Box 39
Map Room
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ADMIRALTY
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 8 MAY 1942
TOR ROOM: 1327/8
DECODED BY: COLEMAN
PARAPHRASED BY: COLEMAN

TO: IN C. A. & W. I.
FOR ACTION: INFORMATION
ADDRESS: B.A.D.
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

(BLOCK)

21548/7 NCR 3156

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

TEXT

(RECEIVED FROM BAD BY HAND)

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INTEND TO PASS DEGREE EXTENDING NON-BELLIGERENT FACILITIES TO WARSHIPS AND NAVAL AIRCRAFT OF NON-AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CONTRIBUTING TO DEFENCE OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE. ALL IMPERIAL FORCES ARE INCLUDED IN ABOVE CATEGORY.

2. PENDING INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE, MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT BRITISH WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT TO REMAIN IN MEXICAN HARBOURS FOR PERIODS OF LESS THAN A MONTH, WHENEVER PERMISSION IS SOUGHT THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. VESSELS MAY REFUEL AND REPRIEVISION AND EFFECT REPAIRS TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

3. B.A.D. PASS TO OPNAV.

DECLASSIFIED
JAN 1973

DISTRIBUTION:

CONFIDENTIAL

21548/7 NCR 3156

(See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OPNAV</td>
<td></td>
<td>CONTASKFOR 23</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Released by WILKINSON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>7 MAY 1942</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tor CodeRoom 1626/7</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decoded by LA FOLLETTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PARAPHRASED BY LA FOLLETTE**

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

**FULTON 071623 NCR 189**

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TEXT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARGENTINE MERSHIP MEXICO 1258 CROSS ENROUTE BAIRLES FROM SANTOS ANCHORED PORTO BELLO MAY 4 AND 5 SUSPICIOUS AS FIFTH TIME IN YEAR ALTHOUGH NO APPARENT SIGNIFICANCE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DISTRIBUTION**

16...ORIG
10/11...17...37...COMINCH...FILE

**DECLASSIFIED**

OSD Letter; 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972

071623 NCR 189

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
YOUR Ø520.45 REFERS ANTIGUA BELIEVED NOTHING SERIOUS X
GENERAL ANDREWS AND COLLINS INVESTIGATING TODAY X
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM COMCARIBSEAERON</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE 7-MAY-1942</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CORDERoom 2321/2241</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY TIERS/NEWHOUSE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE                TIME                GT

TEXT

YOUR 0S2/45 REFER S ANTIGUA BELIEVED NOTHING SERIOUS X GENERAL ANDREWS AND COLLINS INVESTIGATING TODAY X OCCUPATION PHILIPVILLI COMMUNITY.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
NO MARKED CHANGES SENTIMENT HERE. OPINION DIVIDED ON FORMER LINES. CITIZENS FAVOR ALLIES. OFFICIALS ACCEPT OCCUPATION MADAGASCAR WITH EQUANIMITY.
THE CABLE TO MARTINIQUE IS NOT WORKING. CIRCUMSTANCES NOT KNOWN, AS YET. CAREFUL WATCH FRENCH VESSELS.
FROM: (LOCAL ASSIGNMENT BY COMFIFTEEN)
ACTION: COMPANSEAFRON.
INFO: (LOCAL ASSIGNMENT BY COMFIFTEEN CALL)

TWENTY-FIFTEEN ZONE PLUS FIVE 279 SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A
SUBMARINE IN LAT SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE LONG EIGHTY DASH THIRTY ONE
COURSE SEVENTY-FIVE THIS OBJECT DID NOT ANSWER CHALLENGE BUT SPEEDED UP
PUTTING OUT BLACK SMOKE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED TWO MORE TIMES WAS CHALLENGED
BUT NO ANSWER 279 STILL PURSUING BUT BEING OUTDISTANCED HAS NOW LOST
SIGHT OF OBJECT AREA BEING SEARCHED

TOR 0330 6 MAY 42 / 18470
TOD NBA 0335

X (NOTE RELAYED TO NBA AS STA WAS UNABLE TO WORK NBA)

TOR 0405 / 18470 MD 6 MAY 42 OK TO
CAPTAIN ANDRE JORGENSEN, A DANISH CITIZEN, FORMER MASTER OF SS NOOSA, REMOVED FROM SHIP AT ARUBA IS NOW IN DUTY OF PETTY OFFICER ON SS FH BEDFORD JR EXPECTED TO ARRIVE NEW YORK MAY 10. DELIVER JORGENSEN TO DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WHO WILL CONTACT YOU AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED IN PREMISES.

ORIG...13

RECORD COPY...COMINCH...16...37...FILE...CNO...
MR REBER STATE DEPARTMENT ARRIVING SAN JUAN VIA PANAIR THIS EVENING TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON VISIT MARTINIQUE WHEN DIRECTED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT. WILL DELIVER DOCUMENT TO YOU FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES. DESIRES ACCOMODATIONS CONDADO HOTEL. INSTRUCTIONS LATER.
EXISTING NAVAL COAST AND AA INSTALLATIONS PLUS ESSENTIAL INTERNAL SECURITY AND OUTPOSTS NON CONTINUOUSLY MANKED REQUIRES ABOUT 33 OFFICERS AND 95% ENLISTED MARINES. MANNING NAVAL WEAPONS BEING SHIPPED WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL 11 OFFICERS AND 4% ENLISTED MARINES. FIGURES EXCLUSIVE CENTRAL RESERVE NEEDS WHEN ALTERED. CURRENT COMPLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT ALL MARINES SERIOUSLY Restricts OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING THE DEFENSE BATTALION AS SEMI-MOBILE UNIT FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE WITH OWN WEAPONS. RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENT BASE TROOPS OR SEPARATE INFANTRY BATTALION BASED GTMO WHICH WILL ENABLE ALL TROOPS TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE TRAINING AND PERMIT DETACHMENT

CONFIDENTIAL
OF ANY ONE UNIT AT ANY TIME WITHOUT Crippling GTMO.
HOUSING AND TRAINING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR
ADDITIONAL 1000 TROOPS. SUGGEST MARCORPS INSPECTOR
BE ORDERED TO GTMO BY AIR OR THE COMMANDING OFFICER
OF MARCORPS BASE GTMO BE ORDERED TO WASHINGTON TO
EXPLAIN CURRENT TROOPS' DISPOSITION, PLANS, AND
NEEDS.
WAR DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT HINDS UPON COMPLETION GALAPAGOS MISSION PROCEED TO PUNTARENAS COSTA RICO REPORT TO AMERICAN MINISTER FOR EMBARKING 40 PASSENGERS THEN TO CORINTO NICARAGUA AND CARRY OUT ORIGINAL SCHEDULE

Major Hammond is investigating

37...ORIG
RECORD COPY: COMINCH....OP-39....ARMY(COL. CRANE)....
CHOf...FILE.

DEC 13 1972

SECRET
WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR SECRET SERIAL CCSF $019-42 Of 25 April: OPNAV appreciates the difficulties involved in clearing the sugar crop from unprotected West Indies Ports, but as every effort must be made to move it, a certain amount of inconsistency in the application of your instructions must be tolerated in order to balance security against necessity. It is suggested that all possible assistance offered by British authorities in this area be utilized to the maximum.

DISTRIBUTION:
ORIG: 37
COMINCH
FILE: CHO

SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
PENDING ESTABLISHMENT CARIBBEAN SUBSIDIARY CONVOYS AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF DESDIV ALLOCATED TO YOU YESTERDAY ADVISE HOW OFTEN YOU CAN ESCORT OILERS IN CONVOY FROM ARUBA AREA TO (A) YUCUTAN CHANNEL OR (B) TRINIDAD.
IT IS REPORTED BY FOIC TRINIDAD THAT THREE SHIPS OF DRAFTS 22, 21, AND 16 AND ONE HALF FEET PASSED THROUGH BOCA DE HUEVOS GULF OF PARIA SAFELY CROSSING MINE FIELDS WHICH WERE LAID WITH ASSUMED SAFE DEPTH OF TEN FEET AT LOW WATER X RELIANCE CANNOT BE PLACED ON MINE FIELDS IN NORTHERN ENTRANCE AS DEFENCE AGAINST MEDIUM DRAFT SURFACE SHIPS OR LESS OR SUBS ATTEMPTING NIGHT ENTRANCE X

ACTION: 3Ô.... 2Ô-OP FILE....
1Ô/11....38....COMINCH....37....DPDO....GUORD.... FILE.

*NOTE; NEARLY IDENTICAL INFO IN NOIC 1452/1
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 15
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 2 MAY 1942
TOR CODE ROOM:
DECODED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY: MEUSHAW

ADDRESSES: OPNAV
FOR ACTION:
INFORMATION:

PRIORITY: R RR ROUTINE
DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.
ROONEY 2155 NCR 9915

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME
DATE: TIME: GCT:

TEXT:

MY 24183 February cancel.

NOTE: RELATIVE TO DEVELOPING AVAILABILITY OF AREA TARE BOATS AGAINST CV'S.

DISTRIBUTION
3... ACTION
1/11... CUMINCH... 12... OPDO
23... 38... FILE

DECLASSIFIED
otto, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
OPNAV 171430Z MADE VISUAL AND AERIAL INSPECTION 2 SITES 2 MILES APART ABOUT 300 ACRES EACH 10 MILES FROM BASE IDEALLY SITUATED FOR EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS. APPROXIMATE LOCATION LATITUDE 23°33' LONGITUDE 75°39'. TERRAIN LEVEL REQUIRES LITTLE CLEARING MINOR GRADING NEAR RAILROAD WITH RAILHEAD ACCESSIBLE NOB. PROPERTY OWNED GUANTANAMO SUGAR COMPANY WHO WILL LEASE INDEFINITELY NOMINAL RENT. REQUEST INFORMATION TYPE RUNWAYS CONTEMPLATED AND INITIAL ALLOTMENT $5,000 FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY GRADING, ETC.

CONFIDENTIAL

OPNAV REQUEST TO ALUSNA HAVANA TO ARRANGE PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE FOR LOCATION OF THREE AIRFIELDS IN VICINITY OF NAVAL STATION.

DISTRIBUTION:
13 ACTION
$2 50 BUAER BUDOCKS COMINCH DPDO FILE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FROM</td>
<td></td>
<td>C &amp; W</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>RRR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOR ACTION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOKEN CODE</td>
<td>2162/12</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>MORGAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.**

**ROONEY** 1452/1 NCR 9954

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR</th>
<th>FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TEXT</td>
<td>DURING PAST 24 HOURS WITH VISIBILITY (7 AFTER DARK) NIL, BUT VARIABLE IN BOCAS 3 SHIPS ENTERED GULF OF PARIA THROUGH BOCA DE HUEVOS SAFELY CROSSED MINEFIELD AT VARYING STATES OF TIDE. DRAUGHT OF SHIPS 22, 21 AND 16 1/2 RESPECTIVELY. MINEFIELDS (? LAID) WITH ASSUMED SAFE DEPTH OF 10 FEET OF LOW WATER. MINEFIELDS IN NORTHERN ENTRANCE CANNOT BE RELIED ON AS DEFENCE AGAINST ENEMY SURFACE VESSELS UP TO MEDIUM DRAUGHT OR SUBMARINES ATTEMPTING SURFACE ENTRY AT NIGHT. NOTE: PRACTICALLY SAME INFO IN COMCARIBSEAFLAGS CONF 162621719.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DECLASSIFIED**

OSD Letter, 5-3-72

**DISTRIBUTION:**

38...ACTION
10/11...38...COMINC...37...OPDO...BUNAV...290 FILES...FILE...

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1800 DATE 30 APRIL 1942

FROM DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 8TH NAVAL DISTRICT

TO DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM OFFICER IN CHARGE BROWNSVILLE BRANCH QUOTE SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED WRITTEN MESSAGE TEXT FOLLOWING QUOTED MSG WAS DELIVERED TO O IN C BR BY DIONISIO FLORES, 28, MEXICAN FISHERMAN AT MATAMOROS, TAMPS., MEXICO. FLORES STATES HE FOUND SUBJ IN CORKED BOTTLE ABOUT 75 MILES BELOW BVL TEXAS AT FIRST PASS THRU PADRE ISLAND X BOTTLE WAS 10 FEET FROM WATERS EDGE X "BRITISH SAILORS MAROONED ON ISLAND IN CARIBBEAN SEA X CANNOT NAME BOAT X NEED HELP BADLY X APPROXIMATELY 15 DEG LATITUDE X 68 DEG LONGITUDE NEED HELP X HELP X HELP X "HELP X" DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS VIA AIR MAIL END QUOTE. THIS APPEARS TO BE HOAX BUT IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION X NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THIS DISTRICT.

16 ACTION

COMINCH 20 37 FILE
FROM: RDO CHELTENHAM
TO: RDO WASHN DC

FOLLOWING INTERCEPTED

FROM: RADIO ST THOMAS VI
TO: RADIO SAN JUAN

AIR RAID REPORTED ST THOMAS 0335 GCT

0342 AM LL 29 APR 1942

COPY FC ACTION COMINCH OPDO
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COMCARIBSEAFRON</td>
<td></td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
<td>PRIORITY RRRRRR</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Released By

DATE: 28 April 1942

TOR CODEROOM: 0606/0454

DECODED BY: TIERS/SMITH

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

271723 COR 1233

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

HAS MARTINIQUE SITUATION EASED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT WITHDRAWING DESTROYERS FOR OTHER DUTIES AND TO PLACE PLANES ON MORE FLEXIBLE STATUS.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>CARIBSEAFRON</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>23 APRIL 42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>16:2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>PARKER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>FLYNN</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PAYLOAD**

Motor torpedo boats arriving Trinidad from U.S. have no crews. Reported coming from England date indefinite. Naval observer reports British have no facilites for upkeep or preservation. Recommend they be taken over by naval observer permanently or until British ready to fully operate them.

---

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREDS.)
FROM: COM US FOR ARUBA    PRIORITY
ACTION: COMINCH
INFO: COMGEN PANAMA CANAL DEPT., COM C S F,
      COMGEN TRINIDAD BASE

20150 5 CCR 10171

AT ABOUT 0745 LOCAL TIME DUTCH POLICE AND OIL COMPANY GUARDS
ATTEMPTED TO SEPARATE ABOUT 10% CHINESE WHO MIGHT BE INDUCED
TO BACK TO WORK FROM THE 400 STRIKING CHINESE CREWS OF LAKE
TANKERS CSM FLEET (SHEEL) HELD IN CONCENTRATION AT CAMP
SAVANEDA NEAR WILLEMSTAD X CHINESE RUSHED POLICE AND GUARDS
HAVING SEIZED SOME SECTIONS OF IRON PIPE X GUARDS OPENED FIRE X
KILLED 12 CHINESE AND WOUNDED ABOUT 40 MORE X 4 DUTCH GUARDS
WOUNDED X SITUATION NOW QUIET X NO MILITARY FORCES OR ADMIN-
ISTRATION INVOLVED IN DISPUTE X CHINESE WOUNDED BEING
ATTENDED BY UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL PERSONNEL
SECRET
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

From Qryths CZ
To: The Adjutant General

No. 507, April 20th, 1942.

Panama Canal department strength report April 15th
Ground Forces off 1,723 WO 43 EM 34,285 air forces off
1,063 WO 1 EM 13,781 Aruba Ground Forces off 48 EM
1,017 British Guiana Ground Forces off 19 WO 5 EM
QWO hundred seventy one Air Forces off 23 EM 264 Curacao
Ground Forces off 54 EM 1,079 Saint Lucia Ground Forces
off 22 EM 438 Air Forces Off 23 EM 234 Surinam Ground
Forces Off 34 WO 3 EM 626 Air Forces Off 26 EM 343 Trinidad
Ground Forces Off 183 WO 1 EM 3,022 Air Forces Off 57 WO
1 EM 1,897 Venezuela Ground forces off eleven EM 277 Peru
Ground Forces Off 14 EM 282.

Shedd

Action Copy: TAG
Info. Copies: FILE
OPD
SOS (P & D)
Maj. Hammond
Capt. Brigham

CH-IN-5314 (4/20/42) PM 2:14

DECLASSIFIED
Gen. Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972

COPY No. M. J. HAMMOND

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN.
FROM STATE FOR ORNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM FORT DE FRANCO APR 29 12:30 PM

DATED APR 29 8 AM

NO 136

THE SACITTAIRE HAS RETURNED TO MARTINIQUE FROM HER VISIT TO GUADELOUPE.

SOC MALICE AMERICAN CONSUL

TEL 1142 PM APR 29 1942

37....ACTION

16....13.....COMINCH.....FILE

NOR 32/3

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. letter, 1-11-70

By [X] Date DEC 1 3 1972
GUADALCANAL NOT YET VISITED BY OBSERVER. MILITARY PERSONNEL GUADALCANAL NOT OVER 500 HUNDRED. NAVAL JEANNE D'ARC CREW 600 HUNDRED. NO LANDING FIELDS LAST REPORT. 6 ASSEMBLED CURTIS PURSUIT PLANES & STINGON TRAINER DISASSEMBLED. ROADS NUMBEROUS AND GOOD ESPECIALLY BASSETERRE TO POINTE APITRE. 1 RADIO STATION F P Q ON 7 MEGACYCLES. GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

ACT: 16.....

RECOPI: COMINCH...10/11....17...20G...13...38.....OPDO...

FILES: 20P...FILE.
AT NOON APRIL 20TH BARFLEUR STILL AT CAYENNE. INFORMATION ON INTENDED MOVEMENTS IS REQUESTED.

COG...16
10/11...38...COM INCH...20G...FILE... 20 OP...
NAVY DEPARTMENT

VAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER
COMINCH

RELEASED BY
RADM EDWARDS

DATE
18 APRIL 1942

TOR CODE ROOM
1424/1715

DECODED BY
CANNING/SMITH

COM 15

CINCPAC

COMWESTSEAFRON

PR

PR

RRRR

RRRR

DEFERRED

DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

201345 CCR 1844W

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

COCOS ISLAND LATITUDE FIVE DASH THREE TWO NORTH LONGITUDE EIGHT SEVEN DASH ZERO ZERO WEST ASSIGNED CODE NAME FOOTMAN X TABOGA ISLAND LATITUDE EIGHT DASH FOUR SEVEN NORTH LONGITUDE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE FOUR WEST ASSIGNED NAME PALISADE
COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT DESIRES SELL TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STEAMSHIP EISENACH NOW AT PUNTARENAS. ADVICE REQUESTED WHETHER ANY AGENCY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PURCHASE.

DISTRIBUTION:
39 ACTION
15/11 16 COMINCH 37 38 OPDO
2/6P FILE
(No. CDC 1685 April 17, 1942)

I CONCUR IN DESIGNATION OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN PUERTO RICAN AND TRINIDAD SECTORS AS PROPOSED IN RADIO TO THIS HEADQUARTERS APRIL 16TH* SIGNED OPNAV PLEASE INFORM NAVY.

**DATE/TIME GROUP FOR FILING PURPOSES ONLY.

* REF: COMCARIBSEAFRON 161715 NCR0810.

DISTRIBUTION:
ACTION: COMINCH..............
10/11........13........16........

FILE: P1A...........SON........200P..............

SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
IT IS RECOMMENDED, IN ORDER TO BRING ALL FRENCH ISLANDS UNDER SAME SECTOR COMMANDERS, THAT THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN PUERTO RICAN AND TRINIDAD SECTORS BE MOVED TO LATITUDE 14-15 FOR BOTH THE ARMY AND THE NAVY.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM: COMUSFORCES XXAZA ARUBA</td>
<td>FOR ACTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>DATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>17 APRIL, 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>COMCHRIBSEAFBN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>COMIGEN DEPT (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT KELLY 162149 NCR 1093
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT
NIODE SAIRED 1145 LACIO OIL AND TRANSPORTATION CO APPOINTED CHRISTIAN H. JENSEN MASTER BY 151540. NOTHING INCORRIMINTING FOUND IN QUARTERS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS FORMER MASTER ANDRE JORGENSEN. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE CAPT JORGENSEN DANISH CITIZEN NOW HELD U S ARMY CAMP SAVANETA ARUBA FOR VIOLATION SECRECY.

SECRET
Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVY MESSAGE</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FROM: GPNAV</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
<td>SEE ATTACHED LIST</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY: J T BOTTOM</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE: 17 APRIL 1942</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TO: 2326/17</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM CODEBOOK:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY: HARDEY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ENS ROONEY 17248 NCR 5534 PAGE 1

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

COMMANDERS EASTERN GULF CARIBBEAN AND PANAMA SEA FRONTIERS DISSEMINATE TO ROUTING OFFICERS WITHIN THEIR FRONTIERS MACR SECOND EDITION INCLUDING AMENDMENT THREE NOW IN MAIL TO ALL ADDRESSEES AND ADDENDUM FOUR AS FOLLOWS QUOTE SECTION TWO PARAGRAPH TWO SUBPARAGRAPH TWO VESSELS IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE SHALL RUN COMPLETELY DARKENED WHEN IN AREA EAST OF SIX EIGHT DASH TWO ZERO WEST AND SIX NINE DASH TWO ZERO WEST X DASH NAVIGATION LIGHTS SHALL BE EXHIBITED IN AREA BETWEEN SIX EIGHT DASH TWO ZERO WEST AND SIX NINE DASH TWO ZERO WEST X NAVIGATION LIGHTS IN FULL BRILLIANCE SHALL BE EXHIBITED IN AREA WEST OF SIX NINE DASH TWO ZERO WEST X.

DECLASSIFIED
OBD Letter, 0-3-78
DEC 13 1972

17248

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>place</th>
<th>location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ALUSNOBS BUENOS AIRES</td>
<td>ALUSNOBS SANTOS BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GUATEMALA CITY</td>
<td>BAHIA BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HAVANA</td>
<td>BELEN BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CARACAS</td>
<td>MACEDO BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MONTEVIDEO</td>
<td>NATAL BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RIO</td>
<td>RECIFE BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRUJILLO CITY DOMINICA</td>
<td>VICTORIA BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEXICO CITY</td>
<td>Florianopolis BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOGOTA COLUMBIA</td>
<td>RIO GRANDE DE SUL BRAZIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Paramaribo SURINAM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Confidential**

Declassified

OEC Letter, 8-4-18

Dec 13 1972

PARAMARIBO SURINAM

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 16 (4) NAVREG.)
**Text:**

**ORIGINATOR**

- WILLEMSTAD CURACAO
- GEORGETOWN
- BRITISH GUIANA
- ARUBA NETHERLANDS WEST INDIES
- MANAGUA NICARAGUA
- FORT DE FRANCE MARTINIQUE

**INFORMATION ADDRESSEES**

- ADMIRALTY CINCAWI
- SO PAREN INTER PAREN
- JAMAICA COAC
- HALIFAX COMMA FONF NEWFOUNDLAND COMMA NSHQ
- OTTAWA

**DISTRIBUTION**

- 37...ORIG

**RECORD COPY**

- COMINCH...39...BADO...FILE 172434

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
FROM FRENCH ORIGIN THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

QUOTE: FRENCH FLEET MARTINIQUE PREPARING TO SAIL FULL
PROVISIONED WITH 200 TROOPS ABOARD, DESTINATION UNKNOWN, UNQUOTE.

COMINCH ACT.

RECORD COPY TO...16...38...26G...BADG...CNO...OP-20...FILE...

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-9-72

DEC 1 3 1972
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM</td>
<td>浓浓</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>15 APRIL 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>SOBEL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>HUSHING</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ADDRESS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>addressees</th>
<th>OPNAV</th>
<th>COM 15</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**PREDICATION**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PRIORITY</th>
<th>DEFERRED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**INDICATE**

| Indicates  for which mail delivery is satisfactory. |

**LT KELLY**

141911 NCR 011

**UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

**ORIGINATOR**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**TEXT**

( ACTION OPNAV, INFORMATION CONCAROB DEFENSE COMMAND)

(COM 15 DELIVER TO INFO ADDRESSEE)

INFORMATION FROM VP PILOT ABOUT TRAINING PLANE CRASHES.

AT 1400Q APRIL 12, 10 TRAINERS FOR BRAZIL ENROUTE CARACAS TO GEORGETOWN SHORT OF GAS CRASHED ON LANDING SMALL SAND BAR BAJA PONT.

FLIGHT LEADER COOPER 17 MILES INLAND IN JUNGLE, 2 KNOWN DEAD. VP LEFT DOCTOR AND FOOD. VP WAS CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED ON TAKE-OFF.

TRINIDAD SENDING BOATS.

**DECLASSIFIED**

OSD Letter, 5-3-78

**DEC 13 72**

38...ACTION

(COMINCH...17...13...CNO...20P...FILE...)

141911

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer n person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COM US NAV FOR ARUBA
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: APRIL 15 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1612/1749
DECODED BY: FIELD/BELL

RECEIVED BY

PRIORITY
PPPPP
ROUTINE
COMPARABLE
DEFERRED

INFORMATION
COM CARIB SEA
OPNAV
COMGEN CARIB DEFENSE-PANAMA
COMGEN TRINIDAD DEFENSE

Indicate by asterisk addressees for which mail delivery is satisfactory.

151546 CCR 9348

Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE
TIME
OCT

TEXT

C O FORCE 1291 REPORTS CAPT JORGENSEN OF NIOLTE PLACED UNDER ARREST CONFINE CAMP SAVANETA ON ARUBA HIS QUARTERS ABOARD UNDER GUARD PENDING SEARCH HIS PAPERS X

CHRISTIAN H JENSEN DANISH BIRTH AND CITIZENRY QUALIFIED TAKE COMMAND AFTER EXAMINATION PAPERS AND INTERVIEW X HAVE DIRECTED NIOLTE PROCEED WHEN READY COMMAND FIRST OFFICER JENSEN X WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW AIRMAIL.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM.

SECRET

May original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

DECLASSIFIED
ORD Letter, 6-3-78
DEC 1 3 1972
PAA PILOTS REPORT SIGHTING A NEW AIRFIELD IN NICARAGUA AT
TWELVE FORTY FIVE NORTH EIGHTY SIX FIFTY WEST. FIELD VARIOUSLY
ESTIMATED TO BE TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED TO FIVE THOUSAND FEET LONG.
SINGLE RUNWAY. HANGAR AT END OF FIELD. REPORTEDLY CONNECTED
WITH GOLD MINING VENTURE.

16......ACTION

COPIES TO....16/11...13....17....CONINCH....FILE....

DECLASSIFIED
ORD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972
141645  CCR 9202

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

TEXT

COMDGEN TRINIDAD AND CDC INFORMED

FOLLOWING RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR CURACAO FROM DEPUTY GOVERNOR ARUBA:

ARRIVED TODAY TANKER NIobe USA WITH DANISH CAPTAIN JORGENSEN 18 AIRCRAFT ON BOARD DESTINATION SECRET. CAPTAIN GAVE AWAY SECRET WHILE DRUNK IN A CAFE DESTINATION BEING CAPETOWN. ADDS "THESE PLANES MIGHT COME BACK HERE AND AFTER THREE OR FOUR WEEKS YOU LOSE CURACAO AND ARUBA. I AM EMBARKED ON A US SHIP BUT DO NOT SERVE THE USA". IN THE COMPANY OF A PUBLIC WOMAN HE SAID "I AM ON A SPECIAL MISSION AFTER A FEW WEEKS THERE IS NOT MUCH LEFT OF ARUBA". THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR ASKED INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO ACT SHIP LEAVES TUESDAY. GOVERNOR REPLIED NIobe NOT ALLOWED TO SAIL ORDERS FOLLOW. I HAVE DIRECTED SENIOR US OFFICER ARUBA INVESTIGATE AND ARREST MASTER AND RECOMMEND WHETHER SHIP SHOULD PROCEED COMMAND FIRST OFFICER. NIobe PANAMANIAN REGISTRY.

SECRET

DEC 13 1972

DEClassified
OSD Letter, 6-3-78

COPY DELIVERED
OPNAV CORDROOM
PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS OF ACAJUTLA INCLUDING COMANDANCIA CUSTOMS AND RAILWAY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT. BELIEVED ACCIDENTAL. OVER 60,000 BAGS OF COFFEE DESTROYED. TOTAL LOSS ESTIMATED OVER ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS.
FOR SUBMARINES REPORTED TO BE IN GULF OF MEXICO
OFF TAMPA X BOCA GRANDE AND ABOUT LAT 24-15
LONG 86-15 INVESTIGATION SHOWS REPORTS TO BE OF
DOUBTFUL VALUE X NO ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM
ANY OF THESE AREAS X COMONCOM THREE INFORMED
FOR SUBMARINES REPORTED TO BE IN GULF OF MEXICO
OFF TAMPA X BOCA GRANDE AND ABOUT LAT 24-15
LONG 86-00 INVESTIGATION SHOWS REPORTS TO BE OF
DOUBTFUL VALUE X NO ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM
ANY OF THESE AREAS X COMONCOM THREE INFORMED.
SUBMARINE SIGHTED FROM ALCOA CARRIER 11-30 NORTH 68-26 WEST INVESTIGATED. SHE WAS SHELLING SCHOOL OF FISH. MOTOR SHIP PROMETHEUS REPORT OF 010 APRIL 5TH IN LAT 13-10 LONG 69-30 WAS A MERCHANT SHIP.

DISTRIBUTION:
COMINCH......ACTION.
10/0/11......16......20G......37......38......OPDO......
FILES: 20OP......
THIS IS SECRET. TO MASTER USAT FLORIDA FROM TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SERVICE OF SUPPLY WASHINGTON DC - ARMY.

THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF PLOT BY MEMBERS OF THE EX-CREW OF THE STELLA PART OF GROUP TO BE EVACUATED FROM PUERTO LIMON TO SEIZE YOUR RADIO OR SHIP.

FILE: 2% OP.......CNO....... FILE.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRIORITY</th>
<th>ADDRESS PRIORITY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COM CARIB SEA</td>
<td></td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
<td>RRRRRRRRR</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

RELEASED BY

DATE APRIL 2 1942

TOR CODEROOM 2238/2135

DECODED BY WINTER/BELL

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

012025 CCR 7548

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

SUBMARINE CONTACTS MARCH ARIRM THIRTEEN BAKER FOUR CAST FIVE DOG FOUR EASY FOUR FOX THREE GEORGE THREE HYPO TWO INTER DARKLY DISCOLORED SPLASH FROM LAST BOMB EXPLOSION AND OIL BUBBLING UP FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME AFTER ATTACK X ALL HANDS RESCUED FROM SUNKEN ACACIA X LOVE TWO JIG KING AND MIKE ZERO.
From: Port Au Prince Haiti
To: Milid

No. 13, April 1st.

Following message sent Guantanamo this A. M. Pan American pilot Leroux reports freighter aground latitude 2014 longitude 749 sighted 1330 Greenwich mean time apparently burned.

Young.

Action Copy: G-2
Info. Copies: A-2
                TAG
                File

CH-IN-0240 (4/1/42)

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 1 3 1972

3

COPY No. 23
SECRET

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Quarry Heights
To: Milid War Dept
No CDC 1393 April 1st, 1942

Puerto Rico reports finding 2 life rafts wreckage marked SS Cardonia 1 mile off Port Antonio Jamaica March 31. Also same date empty life boat with markings Esso Bolivar Panama on beach at Manchioneal Jamaica both bullet riddled. Submarine reported probably sunk off South coast of Haiti and 10 miles west of point Pedernale was reported March 30th by naval observer guantanamo. 1000 GMT March 30th French cruiser Emile Bertin left Martinique for Les Saintes.

Kirkwood

ACTION COPY: G2
INFO. COPY: A2
TAG
FILE

CM-IN- 0345 (4/2/42)

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 1 3 1972

COPY NO. 3

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>FROM</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S.O.(1) KINGSTON</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PARAPHRASED BY**

INDICATE BY ASTMES** ADDRESSSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

**ROUTED BY WHINSTOCK** 271652-R NCR 1930

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>OCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**TEXT**

(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAD)

(?) REPORTS (A) SAILING VESSEL SIGHTED SUBMARINE 2200/23RD ABOUT 15 MILES WEST ST. MARTIN HEADING NORTH WEST.

(B) AT 0600/25TH SUBMARINE SEEN FROM SHORE OFF (?SOUTH) (?WEST) COAST NEVIS.

**COGS COMINCH...**

15/11...16...38...20G.....

200PF FILE.....

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 1 3 1972

3

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
IT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY RECOMMENDED BY ME THAT VESSELS BE NOT Routed NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH EASTERN CARIBBEAN X THIS MOST DANGEROUS U-BOAT WATER ALSO MAKES SALVAGE IMPRACTICABLE AGAINST HEAD SEAS X REQUEST ACTION PARTICULARLY BRITISH XX NOB BERMUDA DELIVER TO CINC Dispatcher AND WI FOR INFO

ACT: 37....
COMINCH...39....FILE.
From: G-2, Panama Canal Dept., to War Dept.
Time filed at source: March 20, 1942
TOR MID: March 20, 1942
TOR ONI: March 30, 755 1942

According to our Minister at SAN SALVADOR, a Salvadoran Air Corps pilot sighted a submerged sub 15 miles SE of ACAJUTLA and 8 miles off the coast. The submarine was not in motion. This "sub" may be the hulk of the "Mayflower", a 350-ton fishing vessel, which naval authorities report as abandoned in an unserviceable and sinking condition at 13°4'N 90°3' W(1) on March 25.

Several flights of aircraft—between 3 and 10—were reported flying over Province of GUANAJACATE, COSTA RICA (2) by a trustworthy source to the commanding officer of the interceptor group at San Jose, who in turn notified this headquarters at 22:58 GCT.

The interceptor commander later advised that he was positive there had been a big group of planes flying over GUANAJACATE between 2:00 and 24:00 GCT. There weren't any friendly aircraft in that area between those times.

COCKRELL

G-2 Comment:

1. This position is approximately 38 miles SE of ACAJUTLA.
2. M/A COSTA RICA quotes Minister of War as saying that approximately fifteen aircraft of unknown nationality were seen flying over Province of GUANAJACATE on March 28 at 3 p.m. GUANAJACATE is the westernmost province of COSTA RICA, situated just south of the Nicaraguan border.
3. Service has been requested on this obvious error.

All copies informational.

MID DISTRIBUTION: State Dept.....JIC
ONI DISTRIBUTION: NAV AIR...Op16...Op16P...Op16 F-7...Op16F-10...Op16B
Op16 B-8...Op17...Op16C...Cominich F-34 (4 copies)

THIS dispatch is NOT TO BE DUPLICATED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

RETAINT OR DESTROY.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM</td>
<td>ADDRESS: 0928</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASTALUSNA SAN JOSE</td>
<td>COM 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>PRECEDENCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PPRRRT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 MARCH 1942</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1327/29TH</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MICKEY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAYDON</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

GERMAN: 29/3/42 NCR 696

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR</th>
<th>FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TEXT**

LATE THIS AFTERNOON LOCAL US AIR CORPS TOLD QUARRY HIGHTS IT HAD REPORTS THAT LARGE FORMATION UNIDENTIFIED PLANES WERE FLYING WEST OVER PUNTA RENAS.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**ACTION:** COMINCH

10/11 16 38 28G OPDO

**FILES:** 29GP GEN

**DECLASSIFIED**

ODS Letter, 5-8-72
DEC 1 3 1972

29/3/42 NCR 696

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH AIR AND SURFACE NO TRACE PETER BOGEN OR SURVIVORS REPORTED SUNK LAT 24°51' NORTH LONG 57°44' WEST AS 23 MARCH.
YOUR 26185© MY 27030© NIGHT PATROL COVERED FORTY DEGREE VECTOR RADIUS 260 MILES TO NORTHWARD DAY PATROL COVERED ARE FORTY SEVEN DEGREES ARE TO NORTH EASTWARD RADIUS THREE HUNDRED TO SIX HUNDRED MILES. WEATHER EXTREMELY BAD NO RESULT. CONTINUING SEARCH TODAY ONE PLANE.

(For suspected raiders sighted north of Bermuda?)
COMEASTSEAFRON 271425 PLANE MADE NIGHT SEARCH TO POSITION
NO RESULT

searching area for SS Carolyn

☑ plotted

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972
YOUR LETTER 25TH ADEQUATE PROTECTION SELDOM REALIZED X
SOME CHANCES MUST BE TAKEN TO KEEP REFINERIES WORKING
AND OIL MOVING X EXAMINE CAREFULLY MOST EFFICIENT USE
AIRCRAFT X SUGGEST MAKE USE WHALERS LAKE CONVOYS WITH
YOURSELF ON BOARD FOR OBSERVATION ACTUAL CONDITIONS
RESULTANT SALVAGE MATERIALS TORPEDOED SHIPS AFTERNOON 23 MARCH
ADMINISTRATOR REQUESTED ASSISTANCE CONTROL CROWDS GATHERING
CASTRIES VICINITY POST OFFICE AND DOCKS. LOCAL POLICE HAD
LOST CONTROL, FEARED MOB ATTACK AND LARGE SCALE LOOTING.
ALREADY STARTED SMALL SCALE. ON WRITTEN REQUEST ADMINISTRATOR
AND VERBAL AUTHORITY COL. RING 3 MARINES POSTED ON DOCK PLUS
RELIEF STANDBYS AT POLICE STATION. SITUATION QUIETED DOWN.
NOON 25 SENTRY FIRED ON LOOTER WHO BROKE ARREST AFTER BEING
APPREHENDED. STRAY BULLET KILLED INNOCENT NATIVE WHO STEPPED
IN LINE OF FIRE. WOUNDED THIEF. SIX MARINES PLUS 12 ARMY
DETAIL AND OFFICER STANDING BY IN POLICE STATION. LOCAL
FORCES TAKEN OVER CENTRAL DOCK AND TOWN ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN
TO AVOID PRECIPITATION. KEEPING CLOSE CONTACT RING AND LOCAL
AUTHORITIES. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

TEXT
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CONTASKGROUP 26.3</td>
<td></td>
<td>OPNAV</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FROM

RELEASED BY

DATE

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY:

Routed by Fulton

260921 NCR 8712

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

BRECKINRIDGE AVAILABLE TO ESCORT 2 BRAZILIAN SHIPS COMMANDETE PEIXOA AND ALEGRETE OFF AMAZON RIVER TO VICINITY PUERTO RICO AREA.

(SENT TO ALUSNA RIO FOR INFO.)

ACTION: COMINCH

37...39...FILE

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-9-72

DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
MAR 26 EMILE BERTIN WILL DEPART FORT DE FRANCE FOR SAINTES
REMAIN THERE UNTIL 4 APR AND RETURN FORT DE FRANCE
FOR ACTION ALUSNA TRUJILLO ALUSNA HAVANA NOB GTMO
FOR INFO OPNAV COMINCH, MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS
TO PORT AUTHORITIES AND STEAMSHIP COMPANIES CUBA
HAITI SANTO DOMINGO SHIPS MUST NOT LIE IN UNPROTECTED
EXPOSED HARBORS OR ROSDSTEADS. GUNS COMMA PATROL VESSELS
BLACKOUTS UTILIZED TO MAXIMUM. TRY ARRANGE LOADING IN
SAFE PORTS EVEN IF MORE COSTLY. CONFER WITH ME ON RESULTS.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
RECOMMENDATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT APPROVED YOUR SERIAL 059512 X CONTINUE AND EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT BETA AND GAMMA X ALL REPEAT ALL PATROL PLANES NOW IN PANAMA HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED YOUR SEA FRONTIER FORCE BY PREVIOUS DIRECTIVES X UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF UNITY OF COMMAND THE COMGEN PANAMA DEPT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF NAVAL AS WELL AS ARMY TASKS IN THE SEA FRONTIER SO LONG AS ASSIGNED TO THE FRONTIER NAVAL AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS OTHER NAVAL FORCES OPERATE FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ASSIGNED NAVAL TASKS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY COMGEN ACTING THROUGH YOU AND OTHER NAVAL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS AS APPROPRIATE

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

COS ARMY

SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

DECLASSIFIED

OSD Letter, 5-3-79
DEC 13 1972
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**DRATER**

*ALOCO* / AMAPALA, HONDURAS

**EXTENSION NUMBER**

**ADDRSSES**

**PRIORITY**

OPNAV

**PRECEDENCE**

RRAARR

**RELEASED BY**

24 MARCH 1942

**DATE**

**FOR ACTION**

COM FIFTEEN

**INFORMATION**

ALUBNA, GUATEMALA

**PRIORITY**

RRAARR

**TO CODE ROOM**

**DECODED BY**

**PARAPHRASED BY**

**NORBY**

**DE LA MATYR**

**LT. KELLEY**

23245p

**NCR 744p**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.**

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME**

**DATE**

**TIME**

**GCT**

**TEXT**

HONDURAN MINISTER OF WAR HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO BRAZIL TO FLY OVER AND LAND IN EMERGENCY IN HONDURAS. EIGHT SQUADRONS OF FIVE PLANES EACH VULTEE BT-15 TYPE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE TOLD TO COOPERATE IN CASE OF LANDING.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- 13... ACTION
- 14/14... 16... 17... 38... COMINCH... FILE

**DECLASSIFIED**

OBD Letter, 6-3-78

DEC 1 3 1972 3

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
WILLIAM F. HUMPHRIES. CITIES SERVICE BOSTON AND YANKEE ARROW
ARRIVED CURACAO MARCH 22 WITH DECK LOAD AIRCRAFT CONSIGNED

UNITED NATIONS. MEASURES TAKEN FOR PROTECTION NOT SATISFACTORY DUE
TO WORKING OF PLANES NOT SUN AND SALT SPRAY (SPRAY). IF RE-
PROTECTIVE MEASURES NOT TAKEN HERE AND PROPER MAINTENANCE MEASURES
TAKEN ENROUTE PLANES WILL REACH IN UNSERVICEABLE CONDITION FIT

ONLY FOR SALVAGE. PARAGRAPH.
CAN REPROTECT AND ISSUE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS TO NAVY SUN
CREWS IF FOLLOWING MATERIAL NOT AVAILABLE HERE IS PROVIDED BY

AIRTRANSPORT 6 5/8 YARDS 2 INCH AND 4 INCH ADHESIVE TAPE 3 1/2 GALLONS
SLUSHING MATERIAL SIMILAR TO ORIGINAL APPLICATION 3 1/8 FEET 1/8 INCH

STEEL WIRE FOR SECURING BOMBAY DOORS 5 SQUARE FEET 1/4 INCH PLYWOOD
1 1/2 1/8 INCH WING OR OTHER NUTS ONE NUMBER SIX DASH 32 DIE FOR

THREADING RODS. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
NAVY DEPARTMENT

OP NAV

MARCH 23 1942

TOR CODEROOM

AMES

INTELLIGENCE

PUEBLO EX GERMAN ORINOCO NOW BEING TAKEN OVER BY US IN
TAMPOCO. THE CONSUL THERE ESTIMATES SHE WILL BE READY TO
DEPART IN ABOUT 4 DAYS. HE REPORTS SEVERAL GERMAN EX CREW
MEMBERS ARE IN TAMPOCO, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION
REGARDING THE SHIPS MOVEMENTS, AND THEREFORE HE RECOMMENDS THAT
SHE BE GIVEN NAVAL ESCORT.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-72

DEC 13 1972
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OPMAY</td>
<td></td>
<td>COM 1½</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RW LARY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>RRRR DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 MARCH 1942</td>
<td></td>
<td>NOB TRINIDAD</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>RRRR DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AMELLO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HILL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ENS ROONEY 231914 NCR 9473

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TEXT**

West mile of Trinidad

EARLY APRIL CLOSING ALL PASSAGES TO GULF OF PARIA WITH MINES EXCEPT BOCA DE NAVIOS. HAVE YOU OR BRITISH NECESSARY GUARD SHIPS OR PATROLS FOR CONTROLLING THIS CHANNEL. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIPPING ENTERING BOCA DE NAVIOS.

39 . . . . . . OR19

RECORD COPY: 37 . . . . . . COMINCH . . . . . . HYDRO . . . . . . 39 . . . . . . CNO . . . . . . 230P . . . . . .

DECCLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 1 3 1972

`SECRET`

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
THIS EMBASSY INFORMED BY PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL STAFF THAT ON MARCH 18 THAT 1100 LOCAL TIME MEXICAN MILITARY AVIATOR WHILE OVER PUNTA ROSA 5 MILES NORTHWEST OF YAVAROS SAW A VESSEL SUPPOSEDLY A SUBMARINE FIRING AT ANOTHER VESSEL.

16...ACTION
16/11...COMING...20G...FILE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78
DEC 13 1972
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>RADM EDWARDS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>29 MARCH 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>1540/0114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>BERRY/KNOWLTON/SLADE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDICATE BY</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TEXT**

FOLLOWING AGREEMENT MADE WITH DUTCH FOR UNITY COMMAND ARUBA CURACAO AREA X REAR ADMIRAL OLDENDORF UNDER YOU WILL BE SUPREME COMMANDER ALL FORCES ARMY NAVY AND AIR IN ARUBA CURACAO AREA X UNDER OLDENDORF DUTCH FORCES WILL OPERATE UNDER DUTCH COMMANDERS US FORCES UNDER US COMMANDERS X OLDENDORF WILL ORGANIZE A JOINT STAFF WITH CAPTAIN VAN ASBECK AS HIS CHIEF OF STAFF X DUTCH LAND FORCES ARE NOT TO BE USED OUTSIDE DUTCH TERRITORY X IN ORDER PRESERVE PRESTIGE AND POSITION GOVERNOR AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNDER DUTCH CONSTITUTION ORDERS ISSUED BY OLDENDORF WILL BE CONSIDERED AS GIVEN UNDER AUTHORITY OF GOVERNOR X THIS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OLDENDORF ISSUING ORDERS NECESSARY OR EXECUTING ORDERS HE RECEIVES FROM YOU X OLDENDORF MAY BE GIVEN TITLE AS COMMANDER OF ALL FORCES ARUBA CURACAO X

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972
AVAILABLE INFORMATION SS TAMPICO, SMALL TANKER, MEXICAN
REGISTRY, IS REQUESTED. CONTACTED OFF ALTA VELA DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC BY STURTEVANT AS SUSPICIOUS. STURTEVANT DIRECTED
IF EXAMINATION NOT SATISFACTORY TAKE VESSEL INTO TRUJILLO FOR
MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATION.

ACTION: COMINCH.....
10/11....16.....37.....39.....

THIS DISPATCH CANCELLED BY CONCARIBSEAFRON 201425 NCR 5238
"MY 201425 CANCEL"
(CANCELLATION RECEIVED IN CODEROOM 1532)

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
A DETAIL LETTER REGARDING THE FOLLOWING WILL FOLLOW: THIS DESPATCH:
HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ARMY TRINIDAD BASE COMMAND HAS MADE REQUESTS
THRU AMERICAN CONSUL TO TRINIDAD DEPARTMENT FOR PARCELS OF LAND ON
UPPER TUCKER VALLEY. THESE REQUESTS MADE ON FEBRUARY 7TH AND MARCH 11TH.
LOCAL COMMANDING GENERAL PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF SECNAV LETTER SERIAL:
422513 OF DECEMBER 27 1941 TO SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING NAVY REQUEST
FOR THIS TOTAL AREA. CONSIDER UPPER TUCKER VALLEY MUST BE RESERVED
PERMANENTLY OR THE NAVY AND SUCH PARCELS AS THE NAVY CONSIDERS URGENTLY
NEEDED BY THE ARMY BE TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED BY THE ARMY UNDER REVOCABLE
PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE. THE EVER INCREASING
REQUIREMENTS FOR NAVY FACILITIES AND THE NECESSITY FOR TOTAL NAVAL
JURISDICTION OF ENTIRE TUCKER VALLEY PRECLUDES THE DIVISION OF JURIS-
DICTION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND NAVY. MY DISPATCH URGENTLY RECOMMENDED
THAT THE NAVY ACQUISITION OF UPPER TUCKER VALLEY BE EXPEDITED.
THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED TO FULLY INFORM NAVY DEPARTMENT OF COM-
MANDANTS VIEWS.

SECRET

FILE: CHC DIV.

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
MARCH 19 9AM COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS SUBMARINE EIGHT
FIVE CST SAME PLACE HAS ORDERED SHORE GUN OPEN FIRE FIRST
OPPORTUNITY

DISTRIBUTION
COMINCH...COG
19/11...28G...37...38...16...
FILE: 290P...GEN/...
GENERAL REPORT. SEVEN LAKERS LEAVING MARACAIBO TODAY FOR ARUBA SIX FOR LAS PIEDRAS. CURACAO SITUATION UNIMPROVED AS LAKE TANKER OFFICERS NOW OBJECT TO COMPANY'S PICK UP CREWS. OTHER SHIP MOVEMENTS NORMAL. RELIABLY INFORMED DUTCH MAY BASE CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL FROM EAST INDIES HERE. NOTE DUTCH TONE SEEMS MUCH MORE COOPERATIVE LAST FEW DAYS.

16......ACTION
37......39......COMINCH......17......12......12/11......220P FILE......

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 18 1972
162145

CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain McCrea.

Subject: Cocos Island.

PRESENT STATUS

1. The present status of Cocos Island as an element of defense in the Panama Coastal Frontier (Now under Army direction under the principle of unity of command) is as follows:

(a) Cocos Island is inspected daily by a patrol plane on a routine search flight.

(b) It is used as a watering place. In July 1941 a watering buoy for submarines and small vessels was installed in Chatham Bay.

(c) Defense base equipment, including mooring buoys, tentage, and other material suitable for supporting a twelve-plane VP squadron, has been assembled at Balboa, and has been kept in store, earmarked for use at that place. This was done beginning in 1940, pursuant to orders from the Chief of Naval Operations of June 1, 1940.

(d) The Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, on March 5, 1942 (in his Confidential serial 0489011) proposes to base a PT squadron at Cocos Island, among other places.

RECENT HISTORY

2. (a) On March 22, 1940, the General Board submitted a study of sea approaches to the Panama Canal, including the use of Cocos Island as a seaplane base. The brief of the conclusions of the General Board as to the value of Cocos Island is as follows:-
"Cocos Island, Costa Rica, lacks those natural features adapted to patrol plane operations—except intermittently as weather and sea conditions permit and even then warrants its use only as a patrol plane tender base. However, because of its valuable strategic location, the General Board concurs with the opinions expressed in the foregoing investigation convened by the President, namely:

(1) Make a hydrographic survey of the island and adjacent waters.

(2) Make mooring and communication plans for tender and patrol planes in Chatham Bay, and Wafer Bay.

(3) Provide and store (at the Canal Zone) mooring buoys and communication material looking to the use of both bays.

(b) On May 8, 1940, the Joint Board submitted a study of the Panama Canal, including the distant approaches, to the Secretary of the Navy. As regards Cocos Island, the following is quoted from this report:

"The acquisition of Cocos Island for use as a naval base has been proposed several times. Until recently it has been considered that while the island had some potential value it was not of great importance, except in so far as prevention of hostile occupation is concerned. The increasing importance of the defense of the CANAL against air attack has recently caused increased attention to be given Cocos Island by both the Army and the Navy. Attractive as its location makes its utilization as an outlying air base seem, its real value is made very small because of its unfavorable characteristics."
Subject: Cocos Island.

There is no possibility of operating landplanes from Cocos Island without an unreasonably difficult and expensive construction of a landing field. The anchorages available are poor, and, for seaplanes, hazardous. The prevalence of heavy ground swells and shifting winds with attendant squalls prevents adequate reliability and safety of operations. With P2Y patrol planes, it was found unsafe to take off with a full load. At no time was a P2Y permitted to operate with more than 700 gallons of fuel aboard.

The Board which considered the use of Cocos Island as a patrol plane during the recent visit of the TUSCALOOSA indicates its opinion that the establishment of a safer anchorage by making fills or constructing breakwaters is not warranted on account of depth of water and prohibitive cost.

The Joint Board further recommended that plans be completed and equipment assembled in the Canal Zone for the use of patrol planes basing at Fonseca, Galapagos, Guayquil, and to permit the use of Cocos Island as an additional re-fueling station and emergency anchorage when needed.

3. (a) Pursuant to the recommendations of the General Board as regards the survey of the island, the Commander Aircraft Patrol Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, had an investigation and survey made of the area in which he reported that the island was entirely unsuitable for use as a land plane base; and that only very limited patrol plane operations were possible there. Patrol plane flights were possible only under ideal conditions, and then in lightly loaded planes carrying a reduced weight of gasoline below the normal peace-time load. Further investigations were made during 1940 by the Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, and reported by him as of December 10, 1940. During July 1941, the Commander Submarine Squadron Three, acting under orders of the Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, conducted an informal survey of the coast line, and backed it up with an informal survey made by five Marines, which investigated the inland terrain, streams, strategic areas, and possible look-out situations. This survey reported that Chatham Bay was the only
Subject: Cocos Island.

Anchorage suitable for small vessels or seaplanes, and stated that its use as a seaplane base would be possible only under ideal conditions, and then temporarily only. The landing party reported ample water, mountainous terrain, almost impenetrable vegetation and poor visibility for look-out posts.

(b) Acting on this report, and a report made in December 1939 by the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Charleston in which he stated that no possible locations for land plane operations were observed, the Navy Department considered that the requirements as to a survey, which were laid down by the General Board, were carried out. In view of the urgency of the military requirements of hydrographic surveys in other areas, the Department has therefore not instituted any formal hydrographic survey of Cocos Island.

RUSSELL WILSON, Chief of Staff.
PROCEED SWEEP CARIBBEAN FOR SUSPICIOUS VESSELS AND ENEMY SUBMARINES SUPPLY SOURCES X X TO ARRIVE TRINIDAD 21 MARCH X FOLLOW ROUTE VIRGIN PASSAGE LAT 16-30 TO LONG 75-00 THENCE TRINIDAD ALONG ISLANDS EAST OF ARUBA X FREQUENCY EIGHT THREE TEN KCS DAY FOUR ONE FIVE FIVE KCS NIGHT.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 12
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 14 MARCH 1942
FOR CODEROOM:
DECODED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY:
ROUTED BY FULTON

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION HAVE REQUESTED DIPLOMATIC ARRANGEMENTS FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAITI AND SANTO DOMINGO.

ACTION: 13
10/11 38 39 COMINCH OPDO

APPLICATIONS AND RELEASED BY:

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter 5-3-73
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QINC CONSTN AT SAN JUAN P. R.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 MARCH 1942</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0129</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POWELL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C. ALLEN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON 132345 NCR 1249
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

DELIVER TO CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION.
REQUEST PERMISSION CARIBBEAN ATLANTIC AIRLINES INC TO FLY OVER SANTO DOMINGO WITH PERMIT FOR LANDING TRUJILLO CITY AND ALSO PERMISSION TO FLY OVER HAITI AND LAND AT PORT AU PRINCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PICKING UP 10 STRANDED CONTINENTAL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FOR THE NAVY CONTRACT AT SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO.

DISPATCH REPLY REQUESTED.

ACTION: 13
13/11 38 39 COMMICH 0PDO
(SHOWN OPDO AT 0215/14)

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

37141 Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREDS.)
STRIKE LAKE TANKER CREWS CURACAO CANNOT BE SETTLED X
NEW CREWS IN FILE TIME INDEFINITE X PLANT PRACTICALLY
SHUT DOWN X ARUBA GETTING SOME CRUDE

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER: INDEFINITE CALL
Released By:
Date: 13 March 1942
TOR Coderoom: 1847/13
Decoded By: J. ALLEN
Paraphrased By: PURDY

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

INFORMATION FOR ACTION

OPNAV

Routine Deferred
Priority Routine Deferred

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

BLouIN. 131545 NCR2934

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

COM U.S. FORCES N.W.1. ORIGINATOR, INFORMED BRITISH CONTROL OFFICER ARUBA HAS PERMITTED CERTAIN AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS TO LOAD CRUDE OIL AT LAS PIEDRAS VENEZUELA EXPOSED PORT WHICH IS CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRITISH VESSELS. CONSIDER THIS PORT DANGEROUS UNTIL PROTECTED BY NET OR OTHER MEANS. ADVISE.

DISTRIBUTION:
37 ACTION.
RECP: COM INCH 39
FILES: CNO 230P

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEc 13 1972

SECRET

131545 NCR2934

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
EMILE BERTIN LAST SEEN PANAIR PLANE LATE AFTERNOON NEAR MARTINIQUE X MY PLANE COULD NOT LOCATE AT 22½° ZED X AM AWAITING REPORT CONSUL X PLAN HAVE VICTOR PREP ON LINE LONGITUDE FIFTY FOUR DASH THIRTY AT DAYLIGHT X ARMY PLANES WILL SEARCH ISLANDS
EMILE BERTIN RETURNED TO PORT
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER: COMING</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY: RADM. EDWARDS</td>
<td>CTG 26.3</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE: 11 MARCH 42</td>
<td>FOR ACTION</td>
<td>INFORMATION</td>
<td>PRIORITY PP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM: 1844/1930</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY: PORTER/PITKIN</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY: SUB BASE ST. THOMAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

1118/3 CCR-761

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

WHERE IS SAIL SEVENTEEN TODAY
From: SUBBASSE ST THOMAS

Released by:

Date: 11 MARCH 1942

TOR Code: 1039/1037

Decoded by: FINKELBEY/BERRY

Paraphrased by:

Indicate by asterisk addressees for which mail delivery is satisfactory.

112359 CCR 4407

Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.

Originator fill in date and time

Text:

YOUR 11183 SAIL SEVENTEEN AT SUBBASSE.
IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA (I SUGGEST?) QUESTION OF SECURITY OF OUR SHIPS AT SAN PEDRO DE NACORIS DURING SUGAR SHIPMENTS NOW COMMENCING SHOULD RECEIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION. SHIPS CAN ONLY LOAD ALONGSIDE WHARF DOWN 15 (FEET?) WHICH MEANS THAT (2 FREIGHT SHIPS) OF BARON STRANDERER MUCH LESS, AT WHARF AND THEN BE COMPLETED BY LIGHTER OUTSIDE, WHERE THEY ARE FULLY EXPOSED TO ATTACK BY TORPEDO OR GUNFIRE. THERE ARE NO SHORE DEFENCES AT PRESENT. SUGAR PROGRAMME CALLS FOR SHIPMENT OF 50000 TONS A MONTH. ALL UK SHIPS PROCEED FIRST TO SAN PEDRO DE NACORIS AND ALTHOUGH SOME ARE AFTERWARDS TOPPED OFF AT OTHER DOUMICAN PORTS (ONLY) OR MORE SHIPS WILL PROBABLY BE LYING OFF NACORIS THROUGHOUT SHIPPING SEASON SO THAT SUBMARINE WOULD BE NEARLY CERTAIN OF A VICTIM AT ANY TIME. NAZI DOCTOR GEORGE IS STILL AT LIBERTY THERE AND ONLY UNDER NOMINAL SURVEILLANCE. BERGASTIN NEAR PUERTO PLATA IS ANOTHER DANGEROUS EXPOSED SUGAR PORT BUT ONLY (10000) TONS ARE TO BE SHIPPED THERE THIS YEAR.

CONFIDENTIAL

DEC 13 1972

[Redacted]
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>NAVY DEPARTMENT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM</td>
<td>NAVY DEPARTMENT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMCARIB SEAFRONTIER</td>
<td>CINCANT OPNAV COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>CINCANT OPNAV COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>ROUTINE DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 FEB 42</td>
<td>ROUTINE DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>1342 / 1336</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>NOB GTMO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CANNING / CANNING</td>
<td>NOB GTMO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>NOB GTMO</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

101301 CCR 4244

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

WINDWARD PASSAGE SITUATION. SS BOLIVAR IN GUANTANAMO. THREE PATROL STRINGHAM OPAL THREE VP 8/VJ PLANES HAMILTON AND EMMONS ARRIVE SOON. CONTINUING SEARCH REMAINING SURVIVORS BARBARA. CAPT. WEYLER ORDERED RETURN GUANTANAMO.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
CONSUL SALINA CRUZ REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL ANCHORED
OFF PUERTO ARISTA AT 1100 LOCAL TIME MARCH 7. COMMANDING
OFFICER USS YP - 283 THEN IN SALINA CRUZ WAS INFORMED BY CONSUL
AND STATED HE WOULD INVESTIGATE AND REPORT RESULTS THROUGH FIRST
AMERICAN CONSUL.

16......ACTION
16/11......COMINCH.....FILE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 6-3-78
DEC 1 3 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FROM: 324</td>
<td>RELEASED BY:</td>
<td>TO: CTF 23</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEP MAR 19</td>
<td>DEC 13 1973</td>
<td>NOB TRINIDAD COM 16 KENNEBEC OPMAY</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOR ACTION</td>
<td>INFORMATION</td>
<td>KENNEBEC BRAY CTF 23</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY: LEAND</td>
<td>DECODED BY: POWELL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ROUTE BY FULTON 092157 NCR 8083**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TEXT</td>
<td>ACTION KENNEBEC OPMAY COM TEN NOB TRINIDAD INFO CTF TWENTY THREE. KENNEBEC ZERO EIGHT TWENTY THREE FIFTYNINE SEARCHED AREA IN THE MOONLIGHT AND AGAIN AFTER SUNRISE, WITH SHIPS AND PLANES. VISIBILITY GOOD BUT WITH PASSING SQUALLS LIGHT SWELLS AND SOME WHITE CAPS. NO SIGN OF LIFE WRECKAGE SICK. SEARCH ABANDONED ZERO EIGHT ONE FIVE Q. ORIGINATOR CONTASKGROUP TWENTY THREE FOUR.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC 13 1972</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**RECORD COPY: 37...38...39...**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CNO...200P...</th>
<th><strong>DECLASSIFIED</strong></th>
<th>OSD LETTER, 5-8-78</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>SECRET</strong></td>
<td>DEC 13 1972</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)**
Numerous sinkings vicinity latitude 23 longitude 61
Likelihood U boat tender that area X captain of
SS Melpomene state nine thousand ton vessel one high
Stack grey paint gun aft no colors remained near
Life boats March sixth refused give aid and made
Heavy smoke

F-H...action.
From: Fort de France to Dept. of State.
Time filed at source: March 9, 1942.
TOR by Department of State: March 9, 3:27 p.m.
TOR by ONI: 100405.

FOR THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

Regarding the proposed movements of the EMILE BERTIN, Admiral Robert is postponing the trip to the Saintes although he is greatly displeased at our "coercion". Instead he is ordering the ship to cruise in territorial waters of Martinique during the day of March 11. It will return to Fort de France that evening. As a form of confirmation that the trip has no other purpose than to transfer command, Admiral Robert conveys the invitation of Rear Admiral Battet to Vice Consul Sheehan to be aboard the EMILE BERTIN as his guest. Unless instructed otherwise I shall consent. It is my strong recommendation that these arrangements be permitted to go through. I have informed Comten. Reference Department's 28, March 7.

MALIGE

ONI DISTRIBUTION: NAV AIDE...Op-10/11...Op-16...Op-16-F...Op-16F-3...
Cominch F-34 (4 copies)...JIC...

THIS DISPATCH IS NOT TO BE DUPLICATED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

RETAIN OR DESTROY.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 13 1972
CONSIDERABLE ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY WINDWARD PASSAGE X BE PREPARED
ATTACK AND RENDER PROTECTION SHIPPING THAT AREA ENROUTE.

DISTRIBUTION:
COMINC...COG
10/11...16...20G...36...OPDO...FILE
FILE: - 20P........

DECLASSIFIED
CSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL
Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECD 12:16 PM FROM PORT AU PRINCE

DATED MAR 8 1942

NO 129 SECTION ONE

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF XXXXX FOUR AND FIVE ON THE MORNING OF MAR 7 THE
CARDONIA, A LYKES VESSEL, WAS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING OFF THE PENINSULA NORTH
OF MOLE ST. NICOLAS BY SUBMARINE OF UNKNOWN IDENTITY. IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT FORTY SHELLS WERE USED SINCE THE TORPEDO MISSED.

SGD WHITE

TOD 455 PM MAR 9 1942
FROM STATE FOR OPNAV
FOLLOWING RECEIVED 12:16 PM FROM PORT AU PRINCE.
DATED MAR 8 1942.

No 129 Section One

Between the hours of Four and Five on the morning of Mar 7th, the Cardonia, a Lykes vessel, was sunk without warning off the Peninsula north of Mole St. Nicolas by submarine of unknown identity. It is possible that forty shells were used since the torpedo missed.

SGD White.

TOO 455 PM MAR 9 1942

866K

act - Curnan

10/11 13 16 200 37 39

200P 0000
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM: GOM CARIBSEAFRON</th>
<th>OPNAV</th>
<th>PPRPPPPPPRITY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY:</td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE: 8 MARCH 42</td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM: 2343/7TH</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY: Powell</td>
<td>COMSCH</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY: GLTUCKER</td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. REINSTOCK 062215 NCR 7673

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

TEXT

GOVERNOR CURACAO INSISTS U.S. ARMY FORCES UNDER HIS ORDERS FOR LOCAL DEFENSE AND CLAIMS THIS, HIS ORDERS FROM MINISTER COLONIES.

HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO HIS NAVAL OFFICER CAPTAIN VANASPECK WHO IS AGGRESSIVE AND WILL MAKE TROUBLE. HE HAS CONTROL PORT FACILITIES WANTS TO RUN THINGS AND TAKE OLDENDORF'S PLACE UNDER ME FOR NAVAL MATTERS. OLDENDORF STATES NO OPEN BREAK YET BUT EXPECTED SOON.

NECESSARY PROMPTLY ARRANGE PLACE ALL LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES BOTH NATIONS UNDER SENIOR U.S. OFFICER.

13......ACTION.

14/11......COMSCH......OPDO......16......12......FILES......OP-20......

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
LETTER RECEIVED, SITUATION MADE CLEAR TO OPNAV
PROMPT ACTION URGED, MEANWHILE INSURE OUR FORCES
OPERATE UNDER YOUR ORDERS ONLY. Cooperate with
GOVERNOR IN JOINT LOCAL DEFENSE.

ACTION...F-1

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
LAKE TANKER SITUATION CURACAO AND ARUBA STANDS AS FOLLOWS:
ON 26 FEBRUARY EIGHT LAKE TANKERS ARRIVED HERE IN SUCCESSFUL
CONVOY. SEVEN OR EIGHT ARRIVED ARUBA ON TWENTY-FOURTH OF
FEBRUARY BY SAME METHOD. SINCE THEN ALL ARE TIED UP BY
STRIKING CREWS HERE AND AT ARUBA. THE CHINESE, FORMING 60%
OF THE CREWS AT CURACAO, FRANKLY ARE CAUSING STRIKE HERE.
THE LOCAL CHINESE CONCIL HAS CABLED HIS AUTHORITY FOR DIRECTIVE
SINCE THE CREWS ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT HIS VERDICT. THIS
OFFICE ASSUMES THAT THE ARUBA STRIKE IS ONE OF SYMPATHY BECAUSE
THE CHINESE ARE OF NEGLEGIBLE PERCENTAGE THERE.
THE COMPANIES AFFECTED ARE LAGO, CPIM (WHICH EQUALS SHELL DUTCH).
APPARENTLY GULF OIL VENEZUELAN-FLAG TANKERS IN MARACAIBO GULF
UNAFFECTED TO THIS MOMENT, BUT ALUSNA CARACAS WILL LIKERLY HAVE
SPOT NEWS ON THIS. REFERENCE YOUR 051905.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD LETTER 5-3-72

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRAFTER</th>
<th>EXTENSION NUMBER</th>
<th>ADDRESSEES</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FROM:</td>
<td></td>
<td>OPNAV</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RELEASED BY</th>
<th>FOR ACTION</th>
<th>INFORMATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TOR CODEROOM</th>
<th>DECODED BY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 MARCH 1942</td>
<td>2337</td>
<td>HILL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARA PHRASED BY: G ALLEN

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON 8 551645 CR 6372

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

TEXT

CURRENT SITUATION: ADMIRAL OLDENDORF ARRIVED AS S.N.O. AUTHORITY QUESTION STILL HANGS FIRE. DUTCH COOPERATION NEGATIVE EXCEPT VAN KINSBERGEN. SOCIAL CONTACTS LIKewise. BY FULL DESPATCH DELAYED BY CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WILL GO FORWARD EARLY NEXT WEEK.

ACTION: COMINCH......

10/11......16......FILE......

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 1 3 1972
NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

DRIFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

FROM

5 MARCH 1942

OPNAY

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

DEFERRED

DATE

TOR CODE ROOM

GRAYDON

1638/5TH

SHORT WAVE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

DECODER BY

RECIPIENT

PRIORITY

PARAPHRASED BY

ROUTINE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DEFERRED

TEXT

OVERTON, BAINBRIDGE, EVANGELINE, ACADIA ARRIVED SAN JUAN.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: COMINCH........

RECIPIENT: 37........39........

FILES: CNO..........200P.........
Afternoon of March 5 the Norwegian tanker Slemdal landed one boat load of sixteen uninjured survivors from the Latvian Freighter Everasma. Five survivors understood to be American. Survivors being cared for by agents of Slemdal. When they are known names of survivors and further details will be reported.

(HUDDLESTON)

547 AM MAR 6 CA
FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CIUDAD TRUJILLO 926PM MAR 1, 1942
RUSH 69 MARCH 4, XXXX MARCH 4, 8PM

DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES STATE SOME 26 SURVIVORS FROM TANKER
S S OREGON SUNK IN AS YET UNKNOWN LOCATION HAVE
LANDED IN OPEN BOAT NEAR PUERTO PLATA LOCAL AGENCY OF THE
TEXAS CO WILL CARE FOR THE SEAMEN AND VICE CONSUL
ROSE IS GOING TO PUERTO PLATA TONIGHT
TO INTERVIEW THE SEAMEN AND WILL REPORT TOMORROW
ON HIS RETURN REPORT IS THAT ONE BOAT
CONTAINING 9 SEAMEN AND MASTER OF OREGON IS STILL MISSING

(SIGNED) SCOTTEN

144AM MAR 5 1942

16 - Ack

10/11 - 38 - 13 - Commeh - 37 - Fk
20 op - PIA 3

DECLASSIFIED
State Dept. letter, 1-11-72
By OK Date DEC 1 3 1972
SD 12 SD WASHN DC MAR 5 1942

SECRET

FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CIUDAD TRUJILL 926PM MAR 6 1942

RUSH 69 MARCH 4, 19XX MARCH 4, 8PM

DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES STATE SOME 25 SURVIVORS FROM TANKER S & OREGON SUNK IN AS YET UNKNOWN LOCATION HAVE LANDED IN OPEN BOAT NEAR PUERTO PLATA LOCAL AGENCY OF THE TEXAS CO WILL CARE FOR THE SEAMEN AND WILL REPORT TONIGHT TO INTERVIEW THE SEAMEN AND WILL REPORT TOMORROW ON HIS RETURN REPORT IS THAT ONE BOAT CONTAINING 9 SEAMEN AND MASTER OF OREGON IS STILL MISSING

(SIGNED) SCOTTEN

144AM MAR 5 1942

593B

DECLASSIFIED

State Dept. letter, 1-11-73

By DK  Date DEC 1 3 1972

10/41 38, 13, Convinc H 37, FRT 24, 1P 1R

3
Naval Message

From: ALUSNA MEXICO CITY
Released by: March 4, 1942
To: OPHAV
Decoded by: O'BRIEN
Paraphrased by: O'BRIEN

MEXICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HERE INFORMED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT ON MARCH SECOND AT PUERTO VALLARTA JALISCO AT ZERO SIX HUNDRED LOCAL TIME UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OF ABOUT ONE THOUSAND TONS CIRCLED OFF PORT AT DISTANCE TWO AND ONE HALF MILES X VESSEL CARRIED NO FLAG X TROOPS TRIED TAKE HER UNDER CUSTODY BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL X COM ELEVEN INFORMED

Distribution
16...ACTION
10/11...13...37...38...39...23G...COMINCH...FILE
230P...PIA...33...FILE

Declassified
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

Confidential

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
Mexican military authorities here informed by Ministry of Interior that on March second at Puerto Vallarta Jalisco at zero six hundred local time unidentified vessel of about one thousand tons circled off port at distance two and one half miles X vessel carried no flag X troops tried take her under custody but were unsuccessful X Com. Eleven informed

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78 342215
CURACAO SITUATION LAKE TANKERS STILL ON STRIKE, TOTAL 13 HAVE ARRIVED FROM LAKE. CHINESE MINISTER AT ARUBA TRYING TO SETTLE. GOVERNOR CONTINUES TO CONSIDER HIMSELF IN COMMAND ALL FORCES ON A COOPERATION BASIS.

COMINCH......ACT.
10/11...12...13...16...37...39... FILE...

DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREDS.)
AT 0830 LAST NIGHT, SMALL CALIBER SHELLING MONA ISLAND. BELIEVE UBOAT GOING NORTH. DAMAGE NONE.

COMINCH......ACT.

16/11.....37.....16.....20G.....DP-20.....FILE.
PANAM PLANE NC16931 CAPT BIGGERS ARRIVES MIAMI TUES REPORTS 3 LONG COVERED BARGES GROUPED TOGETHER OFF 1 OF SALUT IS FRENGUANA 5-17 NORTH 52-35 WEST X COULD BE CAMOUFLAGE FOR SUB X COMMERCIAL WIRELESS STA GEOTOWN INTERCEPTED ON 600 METERS SPANISH TANKER SS ALFONSO PEREZ GAVE POSITION 5-52 NORTH X 16-18 WEST TO BRAZILIANS ACAMVERO X SAME REPORTS SPAIN SHIP OR SHIPS IN SAME VICINITY FOR SOME TIME.

DISTRIBUTION:
16......ACTION

COMINCH.....10/11....38....20G....OPDO.....FILE.

FILES: PIA....90....00R....20P.....

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL
NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVAL DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

NAVY DEPARTMENT

FO I/C LIVERPOOL

PRIORITY

HILFORDHAVEN

ROUTINE

GLASGOW

DEFERRED

BELFAST


RECOMMEND

FOR ACTION

NO I/C OBAN

FOCHA

LlFTIOII

AULTBEA

INFORMATION

C IN C WA

PRIORITf

C IN C A & WI

ROUTINE

SO(1) KINGSTON, JAMAICA

DEFERRED

NO I/C TRINIDAD

BAD 713

PARAPHRASED BY

HUTCHINSON

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

Routed BY WEINSTECK

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

WANTED BY NAVAL DEPARTMENT.

REGRADED

UNCATEGORIZED

JAN 2 1978

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
YOU WILL HAVE SEEN ADMIRALTY'S AND MY VIEWS ON S.H.O. CURACAO'S PROPOSAL IN HIS 1241 OR 22ND. ADMIRALTY HAVE NOW INSTRUCTED ME TO CONCERT MEASURES WITH YOU FOR THE DEFENSE OF SHIP IN CARIBBEAN SEA AREA OBSERVING THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSIVE DEFENSE BY ROUTING AND DIVERSION AND YOU FOR ACTIVE DEFENSE AND ADVICE ON ROUTES ACCORDING TO YOUR DISPOSITION OF AVAILABLE ESCORT FORCES.

2. MY APPRECIATION OF PROBABLE U-BOAT TACTICS XB IS THAT ENEMY WILL KEEP AWAY FROM FOCAL AREAS SUCH AS APPROACHES PORTS, DURING DAYLIGHT IF THESE ARE WELL PATROLLED, MOVING IN AS TO ATTACK ON SURFACE DURING THE NIGHT, IF HE FINDS FOCAL AREAS ARE UNPATROLLED HE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TO ATTACK MERGED DURING DAYLIGHT.

3. CONSIDER BEST CONCERTED POLICY IS (A) TO CONCENTRATE THE MAJOR PART OF SUCH FORCES AS ARE AVAILABLE IN FOCAL AREAS, i.e., (1) FIRST TO CURACAO ARUBA AND TRINIDAD, (2) OLD BAHAMA PASSAGE MONA KEY WEST HICK SOMBRERO PASSAGE.

(b) INSTRUCT SHIPS TO APPROACH ABOVE PORTS DURING DAYLIGHT AND TO LEAVE SSO AS TO MAKE GOOD OFFING AND BE WELL DISPERSED BEFORE DARK. GENERAL ROUTING POLICY TO BE WIDE DIVERSION AND TO AVOID ESTABLISHMENT OF SHIPPING LANES. I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR EARLY REMARKS.
YOUR 261335 ADMIRAL ROBERT EXPRESS SURPRISE AT OUR 
SEARCHING GUIANA TERRITORY AND THAT WE SHOULD GIVE 
CREDENCE TO INFORMATION U BOATS RAISING THERE X STATES 
HIS POLICY STRICT NEUTRALITY WHICH HE MAINTAINS 
AND HAS GIVEN PLEDGES X

ACTION....F-1

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
YOUR 261335 ADMIRAL ROBERT EXPRESS SURPRISE AT OUR SEARCHING GUIANA TERRITORY AND THAT WE SHOULD GIVE CREDENCE TO INFORMATION U BOATS BASING THERE X STATES HIS POLICY STRICT NEUTRALITY WHICH HE MAINTAINS AND HAS GIVEN PLEDGES X

ACTION...F-1

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
S-14 departs St. Thomas for Coco Solo 1200 2 March course 240 X
AVERAGE SPEED 8 X SURFACE AND SUBMERGED AT DISCRETION X ESTIMATED
POSWT 1600 3 March LAT 16 22 LONG 68 16 X 4 March LAT 14 40
LONG 7 OIX 12 5 March LAT 12 57 LONG 74 03 March 6 LAT 11 17
LONG 76 58 arrive 1700 7 March X REQUEST TOTAL BOMBING RESTRICTION
15 MILES EAST SIDE COURSE LINE AND 50 MILES AHEAD AND BEHIND ESTIM-
ATED POSITION ALL TIME OGT XXX SUBMARINE NOTICE

DISTRIBUTION:
COMINCH......ACTION
12/11...37...38...39...OPDO...20 OP......FILE....

DECLASSIFIED
OBD Letter, 5-3-72
Dec 13 1972
MODIFY MY LAST INSTRUCTIONS X UNTIL FURTHER ORDERED ALL SHIPS VICINITY KEY WEST BOUND EAST STAND IN KEY WEST X WEST BOUND SHIPS DISREGARD X AREA 15 MILES OFF AIDS TO NAVIGATION BETWEEN CAYS TORT AND SAND KEY IS DANGER AREA ALL VESSELS KEEP OUT SIDE.

DISTRIBUTION:

37........COG.

39........COMINCH....FILE.
VICE CONSUL, PUERTO PLATA PASSES UNGRADED REPORT SUBMARINE SEEN OFF BOCA NUEVA NEAR PUERTO PLATA 0931 LOCAL TIME 28/2.

ADVANCE COPY TO D.O.O.

FILE: 282548/P NCR3872

CONFIDENTIAL
S17 DEPARTING SAN JUAN ZERO SIX THIRTY FEB TWO EIGHT X PASS THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS X EIGHTEEN FORTY FIVE NORTH SIXTY FIVE FIFTY WEST AT TEN HUNDRED X EIGHTEEN FORTY SIX NORTH SIXTY FIVE TWO SIX WEST AT ONE THREE THREE ZERO SAIL ROCK VIRGIN PASSAGE AT ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO X PROCEEDING DIRECT ARRIVE PRINCE RUPERT BAY DOMINICA ZERO SIX HUNDRED MARCH SECOND XX PROCEEDING SURFACE AND SUBMERGED X AVERAGE SPEED EIGHT FROM SAIL ROCK X SUBMARINE NOTICE

DISTRIBUTION:
COMINCH...ACTION
10/11....37....38....39....FILE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972
262032
REF. A M. 2332A/16TH NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES AND MY 3923P/17TH X
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FLOW OF TANKERS SHOULD BE RESUMED AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE X

II. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SAIL BRITISH AND ALLIED TANKERS ON THEIR
VOYAGE AS SOON AS CHANNELS HAVE BEEN SWEEPED X SHIPS SHOULD LEAVE AS
SOON AFTER DAYLIGHT AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO MAKE A GOOD OFFING BEFORE
DARK AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AIR PROTECTION X ROWES ARE TO BE WIDELY
DISPERSED X

III. TRAFFIC FROM MARACAIBO SHOULD BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PASSENG PERSONS BEING MADE SO AS TO ARRIVE BEFORE DARK X

IV. REPORT HOW MANY SHIPS CAN BE HANDLED AT SAFE BERTHS AT CURACAO AND
ARUBA AND ESTIMATED TIME FOR TURNING AROUND. ON RECEIPT OF THIS
INFORMATION IT IS INTENDED TO ASK ADMIRALTY TO REGULATE TANKER TRAFFIC
ACCORDINGLY X

V. HAVE YOU ANY PROPOSALS TO MAKE REGARDING SAFE ANCHORAGE TO
WHERE SHIPS CAN BE DIVERTED WHILE WAITING TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD X

DISTRIBUTION:

39......COS

COMINCH 13/11 37 230P FILE

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 13 1972

CONFIDENTIAL

37141 Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 70 of NAVCIRC.)
SD\[REDacted\]
SD WASHINGTON DC FEB 27 1942
FROM STATE FOR OPMNAV
FOLLOWING RECD FROM FORT DE FRANCE
DATED FEB 26 1942
SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON
48, FEBRUARY 26, 6 PM
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PROTESTS AGAINST AN AMERICAN WAR PLANE YESTERDAY NOSE DIVING TWICE AT THE BEARN AND FLYING TWICE OVER THE EMIL BERTIN. HE DEMANDS THAT OUR MILITARY AND NAVAL AUTHORITIES END SUCH VIOLATIONS. ANOTHER AMERICAN WAR PLANE IS RECONNOITERING THE PORT AT THIS MOMENT.
ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 22 THE TROIS ILETS, SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING SAN JUAN, WAS CONDUCTED BY AN AMERICAN VEDETIF TO ST. THOMAS AND SEARCHED FOR GERMANS. WHILE CONCEIVING OUR RIGHT OF SEARCH HE DEPLORES THE PRETEXT AS "SHOWING COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FRENCH MERCHANT VESSELS NAVIGATE IN THIS HEMISPHERE" AND REQUESTS LESS SUSPICION FROM OUR SEARCH AUTHORITIES IN FUTURE. COMMISSION IS BEING ADVISED OF BOTH MATTERS.
SGD MALIGE
TOD547PM FEB27 1942
13UNAV\[REDacted\]
SECRET

SU WASHINGTON DC FEB 27 1942
FROM STATE FOR ORNAV
FOLLOWING RECEIPT FROM FORT DE FRANCE
DATED FEB 26 1942
SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON

48, FEBRUARY 26, 16 PM

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PROTESTS AGAINST AN AMERICAN WAR PLANE YESTERDAY, NOSING TWICE AT THE
SHORE AND FLYING TWICE OVER THE ENTR DERTIN. HE DEMANDS THAT OUR MILITARY AND NAVAL AUTHORITIES END SUCH VIOLATIONS. ANOTHER
AMERICAN WAR PLANE IS RECONNOITERING THE PORT AT THIS MOMENT.
ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 22
THE TROIS ILETS SHORTLY AFTER
LEAVING SAN JUAN, WAS CONDUCTED BY AN AMERICAN VETERAN TO ORNAV
ST. THOMAS AND SEARCHED FOR GERMANS. WHILE
CONCEIVING OUR RIGHT OF SEARCH HE EXPLORES THE PRETEXT AS "SHOWING COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THE CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH FRENCH RESIDENTS MAY NAVIGATE IN THIS INHABITED HOMIS
SPHERE" AND REQUESTS LESS SUSPICION FROM OUR SEARCH AUTHORITIES IN FUTURE.
CONTENTS ARE BEING ADVANCED OF BOTH MATTERS.

BUNKER ACT

STATE DEPT. LETTER, 1-11-78

DEC 1 3 1972

171-12-17-16-37-9-AMIN - BUNKER - FILE
SOUND OF NAVAL GUNFIRE REPORTED 27 FEBRUARY 1942 OFF NORTH COAST MATABANZAS. LASTED TWO HOURS.

16...ACTION  10/11...38...COMINCH...
13...17...FILE  270P
AS SOON AS BERMUDA GROUP SHALL HAVE BEEN SEEN FROM MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE IT MAY RESUME NORMAL STATION AS STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ACCEPTED VICHY ASSURANCES ONCE MORE

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>INDEFINITE CALL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td>26 FEB 42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODE ROOM</td>
<td>Q420/26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>ESTES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>GLTUCKER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LT WEINSTECK</th>
<th>261011 NOR 2037</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TEXT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TO OPERATE IN THE VICINITY OF FORT DE FRANCE MARTINIQUE AREA, TMN TASKGROUP 36 DEPARTED SAN JUAN FEBRUARY 26TH.

COMINCH...ACT.

RECORD COPY TO...36...10G...NAVDADE...16(PER)... SHOW...19...23T...XN...3EONAV...0F-29...
MEMORANDUM TO CAPTAIN MCCREA.

Subject: Cocos Islands.

1. Word has been received from Commander Panama
Sea Frontier that a patrol plane from Patrol Wing Three
makes aerial reconnaissance of Cocos Islands each day.
The islands are used as an occasional watering place.

R. E. LIBBY,
By direction.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>CINCLANT</th>
<th>FOR ACTION</th>
<th>PRIORITY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED</td>
<td></td>
<td>COMTASKFOR 5 (LANT)</td>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>24 FEB 1942</td>
<td></td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODE ROOM</td>
<td>6753 / 626</td>
<td>COMINCH OPNAV</td>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED</td>
<td>PORTER</td>
<td>CTG 6.4 (LANT)</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BUSH</td>
<td>CTG 6.3 (LANT)</td>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

232217 CCR 2765

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TEXT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YOUR 191628 APPROVED. IN REVISION MY CURRENT OPPLAN SUBRONS 1 AND 7 WILL BE ASSIGNED TASK FORCE 5 UNDER COMSUBSLANT WHO IN ADDITION TO PRESENT DETAILS OF SUBMARINES FOR TRAINING AND TO BERMUDA WILL MAINTAIN MINIMUM OF 3 ROGER TYPE SUBMARINES IN CARIB PATROL. SUBDIV 51 WILL BE CONTINUED IN PANAMA PATROL UNTIL DEPARTURE ACCORDANCE PARAGRAPHR 4 COMINCH SERIAL 6100. EFFECT DISTRIBUTION OUTLINED ABOVE WITH DUE REGARD TO EARLIEST PRACTICABLE RELIEF OF SUBRON 3 SUBMARINES NOW ASSIGNED CARIB PATROL WHICH WHEN RELIEVED XXXX WILL CONTINUE DUTY UNDER COMMANDER PANAMA PATROL. RETAIN BEAVER AT NEW LONDON.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ACTION...F 1

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODE ROOM

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-78

DEC 1 3 1972
NAVAL MESSAGE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FROM</th>
<th>CINCLANT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>23 FEB, 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>1922/1926</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
<td>CLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
<td>CLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOR ACTION</td>
<td>COMTASKFOR 2 LANT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFORMATION</td>
<td>COM TASKFOR 2 LANT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS</td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS</td>
<td>COM TASKGROUP 6.3 LANT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIORITY</td>
<td>OP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE</td>
<td>OP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFERRED</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TIME</th>
<th>GCT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TEXT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

COM TASK FOR 2 LANT 231411 (CCR2688) APPROVED

ACTION

F-1

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 6-3-77
DEC 1 3 1972

WAROPS SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FROM: COMTASKFORCE 2 (LMANT)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE: FEB 23, 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CORDERoom: 1541/1525</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY: WINTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY: BELL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ADDRESS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FOR ACTION</th>
<th>INSTRUCTION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CTG 6.3 (LANT)</td>
<td>NOB BERMUDA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CTF 9.3 (LANT)</td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CINCLANT</td>
<td>CTG 6.4 (LANT)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**INDICATE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ADDRESS**</th>
<th>FOR ACTION</th>
<th>PRECEDENCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CTG 6.3 (LANT)</td>
<td>CTG 6.4 (LANT)</td>
<td>OP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CTF 9.3 (LANT)</td>
<td>NOB BERMUDA</td>
<td>OP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CINCLANT</td>
<td>COMINCH</td>
<td>OP</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TEXT**

CINCLANT 22254 will comply by using available surface and air units Taskforce 3 Task Group 6.3 and Army under direction ComTaskGroup 6.3 to observe French Islands and vicinity trail and attack X Task Group 2.7 will patrol General area 250 miles east Martinique to intercept arriving in patrol area about 24000 GCT 25 February X ComTaskGroup 6.3 and ComTaskForce 3 comply with above X this plan unless there is reasonable probability of early sortie may result in shortage fuel or absence for fueling by Task Group 2.7 at a critical time X Task Group 2.7 needs provisions and replacement planes now in stores at base Mike X ComTaskFor 9 hereby requested unless otherwise directed by CINCLANT to order stores proceed San Juan X request soon as conditions permit Task Group 2.7 be authorized proceed as follows for provisioning and

**WAROPS**

DECLASSIFIED

OBD Letter, 6-3-72 DEC 1 3 1972

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
FUELING RANGER 2 DESTROYERS SAN JUAN SAVANNAH AUGUSTA
ONE DESTROYER ST THOMAS X ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR 2 OFFICER
WHOSE SIGNAL NUMBER IS 49 WHO IS ALSO COMTASKGROUP 2.7.

F-1 ACTION.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAVY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM G. NOLANT</td>
<td>CTF 2 (LANT) (ACK)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE 22 FEBRUARY 1942</td>
<td>CTF 3 (LANT)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM</td>
<td>CTG 6.3 &amp; 6.4 (LANT)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY T.I.E.R.</td>
<td>OPNAV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY SLADE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME | DATE | TIME | GCT

TEXT

UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY COMINCH DESTROY OR CAPTURE FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS WHICH MAY LEAVE PORTS IN FRENCH WEST INDIES WHERE NOW LOCATED X EXCEPTION BARFLEUR WITH ADMIRAL ROBERT UNTIL RETURN TO FORT DE FRANCE ABOUT 25 FEBRUARY SEE COMINCH 181425 X FURTHER EXCEPTION SMALL NUMBERS OF FRENCH SEAPLANES ON USUAL FLIGHTS IN THAT VICINITY X SEE COMINCH 291415 FOR APPROVED SAILING OF MERCHANT STEAMER OREGON X DISREGARD FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS IF NECESSARY TO DESTROY ENEMY SHIPS OR SUBMARINES

ACTION (NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS DISPATCH HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY COMINCH CODEROOM)

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-78 DEC 13 1972

WAROPS SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
CONFIDENTIAL

From: CARIBBEAN SEA FRONT

22 Feb, 42

OP!AV

COMMAND NOB TRINIDAD
COM 15

BELIEVE MANDATORY TO HAVE NAVAL OFFICER IN GENERAL COMMAND ALL FORCES CURACAO ARUBA AREA. SHIPPING SITUATION THERE NOT IMPROVING. UNLESS YOU CAN SUPPLY ONE, SUGGEST CAPTAIN WEYLER FROM GUANTANAMO. VERY NECESSARY START PROGRAM REPLACEMENT SHALLOW DRAFT LAKE TANKERS, PRESENT AND FUTURE LOSSES. REFERENCE MY 291911

FRO ACTION OPNAV, FOR INFO COMINCH, COM TRINIDAD BASE, COM CARIB DEFENSE COM, COM 15 AND NOB TRINIDAD PLEASE DELIVER TO THEIR ARMY ADDRESS

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DEC 3 1972
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED: CPT F. E. LOWE
DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: 2443/0148
DECODED BY: LADE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

22044 CCR 368
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

MARTINIQUE SITUATION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION OF BERMUDA GROUP AND OF SUCH OTHER UNITS AS CURRENT COMMITMENTS PERMIT

WAROPS SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 6-6-78
DEC 1 3 1972

3
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCLANT

RELEASED BY

DATE: 22 FEB 42

TOR CODEROOM: 843/8352

DECODED BY: PORTER

PARAPHRASED BY

CODING

ADDRESS

FOR ACTION

CTF 2

INFORMATION

CTF 3

CTG 6.3

CTG 6.4

COMMCH

PRECEDENCE

OP

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

22\%33\% CCR-2495

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE: 22\%33\% TIME: GCT

TEXT

COORDINATE MOVEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF UNITS IN COMPLIANCE COMMCH 22\%33\%. FIRST TWO INFO ADDRESSEES MAKE AVAILABLE TO CTF 2 FORCES AS PRACTICABLE AND REQUIRED.

ACTION....F-31

DEC 13 1972

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-79

WAROPS SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
COMINCH 22044 TASK GROUP 2.7 READY DEPART BERMUDA FORENOON TWENTYSECOND FEBRUARY.

ACTION...F-31
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMTASKFOR 2
RELEASED BY: 22 FEB 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: $711 / $658
DECODED BY: PORTER
PARAPHRASED BY: BUSH

ADDRESS:
- COMTASKFOR 3 (LANT)
- COMTASKGROUP 6.3 (LANT)
- CINCLANT
- COMINCH

FOR ACTION:
- OP OP OP OP
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

INFORMATION:
- OP OP OP OP
- PRIORITY
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

ADDRESSES:
- COMINCH

PRECEDENCE:
- OP (U)
- OP (U)
- OP (U)
- OP (U)

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

22631 CCR 2516

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT
CINCLANT 22:33. REPORT AND MAKE READY FORCES AVAILABLE. COMTASKGROUP 6.3 MAINTAIN AIR RECONNAISSANCE MARTINIQUE AND VICINITY. TASK GROUP TWO POINT SEVEN CONSISTING RANGER AUGUSTA SAVANNAH WAINWRIGHT LANG WILSON DEPARTING BASE MIKE ABOUT THIRTEEN HUNDRED ZED FEBRUARY 22.

ACTION...F 31

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72

DECR 3 1972

WAROPS SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
IN REGARD TO GERMAN TORPEDO FOUND ON BEACH ARUBA AM 16TH, IS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

DUTCH PLACED GUARD ON SAME. TORPEDO EXPLODED 17TH KILLING 1 DUTCH OFFICER WARRANT OFFICER AND 2 ENLISTED MEN WORKING ON WAR HEAD WHICH THEY HAD REMOVED. TORPEDO LESS WAR HEAD REMAINS COMPLETE AND INTACT TRAIN UP ON SHORE UNGUARDED AND RUSTING BADLY. MOTION PICTURES SHOWING CLOSEUP OF TORPEDO AND PLATE ON SHELL BEFORE EXPLOSION NOW IN POSSESSION BUREAU PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR DEPT.

DUORD.....ACT.

RECORD COPY TO..COMINCH...FILES..CHO...OP-20.....
URDIS 201417, CANNOT CONFIRM SUCH REPORTS. FRENCH INFORMATIVE COOPERATION WOULD TEND TO DISPROVE THEM.
GERMAN SUBMARINE STOPPED OFF POINTE DES NEGRES LAST NIGHT AND SENT GERMAN OFFICER INJURED IN GUN ACCIDENT TO HOSPITAL HERE FOR RE-AMPUTATION LOWER LEG. FULL INFO TO COM 19.

ACTION: 16
10/11 FILE
COMINCH PER COMDR SNACKENBERG
FOR ACTION COMINCH FOR INFO CHIEF OF STAFF U.S. ARMY X CINC-LANT X COMMANDING GENERAL CARIB DEFENSE COMMAND X COMMANDING GENERAL TRINIDAD BASE COMMAND X OPNAV COMFIFTEEN AND NOB TRINIDAD PLEASE DELIVER TO ARMY COMMANDS THEIR AREA XX YOUR 191320 RECOMMENDED MEASURES FOLLOWING APPLY ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST SUBMARINES AND SMALL SURFACE AND AIR RAIDERS X SURFACE AND AIR PATROLS VICINITY ISLANDS AND MARACAIBO BAR X LAKE TANKERS AND OCEAN SHIPPING IN AREA CONVOYS GIVEN ANTISUBMARINE SURFACE AND AIR COVERAGE X SHORE DEFENSES TO COVER ALL OIL INSTALLATION AND HARBOR APPROACHES WILLEMSTAD AND ST NICHOLAS AS X IMPROVED COMMAND SET UP X REQUIREMENTS XX 12 DOG DOG WITH TENDER ROUGH SEAS THIS AREA X ONE FULL SQUADRON EACH LIGHT AND MEDIUM ARMY BOMBERS X TENTATIVE ADDITIONAL ARMY UNITS EACH CURACAO AND ARUBA ONE BATTERY CAST AFIRM 155 MIKE MIKE GUNS ONE BATTERY 37 MIKE MIKE AFIRM AFIRM ONE BATTERY FOX AFIRM MIKE MIKE GUNS TRUCK DRAWN TWO PLATOONS DECLASSIFIED OBD LETTER, 5-3-72 DEC 13 1972
COAST DEFENSE ONE PLATOON AFIRM AFIRM SEARCHLIGHTS X UNITY COMMAND OF ALL U.S. AND DUTCH FORCES MILITARY AND NAVAL WITH PROPER COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AT WILLEMSTAD OR ST NICHOLAAS BY A SENIOR U.S. NAVAL OFFICER X IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE CONTINUE MUTUAL COOPERATION DUTCH BRITISH PORT SET UP AT WILLEMSTAD AND ESTABLISH AT ST NICHOLAAS A U.S. NAVAL OFFICER AS PORT DIRECTOR X PRESENT DUTCH BRITISH ARRANGEMENTS THERE NOT SATISFACTORY WHERE MOSTLY U.S. INTERESTS INVOLVED X FROM COMMANDER CARIB SEA FRONTIER XX

ACTION

F-1

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODE ROOM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF U.S. ARMY
AT 0500 GCT 21 FEBRUARY NAVAL OBSERVER REPORTS GERMAN SUBMARINE LANDED HOSPITAL CASE AND CHARGING BATTERIES IN FORT DE FRANCE.
REPORTS SUBMARINE WILL DEPART SOON

DISTRIBUTION
COMINCH...ACTION
16/11...16...38...37...39...OPDO...13...
FILE: 250P...GEN...

DECLASSIFIED
OSD LETTER, 5-3-72
DEG 13 1972
IN VIEW OF U-BOAT SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF TRINIDAD SHIPS SAILING BETWEEN ST THOMAS AND GEORGETOWN SHOULD BE ROUTED DIVERSELY ON EITHER SIDE OF BARBADOS AND THROUGH CHANNELS IN THE ANTILLIES

37.....COG
12/11.....39.....COMINCH.....FILE

W.H.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-3-72
DEC 1 3 1972
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

RELEASED BY

DATE

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASING

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS DEFERRED.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GEN

AT A CONFERENCE HELD HERE TODAY, CALLED BY DUTCH NAVAL COMMANDER THESE ISLANDS, ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED, SHIPPING INCLUDING NAVAL CIVIL AND PRIVATE INTERESTS REVEALED CERTAIN CONFUSION REGARDING AUTHORITY OF NAVAL CONTROL AND GLARING DEFICIENCY IN EFFECTIVE AND SAFE COMMUNICATIONS. LOCAL INTERESTS ALLEGED BRITISH NAVAL CONTROL OFFICER HERE INCAPABLE OF HANDLING PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COM 12 SEND IMMEDIATELY ARUCA SENIOR OFFICER WITH AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION AND PUT INTO OPERATION ANY CHANGES HE MAY DECIDE NECESSARY.

(RPEAT TO STATE; SENT TO COM 12)

12/11...16...37...3A...COMINCH...OP-28...FILE.

DECLASSIFIED
OSD Letter, 5-8-72

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF SUBMARINE ATTACKS ON CURACAO AND ARUBA EARLY TODAY ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS. VAN KINSBERGEN AND 7 BOMBERS ENROUTE

COMINCH.......

10/11...12...16...37...0F-20...FILE.......

CONFIDENTIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
AT 0845 GCT FEBRUARY 16TH, ARUBA SHELLED FROM THE SEA, REFINERY REPORTED HIT ALSO VESSEL. OFFICIAL HOUR UNCONFIRMED.

COMINCH....ACT.

16/11.... 12.... 16.... 37.... OP-20.... FILE.
AT 1300 TODAY BE ON THREE HOURS NOTICE FOR STEAM;
REPORT COMTASKGROUP 6.3 FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TO
HUNT ENEMY UNIT BOATS IN ARUBA AREA; RENDEZVOUS
WITH ME AT DAWN MORNING 21 FEBRUARY IN LAT
LONG 11-30N/62-16W.

F-31...ACTION.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM.