FLASH
As above.

Communications via military channels re civil affairs in Italy.

Much of the materials are military communications between the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the War Department, and Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta. Also included are
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSHA, LONDON

2 JANUARY 1945

NUMBER 687, PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Thank you for your 869. We feel here that our agreement has been very helpful in preventing premature information reaching the Japs. Nevertheless, we are losing more subs all the time and we therefore feel that we must continue to be on guard. We very much appreciate the action you have taken.

ROOSEVELT
FROM: The President  
TO: The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.: 687, 2 Jan 15

DATE: 2 Jan 15

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: Sub statement by Air Vice-Marshal Ellwood.

ACTION:
1. Answers PM-PRES #369, 31 Dec 44.
2. Reply prepared by Admiral Brown; approved without change by the President; dispatched 02/16/45.

COPIES TO: PRES-PM FILE

DATE: 

BY DIRECTION OF:

000.7
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO : THE PRESIDENT
NO : 869, 31 December 1944

1. I have had careful inquiries made into Air Vice-Marshal Ellwood's statement about U-boats which you mentioned in your letter of November 10. The script was carefully examined and approved both by the Admiralty and the Air Ministry before it was delivered, and they contend that these statements were within the limits of previous official announcements and disclosed no information which had not already appeared in the press and upon the German broadcast. I have drawn the attention of both departments to the fact that future statements about the U-boat war are to be confined to achievements and should not speak about the forecast of the future, and that newspaper or German-broadcast disclosures are not to be taken as widening the scope of official statements, even though we know from other sources that they are true.

2. I hope you will let me know if you see any further cause for complaint.

PRIME
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL or FILE NO. 869, 31 December 1944

DATE

TOR MAP ROOM 0100302 VIA Army Code Room


ACTION:

1. Answers a personal letter from the President to Churchill, 10 Nov 44, delivered by courier. (Copy herein.)
2. To the President via usher.
3. Reply prepared by Admiral Brown; approved without change by the President; sent to Churchill as PRES-PM #687, 2 Jan 44.
My dear Winston,

I realize that it is very trying for many people that we should continue to prevent information from leaking out about anti-submarine methods; but our own submarine campaign in the Pacific is playing such an important role that the Barbarian will seize desperately upon any information that will help him in anti-submarine measures. I do hope, therefore, that we may continue to do all that we can to keep anyone from talking too much. I have no doubt that indiscretions are committed in our press but the enclosed has recently appeared under a London date-line.

I will do what I can to keep the lid on here and I know I may count on you for similar measures.

Cordially yours,

"F.D.R."

The Rt. Honorable Winston S. Churchill,
The Prime Minister of Great Britain,

Copy to: Director of OWI
Director of Censorship
Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
INVENTIONS GIVE U-BOATS NEW LIFE, BRITON ASSERTS.

(By Wireless to the New York Times).

LONDON, Nov. 8—Air Vice Marshal A. H. Elwood, a senior staff officer of the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, said today that the Germans were fitting an extendable air intake to their U-Boats so that they could recharge batteries and ventilate the submarines without surfacing. This and "certain other improvements" under development have given the U-Boats a new lease on life, he added.

Between May and August, 1943, he said, the Germans lost U-Boats at the rate of thirty a month. The number in the Atlantic was reduced by almost half.

COPY
MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL RICHARD PARK, (WHITE HOUSE).

1. In the absence of Admiral King, I suggest the attached reply to Mr. Churchill's 734 of 20 July, which is returned herewith.

2. The President has not recently expressed any opinion in this matter, but I believe the proposed reply to the Prime Minister is in line with his view that we should forestall the natural desire of the British to publicize their A/S achievements when the U-boats begin to crack, since such relaxation of security would be detrimental to U.S. activities in the Pacific.

R. S. EDWARDS,
Chief of Staff.
From: The President
To: The Prime Minister

In respect to proposal in your 734 that Admiralty publish communiques and stories regarding antisubmarine activities during OVERLORD my opinion still is that relaxation of security as to A/S measures will result in improvement of Japanese technique against our submarines which are now on the crest of a wave of success that is having marked influence on the Pacific Campaign. I recall that our surge of superiority over the U-boats was coincident with and possibly connected with adoption of the current policy of silence as to the steps taken to counter them. I am dubious of the effect of newspaper stories on the morale of U-boat crews. I can not therefore concur in the proposal for publicity in Allied press. I suggest instead radio propaganda direct to U-boat personnel stressing names of U-boats known by us to have been sunk as well as total numbers they have lost without any details.
The President has directed that the attached message from Prime Minister Churchill to the President (number 734) be furnished you and requests your recommendation on this matter not later than tomorrow morning, 21 July 1944.

The only means of bringing this to attention than is to make him aware that they have failed and to bring the extent of his losses home to him. If we can succeed in this, we should enhance the morale of his Expeditionary Force.

/s/ RICHARD PARK, JR.
Colonel, GSC
From: The Prime Minister
To: The President
No. 734, 20 July 1944

There follows a minute from the Admiralty to me, with which I hope you will agree. To have held 150 U-boats close at hand and unable to harm our vital convoys is really quite an achievement. The proposal would not interfere with our monthly statement. Will you kindly inform your people, if you agree, and I will do the necessary here and with Canada. All that is put out will pass through the Admiralty. (Minute begins)

"From the Admiralty to the Prime Minister.

"Although the enemy's efforts to break up our OVERLORD convoys have failed, it would save us much if he could be induced to give them up altogether, especially since we shall shortly have to withdraw escort vessels for the winter convoys in the Atlantic.

"The only means of bringing him to abandon them is to make him aware that they have failed and to bring the extent of his losses home to him. If we can succeed in this, we may undermine altogether the morale of his U-boat crews.

"Therefore we should like to publish communiques and stories regarding anti-U-boat activities during OVERLORD, as a background for an all-out attack on U-boat morale, without awaiting the customary monthly announcements. Of course the stories would not be issued without Admiralty permission and would be strictly censored."

TOP-SECRET
BERLIN (DNB) IN GERMAN AT 1:48 PM FEBRUARY 8 TO EUROPE (VIA FCC):

"A glance at Anglo-United States news in recent times show that tactics completely different from those previously pursued are applied to air warfare, and to the latest German raids on LONDON in particular.

"Similar tactics were also observed on January 10, 1944, when the Churchill-Roosevelt statement on the development of the U-boat war was published.

"As is known, this statement contained the sensational revelation that German U-boats had sunk 9,200,000 GRT and not 7,600,000 GRT, of Allied merchant shipping 1942. That is some 1,600,000 GRT more than officially reported by us.

"A communique on the U-boat war in January, which is expected shortly, will show whether the enemy has adhered to his new tactics of publishing losses.

"In view of the quite considerable losses incurred by two Murmansk bound convoys in the Arctic Sea, this would appear likely, for in this manner the Soviets and the whole world could be convinced of the extent of Anglo-United States supplies to Russia and of the dangers incurred.

"These attacks on the two Murmansk convoys, which were steaming on an easterly course close to the ice line north of Bear Island during the last five days of January, once again demonstrated that German U-boats, whose existence had often been denied by the enemy, constitute not merely a threat but also a very serious factor in supplying Moscow with war material."
"That this does not apply to the ARCTIC SEA route alone, was proved recently by United States Admiral Land who described the American coasts and the CARIBBEAN SEA as a successful operational area of German U-boats.

"If the MEDITERRANEAN and INDIAN OCEAN, where new sinkings have only now been reported, are added we can see that U-boats continue to operate over oceanwide areas.

"We may therefore eagerly wait and see whether the expected Anglo-United States statement on the U-boat war will reflect this fact or not".
3 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Dept.

For your information, the Prime Minister has suggested that the second paragraph of the December Anti-Submarine Statement as drafted by the Navy Department, be altered by deletion of the word "substantially".

The President has concurred in this suggestion and the statement should therefore be issued as amended.

WILSON BROWN,
Vice Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.
8 January 1945

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TOP-SECRET

SECRET
PRIORITY

8 JANUARY 1945

FROM:  THE PRESIDENT

TO :  THE PRIME MINISTER

NO :  695,  8 JANUARY 1945

Your 878.

Your suggestion is a good one and we shall issue the statement deleting "substantially".

ROOSEVELT

Released 0317462
FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

Serial or FILE NO. 695, 8 Jan 45.

TO MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: December sub statement.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #878, which was forwarded to the President via usher.
2. President approved deletion of word "substantially" as suggested by the Prime Minister. This reply prepared byLt. Elsey; approved by the President; dispatched 0817462.

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BY DIRECTION OF:
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 878, 7 JANUARY 1945

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

PRIME

Reed 0723402
FROM: The Prime Minister
TO: The President

SERIAL or FILE NO.: 378, 7 Jan 45.

DATE:

TOR MAP ROOM: 072340Z
VIA: Army Code Room

SUBJECT: December sub statement.

ACTION:

1. Answers PRES-PM #692, 4 Jan 45.
2. To the President via usher.
3. President approved deletion of word "substantially" as suggested by the Prime Minister. Dispatch to Churchill prepared by Lt. Elsey; approved by the President; sent to Churchill as PRES-PM #695, 8 Jan 45.

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FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

4 JANUARY 1944

NUMBER 692. SECRET AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Following is proposed submarine statement for December, 1944:

QUOTE. The German U-boat warfare flared into renewed activity during December 1944. This is but another index that the European war is far from over.

Substantially increased losses in Allied merchant craft have been officially recorded, as a result of the U-boats' spurt last month.

Despite these, the United Nations regularly continue to supply their expanding armies over the world, enabling them to resist the attackers or drive back the foe. The Allies continue to sink the enemy undersea craft in widely-separated parts of the Atlantic.

The announcement of the recent landing of enemy agents from a U-boat on the Maine coast is yet another indication that the menace of Germany's undersea fleet is real and continuing. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT

Released 0417562
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Admiral Brown —

This statement has
been released by Cominch,
SecNav, and O.W.I.

Very Rispy,

[Signature]
PROPOSED MONTHLY ANTI-SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

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FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

Serial or File No. 692, 4 January 1945

Date

TO: MAP Room VIA

Subject: December sub statement

Action:

1. December sub statement prepared by Navy Department; approved by OWI.
2. President approved; dispatched to Churchill 04/17562.
3. Answered by F4-PRESS #878, 7 Jan 45.

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Original: PRES-PM File

Date: 

By Direction Of: 

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U-BOATS NOW ABLE
TO STRIKE FARTHER

Continued Allied Success at
Sea Reported Despite New
Device of Nazi Raiders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—German
submarines have been
equipped with new technical
devices enabling them to penetrate
into areas "denied to them for the
past three years" and the enemy
has "by no means" abandoned his
undersea warfare, President
Roosevelt and Prime Minister
Churchill jointly warned tonight
in the monthly Anglo-American
statement on submarine and anti-
submarine operations.

For the month of November the
statement, issued through the
Office of War Information, reported
that the number of Allied ships
lost as a result of U-boat activity
had "again been very small." The
inappropriate number of U-boats
destroyed had "again been satis-
factory."

The statement filled in details
suggested in the report of the
previous month, when it was hinted
that the Germans might renew
their attacks "with new types of
U-boats." It said German Grand
Admiral Karl Doenitz' undersea
raiders were being constructed
with extendable air intake and ex-
haust machinery that allowed
them to remain submerged for
long periods of time.

Admiral Doenitz, in a broadcast
several weeks ago over the Berlin
radio, claimed that German scien-
tists had developed new equip-
ment for a renewal of the Battle
of the Atlantic and threatened
blows "greater than anything wit-
nessed so far."

The Roosevelt-Churchill report
focused attention on the necessity
for unceasing vigilance and con-
tinuing warfare, backed by the
Allies' retention of control of the
seas to guard against the time
when improved types of U-boats
might be thrown into battle.

Statement on Undersea War
The statement follows:

Shipping losses from U-boat
action have been very small and
the number of U-boats sunk in
proportion has again been satis-
factory.

The enemy has by no means
abandoned the struggle and has
introduced new devices, such as
the extendable air intake and ex-
thaust, which enable U-boats to
remain submerged for long pe-
riods and so penetrate into areas
denied to them for the past
three years.

Reports that U-boat construc-
tion has been abandoned are
probably German-inspired and
are untrue. On the contrary, im-
proved types of U-boats may at
any time be thrown into the bat-
tle and retention of our present
command of the sea will un-
doubtedly call for unremitting
vigilance and hard fighting.

Other recent statements from
Allied sources have pointed to an
evident intention by the Germans
to continue their U-boat offensive.
Albert V. Alexander, First Lord
of the British Admiralty, in a
speech a few weeks ago reported
that U-boats had reappeared in
the Atlantic shipping lanes.
7 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Office of War Information,
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The following submarine statement for November, as submitted by the Prime Minister, has been approved by the President for release at the usual time:

"Shipping losses from U-boat action have again been very small and the number of U-boats sunk in proportion has again been satisfactory.

"The enemy has by no means abandoned the struggle and has introduced new devices, such as the extensible air intake and exhaust which enable U-boats to remain submerged for long periods and so penetrate into areas denied to them for the past three years.

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J. A. TIREE, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Asst. Naval Aide to the President.
SECRET
PRIORITY

6 December 1944

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

TO: THE PRIME MINISTER

NO: 671, 6 December 1944

Your 847. We agree with your proposed statement.

ROOSEVELT

Released: 0623042 SCR 8401.
FROM The President
TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO. 671, 6 Dec 44.

DATE

TOR MAP ROOM

VIA

SUBJECT: November Anti-submarine Statement.

ACTION:

1. Answers PW-PRES #847, 6 Dec 44.
2. See STATUS SLIP attached to PW #847 for complete details.

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MEMORANDUM for the Deputy Director, Office of Public Relations

6 December 1944

1. Rear Admiral F. S. Low, Chief of Staff, Tenth Fleet, requested the undersigned to deliver the attached to the Director of Public Relations for transmittal to the Naval Aide to the President, with the information that the proposed November Submarine Statement has been approved by OCMINCH.

2. You will note the attached memos signifying approval by Chief of Staff, Tenth Fleet, and Chief of Staff, U.S. Fleet.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR G. NEWMYER, JR.,
Lieutenant-Commander, USNR
The following suggestion for the November Submarine Warfare Statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments you may have to make on this statement.

"Shipping losses from U-boat action have again been very small and the number of U-boats sunk in proportion has again been satisfactory.

"The enemy has by no means abandoned the struggle and has introduced new devices, such as the extensible air intake and exhaust which enable U-boats to remain submerged for long periods and so penetrate into areas denied to them for the past three years.

"Reports that U-boat construction has been abandoned are probably German inspired and are untrue. On the contrary, improved types of U-boats may at any time be thrown into the battle and retention of our present command of the sea will undoubtedly call for unrelenting vigilance and hard fighting."

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WILSON BROWN,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.
6 December 1944

FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 847, 6 December 1944

I attach our suggestion for the November U-boat report. Canada if being informed at the same time.

"Shipping losses from U-Boat action have again been very small and the number of U-boats sunk in proportion has again been satisfactory.

"The enemy has by no means abandoned the struggle and has introduced new devices, such as the extensible air intake and exhaust which enable U-boats to remain submerged for long periods and so penetrate into areas denied to them for the past three years.

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FROM: The Prime Minister  
TO: The President  
DATE: 847, 6 Dec 44.  

TOR MAP ROOM: 0613452  
VIA: Army Code Room  
SUBJECT: November Anti-submarine statement.

ACTION:  
1. Sent to the President at Warm Springs as MR-OUT-604, 0614102.  
2. By direction Admiral Brown, copies to Navy Public Relations and OWI for comment.  
3. MR-IN-207, 0615402, stated, "To Admiral Leahy for approval and submission of final form to the President." Admiral Leahy's office notified. Statement however was to be handled by Admiral Brown in usual manner.  
4. By memo, 6 Dec 44, Adm Brown notified that Navy and OWI approved statement as drafted by the British.  
5. MR-OUT-615, 0620552, from Adm Brown to the President, stated, "Re MR-OUT-604. Navy Dept and OWI approve anti-submarine statement submitted by the Prime Minister. Your authority to release is requested."  
6. MR-IN-213 from President to Adm Brown, 0621532, stated, "Your MR-OUT-615 approved."  
7. Dispatch written by Adm Brown, sent to the PM as PRES #671, 0623042 Dec 44.

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26 OCTOBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 638, PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR
THE PRIME MINISTER.

Your 809. I find no objection to your publication of shipping
losses since outbreak of war to and including December, 1943, but
because of security involved prefer to not publish losses since January
first, 1944. Please inform me in advance date of issue in order that
we may arrange for simultaneous release.

ROOSEVELT
MEMORANDUM FOR

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, U.S. FLEET
and CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

At the direction of Admiral Leahy, a paraphrased copy of a message sent this date by the President to Prime Minister Churchill is forwarded for your information.

Very respectfully,

J. A. THREE, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Asst. Naval Aide to the President.

1 Incl.
PRES-PM, 26 Oct 44.
PARAPHRASE
TOP SECRET

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

TO: THE PRIME MINISTER

26 October 1944.

I do not object to your proposal to publish shipping losses for the period between the outbreak of war and January 1, 1944. However, for reasons of security I should prefer not to publish 1944 losses.

So that we may arrange for a simultaneous release, please advise me in advance of the date of issue.
From: U.S. Military Attache, London England
To: The President of The United States
Nr: 809

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt.
Personal and TOP SECRET number 809.

We want to include in a forthcoming publication of statistics of the British war effort yearly figures of merchant shipping losses - British, Allied and neutral - since the outbreak of the war. We are satisfied no security questions are involved, but in view of our agreement of July 1943, about statements on submarine warfare, I ask your assent to this publication.

Prime
The Washington Post,
10 November 1944

**Allied Losses To U-Boats Reach Low in October**

A drop in U-boat activity in October materially below any other month of the war reduced United Nations merchant ship losses to a low for the war, the regular Anglo-American communiqué on the war against the submarines stated last night.

"Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly 'bag,' it compares very favorably with the number of Allied merchant vessels sunk by U-boats," the report, issued under authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, stated.

"The Allies continue to supply on schedule their ever-growing armies in Europe," the report said.
OCTOBER SUBMARINE STATEMENT

approved by

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

and

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

The scope of the German U-boats' activities in October 1944 was materially below that of any other month of the war; in consequence of which the number of United Nations' merchant vessels sunk by German submarines during the month was also the lowest of any month of the entire war.

Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it compares very favorably with the number of Allied merchant vessels sunk by U-boats.

The Allies continue to supply on schedule their ever-growing armies in Europe.

This copy sent to Bureau of Public Relations, Room 0010, Navy Department, at their request, for publication.
SECRET PRIORITY

8 NOVEMBER 1944

FROM: OPNAV

TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 644, PERSONAL AND SECRET, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER.

Your 818. I agree.

ROOSEVELT
FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO. 644, 8 November 1944.

DATE

TO MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: October Sub Statement

ACTION:

1. See STATUS SLIP attached to PM-PRES #818, 8 Nov 44.

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8 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.
Director, Office of War Information.

For your information, the Prime Minister has suggested that the second paragraph of the October Anti-submarine Statement as drafted by the Navy Department and O.W.I., be altered as follows:

"Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it compares very favourably with the number of Allied merchant vessels sunk by U-boats."

The President has not yet cleared this change due to his absence from the White House.

Very respectfully,

J. A. TYREE, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.

To: The President of the United States

Nr: 818, 8 November 1944

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt number 818 personal and Top Secret.

Your number 643 anti-U-boat statement for October. Proposed text is admirable but would you accept following rewording of paragraph 2 in order to make it a bit clearer for our paper?

"Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it compares very favourably with the number of Allied merchant vessels sunk by U-boats."

RECD 081600Z
MR-OUT-528, 081625Z
FROM  The Prime Minister  TO  The President

SERIAL or FILE NO.  818, 8 November 1944.

DATE  818600Z  Via Army Code Room

SUBJECT: October Sub Statement.

ACTION:

1. Answers FBES-PW #643, 6 Nov 44.
2. To President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-528 (0816252).
3. Navy Dept and OWI notified by memorandum that PM had suggested change, but that President had not yet cleared the change due to his absence from the White House.
4. MR-IN-184, from the President to Admiral Leahy, stated "Yr MR-OUT-528: Approved."
5. MR-IN-184 to Admiral Leahy's office. Admiral Leahy was not available. With approval of Colonel Park, message drafted and sent by Commander Smith. Sent to PM as FBES #644, 8 Nov 44.
6. Navy Department notified by phone; corrected copy sent to Sur of Public Relations on morning of 9 Nov 44; Navy Department stated they would inform OWI.

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SECRET PRIORITY

6 November 1944

From: Opnav
To: Aluana, London

NUMBER 643. SECRET AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER.

Following is our suggested text of Anti-U-boat statement for
October:

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1944 was materially below that of any other month of the war; in con-
sequence of which the number of United Nations' merchant vessels sunk
by German submarines during the month was also the lowest of any
month of the entire war.

Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than
what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it represented
a one-sided ratio as compared to the number of Allied merchant vessels
sent to the bottom by the U-boats.

The Allies continue to supply on schedule their ever-growing
Armies in Europe. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT
November 6, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO REAR ADMIRAL WILSON BROWN:

Herewith is the Navy's proposal for the November submarine statement. I think very poorly of it. However, Admiral Edwards tells me that there is some uncertainty about the figure of British losses and that for one reason or another seems impossible to be more specific. I don't think it matters a hell of a lot so let it go.

As always,

Elmer Davis
Director

Enclosure

CONFIDENTIAL
The scope of the German U-boats' activities in October 1944 was materially below that of any other month of the war; in consequence of which the number of United Nations' merchant vessels sunk by German submarines during the month was also the lowest of any month of the entire war.

Although the number of German U-boats destroyed was less than what has come to be considered a good monthly "bag", it represented a one-sided ratio as compared to the number of Allied merchant vessels sent to the bottom by the U-boats.

The Allies continue to supply on schedule their ever-growing armies in Europe.
FROM: The President
TO: The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO. 643, 6 November 1944

DATE: 643, 6 November 1944

TOR MAP ROOM VIA

SUBJECT: October Sub Statement.

ACTION:

1. Statement drafted by Navy Department; approved by OWI; transmitted to Admiral Brown by Elmer Davis by memo dated 6 Nov 44.

2. Statement transmitted to President at Hyde Park as MR-OUT-514 (061515Z Nov 44) with following introduction: "Request your approval of the following proposed sub statement for month of October, submitted by the Navy Dept and approved by Elmer Davis..."

3. MR-IN-182 (062215Z Nov 44) stated: "FROM ADMIRAL BERRY TO ADMIRAL BROWN. The President approves. Send to Prime Minister."

4. Dispatched to PM 6 Nov 44.

5. Answered by PM-PRES 818, 8 Nov 44.
SEPTEMBER 1944
NEW YORK TIMES

OCTOBER 10, 1944

NEW U-BOAT ASSAULT SEEN AS POSSIBILITY

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 — Although there was a fall in U-boat activity in September and the Allies' shipping losses last month were "almost as low" as those in May, the best month of the war in that respect, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill jointly warned today that the Germans might now renew their offensive this autumn with "new types of U-boats."

The joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations, issued here by the Office of War Information under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister, reported that the rate of U-boat destruction, in proportion to shipping losses, remained satisfactory.

Focused attention, however, on what U-boat experts constantly emphasized: that submarine warfare is a never-ending battle of science and that, when one side gains an advantage, the other side immediately gets to work on new devices or methods to counter it.
6 October 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.  
Director, Office of War Information.

The following suggestion for the September Submarine Warfare Statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. It is desired that any comments you may have to make on this statement be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

"During September there has been a lull in U-boat activity, which is possibly seasonal. This year, as last, the enemy may hope to renew his offensive in the autumn and may rely on new types of U-boats to counter our present ascendancy. Shipping losses have been almost as low as in May 1944, the best month of the War. The rate of destruction of U-boats in proportion to shipping losses remains satisfactory.

"The U-boat war, however, demands unceasing attention. Only the zeal and vigour of the Allied air and surface forces have procured the comparative safety of our shipping and the enemy's scant success."

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Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,  
Naval Aide to the President.
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WILSON BROWN,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.
For: The President of the United States
Number 792

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and Top Secret. Number 792.

I attach our suggestion for the September U-boat report. Canada is being informed at the same time.

Begins:

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AUGUST, 1944
ALLIED GAINS ON LAND
CURB U-BOATS AT SEA

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9—U-boat operations were reported to be sporadic and relatively ineffectual in a joint Anglo-American statement tonight issued under the authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. The Allies' advance in western Europe that has neutralized bases was particularly credited for this situation.

The statement follows:

"Last month, due to the effectiveness of the Allied operations in France, the principal U-boat operating bases in the Bay of Biscay were neutralized. As a consequence the Germans have been forced to operate their underwater craft from Norwegian and Baltic bases, thereby stretching even thinner their difficult lines of operation.

"The exchange rate between merchant ships sunk and U-boats destroyed continues to be profitable to the United Nations' cause. While U-boat operations continue, they are sporadic and relatively ineffectual."
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  

September 9, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Elmer W. Davis.

To remind: The President authorizes the publication of the September submarine statement as originally prepared by you and Navy.

WILSON BROWN,  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,  
Naval Aide to the President.
Approved Submarine Statement for the Month of August 1944.

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J. A. Tyree, Jr.,
Commander, U. S. Navy
Assistant Naval Aide to the President
SECRET
PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 618, PERSONAL AND SECRET, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER.

Following is our suggested text of Anti-U-boat statement for
August:

"Last month, due to the effectiveness of the Allied operations
in France, the principal U-boat operating bases in the Bay of Biscay
were neutralized. As a consequence the Germans have been forced to
operate their undersea craft from Norwegian and Baltic bases, thereby
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ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1130, EWT, 5 September 1944.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.
FROM  The President

TO  The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.  618, 5 Sept 44.

DATE  618, 5 Sept 44.

TOR MAP ROOM  VIA

SUBJECT:  August sub-warfare statement

ACTION:

1. Drafted by Navy Department. Sent to President at Hyde Park as RED 367, 4 Sept 44.

2. BLUE 138, 4 Sept 44, from President to Adms Leahy and Brown, stated, "If you think proposed submarine statement is all right, please send to the Prime Minister for his approval."

3. To PM as this #618, 5 Sept 44.

4. Prime Minister was enroute to Quebec for OCTAGON Conference. When no answer had been received from the Prime Minister by the morning of 9 Sept 44, Admiral Brown directed message be sent from Navy to Comnaveu, advising that statement would be released at usual time as drafted by the Navy Department.

5. Released to Press on evening of 9 Sept 44. No answer was received from the Prime Minister.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Lt. Comdr. Tyree (Room 2078)

The attached monthly statement has been approved by Elmer Davis at OWI and also by Cominches staff.

It needs now to be approved by the White House and the Prime Minister.

Respy,

F. W. Campbell
Comdr. U. S. N.

Plt. Relations
Room 0011
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5 August 1944

SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.
Director, Office of War Information.

The following suggestion for the July Submarine Warfare Statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. It is desired that any comments you may have to make on this statement be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

"The number of German U-boats sunk during the war now exceeds 500. It is therefore understandable that the U-boats still operating are extremely cautious. Their efforts have been ineffective during July, a month which has been so important for the success of continental operations.

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"The U-boat fleet is still of impressive size, nevertheless the U-boat remain the hunted rather than the hunters. They have been attacked from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean, aircraft playing a great part with the surface forces. This pressure will be maintained until all chances of revival of the U-boat campaign are killed, whatever may be the new devices and methods developed by the enemy.

"The Nazi claims of sinkings continue to be grossly exaggerated. For instance, their claim for June, the latest month for which complete figures are available, was an exaggeration of a 1,000%.

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Colonel, GSC
SECRET
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SECRET
WASHINGTON, July 9—President Roosevelt and Prime Min-
ister Churchill reported jointly to-
day that "Hitler's submarine fleet
failed on all counts in June, 1944."
No detailed figures were given,
but the monthly report on the
anti-submarine campaign asserted
that merchant vessel losses to the
undersea raiders "reached almost
the lowest figure of the entire
war.

The text of the report:
Hitler's submarine fleet failed
on all counts in June, 1944. Not
only were the U-boats unable to
halt the United Nations' invasion
on the Continent, but their ef-
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ing Allied army in Europe were
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build up the military forces en-
gaged in the liberation of Europe.
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vies, were ready.

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less determination.

The enemy were thus frustrated
by the brilliant and unceasing
work of Coastal Command and
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casualties.
July 11, 1944

My dear Mr. Pearson:

Replying to your letter dated July 8, 1944, in regard to the monthly U Boat statement for July 10th, I have received Mr. Churchill's suggested changes and have incorporated them in the statement issued on July 10th.

Very truly,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Charge d' Affaires
Canadian Embassy
Washington, D. C.
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July 8, 1944

My dear Mr. President,

I have been asked by my Prime Minister to pass on to you the following message:

"Mr. Churchill has telegraphed to me the text of your proposed monthly anti-U-boat statement for release on July 10th and of his suggested changes. He has also telegraphed the text of his suggested supplementary communiqué describing the success of the air and surface forces in dealing with attempts by U-boats to interfere with the invasion operations. I feel that those concerned richly deserve this special public recognition and encouragement and I hope that you will agree to the early release of the statements."

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

L. B. Pearson,
Chargé d'Affaires

The Honourable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Department
Director, Office of War Information

1. The following statement on Submarine Warfare has been approved by the President and the Prime Minister for release on July 10:

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2. The President has also approved the recommendation of the Prime Minister that the following additional special communique be released with the U-boat statement:

"Thousands of Allied ships have been moved across the Channel to Normandy and coastwise to build up the Military Forces engaged in the liberation of Europe. No merchant vessel of this vast concourse has been sunk by U-boat with the possible exception of one ship. In this case doubt exists as to its destruction by U-boat or Mine.

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"From the moment that the U-boats sailed from their bases they were attacked by aircraft of coastal command. Both aircraft
and surface forces followed up sighting reports, hunting and attacking the U-boats with relentless determination.

"The enemy were thus frustrated by the brilliant and unceasing work of coastal command and the tireless patrols of the surface forces, and have suffered heavy casualties.

"Operations continue."

Respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
8 July 1944

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CHESTER C. WOOD,
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Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
SECRET
PRIORITY

FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: THE PRIME MINISTER
NO: 581

7 July 1944

Your 724 and 725.

We think your proposed changes and the additional communiqué excellent with the single exception that before the word "squadrons" in the second paragraph of the special communiqué we insert "U. S. and British air" so that the sentence now reads, "Such attempts were of course expected and U. S. and British air squadrons of coastal command, working in cooperation with the surface forces of the Allied Navies, were ready."

Unless we hear to the contrary, we will release statements as amended at scheduled time.

ROOSEVELT
7 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Captain Wood

Admiral Edwards has altered the 2nd sentence of Para 2 of Prime Minister's recommendation for additional special communique, so that sentence will read:

"Such attempts were of course expected and U.S. and British air squadrons of coastal command, working in cooperation with the surface forces of the Allied Navies, were ready."

Respectfully,

Myers

*Additions by Adm Edwards underlined.
7 July 1944

1. The following is the proposed draft of the June Submarine Statement with changes as suggested by the Prime Minister:

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"Operations continue."
To: The President of the United States
Number 725

File 070103Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt Personal and

TOP SECRET, Non 725.

Reference paragraph 2 of my 724.

I see no reason why this attached statement should
not be issued without prejudice to our monthly statements.

It deals with a special topic and will please the men.

Do you mind?

Statement begins.

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4. The enemy were thus frustrated by the brilliant and unceasing work of coastal command and the tireless patrols of the surface forces, and have suffered heavy casualties.

5. Operations continue.

Statement ends.

No Sig.
To: The President of the United States
Number 724
Prime Minister to President Personal and TOP SECRET. Non 724.

Many thanks for your 578 with Draft Anti U-Boat statement for June. The Admiralty have suggested two amendments which I submit for your approval.

(A) In view of the failure of the great efforts made by the U-Boats to interrupt supplies to France, the last part of paragraph 1 after "the continent" be amended to read "but their efforts to prevent the necessary supplying of our constantly growing Allied Army in Europe were made completely ineffective by our counter-measures".

(B) Latest information shows that another ship has been sunk in June and this will bring the total for the month slightly above that for May. Proposed therefore to insert the word "almost" before "the lowest figure" in the second sentence of paragraph 2.
Para 2. I am telegraphing to you separately about a proposed communiqué on a special point connected with the U-Boats efforts to interrupt supplies to France.

No Sig.
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO : THE PRIME MINISTER
NO : 578, 3 JULY 1944

I propose the following statement for release on 10 July.

"Proposed anti-submarine statement covering June 1944, to be issued by the Prime Minister and the President.

"Hitler's submarine fleet failed on all counts in June 1944. Not only were the U-boats unable to halt the United Nations' invasion of the continent, but they made little effort to prevent the necessary supplying of our constantly-growing Allied Army in Europe.

"The U-boats apparently concentrated to the west of the invasion during the month, relatively few of them being disposed over the Atlantic. Their sinking of United Nations' merchant vessels reached the lowest figure of the entire war. For every United Nations' merchant vessel sunk by German submarine, several times as many U-boats were sent to the bottom."

ROOSEVELT
BLACK 26  
(HYDE PARK to MAP ROOM)  

3 July 1944

FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR ADMIRAL BROWN.

Your WHITE 114 approved. Transmit to Prime Minister as our tentative anti-submarine statement.

RECD: 0323302.
ADMIRAL BROWN TO THE PRESIDENT.

The following draft of proposed monthly submarine statement, originated by Navy and approved by O.W.I., is submitted for your approval prior to forwarding to the Prime Minister:

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NEW YORK TIMES
10 June 1944

MAY SHIP LOSSES
STRIKE NEW LOW

Rate of Sinking of U-Boats
Mounts—Allied Chiefs Hail
Defenders and Scientists

WASHINGTON, June 9—Allied
anti-submarine forces now are
sinking several Nazi U-boats for
every United Nations merchant
ship lost and the losses for May
were the lowest for any month in
the war, a joint Anglo-American
statement on anti-submarine oper-
ations during May, authorized by
President Roosevelt and Prime
Minister Churchill, declared today.

The statement, which warned
that a renewed offensive by the
Germans may be in the offing, was
as follows:

During May our shipping losses
have been by far the lowest for
any month of the war, and they
have in fact been a fraction of
the losses inflicted on enemy
shipping by our warships and air-
craft, although their merchant
shipping is petty compared to
that of the Allies.

There has been a lull in the
operations of the U-boats, which
perhaps indicates preparations for
a renewed offensive. The change
which has come over the scene is
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spite of the few U-boats at sea,
several are now sent to the bot-
tom for each merchant ship sunk,
whereas formerly each U-boat ac-
counted for a considerable num-
ber of merchant ships before
being destroyed.

This is to be ascribed to the
vigilance and to the relentless at-
tacks of our Anglo-American,
Canadian and other anti-U-boat
forces, including the scientists
who support them in a brilliant
infantry of close-in laser guns.
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Dept.
The Director, Office of War Information.

The President has approved the proposed
British Submarine Statement as quoted in my memorandums to you of June 6. This will, there-
fore, serve as authority for release which
should be made in accordance with previously
established procedures.

Respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
7 June 1944

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Enc (HW)
1. Copy ltr. 6 Jun 44.
6 JUNE 1944

NUMBER 553, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

We think your submarine statement excellent and plan to release it exactly as received.

It was indeed a grand month.

ROOSEVELT
6 June 1944

Commander Campbell notified Captain Wood by telephone that the sub statement had been approved by the Secretary of the Navy as well as Admiral Edwards, with no change.
June 6, 1944

Captain Chester C. Wood  
Assistant Naval Aide to  
the President  
Map Room  
The White House

Dear Captain Wood:

The enclosed statement on submarine warfare seems excellent.

Cordially,

Elmer Davis
Director
TOP-SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

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It is requested that your reply to the President be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

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"There has been a lull in the operations of the U-boats which perhaps indicates preparations for a renewed offensive. The change which has come over the scene is illustrated by the fact that in spite of the few U-boats at sea, several are now sent to the bottom for each merchant ship sunk whereas formerly each U-boat accounted for a considerable number of merchant ships before being destroyed.

"This is to be ascribed to the vigilance and to the relentless attacks of our Anglo-American-Canadian and other anti-U-boat forces, including the scientists who support them in a brilliant manner."

Respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
6 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Office of War Information,
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The following suggestion for the June Submarine Warfare statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments you may have to make on this statement.

It is requested that your reply to the President be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

"During May our shipping losses have been by far the lowest for any month of the war, and they have in fact been a fraction of the losses inflicted on enemy shipping by our warships and aircraft, although their merchant shipping is petty compared to that of the Allies.

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6 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.
Director, Office of War Information.

The following suggestion for the June Submarine Warfare statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments you may have to make on this statement.

It is requested that your reply to the President be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

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Respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
From: London, England
To: The President of the United States
No: 693, Filed 06/12152

Prime Minister to President. Personal and TOP SECRET.

Following is text of proposed anti U-boat statement for May. I am also sending it to Mr. MacKenzie King. It begins:

During May our shipping losses have been by far the lowest for any month of the war, and they have in fact been a fraction of the losses inflicted on enemy shipping by our warships and aircraft, although their merchant shipping is petty compared to that of the Allies.

There has been a lull in the operations of the U-boats which perhaps indicates preparations for a renewed offensive. The change which has come over the scene is illustrated by the fact that in spite of the few U-boats at sea, several are now sent to the bottom for each merchant ship sunk whereas formerly each U-boat accounted for a considerable number of merchant ships before being destroyed.

This is to be ascribed to the vigilance and to the
relentless attacks of our Anglo-American-Canadian and other anti-U-boat forces, including the scientists who support them in a brilliant manner.

End
APRIL
1944
German Submarines Sunk in April Exceeded Ships Lost

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.
WASHINGTON, May 9—The triumphant record of the British-American anti-submarine campaign continued in April, with the number of German U-boats sunk exceeding the number of Allied merchant ships lost by submarine action.

The monthly report on anti-submarine activities, issued by authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, said:

"In April, 1944, the United Nations anti-submarine activity continued at a highly satisfactory level. Again for another month the extraordinary fact continues that the number of enemy submarines sunk exceeds the number of Allied merchant ships sunk by submarines."

High-placed naval authorities have warned, however, that a desperate resurgence of U-boat attacks on our supply line may accompany the opening of a western European front.

To: The President of the United States

Number 672, 8th May 1944

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and secret number 672.

Thank you for the joint U-boat warfare statement for April. I have no alterations to suggest and MacKenzie King, to whom I showed it, agrees with its terms. We will accordingly release it on May 10th.

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Received in MR 19258.
TOP SECRET
COPY

5 May 1944

From: Opnav
To : Alusna, London

NUMBER 534. PERSONAL AND SECRET. FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

I propose the following joint statement regarding U-boat warfare in April for release on May 10:

QUOTE. The following Joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister.

In April 1944, the United Nations anti-submarine activity continued at a highly satisfactory level. Again for another month the extraordinary fact continues that the number of enemy submarines sunk exceeds the number of Allied merchant ships sunk by submarines. UNQUOTE.

Roosevelt

Released 1630, EWT, 5 May 44.

05/2038 NCR 614
8 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The following statement has been approved by the
President and the Prime Minister for release on May 10:

"The following joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations
is issued under the authority of the President
and the Prime Minister.

"In April 1944, the United Nations anti-submarine activity continued at a highly
satisfactory level. Again for another month
the extraordinary fact continues that the number
of enemy submarines sunk exceeds the number of
Allied merchant ships sunk by submarines."

Respectfully,

CHESTER WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Asst. Naval Aide to the President.
MEMORANDUM FOR

Director of Public Relations,
Navy Department.

Your proposed statement has been referred to the President who replied as follows:

"The following wording of the monthly submarine statement is preferred:

"'The following Joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister.

"'In April 1944, the United Nations' anti-submarine activity continued at a highly satisfactory level. Again for another month the extraordinary fact continues that the number of enemy submarines sunk exceeds the number of Allied merchant ships sunk by submarines.'"

It is requested that you obtain approval, or comment, of the Navy Department and the Office of War Information and notify me accordingly by telephone as soon as practical.

Respectfully,

Chester C. Wood,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Asst. Naval Aide to the President.
From Admiral Leahy for Captain Wood.

Your WHTE 173, the President prefers the following wording of monthly submarine statement. If it meets with approval of Navy Department and Mr. Davis, Captain Wood transmit it to Prime Minister for his approval:

"The following Joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister.

"In April 1944, the United Nations' anti-submarine activity continued at a highly satisfactory level. Again for another month the extraordinary fact continues that the number of enemy submarines sunk exceeds the number of Allied merchant ships sunk by submarines."

RECD 04/19352.
ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL STATEMENT ON WARFARE AGAINST ENEMY SUBMARINES FOR APRIL 1944

The following joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister:

In April 1944, the United Nations' anti-submarine activity continued at a highly satisfactory level. While the tempo of U-boat operations was somewhat lower than in preceding months, the exchange rate as between U-boats sunk and merchant ships sunk by U-boats, continues favorable to the United Nations.

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MARCH
1944
U-BOATS' ACTIVITY ON RISE IN MARCH

Our Ship Losses 'Still Low,' Sinkings of Foe Maintained,
Roosevelt, Churchill Report

special to the New York Times.
WASHINGTON, April 9—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill jointly reported tonight that sinkings by U-boats in March were a little higher than in February and stressed that the Allied anti-submarine campaign still faced a foe of considerable strength.

Although our shipping losses advanced, our counter-measures are maintaining the rate of U-boat destruction, the statement said. It gave particular attention to the widespread area in which German submarines are active from the Barents Sea north of Russia to the Indian Ocean.

It is only recently that submarine activity by the Germans has been reported from the Indian Ocean, two instances have been noted.

In all, the President's and Prime Minister's report for March was less favorable than that for February. It indicates that the frequently forecast increase in U-boat activity might be under way.

The joint statement follows:

"March was an active month in the war against the U-boats which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

"The enemy has persevered valiantly in strenuous endeavors to disrupt our flow of supplies to Russia by the northern route.

"Our merchant shipping losses were mainly incurred in far distant seas. Though a little higher than in February, they are still low and the rate of sinking U-boats was fully maintained.

"The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality, but the strength of the U-boat force remains considerable and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces."
April 8, 1944

SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Office of War Information
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department

The President has agreed to the release of the following statement which was proposed by the Prime Minister:

"March was an active month in the war against the U-Boats which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

"The enemy has persevered mainly in strenuous endeavours to disrupt our flow of supplies to Russia by the northern route.

"Our merchant shipping losses were mainly incurred in far distant seas. Though a little higher than in February, they were still low and the rate of sinking U-Boats was fully maintained.

"The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality, but the strength of the U-Boat force remains considerable and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces."

It is understood that the date of release is April 10.

Very respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.

SECRET
MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Chester C. Wood, USN

1. After submitting the attached proposed statement to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and the Director, Office of War Information, it is recommended that the statement be released without changes.

W. G. Beecher, Jr.
Commander, U. S. Navy
Acting Director of Public Relations
SECRET

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The following suggestion for the March Submarine Warfare Statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments you may have to make on this statement.

It is requested that your reply to the President be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

"March was an active month in the war against the U-Boats which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

"The enemy has persevered vainly in strenuous endeavours to disrupt our flow of supplies to Russia by the northern route.

"Our merchant shipping losses were mainly incurred in far distant seas. Though a little higher than in February, they were still low and the rate of sinking U-Boats was fully maintained.

"The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality, but the strength of the U-Boat force remains considerable and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces."

Very respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.

SECRET
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO : THE PRIME MINISTER
NO : 514, 7 APRIL 1944

Your 637. I agree on the submarine statement as proposed by you for release on 10 April.

ROOSEVELT
5 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The following suggestion for the March Submarine Warfare Statement has been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments you may have to make on this statement.

It is requested that your reply to the President be addressed to the Map Room, The White House.

"March was an active month in the war against the U-Boats which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

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"The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality, but the strength of the U-Boat force remains considerable and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces."

Very respectfully,

CHESTER C. WOOD,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Assistant Naval Aide to the President.
To: The President of the United States
Number 637 Filed: 05/13082

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt
personal and most secret. Number 637.

I propose the following joint statement regarding U-Boat warfare in March for issue on April 10. I am also telegraphing the text to MacKenzie King. Begins.

March was an active month in the war against the U-Boats which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

The enemy has persevered vainly in strenuous endeavours to disrupt our flow of supplies to Russia by the northern route.

Our merchant shipping losses were mainly incurred in far distant seas: Though a little higher than in February they were still low and the rate of sinking U-Boats was fully maintained.

The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality but the strength of the U-Boat force remains considerable and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces.
FEBRUARY

1944
NEW YORK, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1944.

ALLIED SHIP LOSSES
AT A RECORD LOW

Roosevelt and Churchill in
Report for February List
Our Striking Progress

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 9—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill jointly revealed tonight the striking progress of the Allied victories over the German U-boats.

In a five-line statement the two Government heads announced that last month the Nazi undersea raiders sank less Allied merchant tonnage than in any month since this country entered the war and also second less than in any month of the entire war. And, they added, more U-boats were destroyed than Allied merchantmen were sunk. This, they said, made "the exchange rate remains favorable" to the Allies.

The joint Anglo-American statement, issued under the authority of the President and Prime Minister, follows:

"Despite the increasing traffic of United Nations shipping in the Atlantic. February, 1944, was the lowest month as to tonnage of Allied merchant ship losses to enemy U-boat action since the United States entered the war, and February was the second lowest month of the entire war.

"Again there were more U-boats destroyed than merchant vessels sunk, so the exchange rate remains favorable to the United Nations. In actual numbers a few more U-boats were sunk in February than in January."
7 March 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Office of War Information.
Director of Public Relations, Navy Department.

The President and the Prime Minister have approved the following joint statement on submarine activities for February. The statement is to be issued by the Office of War Information at the agreed time.

"Despite the increasing traffic of United Nations shipping in the Atlantic, February 1944 was the lowest month as to tonnage of Allied merchant ship losses to enemy U-boat action since the United States entered the war; and February was the second lowest month of the entire war.

"Again there were more U-boats destroyed than merchant vessels sunk, so the exchange rate remains favorable to the United Nations. In actual numbers a few more U-boats were sunk in February than in January."

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

6 MARCH 1944

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 488. PERSONAL AND SECRET. FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

Thank you for your message Number 606. We will issue the statement without repeat without the last sentence.

ROOSEVELT
From: London
To: The President of the United States
No: 606, Filed 05/1822Z

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal.

Your number 484. We agree. We should prefer to leave out the last sentence but we do not press the point.

No Sig

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Footnote -
The lack of aggressiveness on the part of the U.S. continues.
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 484. FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE FORMER NAVAL PERSON.

Your Number 597. In view agreement for alternate origination and your origination last month, I propose the following statement for release March 10th:

QUOTE. Despite the increasing traffic of United States shipping in the Atlantic, February 1944 was the lowest month as to tonnage of Allied merchant ship losses to enemy U-boat action since the United States entered the war; and February was the second lowest month of the entire war.

Again there were more U-boats destroyed than merchant vessels sunk, so the exchange rate remains favorable to the United Nations. In actual numbers a few more U-boats were sunk in February than in January.

The lack of aggressiveness on the part of the U-boat continues. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT
From: Embassy London
To: The President of the United States
Number 597

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. Personal and most secret.

Here is a suggested item for your draft of our monthly anti U boat war statement. Provided later information about sinkings in February 1944 does not considerably increase the figure shown below:

February 1944 was the best month since the United States entered the war. The total sinkings of all Allied shipping in February by enemy action only were less than one fifth of the sinkings in February 1943, and less than one ninth of the sinkings in February 1942.

The figures in British notation are:
- February 1944, 70,000 tons;
- February 1943, 378,400;
- February 1942, 659,500.

We have a very good haul of U boats, too.

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Copy
The following joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister:

1. Total merchant shipping tonnage lost by U-Boat action in December was again low despite an extension of operating areas. Fewer U-Boats were destroyed during the month by our air and sea forces owing to several factors, including increased caution by enemy. Our supply routes were, however, well secured against U-Boat attack.

2. In 1943 U-boats sank but 40% of the merchant ship tonnage that they sank in 1942. On the other hand, United Nations merchant ship tonnage constructed in 1943 approximately doubled the tonnage delivered in 1942. Nearly half of our tonnage lost for the year 1943 was during the first three months; 27% was lost during the second quarter of 1943, and only 26% was lost during the last six months.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill jointly announced tonight that the Anglo-American campaign against the Nazi U-boats had been highly successful.

The statement, issued by the Office of War Information "under the authority of" the two leaders, follows:

"The year 1944 has opened with a very satisfactory first month for the Allies in their continued campaign against the U-boat.

"In spite of the limited opportunities to attack U-boats owing to the extreme caution now exercised by them, more were destroyed in January than in December. This has been accomplished by unrelenting offensive action of our surface and air forces.

"The amount of merchant ship tonnage sunk by U-boats during January, 1944, is among the lowest monthly figures for the whole war.

"The German claims should, as usual, be ignored, as they are grossly exaggerated and issued purely for propaganda purposes."
09 February 1944

From: M. A. London
To: The President of the United States

Number: 574, Filed 09/1559Z

Prime Minister to President personal and most secret number 574.

Your number 460. It is nearly always better to cut out adverbs, and adjectives too. The combination "Invariably grossly" is cacophonous. I have advised the Admiralty accordingly.

No Sig
8 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. ELMER DAVIS

The President has approved, with one alteration, the January Submarine Warfare Statement as presented by the Prime Minister and forwarded to you on 7 February. The word "invariably" in the last paragraph should be omitted.

It is requested that the Office of War Information release, at the agreed time, the statement as altered by the President.

WILSON BROWN,
Rear Admiral, U.S.Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.

Copy for Captain Lovette, Navy Department.
FROM: CNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

NUMBER 460, PERSONAL AND SECRET, FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
FORMER NAVAL PERSON.
YOUR NO. 571.
WE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED STATEMENT EXCEPT THAT WE WILL OMIT
THE WORD "INVARIABLY" IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH WHEN PUBLISHED IN THIS
COUNTRY.

ROOSEVELT
Allen Edwards

Low

Last P is his tune.

Has been very accurate.

Would like deleted.

Not OK.
7 February 1944

SECRET
MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. ELMER DAVIS
CAPTAIN ISLAND P. LOYETTE

The following suggestion for the January Submarine Warfare Statement has just been received from the Prime Minister this date. The President desires any comments that you may have to make by 10:00 a.m., 6 February 1944.

It is requested that the above mentioned comments be addressed to the President at the Map Room, The White House.

"The year 1944 has opened with a very satisfactory first month for the Allies in their continued campaign against the U-boats.

"In spite of the limited opportunities to attack U-boats owing to the extreme caution now exercised by them, more were destroyed in January than in December. This has been accomplished by unrelenting offensive action of our surface and air forces.

"The amount of merchant ship tonnage sunk by U-boats during January 1944 is amongst the lowest monthly figures for the whole war.

"The German claims should, as usual, be ignored as they are invariably grossly exaggerated and issued purely for propaganda purposes."

WILSON BROWN,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.
Prime Minister to President Roosevelt personal and most secret.

The following is our proposed draft for the monthly statement on the U-boat war. We have sent a copy to Mackenzie King and have asked him to communicate with you direct.

Statement begins.

"The year 1944 has opened with a very satisfactory first month for the Allies in their continued campaign against the U-boat.

"In spite of the limited opportunities to attack U-boats owing to the extreme caution now exercised by them, more were destroyed in January than in December. This has been accomplished by unrelenting offensive action of our surface and air forces.

"The amount of merchant ship tonnage sunk by U-boats during January 1944, is amongst the lowest monthly figures for the whole war.

"The German claims should, as usual, be ignored as they are invariably grossly exaggerated and issued purely for propaganda purposes."

Statement ends.
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