CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE SITUATION AS TO OUR NAVAL FORCES IN ICELAND INCLINE ME TO THE VIEW THAT PRESENCE OF UNITED STATES FLAG OFFICER IS NOT REQUIRED AND THAT OUR NAVAL INTERESTS CAN BE HANDLED BY OFFICER OF CAPTAINS RANK, THUS RELEASING FLAG OFFICER FOR OTHER IMPORTANT DUTIES PARA REQUEST YOUR COMMENT.
Present Situation: Iceland regarding civilian members of crews US and Panamanian flag vessels involved and unsatisfactory.

When members of crews are removed from ships for any cause, the responsibility for such removal, the custody on shore, and later action should be definitely settled between the State, War, and Navy departments. Request decision by despatch after consultation other departments. Paren the situation as regards vessels loaded with supplies for Russia is complicated as Iceland is not a port of call for these ships; this port is used merely as a rendezvous. Navy now has no facilities for detention on shore and contemplate having only small drill at Naval Camp, Army provides military police for port of Reykjavik, Navy only small shore patrol from ships landing merchant parties. US representatives in Iceland of State and War department are sending despatches regarding above.

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COMINCH 20/6/43 DORCHESTER IS NOW QUARANTINED FOR
MEASLES. STILL HAS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES ON
BOARD FOR BLUie WEST ONE. DEPARTURE DATE FROM GREENLAND
INDEFINITE.
PRESENT PATROL PLANE SITUATION ICELAND AS FOLLOWS

(A) US NAVY FOUR CATALINAS; RAF EIGHT WHITLEYS, FIFTEEN HUDSONS; NORWEGIANS TWELVE NORTHROP SEAPLANES FOR INSHORE WORK. WHITLEYS DUE TO INCREASING UNRELIABILITY RESTRICTED TO 100 MILE RADIUS

(B) IN ADDITION TO AIR COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR CONVOYS DAILY PATROL OVER APPROACHES FLEET BASE IS MADE, FREQUENT ICE PATROL DENMARK STRAIT TO GREENLAND, RECONNAISSANCE PATROL REQUIRED BY FREQUENT REPORTS OF ENEMY SURFACE CRAFT AND SUBMARINES

(C) AS OF THIS DATE INCREASE OF RAF PLANES NOT CONTEMPLATED, DATE UNCERTAIN ARRIVAL LIGHT AND MEDIUM BOMBERS AND MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PLANES REQUESTED BY US NAVY AND ARMY ICELAND

(D) IN ORDER PROVIDE ADEQUATE AIR COVERAGE INCREASED SHIPPING TO ICELAND AND RUSSIA URGENTLY RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE
EIGHT

DISPATCH ICELAND REMAINING PLANES VP 73 AND UPON COMPLETION ADDITIONAL CAMP FACILITIES ABOUT JUNE ONE REQUEST ADDITIONAL VP SEAPLANE SQUADRON WITH NEW AVP. SEAPLANES CAN BE OPERATED EFFICIENTLY BETWEEN ONE MAY AND ONE NOVEMBER
OPNAV 202036 AND 301059.

FUNCTIONS OF OFFICES PORT DIRECTOR, NAVAL SHIPPING CONTROL AND WAR SHIPPER ADMINISTRATION ARE INTIMATELY INTERMVEN. BRITISH PERFORM SIMILAR FUNCTIONS UNDER OFFICE TITLES SEA TRANSPORT, MINISTRY WAR TRANSPORT, NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE, EXAMINATION AND PERMIT. BRITISH ICELAND SET UP CASE GIVEN IN ANNEXES OF COMDESIVS 13 REPORT DATED APRIL 29, 1941. WITH INCREASES IN SHIPMENT TO AND PASSING THROUGH ICELAND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL IS REQUIRED TO EXERCISE CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE 1ST REFERENCE. CONCERNING 2ND REFERENCE PORT DIRECTOR ICELAND CAPTAIN BOYD R. ALEXANDER USN NOMINATED AS WAR SHIPPER ADMINISTRATOR. PROPOSE SETTING UP 4 SECTIONS UNDER PORT DIRECTOR (A) NAVAL SHIPPING CONTROL: 1 LIEUT COMMANDER USNR AND 1 LIEUT USNR, (B) PORT OFFICE: 1 LIEUT COMMANDER USCG, 2 LIEUT USM FOR PILOTS, 1 BOARDING OFFICER, 1 MAIL OFFICER, 1 CARGO OFFICER, 2 OFFICER DISPATCHERS AND 2 MARINE OFFICERS, (C) WAR SHIPMENT: 1 LIEUT COMMANDER USNR AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
EXAMINATION AND PERMIT SERVICE: 1 LIEUT AND 2 JUNIOR OFFICERS USNR. THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION IN SEPARATE OFFICE FROM NOBI HEADQUARTERS AND ESCORT CONTROL ICeland. ALL PERSONNEL FOR PORT OFFICE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, PERSONNEL REQUIRED ADDITIONAL TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS 2 LIEUT COMRs, 2 LIEUTS, 2 JUNIOR OFFICERS ALL USNR OR USN RETIRED.
MY SECRET SERIAL 006 OF JANUARY 20TH PARAGRAPH 4, WHEN WILL REPLACEMENT OF STRATFORD BE EFFECTED. THIS REQUIRED DUE EARLY STATIONING U.S. FORCES ON NORTH AND EAST COASTS ICELAND.

THE ABOVE IS MY 291444.

COAST GUARD CUTTER

38. SMACK.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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GREGOV'T OFFICIALS AT NEW YORK X AMCONSUL TO GREENLAND NOW IN STATES AND COMGREPAT PLANNING TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL SUPPLIES TO NORTHEAST GREENLAND GOVT STATIONS ESKIMONAES AND ELLA ISLAND BY ICE PROTECTED UNITS GREPAT X RECOMMEND HOWEVER THAT ANNUAL SUPPLIES FOR SCORESBYLAND AND ANGMAGSSALIK (ONLY REMAINING SETTLEMENTS IN EAST GREENLAND) BE TRANSPORTED IN ONE VOYAGE BY CARGO STEAMER FROM UNITED STATES CHARTERED BY GREGOV'T WITH SPACE RESERVATION FOR ARMY SUPPLIES ANGMAGSSALIK X IF ICE CONDITIONS IN JULY INDICATE BAD SEASON COMGREPAT WILL PROVIDE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION X EAST GREENLAND STATIONS STOCKED IN GENERAL FOR TWO YEARS X OPTIMAL PERIOD EAST GREENLAND NAVIGATION IS MID AUGUST TO MID SEPT X RECOMMEND ABOVE OPERATIONS THIS SUMMER UNDER NAVAL SUPERVISION AND GREGOV'T AND ARMY OFFICIALS BE REFERRED TO COMGREPAT THRU REGULAR CHANNELS FOR COORDINATION OF PLANS

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Re "Iceland"

TO COMGEN FIRST MARBRIG PROV BY HAND X OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH
CINCLANT COMMARCORPS X COMNOB PASS TO IBC X FIRST MARINE
BRIGADE PROVISIONAL GEN MARSTON COMMANDING RETURNED UNDER
NAVAL JURISDICTION AT TWELVE HOURS MARCH EIGHT AND EMBARKED
IN TRANSPORTS OF TASKFORCE THIRTYTWO

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SOPA GREENLAND NOW IN MOHAWK AT BASE ONE X ICE REPORT
DEGREES
TEN MARCH X HEAVY PACK STORIS SIGHTED 59/NORTH 50 DEGREES
WEST LIGHT PACK STORIS TO FIFTEEN MILES OFF SHORE TO
60 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH X ARSUFJORD AND BEXVX ICE
FREE X NUMBEROUS BERRS AND CROWLERS IN WEST GREENLAND
CURRENTS

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** BEING SERVICED
TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMORANDA USB ONE DATED FEBRUARY FOUR CONCLUDED BY COMMANDER TASK GROUP SEVEN POINT FIVE AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND WHICH I AM INFORMED HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY YOU LIKewise MEETS WITH MY APPROVAL \x
DISTRIBUTION IS BEING MADE TO INFO ADEES OF THIS DESPATCH \x
SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE MEMORANDA AS A BASIS FOR COOPERATION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT IN THE EVENT OF COMBINED ACTIONS NOT ONLY IN THE VICINITY OF ICELAND BUT ALSO IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC \x
NOB ICELAND DELIVER TO CINC HOME FLEET XX ORIGINATOR CINCCLANT

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YOUR 261405 FEB (A) SITUATION ICELAND NOT CONFUSED BUT COMPLICATED DUE COORDINATION NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS AND ACTIVITIES US ARMY, US NAVY, BRITISH ARMY, ROYAL NAVY, RAF INCLUDING NORWEGIANS AND ICHELANDIC GOVERNMENT, THE LATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH US GOVERNMENT POLICY AS DICTATED BY ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS (B) ABOVE COORDINATION BY MILITARY FORCES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND PRINCIPLE OF UNITY OF COMMAND TACTICALLY AND THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH ICHELANDIC GOVERNMENT WHEN NECESSARY. BRITISH GENERAL COMMANDING IS STILL THE THEATRE COMMANDER OF ICELAND. BRITISH ADMIRAL UNDER CINCPNA COMMANDS NAVAL LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES AND CONTROLS APPROACHES. ICHELANDIC GOVERNMENT ISSUES REGULATIONS FOR THE PORT OF REYKJAVIK QUITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE BRITISH NAVAL AUTHORITIES UNQUOTE.
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TEXT

SQL US NAVY HAVING NO LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES EXCEPT ONE
PREP YOKE AND ONE AFIRM ROGER SAIL OPERATIONS ARE LIMITED TO
SUPPORTING ICELAND DEFENSE, PROVIDE THROUGH COMMANDING OFFICER
FOR AIR COVERAGE FOR CONVOYS AND COORDINATE AIR ACTIVITIES.
AS CTG 4.6 DIRECT ALL OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVOYS
AND ESCORTS TO AND FROM US. PROVIDE COMMUNICATION LINK
AND LIAISON BETWEEN US FORCES AND OTHER FORCES ASHORE.

(D) I CONTROL ALL US FLAG SHIPPING CARRYING SUPPLIES FOR US
FORCES. US ARMY GETS PRIORITIES FOR UNLOADING AND HAS FULL
CHARGE OF ALL HANDLING OF CARGO AND DOCK SPACE, FUELING
AND PROVISIONING OF US FORCES DIRECTED BY ME AFTER CONSUL-
TATION WITH US ARMY REGARDING THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

(E) INSIDE HARBOR REYKJAVIK UNDER DIRECTION HARBOR COMMITTEE
WITH REPRESENTATION AS FOLLOWS ONE ICELANDER ONE US ARMY
ONE US NAVY ONE BRITISH ONE BRITISH SEA TRANSPORT ONE BRITISH
WAR TRANSPORT UPROR TRANSPORT 2 BRITISH ARMY 1 BRITISH RAF.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DECODED BY
Mr. Knowlton

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INCREASE TO TWO SQUADRONS X CONCRETING, PRESENT HARD STANDINGS BE HELD ABAYANCE UNTIL OTHER NAVAL PROJECTS COMPLETED X ALL US NAVY HEATING EQUIPMENT IN ICELAND TO BURN DIESEL OIL, TANK ALREADY CONSTRUCTED X CONSTRUCTION AMMUNITION DUMP TO BE HELD ABAYANCE FOR PRESENT X SELF-PROPELLED GASOLINE BARGE URGENTLY NEEDED X ATTENTION INVITED US ARMY PLANS FOR BUILDING AT REYKJAVIK TEN MILLION AIR FIELD AND HOUSING FOR TEN THOUSAND TROOPS TO PROVIDE FOR BOMBING AND RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRONS X SAME US CONTRACTOR TO BUILD NEW AIR FIELD IN ADDITION TO COMPLETION PRESENT FAB, NOB CAMP AND TINK FARE. X CONTRACTOR NOW INSUFFICIENT MEN MENT FOR WORK ON HAND X RECOMMEND PRIORITIES BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY PROJECTS BE SET BY DEPARTMENT.

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Collision between Ericsson and small Icelandic trawler at 0215Z/13th February while on patrol off Reykjavik. No damage to Ericsson, trawler sank with probable loss of one man. Nob Iceland has been directed conduct inquiry.