Box 40
Map Room
Natives report friendly feeling toward US on part of Russians wearing uniforms who have increased to ten whites settlement on BIG DIOMEDE ISLAND. No armament or fortifications reported but four new houses constructed. (Spec. #267 30 March 1600 GCT). Russians usually secretive and refuse to permit observation of work by natives. Military training for all boys between 14-18 who are taken to East Cape.

Weckerling

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**TEXT**

CAPTAIN OF RUSSIAN SHIP USBEKISTAN REPORTS THAT ON 16TH MARCH AT 0800 IN LAT 45-39 N, LONG 172-27 E HE SIGHTED A VESSEL 2 MILES XX AWAY OF ABOUT 7000 TONS HEADED WEST. VESSEL SIGNALED RUSSIAN STEAMER BY BLINKER ASKING HER NAME. THE RUSSIAN REPLIED BY ASKING SHIP TO IDENTIFY HERSELF. SHIP ANSWERED XX BUT RUSSIAN WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR MESSAGE. SHIP THEN LAID DOWN SMOKE SCREEN INCREASED SPEED AND PASSED ASTERN OF THE RUSSIAN HEADED SOUTH WEST. RUSSIAN MASTER POSITIVE SHIP WAS NOT RUSSIAN STATING THEY ALL PASS NORTH OF COMANDO ISLAND. HE COULD SEE NO GUNS BUT SURE IT WAS NOT A COMMERCIAL SHIP AND THAT IT WAS LAYING A SMOKE SCREEN.

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MARCH 18TH AT 1500 H, DUTCH HARBOR REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED RUSSIAN FREIGHTER EASTBOUND UNIMAK.

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SEE COM 13 ENDORSEMENT ON DISTRICT REPORT TO SHORE STATION DEVELOPMENT BOARD EIGHTEEN OCTOBER PART RECOMMENDING DRYDOCK FOR KODIAK FOR SHIPS UP TO THREE THOUSAND TONS. UR 031636 CONSIDER KODIAK SHOULD BE USED AS BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR AT LEAST SQUADRON OF DESTROYERS AND NO LESS THAN SIX SUBMARINES IN ADDITION TO FORTY EIGHT PATROL PLANES AND SEVENTY TWO LAND PLANES LATTER ON EMERGENCY BASIS X IN VIEW CURRENT SHORTAGE IN ALL OF PRECEDING CATEGORIES CURRENT PLANS ARE PREDICATED ON EMPLOYING KODIAK AS PRINCIPAL BASE AS OF OPERATIONS OF FORCE AVAILABLE IN ALASKA. COMALXEC HAS SHORE ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS THERE AT PRESENT X NO NET OR MINE DEFENSES SO FAR PROVIDED BUT ARMY GARRISON OF ABOUT SIX THOUSAND CONSIDERED ADEQUATE DEFENSE AGAINST SURFACE RAIDERS X PROTECTION AGAINST AIR ATTACK IS INADEQUATE DUE TO LACK OF FIGHTING PLANES X ARMY ENDEAVORING REMEDY THIS CONDITION HAS 12 BAKER 176 ANT 25 P 40 AT PRESENT
FEBRUARY FUEL REPORT X ISSUED DIESEL FIVE NINE SIX BBLS AVGAS FIVE ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO GALS MOTOR GAS FOUR ONE FOUR THREE GALS X ON HAND TWO EIGHT FEB DIESEL ONE ONE FIVE SIX BBLS AVGAS THREE TWO ONE THREE NINE SIX GALS MOTOR GAS FOUR ZERO SIX SEVEN ONE.