The Map Room Papers

of

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

[1941 - 1945]
Folder 3. Letters. Miscellaneous communications not directed to the President, generally of a routine nature having to do with the functioning of the Map Room, its staff, operating procedures, leaves of absence for its personnel, etc. Also included are scattered ship losses reports, enemy ship sinking reports, intelligence reports (Sofia, Bulgaria; German order of battle, etc.). Much of this non-operational material signed L. Mathewson, Colonel, General Staff, and Chester C. Wood, Captain, USN.

Note: Inclusive dates this folder: January 2, 1944-April 4, 1945.
21 January 1944

SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GREER:

This is to invite your special attention to a Map showing that part of Italy which lies between Rome and Naples and which will be of particular interest to the President during the next few days.

To make the picture a little clearer, we have sketched in the present location of the Front Line and symbols representing German divisions which are now believed to be in the Rome area. You will also get an idea from the blue arrow. Our forces involved are indicated under separate cover.

Map referred to above is in the Map folder which I am sending up by M/Sgt. Caldwell.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SPAMAN:

The Naval Personnel attached to the Map Room have expressed a desire to engage in pistol target practice during off-duty hours. Lieutenant Myers has informed me that there is a target range and equipment in the Treasury Department basement which is at present regularly used by the Secret Service and White House Police. It is requested that the following personnel also be permitted to use the facilities of the Treasury Department range provided their practice does not in any way interfere with any other activities:

Lieutenant George M. Elsey, USNR
Lieutenant (jg) Ogden Collins, USNR
Lieutenant (jg) Robert H. Myers, USNR
Lieutenant (jg) Robert W. Bogue, USNR
Yeoman 1c E. L. Hoying, USNR

CHESTER C. WOOD
Captain, U.S.N.
MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN  
14 January 1944

As of 15 January, there are 642 Allied aircraft operating in China. One hundred nineteen aircraft are currently on route to

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL:

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Services be shown to you, together with copy of
message No. 442 from the President to the Prime
Minister, dated 14 January 1944.

The assignment of aircraft by types to the 14th Air Force, the India-China Wing of the Air Transport Command, and the Chinese Air Force is shown below:

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

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AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

On Hand | 3 | 247 |

CHINESE AIR FORCE

On Hand | 62 | 95 | 23 |

Dictated by Captain Price
Dictated on Jan. 15, 1944
Typed by E. L. Haying, Y1 - 1 -

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff
MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN

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No B-29's have left the United States as yet and it is not anticipated that any will be ready for operations outside of the United States within another two months at the earliest.

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Typed by E. L. Hoying, Ytc

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff
MEMORANDUM FOR
MISS TULLY
MR. THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL STAFF:
COLONEL BISH
MR. CRIM

15 January 1944

In connection with recent disposition of several horses belonging to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, a mount known as "New Deal" was turned over to Mrs. Farley Antoinette Ames, 634 North Jackson Street, Arlington, Va., with the understanding that he was to be cared for and given a home.

Mrs. Roosevelt has now been appealed to by Mrs. Ames on the basis that her situation is desperate and she is unable to obtain forage for "New Deal". Mrs. Roosevelt has been requested to take the horse back for such disposition of him as she may care to make. The problem thus presented to Mrs. Roosevelt is difficult in that she has no further need of the animal, but cannot sell it since it originally came to her as a gift.

The thought occurs that it might be feasible for the Army Remount Service to take "New Deal" to Front Royal, Va., and give him a home for the rest of his days. Captain Groom, stationed at Fort Myer, Va., is familiar with this case and could handle such arrangements as it might be decided to make in this connection.

The reaction of the War Department to this suggestion would be appreciated in order that Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Ames may be advised.

L. MATHERSON,
Colonel, General Staff.
17 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

MISS TULLY
MR. REILLY
COLONEL REHM
MR. CRIM

I have been directed to advise you that arrangements outlined in attached memorandum have been approved and will be carried out as indicated.

L. MATHESON,
Colonel, General Staff.

1 Incl.
17 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SUMMERLIN:

I have been directed to advise you that arrangements outlined in attached memorandum have been approved and will be carried out as indicated.

Your cooperation is particularly enjoined in ensuring that all principals adhere to the procedure prescribed for the Diplomatic Reception Room. Otherwise the President may be left in a position of not participating actively in his own reception.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

1 Incl.
17 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EARLY:

I have been directed to advise you that arrangements outlined in attached memorandum have been approved and will be carried out as indicated.

It is requested that the same arrangements for photographers be made by your office as I understand you have customarily made in the past.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.

1 Incl.
15 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR
GEORGE WATSON
ADMIRAL BROWN

President Medina, of Venezuela, is scheduled to arrive at
the National Airport, Washington, D.C., at 4:15 p.m., on 19 January
1944. He will be met at the airport by the Secretary of State, the
Venezuelan Ambassador, and Mr. George T. Summerlin, and driven directly
to the White House. Subject to your approval, the following arrange-
ments will obtain in connection with President Medina’s reception at
the White House at approximately 4:35 p.m.

A Guard of Honor will take up its position on the south
lawn of the White House at 4:25 p.m. It will consist of one company
of soldiers, one company of marines, and one company of blue jackets,
in a line opposite to and facing the south portico. The Guard of
Honor Band will take position east of the south portico of the White
House, facing west.

There will be a Guard of Honor of sixty soldiers outside
the White House grounds, forming an “Aisle of Honor,” extending from
E Street to the southwest gate through which the distinguished party
will drive. As the party passes, troops will “Present Arms.”

The party will then enter the southwest gate and proceed to
the south portico of the White House where they will leave their cars
and be greeted by General Watson and Admiral Brown. After the exchange
of greetings, the party will pose for photographs, both still and
movies. When the photographs have been completed, General Watson will
indicate to the Officer in Command of the Guard of Honor that the party
is ready to receive the honors. The troops will “Present Arms,” and
the band sound four ruffles and flourishes, followed immediately by the
Venezuelan National Anthem, and the “Star-Spangled Banner.” At the
completion of the “Star-Spangled Banner,” the Guard will be brought to
“Order Arms” and the honors are over. One of the Aides, or Mr. Summerlin,
will so indicate to the distinguished visitor, and the party will then
enter the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House to be received
by the President.

President Roosevelt will be seated in the Diplomatic Reception
Room in a chair several feet in front of the fire-place. A vacant chair
will be on his right for the use of the visiting President. If
Mrs. Roosevelt is present, a third chair will be available for her use.
The Cabinet will also be present in the Diplomatic Reception Room standing in a group to the President's right near the doorway leading into the main corridor. As the visiting President enters the Diplomatic Reception Room, the Secretary of State will take him and the Venezuelan Ambassador over and present them to President Roosevelt. President Medina and Ambassador Recalde will then take up positions on the left of the President. Members of the Cabinet will then be led forward by an Aide and presented to the President, who in turn will present them to the visiting President. After the members of the Cabinet have passed through the receiving line, they should then turn to the left and pass to the rear between the President's chair and the fireplace and on out of the Diplomatic Reception Room into the main corridor of the White House.

The visiting President will then be seated on President Roosevelt's right, and they will pose for photographs. When the photographs have been completed, and when President Roosevelt indicates he is ready, he and President Medina and any others invited by President Roosevelt will proceed out of the Diplomatic Reception Room to the elevator and upstairs for tea.

C. C. WOOD,  
Captain, U. S. Navy.  

L. MATHESON,  
Colonel, General Staff.

Copies to:  
Mr. Summerlin  
Miss Tully  
Mr. Early  
Mr. Heil  
Mr. Crim  
Colonel Rahn  
Fife
12 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN WOOD:

SUBJECT: Security Control Channels and Procedure.

The Office of the Naval Aide has not complied with the provisions of CominCh Headquarters memoranda 22 and 23 because they were never received until I requested them on 12 January. The memoranda do not apply directly to this office inasmuch as we are not a part of CominCh Headquarters and the Naval Aide has never been designated as an agency within the Navy Department to receive security control material.

"Security Control" is not an additional classification; it is a means of handling classified material concerning future operations, secret weapons, operational code names, etc. The Map Room now receives Security Control code words from the War Department, addressed to Colonel Mathewson and Security Control Dispatches from the C.G.S. Message Center.

In order to comply with security control procedure in the Navy Department, an assistant security control officer should be designated for the Office of the Naval Aide and the security control officer of CominCh Headquarters should be informed of his name.

It is recommended that the attached letter be signed but due to the special nature of the Office of the Naval Aide, no further action is considered necessary at this time.

Very respectfully,

George M. Elsey
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECURITY CONTROL OFFICER (F-24) H.Q. COMINCH

SUBJECT: Assistant Security Control Officer

Reference: (a) CominCh H.Q. Memo No. 22.

Captain Chester C. Wood, U.S.N., Assistant Naval Aide to the President, has been designated as Assistant Security Control Officer for the Office of the Naval Aide to the President.

CHESTER C. WOOD
Captain, U.S.N.
On 1 January 1944, BuShips estimated that the following number of ships would report for duty during the calendar year, 1944:

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Dictated: Lt. (jg) Bogue  
Dictated: January 12, 1944  
Typed: E.L. Hoying, Ytc
12 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL STAFF:

1. It is requested that the attached correspondence be referred to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, for the consideration of appropriate agencies under his control.

2. Particularly desired are remarks and recommendations on which further action with regard to paragraph 3 of letter dated 1 January 1944, Subject: "Proposed New Communications Car," may be based.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant Military Aide to the President.

1 Incl.

Ltr. fm. Major Greer,
11 Jan 44, with 3 Incls.
SECRET

MERCHAND SHIP GAIN AND LOSS
DECEMBER, 1943

SHIPS CONSTRUCTED DURING DECEMBER:

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SHIPS LOST DURING DECEMBER:

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<td>Marine Casualties</td>
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The submarine losses were quite evenly distributed among three geographical areas: United States coastal waters (4), the Gulf of Guinea (3), and the Indian Ocean (5). On the other hand, losses to aircraft occurred entirely in the Mediterranean, 14 of the 15 ships sunk being lost in the Bari raid. No ships were lost in the northern convoy lanes.

NET GAIN IN MERCHANT SHIPPING AVAILABLE:

The net gain of 1,349,962 GT during December, the largest monthly net gain of the war, brings the over-all net gain during the war to 2,085,629 GT.

SUBMARINES SUNK DURING DECEMBER:

The Map Room records show only 5 enemy submarines definitely sunk during December. Three were sunk in the Atlantic by CVE patrol groups; two in the Mediterranean by destroyers.

Dictated by Lt. (jg) Bogue
Dictated on January 11, 1944
Typed by E.L. Hoying, Ytc
11 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN:

Reference your inquiry as to the possibilities of favorable action in the case of Corporal Lee G. Martin, I now have the following from the War Department. While it is in nowise the conclusive type of answer his Mother would desire, it is hoped it may serve you some useful purpose as a basis for reply.

Since Corporal Martin is now overseas, his selection and return to the U.S. for Officer's Candidate School rests entirely in the hands of the theater commander. Should he be considered qualified and available, there appears no reason why he should not be given the opportunity to qualify for a commission.

The only obstacle might be the question of transportation home, and the further fact that the commissioning of additional officers at this time is being considerably curtailed rather than encouraged by the War Department.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.
**ENEMY SHIP LOSSES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

**JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 15, 1943**

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**GRAND TOTAL** | 609 | 1,616,522 |

**CATEGORY I -- Sunk, captured or constructive loss.**

**CATEGORY II -- Seriously damaged**

**CATEGORY III -- Damaged**
**ENEMY SHIP LOSSES IN THE BALTIC AND NORTH SEA**

**JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 15, 1943**

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| **B. 1,000 GRT and over (tankers)** | | | | |
| Category I | 2 | | 13,500 | |
| Category II | 3 | | 21,300 | |
| Category III | 6 | | 44,268 | |
| **Total** | 11 | 11 | | |

| **C. 1,000 GRT and over (non-tankers)** | | | | |
| Category I | 70 | | 247,579 | |
| Category II | 26 | | 100,712 | |
| Category III | 35 | | 115,476 | |
| **Total** | 131 | 131 | | 463,827 |

**GRAND TOTAL** | 237 | | 590,683 |

(Note: Figures exclude barges and other small craft of less than 100 GRT to May 15. From May 16 no unconfirmed vessel larger than 500 GRT is included.)

**CATEGORY I** — Sunk, captured or constructive loss.

**CATEGORY II** — Seriously damaged.

**CATEGORY III** — Damaged.
Present Status of Allied Operations in the Azores

(Space left blank here included a map drawn by Lt. Myers depicting the locations of the Azores Islands and other islands mentioned in memorandum).

Salazar on the second of December agreed to the maximum use by the British and the United States of Terceira as a base provided British markings were used on United States planes. He has turned down several Allied requests for the right to use Sao Miguel Island for air bases. On December 31 he indicated to the American Minister in Lisbon that he was willing to allow a survey party to visit the Islands, provided that they appeared to be employees of a private aviation concern — although he indicated indirectly that some of the members of the party would be expected to be civilian-attired military personnel.
Survey parties, ostensibly employed by Pan American Airways, are now standing by to undertake an island survey. Subject to their recommendations, COMINCH has ordered United States military representatives in Lisbon to obtain Salazar's approval of: (1) the construction and operation of airfields on Santa Maria or Fayal or both and the construction of a safety strip on Flores; (2) the construction and operation of Communication facilities and radio navigational aids on Flores, Pico, Santa Maria and Fayal; (3) the entrance of necessary Coast Guard personnel to guard these facilities and the necessary ships to supply them and to act as sea rescue units.

Captain W. G. Tomlinson, U.S.N., Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Azores, and Commander Courier (with a small survey party) have arrived in the Azores. A squadron of U.S. patrol planes is due to arrive at Terceira during first ten days of February. On December 31 one-half a battalion of CBS with equipment for the Aviation Headquarters departed from the United States for Terceira. On January 23 a small patrol plane tender with Headquarters Personnel is due to arrive at Terceira. Army personnel and equipment for Terceira is scheduled to leave the U. S. in a few days.

The British have based on the Azores to date 21 heavy bombers (B-17's) plus 15 light and medium bombers (Wellingtons and Hudsons). The port of Horta is being used by them to refuel their naval ships. A complete report on British air and radio facilities in these islands is not as yet available to the Navy Department.
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MEMORANDUM

Allied losses at Cape Gloucester since the landings of 26 December are: 117 killed, 354 wounded, 8 missing for a total of 479.

The Marines have counted a total of 2100 Japanese killed in the same area and for the same period of time.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Merchant Shipping via the Soviet Arctic.

1. The Navy Department has no information whatsoever concerning plans for use of the Soviet Arctic route for merchant shipping during the coming summer.

2. The decision as to instituting this traffic rests solely with the Russians. They have volunteered no information on the subject and casual inquiries have been unanswered. The Navy Department feels that it will know the plans as soon as they are revealed to any U.S. Agency.

3. In connection with the above, the following points are of possible interest:

   a. Last year 32 ships engaged in trade from our West Coast to Soviet Arctic ports. There were no losses.

   b. Our people feel that there is much to be gained by increasing traffic on this route. However they recognize the fact that to derive maximum benefit, a large and carefully planned program is necessary. It is highly doubtful that the Russians have accomplished much along this line despite the obvious advantage of feeding supplies to the interior of Siberia along the rivers entering into the Arctic, rather than by rail transportation from either East or West.

   c. The following specific elements of the ideal plan were
mentioned:

(1) An increased number of Ice Breakers.
(2) Use of more Merchant Ships, some of which could undoubtedly be taken from the Siberian Coastal Trade.
(3) Air Bases and Weather Stations well placed along the coast of the Soviet Arctic.
(4) Proper unloading facilities at the river mouths and suitable shallow-draft river craft.
(5) Running of the trade from both the East and the West in order to make maximum use of the facilities during the comparatively short period of open navigation.

3. A very complete study has been made and details on all facilities are available if desired.

Very respectfully,

Chester C. Wood
Captain, U.S.N.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN:

SUBJECT: Use of rockets in anti-submarine warfare.

1. The present status of the use of rockets in anti-submarine warfare is as indicated below.

2. The first group of firing planes has recently gone to sea in the BLOCK ISLAND. No combat activity has as yet been experienced. These planes will utilize the no-explosive, armour piercing heads.

3. A squadron of PB-1’s has been similarly equipped and will commence operations from an Atlantic base (probably the Azores) in the near future.

4. Other carrier groups are being equipped and trained at the present time.

5. It may thus be said that this type of rocket weapon is just entering its operational phase.

6. The retro-bombing rocket has been in use in two squadrons of PBY’s for approximately six months with very disappointing results. One squadron operated for a while out of Iceland and is currently based at Port Lyamtey. Although “hunting” has been fairly promising, no successful attacks have been made. The other squadron has operated under Admiral Halsey with such disappointing results that a recommendation was recently made to remove the racks and revert to the carrying of either bombs or depth charges. It is highly probable that the retro-bombing will be given up entirely in the near future.

Very respectfully,

Chester C. Wood
Captain, U.S.N.
4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN WOOD:

Lt. Comdr. Simons, head of Publications

Section O.N.I. (Phone 4783), states that Lt. (j.g.)
Frelinghuysen of that section wrote the article in
question in cooperation with Mr. R. Tapley, civilian
analyst of the O.N.I. German desk.

Very respectfulty,

GEORGE M. ELSEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
4 January 1944

Gentlemen:

It will be appreciated if you will change the address of your Daily Weather Map now received by the White House Map Room to read as follows:

Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

These were formerly addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Chester Hammond, Map Room, White House, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

George M. Elsey
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

U.S. Department of Commerce
Weather Bureau
Washington, 25, D.C.
4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

LIEUTENANT ELSEY
LIEUTENANT COLLINS
LIEUTENANT MYERS
LIEUTENANT BOGUE

By reason of the entirely unsatisfactory outcome of the recent (27 November) clash of the Nation's forces, it is the painful pleasure of the Army contingent of the Map Room to invite their Navy colleagues to join with them in dinner at the Chevy Chase Club at 1900 hours, Friday, 14 January 1944.

Although we was clearly robbed, we sincerely hope you will find it possible to be present.

THE COMMITTEE

Individual memoranda sent to:
Admiral Leahy
Mr. Hopkins
General Watson
Admiral Brown
Admiral McIntire
Captain Wood
Captain Freeman
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Colonel Mathewson.

A friend of my family's, Corporal Lee G. Martin (20241981, H.Q. Detachment, A.S.C., A.P.O. 645, N.Y.C.), has applied for Officer Candidate training at the Cavalry School or the Infantry School with a view to qualifying himself for a commission. I believe that he has been in the Army for over two years, that his record is excellent, and I have seen four or five highly favorable recommendations by his senior officers. He has been serving for over a year in England with the Weapons Section at the American School Center. His mother is most anxious to learn what chance he has of favorable action.

If it is convenient and proper to enquire, I would appreciate any information that I can pass along.

W. Taft

Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.

Col M:

This man was in my regt - 101st
Cavalry, NYNG - Kef

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3 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL STAFF:

1. Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, Naval Aide to the President, has presented to me the following query:

"A friend of my family's, Corporal Lee G. Martin, (20241981, H.Q. Detachment, A.S.C., A.P.O. 645, N.Y.C.), has applied for Officer Candidate training at the Cavalry School or the Infantry School with a view to qualifying himself for a commission. I believe that he has been in the Army for over two years, that his record is excellent, and I have seen four or five highly favorable recommendations by his senior officers. He has been serving for over a year in England with the Weapons Section at the American School Center. His mother is most anxious to learn what chance he has of favorable action.

"If it is convenient and proper to enquire, I would appreciate any information that I can pass along."

2. A statement on which to base reply to Admiral Brown would be appreciated.

L. MATHEWSCH,
Colonel, General Staff.
3 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL STAFF:

1. General Watson desires that an additional Reserve Officer be placed on temporary duty in the Office of the Military Aide to the President, effective 25 January 1944.

2. This officer should be a Captain or First Lieutenant of the Army Air Forces and specially selected for his general grasp and understanding of Air Force operations and intelligence. He should be thoroughly familiar with the organization of the Air Staff and should have at least two weeks of indoctrination in the Air Room prior to detail.

3. Since the officer selected for this duty will have occasional contacts with the President, his selection should also be made with that in view.

L. MATHEWSON,
Colonel, General Staff.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOPKINS:

The President would like to have your recollection of any remarks made on this subject.

Also, do you consider it advisable to get Bohlen's version of the matter?

L. MATHENSON, Colonel, General Staff.

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PM-POTUS #530, 2 Jan. 1944.
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