ANCHORED WESTERN ENTRANCE CAPE COD CANAL X IN VIEW UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH PREVENTS USE OF AIRCRAFT FOR COVERAGE AND AS NO DESTROYER ESCORT PROVIDED WILL DELAY TRANSIT UNTIL FLYING CONDITIONS IMPROVE X EXPECT COMMENCE TRANSIT CANAL 863/8 R 8 FEB.
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FROM STATE DEPT FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FEB 4 9:02PM
FROM MEXICO CITY DATED FEB 4 5PM NUMBER 153
JAPANESE IN THE ENTIRE PACIFIC COAST AREA OF
MEXICO ARE NOW BEING REMOVED ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION
RECEIVED THIS MORNING

(SIGNED) MCGURK

7:11AM FEB 5 1942

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IN COMPANY SIX FEBRUARY ROUTED SOUTH OF CUBA. PROVIDE ESCORT
SATISFACTORY TO GOVERN USE SOUN SCHOOL DESTROYERS FOR
FIRST PART OF VOYAGE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: OPNAV
RELEASED BY: MORINE
DATE: 29 JANUARY 1942
TO CODEROOM: NAS CORPUS CHRISTI
DECODED BY: COM-EIGHT

PARAPHRASED BY: SOBLE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

AUTHORITY GRANTED ARMY AIR FORCE OPERATE TWO B-18 AIRPLANES FROM NAS CORPUS CHRISTI FOR ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL X 880 PLANES ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AFTERNOON TWENTY EIGHTH OR MORNING TWENTY NINTH.

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BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY MOVE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT SOUTHWARD TO INCLUDE NASSAU AND DUVAL COUNTIES FLORIDA X PREPARE TO TRANSFER SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT FROM THE SOUTHERN TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER AT WHICH TIME COMMANDANT SEVENTH ND WILL BECOME COM SOUTHERN C & F X EXPEDITE PREPARATIONS ADDRESSES REPORT ESTIMATED DATE THIS TRANSFER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED

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YOUR 122157. SURFACE FORCE NORTH ATLANTIC NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER MODERATELY EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR LOCAL DEFENSE HARBOR APPROACHES.

AIR EFFECTIVENESS NANOF INCLUDING ARMY PLANES INADEQUATE FOR THOROUGH SEARCH AND ATTACK.

NANOF HAS NO SURFACE FORCE TO MAINTAIN COASTAL LANE. AIR FORCE XINCUNIN INCLUDING ARMY NOT SUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE SUCH LANE FREE FROM ENEMY SUBS.

WILL CONTINUE DAILY SEARCH WITH ALL AVAILABLE ARMY AND NAVY PLANES AND BLIMPS.

SUGGEST ALL MERCHANT SHIPS STEAMING IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION NOW NORTH OF HATTERAS AND WEST SIXTY WEST PROCEED TO NEAREST AMERICAN PORT TO AWAIT THOROUGH AIR AND DESTROYER SEARCH OF SUBS PROBABLE LOCATION AND THAT DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO KEEPING SHIPS IN PORT UNTIL SITUATION CLEAR.

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ED Letter, 3-3-72

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DEC 5 1972
PORTSMOUTH HARBOR HAS BEEN REOPENED TO ALL SHIPPING. SUBMARINE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED.

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On account of temporary absence of anti-submarine nets not yet laid and comparative ease of submarine operations in Puget Sound it is vitally necessary to have adequate listening devices. Only Gilmer and Eagle 57 have gear at present. Sand Point plane dropped four 1,000 pound bombs vicinity submerged submarine at periscope depth this afternoon without result. An unidentified submerged object has passed through Fort Warden hydroacoustiv net tonight. Gilmer searching. Eagle 57 covering Agate and Rich Passes. All available measures being taken. At least one enemy submarine appears to be operating in sound.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM COM 12

RELEASED BY

DATE 14 DEC 1941

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY KALAIJUAN

PARAPHRASED BY BURDY

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OPNAV

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INFORMATION FOR ACTION
COM 11

PRIORITY ROUTINE

DEPRESSED

MESSAGE
SUMMARY OF RADAR TRACKING BY FOURTH INTERCEPTOR COMMAND WAS MY DISPATCH OF 9TH. MY STAFF NAVAL AVIATOR OBSERVED TRACKING. AN OPINION ONE OR SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED PLANES NEAR OR OVER SAN FRANCISCO NIGHTS OF 9TH, 11TH AND 12TH. SOURCE OR BASE UNDEVELOPED.

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MADE POSITIVE SOUND CONTACT. TORPEDO PASSED UNDER SIDE AT 1500 DELIVERED DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK UNDER EXCELLENT SOUND APPROACH. RESULTS UNKNOWN TURBULENCE PREVENTED FURTHER ATTACKS. PROCEEDING PRESENT ASSIGNMENT.

(Joint Base, Long Island).

TOR 1415
13 Dec.

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MY 136621 OANCEL ALERT, AIRCRAFT ATTACK, NORTHEAST OR MID ATLANTIC COAST. THIS WARNING TO AIRPLANES ENROUTE THROUGH...

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POSSIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACK NORTHEAST OR MID ATLANTIC COAST THIS MORNING BY AIRPLANES LAUNCHED FROM DIRIGIBLE
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DIRIGIBLE REPORTED OFF COAST OF MAINE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A BLIMP FROM LAKEHURST

Received at 0455, Saturday, 13 December 1941.

Lt. Schuls.

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IN ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY SITUATION REGARDING UNKNOWN PLANES XX VICINITY SAN FRANCISCO EVENING DECEMBER 8 REQUEST INFORMATION LOCATION SARATOGA AND POSSIBLE PLANE OPERATIONS HER SQUADRONS MY Ø9Ø558.

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Obtain information from CINCPAC. Refer your 160844.

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The formations of enemy planes made reconnaissance flight from seaward over central and northern California coast last night from 1715 to about 2100. A unconfirmed information formations returning for daylight attacks.

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FIRST CONTACT AT 1719 OF 2 FORMATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED PLANES
8° TO 10° MILES OFF COAST, AT 1803 FORMATION SPLIT INTO 2 FORM-
ATIONS HEADING EAST AND NORTHEAST, AT 1842 PLANES REPORTED
OVER FORT BRAGG, AT 1959 FT BARRY OPENED FIRE AND AT 1955
REPORTED PLANES WERE TOO HIGH FOR SEARCHLIGHTS, AT 1859 REPORT-
ED BY MONTEREY BLACK OUT PLACED IN EXECUTION AT FIRST WARN-
ING IN EFFECT UNTIL 2115, 3 PATROL PLANES SENT IN SEARCH
OF ENEMY CARRIER.
Telephone message from Colonel Smith (G-2, USA):

At 12:40 (P.S.T.) General Stryker, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, talked with General DeWitt, Commanding General Fourth Army, San Francisco. General DeWitt is convinced planes reported last night off San Francisco were really Japanese planes although no hostile act was committed.

TOR 1305 - 12/9/41
FROM: COMMANDANT TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: NAVY DEPARTMENT

FIRST CONTACT AT 1719 GCT OF TWO FORMATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED PLANES 80 TO 100 MILES OFF THE COAST X FORMATION THEN SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AT 1803 ONE GROUP GOING EAST AND THE OTHER GROUP NORTHEAST X PLANES REPORTED OVER FORT BRAGG CALIFORNIA 1843 X 1850 FORT BARRY (IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY) OPENED FIRE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER REPORTED PLANES TOO HIGH FOR SEARCHLIGHTES X 1859 MONTEREY REPORTED BLACKOUT IN EFFECT WHICH REMAINED IN EFFECT TO 2118 X THREE PATROL PLANES ARE NOW IN SEARCH OF THE CARRIER

TOR 0450 - 12/9/41
FROM: COLONEL DONOVAN
TO: THE PRESIDENT.

Colonel Donovan called and said:

(1) Air raid warning is now on in San Francisco.
(2) Planes are coming toward the shore.
(3) About one hour ago picked up a squadron.

TOR 0640 - 12/9/41
NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

FROM: COMMANDANT 13TH NAVAL DISTRICT (SEATTLE)  
TO: NAVY DEPARTMENT (NOT CONFIRMED)

REPEATED REPORTS RECEIVED OF RED FLAMES SIGHTED ALONG COASTAL AREA BETWEEN ASTORIA AND EUREKA X ARMY REPORTS AT ABERDEEN (WASH) PLANES HEARD FLYING HIGH OVER THAT CITY AND MAY ATTACK BEFORE DAWN X COMPLETE BLACKOUT BEING MAINTAINED X REPORTS FROM A SHIP OFF SHARKS HARBOR (OREGON) THAT TWO SEARCHLIGHTS WERE OBSERVED OVER THE HORIZON TO THE NORTHWEST

TOR 0450 - 12/9/41

SAID TO BE OFFICIAL 0545 - 12/9/41
Columbia Broadcasting Co. Bulletin from New York:

AN UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OFF COAST OF CALIFORNIA WITH G0 PLANES APPROACHING SAN FRANCISCO (0330 GCT, 12/9/41 - 10:30 P.M., 12/8/41 WASHINGTON TIME)

A.P.: ALL CALLS TO INTERCEPTOR DIVISION OFFICE RECEIVE ANSWER QUOTE SORRY WE CAN GIVE NO INFORMATION UNQUOTE

From: Naval Communications

RADIO SAN FRANCISCO HAS REQUESTED RADIO SILENCE (0330 GCT, 12/9/41 - 10:30 P.M. 12/8/41 WASHINGTON TIME)

A.P.: AT 6:45 25 MINUTES AFTER FIRST WARNING NO PLANES HAD APPEARED (0330 GCT 12/9/41 - 10:30 P.M., 12/8/41 - WASHINGTON TIME)

A.P.: ALL CLEAR GIVEN IN SAN FRANCISCO (0340 GCT, 12/9/41 - 10:40 P.M., 12/8/41 WASHINGTON TIME)

Above messages received from General Ryan of the Interceptor Division Office by telephone.
FROM: COLONEL DONOVAN
TO: THE PRESIDENT

Colonel Donovan called and requested following information be given the President in the morning:

"Talked to Admiral Greenslade, Commandant at San Francisco at 0000. He stated that he is of the conviction that at intervals there had been unidentified planes at high altitudes over San Francisco before midnight; also submarines off the coast. Expecting activities at daybreak. Admiral Greenslade had conferred with General Ricketts who concurred."

TOR 0100 - 12/9/41
NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

FROM: ARMY G-2

A.P. BULLETIN VICTORIA (B.C.) A COMPLETE BLACKOUT OF VICTORIA AND LOWER MAINLAND ORDERED X AN ATTACK BY JAPANESE IS IMMINENT (0320 GCT, 12/9/41 - 10:20 P.M., 12/8/41 WASHINGTON TIME)
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REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS BOSTON, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, AND NORFOLK BEING PLACED IN IMMEDIATE OPERATION BY FIRST INTERCEPTOR COMMAND FIRST AIR FORCE. REQUESTS NAVAL LIASON OFFICERS AND NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR 24-HOUR WATCHES. PROMPT COMPLIANCE IS ESSENTIAL.

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OPNAV 6174, COMMANDANT COAST GUARD 6194. AIDE CAPTAIN OF PORT GALVESTON TEXAS TOOK PANAMANIAN STEAMSHIP DELAWARE INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AT 2200 DECEMBER 6TH. FINNISH OWNED VESSEL SUSPECTED SABOTAGE. CREW REMOVED DELIVERED IMMIGRATION SERVICE GALVESTON. NO DAMAGE.

* NOT ADDRESSED TO OPNAV; SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS OPNAV 6174.

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

WISH TO LAY A LINE OF SODA RADIO BUOYS IN THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCO FROM CRESCENT BAY WASHINGTON TO BEECHY HEAD, VANCOUVER ISLAND. PERMISSION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE CANADIAN NAVY, BUT COMMANDING OFFICER PACIFIC COAST AT ESQUIMALT ADVISE US THAT HE IS INFORMED BY NSHQ OTTAWA THAT APPROVAL OF THE LAYING OF THESE BUOYS IN CANADIAN WATERS MUST BE OBTAINED BY U.S. NAVAL AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT CANADIAN APPROVAL BE SECURED BY SECNAV.

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REFERENCE COM CG WASHINGTON CONFIDENTIAL DESPATCH #61949*
S S OLIVIA PLACED UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AT 1745.
PERSONNEL PERMITTED REMAIN ABOARD. NO OTHER VESSELS
FINNISH OWNERSHIP OR REGISTRY IN FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT
PORTS.

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS HAS DIRECTED COMMANDANT OF COAST GUARD TO TAKE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY ON SIXTH OF ALL FINNISH SHIPPING NOW IN UNITED STATES PORTS OR WHICH HEREAFTER ARRIVE IN UNITED STATES PORTS.

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