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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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**DECODED BY**: Mittenendorf  
**PARAPHRASED BY**: GL Tucker  
**TO**: OPNAV  
**FOR ACTION**:  
**INFORMATION**: CINCLANT  

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**TEXT**

At St. Pierre, Free French informed Newfoundland Government, access territorial waters St. Pierre and Miquelon prohibited to warships any nationality except with previously obtained permission. Also prohibited is flying over islands without previous permission.

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**Date**: APR 14 1972  
**Signature**:  

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AERIAL PATROL ON 25 DECEMBER REPORTED SIGHTING LARGE SUBMARINE, APPARENTLY SURCOUP AND TWO ARMED SURFACE SHIPS AT ST. PIERRE. DESCRIPTION

ARMED SURFACE SHIPS INDICATED FREE FRENCH MANNED CORVETTES OF NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE. ALL THE ABOVE SHIPS PROPERLY REPLIED TO PLANE CHALLENGE.

PARA. SURCOUP AND THREE CORVETTES HAD BEEN REPORTED AS DEPARTING HALIFAX 22 DECEMBER FOR ST. JOHN'S AND APPROPRIATE BOMBING RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN ORDERED. NO ARRIVAL REPORT HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM ST. JOHN'S INQUIRY WAS MADE TO CONFIRM ST. JOHN'S AND TO COAC. IN REPLY CONF QUOTED:

DESPATCH FROM ADMIRAL MUSELIER TO CHIEF OF STAFF OTTAWA ANNOUNCING THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE INHABITANTS HE HAD PROCEEDED TO ST. PIERRE AND WAS RALLYING PEOPLE TO FREE FRANCE AND ALLIED CAUSE WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

PARA. ADMIRAL MUSELIER NOW AT ST. PIERRE WITH SURCOUP AND THREE CORVETTES OF WHICH TWO WILL BE DETACHED TO ST. JOHN'S TODAY 26TH.

PARA. ASIDE FROM DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS OF SEIZURE CONSIDER GENERAL SECURITY OF THIS AREA IMPROVED BY FREE FRENCH CONTROL BY REASON GREATER ASSURANCE CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF FISHING VESSELS FROM ST. PIERRE.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PARAPHRASE OF A TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM CONSUL,
ST. PIERRE-MIQUELON, DATED DECEMBER 27, 5 PM:

"I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE ADMIRAL THAT EFFECTIVE AT 4:30
PM EST., DECEMBER 27 ALL NAVAL VESSELS AND FLIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT WILL
BE BARRIED FROM APPROACHES TO THE ISLANDS EXCEPT WHEN PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
IS REQUESTED AND GRANTED. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT OPERATION OF THE
LIGHTHOUSES WILL BE DISCONTINUED TODAY. THE ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF
ARE CONFINED AS OF TODAY IN THE FLAGSHIP. THE OCCUPYING FORCES ARE
NOW OPERATING THE CABLE AND WIRELESS SERVICES."

(SIGNED) PASQUET.

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**FOLLOWING RECEIVED BY PHONE FROM SENIOR AVIATOR PATRON-71 PATRON HALIFAX PBY-5 SERIAL 2325 CRASHED ABOUT 1700 GCT OUTSIDE HALIFAX HARBOR. PILOTS ENS P. H. ALTER AVN USNR KILLED BODY RECOVERED X LT. C. R. B. HUGHES USN MISSING X CLEO WELLS AMM 1STN NAP X MISSING CARL W. PIERCE AMM 3RD NAP X MISSING X PASSENGERS ENS ROBERT W. DREAMER DVG USNR MISSING X HARRY H. SLEEP RM 3RD X MISSING X FOLLOWING PERSONNEL INJURED AND IN HOSPITAL JOHN R. MC INTYRE AMM 1ST X GEORGE J. BROWN JR RM FROM X ROBERT M. SMITH AMM 3RD X ROBERT E. DEAREN AMM 3RD X OLIVER L. LAWHEAD RM 3RD CLASS X THREE USNR X PLANE SANK ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER CRASH X SALVAGE OPERATIONS BEING CONDUCTED EASTERN AIR COMMAND X CAUSE ACCIDENT UNKNOWN X BUAER X REMOVED X BUNAV X BAND DISTRIBUTION: 38 ACTION: 4A 2 5 09/11 BUAER...**

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FROM: ARMY C-8

A.P. BULLETIN VICTORIA (B.C.) A COMPLETE BLACKOUT OF VICTORIA AND LOWER MAINLAND ORDERED X AN ATTACK BY JAPANESE IS IMMINENT (0320 Oct, 12/9/41 - 10:20 P.M., 12/9/41 WASHINGTON TIME)
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