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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM COMANZAG	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY DATE 21 APRIL 1942			
TOR CODEROOM 2134 / 2178	FOR INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT (PASSED BY CINCLANT TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

SATISFACTORY YOUR 162217. EXCHANGE DOBBIN FOR BLACK HAWK ESSENTIAL. PROPOSE ACCOMPLISH TRANSFER AS FOLLOWS FIRST EXCHANGE FORD A XVN DEPART SYDNEY 4 MAY JOIN CONVOY AT ROSES OR PROCEED DIRECT TO STRAW AS YOU DESIRE. HENLEY HELM REPORT COMSOWES PAC UPON ARRIVAL ROSES. SECOND EXCHANGE THREE FOUR PIPERS WITH COMDESDIV 57 ARRIVE BLEACHER ABOUT 20 MAY OR EARLIER TO REPLACE SELFRIDGE MUGFORD AND BAGLEY. THIRD EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE SUVA NOUMEA AREA. PERKINS FLUSSER AND TWO TWELVE HUNDRED TONNERS BE THERE ABOUT ONE DUNE FOR BELIEF BY BLUE JARVIS RALPH TALBOTT AND PATTERSON. REMAINING DOG DOG AS ESCORT FOR BLACK HAWK DEPARTS FREMANTLE ABOUT 15 MAY. REQUEST DOBBIN BE ESCORTED TO SYDNEY BY DESTROYER OF FIRST OR SECOND GROUP. SPARE PARTS TORPEDOES AMMUNITION RADARS WILL BE TRANSFERRED VIA WRIGHT AND BLACK HAWK.

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FROM <u>COMANZAC</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>17 APRIL 42</u>	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMINCH	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>519/17</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>FLYNN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CLUCKER</u>			

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TEXT

WASHINGTON DATE LINED PRESS RELEASES LATELY PUBLISHED HERE ARE CONSIDERED CERTAINLY DETRIMENTAL OUR US OPERATIONS WHEN ISSUED SOON AFTER AND IN FORM SIMILAR TO OFFICIAL REPORTS. THEY REFUTE TOKYO BROADCASTS BY GIVING EARLY INFORMATION THAT ENEMY COUNTER MEASURES NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS CLAIMED. ONLY ONE AVAILABLE TO SUBMARINES ON PATROL MAY BE COMPROMISED BY FORM OF RELEASE. PROBABLY ON ACCOUNT INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA ALLIED RADIO BROADCASTS OF THEIR USUALLY INEFFECTIVE COUNTER ATTACKS, ENEMY DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS RECENTLY INCREASED MARKABLY IN SEVERITY. ESSENTIAL THAT INFORMATION OUR SUB OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA BE AVOIDED IN COMMERCIAL BROADCASTS OF NEWSPAPERS. DELAY IN RELEASING ACCOUNTS THIS TYPE AND IN WORDING DIFFERING WIDELY FROM OFFICIAL REPORTS REQUESTED.

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RELEASED BY _____			PRIORITY
DATE _____			ROUTINE
FROM CODEROOM _____			DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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WILL HAVE SC RADAR AND THESE TWO HAVE PRELIMINARY WORK COMPLETED REQUIRING ONLY INSTRUMENTS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE AND CAN BE INSTALLED IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS WITH REPAIR SHIP OR EQUIVALENT HELP. REQUEST ALL RADAR EQUIPMENT RECEIVED BY YOU FOR 1200 TONNERS BUT NOT INSTALLED BE SENT TO PEARL WITH THEM. ALSO PROPOSE EXCHANGE DOBBIN FOR BLACKHAWK ACCOUNT SPARE PART SITUATION. YOUR COMMENT ON THIS REQUESTED.

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FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)			OPOPOPOPOP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH (ACKNOWLEDGE) CINCPAC	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 15 APRIL 1942			
TOR CODEROOM 0941 / 0932			OP OP OP OP PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH		COMANZACFOR	ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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DELIVERED CHICAGO PASS TO FATAS BY HAND. ORIGINATOR
COMTASKFOR 17 ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC INFO COMANZAC.

SINCE LANDING MY 100100 REPORTING FAILURE VICTOR FOX
FUEL TANKS SIX ADDITIONAL TANKS HAVE BEEN FOUND DEFECTIVE.
POSSIBILITY TWO RECENT CRASHES MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO
TANKS. TWELVE VICTOR FOX NOW AVAILABLE. WILL PROCEED
TONGATABU FOR UPKEEP PROVISIONS AND FOR FIGHTER TANKS
IF MORE FIGHTERS MUST BE PLACED OUT OF COMMISSION.

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FROM <u>CTF 17 (NERK)</u>		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RR
DATE <u>APRIL 15, 1942</u>		PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO.	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1502/1413</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL, BELL.</u>			ROUTINE RR
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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CTF 17 ORIGINATOR

LEAKS HAVE DEVELOPED SEVEN LEAKPROOF TANKS FOX HOUR
 FOX DASH THREE PLANE IN LAST MONTH THREE IN LAST THREE
 DAYS X NO ADDITIONAL SPARE TANKS AVAILABLE X ANY
 FURTHER TROUBLE WILL REDUCE COMPLEMENT BELOW 18 PLANES X
 REQUEST URGENT SHIPMENT SPARE LEAK PROOF TANKS

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FROM <u>COM ANZAC</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE <u>14 APRIL 1942</u>	FOR INFORMATION	NAVOBS WELLINGTON NZ CINCPAC	PRIORITY RRRRR
TOR CODEROOM <u>1449/14</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>BROWNING</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>COLEMAN</u>			

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PART ONE.

PROPOSED US INTELLIGENCE CENTER WILL FUNCTION MOST EFFICIENTLY IF UTILIZATION IS MADE OF PRESENT NEW ZEALAND COMBINED NAVAL AIR AND ARMY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING EXTENSIVE COAST WATCHING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. HEADQUARTERS ARE IN WELLINGTON. OPNAV 062140.

ACCOMODATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED IN AUCKLAND FORTH WITH IN ADVANCE OF PROPOSED MOVE FOR NECESSARY OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE CENTER TO CONSIST INITIALLY OF ABOUT SIX OFFICERS IN AUCKLAND PLUS ONE LIAISON OFFICER IN WELLINGTON AND ONE NEW ZEALAND LIAISON OFFICER IN AUCKLAND. SUGGEST LT. COMDR. BEASLEY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILIARITY WITH US METHODS BE ASSIGNED AUCKLAND OFFICE AS HE IS ORGANIZING GROUP HERE.

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FROM <u>COMANZAC</u>		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>14 APRIL 1942</u>	FOR ACTION	INFO: NAVOBS AT WELLINGTON NZ INCPAC	DEFERRED
TO ROOM <u>1342/14</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BROWNING</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HEIME</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED

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 TEXT WELLINGTON, PASS TO NZNB.
 SECOND AND LAST PART

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE QUITE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ALL ISLANDS IN AREA SPECIFIED AND PERSONNEL WITH DETAILED KNOWLEDGE CAN BE OBTAINED AT SHORT NOTICE.

EMPIRE ORGANIZATION BASED ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IS ORGANIZED TO PASS ALL INTELLIGENCE FROM SANTA CRUZ, NEW HEBRIDES, AND NEW CALEDONIA GROUPS TO AUSTRALIA. THIS CAN BE RELAYED TO NEW ZEALAND UNDER NEW SETUP AS COICS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE COMPLETE INFORMATION AT PRESENT.

REQUEST LIST OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS REFERRED TO IN YOU DESPATCH.

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FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>2 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1210/1053</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH COMANZACFOR CTF 17 USS TANGIER	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>TIERS/TIERS</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMSERFORPAC INFO BY RADIO TO COMINCH
 TANGIER COMANZAC COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN AND BY OTHER MEANS
 TO KASKASKIA WRIGHT TUCKER COMPATWING TWO COMTRAINRON EIGHT
 DIRECT^{KAS} KASKIA REPORT PEARL 1500 VW/2 APRIL AND PROCEED
 TO NOUMEA IN COMPANY WITH WRIGHT AND TUCKER VIA SAMOA
 AND XUVA. KASKASKIA ~~RECEIVED~~ LOADING 300,000 GALLONS
 AVGAS REMAINDER BLACK OIL. KASKASKIA IS TO FUEL WRIGHT
 AND TUCKER AS NECESSARY ENROUTE AND AT NOUMEA AND AT
 LATTER PLACE FUEL AND GAS TANGIER. THEREAFTER TO AWAIT
 ORDERS OF COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN.

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FROM COMANZACFOR		CINCPAC	PRIORITY DEFERRED DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 1 APRIL 1942.			
TOR CODEROOM 1446/1		OPNAV	PRIORITY DEFERRED DEFERRED
DECODED BY SARNOFF			
PARAPHRASED BY GERMAN			

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TEXT

TASKFORCE COMMANDERS URDIS 302225 HAVE BEEN INCLUDED
TO CONCEAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS AREA.

WHEN DO EXPECT OPNAV 182127 FEB REGARDING DECEPTION
TO BE UTILIZED.

THE JAPS STILL BREAKING OUR CALL SIGNS SINCE 1161-A
EFFECTIVE.

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FROM CINCPC	RDC WASHINGTON NAV OBS WELLINGTON COMANZAC	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY	FOR ACTION	DEFERRED
DATE 1 APRIL 1942		
FOR CODEBOOK 0858/0758	DEFERRED	DEFERRED
DECODED BY GLUNT/BERRY		
PARAPHRASED BY	DEFERRED	DEFERRED

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TEXT FROM NEW ZEALAND AIR LIAISON OFFICER HONOLULU X AFIRM

3631/3 WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE X FOLLOWING POSITION AIRCRAFT
 FOR FERRYING AUSTRALIA X 20 BAKER 26 REMAIN HICKAM EXPECT
 15 THESE LEAVE THIS WEEK X MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES ON
ASSEMBLY BAKER 26 AT HICKAM HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED EXPECTED
FURTHER DELIVERY TO HONOLULU WILL BE FLOWN WITH EXTRA FUEL
TANKS X 3 BAKER 25 DEPARTING FROM HICKAM DURING WEEK FURTHER
 8 READY DELIVERY AWAITING ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON X 4
 FORTRESSES ARRIVED FROM MAINLAND 27/3 PROBABLY FOR ONWARD
 FLIGHT LATER X SQUADRON 12 CATALINAS ON TRANSFER COMANZAC
 ARRIVING FIJI REPEAT FIJI FLIGHTS OF THREE ON SUCCESSIVE
 DAYS FIRST ZED 31/3 X 2 CATALINAS FOR DELIVERY AUSTRALIA
 LEAVING HERE 1/4 ESTIMATED TIME ARRIVAL SUVA ZED 4/4 THESE
 BEING DELIVERED ROYAL AIR FORCE FERRY COMMAND AND ROYAL
 AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CREWS 1 UNITED STATES CORONADO LEAVING

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
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TEXT

SAME DAY X 1 ENEMY SUBMARINE REPORTED DURING WEEK OAHU AREA X NO ENEMY AIR CONTACTS X NAVAL OBSERVER WELLINGTON DELIVER TO CENTRAL WAR ROOM WELLINGTON FOR DELIVER TO ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE SUVA X COMANZAC DELIVER TO CENTRAL WAR ROOM MELBOURNE X NEGAT SAIL SAIL PASS TO BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION WASHINGTON FOR INFO

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DATE <u>1 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMANZAC CINCPAC	ROUTINE
TOR CODEBOOK <u>0813/0805</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/BERRY</u>			OP OP OP
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COMINCH 301930 X THIS TASKFORCE AT SEA SINCE FEBRUARY 16
 AND IT IS MANDATORY TO PROVISION SOME SHIPS X SEE MY
 210833 X ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR 17 ACTION COMINCH INFO
 CINCPAC COMANZAC X CONSIDER FACT THAT NO ENEMY FORCES
 MOVING TO SOUTHWARD MAKES THIS OPPORTUNE TIME TO
 PROVISION X RETURNING CORAL SEA APRIL 2

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FROM <u>BAD WASHINGTON</u>	FOR ACTION	NZNB	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE IMPORTANT DEFERRED
DATE <u>1 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	ACNB AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS, SUVA ADMIRALTY 918	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>1251</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY _____			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>LELAND</u>			

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NAVY DEPARTMENT INTEND SUPPLYING THE FOLLOWING:

1. FOR HANU, REFERENCE A.C.N.B.'S ~~0930Z~~ 9 MARCH AND ~~MEMORANDUM~~ N.Z.N.B.'S 1241M/11:

(A) INDICATOR NET FOR NAVULA PASSAGE 1200 YARDS IN LENGTH AND AN INDICATOR LOOP FROM MOMI HEAD TO NAVULA PEEF 2 POINT 75 MILES LONG INSTEAD OF LOOPS ONE TO SEVEN AS REQUESTED.

(B) ~~400~~ ADDITIONAL ANTENNAE MINES ARE ON THEIR WAY. SUMNER HAS ORDERS TO ASSIST IN SURVEY.

(C) TEN SONO BUOYS WITH ONE RECEIVER AND EQUIPMENT, AVAILABLE JUNE, INSTEAD OF H.D. ASDICS A TO E. TO BE REPLACED BY H. D. ASDICS END OF 1942

(D) TWO CONTROL HUTS QUONSET PATTERN

(E) SIX PICKET BOATS WITH TWO DEPTH CHARGES, TWO MACHINE GUNS, TWO WAY VOICE RADIOS EACH, BUT NO ASDICS, INSTEAD OF TEN MOTOR A/S VESSELS REQUESTED.

ALSO SHORE RADIO FOR COMMUNICATION WITH PICKET BOATS.

(F) RADAR NOT AVAILABLE OTHER THAN THAT OF PURSUIT SQUADRON.

(G) ADDITIONAL MINEFIELDS NUMBERS TEN AND TWENTY ARE NOT CONSIDERED VITAL BY NAVY DEPARTMENT IN VIEW OF PRESENT HEAVY DEMANDS.

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(H) FIVE UNITS INDIVIDUAL SHIP CLOSE PROTECTION ANTI-TORPEDO NETS.

FOR NANTU. REFERENCE N.Z.N.B'S 1244W/15 TO BAD ONLY:

(I) TANK FARM CONSISTING OF:

FUEL OIL 50,000 BARRELS, POSSIBLY MORE
 DIESEL OIL 20,000 BARRELS.
 GASOLENE 10,000 BARRELS.
 LUBRICATING OIL 5000 BARRELS.

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(J) NO HOSPITAL UNITS AND NO COLD STORAGE, THESE FACILITIES BEING AVAILABLE AT AUCKLAND AND TONGATABU.

(K) U.S. NAVY, DISTILL OWN WATER AND DO NOT REQUIRE WATER BOAT.

(L) AIR COMPRESSORS ARE NOT REQUIRED BY U.S. NAVY.

(M) SUFFICIENT SKILLED PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE INSTALLATION AND INITIAL OPERATION. THIS PERSONNEL WILL BE WITH DRAWN SUBSEQUENTLY.

2. FOR SUVA REFERENCE A.C.N.B'S 1220Z/18 MARCH

(A) INDICATOR NET 1000 YARDS LONG FOR OUTER END OF ENTRANCE.

(B) ANTI TORPEDO NET 900 YARDS LONG FOR ~~QUINQUA~~ INNER END OF ENTRANCE.

(C) INDICATOR LOOP 700 YARDS LONG FOR OUTER ~~END~~ END OF ENTRANCE

(D) FOUR SONO BUOYS, 4 SPARES, AND 1 RECEIVER, AVAILABLE JUNE. TO BE REPLACED BY H.D. ASDICS, END OF 1942.

(E) LUMBER AND ORDNANCE MATERIAL FOR FRAME WORK FOR PERMANENT OBSTRUCTION IN PASSAGE SOUTH OF SUVA POINT. ROCKS FOR THIS TO BE

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(F) TWO QUONSET TYPE CONTROL HUTS.

3. FOR AUCKLAND REFERENCE N.Z.N.B'S 2223Z/B MARCH

(A) MOORING BUOYS AND GROUND TACKLE FOR 2 BATTLESHIPS, 2 CARRIERS, 4 CRUISERS AND 2 AUXILIARIES. NAVY DEPARTMENT REQUEST THAT PENS BE CONSTRUCTED LOCALLY FOR NINE DESTROYERS.

(B) 2 SELF-PROPELLED FUEL OIL BARGES.

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(C) 2 HARBOUR TUGS

(D) S.A. GEAR FOR 3 DOUBLE L SWEEPERS BUILDING IN NEW ZEALAND.

(E) ANTI-TORPEDO NET WITH SKIRTS, GATE, AND GATE VESSEL, FOR INSTALLATION BETWEEN BASTION BEACON AND COOK POINT, 1 MILE.

(F) 5 UNITS INDIVIDUAL SHIP CLOSE PROTECTION A/T NETS.

FOR AUCKLAND REFERENCE N.Z.N.B'S 1244U/15 MARCH TO BAD ONLY:

(G) TANK FARMS FOR STORAGE OF
 FUEL OIL 500,000 BARRELS
 DIESEL OIL 40,000 " "
 GASOLENE 20,000 " "
 LUBRICATING OIL 1,000 " "

(H) SUFFICIENT SKILLED PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE INSTALLATION AND INITIAL OPERATION.

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REMAINING ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE OR CONSIDERED UNNECESSARY BY NAVY DEPARTMENT EXCEPT FOR A/A GUNS, SEARCHLIGHTS AND AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE BEING DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.

U.S. JOINT STAFF PLANNERS ARE CONSIDERING FURTHER FORCES AND FACILITIES NEEDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW ZEALAND'S APPRECIATION OF 14TH MARCH.

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The Japanese naval activity both to the south and to the north of BOUGHAINVILLE Island could be an advance screen for operations to the southeast of an offensive nature or it might be an effort to discover the forces of the Allied Navy. These enemy operations might also be for the purpose of screening their shipping activity at RABUL.

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G-2 Comment:

1. These groups were garbled
2. Probably refers to KESSA Harbor or CAROLA Harbor on the northwest coast of BUKA Island.
3. Small island south of BOUGHAINVILLE Island.

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(4) NO SHIPPING OBSERVED LAE 28TH MARCH

(5) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER AMBASI, CAPE NELSON, BULOLO, PEILA, CAPE RODNEY, LOLORUA, DOGURA (NEW GUINEA) ON 28TH MARCH.

(6) 2 VESSELS APPROXIMATELY 500 TONS SIGHTED BY AIR RECONNAISSANCE 2236/Z 27TH 10-36 SOUTH 140-07 EAST. COURSE 195. SHIP WHEN CHALLENGED STOPPED AND SHOWED DUTCH COLOURS. NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

(7) 1 T 97 KAWANISI FLYING BOATS OVER TULAGI 0055/Z 28TH.

(8) AN UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE WARSHIP MOVING FROM POSITION SOUTH RABAU TO RABAU AREA ON 27TH MARCH.

(9) THE 6TH CRUISER SQUADRON WAS AT OR SOUTH OF GREEN-ICH ISLAND ON 27TH MARCH.

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SERIAL NO. 65 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 28TH.

- (1) 3 HUDSONS AND 3 B17'S ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPING KOEPANG 23~~00~~Z 25TH. 2 LONG COLUMNS OF TROOPS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY ~~0800-50~~ SOUTH 124-45 EAST PROCEEDING INLAND. 12 MERCHANT SHIPS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 55, ~~000~~ TONS AND INCLUDING 1 HOSPITAL SHIP OBSERVED IN KOEPANG AREA. 1 NEAR MISS ON MERCHANT SHIP OFF TENAU NO DAMAGE OBSERVED, 1 B17 MISSING.
- (2) 6 FLIGHTS OF HEAVY BOMBERS OVER TABAR ISLAND ~~0545Z~~ 26TH COURSE SOUTH.
- (3) LARGE FORMATION ENEMY A/C REPORTED OVER BUIN (BOUGAINVILLE) ~~0950Z~~ 26TH.
- (4) 2 FLOAT PLANES DROPPED 2 BOMBS ON KIETA 25TH MARCH NO CASUALTIES.
- (5) STRONG ENEMY FORCE HAS REACHED NADZAP 27 MILES UP MARKHAM RIVER (NEW GUINEA).

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DIGEST FROM ACNB SERIAL 63 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 24TH.

(1) ONE HUDSON DROPPED 4 BOMBS ON SAUMLAKI WHARVES (TANIMBAR ISLAND) 24TH MARCH NO HITS ACTUALLY OBSERVED. NO ENEMY SHIPPING SIGHTED.

(2) ONE HEAVY BOMBER (TYPE UNIDENTIFIED) SHOT DOWN 2130/Z 23RD BY TWO P-40'S IN PORT MORESBY AREA.

(3) 18 TYPE 96 HEAVY BOMBERS IN TWO FLIGHTS 10 AND 8 ESCORTED BY THREE "D" FIGHTERS RAIDED PORT MORESBY AT 0048Z 24TH. 10 BOMBERS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED 7 MILE AERODROME AND THEN BOMBED 3 MILE AERODROME DAMAGE UNKNOWN. 8 BOMBERS ATTACKED WATERFRONT ONE HIT LARGE STORE. ONE VICTUALLING STORE PROBABLY DAMAGED.

(4) TWO AIRCRAFT REPORTED SUBMARINE PARTIALLY SUBMERGED 27-45 SOUTH 154-20 EAST AT 0710Z 24TH. GRADE B-1.

(5) INDICATION THAT C.O. FIRST AIR CORPS MOVED FROM RABAU TO GASMATA ON 23RD MARCH.

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DIGEST - SERIAL NO. 61 - FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 22ND.

(1). 9 P 40'S, 4 B 17'S AND 2 HUDSONS ATTACKED ENEMY A/C AND GROUND INSTALLATIONS AT LAE MORNING 22 MARCH. 10 (ZERO) FIGHTERS, 3 HEAVY BOMBERS AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. 4 ZERO FIGHTERS AND 2 HEAVY BOMBERS DAMAGED. DIRECT HITS SCORED ON AMMUNITION DUMP. CONSIDERABLE AAA FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM SOUTH EAST END OF RUNWAY. 2 P 40'S MISSING.

(2) HUDSONS ATTACKED SHIPPING, AERODROME AND TOWN KOEPANG 0115Z 21ST. BOMBS FELL ON RUNWAY AND INCENDIARIES IN BUILDINGS AND BARRACKS WHERE FIRES STARTED, NO DAMAGE TO SHIPPING.

(3). RECONNAISSANCE KOEPANG AREA 0515 Z 22ND REVEALED 1 SMALL CRUISER NORTHERN END SEMAHE STRAITS, 8 TRANSPORTS IN KOEPANG HARBOR (97) F/B'S IN NORTH WEST SECTION SEMAHE STRAIT, 3 A/C ON AERODROME, 1 (ZERO) FIGHTER SHOT DOWN.

(4). RECONNAISSANCE OVER DILLI 22ND MARCH NEGATIVE DUE TO WEATHER. BOMBS DROPPED ON BELIEVED POSITION OF OIL TANK.

(5). 1 (ZERO) FIGHTER AND 2 T 97 NAKATIMA S S F'S OVER DARRIN 0051 Z 22ND. 2 A/C MADE LOW RUN OVER AERODROME WITHOUT ATTACKING. 1 T 97 NAKAJIMA S S F SHOT DOWN BY OUR FIGHTERS. PILOT PARACHUTED NOT YET LOCATED.

(6). FORMATION OF BOMBERS, TYPE UNKNOWN, (7 FLEW) DOWN DALY RIVER EVENTUALLY ATTACKING KATHERINE AT 0330 Z 22ND. 1 STICK OF BOMBS DROPPED FROM GREAT HEIGHT LITTLE DAMAGE, 1 NATIVE KILLED.

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- (7). 3 (ZERO) FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED RECONNAISSANCE PORT MORESBY AT 0450 Z 22ND FROM 15,000 FEET BUT DRIVEN OFF BY OUR FIGHTERS.
- (8). INDICATION OF UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS CONNECTED WITH AIR PROCEEDING FROM KOEPANG AREA TO SOUTH EAST CELEGES 21ST MARCH.
- (9). KAMOI MOVING TO NEW IRELAND WATERS TO POSITION NORTH OF NEW IRELAND 21ST MARCH.
- (10) UNIDENTIFIED NAVAL UNITS CONNECTED WITH AIR PROCEEDING FROM RABAU AREA TO GASMATA AREA 21ST MARCH.
- (11) INDICATION OF UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT CONNECTED WITH AIR MOVED KUSAIE AREA TO JALVIT AREA 21ST MARCH. ADMIRAL NO. 502.

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(FROM ACNB)

DIGEST:

SERIAL NO. 66 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 21ST.

(1) ONE B 17 ATTACKED VANAKANAU AERODROME AM ON 21ST MARCH. FOUR 500 POUND DROPPED ON RUNWAY.

EIGHT AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ON AERODROME.

SIX ZERO FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED. TWO PROBABLY DESTROYED.

SIGHTED SEVENTEEN SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

(2) RECONNAISSANCE KOEPANG P.M. 21ST MARCH REVEALS ONE CRUISER, THREE DESTROYERS, THREE (APPROX. 10,000 TONS)

SIX (APPROX. 5,000) TRANSPORTS, FOURTEEN SMALL SHIPS.

ONE WARSHIP, PROBABLY DESTROYER UNDERWAY OUTSIDE HARBOUR.

BOMBS DROPPED ON KOEPANG AERODROME AND BUILDINGS.

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NO RESULT OBSERVED.

(3)..EXTENSIVE ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE OVER SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA. ONE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE SHOT DOWN BY TWO RAAF FIGHTERS.

(4)..ENEMY AIRCRAFT (CONSIDERED PROBABLY MITSUBISHI MC 20) OVER R TOWNSVILLE 0110Z/21ST.

(5)..ENEMY/RECONNAISSANCE MANY PLACES NORTH AUSTRALIA 19TH MARCH.

(6)..60 JAPANESE TROOPS RAIDED KOMIATUM (SEVEN MILES SOUTH OF SALANDA AND DESTROYED STORES (18?) MARCH.

NO FURTHER ENEMY MOVEMENTS TO SOUTH OBSERVED 0230Z/20TH
(7)..ENEMY AIRCRAFT (TYPE UNKNOWN) MACHINE GUNNED WAS VIGILANT OFF GUNPOINT..(012-10 SOUTH 131-00 E/ST) AT 0500Z/19TH. NO HITS ON SHIP.

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CDR ANZAC FORCE REQUESTS BASE FACILITIES AND DEFENCE
AT XX NOUMEA AND ASSESSES PRIORITY OF SUPPLY OF MATERIAL
FOR THIS PROJECT NEXT AFTER SUVA AND BEFORE REPETITION
BEFORE NANDI AND AUCKLAND. REFERENCE ADMIRALTY CHART NUM-
BER 480.

2. REQUEST FOLLOWING MATERIAL BE ALLOTTED: (A) INDICATOR
LOOPS. 5 IN NUMBER ON LINE CANARD BAYIEROI-CROISSANT-
SENEZ-PRONY-MAAPENINSULAR. (B) H.D.A.S. FN FOLLOWING POS-
ITIONS FROM SENEZ REEF BEACH NUMBER 1 094 DEGREES 36 CABLES
NUMBER 2 056 DEGREES 23 CABLES NUMBER 3 020 DEGREES 23
CABLES (C) CONTROL NUTS FOR (A) AND (B) WITH RADIO TELE-
PHONE FOR COMMUNICATION WITH PATROL VESSELS ON HILL 364
NU ISLAND (D) A/S BOON TYPE AL (SMALL MESH) 290 DEGREES
3 1/2 CABLES FROM VAU PENINSULA TO GATE THENCE 180 DEGREES
6 1/2 CABLES TO LACOMBE POINT. (E) ANTI-TORPEDO BOON TYPE
E2 020 DEGREES 6 CABLES IN LENGTH FROM KUNGU POINT.

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- (E) 6 MOTOR A/S BOATS PLUS 3 FOR RELIEFS AND REFIT.
 (G) RADIO LOCATION SUITABLE FOR THE DETECTION OF SMALL SURFACE VESSELS ON NDO1 (HILL 453). PRESUME THE U.S. AIR FORCE NOW AT NOUMEA ARE PROVIDED WITH EARLY WARNING EQUIPMENT. IF NOT, 2 U.S. EQUIPMENT TYPE C.R. 268 MIGHT BE PROVIDED FROM AUSTRALIA. (H) ANTI-M.T.B. ARMAMENT TO COVER APPROACH TO GREAT ROAD AND PORT NOUMEA. PRESUME THIS WILL BE ADMIRALTY'S.
3. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED FROM LOCAL RESOURCES. (A) ANTI-TORPEDO NETS SUPPORTED ON PILES DOLPHIN WITH GATE SECTION IN LITTLE ENTRANCE. (B) ANTI-BOAT (?LOOP) IN FALSE ENTRANCE. (C) ANTI/SUBMARINE MINEFIELD TO WESTWARD OF INDICATOR LOOP NO.1 BETWEEN PROXY AND MAA PENINSULA NO.2 BETWEEN SENEZ AND PROXY. (D) RADIO TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT FOR PARA.2. (C)

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4. ADMIRALTY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DEPART IN M.S. "GUADRIAN"

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TEXT

TO LAY INDICATOR NETS AS TEMPORARY MEASURE BETWEEN PRONY AND
 (?SOUTHERN) HEADLAND OF KUENDU COVE. MINE FOR PARA.3 (C) NO.1
 WILL BE LAID FROM H.M.A.S. BUNGASATEE IN MAY OR JUNE.
 5. THE FOLLOWING LOCAL DEFENCE VESSELS ARE BEING PROVIDED
 BY A.C.N.B. (A) 2 "BATHURST" CLASS MINESWEEPERS NOW AT NOUMEA
 WILL REMAIN FOR THE PRESENT (B) 2 12 KNOTS MOTOR PATROL
 BOATS FITTED WITH A/S DURING APRIL (C) 2 AUXILIARY MINE-
 SWEEPERS AND 2 AUXILIARY A/S VESSELS TO RELEASE (A) FOR ES-
 CORT DUTY DURING APRIL.

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FOR CODEROOM <u>1443/1650</u>		COMANZAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CANNING/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
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PART TWO OF MY 191401 X ROSES PERSONNEL CONSISTS OF ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND ARMY BUT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE AA OR COMPLETE COAST DEFENSE UNITS ALSO INCLUDES FIVE HUNDRED NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION AND FIVE HUNDRED NAVAL LOCAL DEFENSE AND HOSPITAL UNITS X BASED ON INFORMATION LATELY RECEIVED REGARDING NEW ZEALAND DEFENSES IN PLACE AT BLEACHER AND BECAUSE OF EXPOSED POSITION OF ROSES WHERE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY ARMY TROOPS ARE DUE TO LAND EIGHTEEN MARCH FROM POPPY I DESIRE YOU SEND FOURTH DEFENSE BATTALION AND ADVANCE DETACHMENTS OF PERSONNEL FROM MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON IN TASKFORCE THIRTEEN TO ROSES X MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON PLANES AND REMAINDER OF PERSONNEL TO BE DISPATCHED BY YOU TO ARRIVE ROSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIELD COMPLETED X MARINE DEFENSE BATTALION AND VF SQUADRON MUST REMAIN ROSES UNTIL ^{RELIEVED} LATER BY ARMY X ARRANGE LOCAL COMMAND

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TEXT

RELATIONS ROSES WITH GENERAL PATCH ASSIGNING UNITY OF
 COMMAND LOCALLY TO SENIOR TROOP COMMANDER PRESENT X NEW
 ZEALAND KNOWS OF INTENDED MOVEMENT TO BLEACHER X NECESSARY
 DIPLOMATIC ARRANGEMENTS ROSES WILL BE MADE HERE X DIRECTIVES
 FOR BLEACHER ROSES AND STRAW MOVEMENTS BEING FORWARDED BY
 COURIER X PART THREE NOT TO COMANZAC FOLLOWS

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RELEASED BY <u>RADM EDWARDS</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>19 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1441/1621</u>		COMANZAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>WINTER/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT

MY TWELVE TWO ZERO TEN IN ADDITION TO FORCES FOR BLEACHER X
 PLAN TO SEND FROM SANFRANCISCO ABOUT TWELVE APRIL NAVAL AND
ARMY UNITS AND SERVICES TO ROSES ^{Efata} MARINE CORPS REENFORCE-
 MENTS FOR STRAW WILL BE LOADED IN TRANSPORTS TO ACCOMPANY
 BOTH BLEACHER AND ROSES CONVOYS WHICH WILL BE ROUTED ^{Tong-tan} TO VICINITY
 OF BOBCAT AND THEN PROCEED GENERALLY IN COMPANY TO
 DESTINATIONS X ARRANGE FOR PROTECTION FROM SANFRANCISCO TO
 BOBCAT AND THENCE TO DESTINATIONS REQUESTING COMANZAC FOR
 SUPPORT X COMSOUTHEASTPACFOR WILL BE DIRECTED BY ME TO
 PROVIDE ESCORTS FROM PANAMA TO BOBCAT X ESTIMATED TIME OF
 ARRIVAL BOBCAT TWENTYNINE APRIL X BLEACHER CONVOY WILL
 CONSIST OF FIVE TRANSPORTS AND SEVEN CARGO VESSELS ROSES
 CONVOY THREE TRANSPORTS AND THREE CARGO VESSELS STRAW CONVOY
LOADING NORFOLK THREE TRANSPORTS AND FOUR CARGO VESSELS
LOADING SANDIEGO TWO TRANSPORTS AND ONE CARGO VESSEL X

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ARRANGE FOR REFUELING TRANSPORTS AND CARGO VESSELS AT
BOBCAT AND BLEACHER X PART TWO FOLLOWS X

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FROM MELBOURNE		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 19 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1952/18TH		FOR ACTION INFORMATION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY KCMOWN/GRAY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GRAYDON			DEFERRED

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DIGEST SERIAL #58 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 17TH.

(1) 1 HUDSON DROPPED 4 BOMBS FROM 5,000 FEET ON KOEPANG AERODROME AT 0630Z/17. HITS ON RUNWAYS OBSERVED. LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED. HUDSON UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY 10 FIGHTERS (SIMILAR NAVY T-95 BIPLANE).

(2) ENEMY NAVAL FORCE KESSA MY SERIAL 55 REPORTED 15 MILES OFF SHORE AT 0710Z/17. INDICATION LANDING PARTIES HAVE FORAGED FOR FRESH FOOD BUT NO MOVE MADE TO OCCUPY AREA. 1 CATAPULT AIRCRAFT CARRIED ON RECONNAISSANCE OF LOCALITY.

(3) HEAVY ENEMY CONCENTRATION REPORTED ON MARKHAM RIVER (NEAR LAE). ENEMY EQUIPMENT, ARMoured VEHICLES AND REPORTED CROSSING RIVER IN RUBBER BOATS. NATIVES REPORT GERMAN MISSIONARIES WITH JAPANESE. LOCAL NATIVES SUSPECTED OF COOPERATION WITH ENEMY. 1,000 ENEMY BELIEVED SALAMOA.

(4) RELIABLE NATIVE SOURCE REPORTS THREE LARGE SHIPS VICINITY DOINI ISLAND (NEAR SAMARAI) AT 0330Z/17.

(5) THREE SUBS AND TWO DESTROYERS REPORTED LAE 18TH MARCH. DESTROYERS DEPARTED EASTWARD.

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THIS IS THE REPLY TO YOUR 132300.

DEFENCE FORCES ~~ROSES~~.

- A. HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 30 MEN.
 - B. NATIVE INFANTRY COMPANY 117 MEN.
 - C. EUROPEAN (BRITISH AND FRENCH) 30 MEN.
 - D. LOCAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL 19, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS AND SKELETON SEAPLANE SERVICING PERSONNEL.
- NO AIRCRAFT RUNWAYS.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 16 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1945</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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SERIAL NO 54 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM. MARCH 15.

- (1) REFERENCE 8 ENEMY UNITS REPORTED SEAESSA (BUKA) MY SERIAL NO 53. ALL UNITS RETURNED 15 MARCH AND WERE ANCHORED IN HARBOR 0145Z 15TH. HARBOR REPORTED BOOYED. SUGGEST THIS BEING USED AS BASE FOR FORCE COVERING NEW BRITAIN, NEW GUINEA OPERATIONS.
- (2) AIR RECONNAISSANCE KOEPANG BY ONE HUDSON 15TH MARCH REVEALED 16 TWIN ENGINED BOMBERS AND 20 SSF'S ON AIRDROME. (FOUR?) FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT, A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED AT 13000 FEET. BOMBS DUMPED ONE MILE NORTH OF AIRDROME. FIVE 3-ENGINED FLYING BOATS & ONE SMALL SHIP SIGHTED SEMAOE STRAITS, TWO 1000 TON VESSELS, ONE 6000 TON VESSEL AND LIGHTER ANCHORED OFF WHARF.
- (3) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING BOAT SIGHTED IN POSITION 008-00 S 155-37 E, COURSE 12 DEGREES 15TH MARCH.
- (4) REF MY SERIAL NO 53, AIR RECONNAISSANCE DILLI 14 MARCH IN ADDITION TO UNITS MENTIONED, 6000 TON MOTOR VESSEL AT WHARF.

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RECONNAISSANCE OVER DILLI MARCH 14 SIGHTED TWO SMALL SHIPS IN HARBOR, ONE AIRCRAFT ON AERODROME. NORTH-SOUTH RUNWAY APPARENTLY IN COURSE OF EXTENSION. BOMB DROPPED NO APPARENT RESULT.

NIL REPETITION NIL ANTI-AIRCRAFT REPRISALS OR IN THE AIR.

REPORTS FROM ESCAPEE FROM DUTCH TIMOR INDICATE WHARF BEING CONSTRUCTED KOEPANG.

COAST WATCHER REPORTS ONE SMALL WARSHIP ONE LARGE TRANSPORT APPROACHING LAE FROM SE 0115Z/14TH WITH ONE T 97 FLYING BOAT IN COMPANY.

RAID NUMBER 13 ON PORT MORESBY 0142Z /14TH BY 9 HEAVY BOMBERS. RUNWAY LIGHTLY DAMAGED.

RAID NO.1 HUELVA ISLAND 0120Z/14TH BY 8 BOMBERS & 9 Z FIGHTERS. NO DAMAGE TO AIRDROME. 2 Z FIGHTERS AND 1 BOMBER DESTROYED IN AIR; ONE US FIGHTER MISSING; ONE RAAF HUDSON DESTROYED ON GROUND. ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE OVER NAURU 2202 12TH AND SHORTLAND ISLAND AND SOUTH OF DOUGAINVILLE 14TH MARCH.

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UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER DALY WATER 0210Z 14TH AND DARWIN
 0613Z 14TH.
 MANY ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA
 14TH MARCH.

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TEXT (RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM B.A.D.)

INSPIRE OF DISADVANTAGES MENTIONED COMANZAC CONSIDERS USE OF NANDI IN ADDITION TO SUVA DESIRABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF A/S DEFENSE PROBLEM:

1. LARGE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS ARE UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE SHARP TURN INTO SUVA HARBOR.
2. OWING TO PROXIMITY OF NANDI AERODROME WHICH ALONE IS SUITABLE FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, AIR DEFENSES AT NANDI ANCHORAGE ARE STRONGER.
3. DISTANCE OF THIS AERODROME FROM SUVA AND LAUTHALA WOULD IMPOSE LIMITATIONS ON OPERATION AND OVERHAUL OF CARRIER BORNE AIRCRAFT.

PART II

AUCKLAND IS PREFERRED TO WELLINGTON FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. BETTER STRATEGICAL POSITION.
2. ALL EXISTING NAVAL FACILITIES EXCEPT FLOATING DOCK ARE AT AUCKLAND.
3. BETTER AERODROME AND FLYING BOAT FACILITIES.
4. A/S DEFENSES AND MINEFIELDS NOW BEING INSTALLED WILL PROVIDE AMPLE SECURE ANCHORAGE FOR DEEP DRAUGHT SHIPS.
5. PROXIMITY OF EXERCISE AREA IN PROTECTED WATERS.*

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TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
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TEXT (RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM B.A.D.)

SERIAL NO. 51 FROM C W R MARCH 12.

- (1) AIR RECONNAISSANCE 1 HUDSON 12TH MARCH REVEALS
 (A) LAE 1 DESTROYER 1 PARTIALLY SUNK TRANSPORT AT 0145Z/12TH.
 FIGHTER OPERATING FROM AERODROME.
 (B) SALAMOA 2 ~~7000~~ GREY TRANSPORTS 1 SMALLER TRANSPORT
 AT 0155Z/12TH.
- (2) CRUISER REPORTED OFF SALAMOA AT 2315Z/11TH.
- (3) SINGLE ENGINED FLOATPLANE RECONNOITERED TUF1 (NORTH EAST
 COAST PASSAGE) AT 0100Z/12TH.
 ADMIRALTY NO. 412.

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DATE 13 MARCH 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1738/13				PRIORITY
DECODED BY BRITISH				ROUTINE
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TEXT

SERIAL NO.51 FROM CWR MARCH 12TH.

ATR RECONNAISSANCE 1 HUDS ON 12TH MARCH REVEALS :-

(A) LAE. ONE DESTROYER 1 PARTIALLY SUNK TRANSPORT AT 0145Z 12TH. FIGHTER OPERATING FROM AERODROME.

(B) SALAMOA 2 7000 GREY TRANSPORTS 1 SMALLER TRANSPORT AT 0155Z 12TH.

(2) CRUISER REPORTED OFF SALAMOA AT 2315Z 11TH.

(3) SINGLE ENGINED FLOAT PLANE RECONNOITERED TUF I (NORTHEAST COAST PASSAGE AT 0106Z 12TH.

ADMIRALTY NUMBER 412.

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FROM <u>COMANZAC</u>	FOR ACTION	CTF 17 USS CHICAGO	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>13 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	USS TANGIER CINCPAC COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0803/0743</u>			PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>TIERS/SLADE</u>			ROUTINE
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ANZAC SQUADRON UNDER FOCAS WILL OPERATE AS DESIRED
 BY FLETCHER IN CONNECTION FURTHER OPERATIONS AGAINST
 ENEMY X ARMY BOMBER AND RAAF COOPERATION WILL BE
 ARRANGED BY ME AS MAY BE REQUESTED X PBY PATROL AND
 SEARCH CONTINUES BUT IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS
 DESIRED X COMANZAC WILL CONTINUE DAILY INTELLIGENCE X
 CHICAGO PASS THIS (BY VISUAL) TO FOCAS FOR ACTION

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ANTICIPATE FOLLOWING ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FROM VICINITY BLEACHER TO XRAY PORTS X CHESTER WITH CONVOY PREP WILLIAM TWENTY FIFTY FIVE TWENTY ONE KNOTS EXPECTED ENTER ANZAC AREA THIRTY ONE MARCH X NEW ORLEANS MUGFORD WITH BAKER TARE TWO ZERO ONE FIFTEEN KNOTS TWENTY EIGHT MARCH X BOTH DATES GREENWICH X EXACT TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF MEETING POINTS LATER

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Several short abbreviated plain language reports originated by what appears to be a Mandate patrol plane indicate probable sighting of one aircraft carrier, two cruisers and five destroyers, at 1530 local time. Same unit reports 40 enemy planes.

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IMPORTANT

SERIAL NUMBER 58 FROM CWR MARCH 11TH.

(1) 11TH AIR RAID PORT MORESBY BY 12 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM 0230Z 11TH TO 0240Z 11TH 18 BOMBS INCLUDING SOME DELAYED ACTION DROPPED ON RUNWAY. AERODROME STILL SERVICEABLE. NO CASUALTIES. EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE CARRIED OUT IN PORT MORESBY AREA BETWEEN 2120Z 10TH AND 2200Z 10TH.

(2) ENEMY FLOATPLANE MACHINE GUNNED AND BOMBED MISSION VESSEL AND RADIO STATION AT BUNA AT 2300Z 10TH. NO CASUALTIES.

(3) ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE ONE AIRCRAFT TULAGI AT 0030Z 11

(4) AIR RECONNAISSANCE REPORT UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE IN POSITION 009 DEGS 10 MINS SOUTH 143 DEGS 51 MINS EAST AT 0305Z 11TH.

(5) UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINED MONOPLANE RECONNOITRED PORT KEATS WEST AUSTRALIA FOR 40 MINUTES FROM 2100Z 10TH.

(6) 4 ENGINED FLYING BOATS RECONNOITRED NAURU 0800 10TH MARCH.

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(7) FIVE B 17 S ATTACKED LAE AND SALAMOA 11TH MARCH TWENTY 500 POUND BOMBS DROPPED ON BUILDINGS AND RUNWAY AT SALAMOA BUILDINGS AND HANGARS DESTROYED. TWENTY 500 POUND BOMBS TROPPED ON LAE AERODROME, NEAR MISS ON SHIP IN HARBOUR. 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ALL OUR AIRCRAFT RETURNED.

(8) RECONNAISSANCE AT 0303Z 11TH REPORTED BUILDINGS AND RUNWAYS LAE APPEAR NORMAL AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT SEEN TAKING OFF. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY SALAMOA. TOTAL ENEMY SHIPPING OBSERVED IN HUON GULF AREA 11TH MARCH COMPRISING 2 CRUISERS, 2 DESTROYERS, 4 TRANSPORTS INCLUDING ONE BEACHED AND SUBMERGED ONE SMALL STEAM VESSEL.

(9) COAST WATCHER KESSA BUKA REPORTS 8 WARSHIPS INCLUDING TWO 3 FUNNEL CRUISERS, TWO 2 FUNNEL CRUISERS, TWO 1 FUNNEL CRUISERS AND 2 DESTROYERS WERE ANCHORED KESSA BUKA HARBOUR FROM 9TH MARCH UNTIL 10TH MARCH WHEN DEPARTED. VAGUE INDICATION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS THERE ALSO. CRUISERS MAY BE TATSUTA TENRY U, TIKUNA KASH IMA AND 2 FUNNEL CRUISER DISISION 8.

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REFERENCE TO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS MAY INDICATE KAWOI AND POSSIBLY HOSH O AS FORMER UNIT WITH C IN C JAPANESE FLEET 4TH AND FLAG OFFICER LANDED AIR FLEET (?) AND OTHER UNIT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA DURING PAST FEW DAYS.

(13) INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE REVEALS JAPANESE MAINTAIN STANDING PATROL OF ONE T 96 S S F OVER RABAU FROM 2400 TO 1800 LOCAL TIME DAILY HEIGHT 3000 TO 5000 METRES. ADMIRALTY NUMBER 475.

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SUMMARY RESULTS BOMBING ATTACK BY FIVE B-17'S
 ABOUT 0230Z 11 MARCH ALL BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND
 RUNWAYS DAMAGED AERODROMES SALAMUA AND LAE. DIRECT
 HIT ON PIER AT LAE AND NEAR MISS ON SHIP OFFSHORE
 LATTER. FIVE ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN. ALL FORTRESSES
 RETURNED.

*Cominch does not know
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BROWNS ATTACK ON TENTH REPORTED IN HIS 102201 X
 ACNB REPORTS EIGHT FLYING FORTRESSES ATTACKED SAME
 OBJECTIVES AT 0115Z SAME DATE X PLAN FOR INITIAL
 BLEACHER EXPEDITION CONTAINED IN MY 120259 X REPUBLIC
 DISEMBARKING TROOPS AT HILO TODAY X NO CONTACTS HERE
 THIS DATE

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 priority dispatches to get it*

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DATE 10 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
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PRACTICALLY NO INFORMATION HERE REGARDING NUKUALOFA ^{NORTHERN ISLANDS &} ^{CAPITOL OF} ^{TONGATABU}

YOUR 041457. NOT MUCH RELIABILITY PUT ON BRITISH SURVEY
 NO ONE HERE WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE. LAHI PASSAGE STUDED
 WITH CORAL PATCHES WHICH MUST BE REMOVED BY BLASTING.
 EASTERN PASSAGE AND EGERIA CHANNEL CLEAFED BUT SHARP TURNS.
 BELIEVE SUMNER NOW THERE CAN OBTAIN BET INFO FROM HARBOR MASTER
 AND OTHER AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE. NAVAL
 BOARD INFORMS ME BOUYS BEACONS AND OTHER NAVIGATIONAL AIDS
 REMOVED BUT STORED IN TONGATABU AND AVAILABLE REPLACEMENT
 BY SUMNER.

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DIGEST FROM ACNB MELBOURNE. SERIAL 47 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 8TH. (1) AIR RECONNAISSANCE 8TH MARCH REVEALS:-

(A) RABAUH HARBOR NO WARSHIPS 3 TRANSPORTS MOVING 1 LARGE TRANSPORT ENTERING HARBOUR.

(B) GASMATA NO SHIPPING HARBOR 4 CRUISERS 2 LARGE AND 2 SMALL TRANSPORTS IN POSITION Ø6-35 SOUTH 15Ø-55 EAST AT Ø225/Z 8TH COURSE Ø6Ø SPEED 15 KNOTS ØEX

(C) LAE 11 SHIPS REPORTED HARBOUR AT 23ØØ/Z 7TH MARCH ENEMY LANDINGS BEING EFFECTED.

(D) SALAMOA 4 DESTROYERS, 3 LARGE AND 2 SMALL TRANSPORTS IN HARBOR BETWEEN Ø135/Z 8TH AND Ø5Ø5/Z 8TH WITH INDICATION TRANSPORTS WERE ARRIVING AND DEPARTING DURING THE PERIOD ENEMY FIGHTERS ENCOUTNERED OVER RABAUH AND MANILA GASMATA.

(2) LAE AND SALAMOA BOTH SHELLED FROM SEAWARD PRIOR ENEMY LANDING 8TH MARCH.

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(3) AIR ATTACK (A) ONE HUDSON DROPPED 4 BOMBS ON ENEMY TRANSPORT AT SALAMOA AT 0135/Z 8TH NO HITS JUDGING ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE-ENCOUNTERED.

(B) ONE HUDSON DROPPED 8 BOMBS ON 8000 TON TRANSPORT SALAMOA AT 0425 ON FORECASTLE. TRACER BULLETS FROM SHORE ENCOUNTERED 1 FLOAT PLANE ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION.

(3) AIR RAID REPORTED TULAGI .2320/Z 7TH TO 0051/Z 8TH. NO MORTALITIES REPORTED.

(4) REFERENCE AIR RAID PRACTICE 7TH MARCH WHITE BALLOON RELEASED BEFORE BOMB DROPPED.

(5) FREIGHTER SIANTAR SHELLED AND SUNK ENROUTE JAVA FREEMANTLE IN POSITION 21-27 S 108-45 EAST AT 2130/Z 2ND. CREW MACHINE GUNNED SURVIVORS RESCUED BY VESSELVAN SPILBERGEN. DECLASSIFIED
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(6) MASTER SIANTAR REPORTS VESSEL MODJOKERTO SUNK IN DEC 12 1972 POSITION 12-30 S 108-00 EAST ON MARCH 1. (?) ENEMY REPORTED

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TO HAVE ERECTED FORTIFICATION WATOM ISLAND AND MASSIKONOTUKA ISLAND (OFF ENTRANCE PABAUL).

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STRONGEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION MADE X URDIS 071320 X
 NOTHING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE X SITUATION IS AS OUTLINED
 GLASSFORDS 070900 X AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE HAS VERY FEW
 PLANES IN IOY AREA X NO APPRECIABLE ADDITIONS IN SIGHT X
 TOTAL HUDSONS AND CATALINAS IN ALL OPERATIONAL UNITS
 THIRTY FIVE AND SIX RESPECTIVELY X ALSO TWENTY FIVE
 U S ARMY PURSUITS BEEN ASSIGNED THEM X ADDITIONAL PREP
 FORTIES NOW IN XRAY BEING MADE OPERATIONAL FAST AS
 POSSIBLE WILL BE ALLOCATED BY U S ARMY TO DARNII TOWNSVILLE
 FREEMANTLE IN THAT PRIORITY XX PART TWO COMING

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SECOND AND LAST PART XX SEE MYDIS 13Ø758 FEB X U S ARMY HAS ALLOCATED AND EXPECTS HAVE IN FREEMANTLE BY 3Ø MARCH TWO RDF SETS ONE FIGHTER SQUADRON TWELVE THREE INCH AA FORTY EIGHT FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUNS X AUSTRALIAN ARMY EXPECTING SHIPMENT BOFORS FORTY MILLIMETER GUNS AND WILL ALLOCATE TWELVE TO TWENTY FOUR OF THEM TO FREEMANTLE UPON ARRIVAL ABOUT END MARCH X PASS TO OPNAV AND COS ARMYX USAFIA HAS BY HAND

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NZNA FROM CNS NUMBER 117

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DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA I MADE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BEASLEY HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY COMANZAC AS HIS STAFF OFFICER FOR DEALING WITH BASE QUESTIONS. HE WILL WORK IN THE SAME ROOM AS COMMANDER BUCHANAN, WHO DEALS WITH THE PREPARATION OF AUSTRALIAN BASES. THESE TWO OFFICERS WILL THUS FORM A SECTION FOR PLANNING ANZAC AREA BASES, UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE SECOND NAVAL MEMBER AUSTRALIA. THE NECESSARY PLANS WILL THUS BE PREPARED IN NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, AND SIGNALS MADE BY COMANZAC TO BAD WASHINGTON AND ADMIRALTY, REPEATED TO NZNB.

(2) I AM NOT CLEAR REGARDING THE BEST METHODS OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY MATERIAL AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE THROUGH ADMIRALTY OR BAD WASHINGTON. REFERENCE SIGNAL 1438Z/3** TO BAD FROM ACNB, ACNB INFORMED ME THAT THIS WOULD GIVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR BAD TO WORK OUT WHAT MATERIALS WERE REQUIRED. IS ANY FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE IN

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AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND.

(3) YOU WILL REALIZE THAT THE AMERICANS WILL WANT TO USE NANDI WATERS AS WELL AS SUVA. WE REALIZE THAT NANDI INCURS DIFFICULTIES AS REGARDS UNDER WATER PROTECTION AND WILL NEED A LARGER NUMBER OF A/S PATROL CRAFT. THIS MUST BE ACCEPTED. *(off Viti Levu, Fidj)*

(4) WE ARE NOT DOING ANY PLANNING FOR NUKUALOFA. I UNDERSTAND FROM COMANZAC THAT HE WOULD FIND OUT WHETHER THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL DO THE WHOLE JOB INCLUDING PROVISION OF BASE STAFF. *(on Tongatabu)*

(5) PROPOSALS FOR AUCKLAND WILL BE SHORTLY BE FORWARDED.

(6) I WILL MAKE A FURTHER SIGNAL ABOUT BASE STAFFS FOR FIJI AND AUCKLAND.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED BY NEGAT ZED NEGAT BAKER FROM ADMIRALTY X
VIEW HERE IS THAT DEFENSE NANDI WATERS WOULD BE DIFFICULT
IN FOLLOWING RESPECT

- (A) MUCH ANTI TORPEDO BAFFLES REQUIRED
 - (B) LACK OF SITES FOR ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS WHICH SHOULD BE
^K
CITED(?)
CIPED ROUND ANCHORAGE
 - (C) NUMBER OF APPROACHES TO BE GUARDED AGAINST SUBMARINES
ESPECIALLY MIDGETS
- (2) CONTACT MINES VERY CLOSE ANCHORAGE SHOULD BE
AVOIDED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
 - (3) ALTHOUGH A SMALL HARBOUR SUVA HAS MANY ADVANTAGES
FOR DEFENSE AND BERTHING COULD BE INCREASED BY
PROVIDING PERMANENT MOORINGS AND USE OF LAUTOKA
BY SMALL SHIPS X UNDERSTOOD THERE IS AN

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- AERODROME AT VUCIMACA AND THAT RACE COURSE MIGHT BE DEVELOPED INTO ANOTHER
- (4) SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUVA AND LAUTOKA AS BEING PREFERABLE TO NANDI WATER UNLESS UNITED STATES DESIRES TO USE BOTH SUVA AND NANDI WATER
 - (5) WELLINGTON SEEMS PREFERABLE TO AUCKLAND BECAUSE OF GREATER SECURE BERTHING SPACE AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WELLINGTON WAS INTENDED
 - (6) FURTHER COMMUNICATION WILL BE MADE SHORTLY ABOUT AFIRM SLANT SAIL AND MIKE SLANT SAIL VESSELS

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REGARDING AREAS PROPOSED URDIS 041725 CONSIDER:

- A ABDA AREA SHOULD BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARD TO INCLUDE WESTERN COAST OF AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHWESTERN COAST TO LONGITUDE 118 DEGREES EAST X THIS WILL PLACE FREEMANTLE IN ABDA AREA AS OPERATING BASE X
- B EASTERN BOUNDARY ANZAC AREA SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE RUNNING SOUTHEAST FROM EQUATOR AT 160 DEGREES EAST TO POINT 18 DEGREES SOUTH 176 DEGREES WEST THENCE SOUTH UNQUOTE X THIS WILL KEEP FIJI IN ANZAC AREA AS FIJI TIES VERY TIGHTLY WITH NEW ZEALAND X BELIEVE THAT FOR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REASONS FIJI SHOULD NOT BE OUTSIDE ANZAC AREA X FIJI IS GARRISONED BY AND IS MAIN OUTLYING BASE FOR NEW ZEALAND X
- C STRONGLY RECOMMEND DESIGNATION OF SYDNEY AS ADDITIONAL OPERATING AND AS MAIN REPAIR BASE X COMINCH PASS TO TO OPNAV.

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SERIAL NO. 41 FROM CWR MARCH 2ND.

- (1) 4 ENGINED FLYING BOATS DROPPED 4 BOMBS ON TULAGI AT 0127Z/2ND SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.
- (2) TWIN ENGINED ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE RECCE AERODROM PORT MORESBY AND VICINITY AT APPROXIMATELY 0001Z/2ND.
- (3) 1 AIRCRAFT DROPPED 10 BOMBS ON EDGE OF AERODROME BULOLO 1ST MARCH RUNWAYS UNDAMAGED.
- (4) 9 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED WAU 1ST MARCH SOME DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.
- (5) 2 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER ELCHO ISLAND (OFF) NORTH EAST END OF ARNHEM LAND) AT 0430Z/1ST COURSE NORTHERLY GRADED C.3.
- (6) "NARBADA" ~~RECE~~ SHELLED BY SUBMARINE IN POSITION 31-32 SOUTH 114-11 EAST 1300Z/2ND "NARBADA" ENGAGED SUBMARINE AND AT 1620Z/2ND REPORTED PROCEEDING ON HER WAY.
- (7) REFERENCE MY SERIAL NO. 31 KOOLAMA ARRIVED WYNDHAM AT 0300Z/2ND.
- (8) AIR RECCE RABUL AT 0820Z/2ND REPORTED 24 SHIPS IN HARBOUR INCLUDING MAXIMUM OF 6 DESTROYERS FAIRLY HEAVY POM-POM FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM SHIPS A/A FIRE FROM LAND AT NORTHERN END OF HARBOUR.
- (9) WYNDHAM REPORTS AIR ATTACK AT 0042Z/3RD AERODROM BOMBED.

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PREDICTED DATE OF DEPARTURE OF NEW CALEDONIA GARRISON IS MARCH SEVENTH WITH ARRIVAL NOUMEA MARCH TWELFTH PARA TWO FORCES MENTIONED IN PARA THREE ATTACK ENEMY SHIPS AND AIR BASES IN BISMARCK DASH SOLOMON ISLAND AREA ABOUT MARCH TENTH IN ORDER TO CHECK ENEMY ADVANCE AND COVER ARRIVAL OF TROOPS IN NEW CALEDONIA PARA THREE AFIRM COMANZAC ARRANGE FOR MAXIMUM AIR ATTACK COOPERATION BY AIR UNITS BASED IN AUSTRALIA AND CONTINUE ANZAC SQUADRON UNDER ORDERS VICE ADMIRAL BROWN BAKER VICE ADMIRAL BROWN ARRANGE FOR AND CONTROL OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCES ELEVEN AND SEVENTEEN AND ANZAC SQUADRON PREFERABLY WITH LATTER ADVANCING FROM SOUTHWARD OF OBJECTIVES WHILE TASK FORCES ADVANCE FROM SOUTHEASTWARD AND SLANT OR EASTWARD PARA FOUR UPON COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS TASK FORCE ELEVEN PROCEED AS DIRECTED BY CINCPAC INCLUDING LANDING OF CERTAIN DE-

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TEXT (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

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 COMANZAC X IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY REPROVISION
 REPEAT REPROVISION THIS FORCE NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN
 MARCH X UNLESS IT IS INTENDED WE RETURN PEARL IT WILL BE
 NECESSARY PROCEED SYDNEY AFTER REFUELING FROM KASKASKIA
 ABOUT FIVE MARCH X NO OTHER HARBOR THIS AREA FOR CARRIER X

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TOB CODEROOM	2110/2234	INFORMATION	PRIORITY
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BEST INFORMATION HERE INDICATES FOLLOWING JAPANESE FORCES NEW BRITIAN AREA CRUDIV SIX PLUS ONE CL DESRON SIX GUNBOAT DIVISION EIGHT HOSHO AND KAMO I VP SQUADRON PLUS TOTAL OF ABOUT FIFTY VF VT VB ABOUT TWELVE AUXILIARIES. GASMATA LIGHTLY HELD BY ENEMY. NO INFORMATION ON STRENGTH NOR ACTIVITIES AT KIETA. IN TRUK AREA ARE ADDITIONAL MOBILE NAVAL AND AIR FORCES.

ESTIMATE PRESENT INTENTION OF ENEMY MAY BE TO EXPAND HOLDINGS IN SAME GENERAL REGION FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING MUTUALLY SUPPORTING POSITIONS TO FORM A BASE AREA FOR PROJECTING AN OFFENSIVE IN STRENGTH AGAINST NE AUSTRALIA NEW CALEDONIA FIJIS AS SOON AS NAVAL LAND AND AIR FORCES ARE RELEASED FROM NEI. IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE BOMBING OF MORESBY WILL BE INTENSIFIED AND ENEMY INVESTIGATION OF AIR CURRENTS POINTS TOWARD USE THERE OF PARATROOPS. SEIZURE OF SALAMOA

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 INTELLIGENCE SINGAPORE NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD OPNAV CINCPAC CINCAF)

SERIAL NO. 37 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM FEB 26.

- (1) STRAY CATALINAS ATTACKED AERODROM AT RABAUH NIGHT 25TH/26TH I DROPPED 12 BOMBS ON LAKUNAI FROM (6500?) FEET 9 OF WHICH EXPLODED (IN LINE?) DOWN RUNWAY AND AMONG BUILDINGS, ANOTHER DROPPED 12 BOMBS ON LAKUNAI FROM 2500 FEET ACROSS RUNWAY AND ON BUILDINGS. 5 FIRES WERE STARTED INCLUDING 2 AMONG BUILDINGS DIRECT HIT ON ENEMY AIRCRAFT ANOTHER SEEN BUSTING INTO FLAMES. LIGHT A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM SHIPS IN HARBOUR ALL OUR AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY.
- (2) 2 ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE A/C REPORTED OVER DARWIN BETWEEN 0104Z 26TH AND 0147Z 26TH HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 20,000 FEET.
- (3) ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE A/C OFF NAURU TRAVELLING NORTH AT 0655Z 24TH.
- (4) INDICATIONS THAT MATERIAL INCREASE OF AIR STRENGTH TAKING PLACE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND TRUK AREA MOSTLY BY TRANSFERRING FROM PALAU.
- (5) FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING MANDATED AIR FORCE HAS SEEN WITH KAMOI SINCE FEBRUARY 14TH.
- (6) INDICATIONS THAT AT LEAST 2 S/M SQUADRONS OPERATING FROM MARSHALL ISLANDS. ABDAFLOAT PASS TO CZM. ADMIRALTY NO, 120

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COMBINED RAID BY RAAF CATALINAS AND OUR BAKER SEVENTEEN WAS MADE RABAUl GASMATA DAYLIGHT TODAY MONDAY X ACCOUNT BAD WEATHER AND OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES ONLY TWO PLANES REACHED TARGET RESULTS UNOBSERVED X ONE BAKER SEVENTEEN DOWN IN SWAMP NEAR BUNA PERSONNEL SAFE X FOUR US PERSONNEL WOUNDED IN ACTION WITH ENEMY FIGHTERS OVER GASMATA.

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YOUR TWENTYONE ZERO FOUR THIRTYFIVE INDICATES MISUNDER-
 STANDING OF INTENT OF MY ^(attached) SIXTEEN SIXTEEN THIRTYFIVE WHICH
 MAY HAVE ^{BEEN} INADEQUATELY EXPRESSED BUT AUCKLAND WILL BE
 MAIN OPERATING BASE IN SOUTH PACIFIC BECAUSE OF PARAMOUNT
 STRATEGICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER
 MAJOR OVERHAUL AND DRYDOCK FACILITIES

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DATE <u>20 FEBRUARY 1942</u>			DEFERRED
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 PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS NEW ZEALAND NEW CALEDONIA AND FIJI AREAS
 INDICATE IMMEDIATE MONTHLY FUEL NEEDS FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND BARRELS
 ADMIRALTY GRADE AND NINETEEN THOUSAND BARRELS ONE HUNDRED OCTANE AVGAS.
 CAN BRITISH UNDERTAKE SUPPLY ANY PART THESE AMOUNTS WITH TANKERS
 AVAILABLE THEM FAR EAST. FIGURES HEREIN ARE ADDITIONAL TO REQUIREMENTS
 PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED FOR ASIATIC FLEET AND BUNKERS FOR CARGO SHIPS AND
 TRANSPORTS IN MY TWO SEVEN TWO TWO ONE TWO DECEMBER AND ONE SEVEN TWO
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TON CODEROOM	1730/18		PRIORITY
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7NSHC FROM COM 14)

BEGIN COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN NUMBER 34.

1. DOUBTFUL SUB POSITION NEAR 14 SOUTH 172 EAST. MORESBY RECONNOITRED ON 15TH. CONVOY FROM DARWIN TO KOEPANG RECONNOITRED AND LATER ATTACKED ON 15TH. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM RADIO INTELLIGENCE.

JALUIT EASTERN AREA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVE IN SENDING RADIO BEARINGS.

SAP SEA PLANE CARRIER CHITOSE AIR GROUP IN KWAJALEIN. JAP AIRCRAFT CARRIER HOSHO CRUISER DIVISION 6 PROBABLY CRUISER DIVISION 18 IASHIMA DESTROYER SQUADRON 8 AIR TENDERS AND SHORE BASED BOMBERS AND SEAPLANES IN NEW BRITAIN. MAXIN BROAD-CASTING SURFACE WEATHER. AIR UNIT IN KAVIENG. NITTA MARU (CONVERTED CARRIER) IN OR ENROUTE MARSHALL IS. JALUIT RADIO STARTED SUPPLEMENTARY RADIO BROADCAST SYSTEM POSSIBLY

INDICATING ACTIVITY SOUTH TRUK JALUIT, AREA.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ACNB		DIGEST	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 14 FEBRUARY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BAD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GRAYDON			DEFERRED

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SERIAL NUMBER 23 FROM CWR FEBRUARY 12TH. ENEMY FLYING BOATS REPORTED 90 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ROSSET ISLAND AT 0220Z/12TH COURSE NORTH WEST. KAMOI WITH COMMANDING OFFICER CHITOSE AIR SQUADRON AND YOKOHAMA FLYING BOATS SQUADRONS IN RABAU AREA. PORTION OF CHITOSE SQUADRON INCLUDING FIGHTERS AT GASMATA TOGETHER WITH FOUR DESTROYERS AND POSSIBLY SUBMARINE DEPOT SHIP ZINGEIO.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE	
FROM COMANZAC			URGENT	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY	
DATE 14 FEB. 1942			ROUTINE	
FOR CODEROOM 0848/0902		INFORMATION	DEFERRED	
DECODED BY FINKELDEY			COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY CLUNT			COMINCH	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED	

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TEXT

FROM COMANXAC PART TWO OF MY 0344 Z 14TH. AFTER SEVERAL CONFERENCES WITH BOTH AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARDS, U.S. ARMY GENERAL, AND U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE MELBOURNE THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT U.S. NAVAL COMMANDERS MUST BASE ASHORE TO COORDINATE MANY ACTIVITIES AND PROBLEMS CONSTANTLY ARISING THIS AREA. I HAD ARRANGED TO INSTRUCT MY OPERATIONAL AND INTELLIGENCE STAFFS JOINTLY WITH THOSE OF VICE ADMIRAL ROYLEE, CHIEF AUSTRALIAN NAVAL STAFF AND WORK IN SAME BUILDING WITH THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF WHO ALSO USES SAME INTEELIEBE AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIED. ALL THESE ADVANTAGES WILL BE DENIED ME BY TRYING TO OPERATE FROM CRUISEERS. NO IMMEDIATE ADDITIONS TO MY FORCE IN SIGHT AND AS MY TASK INCLUDES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION SHIPPING I WILL BE UNABLE TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE DECISION AS HOW BEST TO EMPLOY THE VERY FEW VESSELS AVAILABLE. PART THREE FOLLOWS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 14		FOR ACTION OPNAV COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TASKFOR COMDRS(PAC) CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 0540/0602		FOR INFORMATION COM 16 ALL NCF COMDRS CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LIDIT			DEFERRED

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TEXT

ENEMY LANDED AT GASMATA (NEW BRITAIN) ON EIGHTH X SIX DESTROYERS AND TWO TANKERS REPORTED DYING OFF X ONE FLYING BOAT BOMBED SALAMOA ON EIGHTH X FLORIDA ISLAND (SOLOMONS) RECONNOITERED BY ONE PLANE ON SEVENTH AND BOMBED LATER BY ONE TYPE NINETY SEVEN FLYING BOAT X FROM ROGER ITEM X RABAU ASSUMING INCREASED IMPORTANCE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH FIRST AIR FLEET AND SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES X BULLETIN TWENTY SEVEN PAGE AFIRM X CINC FOURTH AND COMMANDER SEVENTEENTH AIR CORPS AT TRUK X PART OR ALL OF TAKAO AIR GROUP AT KWAJALEDR X HOSBO IN TRUK AREA X ONE SUBMARINE IN TWENTY SIX NORTH ONE SIXTYTHREE WEST X SHONAKR IN PALAO AREA X NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBMARINES IN NORTH EAST PACIFIC

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FROM <u>COMANZAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>8 FEBRUARY 1942</u>	INFORMATION	CINCPAC CTF 11(PAC)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0928/0924</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>SLADE</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

(COMINCH REPEATED CINCPAC CTF 11 ~~WFM~~ FROM COMANZAC)

HMAS AUSTRALIA HMS ACHILLES USS LAMSON PROCEEDING TOWARD
 NOUMEA 9TH FEB TO JOIN HMNZS LEANDER. USS CHICAGO USS PERKINS
 ORDERED REFUEL SUVA AND JOIN SQUADRON IN THAT VICINITY

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM SECNAV		COMCRUBATFOR	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY FRANK KNOX			ROUTINE
DATE JAN 30 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2113		CINCPAC CINCAF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY LUNDBERG			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HORD			DEFERRED

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TEXT

THE PRESIDENT HAS DESIGNATED REAR ADMIRAL HERBERT F LEARY AS
 COMMANDER ANZAC FORCE WITH RANK VICE ADMIRAL EFFECTIVE DATE
 TAKING OVER COMMAND THAT FORCE. WHEN DERECTED BY COMINCH
 REAR ADMIRAL HERBERT F LEARY ASSUME COMMAND ANZAC FORCE WITH
 TITLE COMMANDER ANZAC FORCE.

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