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ALUSLO COLOMBO		FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 2204/07		INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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ACTION OPNAV INFO ALUSLO BOMBAY

MY 301030 APRIL. PORT CONDITIONS COLOMBO MATERIALLY IMPROVED. INWARD MILITARY CARGO NOW BEING HANDLED BY MILITARY LABOR. FROM 16TH MAY WILL BE ABLE BERTH TWO VESSELS MONTHLY FOR LOADING STRATEGICS. ASSUMING EACH VESSEL LIFTING 1500 TO 2000 TONS EXPECT ABLE LOAD 450 TO 500 TONS PER DAY.

BOMBAY PDEASE INFORM MCCORMACK GETCHELC

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TEXT

(ACTION OPNAV INFO ALUSLO BOMBAY)

MY 160230.

PORT CONDITIONS COLOMBO NOT MATERIALLY IMPROVED. LOADING COMPLETELY STOPPED. EXPECT MILITARY LABOR WILL START MAY 4TH TO HANDLE INWARD MILITARY CARGO.

AUTHORITIES HOPE AFTER 2 WEEKS TO GRANT A FEW DAYS LOADING TO EACH DISCHARGING VESSEL BUT NO PRESENT PROSPECTS BERTHING VESSELS SOLELY TO LOAD.

BOMBAY PLEASE INFORM MCCORMACH GETCHELL.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1942.

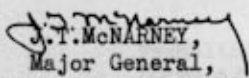
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

A radiogram received from General Stilwell under date of April 30th is paraphrased as follows:

"Japanese in Lashio and threaten Bhamo. Tomorrow I intend to fly over from Schwebo in order to try and bolster the front at Lashio. The jig is about up. Should I finish up in India or in China, if there is a choice? A prompt answer is requested."

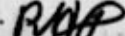
In response to the above message, the following message was sent with the approval of the Secretary of War:

"It is assumed that retirement to India would be tied into your plan to train 100,000 Chinese in India. If Wavell sees eye to eye with you, that would be preferable plan from the War Department point of view. However, this plan for the use of Chinese troops must have the approval of the Generalissimo. Signed Marshall."


J. T. McNARNEY,
Major General,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Chungking
To: AGWAR

No. 617, April 30, 1942.

Repeat following message to AGWAR "Japs at Lashio. Bhamo is now threatend. I intend to fly over from Schwebo tomorrow to try bolster up the Lashio front. The jig seems to be up. Do you want me to end up in China or in India, in case there is any choice? Please answer promptly".

Stilwell.

ACTION: OPD

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A-2, CG AAF, ONI, JIC,

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Major J. H. Hynes
Major J. H. Hynes,
April 25, 1942.

INDIA, CHINA, BURMA

LAND:

1. We are still without news from General Stilwell. Colonel McClure from London states that the War Office have not heard from General Alexander.

However, press reports and communiques indicate that the Japanese attack in the South Shan States Front toward Taunggi continues. The threat to Lashio is obvious. The Japanese are now understood to be about 10 miles East of that Point.

2. A Chinese communique states that their forces are now engaged nearly 50 miles North of Pyinmana. The Jap spearhead along this sector of the front follows the line of the valley and railway. No report from British sector.

AIR:

1. The RAF and AVG are still grounded.

2. General Brereton from New Delhi states that he has now organized the Ferry Command Service. It is divided into two sections: The Indian Ferry Command and the Assam-Burma-China Ferry Command (ABC). He wants immediately, 25 transport planes for the Indian leg and 25 for the ABC leg; plus additional planes for the Command service.

His plan, however, calls for 75 for the ABC leg, 25 for the Indian leg, and 25 for the CNAC; plus what can be supplied for the service command.

3. The position now is that General Brereton has at his disposition 11 planes for the ABC leg of which 3 are CNAC: 25 are on the way and 25 are ready for shipment.

The route (which covers a distance of about 2300 miles) runs from Karachi to New Delhi, Allahabad, Texpur, Saidya, Miytkyina and Kinning.

It is expected that Miytkyina all-weather runway will be completed by the 15th of May. Planes now use temporary dirt runway. Inasmuch as the rainy season has commenced operations have already been curtailed.

The only airfield available around Saidya is now being used not only by ABC Command but also by the RAF, CNAC, Indian Nat'l Airways and the British Transport Service. Congestion is heavy. However, another airfield in this area, which they hope to have ready by June 1st, is now being built.

Colonel Osmun, New Delhi, reports that aerial reconnaissance in Bay of Bengal is restricted and spasmodic due to lack of equipment, and is confined to coastal waters.

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Major J. H. Hynes
Major J. H. Hynes
April 24, 1942.

INDIA, CHINA, BURMA

LAND:

1. There is no further news from General Stilwell regarding his projected counteroffensive. It seems improbable that he will proceed with his plan in view of the serious Jap threat to his left flank in the Southern Shan States.
2. We are obliged, this morning, to rely on British and Chinese official communiques which indicate that the Chinese, although they have abandoned Pyinmana, are fighting a rear guard action to the North of that point.
3. The British have withdrawn their forces on their left in order to cover the Chinese right flank.
4. It would not appear as yet that the Japanese tactics, aimed at dividing the British forces on the Irrawaddy from the Chinese forces on the Sittang, have been successful.
5. There seems little doubt that the situation, as Col. Betts pointed out yesterday morning, is extremely grave.

AIR:

1. We have no advices regarding either AVG or RAF activity. However, the Japs have been continuing their bombing and staffing of the British and Chinese forward positions.
2. Dispatch from Col. Osmun, states that the Japs for third time have sent reconnaissance planes over Chittagong. Reconnaissance flight consisted of no fewer than 21 planes. In the light of past experience principally in Australia, these Jap reconnaissance flights particularly when carried out in force, are invariably a prelude to aerial bombardment.
3. In the same dispatch Col. Osmun states that heavy bombs dropped on Burmese towns in recent weeks have been principally of the 110 lb. type and that 1/3 were "duds".
4. ONI reports the sinking in the region of the Lacadive Is. of the SS WASHINGTONIAN enroute to Bombay.

CHINA:

5. Further reports have come in stating that Japs are continuing their attacks on airfields in the Eastern part of the country.

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TEXT

REFERENCE MY 121212. FORCES NOW AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE OF CEYLON AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK. SEA. EASTERN FLEET. ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS THE PRESENT DISPOSITION. AS NOW CONSTITUTED IS INFERIOR IN AIR STRENGTH AND BATTLESHIPS TO FORCE WHICH JAPS HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONCENTRATE. MOBILE LAND FORCES. 1 INDIAN DIVISION OF 3 BRIGADES AND 1 MIXED DIVISION OF 1 ENGLISH, 1 AFRICAN, AND 2 AUSTRALIAN BRIGADES. FIXED DEFENSES AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BEING FURTHER INCREASED. AIR. 37 HURRICANES, 5 SEA HURRICANES, 16 FULMARS TOTAL 58 FIGHTERS. 8 BLENHEIM LIGHT BOMBERS. 12 SWORDFISH, 1 VILDEBEESTE TORPEDO PLANES. 5 CATALINA PATROL PLANES. 6 FLYING FIELDS NOW IN SERVICE. THERE IS APPARENTLY NO EARLY ACTION IN PROSPECT TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION HERE.

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TEXT

ACTION OPNAV INFO BOMBAY

MY 091500: COLOMBO PORT LABOR DECAMPED AFTER RAID
FIFTH. SLOW DISCHARGE OF FOOD AND MILITARY CARGOS
BY TROOPS AND VOLUNTARY LABOR. BARRING MORE RAIDS
PORT AUTHORITIES HOPE LABOR RETURNING SOON. IN CON-
CURRENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVE NOT RECOMMEND PENDING
FURTHER ADVICE NO MORE AMERICAN SHIPS CALL COLOMBO
FOR ANY PURPOSE EXCEPT DISCHARGE OF FUEL FOOD OR
MILITARY CARGO REQUIRED HERE.

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FROM NAVAL ATTACHE CHUNCKING

RELEASED BY

DATE 11 APRIL 1942TOR CODEROM 102147DECODED BY ROBINSONPARAPHRASED BY HUTCHINSON

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TEXT

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL ON APRIL 6TH
FROM CALCUTTA
IS REPORTED/BY THE ASSISTANT ALUSNA .

AKYAB WAS BOMBED BY 81 PLANES.

2 CRUISERS 2 DESTROYERS ATTACKED OUTWARD BOUND SEVEN SHIP
CONVOY OFF CUTTACK. THE DAMAGE IS NOT KNOWN, 2 BATTLESHIPS

3 CRUISERS PLUS DESTROYERS OPERATING AGAINST AND OFF

VIZAGAPATAM. SMALL CRUISER AND DESTROYER FORCEWATCHING

INDIAN COAST BETWEEN ABOVE 2 POINTS. BRITISH AUTHORITIES

ARE SUSPENDING SHIPPING AT CALCUTTA EFFECTIVE APRIL 10.

SS EXHIBITOR RETURNED LAST NAMED PORT AFTER ATTACK BY NIP

4 MOTORED PATROL PLANE ON 2ND WHILE STILL IN THE MOUTH

OF THE HOOSAY RIVER.

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BOMBING ATTACK ~~WENT~~ 0745F/5 ON COLOMBO HARBOR AND RATNALANA
AIR FIELD BY ABOUT SEVEN FIVE JAP CARRIER TYPE PLANES. TENDEDOO
SUNK HECTOR BURNED LUCIA SLIGHTLY HOLED HARBOR DEPT SHOPS DES-
TROYED X DAMAGE OTHERWISE SLIGHT.

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(FOLLOWING FROM CINC CEYLON ADDRESSED ADMIRALTY REPEATED
 ARMINDIA HMAS HOBART WITH REFERENCE NUMBER #5312/5 AND IS PASSED
 BY COMNAVEU TO OPNAV AND COMINCH FOR INFO)

"PRELIMINARY REPORT OF AIR ATTACK ON COLOMBO AT 0800 LOCAL TIME
 TODAY. ABOUT 50 BOMBERS TOOK PART SUPPORTED BY FIGHTERS ATTACK-
 ED DIRECT AT HARBOUR AREA, RAILWAY WORKSHOP AND RATMALANA AERO-
 DROME. APPROXIMATE DAMAGE TO DATE HARBOUR WORKSHOPS DESTROYED,
 RAILWAY WORKSHOPS SLIGHT, AERODROM NEGLIGIBLE ONLY 1 AIRCRAFT
 DAMAGED ON GROUND, (? HMS HECTOR) ON FIRE, HMS LUCIA SLIGHTLY
 DAMAGED, HMS TENEDOS PROBABLY TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTIES (?
 SLIGHT). (RAF) CONFIRM 25 ENEMY DESTROYED INCLUDING 2 BY A/A
 FIRE MANY OTHERS DAMAGED, OUR LOSSES 14. BLENHEIMS WERE AWAY
 ATTACKING ENEMY FORCES.

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Mineslayer
905 tonsXCL
11,000 tons

Depot ship - 5820 tons

Sent to Base
by Encl Marshall

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ROYAL AIR RECONNAISSANCE REPORTED JAP NAVAL FORCE OFF WEST BURMA NEAR AKYAB LATE ON 27TH. 2 HEAVY CRUISERS, 3 LIGHT ONES, 5 DESTROYERS, 4 TRANSPORTS, 2 SUPPLY SHIPS. FALL OF ABOVE PLACE IMMINENT. FRIENDLY ALIENS EVACUATED.

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April 2, 1942

8:18 A.M.

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From: Chungking
To: G-2

No. 69, April 2, 1942

Reference your 209. Following from Formann for Shechter
quote Chennault now in Chungking will remain over for April
5 broadcast if requested to do so by the War Department. unquote
Request immediate reply.

Mayer

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Controlled Information Re; Operations of Friendly Powers

From: New Delhi to War Department
Time filed at source: March 31, 1942
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Controlled Information
Re: Operations of
Friendly Powers

Persons familiar with the situation fear that a Japanese attack on CALCUTTA, even a limited one, would result in serious interference with railroad operations in that region because of desertions of railway workers. A complete stoppage of traffic in the Bengal area is possible. The same considerations apply to the munitions industry in that area. It will be difficult if not impossible to find replacements for skilled labor. The transfer of rolling stock elsewhere has led to a reported shortage here. This is important with reference to military communications, the handicaps of a burdensome refugee exodus, a mounting demand for motor vehicles, and the possibility of decreasing or halting road building between BURMA and ASSAM. Further developments will be reported. This is for Colonel Kroner, of Military Intelligence.

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ACTION OPNAV INFO COMSOWESPAC FROM ALUSNOB COLOMBO. FIRST OF TWO PARTS.

FORCES NOW AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE OF CEYLON AGAINST SUPRISE ATTACK. SEA. TWO OLD BATTLESHIPS SIX CRUISERS ONE OLD CAYKZNB (ONE GROUP OMITTED BUT BELIEVED TO BE CRUISER OR CARRIER). ONE NEW CARRIER NEAR. LAND. THREE THOUSAND ODD CEYLON TROOPS OF DOUBTFUL VALUE. ONE INDIAN DIVISION OF TWO BRIGADES COMPRISING ABOUT NINE THOUSAND MEN. ANOTHER DIVISION OF THREE BRIGADES TO BE ORDERED HERE SOON. COAST ARTILLERY AS PER MY REPORT 8-41 PLUS TWO FOUR INCH COLOMBO AND TWO AT GALLE. ANTI AIRCRAFT PROJECTED IN MY MESSAGE 8 JAN VIA BAD WASHINGTON NOW INSTALLED. TOTAL MOUNTED WILL SOON BE 60 HEAVY 70 LIGHT WITH ANOTHER 50 LIGHT PROJECTED.

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SECOND AND LAST PART. COLOMBO TO OPNAV INFO COMSPWESTPAC. AIR FIGHTERS SIXTY SEVEN NOW TOTAL ONE HUNDRED THREE BY TWENTY SECOND. OLD TORPEDO PLANES TWENTY FIVE. LIGHT BOMBERS TWENTY ONE. PATROL PLANES TEN WITH FOUR MORE SOON AND TOTAL TWENTY WITHIN TWO MONTHS. FLYING FIELDS THREE NOW. TOTAL FIVE IN THREE WEEKS SEVEN IN SIX WEEKS TEN IN EIGHT WEEKS. TWO FLYING BOAT BASES ONE CHINA BAY OTHER NEAR GALLE. ONE DEFENSIVE BALLOON SQUADRON AT TRINCONALEE.

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DATE	10 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2054	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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TEXT

FROM BRINK TO MILID. JAPS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT TAKEN
 PEGU BUT ARE MOVING TO STRIKE TARRAWADY-PRIME ROAD.
 EIGHT RIVER BOATS ARE MOVING WEST FROM MOUTH OF SALWEEN.
 CAPTURE OF ARMED BURMESE AT PYINBON SHOWS DEFINITE
 EXISTENCE OF EMBRYO FREE BURMESE ARMY. CONSIDERABLE
 UNREST EXISTS IN DELTA AREA. INDIANS ARE BEING MURDERED
 AND EUROPEANS ATTACKED. CONSIDERABLE DESERTIONS FROM
 BURMESE BATTALIONS. UNRELIABLES BEING DISARMED. ATTACK
 OF BRITISH BRIGADE AT WAWWAS NOT REPEAT NOT SUCCESS IN
 SPITE OF PUBLICITY TO CONTRARY. MILITARY HAS BEEN FORCED
 TO TAKE CONTROL ALL UTILITIES RANGOON. CHINESE TROOPS
 ARE ARRIVING PYINMANA. THEIR FIRST DIVISION IS UNKNOWN
 CONCENTRATING UNKNOWN PYU-NYAUNG-LEBIH. BRINK

WAR DEPARTMENT.....ACTION

16.....COMINCH.....12.....20G...NAVALATIDE...

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Time filed at source: 081735
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A Japanese invasion of INDIA is anticipated by the Afghans who have misgivings about Indian reaction. They foresee that the British will not be able to continue to exercise authority there. The Afghans have suddenly begun to turn toward the United States for help. It is probable that they will ask for Lease-Lend help and defense assistance, offering us their complete cooperation in return.

ENDERS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER ALISHA COLOMBO	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE PPP
FROM _____	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 4 MARCH 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 1344			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM OLSON	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY C ALLEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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 (COLOMBO TO OPNAV INFO COMSOUWESPAC)
 TEXT

ADMIRAL HELFRICH WITH STAFF ARRIVED COLOMBO 3RD BY AIR. PLANS
 TO BASE REMNANTS HIS NAVAL FORCE ON CEYLON.

ACTION: COMINCH.....

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CNO.....200P.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRIFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY LONDON			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM FEB 19, 1942.	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

**COMINCH, OPNAV INFO CINC FAR EASTERN FLEET 491 CINCEI 673
FROM ADMIRALTY.**

**ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TAKING USS MARBLEHEAD IN HAND FOR
TEMPORARY REPAIRS AT CALCUTTA.**

ACTION: COMINCH.....

CNO.....

RECORD COPY 23.....38.....FILE.....

20-OP.....

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