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TEXT: (PASSED BY CINCANT 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 Consowespac 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 June for relief 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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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 REPEDE 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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TEXT FROM CINCPAC. COMDESPAC INFORMED.

PROPOSE TO COMPLY COMINCH 141255 BY TRANSFERRING DESRON 4 TO SOUTHWESTPACFOR IN EXCHANGE FOR PERKINS, FLUSSER, AND 1200 TONNERS. SELFRIAGE, MUGFORD, BAGLEY ARRIVE BLEACHER WITH CONVOY ABOUT 7 MAY CAN BE RELIEVED THERE BY FOUR STACKERS AS SOON AS SHORE DEFENSE IS ABLE TO ASSUME ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE OF CONVOY. HENLEY, HELM WILL BE ORDERED TO ROSES WITH CONVOY ARRIVING THERE ABOUT 3 MAY AND CAN BE ORDERED TO REPORT TO YOU AS SOON AS TWO FOUR PIPERS ARE STARTED FOR PEARL. BLUE, JARVIS, RALPH, TALBOTT, PATTERSON ARE TEMPORARILY ON MAINLAND ESCORT RUN WITH AVAILABILITY AT MARE ISLAND FOR RADAR INSTALLATION. CAN START THEM SOUTH FROM HERE ABOUT THIRD WEEK IN MAY IN EXCHANGE FOR PERKINS, LAMSON, AND REMAINING 1200 TON SHIPS. SHIPS OF DESRON 4 ALL HAVE DOUBLE BEAM SOUND GEAR, 20 MM GUNS, AND DEPTH CHARGE THROWERS. ALL EXCEPT HENLEY, HELM
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 120% 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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TEXT 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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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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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 862149.

ACCOMMODATIONS 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. COMMANDER BEASLEY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILIARITY WITH US METHODS BE ASSIGNED AUCKLAND OFFICE AS HE IS ORGANIZING GROUP HERE.

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TEXT: WELLINGTON, PADS TO NZMB.

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 COIOPS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE COMPLETE INFORMATION AT PRESENT.

REQUEST LIST OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER REFERRED TO IN YOUR DESPATCH.

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**Text:**

FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMSERFORPAC INFO BY RADIO TO COMINCH TANGIER COMANCAC COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN AND BY OTHER MEANS TO KASKASKIA WRIGHT TUCKER COMPATWING TWO COMTRANIRON EIGHT KAS DIRECT KASKIA REPORT PEARL 15% VW/2 APRIL AND PROCEED TO NOUMEA IN COMPANY WITH WRIGHT AND TUCKER VIA SAMOA AND XUVA. KASKASKIA IS TO LOAD 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 WAIT ORDERS OF COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN.

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TEXT

TASKFORCE COMMANDERS URDIS 3Q2225 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 NEW ZEALAND AIR LIAISON OFFICER HONOLULU X AFIRM
3631/3 WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE X FOLLOWING POSITION AIRCRAFT
FOR FERRYING AUSTRALIA X 27 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
FORTRESS 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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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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**TEXT**

COMINCH 301930 X THIS TASKFORCE AT SEA SINCE FEBRUARY 16 AND IT IS MANDATORY TO PROVISION SOME SHIPS X SEE MY 212833 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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FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO N.Z.N.A.

NAVY DEPARTMENT INTEND SUPPLYING THE FOLLOWING:

1. FOR HAND, REFERENCE A.C.N.B.'S 00352/9 MARCH AND N.Z.N.B.'S 12414/11

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

   (B) 4/5 ADDITIONAL ANTENNA MINE Sites ARE ON THEIR WAY. SUMMER 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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<td>(H) FIVE UNITS INDIVIDUAL SHIP CLOSE PROTECTION ANTI-TORPEDO NETS.</td>
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- **FOR NAVAL REFERENCE N.Z.N.B.'S 12444/15 TO BAD ONLY:**

- (I) TANK FARM CONSISTING OF:
  - FUEL OIL 50,000 BARRELS, POSSIBLY MORE
  - DIESEL OIL 20,000 BARRELS
  - GASOLINE 11,250 BARRELS
  - LUBRICATING OIL 500 BARRELS

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

- (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 WITHDRAWN SUBSEQUENTLY.

- **FOR SUVA REFERENCE A.C.H.B.'S 12287/18 MARCH**

- (A) INDICATOR NET 1900 YARDS LONG FOR OUTER END OF ENTRANCE.

- (B) ANTI TORPEDO NET 900 YARDS LONG FOR OUTER END OF ENTRANCE.

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

- (D) FOUR SONG 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 REMOVED.

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3. FOR AUCKLAND. REFERENCE N.Z.N.B.'S 22237/3 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.

(c) 2 HARBOUR TUOGS

(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 MAKINGU N.Z.N.B.'S 12444/15 MARCH TO BAD ONLY:

(a) TANK FARMS FOR STORAGE OF

- FUEL OIL 500,000 BARRELS
- DIESEL OIL 42,000
- GASOLINE 22,900
- 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 BOUNINVILLE Island could be an advance screen for operations to the southeast of an offensive nature or it might be an effort to discover the force of the Allied Navy. These enemy operations might also be for the purpose of screening their shipping activity at RIKI.

BRET

0-2 Comment:

1. These groups were garbled
2. Probably refers to KESS. Harbor or CIRKA Harbor on the north-west coast of RIKI Island.
3. Small island south of BOUNINVILLE Island.

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YOUR 292346 NOT UNDERSTOOD IF IT MEANS YOU ARE RETIRING FROM ENEMY VICINITY IN ORDER TO PROVISION.
(DIGEST FROM AGENS SERIAL 67 FROM OUR MARCH 26TH)

(1) 7 TYPE 97 HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED DARRIN AIRDRONE 1233/2 26TH AT 13000 FEET. SLIGHT DAMAGE END OF RUNWAY AND TO DISPERAL OPERATIONS ROOM. ENEMY LOSSES 2 CERTAIN, 1 PROBABLE, 1 POSSIBLE; OUR LOSSES XIR. AIRCRAFT ON PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE 15 METEOROLOGICAL BALLOONS. HUNBERG REPORTED CAMOUFLAGED AND AFTER RAID 1 SILVER COLORED AIRCRAFT SIGHTED.

(2) PRT BORESY RAID AT 1321/2 26TH. 3 T 97 HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 5 TYPE "ZERO" FIGHTERS ATTACKED 7 MILES AERODROME NO DAMAGE REPORTED 5 P-4119 ENGAGED ENEMY, RESULT ENEMY FIGHTER PROBABLY DESTROYED AND 1 DAMAGED. OUR LOSSES 1 P-4119 MISSING 3 P-4119 DAMAGED.

(3) AIR RECONNAISSANCE OVER RABAUL 26TH. AERIAL PRELIMINARY REPORT 3 DESTROYERS OUTSIDE AND 39 TRANSPORTS AND 2 LARGE TORPEDO BOATS IN HARBOUR. 12 HEAVY BOMBERS ON AIRDRONE ANALYSIS PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF PART HARBOUR AREA SHOT 3 DESTROYERS OUTSIDE AND FOLLOWING VESSELS IN HARBOUR: 4 CRUISERS, 2 WITH 2 FUMNELS AND 2 WITH 1 FUNNEL, 1 MILITARY LANDING CRAFT CARRIER, 1 VESSEL SIMILAR TO JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER KAGI, 13 TRANSPORTS 4 MERCHANT SHIPS, 2 DESTROYERS AND 3 SMALL CRAFT (POSSIBLY SUB OR DESTROYERS).
(4) NO SHIPPI NG OBSERVED LAE 28TH MARCH.

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

(6) 2 VESSELS APPROXIMATELY 500 TONS SIGHTED BY AIR RECONNAISSANCE 2236/2 27TH 19-36 SOUTH 143-27 EAST. COURSE 195.

SHIP WHEN CHALLENGED STOPPED AND SHOWED DUTCH COLOURS. NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

(7) 1 T 97 KARANISI FLYING BOATS OVER TULAGI 3055/2 26TH.

(8) AN UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE WARSHIP MOVING FROM POSITION SOUTH RABAUL TO RABAUL 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 26TH.

(1) 3 HUDSONS AND 3 B-17'S ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPING KOEPANG 2300Z 25TH. 2 LONG COLUMNS OF TROOPS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 000-50 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 B-17 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 MARKHAN RIVER (NEW GUINEA).
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DIGEST FROM ACNSB SERIAL 63 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 24TH.

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

(2) ONE HEAVY BOMBER (TYPE UNIDENTIFIED) SHOT DOWN 21J3/2 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 "O" FIGHTERS RAIDED PORT MORESBY AT 0048Z 24TH. 16 BOMBERS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED 7 MILE AERODROME AND THEN BOMBED 3 MILE AERODROME DAMAGE UNKNOWN. 2 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 5715Z 24TH. GRADE 8-1.

(5) INDICATION THAT C.O. FIRST AIR CORPS MOVED FROM RABUAL 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. 19 (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 A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM SOUTH EAST END OF RUNWAY. 2 P 40'S MISSING.

(2). HUDSONS ATTACKED SHIPPING, AERODROME AND TOWN KOEPANG 0152 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 SEMADE STRAITS, 8 TRANSPORTS IN KOEPANG HARBOR (97) F/B'S IN NORTH WEST SECTION SEMADE STRAITS, 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 NAKATOMA S S F'S OVER DARWIN 0051 Z 22ND. 2 A/C MADE LOW RUN OVER AERODROME WITHOUT ATTACKING. 1 T 97 NAKATOMA S S F SHOT DOWN BY OUR FIGHTERS, PILOT PARACHUTED NOT YET LOCATED.

(6). FORMATION OF BOMBER, TYPE UNKNOWN, (FLEW) DOWN DALY RIVER EVENTUALLY ATTACKING KATHERINE AT 0330 Z 22ND. 1 STICK OF BOMBS DROPPED FROM GREAT HEIGHT LITTLE DAMAGE, 1 NATIVE KILLED.
A.C.N.O. (DIGEST) 2311562 NCR 7/355 CONTINUED

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(7) 3 \(2^{\text{ZERO}}\) FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED RECONNAISSANCE PORT MORESBY AT 2456 Z
22ND FROM 15,000 FEET BUT DRIVEN OFF BY OUR FIGHTERS.

(9) INDICATION OF UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS CONNECTED WITH AIR PROCEEDING FROM KOEPANG AREA TO SOUTH EAST CELEBES 21ST MARCH.

(10) KABO MOVING TO NEW IRELAND WATERS TO POSITION NORTH OF NEW IRELAND 21ST MARCH.

(11) UNIDENTIFIED NAVAL UNITS CONNECTED WITH AIR PROCEEDING FROM RABaul AREA TO GASMATA AREA 21ST MARCH.

(11) INDICATION OF UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT CONNECTED WITH AIR MOVED KUSAIE AREA TO JALVIN AREA 21ST MARCH, ADMIRAL NO. 562.
(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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AT NA NOUMEA AND ASSESS PRIORITY OF SUPPLY OF MATERIAL
FOR THIS PROJECT NEXT AFTER SUVA AND BEFORE REPETITION
BEFORE NANDI AND AUCKLAND. REFERENCE ADMIRALTY CHART NUM-
BER 469.

2. REQUEST FOLLOWING MATERIAL BE ALLOTTED: (A) INDICATOR
LOOPS, B IN NUMBER ON LINE CANARD BAYEROL-CROISSANT-
STONE-PRONY-MAUPENSULAR. (B) H.D.A.S. IN FOLLOWING POS-
ITIONS FROM SENEZ REEF BEACH NUMBER 1 094 DEGREES 36 CABLES
NUMBER 2 056 DEGREES 23 CABLES NUMBER 3 028 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) 230 DEGREES
32 CABLES FROM VAU PENINSULA TO GATE THENCE 180 DEGREES
672 CABLES TO LACOMBE POINT, (E) ANTI-TORPEDO BOON TYPE
E2 028 DEGREES 6 CABLES IN LENGTH FROM KUNCU POINT.
(b) 6 MOTOR A/S BOATS PLUS 3 FOR RELIEFS AND REFIT.

(c) RADIO LOCATION SUITABLE FOR THE DETECTION OF SMALL SURFACE VESSELS ON NDNOI (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. 269 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 FILES DOLPHIN WITH GATE SECTION IN LITTLE ENTRANCE. (B) ANTI-BOAT (PLOOP) IN FALSE ENTRANCE. (C) ANTI/SUBMARINE WINEFIELD TO WESTWARD OF INDICATOR LOOP NO.1 BETWEEN PRONY AND MA'A PENINSELLA NO.2 BETWEEN SENEA AND PRONY. (D) RADIO TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT FOR PARA.2. (C)

4. ADMIRALTY HAS BEEN ADVISED WATER UNDER GUARDIAN.
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 MINESWEEPERS AND 2 AUXILIARY A/S VESSELS TO RELEASE (A) FOR ESCORT DUTY DURING APRIL.

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PART TWO OF MY 15140% X ROSES PERSONNEL CONSISTS OF ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND ARMY BUT DOES NOT REPLAT 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 RELIEVED REMAIN ROSES UNTIL LATER BY ARMY X ARRANGE LOCAL COMMAND WAROPS SECRET
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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My twelve two zero ten in addition to forces for Bleacher X plan to send from San Francisco about twelve April Naval and Army units and services to Rosies. Marine Corps reinforcements for Straw will be loaded in transports to accompany both Bleacher and Rosies convoys which will be routed/vicinity of Bobcat and then proceed generally in company to destinations X arrange for protection from San Francisco 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 Twenty nine April X Bleacher convoy will consist of five transports and seven cargo vessels Rosies convoy three transports and three cargo vessels Straw convoy loading Norfolk three transports and four cargo vessels loading San Diego two transports and one cargo vessel X

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DIGEST SERIAL 55 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 17TH.

(1) 1 HUDDSON DROPPED 4 BOMBS FROM 5,000 FEET ON KOEPANG AERO-
DROME AT 0630Z/17. HITS ON RUNWAYS OBSERVED. LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT RE-
PRISAL ENCOUNTERED. HUDSON UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY 10 FIGHTERS (SIM-
ILAR NAVY T-95 BIPLANE).

(2) ENEMY NAVAL FORCE KESS AWY 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 WARKHAM 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 BE-
LIEVED SALAMOA.

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

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

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(8) ENSNY AIR RECONNAISSANCE PORT MORESBY 22332/18TH

(7) REFERENCE MY SERIES #54 REPORT PARACHUTE TROOPS EMPLOYED
HINCHINBROOK ISLAND 13TH MARCH. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES
NO EVIDENT ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(5) KAMBUR NORTH OF N E IRELAND 16TH MARCH.

(9) B T GO HEAVY BOMBERS OVER DARMEN AREA AT 22332/17.
HEIGHT 16,000 FEET. NO ACTION ATTACK. ADMIRALTY NUMBER 492.

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INFORMATION

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VICTOR PREP SQUADRON COMMANDER AS RESULT OF LANDING AND AIR RECONNAISSANCE HAVANNAH HARBOR. SUITABLE FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS UNDER ALL WIND DIRECTIONS. DEPTH OF WATER SHOWN ADMIRALTY CHART SIXTEEN FORTY-TWO LESS THAN THAT FURNISHED BY LOCAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES. BECAUSE OF DEEP WATER CLOSE TO CORAL REEF'S SKIRTING HARBOR SUITABLE PLACE AND TENDER MOORINGS MAY BE DIFFICULT. PROTECTION REQUIRED HILLIARD CHANNEL AND LITTLE ENTRANCE CHANNEL. POSSIBILITY EXISTS FEW LIGHTS AT ROSES BUT NONE SEEN.

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THIS IS THE REPLY TO YOUR 132308.

DEFENCE FORCES ⊕ES.

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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Serial no 54 from Central War Room. March 15.

1. Reference B enemy units reported Seaossa (Buka) my serial no 56. 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 2# Ssf's on airstrip. (Four?) Fighters attempted to intercept, A/A fire encountered at 13000 feet. Bombs dumped one mile north of airstrip. Five 3-engined flying boats & one small ship sighted Semane straits, two 1000 ton vessels, one 6000 ton vessel and lighter anchored off wharf.


4. Refer my serial no 53, Air Reconnaissance Dilli 14 March in addition to units mentioned, 6000 ton motor vessel at wharf.

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(5) FOUR PARACHUTES REPORTED DROPPED FROM TWO AIRCRAFT OVER MINKIN BROOK ISLAND AT 0930Z 13TH. AIRCRAFT REPORTED ARRIVED FROM AND DEPARTED TO EASTWARDS. GRADED C 3. REPORT BEING THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.
RECONNAISSANCE OVER DILL 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 REPERITION 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 SOUTH OF DOUGAINVILLE 14TH MARCH.

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UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER DALY WATER 3213Z 14TH AND CARMEN 3613Z 14TH.

VARY ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA 14TH MARCH.

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(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 PROBLEMS:

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 DRAFT SHIPS.
5. PROXIMITY OF EXERCISE AREA IN PROTECTED WATERS.*

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SERIAL NO. 51 FROM CWR 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 75% GREY TRANSPORTS 1 SMALLER TRANSPORT
       AT 0155Z/12TH.

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

(3) SINGLE ENGINEED FLOATPLANE RECONNOITRED TUFU (NORTH EAST
    COAST PASSAGE) AT 0105Z/12TH.

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ATR RECONNAISSANCE 1HUPS 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.

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(3) SINGLE ENGINED FLOAT PLANE RECONNOITRED TUFU (NORTH EAST COAST PASSAGE AT 0156Z 12TH.

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CINCPAC 130339 EXPEDITE READINESS TASKFOR 17 AND ANZAC SQUADRON TO CONTINUE OFFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST ENEMY ACTIVITIES NEW GUINEA AREA AND EASTWARD PREMISED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY CINCPAC AND COMANZAC FORCE WITH LATTER ARRANGING FOR AIR COOPERATION WHICH WAS SO EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 10TH PARA ENEMY ACTIVITIES AGAINST PORT MORESBY AND SLANT OR TO SECURE BASE SITES IN SOLOMON ISLANDS ARE INDICATED AS OBJECTIVES BUT YOU ARE FREE TO STRIKE AS YOU SEE FIT TO CRIPPLE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES.
ARE ANY DEFENSE FORCES OTHER THAN US IN PLACE AT EFATE
CODE NAME RBSES X HAS AN AIRFIELD BEEN CONSTRUCTED
THERE
ANZAC SQUADRON UNDER FO\(\text{CAS}\) 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 XUBY PATROL AND SEARCH CONTINUES BUT IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS DESIRED X COMANZAC WILL CONTINUE DAILY INTELLIGENCE X CHICAGO PASS THIS (BY VISUAL) TO FO\(\text{CAS}\) FOR ACTION
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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| REFER MY 161635 AND 222200 X PLAN TO DESPATCH FROM EAST COAST ABOUT SIX APRIL NAVAL X ARMY AND AIR UNITS AND SERVICES FOR BLEACHER X PERSONNEL ABOUT 6,000 ARMY X 500 NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION X 500 NAVAL LOCAL DEFENSE UNIT X FORCE MENTIONED YOUR 122259 WILL BE USED FIJI DASH AUSTRALIAN AREA AT A PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED LATER AFTER BEING RELIEVED AT BLEACHER BY ARMY.

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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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**SERIAL NUMBER 58 FROM CWR MARCH 11TH.**

1. 11TH AIR RAID PORT MORESBY BY 12 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM 2230Z 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 2100Z 11TH AND 2200Z 11TH.

2. ENEMY FLEETPLANE MACHINE GUNNED AND BOMBED MISSION VESSEL AND RADIO STATION AT SUSA AT 2300Z 11TH. NO CASUALTIES.

3. ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE ONE AIRCRAFT TULAGI AT 0030Z 11TH.

4. AIR RECONNAISSANCE REPORT UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE ON POSITION 979 DEGS 16 MINS SOUTH 143 DEGS 51 MINS EAST AT 0305Z 11TH.

5. UNIDENTIFIED TWO ENGINE MONOPLANE RECONNAISSANCE PORT KEATS WEST AUSTRALIA FOR 40 MINUTES FROM 2100Z 11TH.

6. 4 ENGINED FLYING BOATS RECONNAISSANCE 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 DROPPED ON LAE AERODROME, NEAR MISS ON SHIP IN HARBOUR. 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. ALL OUR AIRCRAFT RETURNED.

(8) RECONNAISSANCE AT 0353Z 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 18TH MARCH WHEN DEPARTED. VAGUE INDICATION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS THERE ALSO. CRUISERS MAY BE TATSUTA TENRYU U, TIKUMA KASHIMA AND 2 JAP CRUISER DIVISION 6.
REFERENCE TO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS MAY INDICATE KAYO I AND POSSIBLY HOSH O AS FORMER UNIT WITH C IN C JAPANESE FLEET 4TH AND FLAG OFFICER LANDAIR AIR FLEET (?) AND OTHER UNIT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA DURING PAST FEW DAYS.

(12) INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE REVEALS JAPANESE MAINTAIN STANDING PATROL OF ONE T 98 S S F OVER RABAUL FROM 0400 TO 1800 LOCAL TIME DAILY HEIGHT 3000 TO 5000 METRES. ADMIRALTY NUMBER 445.

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

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BROWNS ATTACK ON TENTH REPORTED IN HIS 162201 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

Cominch does not have priority despatches to get
PRACTICALLY NO INFORMATION HERE REGARDING NUKUALOFA. NOT MUCH RELIABILITY PUT ON BRITISH SURVEY NO ONE HERE WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE. LAHI PASSAGE STUDDED WITH CORAL PATCHES WHICH MUST BE REMOVED BY BLASTING.

EASTERN PASSAGE AND EGERIA CHANNEL CLEARER BUT SHARP TURNS. BELIEVE SUMNER NOW THERE CAN OBTAIN BETTER 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.

HARBOR BETWEEN SOUTH 8TH AND SOUTH 27TH ELEVATION 7 FEET. ACT ACTION...FNL
DIGEST FROM ACMB MELBOURNE. SERIAL 47 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 8TH. (1) AIR RECONNAISSANCE 8TH MARCH REVEALS:-

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

(B) GASWATA NO SHIPPING HARBOR 4 CRUISERS 2 LARGE AND 2 SMALL TRANSPORTS IN POSITION 06-35 SOUTH 156-55 EAST AT O225/Z 8TH COURSE 080° SPEED 15 KNOTS ±HX

(C) LAE 11 SHIPS REPORTED HARBOR AT 2300/Z 7TH MARCH ENEMY LANDINGS BEING EFFECTED.

(D) SALAMOA 4 DESTROYERS, 3 LARGE AND 2 SMALL TRANSPORTS IN HARBOR BETWEEN 0135/Z 8TH AND 0525/Z 8TH WITH INDICATION TRANSPORTS WERE ARRIVING AND DEPARTING DURING THE PERIOD ENEMY FIGHTERS ENCOUNTERED OVER RABAUL AND MANILA GASWATA.

(2) LAE AND SALAMOA BOTH SHELLED FROM SEAWARD PRIOR ENEMY LANDING 8TH MARCH.
(3) AIR ATTACK (A) ONE HUDSON DROPPED 4 BOMBS ON ENEMY
TRANSPORT AT SALAMOA AT 0135/2 6TH 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 2325/2 7TH TO 0051/2 8TH.
NO MORTALITIES REPORTED.

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

(5) FREIGHTER SIANTAR SHELD AND SUNK ENROUTE JAVA
FREEMANTLE IN POSITION 21-25'S 136-45 EAST AT 2135/2 2ND. CREW
MACHINE Gunned SURVIVORS RESCUED BY VESSEL VAN SPILBERGEN

(6) MASTER SIANTAR REPORTS VESSEL HOODOKERTO SUNK IN DEC 12 1972
POSITION 12-38'S 136-45 EAST ON MARCH 1. (7) ENEMY REPORTED
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STRONDEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION MADE X URDIS Ø7l32Ø X
NOTHING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE X SITUATION IS AS OUTLINED
GLASSFORDS Ø709ØØ X AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE HAS VERY FEW
PLANES IN I OY 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 WYDIS 130758 FEB X U S ARMY HAS ALLOCATED AND EXPECTS HAVE IN FREEMANTLE BY 30 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  
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NZNA FROM C12 NUMBER 117

DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA I MADE FOLLOWING
ARRANGEMENTS. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BEASLEY HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY
COL ANZAC 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 SUPER-
VISION OF THE SECOND NAVAL MEMBER AUSTRALIA. THE NECESSARY PLANS
WILL THUS BE PREPARED IN NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE, AND SIGNALS MADE
BY COL ANZAC TO BAD WASHINGON AND ADMIRALTYS, REPEATED TO NZNB.

(2) I AM NOT CLEAR REGARDING THE BEST METHODS OF OBTAINING THE
NECESSARY MATERIAL AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE THROUGH ADMIRALTYS OR
BAD WASHINGON. REFERENCE SIGNAL 14362/3** 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 NEE-

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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 UNDERWATER PROTECTION AND WILL NEED A LARGER NUMBER OF A/S PATROL CRAFT. THIS MUST BE ACCEPTED. (on Tongatātu)

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

(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
K

(B) LACK OF SITES FOR ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS WHICH SHOULD BE CITED
CLipped 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 YUCIMACA 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 URBIS 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 FREMANTLE 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 OPNAV.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM ACNB
Released by
Date 3 March 1942
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Paraphrased by V Tucker

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R G COPELAND 031032 CR 5021

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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 aerodrome Port Moresby and vicinity at approximately 0801Z/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" WERNIC SHELLED BY Submarine in position 31-32 South 114-11 East 1300Z/2ND "NARBADA ENGAGED Submarine and at 1625Z/2ND reported proceeding on her way.

(7) Reference my serial no. 31 Koolama arrived Wyndham at 0330Z/2ND.

(8) Air Recce Rabaul 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 0842Z/3RD Aerodrome bombed.

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(10) KAMOI WITH 2 UNITS (1 PROBABLY SEAPLANE TENDER) AND PORTION OF 24TH AIR SQUADRON INCLUDING UNIT OF YOKOHAMA FLYING BOAT SQUADRON IN COMPANY WAS EAST OF RABAUL 28TH FEBRUARY.

(11) UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT MOVING FROM SOLOMON ISLAND AREA TO GILBERT ISLAND AREA 28TH FEBRUARY.

(12) INDICATIONS THAT ALL OR PORTION OF 22ND AIR SQUADRON IS MOVING EAST TO GREENWICH ISLAND AREA AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

(13) ONE UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH AIR ONE MARU AUXILIARY PROCEEDED FROM RABAUL AREA TO GASMATA AREA 1ST MARCH.

ADMIRalty NUMBER 236.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ACHB
Released by:

Date: 3 MARCH 1942

To: DIGEST

Decoded by: BAD

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SERIAL NO. 41 FROM CSR MARCH 2ND.

1. 4 ENGINE FLYING BOATS DROPPED 4 BOMBS ON TULAGI AT 0127Z/2ND SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

2. TWIN ENGINED ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE RECESSION AERODROME PORT VESSELS AND VICINITY AT APPROXIMATELY 0051Z/2ND.

3. 1 AIRCRAFT DROPPED 10 BOMBS ON EDGE OF AERODROME SIOLO 1ST MARCH RUNWAYS UNDAMAGED.

4. 9 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED MAU 1ST MARCH SOME DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

5. 2 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER ELECHI ISLAND (OFF) NORTH EAST END OF ARINEM LAND) AT 0430Z/1ST COURSE NORTHWESTERLY GRADED 0.3.

6. "HARBADA" SUNK Shelled by SUBMARINE IN POSITION 31-32 SOUTH 114-11 EAST 1350Z/2ND *HARBADA ENGAGED SUBMARINE AND AT 1600Z/2ND REPORTED PROCEEDING ON HER WAY.

7. REFERENCE TO SERIAL NO. 31 KOLAJA ARRIVED WYNDHAM AT 0300Z/2ND.

8. AIR RECON RAMAUL AT 0800Z/2ND REPORTED 24 SHIPS IN HARBOUR INCLUDING maximum OF 6 DESTROYERS FAIRLY HEAVY PON-POW FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM SHIPS A/A FIRE FROM LAND AT NORTHERN END OF HARBOUR.

9. WYNDHAM REPORTS AIR ATTACK AT 0842Z/3RD AERODROME BOMBED.

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(10) Kamoi with 2 units (possibly seaplane tender) and portion of 24th Air Squadron including Unit of Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron in Company was east of Rabaul 22nd February.

(11) Unidentified Japanese naval unit moving from Solomobo Island area to Gilbert Island area 26th February.

(12) Indications that all or portion of 22nd Air Squadron is moving east to Greenwich Island area at some future date.

(13) One unidentified Japanese naval unit probably connected with Air and ONE MARU Auxiliary proceeded from Rabaul area to Gasmata area 1st March.

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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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TACHMENTS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN IN SEPARATE DESPATCH FROM ME TO FOLLOW THIS ONE PARA FIVE CINCPAC AND COMANZAC PROVIDE VICE ADMIRAL BROWN WITH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION OF ENEMY ON WHICH PLAN AND CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS CAN BE PREMISED X

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
TEXT
(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

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ORIGINATOR COM GEN SECOND MAR BRIG. REF URDIS 282120.

OPOLU REPEAT OPOLU IS ONLY PRACTICABLE CHOICE FOR ESTABLISHMENT AIRFIELD SEAPLANE BASE AND GARRISON. TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN LOCATION OF ISLAND OF SAVAI REPEAT SAVAI RECOGNIZED BUT IT OFFERS NO NATURAL ADVANTAGES FOR IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT. ESTIMATE SAVAI WOULD INVOLVE ENORMOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REQUIRING MANY MONTHS FOR DEVELOPMENT PORT, ROADS, FIELD AND SEAPLANE RUNWAYS. ESTIMATE RUNWAY ON OPOLU ADJOINING EXISTING SEAPLANE RUNWAY COULD BE PREPARED IN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. FOREGOING, BASED ON RECENT STAFF RECONNAISSANCE AND STUDY OF BOTH ISLANDS.

F-2 ACTION
Brett informs me departure date Seven March correct. Arriving destination about twelve March X this refers to CominCh 31800.
TEXT (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

MINEFIELDS IN NEW CALEDONIA HAVE BEEN LAID AS FOLLOWS:
1. 251 DEG 9.42 MILES FROM PRONY REEF BEACON IN A 251 DEGREE DIRECTION; REPEAT PRONY REEF FOR 9.92 MILES
2. 169.5 DEGS 1.15 MILES FROM CHARRON REPEAT CHARRON ISLAND SUMMIT IN A 223 DEGREE DIRECTION FOR ONE HALF MILE
3. 188.5 1.16 MILES FROM PORCUpine ISLAND SUMMIT IN A 212° DIRECTION FOR 1.65 MILES
4. 228 DEGREES 4.17 MILES FROM AMEDEE REPEAT AMEDEE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE IN A 968 DEGREE DIRECTION FOR 9.88 MILES
5. 32 DEGS 2.92 MILES FROM AMEDEE ISLAND AND LIGHTHOUSE IN A 346.5 DEG FOR 9.53 MILES
6. 229 DEGS 9.35 MILES FROM TABU REPEAT TABU REEF LIGHTHOUSE IN A 295 DEGREE DIRECTION FOR 9.48 MILES X CHICAGO DELIVER TO ANZAC SQUADRON X FOLLOWED BY SECOND PART

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(Admiralty Cinc Eastern Fleet Cinc East Indies Chief of Staff Intelligence Singapore New Zealand Naval Board OPNAV CINCPAC CINCAF)

SERIAL NO. 37 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM FEB 26.

1) Stray Catalinas attacked airdrom at Rabaul night 25th/26th and dropped 12 bombs on Lakani from (6500 feet) of which exploded in line down runway and among buildings. Another dropped 12 bombs on Lakani from 2500 feet across runway and on buildings. 5 fires were started including 2 among buildings direct hit on enemy aircraft and another seen burning 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. ABA float pass to C2M. Admiralty No. 187

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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.
FLAG OFFICERS' CIPHER

YOUR TWENTYONE ZERO FOUR THIRTYFIVE INDICATES MISUNDERSTANDING OF INTENT OF MY 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
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: OPNAV
RELEASED BY: S A TAFFINDER
DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: 1753/20

FOR ACTION: SPENAVO
INFORMATION: CINCPAC
TO: COMSOWESPAC

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DECORATED REQUIREMENTS FOR 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 ZERO TWO ONE JANUARY. NEEDS LAST TWO CATEGORIES UNDER REVISION AND WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY.

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BEGIN COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN NUMBER 34.

1. DOUBTFUL SUB POSITION NEAR 14 SOUTH 172 EAST. MORESBY RECONNAISSANCE ON 15TH, CONVOY FROM DARWIN TO KOEKANG RECONNAISSANCE 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 HOKUSAI CRUISER DIVISION 6 PROBABLY CRUISER DIVISION 19 IASHIMA DESTROYER SQUADRON 6 AIR TENDERS AND SHORE NODE BOMBERS AND SEAPLANES IN NEW BRITAIN, MAKIN BROADCAST 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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REFERENCE INTERMEDIATE OPERATING BASE MENTIONED IN MY 161635Z CONSIDER SAMOA AND SUVA INADEQUATE FOR PURPOSE PARA PROPOSE DEVELOP TONGATABU TO WHICH CINCPAC REQUESTED SEND SUMNER FOR SURVEY AND ESTABLISHMENT AIDS TO NAVIGATION ALSO IMPROVEMENT OF CHANNEL PREFERABLY EGERIA PARA COMANZACFOR ENLIST ALL PRACTICABLE AID FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA LOOKING TO MAKING TONGATABU SECURE PRIOR TO AND AFTER ARRIVAL US NAVAL ARMY AIR UNITS PARA CINCPAC MAKE READY APPROPRIATE BASE FORCE DETACHMENT (INCLUDING ALL PRACTICABLE SECURITY MEASURES) TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL OPERATING SERVICES - FUEL PROVISIONS STORES REPAIRS - FOR FORCES WHICH WILL BE WORKING CONTINUOUSLY IN AREA NORTH NORTHWEST AND WEST OF "BLEACHER" WHICH IS CODE NAME AND SHORE TITLE FOR TONGATABU

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SERIAL NUMBER 23 FROM CWR FEBRUARY 12TH. ENEMY FLYING BOATS REPORTED 95 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ROSSET ISLAND AT 0228Z/12TH COURSE NORTH WEST. KAMOI WITH COMMANDING OFFICER CHITOSE AIR SQUADRON AND YOKONAMA FLYING BOATS SQUADRONS IN RABAUL AREA. PORTION OF CHITOSE SQUADRON INCLUDING FIGHTERS AT GASHATA TOGETHER WITH FOUR DESTROYERS AND POSSIBLY SUBMARINE DEPOT SHIP ZINCE10.

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From Comanzac PART TWO OF MY #344 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 INTEREELIIBE AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. ALL THESE ADVANTAGES WILL BE DENIED ME BY TRYING TO OPERATE FROM CRUISES. 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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**SHIBUY LANDED AT GASMATA (NEW BRITAIN) ON EIGHTH X SIX DESTROYERS AND TWO TANKERS REPORTED \"LYING OFF X ONE FLYING BOAT BOMBED SALMAOA ON EIGHTH X FLORIDA ISLAND (SOLOMAN) REENGAGED BY ONE PLANE ON SEVENTH AND BOMBED LATER BY ONE TYPE NINETY SEVEN FLYING BOAT X FROM ROGER ITEM X SAMAUL ASSUMING INCREASED IMPORTANCE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH FIRST AIR FLEET AND SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES X BULLETIN TWENTY SEVEN PAGE APHOM X CINC FOURTH AND COMMANDER SEVENTEENTH AIR CORPS AT TRUK X PART OR ALL OF TAKAO AIR GROUP AT REJAELEKX HOSO IN TRUK AREA X ONE SUBMARINE IN TWENTY SIX NORTH CROSS HUNDRED WEST X SHOCHR IN PATAO AREA X NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBMARINES IN NORTH EAST PACIFIC**

**ACTION**

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(COMINCH REPEATED CINCPAC CTF 11 WITH FROM COMANZAC)

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

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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 DIRECTED BY COMINCH REAR ADMIRAL HERBERT F LEARY ASSUME COMMAND ANZAC FORCE WITH TITLE COMMANDER ANZAC FORCE.

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