FLASH
TAB 3

HYDE PARK
25 Mar 45 - 29 Mar 45

159-163 IN/OUT 290-304
28 March 1945

BALTIC

Russian Air Arm Baltic Fleet claims sinking 11 German cargo ships and 1 submarine in Danzig Area.

ATLANTIC

U-boat sunk off the Lizard by British Frigate.

WESTERN FRONT

Nothing to add to Press and Radio reports.

PACIFIC

Thirteen of 15 American Divisions allocated to the Southwest Pacific Theater are now in the Philippines. One more is scheduled to go into Mindanao on 12 April and the other, the 93rd (colored), will take over security of our bases in East New Guinea and Morotai. Operations against the by-passed enemy to the East are now conducted by Australian troops.

Admiral Nimitz now has 12 Divisions allocated to Pacific Ocean Areas. Of these six are Marine and six are Army. Five of the six Army divisions and three of the Marine divisions are now assigned to ICEBERG.

Thus approximately 30% of total U.S. Divisions are in the Pacific. The balance is in European and Mediterranean Theatres.
FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Western Front

With exception of area opposite British forces on Allied extreme left, enemy is offering no coordinated resistance to our advance into Germany.

Yesterday U.S. First Army gained up to 25 miles on broad front east and southeast from Remagen bridgehead area with objective of making firm junction with Third Army north of Frankfurt.

Such a junction and its consequent threat to communications centers of Giessen and Wurzburg will substantially isolate very large German forces along the Rhine south of General Patton's penetration at Frankfurt and cut enemy's entire front in two. Operations of the First and Third Armies, under General Bradley, now constitute greatest threat to enemy armies.

Latest development in mounting German crisis is collapse of enemy Fifteenth Army which holds sector from Remagen lodgement south to Bonn. According to SHAPE, this is due to enemy's incorrect estimate of Allied intentions and concentrating his armor on northern flank of Remagen bridgehead where he expected Allies would exploit. Whole front between Worms and Bonn is now broken.

In Field Marshal Montgomery's sector British continue meeting continued stiff resistance and gains limited. Three divisions of Ninth Armored made most appreciable advance this sector yesterday.

Italy

Theatre reports no significant change in enemy attitude and activity continues to be on a minor scale.

Iceberg

Admiral Nimitz feels that there is a possibility, though not a probability,
that Jap Fleet might sortie from Ind. Sea.

No further word on present operation.

SENT: 281505Z
MR-OUT-302

FROM: MARSHAL J.V. STALIN

TO: THE PRESIDENT

We extremely value and attach great importance to the forthcoming
Conference in San Francisco, called to found the international organization
of peace and security for peoples but circumstances have developed in such
a way that Mr. V.M. Molotov, really, is not able to participate in the Confer-
ence. I and Mr. Molotov regret it extremely but the convening, on request of
the deputies of the Supreme Soviet, in April, of a sessions of the Supreme
Soviet of the USSR where the presence of Mr. Molotov is absolutely necessary,
is excluding the possibility of his participation even in the first meetings
of the Conference.

You also know that Ambassador Gromyko has quite successfully accomplished
his task in Dumbarton Oaks and we are confident that he will with great success
head the Soviet delegation in San Francisco.

As regards various interpretations, you understand, this cannot determine
the decisions which are to be made.

Sent: 280147 Z - HWP
FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY

Nelson and I know you must have been pleased with the news that Argentina declared war on Germany and Japan today and stated its desire to adhere to the resolutions of the Mexico Conference - an action which is the direct result of the steps you authorized us to take at Mexico City.

STETTINIUS

S:RJL:JMG

Read to Hand out 2309/27 5 March 1945
Sent as OUT-301 to NP 2310/47 - HJF
FROM: COLONEL PARK
TO: THE PRESIDENT

Opinion in War Department indicates a general cracking of German coordinated defensive power in the west. This could well be very close to the end.

RECD 2722022
FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

No Map Room news other than press and radio reports.
From: Military Attache, London
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 926

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and
TOP SECRET. Number 926.

1. My immediately preceding telegram. Could we not both tell him that: We are distressed that the work of the Polish Commission is held up because misunderstandings have arisen about the interpretation of the Yalta decisions. The agreed purpose of those decisions was that a new Government of National Unity was to be established after consultations with representatives of Lublin and other Democratic Poles which both our governments could recognize.

We have not got any reply on the various Polish names we have suggested, pleading lack of information. We have given him plenty of information. There ought not to be a veto by one power on all nominations. We consider that our nominations for the discussions have been made in the spirit of confidence which befits allies; and of course there could be

SENT: 271930Z
no question of allowing Lublin to bar them. We will accept any nominations he puts forward, being equally confident that the Soviet Government will not suggest Pro-Nazi or Anti-Democratic Poles.

The assembled Poles should then discuss the formation of a new government among themselves. The Commission should preside as arbitrators to see fair play. Monsieur Molotov wants the Lublinites to be consulted first. The Communique does not provide for this. But we have no objection to his seeing them first.

We cannot authorize our representatives to do so since we think it contrary to the spirit of the Communique. Also, to our surprise and regret Molotov, who suggested at an earlier stage that we might like to send observers, has now withdrawn the offer.

Indeed, he appeared to suggest that it had never been made; and has suggested that we should apply to the present Warsaw Administration. Stalin will understand that the whole point of the Yalta decision was to produce a Polish Government we could recognize and that we obviously cannot therefore deal with the present administration.

We feel sure he will honour the offer to send observers
and his influence with his Warsaw friends is so great that he will overcome with ease any reluctance they may show in agreeing.

2. Also, Stalin will surely see that while the three great allies are arranging for the establishment of the new Government of National Unity, those in power in Poland should not prejudice the future. We have asked that the Soviet Government should use their influence with their friends in temporary power there. Stalin will, we feel confident, take steps to this end.

3. Stalin will find all this set out in most reasonable terms in our communication of the 19th March. Will he cast his eye over it and judge whether our suggestions are not all in line with the spirit of the Yalta decision, and should they not all be met by our ally in order that the aim of the Yalta settlement of Poland, viz the setting up of a representative government which Britain and the U.S.A. can recognize, may be carried out without further delay.

ECH/cvl
From: Military Attache, London
To: The President of The United States
N: 925

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and TOP SECRET number 925.

1. I am extremely concerned at the deterioration of the Russian attitude since Yalta.

2. About Poland, you will have seen that Molotov in his reply to the agreed communication made to him by our Ambassadors on the 19th March, and in their discussion on the 23rd March, returned a series of flat negatives on every point he dealt with and ignored others.

He persists in his view that the Yalta Communique merely meant the addition of a few other Poles to the existing administration of Russian puppets and that these puppets should be consulted first. He maintains his right to veto Mikolajczyk and other Poles we may suggest and pretends that he has insufficient information about the names we have put forward long ago.

Nothing is said about our proposal that the commission

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should preside in an arbitral capacity over discussions among the Poles. Nothing on our point that measures in Poland affecting the future of the Polish State and action against individuals and groups likely to disturb the atmosphere should be avoided.

He ignores his offer about observers and tells us to talk to the Warsaw puppets about this. It is as plain as a pike staff that his tactics are to drag the business out while the Lublin Committee consolidate their power.

3. Clark Kerr's proposal for dealing with this was to try by redrafting to build something on the four point formula included in Molotov's reply. We cannot see that any real progress towards getting an honest Polish settlement can possibly be made in this way.

It would merely mean that we allowed our communication to be side tracked, negotiated on the basis of Molotov's wholly unsatisfactory reply and wasted time finding formulae which do not decide vital points. We therefore instructed Clark Kerr that he should not proceed on this basis, and that we are discussing matters with you.

4. As you know, if we fail altogether to get a satisfactory solution on Poland and are in fact defrauded by Russia, both Eden and I are pledged to report the fact openly to the
House of Commons. There I advised critics of the Yalta settlement to trust Stalin. If I have to make a statement of facts to the House, the whole world will draw the deduction that such advice was wrong. All the more so that our failure in Poland will result in a set up there on the new Roumanian model.

In other words, Eastern Europe will be shown to be excluded from the terms of the declaration of liberated Europe and you and we shall be excluded from any jot of influence in that area.

5. Surely we must not be manoeuvred into becoming parties to imposing on Poland, and on how much more of Eastern Europe, the Russian version of democracy? (You no doubt saw Vyshinsky's public explanations in Roumania of this doctrine). There seems to be only one possible alternative to confessing our total failure. That alternative is to stand by our interpretation of the Yalta declaration.

But I am convinced it is no use trying to argue this any further with Molotov. In view of this, is it not now the moment for a message from us both on Poland to Stalin? I will send you our rough idea on this in my immediately following. I hope you can agree.

6. I see nothing else likely to produce good results. If we are rebuffed, it will be a very sinister sign, taken with
the other Russian actions at variants with the spirit of Yalta; such as Molotov's rude questioning of our word in the case of CROSSWORD, the unsatisfactory proceedings over our liberated German prisoners, the coup de'etat in Roumania, the Russian refusal to allow the declaration on liberated Europe to operate, and the blocking of all progress in the EAC by the Russians.

7. What also do you make of Molotov's withdrawal from San Francisco? It leaves a bad impression on me. Does it mean that the Russians are going to run out or are they trying to blackmail us? As we have both understood them, the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, which will form the basis of discussion at San Francisco, are based on the conception of great power unity.

If no such unity exists on Poland, which is after all a major problem of the post war settlement—to say nothing of the other matters just mentioned—what, it will legitimately be asked, are the prospects of success of the new world organization? And is it not indeed evident that, in the circumstances, we shall be building the whole structure of future world peace on foundations of sand?

8. I believe, therefore, that if the success of San Francisco is not to be gravely imperilled, we must both of us now make the strongest possible appeal to Stalin about Poland and if necessary about any other derogations from the harmony

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of the Crimea. Only so shall we have any real chance of getting the world organization established on lines which will commend themselves to our respective public opinions.

Indeed, I am not sure that we should not mention to Stalin now the deplorable impression Molotov’s absence from San Francisco will cause.

ECH/cvl

END
Phase One of operation ICEBERG is proceeding according to plan. Successful landings, supported by effective gunfire and air support, were made on five of the Islands in Kerama Retto (west of Okinawa) on the 26th against light opposition. The remaining target Islands in the group were scheduled to be occupied yesterday.

During early morning of the 26th, 8 Jap planes attacked our shipping and one suicide plane hit the KIMBERLY (DD) causing considerable structural damage.

The HALLIGAN (DD) was torpedoed and badly damaged. Several ships are standing by. (Possibly by Jap midget sub.)

Philippines

The American Infantry Division landed on east coast Cebu, south of Cebu City, on the 26th after Naval bombardment. Opposition was light. Troops on the right flank are inland 600 yards, and the left flank has advanced an unknown distance.

Pacific Submarines

The Navy Department has announced the loss of the submarine ALBACORE.

Atlantic

Midget sub sunk by British fighters off The Hook (HOLLAND)

Western Front

One-third of the combat strength of Allied forces on this front are now deployed east of the Rhine - a total of 26 divisions.
Third Army, with 4th Armored Division in van, moving around Frankfurt to east and northeast. From Remagen bridgehead farther down Rhine, Ninth Armored Division broke out to southeast and captured bridge intact over Lahn River at Limburg and now driving on Frankfurt. In Remagen area, enemy estimated First Army would exploit to north toward Ruhr and made his dispositions accordingly, placing armor and best troops on northern flank. Now, due enemy disorganization indications are that First and Third Armies will shortly make junction north of Frankfurt.

U.S. Seventh Army crossed with 2 divisions Worms area.

In bridgehead north of Ruhr, enemy offering stiff opposition on left and center. Build-up of force across river here proceeding "satisfactorily".

Since 1 March Allies have taken average of 10,000 prisoners per day.

Switzerland

U.S. Military Attache in Bern reports partial mobilization Swiss Army and deployment along northern frontier.

China

Fourteenth Air Force has abandoned its base at Laohokow in face of converging Jap columns, which theater estimates will overrun airfield in "matter of days". Laohokow very important to 14th Air Force as it was most forward base available for fighters after loss of east China bases. Our installations here are not large.

SENT: 2714452
MR-OUT-295 26 March 1945

FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

The following draft reply to Service's message regarding treatment of liberated Americans in Poland is offered for your consideration:

ICEBERG

Admiral Mitcher reports that photographs show that Okinawa is honeycombed with caves, tunnels, and gun positions (particularly along the roads). Tanks and armored cars were entering caves.

Admiral Nimitz estimates all-out effort will be made by Japanese suicide units (air, sub and small boat) against U.S. forces covering present operation. No report of our landings on islands west of Okinawa.

RECD 26J028Z.

In the meantime you should make such approaches in Moscow as will in your opinion be of assistance to our intention to insure the best possible treatment of liberated Americans.

Your recommendation that General Eisenhower impose limitations on the movements of Russian contact officers in France has been referred to the War Department for appropriate action. UNQUOTE.

RECON 261823E

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LEAHY TO PRESIDENT:

The following draft reply to Harriman's message regarding treatment of liberated Americans in Poland is forwarded for your consideration:

QUOTE: Replying to your M-23408, it does not appear appropriate at the present time for me to send another message to Marshal Stalin regarding the treatment of liberated American prisoners in Poland.

At a later date there may be some prospect of results from a further message from me.

In the meantime you should make such approaches in Moscow as will in your opinion be of assistance to our intention to insure the best possible treatment of liberated Americans.

Your recommendation that General Eisenhower impose limitations on the movements of Russian contact officers in France has been referred to the War Department for appropriate action. UNQUOTE.

SENT: 2618252

First reports from Task Force 32 (assault forces) on the SUD show that preliminary bombardment and beach reconnaissance at Suda Bay.
MR-OUT-293

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Western Front

With clearing of last enemy from left bank, battle of Germany is now being fought exclusively east of the Rhine. Yesterday all our bridgeheads were expanded, with General Patton's troops scoring most significant advance.

Ruhr bridgehead: Now roughly 30 miles wide, 8 miles deep. British meeting stronger opposition in north than U.S. Ninth Army in south. Airborne and ground forces firmly linked up. At least three ponton bridges completed, ferries operating successfully.

Remagen bridgehead: 10 divisions of First Army now across river leaving only two divisions this army on left bank. Resistance still light in south but stiff in north.

Another bridgehead established ten miles below southern flank Remagen bridgehead.

Upper Rhine bridgehead: Fourth Armored Division of Third Army effected 30 mile penetration bypassing Darmstadt and nearing Frankfurt from southeast. Stockholm dispatch says our troops in city.

Weather flyable but not so good as last few days.

China

Estimated 25,000 Jap troops moving in several columns west from railroad corridor north of Hankow, with apparent objective large Allied air base at Laohokow.

Iceberg

First reports from Task Force 52 (assault forces) on the 25th state that preliminary bombardment and beach reconnaissance at Kerama Retto (west
Okinawa) has been completed. No land mines or man-made beach obstacles were discovered by underwater demolition teams. Return fire from the beach was light. The ADAMS (AM), during a fight with four planes, suffered loss of two men killed and five wounded as result of premature explosion from one of her own five-inch shells.

Good weather on the 25th is expected to continue on the 26th, providing favorable landing conditions.

Today transport groups depart Ulithi; British Pacific Fleet (4 CV, 2 BB, and 5 CL) strike Sakishima Gunto.

Twentieth Air Force to mine Empire Waters (Shimonoseki Straits).

SENT: 261505Z
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 924
Filed 251520Z
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and Topsecret.
Your 726. Delighted. Am telegraphing to Bernie to say times proposed will be perfectly convenient and to invite him to be guest of the British Government during his visit.

END

Rec'd 25/1800Z
To Read as MR-OUT 291

Gawk/dg

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25 March 1945

MR-OUT-290

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Atlantic

Canadian frigate sank German U-boat off British Isles on 20th. Midget sub sunk off Ostend by British frigate on 24th.

Pacific

Admiral Mitscher's Task Force 58 struck Jap installations in Nansei Shoto particularly at Okinawa and Kerama Retto on 23rd. Weather unfavorable. Three enemy aircraft shot down. Airfields on southern Okinawa attacked. One small freighter sunk, two small freighters and a destroyer escort plus many small craft damaged. Large and medium freighter in convoy west of Okinawa left burning. On 21st Task Force under attack by enemy air. Complete damage to enemy unavailable but in one encounter 50 enemy planes shot down. We lost three.

Western Front

Our progress all three bridgeheads good and resistance spotty.

Ruhr bridgehead: To noon yesterday six Allied divisions on east bank; 2 airborne (1 British and U.S. 17th) 2 British and 2 U.S. Contact made with airborne troops. Bridgehead now 30,000 yards in width and according to press six miles deep. Movement across Rhine by Navy-manned landing craft, ferry and floating bridges. 1149 aircraft and 897 gliders dropped two airborne divisions. 45 aircraft lost. Press reports we have taken 8,000 prisoners.

Remagen bridgehead: All three corps of First Army operating in lodgement area with 8 plus divisions across the River. Resistance moderate in south, stronger in north.

Upper Rhine bridgehead: General Patton now has two infantry and half an armored division in bridgehead 10 miles below Mainz. Resistance scattered.

Weather continues very good.
Following is a report from General Eisenhower dated 24th March:

"The recent series of victories west of the Rhine has resulted as planned in the destruction of a large proportion of available enemy forces on the Western Front.

"While not desiring to appear overoptimistic, it is my conviction that the situation today presents opportunities for which we have struggled and which must be seized bodily.

"The dash and daring in First and Third Army sectors have gotten us bridge-heads very cheaply which can be consolidated and expanded rapidly to support a major thrust which will assist the northern operation and make our exploitation more effective.

"While we are continuing to plan for and to be ready to meet stern resistance, it is my personal belief that the enemy strength on the Western Front is becoming so stretched that penetrations and advances will soon be limited only by our own maintenance.

"There is already deployed in the north all the strength that can be effectively maintained east of the Rhine for the next few weeks and I am directing the most vigorous action on all fronts.

"I intend to reinforce every success with utmost speed."

SENT: 251510Z
TAB 2

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL HINNE.

HYDE PARK
4 Mar 45 - 7 Mar 45
154-158 IN/OUT 275-289

SNT: 0722X12
7 March 1945

MR-OUT-289

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

No news this evening.

REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Argentine Question

SENT: 072121Z

I am transmitting to you herewith a copy of a message for you from the Secretary in regard to the treatment which is being accorded the Argentine question at the Mexico City Conference.

Acting Secretary

Enclosures:

Copy of telegram no. 324 from Mexico City.
March 6, 1945.

SENT: 07163301
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Argentine Question

I am transmitting to you herewith a copy of a message for you from the Secretary in regard to the treatment which is being accorded the Argentine question at the Mexico City Conference.

Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of telegram no. 324 from Mexico City, March 6, 1945.

SENT: 071838Z

Regraded Unclassified
DSH-790
This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (SECRET)

Mexico City
Dated March 6, 1945
Rec'd 11:25 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington,

TOP SECRET
US URGENT
324, March 6, 2 p.m.

TO ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FROM SECRETARY

STATTIMIUS FOR THE PRESIDENT

You will recall my private message to you of ten days ago re Argentina. The formula which you approved was presented by one of the group of American Republics which prepared it and was rejected by Argentina. There is complete unanimity among all American Republic delegations here that only course now is to pass resolution at end of conference saying that the absence of representation of Argentine people at this conference is deplored but necessary because circumstances regarding Argentine participation in war have not changed and expressing the hope that in the interest of continental unity the Argentine nation may find it possible after this
-2-, #324, March 6, 2 p.m., from Mexico City.

after this conference adjourns to adhere to and implement the Act of Chapultepec and other acts of this conference as well as qualify for membership in the United Nations. Padilla, by unanimous action of the conference, will be requested to bring resolution to the attention of Argentina through the Pan American Union. This resolution will be adopted at final plenary session.

We will leave here Thursday or Friday morning for afternoon and evening with President of Cuba arriving Washington Friday or Saturday afternoon. Keenly looking forward to seeing you. Warm personal regards.

Please make no distribution of this message.

MESSERSMITH

EBC
FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

TOP-SECRET-297

WESTERN FRONT

Allied Forces are nearing Bonn, south of Cologne, and the enemy pocket west of the Rhine at Wesel is being reduced. Between these two cities, we now hold seventy miles of the left bank of the Rhine.

We are making good progress through the difficult country north of the Moselle River.

PHILIPPINES

No major fighting at present time. Communique says "Our troops regrouping for the final phases Luzon campaign." Enemy known dead: 67,000 on Luzon and 77,000 Leyte-Samar.

Patrol planes from the Philippines sank a destroyer, three barges and a lugger off the China coast.

BURMA

Bulk of Japanese Army in Burma threatened by our near encirclement of Mandalay. British and Indian troops have cut communications between Mandalay and Rangoon to the south, and are nearing Mandalay from north and west.

At same time, Chinese troops have entered Lashio, railhead and western terminus of the old Burma Road.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

Searches from the Gilberts report no results on 6 March in their efforts to locate survivors from the party of Lt. General W. F. Harmon, U.S.A.

PACIFIC SUBMARINES

The SETOBI14 wiped out an enemy convoy and the BASHAW sank a large Jap oiler.

071500Z
6 March 1945

MR-OUT-286

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM MARSHAL STALIN.

The following suggested submarine statement for

(See Presidential File -- Stalin's message of
5 March answering the President's message of 4 March
on the subject of repatriation of American prisoners
of war released by the Soviets).

SENT: 062213Z

Despite satisfactory results now being obtained in
the way on submarines raiders our forces must maintain
unceasing vigilance because any enemy with a large
number of submarines always possessed a potential
threat. UNQUOTE.

SENT: 062215Z
MR-OUT-285

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

The following suggested submarine statement for February has been approved by the Navy Department and OWI. Your approval is requested to send to the Prime Minister:

QUOTE. During the month of February a moderate number of Allied merchant vessels fell victim to U-boat activity. However, the anti-submarine forces were successful in destroying more enemy submarines this past month than in January.

Despite satisfactory results now being obtained in the war on undersea raiders our forces must maintain unceasing vigilance because any enemy with a large number of submarines always possesses a potential threat. UNQUOTE.

SENT: 062135Z
No news.

We have been informed that Sidney Hillman and Sir Walter Raleigh have requested here to support the position that the World Trade Union Congress should be represented at the San Francisco Conference. Mr. Dulles has telegraphed Miss Perkins to get in touch and obtain your consent for representation of the American Labor Organization.

In view of your past interest in these requests for labor representation at the San Francisco Conference in particular any suggestion that you agree to USSR representation. In the light of the Russian decision we believe it would be consistent for you to consult yourself at the present time in regard to the U.S. It is advisable now in the case of the French amendment to the wording of the invitation now being discussed that France be asked to any changes in the Russian decision. Furthermore the Russians are not representative of the U.S. and for this reason alone would accept USSR participation and would prefer USSR representation. Therefore, it appears USSR participation before anything with the other governments involved would open up a very serious controversy over the whole question among the different existing labor organizations in this country.

In view of the fact that the San Francisco Conference is a permanent meeting it would appear more desirable that labor representation should be through the national delegations of the participating countries rather than through international labor organizations. Very much hope therefore that further consideration will be given to this matter before any conclusion is reached.

Acting Secretary

[Signature]

6 March 1945
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Representation of Labor Organizations at the San Francisco Conference

We have been informed that Sidney Hillman and Sir Walter Citrine have requested Eden to support the position that the World Trade Union Congress should be represented at the San Francisco meeting. Mr. Lubin has telegraphed Miss Perkins to get in touch with you and to obtain your commitment for representation of the International Labor Organization.

We have considered most carefully these requests for labor representation at the San Francisco Conference in particular any suggestion that you agree to ILO representation. In the light of the Crimean decisions we believe it would be dangerous for you to commit yourself at the present time in regard to the ILO. We have already seen in the case of the French amendment to the wording of the invitations how firmly opposed the Russians are to any changes in the Crimean decisions. Furthermore the Russians are not represented in the ILO and for that reason alone would oppose ILO participation and would prefer WFUC representation. Therefore, to sponsor ILO participation before consulting with the other governments involved might open up a very serious controversy over the whole question among the different contending labor organizations in this country.

In view of the fact that the San Francisco Conference is a governmental meeting it would appear more desirable that labor representation should be through the national delegations of the participating countries rather than through international labor organizations. I very much hope therefore that further consideration will be given to this matter before any commitment is made.

Acting Secretary

Mr. E. F. Peck

Sent: 0620277

Regraded Unclassified
To: The President of The United States.
Nr: 904
Filed 061428Z.

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and TOP SECRET. Number 904.

1. On January 27 I sent you my telegram 897 about the aviation agreement with the Government of Southern Ireland. You could not at the time reply because of wireless silence. At Yalta, and also later at Alexandria, I understood from you that you did not approve this step and that it had been taken without your agreement. Mr Stettinius also made this clear so far as he was concerned. At the same time as we sent out 897 to you Lord Halifax was instructed to let the State Department have a copy of the telegram at once so that they should hold their hand until you had had an opportunity to comment on it.

2. On January 31 the State Department confirmed that negotiations had been in progress but said that they had not reached readiness for signature. On February 3 however, without further warning, Lord Halifax was in-
formed that the agreement had been signed and shortly afterwards it was published.

3. Our special concern with Eire is obvious on political and geographical grounds, and it is indeed much closer than that of the United States with the Argentine. We and the United States have, moreover, throughout kept in close touch in our general policy towards Eire, e.g., over the recent United States approach to De Valera for the removal of the Axis representatives. For this reason the political effect of the United States action in concluding an agreement with Southern Ireland on an important issue without consulting us seemed to us bound to injure our relations with De Valera politically, and may be embarrassing to the United States also, as it can only encourage him to try to play off one against the other. It has, in fact, been hailed in Southern Ireland as a diplomatic success for them.

4. I trust therefore that you will be able to take the necessary steps to have the agreement annulled. So far no response has been made to our telegrams or representations whether addressed personally to you or handed formally to the State Department.

End.
6 March 1945

FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

WESTERN FRONT

Allied forces now control left bank of the Rhine from Cologne to above Duisburg. Only sizeable enemy force west of the river is in the vicinity of Wesel where elements four divisions still resisting. The bridge at this point was destroyed. All bridges across the Rhine above Cologne are now destroyed.

Press reports state that American troops have occupied one-third of Cologne.

In the area south of Cologne and north of the Moselle River there has been no change in pattern of stubborn enemy withdrawal under heavy Allied pressure.

The U.S. 86th and 97th Divisions are landing in France. These are the last two such units to leave the U.S. for this theater. There are now no divisions in this country.

PHILIPPINES

230 guerrillas landed on Masbate Island 3 March.

PACIFIC SUBS

Four subs returning from patrol report sinking 1 DD, 2 large cargo ships and 1 large tanker and damaging an ISE class BB and 3 large tankers.

sent 06/15/22
5 March 1945

MR-OUT-280

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Press reports First Army troops in Cologne. Otherwise no news of significance this evening.

SENT: 052145Z
5 March 1945

FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN

TO: MRS. ROOSEVELT (VIA MISS TULLY)

Lieutenant John Roosevelt is now assigned to the staff of Commander, Carrier Division 5. His address is: Staff, Commander Carrier Division 5, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. This staff normally rides the same ship to which Lieutenant Roosevelt was formerly attached.

ITALY

No change in disposition or apparent intentions of Italian army divisions in this theater.

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Front line unchanged. No left flank enemy defensive position that we have not encountered previously.

Salerno Harbor open 1 March. All types of enemy units expected to be discharged in Salerno Harbor.

11 April

The submarine BOWEN is overdue and presumed lost.
WESTERN FRONT

In the area of the lower Rhine from Dusseldorf to Emmerich, only scattered German rear guards are resisting our final clearance of the left bank. Two reserve divisions of Ninth Army committed in this operation. Rhine bridge at Krefeld blown. Four bridges out of 8 from Dusseldorf to Wesel now destroyed.

Enemy is still resisting bitterly before Cologne.

In the month of February, 76,000 prisoners were taken. Of this number, 15,000 lower Rhine, 20,000 plain of Cologne, and 21,000 Moselle area.

Now estimate 64 enemy divisions on western front and 171 on eastern front.

ITALY

No change in disposition or apparent intentions of 25 enemy divisions in this theater.

TWO JIMA

Front line unchanged. On left flank enemy defensive positions lack reinforced concrete features previously encountered.

PHILIPPINES

Manila Harbor open 1 March. All types of ships entered harbor and began discharging in north harbor.

SUBMARINES

The submarine BARBEL is overdue and presumed lost.

Ocead 051550 Z.

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From: USMA London
To: The President of the United States
Nr: 903, 5 March 1945

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and
Top Secret No. 903.

The First Lord of the Admiralty will be making his
customary annual statement to Parliament on Wednesday, March
7, in which it will be necessary for him to make a reference
in general terms to the history of our submarine warfare in
the past year.

This will not conflict in any way with our monthly
statement. I have read it myself and it will not touch
upon any technical secrets which would be useful to the
Japanese.

(NOTE FROM ADMIRAL BROWN: Unless otherwise directed will give Navy
Department copy for information.)

End.

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WR-OUT-276

FROM:  ADMIRAL BROWN
TO:    THE PRESIDENT

4 March 1945

No significant news this evening.

RECD 042055Z
WESTERN FRONT

No report of large prisoner haul or indication that sizeable portion of German forces west of Rhine destroyed. U.S. and Canadian forces after junction pushing toward river. Enemy completely disorganized. Five Rhine bridges north of Dusseldorf still intact.

Five bridges at Cologne under RAF attack. Fighters sweeping both sides of Rhine attacking transportation.

Estimated enemy plans deliberate withdrawal over Rhine as far south as Moselle.

PHILIPPINES

Two more islands seized in operation to secure sea passage from San Bernardino Straits to Manila Bay.

IWO JIMA

Slight gains against continued strong Jap resistance. Prisoner of war estimates 5,000 to 6,000 Nips remained on 2 March of original total of 18,000.
HYDE PARK
11 Jan 45 - 15 Jan 45
1-9 IN/OUT 1-23
TOP SECRET - TOT

15 January 1945

For: The President of the United States
Number 890

Filed 151639Z

President Roosevelt from Prime Minister. Number 890. Personal and Top Secret.

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:

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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 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).

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
15 January 1945

TOP SECRET - TOT

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

President Roosevelt from Prime Minister. Number 890. Personal and Top Secret.

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).
ADMIRAL HALSEY reports weather still bad. No indications of Jap
surface units.

Advance headquarters Southwest Pacific Area have been established
on Luzon.

PACIFIC SUBMARINES

The PUFFER reports sinking a freighter on the 10th.

WESTERN FRONT

SHAPE delegation to Moscow, Air Marshal Tedder and Generals Bull and
Betts, arrived Moscow on 13 January.

Final victory over Jap in Allied Area strikes Jan 12th 21 ships sunk,
including a light cruiser (26,700 tons, 20 Destroyer victims, for total
of 427,000 tons. 32 planes damaged, 201,100 tons, 18 plans shot down. 77
destroyed on ground. 30 damaged or destroyed. 99 damaged on ground. All
Allied shipping andOLUME left for operations. Our losses 25 planes. No
damage to our surface forces.

Ref: 1520552.
15 JANUARY 1945

WESTERN FRONT

The enemy is hastening his withdrawal from the Ardennes. Our forces now mopping two small enemy pockets as result of encirclement. Situation in Alsace has improved.

EASTERN FRONT

General Eisenhower has asked that the following message be sent from him to the Chief of Staff, Red Army:

"The momentous news that the magnificent Red Army has surged forward in a new and powerful campaign has been received by the Allied Armies in the west with enthusiasm. I extend to you and to all others directing and participating in this great offensive my congratulations and good wishes. On my part, I assure you of our intention to attack with continued vigour. Under our blows both from the east and the west, the enemy will bleed and die and his dwindling resources will be blasted until Nazi Germany is completely crushed."

ATLANTIC

Morning 14 January, in approaches to Halifax, three ships torpedoed. British tanker ATHELVIKING (8,779 tons) sunk; tanker BRITISH FREEDOM (6,985 tons) total loss, sunk by escorts; American MARTIN VAN BUREN (7,176 tons) afloat in tow.

PACIFIC

Final summary from Halsey on Saigon area strike Jan 12: 41 ships sunk, including 2 light cruisers (1 French) and 10 destroyer escorts, for total of 127,000 tons; 28 ships damaged, 70,000 tons; 15 planes shot down; 77 destroyed on ground; 20 destroyed on water; 50 damaged on ground. All Saigon shipping and facilities left a shambles. Our losses 23 planes. No damage to our surface forces.

RECD 151510Z
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 889, 14 January 1945

Prime Minister to President, personal and Top Secret
nr 889.

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 talk over.

Red: 1500352.
FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT (HYDE PARK)

EVENING NEWS

PHILIPPINES

General Kreuger, the Commanding General of the 6th Army, assumed command on Luzon 13 January.

Our returning convoys were attacked by Jap crash divers on 12 January. A cargo vessel was damaged by a crash diver and in another convoy suicide planes hit two merchant ships. Two attacking planes were shot down by our aircover.

On 13 January, a suicide diver crashed through the flight deck of the CVE SALAMANCA. The after engine room was flooded and major repairs to the flight deck are necessary but the ship is capable of proceeding at five knots. During the attack one Nip plane was shot down.

EASTERN FRONT

Radio reports indicate Soviet officials in southern Poland still making good progress. Reports from both German and Russian sources tend to confirm this drive.

RECB 1420372 - amc
From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 888 Filed 141605Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and TOP SECRET, 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 circumstances. 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 agreements were fulfilled and that he accepted them on the clear understanding that they would be loyally carried out in the spirit and the letter.
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 Yugoslav 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.

End
WESTERN FRONT  
Situation continues to improve.

EASTERN FRONT  
Persistent German reports tend to confirm Stalin's order of the day that Soviet winter offensive has begun.

PHILIPPINES  
Reports indicate that all is going well.

LUZON OPERATION  
No contacts to report in China Sea although special long distance air searches over Borneo are being undertaken.

Halsey is refueling today west of Luzon. Weather poor.

PALAU  
The LST 225 destroyed a Jap submarine by gunfire in the Kossol Passage.

PACIFIC SUBMARINES  
Two submarines report sinking a destroyer, a tanker and three small vessels.
14 January 1945

MR-OUT-16

From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 887 Filed 141027Z

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

Reed 141245 Z
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MR-OUT-15

FROM: ADMIRAL LEAHY

TO: THE PRESIDENT (HYDE PARK)

I have sent the following message to Prime in reply to his 886 (MR-OUT-12).

"Your 886. I have directed the State Department to take such action at an appropriate time through Steinhardt with the Turkish Government as is necessary to insure passage to the Black Sea without delay or interference of the "Naval auxiliary CATOCTIN, not a combatant vessel" and also four smaller Naval vessels which are really mine sweepers and which the Navy wishes to send to the Black Sea.

"We will have Steinhardt give the Turks identical information regarding the passage of American airplanes to be used by my party and for daily mail trips. Signed ROOSEVELT."

LEAHY

Another landing took place on the west coast of Mindoro en route to Leyte without opposition.

Mindoro

RECD 1321352
FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Admiral Kinkaid reported on 12 January that unloading was continuing in the Lingayen area and that surf conditions were more favorable. The advance of troops still continues, and the right half of our forces have reached the general beachhead line established 10 miles inland.

At dawn, 12 January, the attack transport BELKNAP was heavily damaged by a suicide diver. During the same attack the GILLIGAN and RICHARD W. SUSENS (DE's) were also hit by suicide planes but sustained only superficial damage.

On 12 January fifteen enemy planes were destroyed.

The destroyer NEWCOMB was damaged on 6 January by fragments from a Jap suicide plane which crashed astern.

The Southern Jap Task Force still unlocated. It is possible this force is moving northward along Borneo Coast under cover of weather. Submarine pickets increased to insure detection.

Mindoro

Another landing took place on the east coast of Mindoro dawn of 12th without opposition.

Saigon

The French light cruiser LA MOTTE PIQUET was sunk by our forces during their attack on Saigon 12 January. This cruiser has been at Saigon since the outbreak of the European war.

Russia No confirmation has been received here of Stalin's radio announcement of the start of the Russian winter offensive.

SENT: 1320582
13 January 1945

TOP SECRET - TOT

For: The President of the United States
Number: 2052

For the President from Winant. TOP SECRET. Sr Nr. 2052.

A favorable message was forwarded today through the British Embassy in Washington in answer to your Number 666 of 5 December. (See Embassy's 225 January 6, 6 P.M.) Eden had planned to have it sent to you by the Prime Minister in answer to your message to him, but inadvertently it was transmitted through the Embassy channel. I hope you won't mind. Eden worked hard to get it cleared. He wanted to send it out earlier this week, but it has been a little difficult the last few days to expedite business as the Prime Minister has been laid up with a cold.

MAP ROOM NOTE: President's No. 666 contains the President's views on voting procedure in the International Security Council. The Map Room does not have Embassy's 225 of Jan 6, referred to in above message.

132027Z. - amc

MR-OUT-13

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From: U. S. Military Attache, London
To: President of the United States
Nr: 886 Filed 131516Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, personal and TOP SECRET, 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
13 January 1945

FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Greece

Confirming Press despatches, a truce between ELAS and Government Forces will become effective at 1900 EWT January 14th. Hostilities to continue until then. ELAS will thereafter withdraw under British Control to areas as yet unspecified.

Anti-shipping warfare

The British cargo ship BLACKHEATH (4,600 tons) was torpedoed in convoy while entering the Straits of Gibraltar.

The British cargo ship NORMANDIE COAST (1,400 tons) and the U.S. cargo ship ROANOKE (2,600 tons) were torpedoed and sunk on January 11th in the Irish Sea.

An unidentified ship in the approaches of the Gulf of Aden reports being gunned by an armed merchant freighter on January 11th.

British ships (1 CA, 1 CL and 3 DD) attacked convoy of 8 ships in entrance to Skagerrak and left three afire.

Pacific

French Mission preliminary reports say bombing of Saigon appears to have been very successful. Three of our planes shot down, most of pilots safe and sound.

ComNavGroup China reports concentration of enemy warships (including 1 BB and 2 CV's) in Yungning area (west of Formosa).

China

Chinese Military Intelligence states that on January 11th clashes between Kuomintang and Communist troops had occurred just north of Yangtze River in Anhwei and Eastern Hopei.
Luzon

Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur agree that available large units of the Pacific Fleet will continue to cover Lingayen beachhead until principal enemy units which threaten it are destroyed or shore-based air forces are capable of protecting the beachhead with the assistance of light Naval units. A delay in future target dates, because of the dispositions of these Naval units is not anticipated at present.

Fourteenth Corps headquarters now officially in operation at Isidro. We are receiving some resistance from the northeast in the foothills south of Baguio. 153rd Regimental Combat team is now attacking to the north with mission of protecting Army's left flank. Some slight resistance is being met at point of furtherest penetration of some 15 to 20 miles to the South.

Western Front

The enemy bulge is now about one-half its size at the time of maximum penetration on December 25. Enemy continues to pull out.

The vital area west of Cologne is now relatively thinly held by infantry only, both by Gernans and Allies. Our forces have not given up any ground in this sector, although much of our strength has been diverted from it.

Next to the Ardennes area, largest concentration of enemy force is now in the area opposite our Seventh Army along the upper Rhine. Here, and in Strasbourg area, enemy is exerting heavy pressure.

U.S. Fifteenth Army is now in France but has not been assigned sector of front. This makes total of 5 U.S. Armies in ETO.

Weather today over battle area bad.

Eastern Front

The Berlin radio has announced the beginning of a Soviet offensive in southern Poland, along the Vistula. There is no Soviet confirmation.
FROM: ADMIRAL BROWN
TO: THE PRESIDENT (HYDE PARK)

EVENING NEWS

CHINA SEA OPERATIONS

On 12 January Admiral Halsey reported that attacks on Saigon, Camranh Bay, and the Indo-China coast were continuing. Partial reports reveal at least four enemy convoys were under attack, as well as individual units in the area. Twenty-five ships are reported sunk, including one Katori class CL, and several DD's and DE's. Thirteen enemy ships were seriously damaged. Thirty-nine enemy planes were destroyed.

Incomplete reports of the Third Fleet strikes on Formosa on 9 January indicate that a total of thirty-seven enemy planes were shot down and sixty-one damaged. Thirty-one ships were sunk.

Admiral Nimitz has adopted Admiral King's suggestion (reported in this morning's news) and has ordered Admiral Halsey to alter his plans for further strikes in the South China Sea and to remain in a position to cover the Lingayen-Mindoro area against enemy approaches from Luzon, Formosa Strait, or from the south. Admiral McCain's carriers are to continue efforts to locate enemy heavy ships. If more important targets do not appear, the carrier force will strike Hongkong.

Admiral Nimitz has requested that the B-29's based in China and MacArthur's B-24's extend their searches in an effort to locate the second diversion attack force (2 BB-CV's), still unreported. Six submarines stationed in the entrance of the gulf of Siam have failed to sight this enemy force.

No significant changes have taken place on the Western Front since last report.

RECD 122155Z

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

January 12, 1945.

In accordance with your recent instructions, the Secretary has addressed a letter to Ambassador Bonnet, suggesting to him that questions of military strategy and tactics be taken up in the future directly with SHAEF.

However, as a matter of courtesy, I would recommend that you authorize me to send the following message to General de Gaulle in your name, since he sent a message to you on the subject of the operations in Alsace-Lorraine.

"I was glad to learn from Ambassador Caffery that you had a satisfactory discussion with General Eisenhower and General Smith regarding the military situation in Alsace and Lorraine which was the subject of your message to me of January 3. I can fully appreciate the special importance which you attach to developments in that area and I am therefore all the more pleased that agreement has been reached with regard to the operational measures to be taken."

Acting Secretary
MR-OUT-8

12 JANUARY 1945

FROM: ADMIRAL LEAHY

TO: THE PRESIDENT (HYDE PARK)

Harriman has corrected his reference to Stettinius in his
11625 (MR-OUT-4) to inquire whether Stettinius or anyone from State
Department is coming to ARGONAUT. Your reply quoted in MR-OUT-7 has
not yet been sent. Request approval changing fourth paragraph of this
reply to read "Stettinius will attend ARGONAUT with me."

122050Z - amc
LEAHY TO PRESIDENT:

The following draft reply to Prime's 834, approved by the State Department, is forwarded for your consideration:

QUOTE: Your 834. It is regretted that projected business here for the Secretary of State will prevent Stettinius' arrival in Malta before January 31.

It is my present intention to send Harry Hopkins to England some days in advance of the Malta date to talk with you and Eden.

UNQUOTE.

RECD: 1/15/45
TOP SECRET

January 12, 1945

MR-OUT

LEASE TO PRESIDENT:

The following draft reply to Harriman's messages of January 11 is forwarded for your consideration:

QUOTE: Receipt is acknowledged of your 111535, 111550, 111600, 111615, and 111625.

I will be pleased to see you at Malta and from you the latest developments in your area.

I expect to depart Malta for ARGONAUT February second.

Stettinius will not visit Moscow prior to or immediately following ARGONAUT.

It is not repeat not considered advisable for you to urge Stalin to bring his military staff with him. He will undoubtedly bring those that he wants without urging by us. UNQUOTE.

1215452
FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ADMIRAL BROWN.

Philippines

All units of the 25th Infantry Division and the 153th Regimental Combat Team were landed over Lingayen beaches yesterday.

Unfavorable surf conditions still continue to hamper the unloading.

The Japs are apparently having difficulty moving their troops north to counter our landings. General Kreuger has widened his beachhead to 20 miles and has established his flanks on the mountains east and west of the Manila plain. Press reports state that our patrols have reached the Agno River, 20 miles to the south where it is believed the Jap will put up his first organized resistance.

On the afternoon of 11 January, destroyers attacked between 20 and 25 enemy barges and one medium freighter unloading at San Fernando (north of Lingayen) and reported that all barges and ships were either sunk or damaged.

Admiral Halsey reports that the Indo-China area from Saigon to Cape Sahoi (160 miles north of Camranh Bay) was under attack. Complete surprise was accomplished. Enemy air opposition negligible. The ISE and the HYUGA (ex-CV's) were not located, but shipping score already heavy. A convoy of ships, including a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser and a destroyer has been located by our forces and may now be under attack.

Admiral Oldendorff has directed his bombardment and support forces to be deployed in a position to intercept Jap heavy surface forces which he believes are preparing to resist our occupation of Lingayen.

Admiral King suggests to Admiral Nimitz that he consider having the
Third Fleet maintain its position in an area westward of Luzon Strait so that it could protect the area from Mindoro Strait to Lingayen against enemy surface attack from any direction.

**Manus**

Admiral Fraser is sending a British battleship, a light cruiser and three destroyers to Manus. It is estimated they will arrive by January 13.

**Ulithi**

The ammunition ship MAZAMA was hit by a torpedo, which was probably fired by a midget submarine. There was no explosion in the ship and no fire, but one hold flooded.

**Western Front**

The enemy continues to withdraw in an orderly manner from the Ardennes salient. War Department believes he will attempt to hold along the line Bastogne-Houffalize-Vielsalm to take advantage of high ground in this area, possibly delaying along the Ourthe River. Enemy has definitely lost the initiative in this area but is maintaining heavy pressure on General Patch's right in the vicinity of Haguenau.

Enemy also very aggressive north and south of Strasbourg.

Of the 78 divisions which the enemy now has along the Western Front, 17 divisions are not committed and are held in tactical reserve and distributed in groups of two to four along the entire front. Of these 17, four panzer divisions are available in the Ardennes.

Flying weather today much improved.

**Italy**

Field Marshal Elbert Kesselring, German commander on the Italian Front, who was reported to have died of wounds, is now reported to have either returned to duty or to be convalescing.
Normally, when an officer of his rank and reputation is withdrawn and then returned to duty, his return is widely propagandized for morale effect.
(PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM HARRIMAN)

AFTER MY VISIT TO THE CRIMEA I AM PLANNING TO GO TO CAIRO AND THEN COME ON TO MALTA TO MEET YOU. I HAVE ASSUMED YOU STILL WISH ME TO REPORT TO YOU IN ADVANCE DEVELOPMENTS HERE SINCE MY RETURN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS BOTH GOOD AND TROUBLESOME ON RUSSIAN OBJECTIVES AND METHODS WHICH I FEEL YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HAVE. I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER STETTINIUS OR ANYONE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS COMING TO MOSCOW, ALSO WHETHER IT IS YOUR DESIRE THAT I URGE MARSHAL STALIN TO BRING THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS MILITARY STAFF TO CONFERENCE WITH OUR CHIEFS OF STAFF AS SUGGESTED IN MY 271730 DECEMBER.

MARGUERITE

URGE MARSHAL STALIN TO BRING THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS MILITARY STAFF TO CONFERENCE WITH OUR CHIEFS OF STAFF AS SUGGESTED IN MY 271730 DECEMBER.

NAVIGATION (#7-1).....ACTION

MR-601-8

TOP SECRET

Handle only in accordance with "Top Secret" instructions contained in article 76 of the Regulations.
ADMIRAL OLSEN AND GENERAL HILL NAVAL AND AIR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY MISSION ARE LEAVING FOR THE CRIMEA IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. MOLOTOV HAS ASKED ME TO POSTPONE MY TRIP UNTIL ABOUT THE 21ST AS THEY ARE JUST BEGINNING PREPARATION OF THE BUILDINGS AND HE FEELS MY PRESENCE AT THAT TIME WOULD BE MORE USEFUL. YOUR ADVANCE PARTY WILL I UNDERSTAND ARRIVE ABOUT THE SAME TIME AND I AM SURE THAT WE ALL CAN WORK OUT SATISFACTORY THE LIVING ACCOMODATIONS FOR YOURSELF AND THE OTHERS OF YOUR PARTY. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GIVE YOU EXACT DETAILS NOW. THIS REFERS TO QUESTION IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF WHITE HOUSE CABLE 159 JANUARY 6.

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NAVAIDE(#1-2).....ACTION
I HAVE TAKEN UP WITH MOLOTOV THE QUESTION OF WAIVER OF PASSPORT AND VISAS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHITE HOUSE 161 JAN 8.

MOLOTOV HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PLAN: (1) THERE WILL BE A GENERAL WAIVER OF THE USUAL PASSPORT AND VISA FORMALITIES FOR THE AMERICAN PARTY. (2) MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PARTY WILL BE GIVEN BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES BEFORE ARRIVAL AN IDENTIFICATION CARD THE FORM OF WHICH, AND THE LIST OF THOSE TO WHOM CARDS ARE ISSUED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE IN YALTA WHO WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED OF CHANGES DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE AS THEY OCCUR. (3) A DIFFERENT FORM OF CARD ISSUED BY AN AMERICAN OFFICER APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CREWS OF THE AIRPLANES THE TECHNICIANS ARRIVING WITH THE CATORCIN AND THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE SHIP ON SHORE LEAVE. I HAVE EXPLAINED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT ANY LIST.

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### Top Secret Dispatch

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**TO:** CNO  

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OF NAMES OF THIS SECOND CATEGORY IN ADVANCE. I TRUST THIS GENERAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE SATISFACTORY. THE DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT IN YALTA BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR PARTY. IDENTIFICATION CARDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FROM WASHINGTON.

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**TOP SECRET**  
Handle only in accordance with "Top Secret" instructions contained in Article 76, Navy Regulations.
Molotov advises me that Marshal Stalin has accepted the
code name Argonaut and has so advised Mr. Churchill. This
is in reply to your White House 160 Jan 7.

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