Folder 2. MR 340 (2) Sending Officers to Moscow to Discuss Future Operations, 21 December 1944–22 March 1945.
Joint Chiefs of Staff
W.D. Ext. 77500 Col. C.R. Peck
22 March 1945

Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

U.S. Military Mission
Moscow, Russia

Number: WARX 57478

Book message from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to McNarney for action, to Eisenhower Main and Deane for information.

Now under consideration by Joint Chiefs of Staff reference your FX 46409 and Deane's MX 22890 is recommendation that they suggest Combined Chiefs of Staff authorize Deane and Archer to propose establishing Combined Intelligence Centers covering all U.S. and British Intelligence investigations except clandestine. Also that Combined Chiefs of Staff direct Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Forces to coordinate all future requests for intelligence activities in Soviet-occupied Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia before transmittal to Moscow and SACMED to perform similar coordination with reference to Soviet-occupied Hungary and Austria. You will be promptly advised of final action on this matter. Pending such action, suggest that you inform Deane of details concerning your proposed intelligence operations in Hungary so that he can take whatever action is deemed appropriate at this time.

End.

FX 46409 is CM-IN-20715 (20 Mar 45) - MX 22890 is CM-IN-25388 (25 Feb 45)

ORIGINATOR: JC/S
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, G-2, Adm King, C of S
CM-OUT-57478 (March 45) DTG 230331Z da

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Regarded Unclassified
From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward Rheims France.

To: War Department

Nr: FWD 17901 SCAF 235 16 March 1945

Action to SHAEF Rear for Joint Secretariat Combined
Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee information AGWAR
for Combined Chiefs of Staff AMSSO for British Chiefs of
Staff Communication Zone for G-2 signed Eisenhower cite
SHQBI nr FWD 17901 for Combined Chiefs of Staff and British
Chiefs of Staff this is SCAF number 235

Brigadier General T.J. Betts, having returned to duty
at Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, hereby
resumes his post as Chairman, Combined Intelligence Ob-
jectives Subcommittee, Vice Acting Chairman, Colonel George
Bryan Conrad, USA.

End

ACTION: CC/B

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Gen Bissell
CG AAF Adm King
OPD Log

CM-IN-16937 (16 Mar 45) DTG 161130A bjm

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Forward, Rheims, France.

To: War Department

No: FWD 17471

7 March 1945

To 30 Mission Moscow for Deane and Archer for info SHAES Main from SHAES Forward signed Eisenhower ref no: FWD 17471 DTG 011910A relay to WAR from SHAES Forward.

In view of the great progress of the Soviet offensive, is there likely to be any major change in Soviet plans from those explained to Tedder. What we want to know in particular is whether, in view of the progress of the Soviet offensive with Oder bridgeheads established and German road nets now available, there will be a lull in operations Mid-March to Mid-May and whether there is likely to be any change in the extent to which Soviet action will hold German divisions on the Eastern Front.

End.

See M 22378 CM-IN-15412 (17 Jan 45) JC/S
Message received SECRET reclassified TOPSEC by WD/NC.

See MX 23082 CM-IN-6890 (6 Mar 45) CCS
ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: ADM LEHAY
GEN ARNOLD
GEN HULL
ADM KING
C OF S

CM-IN-7287 (7 Mar 45) DTG 071430A mcs

TOP SECRET

COPY NO.

Regraded Unclassified
From: CG Mediterranean Allied Air Force Caserta Italy
To: War Department
Nr: MX 47496
1 March 1945
To Arnold info Deane and Spaatz from Baker MX 47496.

Proposal outlined in MX 22948 of 27th February is acceptable provided geographical locations which define western boundary of zone of limited operations are excluded from limited zone. While every effort will be made to give the Soviets as early notice as possible when operating in the limited zone desire to point out that the 24 hour notice can not be taken literally. The 15th Air Force mission planning meeting takes place beginning at 1100 hours daily. The meeting results in a decision as to area, targets, time etc. This process requires as much as three hours and can not be begun earlier or habitually speeded up.

End

NOTE: Reference is CM-IN-28377 (28 Feb) Gen Arnold.
ACTION: General Arnold
INFO: JC/S; General Hull; General Bissell; C of S
CM-IN-1245 (2 March 45) DTG 011646A hgr

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AC/AS Plans, AFAEM/ANP

To Spaatz and Deane for Hill info Eaker from Arnold TOPSEC.

Proposals outlined in MX 22948 of 27 February appear workable and is acceptable to this Headquarters. Subject to Speatz approval of the Soviet proposal Speatz should clear with British Air Staff as Hill's message outlines and Speatz will conclude the final agreement with the Soviets through Hill and Deane in Moscow and will act for General Arnold in further discussions involving expected changes in limited zones as ground movements progress, informing this Headquarters here.

End.

MX 22948 (27 Feb 45) is CM-IN-28377

ORIGINATOR: Gen. Arnold

INFORMATION: JC/S; Adm. Leahy; OPD; Gen. Bissell; Adm. King;
C of S.

CM-OUT-45553 (Mar 45) DTG: 011406Z

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OSD Letter, 5-3-72
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Regraded Unclassified
From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department
Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Caserta, Italy

Nr: MX 22948 27 February 1945

To Arnold and to Spaatz and Filer for information from Hill signed Deane [redacted] MX 22948.

At a meeting with Major General Slavin, of the Red Army General Staff, today called at his instance to discuss zones of limitation for Allied Strategic Air Forces operations, the following was proposed by me subject to approval by the British and US Air Staffs:

"It is agreed between the Soviet, British and US Air Staffs that British and American Air Forces shall not normally carry out an operation within the zone specified below without prior notification to the Soviet General Staff through the British and US Missions in Moscow.

In the event that the British and US Air Forces wish to bomb a target inside the zone of limitation, they will give the Soviet General Staff a minimum of 24 hours notice and will not carry out operations to which the Soviet General Staff object.

In the absence of any comment from the Soviet General Staff, the British and US Air Staffs will be free to carry out the operation proposed.

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CM-IN- 28377 (28 Feb 45)

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

Mr: MX 22948      27 February 1945

The initial zone shall be that between the Soviet lines and a line-Stettin, Berlin, Ruhland, Dresden, line of Elbe River, Brno, Vienna, Mariabor, Zagreb.

The Soviet General Staff will notify the British and US Air Missions in Moscow at least 48 hours prior to the effective date of proposed changes in zone limitations in order that necessary coordination may be effected with the British and US Air Staffs.

As the above proposed agreement is in accord with JCS 1243 ARGONAUT, 7th February 1945, and as the western boundary of the line is farther east than the line contemplated by British and US Air Staffs during the ARGONAUT conference, thus giving more freedom of action to Allied Strategic Air Forces, I told General Slevin that I felt that should the Red General Staff approve, that approval of the British and US Air Staffs could be secured.

The manner of reception of the proposal by General Slevin indicated a probability of acceptance by the Soviets.

It is therefore requested that you authorize me to effect agreement with the Soviets on behalf of United States authorities.

It is further requested that, should you agree with above proposal, that matter be coordinated with the British
From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

Nr: MX 22948  

27 February 1945

Air Staff, with the request that the head of the British Mission in Moscow be advised to act jointly with me in concluding the agreement with the Soviets.

End

ACTION: Gen Arnold

CM-IN- 28377 (28 Feb 45) DTG 27/NFT mlc

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COPY No. 39
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: S 76354 SCAF 184 24 January 1945

S 76354 RECOMMEND to for action AGWAR for Combined CHIEFS OF Staff to for info AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower. SCAF 184

Tedder has now reported to me on his talks in Moscow and meeting with Stalin.

I believe that an announcement of the visit would be particularly valuable at this juncture as revealing to friend and enemy that coordination at a military level of the operations in the East and West does exist.

Before taking any action I request your concurrence in the idea.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell; Adm King; C of S

CM-IN-23352 (24 Jan 45) DTG 241328A ekk

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By [Signature] Date JUN 10 1971

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, Maun, Versailles France

To: War Department

No: S 76246 SCAF 183 23 January 1945

To for action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to for information ANSSO for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEN Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT ref number S 76246. This is SCAF number 183.

Tedders visit to Moscow reveals that Deane and Archer are lacking up to date information concerning our own and enemy situation on this front. Intend in future to provide Deane and Archer direct with factual information using existing *

End

* Being Serviced

ACTION: Gen McFarland-CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
C of S

CM-IN-22815 (24 Jan 45) DTG 231450A aj

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Regraded Unclassified
From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France
To: War Department
Nr: S 76246

23 January 1945

To for action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to
for information SASSO for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF
Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT ref nr S 76246 TOPSEC.

This is SCAF number 183.

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are lacking up to date information concerning our own and
enemy situation on this front. Intend therefore to provide
Deane and Archer direct with factual information using
existing Signal channels.

End

Corrected copy of CM-IN-22815 (24 Jan 45) CC/3.

ACTION: CC/S

Adm. King, C of S

CM-IN-22892 (24 Jan 45) DTG 231450Z hy

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J.C.S. Regrading Memo 24-21

By Date

COPY NO. 33
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: MARSHAL STALIN
NO: 170, 17 JANUARY 1945

Thank you for your encouraging message dated January 15 in regard to Air Marshal Tedder's conference with you, and in regard to the offensive of your Armies on the Soviet-German front.

* * * * *
From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

No. M 22378 16 January 1945

For Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane TOPSEC M 22378.

Air Marshal Tedder, General Bull and General Betts met with Marshal Stalin and Deputy Chief of Staff Antonov last night. At Harriman's and my insistence, Admiral Archer and I attended the meeting as observers. Both Harriman and I thought it to be extremely important for the mission representative to attend the meeting in order to preserve continuity of relations with the Soviets and to have first hand knowledge of the matters discussed in order that we could assist in the later implementation of any decisions which might be reached. We also felt that attendance of the representatives of the missions would have an effect on the status of the missions in the eyes of the Soviet authorities. I only mention the matter because you may receive repercussions from the British Chiefs of Staff regarding the attendance of the mission representatives at the meeting, which was contrary to Tedder's wishes. Tedder states that he is now fully satisfied with the decision that the representatives of the missions should have attended the conference.

Marshal Stalin was extremely cordial and frank in his discussion. He stated first that as a result of the President's request he received General Eisenhower's representative, coupled with the current German offensive in the west, and a later request from the Prime Minister as to whether Stalin planned to initiate operations on the central front.

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

No. M 22378  16 January 1945

The attack had been launched regardless of weather conditions. He said that the attack had been in preparation for over a month but the Soviets had wished to wait for good weather in which they could fully utilize their air superiority and their superior mobility. The attack opened just north of the Carpathians on 12 January, and spread north to the East Prussian front on successive days so there are now 160 divisions engaged. The immediate objectives are Krakow in the south, Lodz in the center and Konigsberg in the north. The ultimate objective of this particular offensive is to reach the line of the Oder, but Stalin was not at all sure that this could be accomplished. He said their attack would last as long as winter weather persists which might possibly take them up to the first of April. Thereafter, there would have to be a lull until toward the end of May. During this period, however, he promised to keep the German armies engaged by constant pressure of small local attacks strongly supported by artillery.

Stalin emphasized that one of the difficulties was the large number of trained German agents among the Poles, Latvians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians and German-speaking Russians. He said that they were all equipped with radios and, as a result, the element of surprise was practically eliminated. However, the Russians have succeeded in eliminating this menace to a large measure. He said that he considers the clearance of the rear areas to be just as important as bringing up supplies. He said that he felt the Germans had the same sort of intelligence on the western front.

Tedd then gave a complete resume of past and projected operations on the western front. Stalin listened sympathetically and was in general agreement with our strategy.
Tedder then got to the main point of his visit which was the question of timing involved in the operations of this spring. He expressed apprehension that the crossing of the Rhine, which should start some time in March, would occur just at the time of the spring thaw on the Russian front, when Russian operations would have to slow down. This, he said, might result in allowing the Germans to shift reserves to the western front at the time of the critical Rhine crossing. Stalin said he could give no assurance that the Germans would not be able to shift reserves, but that he would do everything within his power to keep them occupied on the eastern front. He stated that above all things we must avoid allowing the Germans to mass their strength to defeat us separately, and that it was to the Soviet interest as well as to ours to prevent the Germans from shifting reserves to accomplish this. He said that he felt the Germans must have already shifted some reserves from the western front to meet the current Russian offensive. If the Germans have failed to do so, he felt that the Russian offensive would move rapidly.

The above covers the salient points of the meeting. However, minutes are being prepared and a copy will be forwarded to you by pouch, and I shall have them for you at ARGONAUT in case they fail to reach you in Washington prior to your departure.

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFO: ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, GEN HULL, ADM KING, C OF S
CM-IN-15412 (17 Jan 45) DSC 161810Z mcs

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FROM: PREMIER STALIN

TO: THE PRESIDENT

15 JANUARY 1945

Today, on January 15, I had a conversation with Marshal Tedder and the generals who accompanied him. As it seems to me, mutual information is sufficiently complete. The exhaustive answers have been given on the matters in question by both sides. I should say that Marshal Tedder makes the most favourable impression.

* * * * *
From: US Military Mission Moscow Russia
To: War Department
Nr: MX 22353 14 January 1945

To Combined Chiefs of Staff and to British Chiefs of Staff, United Kingdom Base Section, London. War please pass MX 22353 TOPSEC

Tedder party arrived Moscow 1100Z 13th January.

End

This message has been relayed to UKBS by WDC per originator’s request.

NOTE: Message received from originator classified SECRET, raised to TOPSEC by WDCNC

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
      Gen Arnold
      Gen Hull
      Adm King
      C of S

CM-IN-13771 (15 Jan 45) DTG 141050Z

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COPY NO.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: S 74561 SCAF 171 11 January 1945

This is SCAF 171 S 74561 to AGWAR for CCS for info AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower cite SHGCT.

Following received from Sarabuz from Tedder T00 100953Z January. Weather still unfit. Party proceeding by train this date, arrive destination 13th January.

End

FOOTNOTE: See CM-IN-8232 (9 Jan 45) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Hull Adm King C of S

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CM-IN-10189 (11 Jan 45) DTG 111435Z aj

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Moscow, Russia

British Joint Staff Mission
Washington, D.C.

Number: WARX 89609

TOPSEC book message to Deane and Archer for action, to British Joint Staff Mission pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

SCAF has now advised that owing to weather conditions officers referred to in WARX 89499 have been delayed. If weather permits, group expects to leave Sarabruz en route Moscow 10 January but not improbable that further delay of three to four days may be expected.

End.
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: S 74233 SCAF 169 9 January 1945

S 74233. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to AMM80 for British Chiefs of Staff from SHAERF Main signed Eisenhower c/o SHGCT TOPSECRET. This is SCAF number 169.

Officers referred to in SCAF number 161, dated 30th December, have met with a series of delays en route, due to weather. Expect to depart from Sarabuz tomorrow, weather permitting, although further delay 3-4 days not improbable.

End

Note: SCAF 161 is CM-IN-29274

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy Adm King
       Gen Arnold  C of S
       Gen Hull

CM-IN-8232 (9 Jan 45) DTG: 091030A pa

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By  ROSE Date JUN 10 1971

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Copy No. 12
January 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR

General Marshall
Admiral King

A message from the Prime Minister to the President, received today, indicates that the Prime Minister no longer intends to send a representative from the Mediterranean Theatre to attend the Military Conference in Moscow.

It is my understanding that Alexander will attend ARGonaut.

/5/ St. S. Leahy.
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 873    3 JANUARY 1945

Your Number 689.

Thank you for the consideration you gave to my Number 867. In the circumstances it will be better for Alexander to meet us when we are all together at (?) ARGONAUT. I fully agree that nothing must stop the immediate dispatch of Eisenhower's representatives to Moscow.

PRIME
FROM The Prime Minister TO Th’ President

DATE: #373, 3 January 1945.

TOR #4AP ROOM 03/1640Z VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Alexander’s going to Moscow with Tedder.

ACTION:

1. Answers PH5-PM #689, 2 Jan 45.
2. To the President via usners.
3. No reply.

Regraded Unclassified
2 January 1945

From: Opnav
To: Alusna, Moscow 02111 Z, NCR

NUMBER 156. AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN.

I have today sent the following message to the Prime Minister of England: QUOTE. Replying to your 367, you are aware of the difficulty of my getting involved in any operations in the Balkans that are not essential to the early defeat of Nazi Germany.

Assuming that you will make the necessary arrangements with Stalin, I offer no objections to your sending to Moscow a representative of the Mediterranean theatre.

In regard to sending Alexander, is it not possible that having British officers as the two senior members of the conference might be a less advantageous arrangement?

With this thought in mind, would it not be wise for you to give favorable consideration to sending the American deputy from the Mediterranean?

It is very important to our operations in France and Belgium that Eisenhower's representatives should not be delayed to await the representative from the Mediterranean. UNQUOTE.

ROOSEVELT

Released from the White House Map Room at 02111Z, January 1945.

J. A. TYREE, JR., Commander, U.S.N.

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.,
By W. J. Stewart Date MAR 9 1972

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President to Harriman
I have today sent the following message to the Prime Minister of England:

"Quote...

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Quote."
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALJUSHA, LONDON

NUMBER 689. AND PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

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ROOSEVELT

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By W. J. Stewart Date MAR 9 1972

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The President

TO

The Prime Minister

SERIAL or FILE NO.

DATE

#689, 2 Jan 45.

TOR MAP ROOM

VIA

SUBJECT:

Sending Alexander to Moscow with Tedder.

ACTION:

1. Answers PW-PRES #867, 31 Dec 45.
2. Written by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; dispatched to Churchill at 022107Z. (Repeated to Harriman as PRES #156, 2 Jan.)
3. Answered by PW-PRES #873, 3 Jan 45.
FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 867, 31 DECEMBER 1944

1. In the instructions which the Combined Chiefs of Staff have
sent to General Eisenhower for the guidance of the representative whom
he is sending to Moscow for an exchange of information with U.J., it is
contemplated that the Russians may wish to discuss the coordination of
the action of their forces with those under Alexander's command. In that
event, Eisenhower's representative is to say that he is not competent to
discuss these questions, but that Alexander himself would probably be
ready either to go to Moscow himself or to send a representative.

2. This seems to be a roundabout arrangement, and I feel it would
be better for Alexander and Tedder to be in Moscow together. Moreover it
is desirable that Alexander's meeting with Stalin should precede his agreed
and urgently needed conference at Belgrade with Tolbukhin and Tito. I
therefore propose we should instruct the Combined Chiefs of Staff to send
instructions to Alexander to proceed to Moscow as soon as he can. As
soon as I have your approval I will telegraph to Stalin.

PRIME
FROM: The Prime Minister

TO: The President

DECLARABLE FOR: #87, 31 Dec 45.

TO: MAP ROOM 01/0092

VIA: Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Suggests Alexander also be sent to Moscow with Tedder.

ACTION:

1. See FARS-PF #879, 26 Dec 44.
2. To the President via ushers. Copy to Admiral Leahy.
3. "Reply, written by Admiral Leahy, sent to Churchill as FARS #879, 2 Jan 1945."
Headquarters, Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Schalom
Paris France

Commanding General
US Military Mission to the USSR
Moscow, Russia

Commanding General
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number WARX 84949

Book Message to Deane and Archer for action, repeated to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff

General Eisenhower has advised that officers referred to in our WARX 82765 of 27 December departed on 30 December.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
Gen. Hull
Adm. King
C of S

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

No: S 73004  SCAF 161  30 December 1944

S 73004 to AGWAR, to Combined Chiefs of Staff for action and to UK Base Section to British Chiefs of Staff for information signed Eisenhower. This is SCAF number 161

The officers listed in SCAF 157 dated 27 December are departing this date.

Tedde - CAMAAF
Bull - G-3
Betts - G-2 ETO

End

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By RALPH Date JUN 1 0 1971

FOOTNOTE: SCAF 157 is CM-IN-26262 (27 Dec) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: (Adm Leahy) Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Adm King; C of S
CM-IN-29274  (30 Dec 44)  2015Z  ekk

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To : War Department
CG United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

No : S 72577 SCAF 157 27 December 1944

Your Mk 82144. Ref no S 72577 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff sgd Eisenhower. This is SCAF 157.

The following officers will go to Moscow.

The Deputy Supreme Commander, Air Chief Marshal Tedder with Major General Bull, Chief of Operations and Brigadier General Betts, assistant to G-2.

Date of departure will be notified to you as soon as possible.

End

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Admiral Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Admiral King

CM-IN-26262 (27 Dec 44) 1815Z ekk

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Combilned Chiefs of Staff
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27 December 1944

Headquarters Communications Zone
European Theater of Operations
Main Echelon
Paris France

Commanding General
U.S. Military Mission to USSR
Moscow Russia

Commanding General
Central District
United Kingdom Base Section
London, England

Number WAXX 82765

book message to Deane and Archer for action, repeated
to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass
to British Chiefs of Staff for information, from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff

Our WAXX 82144 refers. General Eisenhower will send
to Moscow Air Chief Marshal Tedder, the Deputy Supreme
Commander together with the Chief of Operations Major General
Hull and the assistant to G-2 Brigadier General Batts. You
will be informed of the date of departure.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S (Gen McFarland)

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Adm King
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CM-CUT-82765 (27 Dec 44) 2302Z

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Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Commanding General
UK Base Section

Commanding General
U.S. Military Mission to USSR
Moscow, Russia

Number: WARX 82144

Eyes Only book message to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower for action, to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff, and to Deane and Archer for information, FACS 118 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

SCAF 155 is the reference.

Marshal Stalin has agreed to the proposal of the President and Prime Minister that you should send to Moscow a Staff Officer to meet Stalin and to discuss the western front situation and its relationship to the Russian front and to arrange an exchange of information essential to the coordination of our effort. You should send a fully qualified Staff Officer at once. Acknowledge at once with name of Staff Officer.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CC/3 (Gen. McFarland)

CM-OUT-82144 (26 Dec 44) 1735Z m1m

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Gen Hull 2904
26 December 1944

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

Number:  WAR 82104

TOPSFC Fy's Only to Eisenhower from Marshall.

Reply received from Stalin reference my WARX 82070 agrees with President's proposal and agrees to meet the officer you send and to arrange with him the exchange of information.

We are initiating formal instructions from the CCS to you on the dispatch of an officer to Moscow.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull
INFORMATION: JC/S; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Adm King; C of S

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FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: THE PRIME MINISTER
NO: 679  26 DECEMBER 1944

Referring to my 677, Stalin has agreed to receive an officer of Eisenhower's staff and discuss the situation with him. Eisenhower has been informed.

ROOSEVELT
FROM: MARSHAL STALIN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

25 DECEMBER 1944

I have received your message regarding sending to Moscow a competent officer from General Eisenhower.

Naturally, I agree with your proposal as well as I agree to meet the officer from General Eisenhower and to arrange an exchange of information with him.

STALIN
AND PERSONAL FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM HARRIMAN

REFERENCE YOUR 231731 WHITE HOUSE NR 144. IN ANSWER TO MY INQUIRY DEKANOSOVOI TOLD ME TONIGHT THAT A REPLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WAS GOING FORWARD TODAY TO YOU FROM STALIN REGARDING EISENHOWER’S STAFF OFFICER COMING HERE.
FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW TO CNO.

UR 231731 RECEIVED 232200 AND DELIVERED IN WRITING TO APPROPRIATE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL AT 232300. HE WAS INFORMED BY TELEPHONE TO EXPECT SAME. ALL TIMES ZEBRA.

White House #1445
Pres to Stalin re Enverhoven

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DOD DIR. 5200.3 (9/27/58)
On the 23rd the President sent a message to Stalin substantially as follows:

I wish to tell Eisenhower to send a fully qualified staff officer to discuss with you the situation in the west and its relation to the Russian front in order that information essential to our efforts may be available to all of us. The Belgian situation is not bad, but it is now time to discuss what comes next. I hope you will see Eisenhower's representative and arrange the exchange with him of information of mutual value. Complete secrecy will be maintained. An early reply is requested in view of the emergency. This ends President's message.

Deane, on 24 December, points out that at the Churchill meetings in Moscow in October, Stalin suggested the possibility of out-flanking the West Wall by passing through Switzerland and also the withdrawal of some of our forces from Italy and their transfer to the Balkans with a view to joining up with the Red armies near Vienna. In recent talks with Harriman, Stalin repeated the suggestion about transferring up to 8 divisions from Italy to Dalmatia for an advance on Zagreb to join up with the Russians in

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southeastern Austria. Deane states Stalin also suggested possibility of our southern group of European armies breaking through enemy lines and joining Soviet left flank by advancing east. It is not clear from Deane's message whether Stalin, in speaking of the "southern group", meant Clark's armies or your southern army group. It may be tied to Stalin's idea on Switzerland.

We are preparing instructions for the guidance of your representative on these points in case they are raised, to be cleared through CCS.

End
From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia
To: War Department
Nr: M 22149
Date: 24 December 1944

For Joint Chiefs of Staff for their EYES ONLY from Deane M 22149

I have learned that the President has suggested to Stalin that General Eisenhower send an officer here to discuss the European War with Marshal Stalin and the Red Staff.

For this reason I wish to point out an aspect of European operations in which Marshal Stalin has evidenced a particular interest.

During the Churchill meetings in October I reported in my October Navy cable 150900 that Stalin suggested that Anglo-American forces might join up with the Red Army in the vicinity of Vienna by withdrawing forces from Italy for an advance through Yugoslavia, and also the possibility of an advance through Switzerland to outflank the Siegfried Line. Again in his most recent talks with Mr. Harriman, reported to you in my M 22052 of 16th December, Stalin suggested the possibility of withdrawing divisions from Italy for an advance through the Balkans to join up with the Russian left flank at Vienna. In the same conversation Stalin also suggested the possibility of our southern group of European Armies breaking through the German defenses and

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advancing east to join up with the Red Army left flank.

Stalin will undoubtedly be ready to discuss the relationship and the possible coordination of timing of the operations of our northern armies with those of the northern Red Armies. However, from the indications we have had he seems to have in mind a more direct coordination being possible in the south.

I believe, therefore, that whoever comes from General Eisenhower's headquarters should be instructed as to how he is to meet the question of coordinating operations in the south which Stalin is sure to raise.

End

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By Rif, NLR, Date APR 16 1974

NOTE: 22052 is CM IN 16815 (17 Dec 44) JCS
150900 is CM IN 14590 (15 Oct 44) JCS

ACTION: JCS

INFO: Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Hull,
Admiral King, C of S

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December 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

General Marshall:

The following message was sent today to Premier Stalin and was repeated to Mr. Churchill for his information:

Quote: I wish to direct General Eisenhower to send to Moscow a fully qualified officer of his staff to discuss with you Eisenhower's situation on the Western Front and its relation to the Eastern Front, in order that all of us may have information essential to our coordination of effort. We will maintain complete secrecy.

I hope you will see this officer of Eisenhower's Staff and arrange to exchange with him information that will be of mutual benefit. The situation in Belgium is not bad but it is time to talk of the next phase.

In view of the emergency an early reply to this proposal is requested. UNQUOTE.
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: THE PRIME MINISTER
NO: 677 23 DECEMBER 1944

Your 857. I have today sent the following message to Stalin:

QUOTE. I wish to direct General Eisenhower to send to Moscow a fully qualified officer of his staff to discuss with you Eisenhower's situation on the Western Front and its relation to the Eastern Front, in order that all of us may have information essential to our coordination of effort. We will maintain complete secrecy.

I hope you will see this officer of Eisenhower's Staff and arrange to exchange with him information that will be of mutual benefit. The situation in Belgium is not bad but it is time to talk of the next phase.

In view of the emergency an early reply to this proposal is requested. UNQUOTE.

Perhaps you can assist in getting a favorable reply.

ROOSEVELT

Released 2317232 Dec 44.
FROM The President TO The Prime Minister

SUBJECT: Eisenhower’s sending representatives to Moscow.

ACTION:

1. Answers PM-PRES #357, 23 Dec 44.
2. Quotes to Churchill a message sent by the President to Stalin on same day.
4. See further PRES-PM #679, 26 Dec 44; and PM-PRES #867, 31 Dec 44.
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: MARSHAL STALIN
NO: 144  23 DECEMBER 1944

I wish to direct General Eisenhower to send to Moscow a fully qualified officer of his staff to discuss with you Eisenhower's situation on the Western Front and its relation to the Eastern Front, in order that all of us may have information essential to our coordination of effort. We will maintain complete secrecy.

I hope you will see this officer of Eisenhower's Staff and arrange to exchange with him information that will be of mutual benefit. The situation in Belgium is not bad but it is time to talk of the next phase.

In view of the emergency an early reply to this proposal is requested.

ROOSEVELT
FROM: The President
TO: Marshal Stalin

S E C R E T or FILE NO. 144, 23 Dec 44.

DATE: 23 Dec 44.

TO: MAP ROOM

SUBJECT: Eisenhower's sending representatives to Moscow.

ACTION:

1. See PM-PRES #857, 23 Dec 44, in which Churchill suggests joint telegram to Stalin. This was referred to Adm Leahy and the JCS by the President.

2. This message to Stalin was drafted by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; dispatched to Stalin 231731.

3. Quoted to Churchill in PRES-PM #677, 23 Dec 44.


5. Also see HARRIMAN-PRES 251830Z, in which Harriman advises that Stalin had approved Eisenhower's sending representative.

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FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO: THE PRESIDENT
NO: 857  23 DECEMBER 1944

I and my military advisers entirely agree with Eisenhower (see his SCAF-155) that it is essential for us to obtain from the Russians, at the earliest possible moment, some indication of their strategical and tactical intentions. We think it hopeless to try to get this information through our military mission, or indeed to ask the Russians to commit it to writing. The best, if not the only hope of getting what we want, is for you and me to send a joint telegram to U.J. suggesting that he should allow us to send a high ranking officer, nominated by General Eisenhower, to Moscow at once, in order that he may explain our present dispositions and future intentions on the Western front to the Soviet Government and obtain reciprocal information from them.

If you agree with this, I propose that we should send the following telegram to U.J.:

"General Eisenhower reports that there has been a tendency for German divisions formed or reforming in East Germany to move to the Western front. The arrival of these divisions clearly influences Eisenhower's dispositions and, if this trend continues, it will affect the decisions which he has to make regarding future strategy in the west. General Eisenhower therefore considers it essential that he should have, at the earliest possible moment, some indication of your strategical and tactical intentions.

"We propose, therefore, that we should send a high ranking officer to Moscow to give you the latest information about the Western front and to receive from your high officers all the information that you feel able to give him about Russian dispositions and future intentions. Roosevelt-Churchill."
FROM The Prime Minister TO The President

SERIAL or FILE NO. 857, 23 December 1944

DATE

TOR MAP ROOM 2311202 VIA Army Code Room

SUBJECT: Eisenhower's sending representative to Moscow.

ACTION:

1. To the President via usher.
2. To Admiral Leahy and JCS for action.
3. Draft reply by Admiral Leahy; approved by the President; to Churchill as PRES-Pd #677, 23 Dec 44. (Note that PRES #677 quotes to Churchill a message sent by the President to Stalin on the same day.)
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

No. S 71873 SCAF 155. 21 December 1944

S 71873 TOP SECRET to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff repeat to British Chiefs of Staff from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower cite SHSC. This is SCAF 155.

1. There has been a tendency recently for German divisions formed or reforming in the East of Germany to move to the Western Front. The arrival of these divisions obviously influences the events in my area and if this trend continues it will affect the decisions which I have to make regarding future strategy in the west. I therefore consider it essential that we should obtain from the Russians at the earliest possible moment some indication of their strategical and tactical intentions. If, for instance, it is the Russian intention to launch a major offensive in the course of this or next month, knowledge of the fact would be of the utmost importance to me and I would condition my plans accordingly. Can anything be done to effect this coordination.

2. I am aware that a request of this nature would inevitably entail my giving reciprocal information to the Russians, which I am quite ready to do. Acknowledge.

End

Receipt of this message has been acknowledged by WDCMC

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Gen Hull Adm King
Gen Arnold Gen Bissell CofS

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