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Box 36
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NAS DUTCH HARBOR		17510 KOS	
RELEASED BY		COMALASKAN SECTOR COM 13	PRIORITY RRRRR
DATE 1 FEBRUARY 1942			ROUTINE DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 2013		PASSED BY COM 13 TO OPNAV FOR INFO	PRIORITY RRRRR
DECODED BY GARRETTSON			ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY PURDY			

INDICATE BY 'ASTERISK' ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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S-18 AND 23 ARRIVED. ENEMY SUBMARINE CONTACT AT 0330 OCT 29TH, WAS POSITIVE AS BOTH S-18 AND 23 IN COMPANY. ENEMY SIGHTED 4 MILES DISTANT IN GOOD VISIBILITY. ALL THREE SUBMARINES DIVED ON CONTACT. ENEMY PAINTED SULL BLACK; APPEARED TO RESEMBLE OUR MODERN TYPE SUBMARINES AND APPARENTLY EQUIPPED WITH ECHO RANGING EQUIPMENT.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	13545KCS	PRIORITY
FROM	COM PAC NOR NCF	FOR ACTION	OPNAV		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	18 JAN 42	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	005/16TH				PRIORITY
DECODED BY	PORTER				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLTUCKER				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

REQUEST A PROMPT AND FAVORABLE REPLY TO MY 140410, IN VIEW COMPACSOU NCF DESPATCH 172052, BECAUSE I AM BEING HARD PRESSED BY THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN UN-ALASKA CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS MILITARY LIABILITY IN THE OPINION OF THE ORIGINATOR AND COMMANDING GENERAL WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND.

(Re Evacuation of dependents in Aleutians)

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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SD 23 FROM STATE FOR OPNAV [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM NO 13 JANUARY
16 1942 3 PM RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT
DAKAR, MR WASSON, ON JAN 17 440 PM

AS CONCERNS THE CONDITION OF THE RICHIEU OFFICERS
SHOW RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS THE DAMAGE TO THE SHIPS CONTROL
APPARATUS. THEY DO SAY HOWEVER THAT SEVERAL PARTS ARE NEEDED
AND THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE UPPER TURRET WILL NOT BE USED.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED
THE ADMIRAL THAT THE SHIP COULD MAKE 20 KNOTS BUT OFFICERS
HAVE INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT NO ESTIMATE OF SPEED COULD
BE MADE DUE TO GOVERNING CONDITIONS. THE BATTLESHIP HAS NOT
BEEN GIVEN ANY TRIAL RUNS.

(WASSON)

ACTION: 16.....

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By EA Date DEC 5 1972

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SD 25 FROM STATE FOR OPNAV ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THE FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM NO 13 JANUARY
18 1942 8 PM RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT
DAKAR, MR WASSON, ON JAN 17 448 PM

AS CONCERNS THE CONDITION OF THE RICHELIEU OFFICERS
SHOW RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS THE DAMAGE TO THE SHIPS CONTROL
APPARATUS. THEY DO SAY HOWEVER THAT SEVERAL PARTS ARE NEEDED
AND THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE UPPER TURRET WILL NOT BE USED.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED
THE ADMIRAL THAT THE SHIP COULD MAKE 26 KNOTS BUT OFFICERS
HAVE INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT NO ESTIMATE OF SPEED COULD
BE MADE DUE TO GOVERNING CONDITIONS. THE BATTLESHIP HAS NOT
BEEN GIVEN ANY TRIAL RUNS.

(WASSON)

ACTION: 16.....

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By RT Date DEC 5 1972

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NAS KODIAK ALASKA	THE W... WAR...	HOUSE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	FOR ACTION	OPNAV - COM 13	ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DATE 23 DEC 41	INFORMATION	COM ALASKAN SECTOR	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1625/23			ROUTINE
DECODED BY WHITTAKER/BELL			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

ON SECOND VESSEL THE NUMBER OF EVACUEES, 54 WOMEN, 53 CHILDREN ALL DEPENDENTS CONTRACTORS EMPLOYEES. CARGO FIRST VESSEL 675 TONS, SECOND VESSEL 60 TONS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

DATE: 27 DEC 41
BY: [Illegible]
FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR: [Illegible]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Ice Conditions in Bering Sea.

1. Except in bays and sheltered places the ice consists of detached fields, floes and cakes continually in motion. At no time is the sea one continuous sheet of ice.

2. The general southern limit of the ice is from Bristol Bay to the west end of St. George's Island (southern one of the Pribiloffs) and thence about WNW to the Siberian shore. As a rule no heavy ice will be encountered south of the Pribiloffs.

3. Extremes: In a heavy winter, ice jams have blocked False Bay (between Unalakleet Island and tip of Alaskan Peninsula). In a mild winter U.S.C.G. CHULAN has made trip from Unalakleet to Pribiloffs and return without encountering ice, during February.

J.R. BEARDALL,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.

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PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	MESSAGE PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>OPNAV</u>	NSHQ OTTAWA	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	CGPC ESCQUIMALT	ROUTINE
DATE <u>17 DECEMBER 1941</u>		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>SMITH</u>		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PURDY</u>		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

101200 CR0505

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TEXT

JAP ACTIVITY AGAINST ALIENS BELIEVED IMPENDING. AT 1700Z/9
 FAINT TO GOOD RDF FIX ON ENEMY TRANSMISSIONS AT 55-03 N 170-15 W.
 INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AT HAWAII FURTHER SUPPORTS THIS BELIEF.

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RECEIVED BY TRAINING DIVISION FOR BATHING UNIT DIVISION ON 12/10/41

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REPORT FROM G-8 THAT CIPHER CARDS TAKEN FROM JAPANESE PLANE WHICH CRASHED IN HAWAII CONTAIN REFERENCE TO MIDWAY ISLAND AND TO ALKUTIAN ISLANDS

Rec'd by Lt. Dodderidge, OGSO, 12/10/41 - Washington Time

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IN NORTH PACIFIC OCEANIC AREA TO KIDNEY ISLAND AND TO VICTORIA ISLANDS
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FROM ONI - BASED ONLY ON A COMMERCIAL BROADCAST (NOT CONFIRMED)

THE ALBUTIAN ISLANDS HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE.

SITUATION IN VICTORIA (B.C.) IS SERIOUS

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DISPATCH IN ALOUOHY (B*O*) IS REVISION

THE VITALITY INFO HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY THE ADVISOR

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COM 13	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		ROUTINE
DATE 8 DEC 1941		DEFERRED
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DE/CODED BY _____		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____		DEFERRED

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DATE	TIME	GCT
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DISPOSITIONS ALL IN PROGRESS OR MADE UNDER RAINBOW 5 IN THIS DISTRICT X SIX PLANES ARE PATROLLING IN NORTHWESTERN SECTOR AND 6 IN ALASKA X TWO DESTROYERS AND CHARLESTON LEAVE FOR ALASKA TOMORROW MONDAY X 2 SS FROM FLEET HAVE NOT YET REPORTED X AM PREPARING TO EVACUATE ARMY NAVY AND CONTRACTORS DEPENDENTS FROM DUTCH HARBOR AND KODIAK X ALL JAPANESE FISHING BOATS ARE BEING ROUNDED UP AND WILL PLACE THEM IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS X AM WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH WARSPITE AND CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AND WITH ARMY

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 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20340

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FROM COM 13	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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TOR CODEROOM 0330		PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY REISS		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

062358 CR 0366

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DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

CONTRACTORS DRILL BARGE AT SITKA CAUGHT FIRE DURING MIDWATCH THIS DATE APPARENTLY FROM OIL STOVE IN CREWS QUARTERS. FIRE COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVELY FOUGHT ON ACCOUNT OF 25 CASES DYNAMITE ABOARD AND BARGE SANK WITHOUT EXPLOSION. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. REPETITION OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS AT SITKA IS CAUSING GRAVE CONCERN TO NAVY AND RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION OF BACKGROUND OF ALL PERSONNEL HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

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