

BOX 20. PRESIDENTIAL TRIPS 000.9 (12-16) to MR 210 OCTAGON (Miscellaneous Correspondence.)

Folder 1. 000.9 (12): August 20-22, 1944.

Messages sent by and to the President during a trip to Hyde Park. These messages are all of a substantive nature and include letters to FDR from Churchill and Averill Harriman, and one letter from FDR to Chiang Kai-Shek.

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TOP SECRET  
PRIORITY

21 AUGUST 1944

NUMBER 46, TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

I AM GLAD THAT YOU FIND GENERAL HURLEY AND MISTER NELSON ACCEPTABLE FOR THE IMPORTANT MISSIONS THEY WILL PERFORM FOR US. NOW THAT MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO YOU HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON, I THINK WE SHOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO TAKE THE POSITIVE STEPS DEMANDED BY THE MILITARY SITUATION. I URGE THAT YOU TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PLACE GENERAL STILWELL IN COMMAND OF THE CHINESE FORCES, UNDER YOUR DIRECTION, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. EXTENDED DELIBERATIONS AND PERFECTION OF ARRANGEMENTS MAY WELL HAVE FATEFUL CONSEQUENCES IN THE LIGHT OF THE GRAVITY OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

IN MY POSITION I CAN WELL APPRECIATE YOUR POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND PARTICULARLY THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTY OF INSTALLING AN AMERICAN OFFICER IN THE DESIRED COMMAND POSITION. I FEEL CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT BETWEEN GENERAL HURLEY AND GENERAL STILWELL THERE WILL BE AN ADEQUATE COMPREHENSION OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS YOU FACE. I AM URGING ACTION IN THE MATTER OF STILWELL'S APPOINTMENT SO STRONGLY BECAUSE I FEEL THAT, WITH FURTHER DELAY, IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO AVERT A MILITARY CATASTROPHE TRAGIC BOTH TO CHINA AND TO OUR ALLIED PLANS FOR THE EARLY OVERTHROW OF JAPAN.

AS TO MATTERS OF DETAIL WHICH DOCTOR KUNG PRESENTED:

I DO NOT THINK THE FORCES TO COME UNDER GENERAL STILWELL'S COMMAND SHOULD BE LIMITED EXCEPT BY THEIR AVAILABILITY TO DEFEND CHINA AND FIGHT THE JAPANESE. WHEN THE ENEMY IS PRESSING US TOWARD POSSIBLE DISASTER, IT APPEARS UNSOUND TO REFUSE THE AID OF ANYONE WHO WILL KILL JAPANESE.

REF ID: A66158  
PRESIDENT-CHIANG KAI-SHEK, NO. 46,  
21 AUGUST 1944.

I AM NOT SUGGESTING STILWELL'S TITLE BUT I THINK IT OUGHT TO IMPLY THAT DIRECTLY UNDER YOU HE COMMANDS THE ARMED FORCES IN CHINA--THAT OF THE HEAD OF THE STATE WITH HIS COMMANDER IN THE FIELD.

I FEEL SURE THAT GENERAL HURLEY WILL BE HIGHLY USEFUL IN PROMOTING RELATIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE GENERAL STILWELL'S EXERCISE OF COMMAND AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATED POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO DELAY MATTERS UNTIL EACH DETAIL IS CONSIDERED AND SETTLED.

I PROPOSE PROPOSING A NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR HANDLING LEND-LEASE MATTERS, RELIEVING GENERAL STILWELL OF THIS BURDEN, AND WILL COMMUNICATE MY PROPOSAL TO YOU LATER.

DOCTOR KUNG INFORMS ME THAT YOU WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT OUR AGREEMENT. IN THIS MESSAGE I HAVE BEEN MOST FRANK, MY SOLE EFFORT BEING DIRECTED TOWARD THE FREEDOM OF CHINA AND THE COMPLETE DEFEAT OF JAPAN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. GENERAL HURLEY AND MISTER NELSON WILL LEAVE HERE ABOUT AUGUST 23RD.

I HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL INSPECTION TRIP IN HAWAII AND THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND ALASKA. I THINK WE HAVE JAPAN VERY MUCH WORRIED AND THAT BY CONTINUING THE PRESSURE EVERY DAY HER POSITION WILL BECOME STILL WORSE.

MY WARM REGARDS.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room  
at 1350, EWT, 21 August 1944.

HENRY W. PUTNAM,  
Captain, A. C.

RED 345

22 August 1944

EVENING NEWS.

WESTERN FRONT.

On the 21st, three German generals were captured in the Trun pocket. They were Lt. Gen. Elfeldt, CG, 47th Inf. Div., Lt. Gen. Bradinsky, CG of 276th Inf. Div., and Lt. Gen. Menny, CG, 84th Inf Div.

SOUTH FRANCE

Because of present rapid advance we do not intend to develop beaches to west of present beaches.

San Raphael port opened.

Air and surface units supported the land attack on Toulon. Excellent results on numerous targets. Two of our ships hit with minor damage.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Foreign Minister Aranha resigned midnight 21 August, following extended dispute with Vargas. No substantial effect on Government stability seen.

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RED 344

22 August 1944

MORNING NEWS

NORTHERN FRANCE

Over 10,000 prisoners captured on 20 August from Argentan pocket. It is believed that elements of most Panzer Divisions escaped to the East but majority of infantry still isolated. West and southwest of Paris, enemy attempting to form defensive front to cover city and crossings of Seine south of Paris.

Resistance in southeastern sector of front still spotty but stiffening against our advances west of Orleans.

Bad weather, which has hampered medium and heavy bomber operations for past three days, is expected to continue today and tomorrow.

On both the 18th and 19th of August approximately 20,000 tons were unloaded at Cherbourg.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

Resistance still generally scattered with occasional determined fighting at strong points.

Elements of 3rd French Algerian Division entered Toulon from north and northwest and city one-quarter occupied by yesterday morning. Eastern approaches to city strongly held.

Indications one known infantry division in Marseilles is being reinforced by 11th Panzer Division from Toulouse area.

No opposition to rapid progress of special task force moving north toward Grenoble and Montelimer in Rhone Valley. Some of its units reported by our tactical air force near Valence. Partisans great help to this force in protecting its line of communications.

ITALY

On Sunday the first Liberty ship entered the port of Leghorn.

EASTERN FRONT

The Germans claim that on 21 August they reestablished contact near Riga with their units isolated in the north. Northeast of Warsaw Soviet troops gained a 22-mile stretch of the railroad from Warsaw to Bialystok, and penetrated the enemy lines near Jassy and Tiraspol.

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PACIFIC SUBMARINES

The DARTER on her third war patrol sank a 4400 ton mine layer in the Philippine area.

The SANDLANCE, in the Celebes area, on her third war patrol sank a large cargo ship (7500 tons) and damaged two medium cargo ships of 4000 tons each. During this patrol she was damaged by depth charges.

The HAMMERHEAD on her first war patrol sank an 8600 ton cargo vessel near Formosa and damaged two other freighters of 6200 tons each.

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RED 343

21 August 1944

EVENING NEWS.

NORTHERN FRANCE

Allied Headquarters reports a second crossing of the Seine by 3rd Army troops. The crossing was made in the vicinity of Fontainebleau. Our forces in the bridgehead over the Seine at Mantes are meeting increased resistance.

SOUTHERN FRANCE.

The Task Force moving north towards Lyons is making rapid progress and is now some 20 miles northwest of Digne.

Two French Divisions are being directed on Toulon.

The first landing strip in use at Pampellone (43 15 N 06 40 E). Air-Sea rescue team established at San Tropez (same general area).

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21 August 1944

NORTHERN FRANCE

The Falaise pocket was split into two parts on the early afternoon Saturday, and the enemy is suffering great losses from our artillery fire. He is apparently in great disorder. In one sector, PW's from 14 divisions have been taken. He is now attempting to break out, using 2 Panzer divisions, but the chances of saving any of these divisions in the pocket are remote. No exact figure of what is caught is available, but the main bodies of about 7 Panzer divisions are believed to have escaped. Part of the 21st Panzer division is inside. The 10th SS is believed inside along with about 8 or 9 infantry divisions. Patton has reached the Seine in the Mantes area, has established a bridgehead on the East bank of the river, and is directing the 5th Armored Division northwest along the bank of the Seine to cut the retreating enemy. The 2nd Armored Division protects the 5th Armored Division's left flank.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

Elements of <sup>Ry</sup>Torrescott's VI Corps reached the Durance River due North of Marseille, and are in the vicinity of Digne. The French II Corps is moving in and apparently taking over the Toulon-Marseille sector.

CHINA

The B-29 attack against Yawata and other targets consisted of 88 bombers, which met with heavy accurate flak and considerable enemy fighter opposition. Four B-29's were observed lost. Seven others are still reported missing. Three others were operational losses. Japs claim 13.

ATLANTIC

On 18 August, the United States General Communications Ship, CATOCTIN, operating in support of amphibious operations on the south coast of France, sustained 2 bomb hits which caused 44 casualties. Further details are not available at this time.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

The HMS WENSLEYDATE sank the U-413 in the channel southeast of Beachy Head on the 20th.

On the 20th, the BOGUE sank the U-21 300-miles south of Argentinia and recovered 41 prisoners.

PACIFIC SUBMARINES

The PINTADO, operating in the China Sea south of Korea, reports sinking two cargo ships.

The ship attacked by the HARDHEAD east of San Bernardino Straits is now considered to have been the light cruiser NATORI (built in 1922, 5,170 tons) rather than a battleship. It is now considered definitely sunk. At present estimate this leaves the Japs with ten light cruisers, six of which were constructed previous to 1925.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cincpac requests that Rear Admiral Smith be detached from Crudiv 1 without waiting for relief and reports that Captain McCrea is expected to arrive in Pearl on the 22nd and his outward route would be expedited.

RECD 211505Z

TOP SECRET

21 August 1944

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From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

To: The President of the United States

Nr: 764 21 August 1944

Filed 210750Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and  
TOP SECRET, Number 764, dated 20 August.

Today I spent with your grand Fifth Army and Mark Clark.  
I also saw the Brazilians, whose bearing was excellent. The  
spirit of this Army and of the British Eighth Army, standing  
on its right, is high but of course there is a sense of bewilder-  
ment at the repeated and ceaseless withdrawals of important and  
key elements.

Everything is in train for OCTAGON on the 10th. I am  
looking forward greatly to meeting you.

End

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TOP SECRET

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(PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM HARRIMAN)

AFTER FULL DISCUSSION WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WE HAVE VENTURED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF A FEW WORDS IN THE TEXT OF THE JOINT MESSAGE TO STALIN OF AUGUST TWENTY WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL AVOID A MISUNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE ALTERED THE SENTENCE BEGINNING QUOTE OR YOU WILL AGREE TO OUR PLANES AND SO FORTH UNQUOTE TO READ QUOTE OR YOU WILL AGREE TO HELP OUR PLANES IN DOING IT VERY QUICKLY UNQUOTE.

WE FELT THIS CHANGE WAS NECESSARY TO FORESTALL STALIN'S READY ANSWER THAT MOLOTOV HAD ALREADY MADE IT PLAIN TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND MYSELF THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT COULD NOT OBJECT TO OUR AIRCRAFT DROPPING SUPPLIES ON WARSAW. WE WOULD STILL THEN HAVE NO ANSWER FROM STALIN ON THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF SOVIET BASES FOR THIS OPERATION. FROM THE INSTRUCTIONS I HAVE RECEIVED I BELIEVE I AM CORRECT IN INTERPRETING YOUR DESIRE THAT STALIN SHOULD RECONSIDER HIS

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OBJECTION TO OUR PLANES LANDING ON SOVIET BASES AFTER FULFILLING THEIR WARSAW MISSION. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY OUR AIR OFFICERS THAT IT WOULD BE UNJUSTIFIABLY HAZARDOUS OPERATION TO ATTEMPT TO SEND OUR BOMBERS TO WARSAW WITHOUT FIGHTER COVER AND THAT OUR FIGHTERS CANNOT MAKE THE LONG TRIP TO WARSAW AND BACK TO ENGLAND OR ITALY, WHEREAS THEY CAN OF COURSE PROCEED TO OUR SOVIET BASES. I AM ALSO INFORMED THAT BECAUSE OF THE STAGGERING AND PROHIBITIVE LOSSES ALREADY SUSTAINED BY THE BRITISH PLANES EQUIPPED TO DROP SUPPLIES ON WARSAW, AIR MARSHAL SLESQOR HAS RECOMMENDED AGAINST ITS FURTHER ATTEMPTS WITHOUT SOVIET COOPERATION. FROM THE ABOVE IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT IF THE SOVIETS MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION TO REFUSE US THEIR FACILITIES THEY WILL IN FACT PREVENT US FROM BRINGING AID TO WARSAW. IF TIME HAD NOT BEEN OF THE ESSENCE AS DESCRIBED IN YOUR CABLE I WOULD HAVE CONSULTED YOU BEFORE TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING A CHANGE IN YOUR TEXT. IN TAKING THIS ACTION I BELIEVE I AM CORRECTLY INTERPRETING YOUR WISHES.

NAVAIDE (#1, #2) .....ACTION.

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**(PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM HARRIMAN)**

**I HAVE TODAY TRANSMITTED TO STALIN MESSAGE CONTAINED IN YOUR ONE NINE ONE SEVEN TWO ZERO (191720).**

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**NAVAIDE (#1, #2) ..... ACTION FILE**

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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INCOMING  
TELEGRAM

DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

LC - 344  
This telegram must be  
closely paraphrased be-  
fore being communicated  
to anyone. (SECRET)

Moscow via War

Dated August 19, 1944

Rec'd 11:55 p.m.

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

PRIORITY

3081, August 19, 8 p.m.

TOP SECRET FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY.

As I have reported in my 3049, August 17, mid-  
night, since time was so pressing for use of our  
shuttle service to assist the Poles in Warsaw and  
feeling so confident that I understand your views,  
which are now confirmed by your 1926, August 17,  
7 p.m., I joined the British Ambassador in asking  
for an interview with Stalin. We both believed that  
a joint approach would be far more effective.  
Stalin being unavailable we saw Molotov. We feel  
that we presented as strong a case as is possible to  
Molotov and that unless the President decides to  
address a message to Stalin it would not (repeat not)  
be advisable

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-2- #3081, August 19, 8 p.m., from Moscow via War

be advisable for me to seek again an interview with Stalin. (In a subsequent cable I will send a fuller summary of our arguments with Molotov.

I have, however, today addressed a letter to Molotov, pursuant to your telegram, stating in direct terms that it was the earnest hope of my government that the Soviet Government would cooperate with the British and ourselves in our attempts to give aid to the Poles in Warsaw and would make every effort to render aid itself, but that if this was not forthcoming we would continue to furnish aid as far as feasible, as my government perceived no grounds for departing from its consistent policy of giving all possible aid to United Nations forces fighting our common enemy. Although I do not believe this letter will produce any change of the announced Soviet policy, I feel it important to make the record clear-cut; I believe we are now faced with a decision as to whether to accept the Soviet decision or whether to press the matter further.

From Moscow it is my feeling that if Stalin does not make good on his promise to Mikolajczyk to  
make every

-3- #3081, August 19, 8 p.m., from Moscow via War

make every effort to render aid there is little hope of an agreement between the Polish factions, and we will, therefore, probably be faced with all of the complexities arising therefrom. I feel further that when the American public understands fully the facts there will be serious repercussions in public opinion in the United States toward the Soviet Union and even in its confidence and hopes for the success of postwar world collaboration.

In addition in our long-term relations with the Soviets I feel that whenever they take action of which we strongly disapprove we should impress our views on them as firmly as possible and show our displeasure. It is only by such procedure that I would have confidence that we can eventually find common ground.

I am expressing these views for whatever value they may have in your consideration of whether it is now wise for the President to send a message to Stalin and to instruct me to present it personally, if possible.

I understand Eden has expressed forcefully the British Government's views to Gusev and I hope that

the Secretary

-4- #3081, August 19, 8 p.m., from Moscow via War  
the Secretary may find it possible to express our  
disapproval of the Soviet decision to Gromyko.

HARRIMAN

JT EDA

RED 337

21 August 1944

FRANCE

De Gaulle finally decided to accept General Eaker's offer of a flying fortress to make journey to France. Murphy understands that de Gaulle will leave Casablanca August 19. American crew will fly plane and be responsible for de Gaulle's safety at all times. French crew members may participate in flight. (Caserta 165)

ARGENTINA

Netherlands and Norwegian Ministers left Buenos Aires August 18 for Montevideo. Belgian Minister plans to depart. (Buenos Aires 2259).

Argentine regulations provide further restrictions on the ingress of foreign funds for acquiring governmental and municipal bonds or real property. (Buenos Aires 2156).

210055Z.

RED 336

20 August 1944

FROM: THE MAP ROOM  
TO : THE PRESIDENT

NO NEWS TO REPORT THIS EVENING.

RECD 2118Z.

SECRET

20 August 1944

From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

To: The President Of The United States

Nr: 763, 20 August 1944

Filed 201636Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt number 763.

Today I had the honour of inspecting your magnificent troops in the liberated soil of Italy. May I be permitted to express my admiration of the character, quality and bearing of these soldiers. We are most grateful for your help.

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RED 334

20 August 1944

OVERLORD

Enemy continuing attempt to get out of pocket through narrow gap which still exists. State of disorganization so complete that only hope enemy has now of retaining any cohesion of forces is for him to withdraw what he can across Seine covered by armor and reorganize on far bank. Impossible for him to form line west of Seine. Ferries reported to be waiting anxiously on west bank to rescue what arrives from the battle area. Third Army troops have reached Mantes Gassicourt on Seine northwest of Paris.

DRAGOON

Resistance stiffening in west sector vicinity Brignoles. Patch has sent armored task force to advance rapidly northwest to join Maquis and advance on Volence and Lyons. This force now approaching Digne, 70 miles north of Toulon. Build-up of French Corps troops continues.

No Navy news of interest.

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RED 333

20 August 1944

From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

To: The President of the United States

Nr: 762 Filed 200808Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and  
TOP SECRET, No. 762.

The message in your Number 601 has been sent on to  
U.J. over our two signatures. Our thoughts are one.

Following telegram received from our Ambassador in  
Moscow, dated 17 August:

"United States Ambassador and I are asking urgently  
for interview with M. Stalin. If his instructions do not  
arrive in time he will support me on his own responsibility.

"You should, however, know that last night Vyshinski  
asked the United States Ambassador to call, and, explaining  
that he wished to avoid the possibility of misunderstanding  
about what he had said to us the previous afternoon, read out  
the following statement. Begins:

"The Soviet Government cannot, of course, object to  
English or American aircraft dropping arms in the region of

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RECD. 201330Z.

**TOP SECRET**

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"Warsaw since this is American and British affair. But they decidedly object to American or British aircraft, after dropping arms in the region of Warsaw, landing on Soviet territory, since the Soviet Government do not wish to associate themselves either directly or indirectly with the adventure in Warsaw." (ends)

End

TOP SECRET