Map Room
Box 37
ON THE 26TH THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE
SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU AND PRINCE EUGEN WERE STILL IN BREST SECRET.
BATTLESHIPS IN LAMINO DRYDOCKS. END OF THIS MONTH SCHARNHORST
AND PRINCE EUGENE WILL BE READY FOR SEA. GNEISENAU WILL BE
READY ABOUT MARCH FIRST. THE DRYDOCK GATES ARE PROVIDED
WITH PROTECTION AGAINST ATTACKS BY TORPEDO. THE REMOVAL OF THIS
PROTECTION IS CONSIDERED A LENGTHY AND DELICATE OPERATION.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By RHP, NARS Date AUG 29 1972

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. PILOT FOR LK PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS REPORTED AN UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIP SIGHTED ON DECEMBER 26TH AT 1042 LOCATION 13 DEG 4 MINUTES NORTH 87 DEG 38 MINUTES WEST.

\[\text{\textit{west coast of Mexico}}\]

38W...ACT.

16/11...12...13...16...36...OPDO...WARDIAP...COMINCH...SECNAV...
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SUB SITUATION.

VERY OBFUSCATED AND NO INDICATION OF ACTIVITY IN ATLANTIC. THREE NEAR GIBRALTAR. ONE ABOUT FIFETY TWO DEGREES NORTH TWO ZERO DEGREES WEST. POSSIBLY TWO ABOUT FOUR EIGHT DEGREES NORTH TWO FIVE DEGREES WEST. PROBABLY THREE PROCEEDING WEST ABOUT FOUR THREE DEGREES NORTH THREE THREE DEGREES TO FOUR FIVE DEGREES WEST AND A FOURTH FURTHER NORTH.

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CENTER SOUTH ATLANTIC

BY 1902/19 (1) FAST UNIDENTIFIED 8888 TON SHIP SIGHTED AT 1445Z/5
IN 024 22' SOUTH 823 31' WEST COURSE 290 X (1) SAGADAHOC (USA)
BELIEVED LOST BY U-BOAT ACTION EARLY IN DEC SOUTHWEST OF SOTHELENA

(11) RAIDER 41 TRANSFERRED PRISONERS TO KILMERLAND (GER) (2) MIDT
NOV ESTIMATED POSITION 828 SOUTH 820 EAST (GRADED B2) X KILMERLAND
PROBABLY REMAINED IN INDIAN OCEAN TILL 2 DEC BUT MIGHT NOW BE
RETURNING TO GERMANY X (1V) VINCENT (USA) MADE RR ON 12TH DEC IN
002 41' SOUTH 116 19' WEST PH 12TH DEC X Owing TO LENGTH OF SIGNAL
UNLIKELY TO BE GERMAN RAIDER X POSSIBLY JAPANESE OR AMERICAN

WARSHIP X NO CANCELLATION RECEIVED

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BY RPH, DATR
AUG 29 1972

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F.C.C. Washington reports by telephone the following transmission between Mackay station, Manila and Fort Mills, intercepted by Mackay station New York on fieldacks.

Colonel Frizzel at distance of 500 yards with field glasses personally saw Japanese cruiser bearing name of Prescott and flying the American flag come into Malagay Bay from Davao. Contact a large Japanese transport at Malagay An between 17 and 22 Dec. East on line northwest.

FLC letter, 1-17-73.

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STILL OBSCURE. NO INDICATION OF ANY GREAT ACTIVITY IN NORTH ATLANTIC BUT AT LEAST TWO SUBS ARE PROBABLY WEST OF 45 DEG.

WEST ONE OF THESE BY D/F IN 52 DEG. NORTH 39 DEG. WEST AT 2322Z/21.

ONE 59 DEG. NORTH 26 WEST ONE 50-30 N 22-08 W THREE BETWEEN 47 AND 48 DEG. NORTH AND BETWEEN 17 AND 29 DEG. WEST TWO OR THREE NORTHWEST FINSISTERE THREE OFF LISBON SOUTHBOUND POSSIBLY TWO NEAR CAPE VERDE ISLANDS 5/8 REPORTED 11-35 N 78-11 W AT 1403R/24 PRESUMED TO BE U.S.N.

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ONE SUBMARINE CONTACT THIS AREA INDICATIONS DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SUBMARINE SHELLED JOHNSTON AT 2513 GCT. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH KAYE.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

by RHP, NASA Date AUG 29 1972

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

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TEXT

THIS VESSEL AND PC451 MADE REPEATED ATTACKS AT 1730 PLUS 5 IN AREA MARKED BY BOMBS DROPPED BY PLANES AND CONFIRMED BY GOOD ECHO AND PROP NOISES. RESULT OIL ON WATER AND ECHOS AND PROP NOISES CEASED. ATTACKS MADE VICINITY OF EARLIER ATTACK POSITION. CONTINUING SEARCH COMPLIANCE YOUR 192356.

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OSID letter, May 8, 1972

By Dr. HIF, HAND DATED AUG 29 1972

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**Text**

Wilson made good sound contact at 2000 yards, position 14-46.

Long 59-16 dropped 8 depth charges. Lost contact and results not known. Attack too late in day to permit use of planes or complete satisfactory determination of results. This being 2nd contact in this area today, am moving my patrol east of 59th meridian while awaiting your further instructions. Now completely conclusive evidence that this submarine was making about 15 knots while submerged.

38°...00'G.

Record copy to 38°...12°...13°...16° Wardroom, P1A...DP-28, FIL...
NOIC TRINIDAD REPORTS TWO FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS FROM MARTINIQUE WITH MAIL AND PROBABLY LARGE STORE GOLD ON BOARD AT SEA WEST INDIES. DATE LEAVING MARTINIQUE UNKNOWN. NAMES OF SHIPS AS FOLLOWS SS ST DOMING JEANS SS FORT DE FRANCE. THINK PROBABLE THEIR DESTINATION DAKAR OR SOME FRENCH WEST AFRICAN PORT.

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NAV REGS

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A positive sound contact was made by the NOA. Torpedo passed under ship. Delivered depth charge attack at 1930 under excellent sound approach. Results unknown, as turbulence prevented further attacks. Now proceeding with present assignment.
CAPTAIN ON STAFF SINGAPORE HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM HITHERTO RELIABLE SOURCE 13 DECEMBER THAT 14 SHIPS INCLUDING 8 DESTROYERS, 1 AUXILIARY CRUISER, SEVERAL SUBMARINES, ONE OR TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, AND 12 TRANSPORTS SIGHTED OFF CHINA COAST HEADING SOUTH SOUTHWEST. TIME AND POSITION OF SIGHTING UNKNOWN BUT NUMBER OF SHIPS CONSISTENT WITH SIX DIVISIONS KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE FROM JAPAN.

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TEXT

NAVY NONRIGID AIRSHIP FROM LAKEHURST REPORTS POSITION AT ABOUT 2200 OCT APPROXIMATELY 42 45 NORTH 79 15 WEST. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS COULD BE DIRIGIBLE REPORTED YOUR 122219? 

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QSD letter, May 5, 1972

by RIP, MARSH Date AUG 29 1972

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**TEXT**

YOUR ONE THREE ZERO EIGHT ONE SIX BELIEVE PROBABLE IN SPITE FIFTY MILE POSITION DISCREPENCY

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OSSD letter, May 8, 1972

by KEP, 03 June 1972

AUG 29 1972 20
TEXAS REPORTED DIRIGIBLE LAT 43°27' NORTH LONG 68°55' WEST

COURSE SOUTHWEST AT 4° AT ABOUT 17 HOURS ZONE 5 TIME 12 DECEMBER. ESTIMATE SHE CAN BE AS FAR SOUTH AS CAPE MAY AT TWO HOURS ZONE FIVE TIME 13 DECEMBER ON THAT COURSE AT THAT SPEED.

\(20\)

"Turned out to be the Navy有了 something else"

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HAVE DELIVERED DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK

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By RHP, NAVY REGS AUG 29 1972
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SMALL DIRIGIBLE PROBABLY FROM LAKEHURST FLEW OVER FORT WRIGHT FISHERS ISLAND 2056 ZONE 5 ON VARIOUS COURSES GENERALLY NESTERLY. SUGGEST INQUIRING POSSIBILITY TEXAS CONTACT WAS WITH LAKEHURST AIRSHIP.

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R.O. 11652, Sec. 2(U) and 5(U) or (D)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972

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SIGHTED DIRIGIBLE CARRYING RUNNING LIGHTS LAT 43-27 NORTH
LONG 68-55 WEST COURSE SOUTHEAST WEST SPEED FORTY BY RADAR
PLOT.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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TEXT

SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH SUBMARINES TODAY ALL SOUTH OF OAHU. 3 DEPTH CHARGED AND ONE BOMBED RESULTING IN AIR BUBBLES IN ONE CASE AND OIL SLICKS IN ALL. DISTRESS SIGNALS FROM GUAM AND LAHAINA BOTH IN LATITUDE 27°-3° NORTH LONGITUDE 148° WEST.

REPORT OF AIR ATTACK AT MIDWAY YESTERDAY WAS FALSE.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(C) and 5(D) or (Q)
OSD letter, May 3, 1972

RHP, NAVIS Dec. 29, 1977

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 12 DEC 1941
TOR CODEROOM:
DECODED BY: READ
PARAPHRASED BY: PURDY

ADDRESS:
OPNAV
COM 12
COM 11

MESSAGE:
114946 OR 158

TEXT:
MYDIS 100255 ADDITIONAL DATA RESULT INSPECTION CAPTURED POCKET SUBMARINE LENGTH 84 FEET X PERSONNEL TWO X EQUIPPED WITH RADIO TRANSMITTER GYRO AND MAGNETIC COMPASS IN LISTENING GEAR. BATTERIES IN TWO OF FIVE COMPARTMENTS. CALIBRATION CURVES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS INDICATE DESIGNED SPEED FROM 1 TO 24.2 KNOTS. CRUISING RANGE 2* MILES MAXIMUM SPEED 24.2 AT FIVE KNOTS 250 CPM LOG SHOWS 21 HIGHEST SPEED ACTUALLY ATTAINED. HOOKED ON BATTERIES IS 300 POUND DEMOLITION CHARGE FOR SELF DESTRUCTION OR SUICIDE ATTACK IN HARBOR. SUB CAN FOLLOW SHIP THROUGH GATE. ONE OF TYPE DESTROYED IN HARBOR DURING PEARL RAID. GATE CLOSED.

"MAXIMUM SPEED AND MAXIMUM MILEAGE" APPARENTLY INTERCHANGEABLE

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NAV REGS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 1941
5:05 P.M.

Chief of Naval Operations phoned that Admiral Hart reported that two hits previously reported on cruiser were now, after more information, believed to have been on battleship of Kongo class, which was last seen heavily listed.

Cinc Pacific also reports three, possibly five, submarines were sighted about two hundred miles northeast of Oahu and were bombed, with possible damage on one or more.

Respectfully,

J. R. BEARDALL

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AUG 29 1972
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: OPNAV
RELEASED BY: R.P. PANNACK
DATE: DEC 11, 1972
TOR CODEROOM: ODN 12
DECODED BY: ROBINSON
PARAPHRASED BY: ROBINSON

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TEXT

THIS MORNING THERE WERE SIGHTED 3 AND POSSIBLE 5 SUBMARINES ON SURFACE PROCEEDING EAST IN THE AREA 150 TO 240 MILES NE OF OAHU. TWO WERE BOMBED BY AIRCRAFT AND ALL WERE FORCED DOWN.

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THE NAVAL SITUATION
Dec. 8-9, 1941.

Radio traffic analysis Far East indicates strong Naval Task Force in Philippine area. This may presage attack in force on Luzon.

The Japanese are reported as operating in two task groups. The first Task Group, in the Malaya area, consists of 1 BB, 4 CA, 4 CL, 23 DD, 40 fast AP, 9 SS.

The second Task Group of 3 BB (probable) (old but fast former CG's) of the Kongo class, 4 CA, 3 CV, 1 XCV, 24 DD, 12 SS, 3 CL, is reported in the Mandate Island area and eastward to the vicinity of Hawaii. Some units of this force appear to be off the California coast.

Guam was attacked three times by aircraft subsequent to the original attacks. Last attack was centered on Agana. Civilians were machine gunned in the streets. The hospital compound was machine gunned also. Building in which Japanese nationals are confined was bombed.

Two flights of unidentified planes reported over San Francisco area between six and seven last night. Fort Barry opened fire and reported planes too high for searchlights. Three patrol planes sent in search of enemy carrier. Apparently no bombs dropped.
Three submarines reported off Point Fermin (San Pedro) proceeding south toward San Diego. Also eight unidentified bombers and three destroyers reported heading south.
AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS ONE CONVOY OF 25 SHIPS WITH ESCORT OF 6 CRUISERS 10 DESTROYERS IN POSITION 08-00 NORTH 106-08 EAST AT 0316Z/6. SECOND CONVOY OF 10 SHIPS ESCORTED BY 2 CRUISERS AND 10 DESTROYERS IN POSITION 07-00 NORTH 106-20 EAST AT 0530Z/6. BOTH CONVOYS STEERING 270°. SMALL FORCE OF 3 VESSELS IN POSITION: 07-51 NORTH 105-00 EAST AT 0422Z COURSE 310°. THIS MAY INDICATE ALL FORCES WILL MAKE FOR KOHTRON.

NOTE: SAME INFORMATION AS CINCAF 061255.

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FROM CINC CHINA

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ACNB NAVY OFFICE

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DATE 7 DEC 1941
TOR CODEROOM 2257

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MY $7x5/6TH DECEMBER. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AND AIRCRAFT NOT REPEAT NOT NOW IN TOUCH BUT SEARCH CONTINUES.

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\*7611 \* OR \*AB3

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**TEXT**

Further to C in C China's 765/6 not to S.O. (1) HKONG.

Escort of First Named Force consists of one battleship.

5 Cruisers seven destroyers. From Description and W/T Traffic

Battleship is almost certainly Kongo. Two of Cruisers are ZINTU

Class. Probably ZINTU and Naka. Flagships of 2nd and 4th Destroyer

Squadrons. Descriptions of remaining Cruisers corresponds to Kako

Class but from W/T Traffic second Fleet Cruisers considered more

Likely, possibly Atago, Tyokai and Maya. Convoy now reported as

22 in number 12,500吨 merchant vessels. Second named Force.

No description of Escort available. Convoy now reported as 21

merchant vessels. Third named Force reported as one cruiser and

three in number 15,000吨 merchant vessels. During past 24 hours

Majority of Signals originated by C in C Combined Fleet where-

abouts unknown. Result of Aircraft Reconnaissance since first

sighting - negative.

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FURTHER TO C IN C CHINA'S ¥745/6 NOT TO S.O. (1) HONGKONG.

ESCORT OF FIRST NAMED FORCE CONSISTS OF ONE BATTLESHIP
5 CRUISERS SEVEN DESTROYERS. FROM DESCRIPTION AND W/T TRAFFIC
BATTLESHIP IS ALMOST CERTAINLY KONGO. TWO OF CRUISERS ARE ZINTU
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LIKELY, POSSIBLY ATAGO, TYOKAI AND MAYA. CONVOY NOW REPORTED AS
22 IN NUMBER 19,448 TON MERCHANT VESSELS. SECOND NAMED FORCE.
NO DESCRIPTION OF ESCORT AVAILABLE. CONVOY NOW REPORTED AS 21
MERCHANT VESSELS. THIRD NAMED FORCE REPORTED AS ONE CRUISER AND
THREE IN NUMBER 16,446 TON MERCHANT VESSELS. DURING PAST 24 HOURS
MAJORITY OF SIGNALS ORIGINATED BY C IN C COMBINED FLEET WHERE-
ABOUTS UNKNOWN. RESULT OF AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE SINCE FIRST
SIGHTING - NEGATIVE.

ACTION: 36W

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NAVAL MESSAGE

PHONE-EXTENSION NUMBER
FROM VIA US ARMY (G2)
RELEASED BY
DATE 7 DECEMBER 1941
TOR CODE ROOM
DECODED BY
PARAPHRASED BY HNS

NOTE: THIS MESSAGE WANTS TO BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

REFERENCE NUMBER 07357 OR 0449
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TEXT

FOLLOWING REPORTS BY RAF SIGHTED AT 1940 COLON FIRST REPORT SEVEN DESTROYERS, FIVE CRUISERS, ONE BATTLESHIP, TWENTY-FIVE MERCHANT SHIPS AT EIGHT DEGREES NORTH, ONE ZERO SIX DEGREES EIGHT MINUTES EAST COURSE DUE WEST SECOND REPORT TEN MER-CHANT TEN DESTROYERS TWO CRUISERS AT SEVEN DEGREES THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES NORTH ONE ZERO SIX DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES EAST COURSE DUE WEST.

POSITIONS GIVEN ARE JUST SUNK OF FRENCH DETAILS OF EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES AT EAST.

COMMENT: CINCAF SPREAD IN SUM 061255 REPORTED SIMILAR CONVOYS IN POSITIONS CLOSE TO THE ONES IN THIS REPORT. POSITION DEPARTURES ARE ALSO SIMILAR, EXCEPT THAT THE THIS REPORT IN-CLUES ONE B.B. THIS DESPATCH IS DATED DECEMBER 5 WHERE AS THE OTHER WAS DECEMBER 6. IT IS CONSIDERED POSSIBLE THAT BRITISH MILITARY OBSERVER AT SINGAPORE IS REPORTING THE SAME CONVOYS WITH DATE AND PARTICULARS BARRED.

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Shawn O'Neil
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MY \$7a5/6. AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE TODAY SUNDAY OVER SOUTHERN PART GULF OF SIAM HANDICAPPED BY BAD VISIBILITY. CONTACT NOT REGAINED WITH LARGE CONVOYS BUT SCATTERED JAPANESE UNITS SIGHTED WITH NO DEFINITE INDICATION OF THEIR INTENTIONS. ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT WAS FIRED AT.
## Naval Message

**From:** CINC China  
**Released By:**  
**Date:** DEC 7 19:41  
**Tor Coderoom:** 2226  
**Decoded By:** BRIT  
**Paraphrased By:** ROBINSON

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**Text:**

MY $745/6. AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE TODAY SUNDAY OVER SOUTHERN PART GULF OF SIAM HANDICAPPED BY BAD VISIBILITY.

CONTACT NOT REGAINED WITH LARGE CONVOYS BUT SCATTERED JAPANESE UNITS SIGHTED WITH NO DEFINITE INDICATION OF THEIR INTENTIONS.

ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT WAS FIRED AT.

1421/7

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AMPLIFYING MY 61535 POSIT FIRST GROUP 08 NORTH 106-08 EAST TIME 0316 SECOND GROUP 07-40 NORTH 106-20 EAST TIME 0530. ADDITIONAL REPORT AT 0442 3 VESSELS POSIT 07-41 NORTH 105-00 EAST COURSE 310.
THE ADMIRALTY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM SINGAPORE:

"AT 0300 TODAY TWO JAP FORCES WERE SIGHTED OFF CAMBODIA POINT COURSE 270. FIRST GROUP 25 TRANSPORTS 2 CA, 2 CL, 10 DESTROYERS. SECOND GROUP TEN TRANSPORTS, 2 CRUISERS, 10 DESTROYERS.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1973
By RHP, NAVDE 1987

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REPORT BY CINCPAC "25 SHIP CONVOY WITH ESCORT OF 6 CRUISERS AND 16 DESTROYERS".

LAT 8° 56' N, LONG 106° 33' EAST AT 0316 CMT TODAY. CONVOY OF 16 SHIPS WITH TWO CRUISERS AND 16 DESTROYERS AT 7° 51' NORTH, 106° 20' EAST TWO HOURS LATER.

ALL ON COURSE WEST. THREE ADDITIONAL SHIPS AT 7° 51' NORTH, 106° 33' EAST AT 0242, COURSE 31°. THIS INDICATES ALL FORCES WILL MAKE FOR "KOHTRON".

SIGHTED BY MY SCOUTING FORCE ANCHORED CAMRANH BAY - 3 SHIPS AND ONE LARGE CRUISER.

ACTION: 38H.....

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NAV REGS

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By REC, NAVY Dept. 20 Aug 1972

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THE ADMIRALTY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM SINGAPORE:

"AT 0344 TODAY TWO JAP FORCES WERE SIGHTED OFF CAMBODIA POINT COURSE 270°. FIRST GROUP 25 TRANSPORTS & CA, 2 CL, 1½ DESTROYERS. SECOND GROUP TEN TRANSPORTS, 2 CRUISERS, 1½ DESTROYERS.

ACTION: 20

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REPORT BY CINC CHINA "25 SHIP CONVOY WITH ESCORT OF 6 CRUISERS AND 16 DD'S LAT 08-50 N, 166-40 EAST AT 0316 GMT TODAY. CONVOY OF 18 SHIPS WITH TWO CRUISERS AND 16 DESTROYERS 07-30 NORTH, 166-20 EAST TWO HOURS LATER. ALL ON COURSE WEST. THREE ADDITIONAL SHIPS 07-51 NORTH 165 EAST AT 0242, COURSE 310. THIS INDICATES ALL FORCES WILL MAKE FOR "NORTH KOTHROM". SIGHTED BY MY SCOUTING FORCE ANCHORED CAMRANH BAY -- 9 SHIPS AND ONE LARGE CRUISER.

ACTION: 38W......

SHOWN TO
Capt. Bemelmann
0750 Z.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: A SPANISH LONDON
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 6 DECEMBER 1941
TOR CODEROOM: 1828
DECODED BY: ROONEY
PARA PHRASED BY: RE 138

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AMPLIFYING MY 61535 POSIT FIRST GROUP 8 NORTH 166-8 EAST TIME 3416 SECOND GROUP 47-41 NORTH 166-2 EAST TIME 3536.
ADDITIONAL REPORT AT 442 2 VESSELS POSIT 47-41 NORTH 165-66 EAST COURSE 316.

(CONVOS POUR SULLIAMS)

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