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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

By [REDACTED] Date DEC 7 1972

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MADRAS VIA BRITISH ADMIRALTY
DATED JAN 30, 1942 RECD FEB 1 1942 11AM

" 5. JANUARY 30, 11 AM. AMERICAN S S FLORENCE LUCKENBACH OWNED BY LUCKENBACH SS COMPANY INCORPORATED NEWYORK, HOME PORT NEWYORK T G ECKART MASTER ON THE VOYAGE TO NEWYORK VIA COLOMBO CAPETOWN TRINIDAD, ACCORDING TO SWORN STATEMENT CAPTAIN WAS TORPEDOED BY A SUBMARINE AT 1005 AM JANUARY 29TH 10 MILES SOUTH OF ENTRANCE BUOY TO SWEEP CHANNEL OF MADRAS HARBOUR. THIRD OFFICER ON BRIDGE AND MAN AT HELM REPORTED SEEING TORPEDO TRACK APPROACHING SHIP FROM PORT SIDE. THIRD OFFICER IMMEDIATELY ORDERED HELM TO BE PUT OVER AND TORPEDO STRUCK SHIP AT NO 1 HATCH ON THE PORT SIDE. ENTIRE CREW OF 36 THEN TOOK TO LIFE BOATS, NO CASUALTIES HAVING OCCURRED. CAPTAIN SAVED ALL SHIPS PAPERS, SANK SECRET CODE BOOKS, THEN DREW TO SAFE DISTANCE FROM SHIP EXPECTING EXPLOSION. SHIP WAS NOT LISTING NOTICEABLY AT THIS TIME AND HAD SETTLED VERY LITTLE. AT (21025) AM A SECOND TORPEDO STRUCK SHIP ADMIRSHIPS IT SANK WITHIN 2 MINUTES. WHILE IN LIFEBOATS CAPTAIN AND CREW SAW PERISCOPE SOME DISTANCE FROM SCENE OF (SINKING). CAPTAIN THEN STEERED LIFEBOAT FOR MADRAS AND SENT UP SEVERAL ROCKETS TO ATTRACT 2 SHIPS SIGHTED 5 OR 6 CAPTAIN ALSO REPORTED SEEING AEROPLANE OVERHEAD IN AFTERNOON BUT IT APPARENTLY DID NOT SEE HIS ROCKET SIGNALS. LIFEBOATS ARRIVED OFF (MADRAS)? BREAKWATER AND ENTIRE CREW WERE BROUGHT INTO PORT BY NAVAL AUTHORITIES HERE. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO BOARD CREW HERE PENDING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING REPATRIATION AND RELIEF.

DESPATCH FOLLOWS BY MAIL.

16 - Action JORDAN

10711 - 12-13-37-38 FEB 39 - Command -
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CNANCF</u>		COMTASKFOR THREE	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>01 FEB 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1745</u>		COMINCH OPNAV	PPPPPPP
DECODED BY <u>PORTER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PORTER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

COM FIVE HAS DESPATCHED ROE TO RESCUE SURVIVORS TACOMA STAR
TORPEDOED LAT THREE SEVEN DSH THREE THREE NORTH LONG SIX NINE
DASH TWO ONE WEST. REQUEST ANOTHER DESTROYER TO COVER THE
CRITICAL VIRGINIA CAPES AREA.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	BRITISH	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>101C MALAYA</u>	FOR ACTION	BAD WASHN		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____				RRRR ROUTINE
DATE <u>1 FEBRUARY 1942</u>	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____				PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PURDY</u>				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

FOLLOWING FROM U.S. SHIP WAKEFIELD. PLEASE PASS TO CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS U.S. NAVY BEGINS:- BOMB HIT SS WAKEFIELD TODAY EXTENSIVE DAMAGE ALL ABOVE WATERLINE ABREAST NUMBER 2 HATCH. KILLED IN ACTION CROACE, PAUL R., NUMBER 205284 U.S. COAST GUARD. GOOSE U.S. NAVY. HUX(?) TRAVIS, D., 3371027 U.S. NAVY, COMPTON, ROBERT L. 3164636 U.S. NAVY. KINGCAID, WILLIAM M D., 2955831 U.S. NAVY. LOVELACE, CLAIR B., 3003276 U.S. NAVY, LOGSDON RAYMOND L., 3874818 U.S. NAVY, FERGUSON, DWIGHT JOHN, 228039 U.S. COAST GUARD. COA DY(?) WILFRED A. 202505 U.S. COAST GUARD. TURNER, DANIEL N., JR., 220618 U.S. COAST GUARD. FIELDS, EVAN L., 2343140 U.S. NAVY. WOUNDED IN ACTION FORD, JOHN A., JR., 220471 U.S. COAST GUARD, NICHOLS, WILLIAM D., ~~0000000000~~ 646 257 553 6 L 406 B54 649 (?) V 6 U.S. NAVAL RESERVIST CUNNINGHAM CHESTER E 411 337 3 V 6 U.S. NAVAL RESERVIST ENDS.

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FROM COM 3	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	000000PPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 JAN 42	INFORMATION	COM NOR ATL NCF BUSHIPS.	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0710/31			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HILL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

MOTOR SHIP EXCELSIOR, ACCORDINGLY TO AMERICAN EXPORT LINES REPORT IS DISABLED IN LAT 31-16 LONG 76-44, UNABLE TO PROCEED AND REQUIRES ASSISTANCE. MERRIT CHAPMAN AND SCOTT PROCEEDING TO THEIR ASSISTANCE FROM KEY WEST.

CONTINCH.....AST.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM OPNAV		ALUSNOB SUEZ	PRIORITY P P P P P
RELEASED BY CAPT. ARCHER ALLEN			ROUTINE
DATE 1 FEBRUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT
TEXT

YOUR 251000 BELIEVE AS YET WITHOUT LAWS REPEAT LAWS ESTABLISHING
NAVAL CONTROL OVER MERCHANT CREWS IN FOREIGN PORTS X HOWEVER
CREWS RETURNING UNITED STATES FACE CHANGED DETERMINED COUNTRY
AT WAR X ALSO LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUEZ MAY FIND IT EXPEDIENT
IMPOSE DETAINING ORDER PROHIBITING SHORE LEAVE ALL FOREIGN CREWS
IN TIME OF WAR.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	NAD P54	PRECEDENCE
FROM U.S. CG CAMPBELL		HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE OPNAV		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 25 JAN. 1942		INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2302/25				PRIORITY
DECODED BY LUNDBERG				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

252015 CR 0597

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

REFERENCE MY 231403*. LEFT HULK 1200 GCT JAN. 23RD STILL BURNING
FIERCELY. DID NOT SINK IT. POSITION GIVEN IN REFERENCE DISPATCH.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>RODNEY ROE</u>		COM 5	OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>18 JAN. 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1400/18</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>GERMAN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUNT</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(PASSED BY ~~COM~~ COM 5 TO CSNCF, COMINCH, CNANCF OPNAV FOR INFORMATION)

STANDARD OIL TANKER AS ALLAN JACKSON TORPEDOED 0740 GCT IN LATITUDE 35 NORTH
LONGITUDE 74-22 WEST BY SUBMARINE ON THE SURFACE. FOLLOWING SURVIVORS

ON BOARD:

THOMAS B. HUTCHINS
 TEAGUE BURKE

MELVIN RAYE
 ROYS F TERRILL

ROLL CLAUSEN
 ORIS M MAY

ELMO E BURDEN
 ARACILLA LOPEZ

JEREMIAH J DORAVAN
 BOMIS VORONSOFF

STEPHEN VERBONICH

ALL OF THE ABOVE IN GOOD CONDITION. RANDOLF H LARSON WITH FRACTURED
 SHOULDER AND LEG. 35 MEN ON BOARD WHEN TORPEDOED. REMAINING IN AREA
 SEARCHING FOR SUBMARINE. ORIGINATOR ROE.

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FROM		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	20 JAN. 1942	INFORMATION	DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	1825/10		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	TIERB		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUNT		DEFERRED

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BRITISH HARMATTIS CONVOY PQ 8 TORPEDOED AT 1820 JAN. 17TH. POSITION ABOUT 50 MILES EAST OF KOLA INLET. AMERICAN ALLAN JACKSON TORPEDOED AND SUNK AT 1840 YESTERDAY POSITION 35-05 NORTH 74-22 WEST. PANAMANIAN FRAIR ROCK TORPEDOED AND SUNK AT 1900 JAN 13TH POSITION 100 MILES SOUTH EAST OF CAPE RACE. TOORAK SERIAL 17 ARRIVED ST. JOHNS UNDER OWN POWER. THREE CRAFT K640 ACTIVE YESTERDAY, ONE CRAFT IN VICINITY SL 97 G. CONVOY BELIEVED NOT SIGHTED. OTHER TWO BELIEVED IN SAME AREA. CONVOYS SC 82 ARRIVED 21 SHIPS.

Entrance to White Sea

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(In case of vessels missing, date refers to date last heard from)

SHIP	SUNK OR MISSING	DATE	TONNAGE	REMARKS
AGRIWOLD	Attacked	12/21	-----	SAFE Attacked; not damaged
EMIDIO	SUNK	12/21	-----	-----
SAGADAHOC	SUNK	12/3	-----	-----
LAHAINA	SUNK	12/11	-----	-----
MANINI	SUNK	12/18 (app.)	-----	-----
PRUSA	SUNK	12/18	-----	-----
CYNTHIA OLSON	MISSING	12/7	-----	San Fran. to Honolulu (Stopped by unknown ship enroute W.C. to Panama)
VINCENT	MISSING	12/12	-----	-----
PRES. HARRISON	MISSING	12/7	-----	In China Sea e.r.N.China
ASTRAL	MISSING	----	-----	Due Lisbon, 12/8/41. (Bombed while at anchor, Manila Bay)
SAGOLAND	SUNK	12/16 (app.)	-----	-----
MONTEBELLO	SUNK	12/23	-----	-----
PACIFIC OAK	MISSING	----	-----	(Due Antofagasta, 12/20)

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Summary of U.S. Merchant Shipping Losses from December 7th to 20th

The following U.S. flag merchant vessels are so long overdue that they may be considered as lost:

SS CYNERIA OLSON

Last heard from on December 7 while enroute San Francisco to Honolulu.

USAT LUDINGTON

Last heard from December 7 while enroute to Canton Isl. to evacuate civilians.

SS VINCENT

Enroute Panama she reported on December 12 that an unknown ship was stopping her. This was followed by an SOS.

J.C. FITZSIMONS

A tanker loaded with aviation gas destined for an ice port in the Okhotsk Sea. Being icebound and unable to reach her destination, she was directed to return to Seattle.

PRESIDENT HARRISON

In the China Sea on December 7 enroute to North China to evacuate the U.S. Marines from Tientsin. It is presumed that she was captured by the Japs.

ASTRAL

A tanker twelve days overdue in Lisbon.

The following are confirmed losses:

LAHAINA

Sunk by a submarine on December 11 east of the Hawaiian Isles. Thirty survivors landed in Maui on the twenty-first.

SACADAHOC

After being eight days overdue at Point Elizabeth (S.Africa) wreckage from this ship was identified and she must be considered as lost.

SAGOLAND

While at anchor in Manila Bay this ship was bombed and burned during an air raid. Believed to be a total loss.

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Report of Merchant Shipping Losses for the Week Ending 27 December.

The following U.S. flag merchant vessels have been sunk as the result of enemy action:

SS EMIDIO

Tanker shelled by Jap sub December 22 and abandoned. Subsequently drifted ashore on California coast. Believed total loss.

SS MONTEBELLO

Tanker torpedoed by Jap sub on the surface and her boats shelled. Sank December 23 four miles off California coast.

SS MANINI

Freighter sunk by Jap sub in the Pacific December 17. Survivors first reported December 27.

The following vessels are overdue:

SS PACIFIC OAK.

Due at Antofagasta (Chile) December 20.

SS ROSEBANK.

Canadian freighter reported missing December 23 at which time she was overdue at a California port.

S.S. ASTRAL.

Tanker overdue at Lisbon since December 8.

SS VINCENT

Enroute Panama, last heard from December 12 when she sent SOS

The following ships previously reported as missing have reached U.S. ports:

SS FITZSIMMONS, USAT LUDINGTON.

Further information on the sinking of the SS SAGADAHOC:

16 survivors of the SAGADAHOC arrived in Durban December 22. Ship sunk December 3 after attack by German sub in South Atlantic.

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FROM <u>ALUSNA CAPETOWN</u>		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>24 DEC 1941</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>Ø15Ø/24</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HENDRICKSON</u>			DEFERRED

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*South Atlantic
near Africa*

ON DEC. 3RD AT 195Ø IN LATITUDE (21-5Ø SOUTH LONGITUDE Ø7-5Ø WEST)
 SAGADAHOC WASSUNK BY THREE TORPEDOES FROM GERMAN SUBMARINE REPORTED
 TO BE OF LARGE TYPE ONE GUN FORWARD AND ONE GUN AFT. ON DEC 9TH
 KENTUCKIAN PICKED UP ONE LIFE BOAT WITH MASTER THIRD OFFICER RADIO
 MAN CHIEF ENGINEER SECOND AND THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEERS AND 1Ø OTHERS OF
 CREW ~~NUMBER~~ TOTAL 16. SECOND LIFE BOAT WITH CHIEF OFFICER AND 19 OTHERS
 MISSING. SURVIVORS LANDED AT DURBAN. WILL REQUEST AMERICAN CONSUL
 DURBAN FOR COPY OF HIS FULL REPORT.

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FROM COMPACSNCF		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRROUTINE
DATE 21 DEC 41			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1215/215F.		COM 11	PRIORITY
DECODED BY GRAYDON		CINCPAC	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER		COM PAC NOR NCF.	DEFERRED

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AT 2223Z, ENEMY SUBMARINE ATTACKED SS AGRIWORLD OFF SANTA CRUZ AND ATTACKED AND HIT SS EMIDIO WITH TORPEDO AND GUNFIRE OFF BUENTS REEF LIGHT AT 2155Z. SUBMARINE OFF BUENTS REEF ATTACKED BY PATROL PLANE WITH DEPTH CHARGE WHICH DID NOT EXPLODE. AGRIWORLD NOT DAMAGED. CREW EMIDIO ABANDONED SHIP LAST REPORTED FLOATING WITH BOATS AWASH. SHAWNEE FROM EUREKA AND SANDS FROM SAN FRAN PROCEEDING TO EMIDIO. S-23 PARTIALLY DISABLED ENGINE TROUBLE ESCORTED BY EAGLE 33, PROCEEDING CRESCENT CITY TO CLEAR AREA.

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FROM SPENAVO LONDON	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		ROUTINE
DATE 13 DECEMBER 1941	INFORMATION FOR ACTION	DEFERRED RRRR
TOR CODEROOM _____		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MWW		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SLADE		DEFERRED

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**PRESS FLASH RECEIVED ~~MINN~~ ADMIRALTY FROM BERNE SWITZERLAND
 THAT FREIGHTER OREGON OF PACIFIC ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP CO
 SUNK BY UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIP 300 MILES OFF NEWYORK.
 CONFIRMATION OR SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ADMIRALTY.**

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SD WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC 23, 1941.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

FOR OPNAV.

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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DURBAN, DATED
DECEMBER 22, 1941, 7 P.M.:

"ON DECEMBER 3 AT 7:30 P.M. AT LONGITUDE 7 DEGREES, 50 MINUTES
AND LATITUDE 21 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH, THE SAGADAHOG WAS SENT
TO THE BOTTOM BY A NAZI SUBMARINE. SIXTEEN SURVIVORS, THE NAMES OF
WHOM ARE GIVEN BELOW, WERE PUT OFF AT DURBAN ON THE 22ND FROM THE
KENTUCKIAN, THE STEAMER WHO RESCUED THE CREW: THIRD MATE CORCOGAN,
MASTER EVANS, ABLE BODIED SEAMEN HEISMAN, RADIO OPERATOR KILGORE,
ABLE BODIED SEAMEN MARIOLAS, ORDINARY SEAMAN GANCAREZ, CHIEF ENGINEER
HANSEN, SECOND ASSISTANT MURPHY, THIRD ASSISTANT PERNAL, DECK ENGINEER
KOUVARAS, OILER IVIGIO, FIREMAN HENNESSEY, FIREMAN MAURICIO, WIPER
MATALVO, COOK ROSS, HESS ARTHUR DAVIS. ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 8
THE LIFEBOAT WHICH CONTAINED 17 MEMBERS OF THE CREW, ONE PASSENGER AND
THE CHIEF OFFICER BECAME DETACHED AND SAILED IN A DIRECTION TOWARD THE
NORTH. THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE CREW LOST WAS ANTONIO CASTRO, AN OILER.
PLEASE ASK THE AMERICAN SOUTH AFRICAN LINE IN NEWYORK TO INFORM
THE RELATIVES OF THE PERSONS CONCERNED. THERE WAS NO CONFUSION ON
LEAVING THE SINKING VESSEL AND THE CONDUCT OF THE MEN WAS NOTEWORTHY.

(SIGNED) CORRIGAN.

TOD 3:54 PM DEC 23 1941. X.

CFM CORCOGAN

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DATE 24 DECEMBER 1941		COM 10 COM 3	PPPPPPPP
TOR CODEROOM			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY GREENMAN			
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			

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ARRIVED TRINIDAD 1400 THIS DATE SS BERING OF ALASKA PACKERS WITH SURVIVORS OF SS SAGADOHOC OF AMERICAN SOUTH AFRICAN LINE TORPEDOED AND SUNK DECEMBER 3 IN LAT 21-50 SOUTH LONG 07-50 WEST. 16 MEN AND CAPTAIN IN SECOND BOAT WHICH SEPARATED DURING STORM SEARCH BY BEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. NOTIFY ALASKA PACKERS. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF SURVIVORS: W CHADBOURNE FIRST MATE OF SOUTH PORTLAND, G ASKENBACK SECOND MATE OF W ENIPORT CONN., MORGAN PASSENGER OF CLEVELAND, AND CREW W PETERS, G FERNANDEZ, C MURRY, HARPER, O HENRY OF NEW YORK CITY, Y RAUNIO, T SVENDSBO, C YONOSO OF BROOKLYN, R SHEPARD OF HINOLN WEST VIRGINIA, L DAVIS OF PHILADELPHIA, R CAMPBELL OF PRINCETON NJ, C KALLOCK OF ROCKLAND ME, H SOFIELD OF GLEN COVE LONG ISLAND, F BOWLES OF SUFFOLK VA, W MOREAU OF CHICAGO, H WRYE OF BERWICK ME.

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SURVIVORS FROM SAGADAHOC LANDED TRINIDAD IN CARE OF U.S. AUTHORITIES FROM SS (^{BE}BRING?) YESTERDAY. THEY REPORT LEAVING NEWYORK 7TH NOVEMBER WITH GENERAL CARGO BOUND FOR PORT ELIZABETH. ON NOV 29 RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN U.S.N. CODE TO PROCEED DURBAN. ON DEC. 2ND PICKED UP MESSAGE FROM CLAN MACBEAK DISTANT FROM HER EAST SOUTH EAST 200 MILES THAT SHE HAD SEEN TRACK OF TORPEDO. SHIP WAS STEERING 123 DEGS. ON DEC 3RD AT 2010 SHE WAS TORPEDOED BY LARGE SUBMARINE WITH HIGH BOW AND GUNS FORE AND AFT IN POSITION 21-50 SOUTH 07-50 WEST. LOCAL USN AUTHORITIES EXPRESS DOUBT AS TO SECURITY OF NAVAL CODE.

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13 SURVIVORS SS PRUSA U.S. FLAG ARRIVED HONOLULU. REPORT VESSEL TORPEDOED PORT SIDE A FT 1600Z 18 DEC 100 MILES SOUTH ISLAND OF HAWAII. VESSEL SANK IN 10 MINUTES NO SOS SENT AS FOREMAST WENT BY BOARD. 8 MEN REPORTED KILLED. RADIOMAN AND OCCUPANTS ONE LIFEBOAT MISSING. SEARCH NOW BEING CONDUCTED.

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DATED NO 19 JANUARY 8 NOON

CR 4510

AFTER AN ATTACK BY A JAPANESE AIRPLANE ON DECEMBER 31 THE SS RUTH ALEXANDER OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES AND HER CARGO ARE A TOTAL LOSS REPORTS THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT SURABAYA. THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF THE STRAITS OF MAKASSAR OF THE CREW FOUR WERE WOUNDED AND ONE KILLED, 17 HAD BEEN LEFT IN MANILA, THE REMAINDER ARE SAFE AT SURABAYA. NAMES CONCERNED ARE IN MY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NO 20. THE SHIPS PAPERS WERE SAVED

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