Box 37

Map Room
FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MADRAS VIA BRITISH ADMIRALTY

DATED JAN 30, 1942 REC'D FEB 1 1942 11AM

" 5. JANUARY 30, 11 AM. AMERICAN S S FLORENCE LUCKENBACH OWNED
BY LUCKENBACH SS COMPANY INCORPORATED NEW YORK, HOME PORT NEW YORK
T G ECKART MASTER ON THE VOYAGE TO NEW YORK VIA COLOMBO CAPE TOWN
TRINIDAD, ACCORDING TO SWORN STATEMENT CAPTAIN WAS TORPEDOED
BY A SUBMARINE AT 1005 AM JANUARY 29TH 10 MILES SOUTH OF
ENTRANCE BUOY TO SWEPT 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 38 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 SETTLER
VERY LITTLE. AT (91025) AM A SECOND TORPEDO STRUCK SHIP
ADMIRALSHIP 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

147 - 12 - 13 - 37 - 38 - 39 - Command

See No. 002 c 1930 -
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CHANCE
RELEASED BY
DATE 24 FEB 1942
TOR CODEROOM 1745
DECODED BY PORTER
PARAPHRASED BY PORTER

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FOR ACTION
INFORMATION COMINCH OPNAV

PRECEDENCE PPRPPP

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

#1435 CCR 393

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TEXT

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

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OSD Letter, 8-3-72

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

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**TOR CODEROOM**:  
**DECODED BY**: PURDY  
**PARAPHRASED BY**: PURDY  
**PRIORITY**: ROUTINE  
**INFORMATION**: DEFERRED

**NOTE**: INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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**RECORD CPY**: 12...16...39...296...BUAT...COAST GUARD....  
**OPPO**

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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.

COMINCH...ACT.
10/11.....39.....38.....BUSHIPS.....OP-20.....FILE.....OP-DO.....
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATER
OPNAV

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RELEASED BY
CAPT. ARCHER ALLEN

FOR ACTION
1 FEBRUARY 1942

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TEXT

YOUR 25100 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.

DISTRIBUTION: 37..ORIG.

16...16/11...12...39...

33...COMMONICH...SECONAV...

FILES: 3DR....20OP....

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

*****SECRET*****

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HYDRO...36W....ACTION

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COMINCH...380...16...13...1/11...OPDO...
FILES...WAR DIARY...WR...SECNAV...P122...200P...

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REGARDING ROE DISPATCH 188955, NAME OF SHIP SS ELLEN JONES
TORPEDOED. 2 SURVIVORS PICKED UP.

COM 5 PASSED THE ABOVE TO COMINCH, COM MACF, COM SO NC, COM NORFOLK
DIST NORFOLK VA. FOR INFO.

38W...ACT.

RECORD COPY TO - COMINCH...3-0...16...12...13...38...OPDC
FILES...OP-20...NCDARY...BNA...SECNAV...P1A...GENERAL.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM: DOMING ROE

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18 JAN, 1942

TOR CODEDOM
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DECODED BY
GERMAN

PARAPHRASED BY
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181243 CR 2144

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TEXT
(PASSED BY BRN COM 5 TO GSNCF, COMINCH, GNFNP OPIAV FOR INFORMATION)

STANDARD OIL TANKER AS ALLAN JACKSON TORPEDOED 2740 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
ROY S TERRILL

ROLL CLAUSEN
ORS M MAY

ELMO E BURDEN
ARACILLA LOPEZ

GEREMIALY J DORAYAN
BOMIS VOROISOFF

STEPHENVVERBONCH

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

DIS TRIBUTION:

38163

RECORD COPY 16 38163 381 COMINCH

FILES 25 OP MAR DIARY 4 NR SECONAV PTA

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

**USAT LUDINGTON**
Last heard from December 7 while enroute to Canton Isi. 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. FITZSIMMONS**
A tanker loaded with aviation gas destined for an ice port in the Okhotak 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 Tiensin. 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 west of the Hawaiian Isles. Thirty survivors landed in Hawaii on the twenty-first.

**SAGADAHOC**
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.
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 SAGADAHO:

16 survivors of the SAGADAHO arrived in Durban December 22. Ship sunk December 3 after attack by German sub in South Atlantic.
ON DEC. 3RD AT 1956 IN LATITUDE 21-50 SOUTH LONGITUDE 07-50 WEST SAGADAHOC WAS SUNK 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 19 OTHERS OF CREW 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMPACSNE
RELEASED: 21 DEC 41
DATE: 1215/2156
FOR CODEROOM: CINCPAC, COM PAC, NOR, NCF
PARA: SLUCKER

TEXT:

AT 2228Z, ENEMY SUBMARINE ATTACKED SS AGRIWORLD OFF SANTA CRUZ AND ATTACKED ANOTHER SS EMIDIO WITH TORPEDO AND CURTAIN OFF BLUNTS. AEEF FIGHT AT 2156Z, SUBMARINE OFF BLUNTS. KEEP ATTACKED BY PATROL PLANE WITH DEPTH CHARGE WHICH DID NOT EXPLODE. AGRIWORLD NOT DAMAGED. CREW EMIT TO ABANDONED SHIP LAST REPORTED FLOATING WITH BOOKS AWASH. SHANTLE FROM EUREKA AND SANS FROM SAN FRAN PROCEEDING TO EMIDIO.

S-23 PARTIALLY DISABLED ENGINE TROUBLE ESCORTED BY EAGLE 33, PROCEEDING WEST TO CLEAR AREA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER
FROM 8PENAVO LONDON

RELEASED BY

DATE 13 DECEMBER 1941

TOR CODE ROOM

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DATE TIME GCT

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BY

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

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DEC 7 1972

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NAV REGS

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45425
S 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.:


(SIGNED) CORRIGAN.

TO 3 54 PM DEC 23 1941. X.

OFM CORCOCAN

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Maritime Commission

WAR WASH

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TOR 0500

24 Dec

(24)
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM NOB TRINIDAD
RELEASED BY
DATE 24 DECEMBER 1941
TOR CODEROOM CODED BY GREENMAN
DECODER PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER

OPNAV

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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ARRIVED TRINIDAD 1400 THIS DATE SS BERING OF ALASKA PACKERS WITH SURVIVORS OF SS SAGADAHOC 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, V 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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FROM STATE DEPARTMENT TO OPMAY
FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DURBAN
DATED JAN 7-11 AM
"A URGENT JAN 7 11 AM
FOLLOWING FOR NAVY DEPARTMENT
"CAPTAIN EVANS OF STEAMSHIP SAGADAHOC INSISTS SHIP WAS AT ALL
TIMES ON PRESCRIBED COURSE. THIS CAN BE VERIFIED BY THE POSITION
OF VESSEL WHEN TORPEDOED ALSO BY DECK OFFICERS WHO WERE TAKEN
INTO HIS CONFIDENCE. TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE SHIP WAS TORPEDOED
NOTICE OF BROADCAST TO ALL SHIPS WAS PICKED UP BUT AS SHIP HAD
NO SHORT WAVE SET MASTER HAS TO REQUEST ANOTHER VESSEL TO RELAY
NOTICE THAT HE WAS TO RECEIVE CODE MESSAGE THIS CAUSED DELAY
OF TWO OR THREE DAYS. ON RECEIVING MESSAGE HE CHANGED COURSE AS INSTRUCTED.
CAPTAIN EVANS SHOULD ARRIVE AT NEW YORK FEB 1 BUT THIRD OFFICER AR
DUE AT NEW YORK MIDDLE JANUARY"

CORRIGAN

TOD 1020PM

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By ET Data
AT 1908 YESTERDAY BRITISH SHUNTEN TORPEDOED AND SUNK 38 MILES EAST OF TOBRUK. AMERICAN LAMAINA SHELLED AND SUNK BY SUB ON 11 DECEMBER 1950 OFF CALIFORNIA. AMERICAN SAGADAHOC TORPEDOED AND SUNK AT 1500 DECEMBER 3RD 15 MILES EAST OF TRINIDAD. GREEK STYLIANO SCHANTJR S MINED AND SUNK AT 1945 DECEMBER 22ND 14 MILES NORTHEAST OF SPURN POINT.

4 CRAFT KG 4/15 ACTIVE YESTERDAY. LITTLE KNOWN OF MOVEMENTS. CONVOY SL-94 ARRIVED COMPLETE 26 SHIPS. PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE BREST YESTERDAY SHOWED GNEISENAU LEFT DRYDOCK AND ALONGSIDE TORPEDO BOAT STATION.

16...ACT.
15/11...12...13...38...3W...38-0...DOO...SECHAV...P1A...WARDIARY

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DATE       DEC 27 1941
TOR CODE NO
DEEDED BY

PARAPHRASED BY ROBINSON

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251721 OR #621

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SURVIVORS FROM SAGADAHOC LANDED TRINIDAD IN CARE OF U.S. AUTHORITIES FROM SS [BRINGT] YESTERDAY. THEY REPORT LEAVING NEW YORK 7TH NOVEMBER WITH GENERAL CARGO BOUND FOR PORT ELIZABETH. ON NOV 29 RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN U.S.N. CODE TO PROCEED DURAN ON DEC. 2ND PICKED UP MESSAGE FROM CLAN MACEK DISTANT FROM HER EAST SOUTH EAST 200 MILES THAT SHE HAD SEEN TRACK OF TORPEDO. SHIP WAS STEERING 123 DEGS. ON DEC. 3RD AT 23:10 SHE WAS TORPEDOED BY LARGE SUBMARINE WITH HIGH BOW AND GUNS FORE AND AFT IN POSITION 21-50 SOUTH 27-50 WEST. LOCAL U.S.N. AUTHORITIES EXPRESS DOUBT AS TO SECURITY OF NAVAL CODE.

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RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 29 DEC 1941
TOR CODEDOM: 0815/29
DECODED BY: GRAYDON
PARAPHRASED BY: BLUNT

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SUBMARINE CONTACTS MORE NUMEROUS LAST TWO DAYS ALL OUTSIDE OF IMMEDIATE APPROACHES TO PEARL. ONE WAS 180 MILES NORTH OF PALMYRA. THREE WERE ATTACKED BY DESTROYERS FOUR BY AIRCRAFT. INDICATIONS HOPEFUL IN AT LEAST ONE CASE. BESIDES SURVIVORS MANINI COM 14 272197 OGC TIGER RESCUED 13 MEN FROM SS PRUSA TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTH HAWAII 0535 LOT DEC. 18TH ENROUTE HONOLULU TO CANAL ZONE. ANOTHER BOAT WITH 13 MEN ESCAPED. THIS BOAT OR SECOND WITH 21 MEN FROM MANINI MAY BE ONE SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT TODAY. DESTROYER ENROUTE TO RESCUE.

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M. J. SIMMONS, Richter VII 32-089-30
**Naval Message**

**Drafted By**: COM 14  
**Released By**: 29 DEC 1941  
**Date**: 1106/29  
**TOR Coderoom**: J. Allen  
**Decoded By**: GLUNT  
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13 Survivors SS PRUSA U.S. Flag arrived Honolulu. Report vessel torpedoed Port S Ide 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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TEXT

13 SURVIVORS SS PRUSA U.S. FLAG ARRIVED HONOLULU. REPORT VESSEL TORPEDOED PORT SIDE A FT 16'00 Z 18 DEC 1941 100 MILES SOUTH ISLAND OF HAWAII. VESSEL SANK IN 19 MINUTES NO SOS SENT AS FOREMAST WENT BY BOARD. 9 MEN REPORTED KILLED. RADIOMAN AND OCCUPANTS ONE LIFEBOAT MISSING. SEARCH NOW BEING CONDUCTED.

SHERIFF ALEXANDER OF THE HAWAIIAN PROVINCE LIVE AND PROPER SAYS A TOTAL 380 REPORTS THE JAPANESE CANCEL AT ELANZING THE ATTACK TO PLACE AT THE NORTH END OF THE ISLAND OF HAWAII. ALL OCCUPIERS OF THE SHIP ARE LIVE AND PROPER AND ONE KILLED. 380 MILES SOUTH.

DISTRIBUTION: THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS TO ALL THE SHIPS HAWAII.

RECORD COPY... 380... ACTON IN THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS TO ALL THE SHIPS KOREA.

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FROM STATE DEPT FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED JAN 8 1125PM FROM BATAVIA

DATED NO 19 JANUARY 8 NOON

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

FOOTE

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By DEC 7 1972

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