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DATE <u>15 APRIL 42</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1547/15</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PINKUSSOHN</u>			ROUTINE
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UN-EXPLODED PROJECTILE FOUND IN ELMDALE, SHOWS CALIBRE JAPANESE  
 MARINE GUN TO BE 6 INCH. REFERENCE BY 070910.

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MY 070000. STATEMENTS OF SURVIVORS REACHING MADRAS INDICATE JAP FORCE THAT VICINITY COMPRISED ONLY TWO ~~CRUISERS~~ CRUISERS MORAMI GLASS AND ONE DESTROYER. ALL HAD CONSPICUOUS BOX TYPE RDF AERIALS ON FOREMAST. DESTROYER OF UNIDENTIFIED TYPE SIMILAR TO BRITISH TRIBALS, 6 GUNS, 2 WHITE BANDS ON FORWARD STACK STRAIGHT STEM. FROM ALL EVIDENCE CONSIDER POSSIBLE THAT SHIPS REPORTED AS BATTLESHIPS IN RAID OF SIXTH WERE CRUISERS.

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DATE 12 APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1524/12			PRIORITY
DECODED BY JENKINS/LOUGHLIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			DEFERRED

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TEXT (PERSONAL FOR CNO FROM ADMTY)

FROM SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE. CRUISER TYOKAI COMBINED WITH KASHII 7TH SQUADRON AND THIRD AIRCRAFT SQUADRON PROBABLY COMPOSED OF RYZYO AND POSSIBLY JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER HOSHO ARRIVED SINGAPORE APRIL 11TH. COMMENT. FORCE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE ONE OPERATING IN XXX BAY OF BENGAL AND NOT THAT OPERATING OFF COLOMBO WHICH PROBABLY INCLUDES ZUIKAKU JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER SHOKAKU JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER SORYU AND JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AKAGI. REF. ADMTY MSG 0655Z 10TH.

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DATE 10 APRIL 1942	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED		
TOR CODEROOM 1640/0905			INFORMATION	OPNAV; COMINCH; CINCA&WI; CINCEM; CINCSA; CINCEP; CINC(7US)ATL FLT	PRIORITY
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YOUR 2347A/4TH, PARA. 4  
 QUEEN ELIZABETH CAPETOWN FUEL 7000, WATER NIL, RIO DE JANEIRO  
 FUEL 6000, WATER NID.  
 BAD PASS TO OPNAV FOR COMINCH AND CINUS ATLANTIC FLEET.

THIS DESPATCH RECEIVED FROM BAD

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TEXT

CINC EAST INDES REPORTS CATALINA SIGHTED LARGE ENEMY FORCE EAST OF TRINCOMALEE AT 0115Z/9. THIS FORCE AT 0446/9 CONSISTED OF 4CV'S, 3 BB'S, 4 OR 5 CRUISERS, 2 DD'S.

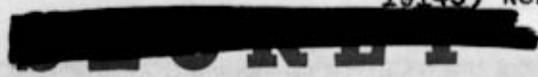
FORCE WHICH ATTACKED TRINCOMALEE AT 0119Z/9 CONSISTED 40 FIGHTERS, 54 BOMBERS. SOUTH HANGAR BADLY DAMAGED. ARMORY AND MOTOR TRANSPORT YARD DESTROYED. TANKER AND STORES SHED DAMAGED. ENEMY LOSSES 14 PLUS 12 PROBABLES. BRITISH LOSSES 5 HURRICANES 1 FULMAR WITH 7 HURRICANES DAMAGED.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODER 0016/10			PRIORITY
DECODED BY MARTIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			DEFERRED

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TEXT

MY 091000. TRINCO ATTACKERS 54 BOMBERS 40 FIGHTERS. AIR REPORT 3 BATTLESHIPS 4 CARRIERS PLUS CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS. 446Z 9 BLENHEIMS ATTACKED AGAINST STRONG FIGHTER DEFENSE. REPORT 3 NEAR WESSES ON CARRIERS. PRELIM REPORT PLANE LOSSES. ENEMY UNCERTAIN 6 PROBABLE 2 DAMAGED. BRIT 4 LOST 4 DAMAGED.

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ALUSNA COLOMBO CEYLON

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TEXT

BRITISH DEVELOPING GENERAL POLICY TO CLEAR BAY OF BENGAL OF UN-NECESSARY SHIPPING. TO SEND THERE ONLY ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC SUCH AS MILITARY STORES AND FUELS. TO REDUCE SHIPPING AT COLOMBO. TO DIVERT TO IMMEDIATE PORTS VESSELS NOW BOUND COLOMBO EXCEPT FUEL SHIPS.

ILLINOIS LEFT VIZAG FOURTH DUE COLOMBO 8 AND EXMOOR LEFT CALCUTTA 5TH. DUE COLOMBO 13TH. NO LATER NEWS.

AT CALCUTTA; EXHIBITOR AND AMERICAN. AT VIZAG, FLOMAR TO BE SAILED INDEPENDENTLY AT NIGHT AVOIDING COASTAL ROUTE. NO ADVICE YET ON ARKANSAN, LAST REPORTED AT CALCUTTA. AT COLOMBO AM SAILING: STEEL INVENTOR AND ILLINOIAN FOR CAPE; SONNEVIND FOR BOMBAY; ACTION ON STEEL RANGER AND BERING NOT YET DETERMINED.

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DATE <b>APRIL 9, 1942</b>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <b>2127</b>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>COCHRANE</b>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <b>CAMBRON</b>			DEFERRED

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MY 081510. RADIO INTELLIGENCE INDICATES CARRIER AKAGI.  
 090116 CAT REPORT 3 BATTLESHIPS, 1 CARRIER 200 MILES EAST  
 OF TRINCO. 0200 TRINCO BOMBED. THERE ARE NO DETAILS AS  
 YET. S.S. BAMORA AT POSITION 40 MILES SOUTH OF TRINCO.

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RELEASED BY			PRIORITY <b>PPPPPP</b>
DATE <b>7 APRIL 42</b>	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <b>1908/7TH</b>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <b>FISHWICK/LEFF</b>			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <b>GLTUCKER</b>			ROUTINE
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TEXT

ON APRIL 5TH, AKOAB BOMBED AND ALSO ON APRIL 6TH.  
2ND RAID BY 27 BOMBERS WITH FIGHTER ESCORT.  
HIMS INDUS SUNK. MAIN AIR FIELD UNSERVICEABLE.

*1200 Ton seal vessel*

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <b>7 APRIL 42</b>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <b>1943/7TH</b>			PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY <b>GLTUCKER</b>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

APRIL 6TH AT 2100Z, ~~ELMDKLE~~ GUNNED BY SUBMARINE 70 MILES WEST OF COLOMBO. ESCAPED. APRIL 6TH 2030Z 2 ENEMY SUBMARINES SIGHTED POSITION 20 0208 NORTH 7516 AND 0246 NORTH 7510.

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TON CODENOM <b>2042</b>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>BRADSHAW</b>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <b>LELAND</b>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

31ST BRITTANY SIGHTED SUB 60 MILES WEST OF COLOMBO.  
 1ST CLAN MCINNES SIGHTED SUB 200 MILES WEST OF COLOMBO.

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DATE 6 APRIL 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1220/6				PRIORITY
DECODED BY LAKIN				ROUTINE
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TEXT (OPNAV FROM ADMIRALTY.)

FOLLOWING IS PASSED FOR INFORMATION.

ADMIRALTY.  
(ADMIRALTY PASS TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COLONIES). (R)  
ARMINDIA, CINC EASTERN FLEET, CINC EAST INDIES, FOIC,  
TRINCOMALEE FROM CINC CEYLON. MOST IMMEDIATE).

943/5. AT 1615F ON 4TH APRIL, A CATALINA AIRCRAFT ON RECONNAISSANCE REPORTED A LARGE ENEMY FORCE 360 MILES DISTANT FROM CEYLON APPROACHING ON A BEARING OF 150° FROM DONDRA HEAD. BEFORE DETAILS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THIS FORCE COULD BE OBTAINED, IT APPEARS PROBABLE THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS INTERCEPTED AND SHOT DOWN.

FURTHER CATALINAS WERE DESPATCHED AND ELEMENTS OF THE ENEMY FORCE WERE SHADOWED DURING THE NIGHT UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENTED OBSERVATION.

(2). AT 0648F, ON 5TH APRIL, CONTACT WAS AGAIN ESTABLISHED WITH THE ENEMY, THEN A FORCE REPORTED TO CONSIST OF TWO BATTLESHIPS TWO CRUISERS AND SOME DESTROYERS WAS SIGHTED. THIS FORCE WAS IN A POSITION 120 MILES DUE SOUTH OF DONDRA HEAD

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TEXT

PROCEEDING ON A COURSE OF 290°.

(3) AT 0800F, A BOMBING ATTACK ON THE HARBOUR OF COLOMBO AND THE AERODROME AT RATMALANA WAS MADE.

ABOUT 75 ENEMY AIRCRAFT, CHIEFLY NAVY "O" FIGHTERS CARRYING BOMBS AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED TWO SEATER SINGLE ENGINED BOMBERS TOOK PART IN THE ATTACK. 33 HURRICANES AND FULMARS WERE SENT UP TO INTERCEPT, AND AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL RUNNING ENGAGEMENTS, 25 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED, INCLUDING 2 BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. 5 PROBABLY DESTROYED AND MANY MORE WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

OUR OWN LOSSES WERE 2 CATALINAS, 14 HURRICANES, 4 FULMARS AND 2 SWORDFISH. SOME OF THE PERSONNEL OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE SAFE.

(4) IN THE MEANTIME, OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF THE ENEMY NAVAL FORCE WERE OBTAINED AND AT 0900F, A FORCE OF 10 BLENHEIMS WERE DESPATCHED TO ATTACK, BUT OWING TO THUNDERSTORMS AND LOW CLOUD, THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE ENEMY FORCES.

RECONNAISSANCE CONTINUES TO DETERMINE THE ENEMY'S INTENTIONS.

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TEXT (5). ENEMY OBJECTIVES APPEARED TO BE COLOMBO HARBOR AREA, RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, AND RAKMALANA AERODROME. MERCHANT SHIPS IN HARBOR HAD BEEN REDUCED TO MINIMUM THAT COULD BE UNLOADED SIMULTANEOUSLY. OUR AIRCRAFT WERE EITHER AIRBORNE OR WELL DISPERSED. SERIOUS DAMAGE TO HARBOR WORKSHOPS, SLIGHT DAMAGE TO RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, DAMAGE TO AERODROME NEGLIGIBLE.

HMS HECTOR ON FIRE FROM DIRECT HIT. HMS LUCIA SLIGHT DAMAGE FORWARD FROM DIRECT HIT AND LOWER MESS DECK FLOODED. HMS TENEDOS DIRECT HIT AND WILL PROBABLY BE TOTAL LOSS.

(6). CASUALTIES SO FAR AS KNOWN, CIVILIAN, 37 DEAD, ALL NATIVE OF WHICH 20 WERE INMATES OF ANGODA LUNATIC ASYLUM, WHICH RECEIVED DIRECT HIT. TENEDOS, 3 OFFICERS, 30 MEN MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED, LUCIA 1 RATING KILLED, HECTOR 1 OFFICER, 4 MEN EUROPEAN, KILLED, 12 GOANES AND CASCARS KILLED. CINC EAST INDIES IS FORWARDING NOMINAL LIST.

(7). THIS FIRST TEST OF CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES WAS ENCOURAGING AND THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE POPULATION SATISFACTORY AND FREE FROM PANIC.

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MY 050810 AND 051315 CONDENSED PARAPHRASE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS RECEIVED FROM CINC FAR EAST FOLLOWS: ON 5 APRIL AT 0648 FOX CONTACT <sup>AGAIN</sup> MADE WITH ENEMY THEN A FORCE REPORTED TO CONSIST TWO BATTLESHIPS TWO CRUISERS AND SOME DESTROYERS WAS SIGHTED POSITION 120 MILES DUE SOUTH DONRA HEAD ON COURSE 290 DEGREES. MEANWHILE OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF ENEMY FORCE OBTAINED AND AT 0900 FOX 10 BLENHEIMS SET OUT TO ATTACK BUT BECAUSE OF LOW CLOUDS AND THUNDERSTORMS THEY UNABLE LOCATE ENEMY BUT CONTINUING RECONNAISSANCE. NOMINAL LIST CASUALTIES BEING FORWARDED BY CINC EAST INDIES BUT KNOWN CASUALTIES INCLUDE FOUR OFFICERS THIRTY FIVE RATINGS FORTY NINE CIVILIANS. BEHAVIOUR OF POPULACE SATISFACTORY AND PANIC FREE. MYDIS 051315 CHANGE NUMBER ENEMY AIRCRAFT TAKING PART TO READ 75 INSTEAD 50 NUMBER THOSE DESTROYED REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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FREE FRENCH INTELLIGENCE OFFICER EXPRESSES OPINION THAT MADAGASCAR IS STRATEGICALLY MORE IMPORTANT TO THE ENEMY THEN CEYLON. BELIEVES VICHY REGIME WOULD ACCEPT AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF MADAGASCAR AS A FACE SAVER AND AS A DELIVERY FROM THE DILEMMA WHICH IT IS IN WITH ENGLAND AND GERMANY OVER ISLANDS FATE.

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING REDD 8:40 AM APRIL 2 FROM LONDON

DATED APR 2 1942

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IT HAS BEEN LEARNED BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES THAT  
THE SAILING OF A CONVOY FROM MADAGASCAR THIS MONTH  
HAS BEEN PROPOSED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED  
FOR ANY INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE ON THE MATTER AND  
IF NONE AVAILABLE TO MAKE INQUIRIES, SINCE THE BRIT-  
ISH ARE QUITE ANXIOUS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

SAD MATTHEWS

TOD 537PM APR 11 1942

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By ~~J. Schmitt~~ Aug 30 1972

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>31 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1728/31</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>C.LLOYD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARDEY</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT WEINSTOCK

310530 NCR 1790

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REPORTS CORRECTLY RECEIVED HERE FROM COMSOWESPAC AUSTRALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITY AND ADMIRALTY GIVE INFORMATION OF DISPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS OUR NAVAL VESSELS SOWESPAC AND ANZAC AND SOME INFO AS TO PACIFIC FLEET. NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION AS TO ORGANIZATION GENERAL PLANS OR PROJECTED OPERATIONS SUCH AS MANDATE ISLANDS RAIDS. SUCCESSIVE COMDRS IN CHIEF EASTERN FLEET HAVE EXPRESSED TO ME STRONG DESIRE TO ACT IN TEAM WORK WITH OUR NAVAL FORCES AGAINST JAP AND FOR THIS PURPOSE TO HAVE DIRECT EXCHANGE OF INFO AND PLANS WITH OUR NAVAL COMDRS CONCERNED. THEY OBVIOUSLY EXPECT THIS OFFICE TO BE CHANNEL FOR SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AND ADM LAYTON HAS NOW REQUESTED ME TO INITIATE ACTION. DOES DEPT APPROVE. IF SO PLEASE ADVISE WHAT CIPHERS OF ADEQUATE SECURITY THE THREE COMDRS CONCERNED HOLD IN COMMON WITH ME. <sup>IF</sup> DEPT DOES NOT APPROVE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO NATURE OF REPLY I SHOULD MAKE TO CINC CEYLON AND CINC EASTERN FLEET.

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AND TO RETURN TO ME WITH THEIR .....

(5) AS OUR HAMMERING GETS HEAVIER AND IF WE AIM OUR BLOWS TOGETHER, SOMETHING OUGHT TO GET FLATTENED AND PUT BACK IN ITS PROPER PLACE. 0634/Z 28TH.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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DATE <u>24 MARCH 1942</u>	FOR ACTION		
TOR CODEROOM <u>1203</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>ORMOND</u>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>C ALLEN</u>	INFORMATION		

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ROUTED BY ROBINSON

240930-Z NCR 7497

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TEXT

*-AIDAC-*

CNO WASHINGTON FROM ADMIRALTY, PERSONAL FOR CNO.

MY 171147A. FURTHER SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE NOW INDICATES THAT  
 JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL  
 THE END OF MARCH OR THE BEGINNING OF APRIL.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM ALUSNOB BASRAH		OPNAV	PPPPP
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE 24 MARCH 1942			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <i>0133</i>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY SOBEL			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			

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 I.T. KELLY 211800 NCR 7196

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TEXT UM BASRA THE HEAD OF THE KHORABDULLAH HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A MILITARY FEEDER PORT FOR THE BASRA AREA. THE WHEELER MILITARY MISSION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION THERE OF A 3000 FOOT JETTY AND A RAILROAD CONNECTION TO THE MAINLINE. THE CHANNEL APPROACHES HAVE BEEN SURVEYED CHARTED AND SWEEPED AND BUOYED FOR DAYLIGHT NAVIGATION. A PILOT IS AVAILABLE. A VESSEL DRAWING 19 FEET HAS SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATED THE CHANNEL AT LOW WATER. THE GOVERNING DEPTH IS THE WABAH CHANNEL WITH A DEPTH OF 18 FEET MEAN LOW WATER SPRINGS. SPRING RISE 15 FEET. NEAP RISE 8 FEET. THE PORT HAS NOW BEEN DECLARED SAFE BY TENTH ARMY COMMANDER AND PORT DIRECTOR BASRA FOR SHIPS DRAWING 25 FEET AT SPRINGS. FIRST US SHIP CARRYING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL FOR DOCKS WILL ARRIVE MAR 23 AND BE ORDERED TO PROCEED UP CHANNEL.

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FROM <u>ALUSNOB COLOMBO</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	pppppp PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEB 26 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>133B</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FRAUNGAR</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HORD</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

*(Moment)*  
DEPARTURE COLOMBO 1200Z/20, VERNON FOR FREMANTLE. PROCEEDING  
SINGLY EXCEPT ESCORTED INITIALLY BY USS ENTERPRISE. (FROM  
ALUSNOB COLOMBO ACTION OPNAV, COMSOWESPAC)\*

*(H.M.S)*

\* CODE ROOM HAS RELAYED TO COMSOWESPAC

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FROM <u>BGOVT LONDON</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			<del>ROUTINE</del> DEFERRED
DATE <u>12 MARCH 42</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>0727/12</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>MEROWN/BRAY</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUCKER</u>			

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LT. WEINSTOCK

112211Z MCR 083

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BY RL DATE NOV 12 1973

(PERSONAL FOR CHIEF NAVAL OPERATIONS FROM ADMIRALTY)

MY 2325Z 7TH AND MY 2315Z 8TH.

FOLLOWING FROM SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE.

8TH AIR SQUADRON IS MAKING REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE AND BOMBING OPERATION ANDAMANS CARRIED OUT ON 9TH MARCH. CODE ADDRESS QUOTE OFFICER COMMANDING ANDAMANS INVASION FORCE UNQUOTE IS ADDRESSED UNKNOWN UNIT, 1 WHICH MAY BE 5TH CRUISER SQUADRON, APPEARS IN MESSAGE AT PRESENT UNDECYPHERABLE.

INCOMPLETE MESSAGE RECEIVED INDICATING ADDITIONAL NAVAL AND AIR FORCES ARRIVING SINGAPORE WHICH GROUP INCLUDES JAP HAGURO AND JAP MYOKO AIR-CRAFT CARRIER SKOKAKU AND SEAPLANE CARRIER KAMIKAWA MARU AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT OF 1001 DETACHMENT 23RD AIR SQUADRON.

CAPT ON STAFF COLOMBO COMMENT RECOVER THIS FURTHER INDICATE QUOTE ZL UNQUOTE PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN IS PROBABLY ANDAMANS AND THAT OPERATIONS NOW APPEAR A FULL SCALE ONE AND POSSIBLY A PRELUDE TO FURTHER WESTERN ADVANCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM B GOVT LODNON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	<del>PROPERTY</del>
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 4 MARCH 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2406/3RD.			PRIORITY
WILKINSON/RAFTER			ROUTINE
DECODED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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LT. SHELLBARGER

032203A NCR 5157

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(CINCFEF 720 CINC EASTINDIES 959 OPNAV COMANZAC, INFO AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE 111, NZNB WELLINGTON 189 FROM ADMTY)

MY 1742A 3RD. COCOS IS. REPORT BY W/T AT 1620 Z 3RD THAT STATION WAS HIT BY SHELL FIRE. DARKNESS PREVENTED IDENTIFICATION OF RAIDERS. IT IS HOPED TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY CABLE COMMUNICATION ON 4TH MARCH.

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FROM <u>C. IN C. EF</u>	FOR ACTION	B.A.D.	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>3 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1240</u>	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY C. INC. EI A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. HMS HERMES	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HIGGINS</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

SAILING OF HMS HERMES IS DEPENDENT ON AVAILABILITY OF ANOTHER CARRIER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SHE WILL LEAVE FOR FREMANTLE SOMETIME MID-MARCH.

THIS MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM B.A.D.  
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