIALS ON A MODIFIED PRIORITY BASIS:

"In response to your request I am glad to inform you that the items involved can be made available for shipment as follows:

Trucks - 8,000 to 10,000 per month.
Aluminum Ingots - 2,000 long tons per month.
Explosives - 4,000 short tons in November and 5,000 tons per month thereafter.
Wheat - 2,000,000 short tons during the remainder of the protocol year at approximately equal monthly rates.
Canned Meats - 10,000 tons per month.
Meat - 15,000 tons per month.
Lard - 12,000 tons per month.
Vegetable Oil - 10,000 tons per month.
Soap Stock - 5,000 tons per month.

As you realize, the great difficulty in sending supplies to your country is due to the limited capacities of the various routes available to us. I have directed that every effort be made to keep these routes fully supplied with ships and with cargo in conformity with your desires as to priorities on the commitments we have made to you.

I am still settling the aluminum shipments and will advise you of them at an early date.

Roosevelt

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MAR 8, 1972
By W. J. Stewart Date
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1942.

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA MOSCOW

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PREMIER STALIN NOTIFY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

Admiral Standley has handed me your personal note copy of which you had previously sent me. Our ambassador has given me a very full report of the situation in Russia as he sees it. He confirms reports we have already had of the strength and fighting qualities of your army and the urgent need of supplies indicated by you. I fully recognize these needs.

ROOSEVELT

Released at 12:55, E.W.T., October 24, 1942.

[Signature]

JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy

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By W. J. Stewart Date APR 6 1972
**Naval Message**

**Drafted by:** ALLEN (Moscow)

**Released by:**

**Date:** 21 Nov 42

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**Decoded by:** HILL

**Paraphrased by:**

**Addressed to:** OPNAV

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**Lt Kelly** 219910 NCR 3482

**Unless otherwise indicated, this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.**

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Date: 8-19-71

Signature: RNP

NCR NOTE: THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PHONED TO WHITE HOUSE
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**NCR 38**
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSHA MOSCOW

November 19, 1942.

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PREMIER STALIN INFORM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

Dear Mr. Stalin:

I am glad you have been so kind to General Hurley.

As you can well recognize, I have had a problem in persuading the people of Australia and New Zealand that the menace of Japan can be most effectively met by destroying the Nazis first. General Hurley will be able to tell them at firsthand how you and Churchill and I are in complete agreement on this.

Our recent battles in the Southwest Pacific make the position there more secure even though we have not yet eliminated attempts by the Japanese to extend their southward drive.

The American and British Staffs are now studying further moves in the event that we secure the whole south shore of the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to Syria. Before any further step is taken, both Churchill and I want to consult with you and your Staff because whatever we do next in the Mediterranean will have a definite bearing on your magnificent campaign and your proposed moves this coming winter.

I do not have to tell you to keep up the good work. You are doing that and I honestly feel that things everywhere look brighter.

With my warm regards.

Released at 1745 EWT, 11/19/42.

ROOSEVELT

John L. McCrea, Captain, U.S. Navy, Aide.
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSHA MOSCOW

TELEGRAM

NOVEMBER 25, 1942

FROM: THE PRESIDENT FOR MR. STALIN.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE HIT THE JAPS VERY HARD IN
THE SOLOMONS. THERE IS A PROBABILITY THAT WE HAVE BROKEN THE
BACKBONE OF THE STRENGTH OF THEIR FLEET, ALTHOUGH THEY STILL HAVE
TOO MANY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO SUIT ME, BUT WE MAY WELL GET SOME
MORE OF THEM SOON.

WE ARE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC WITH VERY HEAVY FORCES BY
AIR, LAND AND SEA AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO PLAY A WAITING GAME.
WE ARE GOING TO PRESS OUR ADVANTAGES.

I AM SURE WE ARE SINKING FAR MORE JAP SHIPS AND DESTROYING
MORE AIRPLANES THAN THEY CAN BUILD.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE ARE GOING TO DRIVE THE GERMANS OUT OF
AFRICA SOON AND THEN WE WILL GIVE THE ITALIANS A TASTE OF SOME REAL
BOMBING AND I AM QUITE SURE THEY WILL NEVER STAND UP UNDER THAT
KIND OF PRESSURE.

THE NEWS FROM THE STALINGRAD AREA IS MOST ENCOURAGING AND
I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.

Roosevelt

Released from the White House Map
Room at 2550, November 25, 1942.

By W. J. Stewart Date APR. 6 1972

By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALJNA MOSCOW

December 2, 1942

FROM ROOSEVELT FOR STALIN X DELIVER STRICTLY IN
ACCORDANCE PRINCIPLES MY 142259 OF OCTOBER X UTMOST SECRET IMPERATIVE X

WEEK OUT IN TWO PARTS I 022/27 NCR 764
II 022/134 NCR 769

THE MORE I CONSIDER OUR MUTUAL MILITARY SITUATION AND THE
Necessity for "Racing Early Strategic Decisions the More Persuaded
I Am That You, Churchill and I Should Have an Early Meeting.

It Seems to Me That a Conference of Our Military Leaders Alone
Will Not Be Sufficient First Because They Could Come to No Ultimate
Decisions Without Our Approval and Secondly Because I Think We Should
Come to Some Tentative Understanding About the Procedures Which Should
Be Adopted in Event of a German Collapse.

My Most Compelling Reason Is That I Am Very Anxious to Have a Talk
With You. My Suggestion Would Be That We Meet Secretly in Some Secure
Place in Africa, That Is Convenient to All Three of Us. The Time, About
January Fifteenth to Twentieth, We Would Each of Us Bring a Very Small
Staff of Our Top Army, Air and Naval Commanders.

I Do Hope That You Will Consider This Proposal Favorably Because I
Can See No Other Way of Reaching the Vital Strategic Decisions Which Should
Be Made Soon by All of Us Together. If the Right Decision Is Reached, We May
And I Believe Will Knock Germany Out of the War Much Sooner Than We Anticipated.

I Can Readily Fly, But I Consider Iceland or Alaska Out of the Question at

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By W. J. Stewart Date
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, SOME PLACE CAN, I THINK, BE FOUND IN SOUTHERN ALGERIA OR AT OR NEAR KHARTOUM WHERE ALL VISITORS AND PRESS CAN BE KEPT OUT. AS A SUGGESTION AS TO DATE WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF SOMETIME AROUND JANUARY 15? ROOSEVELT

Released from White House Map Room at 1650, ENT, December 2, 1942.

W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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By W. J. Stewart Date APR 6 1972
December 8, 1942.

From: Oppavy
To: Alusma, Moscow

From Roosevelt for Stalin. Deliver strictly in accordance principles my 142259 of October. Utmost secrecy imperative.

I am deeply disappointed that you feel you cannot get away for a conference with me in January. There are many matters of vital importance to be discussed between us. These relate not only to vital strategic decisions but also to things we should talk over in a tentative way in regard to emergency policies we should be ready with if and when conditions in Germany permit.

These would include also other matters relating to future policies about North Africa and the Far East which cannot be discussed by our military people alone.

I fully realize your strenuous situation now and in the immediate future and the necessity of your presence close to the fighting front.

Therefore, I want to suggest that we set a tentative date for meeting in North Africa about March first.

ROOSEVELT
December 8, 1942.

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I am very sorry that you feel that you cannot get away for a conference with me in January. There are so many matters of vital importance to be discussed between us that I ventured to hope that February 1 or the 15th might be more convenient dates. We will only say that strategic decision to be made, but I want very much to talk to you [in a tentative way] about the immediate policies which we should
France when Germany is defeated.

North Africa and the Far East are thus

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by our military people alone. I realize

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MCR 38
URGENT - PRIORITY

December 16, 1942

From: Opnav

To: Alusna, Moscow

For Mr. Stalin from the President.

I am not clear as to just what has happened in regard to our offer of American air assistance in the Caucasus.

I am fully willing to send units large or small with American pilots and crews. I think they should operate by units under their American Commanders but each group would of course be under overall Russian command as to tactical objectives.

Please let me know your desires in this matter as soon as possible, as I truly want to help all I can. Pursuit plane program would of course not be affected. What I refer to is essentially the bombing plane type which can be flown to the Caucasus.

ROOSEVELT

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W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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From the Mr.
PRESIDENT TO/STALIN

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OPNAV 161741 TO STALIN IN 2 HOURS. ALUSWA RECEIVED IT AT 0242 ABOVE DATE.

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December 21, 1942

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, MOSCOW

FOR M.R. STALIN FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very sorry that arrangements for conference
could not be made but I can well understand your position.

This will acknowledge your note about the Anglo-
American squadrons. We will expedite delivery of planes
to the utmost. I have arranged to get you ten transport
planes in January. I am writing you in regard to certain post
war matters.

ROOSEVELT

Released White House Map Room
1555, E.W.T., Dec. 21, 1942

Charles A. Sullivan, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, Inf.-Res.

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TO: STALIN
FROM: THE PRESIDENT

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Last dispatch to Stalin

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December 30, 1942.

From: Oppav
To: Alusna, Moscow

For Mr. Stalin from the President.

I note in a radio news report from Tokyo that a Japanese submarine sank an Allied Nation submarine in the Pacific on October 12.

This report appears to refer to your submarine L-16 sunk by enemy action on October 11 while enroute to the United States from Alaska and I am sending to you this expression of regret for the loss of your ship with its gallant crew and of my appreciation of the part your Navy is also contributing to the Allied cause in addition to the heroic accomplishments of your Army.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the Map Room at 1145, EWT, December 30, 1942.

CHESTER HAMMOND
Lt. Colonel, General Staff, Assistant to the Military Aide.
December 30, 1942.

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Tokyo Claims Sub Sank
U. S. Sub Off San Francisco.

The following dispatch is of enemy origin and should be accepted with caution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (U. P.)—Tokyo radio, quoting an imperial navy spokesman, said today a Japanese submarine sank an American merchant ship of 19,000 tons off the Pacific Coast.

Roe Hirata, a navy press representative who supposedly was aboard the submarine, was quoted as saying the submarine met two American submarines cruising toward San Francisco.

"We submerged," said the Tokyo account of Hirata's diary, "and the captain of our submarine discharged a torpedo against the first enemy submarine. We heard a great explosion. The crew said the enemy craft sank rapidly."
Memorandum for Captain McCrea:

In connection with the sinking of the Russian submarine L-16 and the Japanese propaganda broadcast which appears to tie up with the sinking, it is noted that the S.S. LARRY DOHERTY was sunk at approximately the same time and fairly near by.

The Japanese propaganda broadcast mentions the sinking of an enemy merchant ship an undisclosed number of days before the sinking of the submarine. In this connection it is interesting to note that the LARRY DOHERTY was sunk just five days before the Russian submarine in a position roughly 700 miles to the southeastward. Since no other merchant ship was sunk in this area at any time around this date, the conclusion appears inescapable that the Japanese submarine which sank the LARRY DOHERTY also sank the Russian submarine. It would be an easy matter for this submarine to travel the intervening 700 miles in 5 days and the position of the second sinking appears to be on the approximate great circle course from the scene of the first sinking (LARRY DOHERTY) back to Japan.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Message to Capt.
This is a paraphrase of a despatch from the Commander Western Sea Frontier to Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, of 17 October, 1942.

While enroute to San Francisco from Kodiak on October 11th, in latitude 46-41 North, longitude 138-56 West, the Russian submarine L-16 was reported sunk while in company with the L-15, another Russian sub. There were no survivors. Assume that Chief Photographer Mihailoff was placed on board by Commander Alaskan Sector.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Vice Admiral Edwards called to say that the evidence now seems to be that the L-15 (Russian) was hit by four torpedoes.

Also, that the only submarine of ours that could even remotely have been in the area is the S-18. That boat has now arrived Dutch Harbor and reports "no attacks" en route.

It would seem that the attack must have been made by the Japanese. We picked up an enemy SS by DF about five days before the attack to the Eastward of the area in question. Five days later the same one, we think, was "DF'ed" to the Westward of the area.

Very respectfully,

John L. McCrea,
Captain, USN

OCTOBER 19, 1942
YOUR 3P1649 PRIORITY

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PROPOSED RADIO FROM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MR. STALIN

In the event that Japan should attack Russia in the Far East, I am prepared to assist you in that theater with an American Air Force of approximately 100 four-engined bombardment airplanes as early as practicable, provided that certain items of supply and equipment are furnished by Soviet authorities and that suitable operation facilities are prepared in advance. Supply of our units must be entirely by air transport, hence it will be necessary for Soviet Government to furnish such items as bombs, fuel, lubricants, transportation, shelter, heat, and other minor items to be determined.

Although we have no positive information that Japan will attack Russia, it does appear to be an eventual probability. Therefore, in order that we may be prepared for this contingency, I propose that the survey of air force facilities in the Far East, authorized by you to General Bradley on October 6, be made now, and that the discussions initiated on November 11 on your authority between General Bradley and General Korolenko be continued.

It is my intention to appoint General Bradley, who has my full confidence, to continue those discussions for the United States if you so agree. He will be empowered to explore for the United States every phase of combined Russo-American operations in the Far East Theater and, based upon his survey, to recommend the composition and strength of our air forces which will be allocated to assist you should the necessity arise. He will also determine the extent of advance preparations practicable and necessary to ensure effective participation of our units promptly on initiation of hostilities. His party will not exceed twenty persons to fly into Russia in two American Douglas DC-3 type airplanes.

If this meets with your approval, I would suggest that they proceed from Alaska along the ferry route into Siberia; thence under Russian direction to the Headquarters of the Soviet Armies in the Far East, and thence to such other places in Russia as may.
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It would be very helpful if an English-speaking Russian officer, such as Captain Valdimirov now in Washington or Captain Smolyarov in Moscow, is detailed to accompany General Bradley as adjutant and liaison officer.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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December 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Survey of Air Force Facilities in the Far East

Enclosure: Proposed Radio from President of the United States to Mr. Stalin.

Attached hereto is a proposed radio to Mr. Stalin, suggesting that the survey of Air Force facilities in the Far East which he authorized General Bradley to make on October 6 be made at this time.

The message also commits us to furnishing approximately 100 four-engined bombardment airplanes to Russia as soon as practicable in the event she is attacked by Japan.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

W. D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

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Chester Hammond,
Lieut-Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.

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