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CINCPAC TO COMINCH

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Tampa 71/200 U.S.N.T.S American Seaman 6-George
4, Key West, Eight, Ten.

Action: 39......

FILE....

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Signature: [Signature]

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS Winooski
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 7 MAY 1942
FOR CODEROOM: 2150/2119
DECODED BY: TIERS/TIERS

ADDRESSEES: COMGULFSEAFRON
COMSVCORNAVY
ANY AND ALL US NAVY SHIPS AT SEA (NERK)

INFORMATION: SECURITY
FOR ACTION: ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE: DEFERRED

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TEXT

NERK 71032 Winooski is not repeat not vessel mentioned.

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FROM: COM EIGHT 011849 NCR 9792 2 MAY 1942 DLH
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: BUORD; BUSHIPS; BUNAV; NAVSTA ALGIERS; PORT DIRECTOR NOLA
REFERENCE COMEIGHT MAILGRAM 192036 X SS DELNORTE NOW ARMED X ONE 4"/50 CALIBER GUN X FOUR FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUNS X TWO THIRTY CALIBER MACHINE GUNS X INSTALLATION ACCOMPLISHED BY BOLAND MACHINE AND MANUFACTURING CO INC OF NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA X GROSS TONNAGE 4362 X

DISTRIBUTION
39..........ACTION
16..23..38..37..BUNAV..BUORD..BUSHIPS..BUSANDA..COMINCH..20..05..MC..FILE

MARK ANY REPLY RESTRICTED

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BASEGRAM

SPARES THREE FOUR AND THREE FIVE PAGE EIGHT NINE SAIL PREP ZERO TWO THREE SEVEN EIGHT PAREN TWO CANCEL PRESENT MEANINGS AND SUBSTITUTE QUOTE COMMANDER AIRCRAFT SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE UNQUOTE.

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COMINCH....19C(20OPPS)....20V....
FILE: DIV....

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COMINCH SERIAL 9715 OF APRIL 28 REQUEST
8 REAMERS TO BE FURNISHED THIS FLEET FOR DISTRIBUTION
BE ISSUED 1 EACH TO NAS BERMUDA FAB ICELAND (C)
NAS ARGENTIA GOPA CASCO AND COMCRUDIV 2. THREE
TO COMPATWINGSLANT.

ACTION: BUORD.....
COMINCH...... FILE......
FROM: SUPSHIP BLDGS PHILA PA 01060% NCR 9661 2 MAY 1942 DLH
ACTION: BUSHIPS
INFO: BUORD; OPMV
MAILGRAM
AMERICAN CAR AND FOUNDRY COMPANY CONTRACT NOS-LL86399. DEGAUSSING
INSTALLATION MINE SWEeper BYMS1 COMPLETED 30 APRIL 1942

DISTRIBUTION
BUSHIPS........ACTION
BUORD.15..20..23. COMINCH.30..38..39..55..MC..FILE
MARK ANY REPLY RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED
FROM: RDO HONOLULU 011654 CCR 1913 MAY 2 1942 DLH 13545 KS
ACTION: RDO WASHN

(Corrected Distribution)

Recommended armament SS DICKENSON Official number two two two eight
two two one three inch twenty three caliber a a gun four fifty caliber
machine guns and one seven drum depth charge track x request approval

Distribution

23 ACTION
10 11 39 38 37 BUNAV BUORD BUSHIPS SANDA COMINCH 26 65 FILE

Mark any reply restricted

Restricted
FROM: SUPSHIP SANFRAN
ACTION: BUSHIPS
INFO: BUORD - OPNAV

YM894-99/881(11743)PP
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COMPLETED APRIL TWENTY SECOND

BUSHIPS ACTION
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DINGLE BOAT WORKS ST PAUL MINNESOTA ADVISE KEEL LAID FOR
PREP CAST ONE THOUSAND ONE MAY FIRST AT SIXTEEN HUNDRED
ASST SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING USN
SUPERIOR WIS.

529P

38 - Burhops - Oct
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23 - Pearl

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46
FROM COMINCH
REL BY KING
MAY 2 1942
1948/1526
WINTER/FIELD

ACTION: US FLEET

021515/2  CCR 2190

UNWARRANTED DESPATCHES FOR THE PROMISCUOUS EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION AND UNEVALUATED REPORTS OF OWN AND
ENEMY OPERATIONS BY OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED COMMUNICA-
TION CHANNELS AND COMMAND ECHELONS CAUSE CONFUSION.
JEOPARDIZE SECURITY AND DELAY TRANSMISSION OF HIGH
PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC. THE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED PRINC-
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**FOR BUNAV FROM CINCPAC.**

**LT KELLY**

$1/215$ NCR 1845

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**TEXT**

LT COMDR WARREN G. MAGNUSON USNR MEMBER OF CONGRESS BEING ORDERED PROCEED AND REPORT TO THE CHIEF OF BUNAV FOR TEMPORARY DUTY. UPON REPORTING IN NAVY DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND HE BE PLACED ON INACTIVE DUTY IN ORDER PERMIT HIM TO RESUME DUTIES AS MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

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**INFORMATION FOR ACTION**: NULL

**INFORMATION**: NULL

**MAILGRAM**: REQUEST FOLLOWING ARMAMENT FOR USS SEA WOLF.

- 1 3-IN. 50 CAL.
- 2 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS
- 1 Y GUN
- 6 RIFLES
- 3 38 CALIBER REVOLVERS
- 2 MARK 7 DEPTH CHARGE RACKS AND IN ADDITION TO HER AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU 2 BOXES OF 3-IN 50 CALIBER BLANKS.

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**LT KELLY**

280345 NCR 7236

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**TEXT:**

MY 233855. BARNEY REPORTS ANOTHER MINE FLOAT IN LAT 11-58 LONG 68-28. BELIEVE THIS IS SIMILAR TO 3 MINE CONTACT FLOATS WHICH HAVE DRIFTED ASHORE ON BONAIREE ISLAND. THEY ARE 16 INCHES LONG 10 INCHES IN DIAMETER ROUNDED ENDS 3 CONTACTS. FITTINGS WIRING AND MATERIAL APPEAR TO BE US MATERIAL.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: EDWARDS
DATE: APRIL 28 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1947/1911
DECODED BY: PORTER/FIELD

FOR ACTION:
- CINCLANT
- CINCPAC
- COMCARPAC
- COMCABANT
- COMPATWINGSLANT
- USS LONG ISLAND
- USS CHARGER
- WAR OFFICER CARRIERS LANT NORFOLK

INFORMATION:
- USS LOC
- TCN 281631
- CCR 2857

PRECEDENCE:
- PRIORITY: CINCLANT
- PRIORITY: CINCPAC
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281631 CCR 2857

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TEXT

MY 231251 INTENTION THAT VGS ONE UPON TRANSFER BE EQUIPPED WITH SIX VF AND TWELVE VS. REMAINING VS TO BE ASSIGNED VGS THIRTY FOR CHARGER. BOTH SQUADRONS TO BE BUILT UP TO REGULAR COMPLEMENT AS AIRPLANES BECOME AVAILABLE.

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FROM CINCLANT 232017 NCR4946 APR 24 1942 KS
ACTION LANTFLT
INFO ALL COMS NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIERS ATLANTIC AREA...OPNAV...
COM 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 15
DEFERRED

ATTENTION DIRECTED WEATHER RADIO SCHEDULES SET FORTY HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE
BULLETIN 2740 PARA INFORMATION REGARDING THE ENEMY IS BEING BROADCAST ON
THE SAME WEATHER SCHEDULES AS QUOTE WAR WARNINGS UNQUOTE FOR THE AREAS
COVERED BY THE SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS

201...COGNIZANCE MARK ANY REPLY RESTRICTED
10...20...CWO...19...HYDRO...COMINCH...FILE

REstricted
THREE ARMY PLANES HAVE REPORTED NUMEROUS SCHOOLS OF WHALES IN VICINITY WHERE PANAM CLIPPER REPORTED SUB CONCENTRATION THIS MORNING.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 24
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 22 APRIL 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 2317/2152
DECODED BY: WINTER/WINTER

TOP ACTION: COMINCH
INFORMATION: CINCLANT
ADDRESSEES: COM 1

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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222035 CCR 179
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TEXT

REMAINS OF VICE ADMIRAL BRISTOL ENROUTE BOSTON IN USS RESTLESS TO ARRIVE FORENOON 25 APRIL. COMONE NOTIFY NAVAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA. COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM.

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ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND COMMAND, WHO HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ADMIRAL BRISTOL, JOIN IN EXTENDING TO YOU THEIR Deepest SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME, AND IN ASSURING YOU OF THEIR GREAT SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS IN THE PASSING OF THIS Much RESPECTED AND ADMIRAL OFFICER.

(SOPA ARGENTIA OPNAV CINCLANT RPTD BAD WASHINGTON NSHQ FROM FONF)

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TEXT

FROM SOPA ARGENTIA ACTION COMINC CINCLANT OPNAV. OPNAV PASS TO BUNAV.

VICE ADMIRAL BRISTOL DIED 26 APRIL.

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TEXT

COMMANDING GENERAL NEWFOUNDLAND REPORTS VICE ADMIRAL A L BRISTOL DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES EARLY AFTERNOON THIS DATE.

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ADMIRAL BRISTOL CONDITION STILL CRITICAL BUT SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT NOW IN EVIDENCE. RECEIVING ALL POSSIBLE MEDICAL CARE HOWEVER SPECIALIST ASSISTANT WOULD BE DESIRABLE. MEDICAL OFFICER OF OPINION THAT IT WILL BE INADVISABLE REMOVE ADMIRAL BRISTOL TO HOSPITAL FOR AT LEAST FIVE WEEKS. WILL ADVISE AT APPROPRIATE TIME AS TO TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCLANT (HEK)  
RELEASED BY:  
DATE: 18 APRIL 1942  
TOR CODEBOOK: 2321 / 2232  
DECODED BY: BUSBY / BUSB  
PARAPHRASED BY: 

ADDRESSEES: COMTASKFOR 24  
PRINCIPAL AMT INDEX:  
IMMISSION: COMINCH  
DECISION: BUNAV  
PRECEDENCE: PPPPP  
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1822/5 CCR 9875  
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DATE:  
TIME:  
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TEXT:

COMINCH PASS TO BUNAV FOR INFO FROM CINCLANT.

CONVEY TO ADMIRAL BRISTOL AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME MY REGRET AND CONCERN TO LEARN OF HIS ILLNESS REPORTED YOUR 181212. DO YOU DESIRE ANY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SENT TO ARGENTIA. ARRANGE FOR VULCAN TO STOP ARGENTIA IF DESIRABLE TO MOVE ADMIRAL BRISTOL AT THAT TIME.

CAN ALSO DIVERT PHILADELPHIA SAILING BASE CAST 19TH TO ARGENTIA. ADVISE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM EASTSEAFRON
RELEASED BY
DATE APRIL 19 1942
TOR CODEROOM 0415/0306
DECODED BY COWDEN/FIELD
PARAPHRASED BY

TO COMS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 PRRRRRRRRRR
ACTION DEFERRED

FOR ACTION
INFORMATION

ADDRESSEES
COMINCH

EXTENSION NUMBER

PRECEDENCE
PRIORITY ROUTINE

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182310
OCR 9916

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TEXT

ROUTING OFFICERS ARE TO IMPRESS UPON ALL SHIP MASTERS THE IMPORTANCE OF ZIG ZAG.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ZIG ZAG.

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DELIVER TO COMINCH AND BUNAV FOR INFO.

VICE ADMIRAL A. E. BRISTOL CRITICALLY ILL. DIAGNOSIS THROMBOSIS CORONARY ARTERY (239). CONSIDER RELIEF WILL BE REQUIRED. NOT PLACED ON SICK LIST PENDING ARRIVAL OF RELIEF IN ORDER AVOID ATTENDANT SHIFT COMMAND SUPERVISION.

ESCORT OPERATIONS NORTH ATLANTIC TO SENIOR CANADIAN OFFICER. NEXT OF KIN BROTHER K. E. BRISTOL, 88 SOUTH STREET, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOTIFIED.

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FROM: COM 3
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RCA REPORTS ALL RADIO STATIONS SANFRANCISCO OFF AIR AT 1710 ZED

TOT 1752 APRIL 16 MG

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1315 DATED APRIL 16, 1942
FROM: MR. FLETCHER WARREN, STATE DEPARTMENT
TO: OP-16-B-5
TEXT: SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. FLETCHER WARREN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT AXIS NATIONALS ON BOARD ARMY TRANSPORT ETOLIN.

1. MR. WARREN STATED THAT THE ARMY TRANSPORT ETOLIN WOULD ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO ON OR ABOUT APRIL 23, 1942, AND THAT SHE HAD ON BOARD AS PASSENGERS 525 DANGEROUS AXIS NATIONALS. ON ARRIVAL OF THE VESSEL AT SAN FRANCISCO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL THESE PASSENGERS AND WILL ARRANGE TO HOUSE AND TRANSPORT THEM FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE PLACE OF DETENTION. NO ASSISTANCE AFTER ARRIVAL AT SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THE ARMY OR THE NAVY AS THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE IS PREPARED TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS AT THE PORT OF ARRIVAL COOPERATE AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

2. THE VESSEL HAS DEPARTED FROM BUENAVENTURA AND THE ARRIVAL DATE AT SAN FRANCISCO HAS BEEN STATED TO BE APRIL 20, HOWEVER, THE CORRECT DATE OF ARRIVAL IS BELIEVED TO BE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 23. MR. I. S. WIXON OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AT SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO CARE FOR THE 525 PASSENGERS ON THE VESSEL.

OS2N AIRPLANE 01223, ENSIGN EDWARD C. FOX, USNR, PILOT, AND WILLIS WILLIAM HILEMAN, AVIATION RADIO MAN, 1ST CLASS, USN, AT 1710 GCT 15 APRIL HAD FORCED LANDING 17 MILES BEARING Ø69 FROM CAPE CANAVELAL LIGHT, PROBABLY DUE TO FUEL EXHAUSTION.

PLANE CAPSIZED DUE TO RIGHT WING TIP FLOAT CARRYING AWAY.

NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL WHO WERE RECOVERED BY SUBCHASER.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1920 DATE 14 APRIL 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: COMMANDANT SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT - FOR INFORMATION
VIA ANOTHER CIRCUIT
DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT--FOR ACTION
DIRECTOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE - FOR INFORMATION

TIME DATE -- 142300 GCT APRIL 1942
SUBJECT—SS "OLNEY" -- SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS
SUGGEST CAREFUL INVESTIGATION OF SS "OLNEY" UPON ARRIVAL MOBILE ON PRESENT VOYAGE FROM WILMINGTON. THERE SEEMS TO BE A STRANGE COINCIDENCE BETWEEN ENEMY ACTION AND PRESENCE "OLNEY" IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

FOLLOWING INCIDENTS DEMONSTRATE THE COINCIDENCE --

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CHIEF NAVAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON

OUR MESSAGE REFERENCE LIFEOATS STOP THESE ARE LIFEOATS FOR NORWEGIAN SS GRENAKER

MANAGER RADIO MARINE STATION WCC.

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HYDRO FWO(1) CWO (2)
FROM: COMEASTSEAFRON
XXX-TIERS/SLADE
13 APRIL 1942

130133  CCR 9003

IN ADDITION MY 121622 LIFE RAFT WITH TWO MEN ABOARD
8 MILES NORTH OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSITION X
AFIRM MIKE CAST SAIL TWO ZERO ONE, TWO ZERO TWO
PROCEEDING X EXPECT ARRIVE VICINITY Ø23Ø QUEEN X
AIRCRAFT FROM NAS QUONSET TAKING OFF DAYBREAK TO
ASSIST RESCUE X
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**DRATER:** HYDRO  

**FROM:** C C 3 LATER  

**RELEASED BY:** 12 APRIL 1942  

**DATE:** 1697/12  

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**DECODED BY:** MITTENDORF  

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**LIGHTSHIP 117** IS NOW IN OPERATION AT ENTRANCE TO ARGENTIA OUTER HARBOR NEwFOUNDLAND. THE LIGHTSHIP HAS TWO MASTS, GREY PAINTED HULL AND IS LOCATED 175 YARDS 22 DEGREES FROM FOX ISLAND LIGHT. ITS RADIO BEACON CHARACTERISTIC DASH DOT DASH DOT DASH IS TRANSMITTED ON FREQUENCY 292 KILOCYCLES ONE MINUTE ON AND TWO MINUTES OFF DURING THIRD AND SIXTH TEN MINUTE PERIOD OF EACH HOUR AND CONTINUOUSLY WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS REDUCE VISIBILITY BELOW TEN MILES OR UPON REQUEST TO SOPA ARGENTIA ON FREQUENCY OF TWO SIX SEVEN ZERO KILOCYCLES. ITS LIGHT AND FOG SIGNALS WILL NOT BE USED UNLESS DIRECTED BY SOPA.

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SUSPICIOUS OBJECT LIKE FLOATING MINE SIGHTED 36°-4° SOUTH
143°-18° EAST.
FAMILY OF THE LATE REAR ADMIRAL LEWIS B. PORTERFIELD USN RETIRED REQUEST HIS ASHES BE SCATTERED AT SEA FROM THE MARYLAND. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND REQUEST DESPATCH REPLY.
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE 
BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1144 DATE 11 APRIL 1942 

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT 
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE 

CHECK HAS BEEN MADE WITH INTELLIGENCE OFFICER PARRIS ISLAND, NO 
CONFIRMATION OF RUMOR THAT SMALL BOATS SUSPECTED OF FUELING 
SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN VICINITY OF PARRIS ISLAND. IF 
INVESTIGATION OF RUMOR DESIRED, REQUEST THAT YOU ADVISE US SOURCE OF 
INFORMATION. SIGNED SOUERS 

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER (TWX) AT 1144 11 APRIL 1942

FROM: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

INDEFINITE REPORT RECEIVED THAT SEVERAL SMALL BOATS SUSPECTED OF FUELING ENEMY SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN SEIZED ON PARRIS ISLAND. REPORT BY TELETYPE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINABLE CONCERNING MATTER

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1435 DATE 11 APRIL 1942
FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FIFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
TEXT: ARMY BEACH PATROL REPORTS FINDING TWO LIFE PREServers ON BEACH
NEAR BERLIN, MD., APRIL 10, 1942, BOTH MARKED SS AMERICAN ROBIN. THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION SINCE WE HAVE NO RECORD OF
LOSS OF THAT SHIP.
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BELIEVED NUMEROUS REPORTS SUBMARINE SIGHTINGS NIGHT APRIL NINE DASH TEN FROM JUPITER TO CANAVERAL AREA WERE CAUSED BY APPREHENSIVE MERCHANTMEN MISTAKING SMALL PATROL VESSELS IN THIS AREA TO BE SUBMARINES

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Date- DEC 23 1971
Signature- [Handwritten]
FROM: BUNAV
REL BY: FECHTELER
DATE: 9 APRIL 1942
INFO: CINCPAC
ACTION: FIGHTRON 3
(USS SARATOGA)

WHEN DIRECTED BY CINCPAC LT EDWARD H O'HARE PROCEED
PORT PACIFIC COAST VIA SUCH TRANSPORTATION AS MAY BE AVAILABLE INCLUDING BY AIR X ARRIVAL PROCEED WASHN DC REPORT BUAER
FOR TEMPORARY DUTY CONNECTION AVIATION TRAINING MATTERS X COMPLETION PROCEED SANFRAN CALIF REPORT COM 12 FOR FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING VIA AIR PORT FIGHTRON THREE MAY
ON ARRIVAL RESUME REGULAR DUTIES X IN ADDITION ACTUAL COST TRAVEL PER DIEM SIX DOLLARS LIEU SUBSISTENCE WILL BE ALLOWED WHILE ABSENT FROM STATION

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**TEXT**

U.S. GRANTED SAFE CONDUCT TO COUNT ALBERTO BARBERICH X HIS WIFE X TWO INFANT CHILDREN AND HUNGARIAN NURSE ALSO TO BARONESS SERENA DE LAPIGIO ACCOMPANIED BY DAUGHTER AGED 20 AND SON AGED 16 X ALL ITALIAN OFFICIAL PERSONNEL SAILING ON SPANISH STEAMSHIP MONTE AMBOTO SCHEDULED TO DEPART BUENOS AIRES APRIL 10 OR 12 FOR BILBAO X STOPPING AT SAINT VINCENT X CAPE VERDE OR LAS PALMAS X VIGO AND LISBON BUT AT NO Belligerent PORT EN ROUTE X AMERICAN AMBASSADOR BUENOS AIRES WILL ISSUE SUBSTANTIATING PAPERS TO BARBERICH AND BARONESS SERENA DE LAPIGIO WHO WITH ABOVE NAMED RELATIVES AND NURSE SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED IF VESSEL IS VISITED OR SEARCHED OR13, 13/11, 16, FILE

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CINCPAC ORIGINATOR X ACTION BAD REPEAT BAD WASHINGTON
INFO NAVAL BOARDS WELLINGTON AND MELBOURNE

FROM BNLO REPEAT BNLO PEARL HARBOR LTCOMDR COX LEFT
HONOLULU 0600 ZED NINTH APRIL. EXPECTED TIME OF
ARRIVAL NANDI TWELVE APRIL

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*IN ORDER AVOID CONFUSION WITH JAPANESE AIRCRAFT MARKINGS AND TO CONFORM WITH ARMY AIR CORPS BASED AUSTRALIA UNITED STATES SHORE BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA WILL T (PAINT?) OUT RED CIRCLE OF INSIGNIA X RECOMMEND THIS CHANGE IN INSIGNIA BE MADE UNIVERSAL XX *

*ONE GROUP MISSING.*

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OPNAV DELIVER TO DIRECTOR NAVAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

MASTER OF M.V. TJISADANEK (DUTCH FLAG), A DUTCH CITIZEN, POSITIVELY REFUSES TO ACCEPT MOVEMENT ORDERS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PORT DIRECTORS NEW YORK AND BOSTON TO DEPART FROM QUONSET POINT FOR RENDEZVOUS. HE STATES THAT WITH PRESENT CREW WHICH HE CONSIDERS UNSATISFACTORY HE WILL NOT PROCEED FARTHER THAN NEW YORK.
FROM RECENT WAR OPERATIONS RECOMMEND HIGHEST PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO MODERNIZATION AFTER ELEVATORS CARRIERS THIS CLASS 1N ORDER TO FACILITATE DECK SPOTTING OF FIGHTER PLANES FOR DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE PLANE OPERATIONS.

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TANKERS A E WATTS AND FLAGSHIP SINCO ALLOCATED TO NAVY BY WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION DUE SINCLAIR TERMINAL HOUSTON CHANNEL ABOUT 8 AND 9 APRIL RESPECTIVELY. LOAD EACH VESSEL APPROX 35000 BBLs DIESEL BALANCE NAVY GRADE SPECIAL FUEL, UPON COMPLETION LOADING DIRECT VESSELS PROCEED SYDNEY AUSTRALIA VIA CANAL. ALUSNA MELBOURNE SEE OPNAV 301345.
T Z WEAL Ø22258 S4G P GRS
FROM: COM6
ACTION: COMINCH

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YOUR Ø22037 INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

TOT Ø117 3 APR KD

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**NOTE:** Above tables do not include:
- 2 - 173' PC at Submarine Chaser Training Center
- 1 - 173' PC at Sound School
- 2 - 110' PC at Sound School
- 4 - CGC at Sound School

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**NOTE:** Army planes shown for the Eastern and Gulf (currently the most important) are actual figures quoted by their Headquarters. Data on Army planes in other Sea Frontiers are the best estimates available.
April 2, 1940

70' and 80' Coast Guard Cutters in Sea Frontiers

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Small Craft - Acquired and Converting

Yachts acquired

- In Atlantic Sea Frontiers: 19
- In Pacific Sea Frontiers: 2
- Converting: 28
- In Naval Districts: 16
- Assigned Fleet: 4
- TOTAL: 69

Pleasure craft and small fishing vessels and tuna boats (50' - 100')
- 279

Motor cruisers, launches (50' and less harbor patrol)
- 82

Trawlers (Minesweepers 140')
- 18

Draggers and Purse seiners (Coastal Minesweepers)
- 70

Harbor Tugs (large)
- 7

Harbor Tugs (small) (Net and boom tenders)
- 24

TOTAL: 549

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS
MASTER OF BRITISH FORT CHURCHILL REPORTS SIGHTING UNIDENTIFIED EMPTY MEDIUM SIZE STEEL LIFEBOAT PAINTED GREY, FULL OF WATER, NO SIGNS OF LIFE. SIGHTED MARCH 27 AT 173° IN 10-48 NORTH 95-16 WEST. SMALL LIFEBOAT APPARENTLY FROM THE SAME SHIP WAS SIGHTED AT 0900 MARCH 28 IN 10-41 NORTH 92-40 WEST.

COG: 16……
10/11……12……COMINCH……37……38……
200P……
AT 1500 THIS DATE USS LAFFEY ACCEPTED AND PLACED IN FULL COMMISSION.
From: London
To: Milid

No. 2290, April 1, 1942

Reference to your No. 1229 copies binger report not repeat not received. Request Colonel O'Brien air mail additional copies.

McClure

Action Copy: G-2
Info. Copies: A-2
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CM-IN-0235 (4/1/42)
WB 138
1225/1 filed
MD

CSWD
April 1, 1942
4:07 P. M.

From: San Jose Costa Rica
To: G-2

No. 91, April 1st, 1942

Request supply of OCS form no. 17 manifold paper.

If new automatic supply has not been shipped request authority to requisition 2 tires and tubes for old car from Quartermaster Panama Canal Dept.

Andino

Action Copy: G-2

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TMG

File

CH-IN- 0256

4/1/42)

COPY No. 23

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
YOUR 301936 ONE VICTOR PREP WILL CONDUCT SEARCH ON SPECIFIED AREA 31 MARCH
FROM: COMINCH & OPNAV
ACTION: CINCPAC
CINCLANT
COMSEAFRONTIERS(ALL)
COMSOUTHFORCE
INFO: TASKFOR CORPS PACFLT
LANTFLT
DISTRICT COMDS(ALL)

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO READ THE ARTICLE QUOTE THERE IS
ONLY ONE MISTAKE COLOR TO DO NOTHING UNQUOTE BY CHARLES
FOX KETTERING IN MARCH TWENTY-EIGHTH ISSUE OF SATURDAY
EVENING POST AND TO SEE TO IT THAT IT IS BROUGHT TO
THE ATTENTION OF ALL OF YOUR PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATES AND
OTHER KEY OFFICERS

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM FOR:
SEGNAV; UNDER SEGNAV; ASSTSEGNAV; ASSTSEGNAV(AIR);
KEY OFFICERS - HQSTS. U.S. FLEET;
KEY OFFICERS - OFFICE OF CNO;
ALL BUREAU CHIEFS; COMDT MARCORPS;
COMDT COAST GUARD
FROM: FCC
REC'D ON BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KGS AT 0130 GMT/WW 30

DISTRESS
999 0012 GMT

KJIO (SS PAUL H HARWOOD) OFF FENWICK SHOALS NEED ASSISTANCE AT 0023
KJIO MAIN INJECTION BROKEN POSITION UNCERTAIN BUT OFF FENWICK
SHOALS 0028 DESIRE INFO AS TO ASSISTANCE BEING SENT REQUIRE HELP AT
ONCE

0031 VAU* 2295.5 (YARMOUTH RDO)
0032 VAX* 327.5 (CANSO GONIO)
0112 NCZ* 029.5 (VIRGINIA BEACH GONIO) COMINCH ACTION
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NSD* 167 (CAPE HENLOPEN DEL) 00A 01A 37 16 OPDO BUSHIPS MNDIO
NBN* 154.6 (BETHANY BEACH GONIO) HYDRO CWO(3) FWO(2)
0117 NBS* 231.4 (SURFSIDE GONIO)

PHONE TO WDBY MJ300150

4/6
FROM FCC 302030

REC'D FROM BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS 2011 GMT VIA WSC (RDO TUCKERTON NJ)
KODR (SS ARIZONA)

MINE SIGHTED
KODR SS ARIZONA SIGHTED PARTLY SUBMERGED MINE LAT 3558 NORTH
U525 WEST AT 1950 GMT

PHONE TOWDBY CP 302030

COMINCH ACTION
Ø5 1Ø 19 2ØA 2Ø 2ØB 2ØG 2ØK CG ØØR
ØØA Ø1A 37 16 38 HYDRO OPDO BUSHIPS
CWO(3) FWO(2)
MEMORANDUM for The President:

Your message which President Quezon refers to in the attached radio was one congratulating him on the success of his journey to Australia.

By direction of the Chief of Staff:

J. R. DEANE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Secretary, General Staff.
POW12 35 IMP ETATUSQ CTF 33 29 MELBOURNE 1315

GEORGE C. MARSHALL, WAR DEPT.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT QUOTE APPRECIATED DEEPLY YOUR
MESSAGE stop I SHALL HOPE TO STAY WITH GENERAL MACARThUR
UNTIL OUR TRIUMPHAL RETURN TO MANILA. SIGNED QUEZON UNQUOTE

MACARTHUR
FOLLOWING OBJECT REPORTED ON NOTTINGHAM BEACH, VIRGINIA, 3 MILES NORTH
FISHERMANS POINT X SPHERICAL X DIAMETER 24 INCHES RING TOP AND
BOTTOM X THREE ARMS 12 INCHES LONG FORMING RING X GALVANIZED PIPE
12 INCHES LONG IN TIP X RESEMBLES MARKER BUOY X NOW BEING GUARDED X
ADVISE

30 - Apr.
05 - 10 - 37 - 38 - 139 - Hydro - Brand -
Caranch - CWO (1) - C4 - OPDO
46
General George C. Marshall,
War Department, Washington

Please express to the President and to the Secretary of War and accept for yourself my sincere thanks and appreciation for the Medal of Honor. I feel that this award is intended not so much for me personally as it is a recognition of the indomitable courage of the gallant army which it was my high honor to command. As a symbol of their heroism it fills me with gratification and solemn pride.

MacArthur.
MOVEMENT CONTROL ESTIMATE ARMY NUMBERS PER MONTH TO UK DURING PERIOD APRIL TO DECEMBER INCLUSIVE 7800(7800) 4050(4050) 2200(2200) 2500(2500) 9000(9000) 11,800(11,800) 8000(8000) 5000(5000) 4000(4000). TOTAL 53550 (53550). (ADMTY 370(370)
RPTD BAD COAC 669(669) OPNAV FROM NSHQ OTTAWA MY 22/13/2 AND 1415Z/21 NOT TO OPNAV) IN ADDITION A MONTHLY AVERAGE OVER SAME PERIOD OF 3350(3350) AIR FORCE PLUS NOMINAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NAVY, MERCHANT NAVY, AND MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL.

DISTRIBUTION
39...COG

RECORD COPY: 37...COMINCH....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: GINCFAU
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 28 MARCH 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 
DECODER BY: ESTES
PARAPHRASED BY: DE LA MATER

ADDRESS: OPMAY
FOR ACTION: OPMAY
INFORMATION: 

PRIORITY: BRANCH
PRECEDENCE: DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLEY 296201 WCR 9975
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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME
DATE
TIME
GCT

TEXT

OPMAY PASS TO COMINCH AND BUSHIPS FOR INFORMATION. INSPECTION PLATE EXAMINATION LEXINGTON DOG UNIT TURBINE SHOWS ABOUT FOUR FEET MISSING SHROUDING ON SEVENTH STAGE AND DISTORTION OF BLADING WHERE SHROUDING IS MISSING. NAVY YARD PEARL DIRECTED TO LIFT CASING. ESTIMATE TWO WEEKS PLUS TIME TO EFFECT REPAIRS. WILL ADVISE FURTHER WHEN CASING LIFTED. IF NECESSARY CASING CAN BE SECURED IN 48 HOURS BUT TURBINE WILL NOT BE OPERATIVE. ACTION OPMAY. COMFORPFAU COM- TASKFORCE ELEVEN NAVY YARD PEARL LEXINGTON HAVE THIS FOR INFORMATION.

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Date: DEC 23 1971

Signature: RGP

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BUSHIPS..... COMINCH.... 36..... OPDO..... FILE.

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MY MAILGRAM 232130. ESSENTIAL WORK LEXINGTON TURBINE NECESSITATES LIFTING CASING. WORK IN PROGRESS ESTIMATED TIME COMPLETION THREE WEEKS.

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REPORT ON CLASS IV

1. The following platoons, Class IV Reserve, have completed range training to date:

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NOTE:

(a) The above platoons are armed with the M-1 Rifle. All marksmanship training follows the 18 day schedule dated 10 February, 1942. They are assigned to work in pairs.

(b) There are several comparisons which can be made with these men. The following remarks are based on my observation, viz:

GENERAL

1. It is noted that these men are slow starters on the range, but their progress is steady. My impression is that while they are slow learners to begin with, they hold what is taught.

2. The coach and pupil method works very well with these men. This is probably due to the fact that there are many ex-service men among them.

GUARD DUTY

1. Excellent. They are serious and mean business.
PHYSICAL CONDITION

1. School Range work, particularly position drills and rapid fire exercises, is hard on these men. We are learning their capacities and are adjusting the work of the schedule accordingly.

2. At sick call, the ratio of these men is about 2 to 1 over the younger men.

3. The Range Medical Officer reports the following causes which increase their number at sick call:
   a. Foot trouble
   b. Slow reaction to inoculations.
   c. Slow recuperative qualities.

4. The Medical Officer also reports the fact that when these men report for sick call there is no question of "gold bricking."

MARKSMANSHIP

1. All appear very much interested and a spirit of competition exists.

2. Compared with other platoons which fired at the same stages under similar conditions, I estimate that the regular platoons are about 12% better with the M-1 Rifle.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Coaches bring in some good stories.
   a. One man fired his first shot prone, sighting in. He winced a bit, laid his rifle down took out his false teeth, placed them in his pocket, and resumed firing.
   b. Another man, well overweight, has a hard time getting his elbows down properly in the prone position.

J. J. TAVERN
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding
CHILEAN NAVAL TANKER RANCAGUA CARRYING FOURTEEN OFFICERS
THIRTY-TWO MIDSHIPMEN AND NINETY-TWO CREW ARRIVING GALVESTON
27TH OR 28TH X LENGTH OF VISIT FIVE OR SIX DAYS

CC: Cominich
Op-16
Op-17
Op-37
RECD BY FONE FROM FCC 2359/25MAR42

PRIORITY/SR

INTERCEPTED BY BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KC/FROM WSC AT 7:58 P.M. EWT SS EMPIRE PICT 4310 N 6505 W SUSPICIOUS CRAFT *WSC - RDO TUCKERTON, N.J.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COM 7
RELEASED BY
DATE 25 MARCH 1942
TOR CODED ROOM 1609/1414
DECODED BY TIERS/TIERS

PARAPHRASED BY

OBJECT ATTACKED BY NEMESIS POSSIBLY WRECK OF SS PAN
MASSACHUSETTS. NEMESIS BELIEVES IT IS SUB. POSITION.
EVIDENCE THAT OBJECT IS NOW A WRECK STILL MOTIONLESS
IN FORTY FATHOMS. OIL, CAKES OF CHARCOAL OR BITUMINIC
SUBSTANCE RECOVERED. SURFACE VESSEL STANDING BY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH SOUND GEAR. CURRENT MADE BUOYS
DRAG. DOES OPNAV DESIRE CONTACT MAINTAINED WITH OBJECT
OF SENDING SALVAGE VESSEL TO IDENTIFY WRECK.

251369 CCR 5818

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: CINCPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 24 MARCH 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 615
DECODED BY: EDWARDS
PARAPHRASED BY: HILL

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LT HATCH 24357:7379 NCR

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MY 24/247 RELEASE COPY 133/2 25 MARCH. ACTION SECNAV.

Re: Release of war correspondents' stories on Wake & Marcus.

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FROM CTF 24 ACTION TO COMINCH OPNAV CINCLANT COMGREEN PAT NOB ICELAND CTG 24.4

ICE BULLETIN 21 MARCH. ST LAWRENCE AND CAPE BRETON ISLAND AREA LARGE SCATTERED FIELDS ICE CAPE BRETON THENCE 45-35 N 60-65 W THENCE 45-00 N 59-00 W THENCE BURGEO BANK. NEWFOUNDLAND AREA LST REPORT 18 MARCH. PROBABLE LIMITS FIELD ICE BACCALIEU ISLAND THENCE 47-50 N 50-00 W THENCE NORTH-NORTHWESTWARD INDEFINITELY. VESSELS NOT ICE PROTECTED ARE ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF THESE AREAS. SCATTERED FIELDS HEAVY ONE TO FIVE MILES OFF SHORE EXTENDING SOUTH TO 47-10 N. EASTWARD EXTEND UNKNOWN. CONSIDERABLE ICE IN CONCEPTION BAY. REPORTED 20 MARCH BERG 46-39 N 53-00 W REPORTED 18 MARCH GROWLER ST JOHNS BAY REPORTED 17 MARCH GROWLER 47-38 N 52-36 W REPORTED 16 MARCH BERG 46-39 N 52-35 BERG MOUTH RENEWSE HARBOR BERG 47-12 N 52-30 W BERG 47-35 N 52-33 WEST BERG 47-43 N 52-41 W. GREENLAND AREA

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REPORTED 16 MARCH OPEN LIGHT STORIS CAPE DESOLATION THENCE 125 DEGREES PAST JULIANEHABB. LIMITS SOUTH OF FAREWELL UNKNOWN. ICE CLOSE TO SHORE NONORTALIK. HEAVY JAMS BLOCK SKOA AND BREDE FJORDS. NUMEROUS BERGS AND GROWLERS WEST GREENLAND. DENMARK STRAIT REPORTED 19 MARCH SOUTHERN LIMITS PACK ICE 67-05 N 26-48 W THENCE 67-47 N 24-50 W THENCE 68-11 N 22-07 W. BRASH ICE AND DRIFT ICE FOR 16 MILES OUTSIDE PACK. YOUNG ICE FOR 12 MILES OUTSIDE BRASH.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMOWESPAC
RELEASED BY:

DATE: MARCH 21, 1942
TOR CODEWORD: 1512/4326
DECODED BY: HIGGINS/COWDEN

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ADDRESSED: COMINCH

INFORMATION FOR ACTION

PUBLIC

PRIORITY

COMINCH

PRECEDENCE

DEFFRED

PARA PHRASED BY

H.N.

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21850 CCR 5400

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TEXT

PRESS DISPATCH MENTIONED YOUR 15190 WRITTEN BY VERN HANGLAND ASSOCIATED PRESS WHO WAS ABOARD HUMPHREY SCOTT. HAUGHMAND INTERVIEWED. HE DID NOT SIGHT SUBMARINE NOR HAVE CONTACT WITH ANY NAVAL PERSONNEL CONCERNING SUBMARINE ATTACKS. HIS ONLY CONTACT WAS WITH ARMY PERSONNEL ABOARD TRANSPORT AND NONE REPORTED SIGHTING SUBMARINE. ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS FOR REPORTED SUBMARINE ATTACKS. ESCORT COMMANDER CAPTAIN DODD IN HONOLULU REPORTED NO SUBMARINE ATTACK. DESTROYERS DEPRESSED DEPTH CHARGES ON PROBABLE SOUND CONTACTS BUT NONE DEVELOPED INTO ACTUAL CONTACT. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO INDICATION OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY ON CONVOY ROUTES.

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SIGNATURE: R.H.P.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE
20 MARCH 1942

TOR CODEROOM
755 / 7616

DECODED BY
PORTER / BUSH

PARAPHRASED BY

TO ACTION
SEC NAV
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RRRRRR

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TEXT

MT 110335 COMINCH 1620043* PROPOSE DELAY RELEASE PENDING FURTHER NOTICE.

*WAROPS TO CINCPAC ONLY

COPY DELIVERED TO OPMV CODE ROOM FBB:
SEC NAV.......

TOR NCR W934
LT RITCHIE

SBR.....ACTION

P1A.....SB.....2OP.....FILE.

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19196  CCR 966

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DESPATCH DATED MELBOURNE 18 MARCH STATES THAT CORRESPONDENT NAME NOT STATED WAS ON BOARD FIRST LARGE AMERICAN CONVOY TO MAKE NONSTOP VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA THAT QUOTE SUBMARINES SNEAKED INTO ATTACKING RANGE FOUR TIMES BUT EACH TIME WERE CHASED AWAY OR SUNK BEFORE THEY COULD INFlict ANY DAMAGE ALL ATTEMPTED ATTACKS OCCURRED IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC IN BROAD DAYLIGHT UNQUOTE. ASCERTAIN AND ADVISE BASIS FOR ABOVE MENTIONED REPORT OF SUBMARINE ATTACKS AND INFORM ME WHAT OTHER IF ANY INDICATIONS OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY ON CONVOY ROUTES HAVE BEEN NOTED.

[Signature]

[Date - DEC 23 1971]

[User Signature]
To: Aide to President

Merchant Marine Losses for February 1942 exceed those of any month of the Present War with the exception of June 1940 (Dunkerque evacuation), March 1941 (Beginning of Spring Axis air and submarine offensive), April 1941 (Greek capitulation), and May 1941 (Crete evacuation).

These early returns based upon current data, are incomplete and will, quite likely, be revised upward. In this incomplete return the U.S. losses represent more than twenty-five percent of the total losses for the month.
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**CAPT. F.B. STUMP** **HN# USN** REPORTED THIS DISST 19 MARCH UNDER ORDERS FROM COMOWESTPACFOR. ORDERS DIRECT HIM TO REPORT BUNAV BY DISPATCH FOR ASSIGNMENT. GEN. BRETT AND ADM GLASSFORD DIRECTED HIM REQUEST ORDERS REPORT NAVY DEPT AND WAR DEPT TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS JAVA AND AUSTRALIA. REQUEST DISPATCH ORDERS FOR CAPT. STUMP REPORT WASHINGTON

**BUNAV.......ACTION 10/11.......CQ MICH.......FILE,.....**
THE FOLLOWING FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS.

VIEW CONFIDENTIAL NATURE CORRESPONDENCE APPRECIATE ASK COMINCH FOR CLEARANCE MIAMI SUBCHASER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE DISCRETION COM 7. SCHOOL NOW OPEN AND HAVE REQUEST FROM HEARLD FOR NEWS AND PICTURES.

SBR.........ACT.

COMINCH.......FILE....
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

Captain John L. McCrea U.S.N.
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
M.E.A.

ADMIRALTY SERVICE
If undelivered to be returned to:-
H.M.S. "Delhi",
c/o G.P.O.,
London.
18th March, 1942.

My dear Captain McCrea,

On behalf of the officers of H.M.S. "Delhi" may I ask you to convey our respectful and grateful thanks to the President for his gracious gesture in presenting his photograph to the ship.

It shall be our symbol of the memorable co-operation we received in your country, no less than of the splendid equipment which we have pledged ourselves to put to good effect in the common purpose before us.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Peachey,
Captain, Royal Navy.

Captain John L. McCrea, U.S.N.
The White House,
Washington.
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AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES BRITISH NAVY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE REPORTING BY DESPATCH TO MULTIPLE ADDRESSEES MOVEMENTS NOT ONLY MERCHANT VESSELS BUT ALSO US NAVY VESSELS IN SAME CODE WHICH CODE WIDELY HELD AND OF CONSIDERABLE LESS SECURITY THAN PRINCIPLE BRITISH CYPHERS. US NAVY PROVIDING BRITISH ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION ON OUR SHIP MOVEMENTS, DESIRE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE ADMIRALTY EFFECT DISCONTINUANCE THIS PRACTICE. IF REPORTS MOVEMENTS US MEN OF WAR MADE LEAST REQUIREMENT IS USE OF SECURE CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM.

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ORIG: COMINCH

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IN RECENT CASE TORPEDOED TANKER REPORTED NO FIRE
STARTED BY TORPEDO BUT OIL ON WATER IGNITED BY
FLARE ON LIFE RING DROPPED FROM TANKER AND FIRE
SPREAD TO SHIP X SUGGESTS ADVISABILITY REMOVING
CHEMICAL TORCHES FROM LIFE BUOYS OF TANKERS

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OP37... OP39.....

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Signature- RAH 46
COMMISSIONER SAYRE, DOCTOR AND MRS. EVATT AND PARTY ARRIVED PEARL HARBOR TODAY. SCHEDULED DEPART TOMORROW MARCH 17TH.
MY REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING PEARL MOST RAPID MEANS FOR CONFERENCE WITH YOU AND COMTASKFOR 16 X SHOULD ARRIVE 20TH THIS REFERS TO SUBJECT MY 131430 YOUR 142155 AND TAKES PLACE OF CONFERENCE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED.
RECOMMEND TITLES NAMED YOUR 131955 AND SUBTITLES
DEPENDENT THEREON BE ELIMINATED X ACTION COMINCH FROM
CINCPAC X YOUR 141730 RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTY CERTAIN TYPE
COMDRS EXERCISE SUPERVISION MAINTENANCE X SIMILAR
DIFFICULTIES EXIST REGARDING OTHER FUNCTIONS TYPE COMDR
AS TRAINING ETC X YOUR 231417 SETS UP AGENCY FOR MAINTENANCE
X BEST METHOD OF PROVIDING FOR OTHER FUNCTIONS UNDER
STUDY

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BEING AIRMAILGRAMMED: ORIGINATORS COMMENTS URDIS 131558
REGARDING NAVY ASSUMING ENTIRE CONTROL CLIPPERS.

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39 ACTION
COMINCH: 1/11/38 2/20/38 0/20/38
MEMO FOR CAPTAIN McCRAE:

(1) We have no report as yet of Japanese operations in the New Hebrides. The furthest south-east Japanese reported operations are on Bougainville, in the Solomons. Jap patrol plane reconnaissance was once reported as far as New Caledonia.

Definite Jap occupation is reported no nearer than New Britain. The most south-eastern Solomon Island, San Cristobal, has not yet figured in the reports.

Distances of above points are as follow:

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(Note: the estimated distance of the New Hebrides from Noumea is about 400 miles.)

PS: FROM: Suva Tutuila Sydney
| Noumea | 754 | 1,420 | 1,069 |
| Tutuila | 668 |       |       |

Respectfully,

L. R. Schulz
(Lt., USNR)
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LT. WEINSTEIN 142531 MOR 1/799

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TEXT

DETRIMENTAL TO COMMUNICATION SECURITY ARE WASHINGTON OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUES WHICH FREQUENTLY FOLLOW ALMOST EXACT WORDING OF CINCPAC OFFICIAL DAILY REPORTS. RELEASE MIDNIGHT 16 MARCH 12 RELEASED QUOTE DETECTION UNQUOTE AND VERIFIED FOR ENEMY THAT FIGHTERS WERE SHORE NOT CARRIER BASED AND INFORMED THEM OF EXACT NUMBER USED, RECOMMEND MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN PARTICULARLY METHODS NUMBERS, DATES, TYPES AMERICAN COMPONENTS CONCERNED. STRONGLY FEEL THAT ALL RELEASES COULDN'T BE CAREFULLY CENSORED TO INSURE THAT ONLY GENERAL INFORMATION IS GIVEN AND THAT XXXXXXXX NOTHING IS SPOKEN THAT COULD BE OF AID TO ENEMY.

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524/73

**DECODER**

SHEPARD

**PARAPHRASED BY**

SHEPARD

**FULTON**

132217 NCR 7352

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**TEXT**

EXTEND INVITATION TO BRAZILIAN FIVE OFFICERS TO VISIT NAS PENSACOLA AND CORPUS CHRISTI MY 132516 X YOU SHOULD FURNISH TO INFORMATION ADDRESSEES EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT EACH STATION AND THEY ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO EXTEND CUSTOMARY COURTESY X ATTENTION IS INVITED TO IMPORTANCE OF IMPRESSION BAINED BY THESE VISITORS

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YOUR 542017 MOBILE BASE HOSPITAL NUMBER THREE OF THREE HUNDRED BEDS
BEING SENT STRAIGHT TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER WITH THREE HOSPITAL
CORPSMEN AND MODIFIED BATTALION OUTFIT BEING SENT TO EACH BLEACHER
AND ROSES. ARMY PROVIDING HOSPITAL FACILITIES AT BLEACHER AND
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EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO KEEP ONE FULL DIVISION COMBAT
LOADED TRANSPORTS AVAILABLE EACH COAST FOR TRAINING
WHICH MUST BE EXPEDITED EVEN THOUGH PIECEMEAL PARA
DEMANDS FOR SHIPPING MAY NECESSITATE THAT TRANSPORT
TRAINING DIVISION INCLUDE SHIPS UNDER OVERHAUL

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UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED PROPOSE RELEASE WAR CORRESPONDENTS STORIES WAKE AND MARCUS AS SOON AS SECURITY NOT COMPROMISED. ESTIMATED DATE MARCH 29TH. NO COMMERCIAL STILLS OR NEWSREELS TAKEN. OFFICIAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE AIRMAILED TO OPTION OPTION ROGER. IF COPY COMPLETED BY CORRESPONDENTS IN TIME WILL ALSO AIRMAIL FOR RELEASE BY SSR. IF LATTER PROCEDURE PRACTICABLE WILL RECOMMEND TO ACTION ADDRESSEE EARLIEST TIME OF RELEASE. SECNAV DELIVER TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

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FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER SAYRE.

FOR THE PRESIDENT.

ARRIVED SAFELY AUSTRALIA, MRS SAYRE, SON, AND STAFF FROM CORREGIDOR WITH ME. I SHALL PROCEED DIRECTLY BY PLANE TO WASHINGTON TO REPORT TO YOU. THEY WILL FOLLOW BY NAVAL TRANSPORT.

SAYRE.

THE PRESIDENT........ACT.

FILE........

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NAVY MESSAGE

FROM: COM 8
RELEASED BY:
DATE: MARCH 7, 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1412
DECODED BY: GILKER
PARAPHRASED BY: BRUMFIELD

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ROONEY 270117 NCR 7315

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DATE: 7995 KCS
TIME:

TEXT

USS CONQUEROR ACCEPTED AND PLACED IN SERVICE 6 MARCH

(Ame, Coastal Minesweeper)

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JSA...FILE....

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NAU NR783 T2 NIGU 093020 MUSK Q 0230

FROM: USS KENNEBEC
ACTION: O/NAV

Collision Lat 11.34 North Long 59.29 West

CONVOY ACT
COMMENC ACTION
064 01 03 05 10/11 19 23 30
NAV AID HYDRO OPDO FILE
NAV AID HYDRO OPDO FILE
COURT OF INQUIRY REGARD ALEXANDER HAMILTON RECEIVED. CONCUR
RECOMMENDATION OF CONVENING AUTHORITY THAT COMMANDING AND EXECU-
TIVE OFFICERS BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL BEFORE GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.
RECOMMEND COURT BE CONVENED IN NAVAL DISTRICT IN WHICH PERSONNEL
HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED. CTG 7.5 111820 AND US 2S1850 90TH FEB, PRO-
CEEDINGS IN MAIN TODAY.

ACTION: 00A
03...15/11...32...38...COUNCH...FILE
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YOUR $50030 FOR THREE HUNDRED POUND CHARGES FIRED WITH MARK 3 TWO ARBOR SINKING TIME TO FIFTY FEET FIVE POINT FIVE SECONDS THEREAFTER SINKS AT RATE OF NINE POINT FIVE FEET PER SECOND X THESE FIGURES OBTAINED BY EXPERIMENTS IN STILL WATER X SERVICE EXPERIENCE INDICATES WIDE VARIATION FROM THESE FIGURES X LANTFLEET NOW CONDUCTING TESTS X SUGGEST YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL TESTS AND REPORT RESULTS.

$50030 - REQUEST VERIFICATION SINKING TIME WITH MARK 3 TWO ARBOR, ETC.
NAVAL MESSAGE

From COM TASK FOR 24

Released by

Date 5 March 1942

To CODE ROOM 1330/5

Decoded by KALAI DJIAN

Paraphrased by PURDY

FOR ACTION OPNAV

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858449 NCR06537

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TEXT

FONF REPORTS ATTEMPTS TO TOW HULK OF EMPIRE CELT HAS BEEN ABANDONED PENDING REQUEST FOR SALVAGE AID FROM HALIFAX. POSITION 46-45 NORTH 51-28 WEST DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION.

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37 ACTION.

RECEP.COM INCH HYDRO 38 23 36 BUSHIPS

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46
HM'S CANDYTUFT TO BE COMMISSIONED THE USS TENTCITY PG71 ACCEPTED FROM
THE UNITED KINGDOM 1115 THIS DATE X WILL BE PLACED IN FULL COMMISSION
ABOUT MAY 4 CONTINGENT ON ALTERATIONS.

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To: ALUSNOB HALIFAX

From: CAPT HINCKLEY

Released by: NAVX 5 MARCH 1942

Date: 224-1/4TH

TOR Code Room: ADAMS

Decoded by: GRAYDON

Paraphrased by: * * * *

Mail Delivery: * * *

Indicate by asterisk addressees for which mail delivery is satisfactory.

ROONEY 0423/23 NCR2543B

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

Originator Fill in Date and Time: DATE TIME GCT

Text:

Policy regards arming is that ships are being armed as rapidly as possible with priority to ships about to sail. Reference your 2/1945.

Your.

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SECNAV has approved recommendation of OPNAV that development of miniature submarine not be undertaken in reply your Ø21083.

Project to develop semi-submersible torpedo boat has been initiated and may take one or more forms. Italian human torpedo type also under consideration. Preliminary design of small surface craft to carry explosive charge has been started.

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YOUR ZERO ONE ONE NINE FIVE ZERO GUN FACTORY REPRESENTATIVES ARE OF OPINION THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WILL BE OBTAINED BY FURTHER FIRING OF THE FIVE REMAINING GUNS WITH BAKER MIKES IN PRESENT CONDITION X ADVISE X FOR INFO TO CTG SEVEN POINT ONE BY VISUAL

F-2 .... ACTION

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[Signature: RH]
REPORT RECEIVED FROM ALUSNA LONDON THAT U-BOATS RECENTLY SIGHTED HAVE BEEN PAINTED A COMBINATION OF LIGHT GREEN, PALE BROWN AND SEAGREENISH BLUE. THIS CAMOUFLAGE VERY EFFECTIVE. AT FIVE MILES DISTANCE BOATS CAN NOT BE SEEN AND WERE PICKED UP ONLY BY SIGHTING WAKES PARA TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT FOR PAINTING OUR OWN SUBMARINES.
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MAORI NO. 101

Signal made in plain language on Coast watching frequency 7300 KCS using Garden Island (Phoenix Group) call sign (BYH) to APIG radio A.M. 18th February (Local Date) requested movements of steamship Matua. Investigation shows this signal was almost certainly originated by Japanese. Coast Watch Station warned accordingly. Admiralty's number 269.

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IT IS MY BELIEF THAT ENEMY SHIPPING IS ONE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE FUNCTIONS INVOLVED IN CONTINUANCE OF HIS OPERATIONS AND THAT EVERY SUBMARINE THAT BE SPARED FROM INDISPENSABLE OPERATIONS IN MANDATES SHOULD BE SENT TO ATTACK ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN WESTERN PACIFIC WHERE THEY MUST LEAVE JAPAN COMMA AT FOCAL OR OTHER FAVORABLE POINTS ENROUTE SOUTHWARD COMMA OR ELSEWHERE AS YOUR AVAILABLE INFORMATION MAKES ADVISABLE X

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IF NOT ALREADY DONE YOU SHOULD PROVIDE RESCUE VESSELS AS AVAILABLE OR PROCURABLE FROM VESSELS NOT SUITABLE FOR COMBAT TO LOOK FOR AND PICK UP SURVIVORS PARA THIS MEASURE WILL NOT ONLY FILL AN URGENT NEED BUT MAY WELL SERVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN COMBAT VESSELS HAVE TO BE DIVERTED FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS
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**AT 1645 FLIGHT 197 DEPARTED. ESTIMATED TRANSIT 18.8 HOURS.**

**TWO PASSENGERS WENT HUSTED WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, HENRY MCLEAN ENS USN. FREIGHT 2292 LBS INCLUDING RADAR ON BLADING N922650 TO 922652 INCLUSIVE AND 922684. MAIL 1434 LBS INCLUDING ONE POUCH OFFICIAL MAIL.**

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DURING DOCKING OPERATION, MARINE RAILWAY, PLUNGER ROLLED OFF KEEL BLOCKS TO STARBOARD ONTO FLOOR OF CARRIAGE AND AGAINST PIER 1. APPEARS TO BE NO DAMAGE TO SHIP INSIDE AND OUT, ALSO LITTLE TO RAILWAY, EXACT EXTENT AS YET UNKNOWN. PROCEEDING WITH SALVAGE. A FURTHER REPORT WILL BE MADE WHEN CAUSES AND EXTENT OF DAMAGES ARE DETERMINED.

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Memorandum for Captain McCrea:

This is in response to a letter I wrote Roger Williams to push the conversion of the CIMARRONS to the limit.

[Signature]
Personal and Confidential

Dear Betty:

Your note of the 7th received and fully appreciated.

We have the CIMARRONS scheduled and are now hard at work on the preliminaries to putting them through as quickly as possible.

There is absolutely no lack of effort at this Yard to do its utmost, and I get a personal uplift out of watching its performance. I often think of you and your problems and wish it were possible to do more to help out.

Affectionate regards,

Roger Williams

Admiral H. R. Stark, USN
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Navy Department
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STRONGLY RECOMMEND VICE ADMIRAL W.F. HALSEY FOR IMMEDIATE AWARD
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AS COMMANDER OF MARSHALL RAIDING FORCE
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET ON 31 JANUARY FOR BRILLIANT AND AUDACIOUS ATTACK
AGAINST MARSHALL AND GILBER ISLANDS AND DRIVING IT HOME WITH GREAT
SKILL AND DETERMINATION THEREBY INFlicting HEAVY DAMAGE TO ENEMY
SHIPS AND PLANES. RECOMMEND PRESIDENT CITE IN HIS SPEECH OF 23
FEBRUARY THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON
GILBERT AND MARSHALL ISLANDS.

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IN RECENT ENGAGEMENT HOUSTON EXPENDED 439 ROUNDS 5 INCH 25 AA CARTRIDGES FUZED WITH MARK 18 TIME FUZE AND MARK 17 AUXILIARY DETONATING FUZES.

NOT MORE THAN 25 PERCENT FUNCTIONED DESPITE UTMOST CARE TO INSURE FUZES MOVED OFF SAFE INCLUDING PRESETTING BY HAND DURING LULL BETWEEN ATTACKS. HOUSTON NOW HAS ON BOARD 12000 ROUNDS 5 INCH 25 AA COMMON FROM BOISE BELIEVED OF BETTER QUALITY. REFERENCE CINCPAC DESPATCH OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN WHICH QUALITY HOUSTON SERVICE 5 INCH AMMUNITION WAS QUESTIONED.

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FOR MR REBER. QUOTE. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMIRAL HOOVER HAVE BEEN SENT. YOU WILL NOTE THE INCREASED FLEXIBILITY GIVEN BY DELETING THE 48 HOUR PERIOD FOR REPLY AND DIRECTING HIM TO INSIST ON PROMPT REPLY INSTEAD. WHILE AN IMPRESSION OF FIRMNESS MUST BE PRESERVED THE ATMOSPHERE SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO AVOID IF POSSIBLE A SITUATION COMMITTING US TO SUCH AN ADVANCED POSITION AS WILL OF NECESSITY REQUIRE MILITARY ACTION UNDER SUCH A FIXED POLICY AS A SHORT ULTIMATUM. THE REVISED INSTRUCTIONS GIVE SUFFICIENT LEEWAY FOR REPORT THROUGH NAVY. FOR THIS REASON THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTE SPECIFICALLY COMMIT US ONLY TO RE-EXAMINATION OF OUR POSITION IN THE EVENT A PROMPT ANSWER IS NOT RECEIVED. SIGNED HULL. UNQUOTE.

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State Dept. letter, 1-11-72
By RT Date JAN 16 1973

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV
FOLLOWING RECD FROM BONTA DELCADA
DATED APR 4 1942
SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON.
105, APRIL 4, NOON.
A STATE OF EMERGENCY (ESTADO DE SITIO)
WAS PROCLAIMED LAST NIGHT OF THE ISLAND OF
SAO MIGUEL INCLUDING CURFEW FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM
AND COMPLETE BLACKOUT. AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, THIS
MEASURE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE OTHER ISLANDS OF THE
AZORES. THE LEGATION HAS BEEN INFORMED.
Sgd Dawson
TOD 1102PM APR 4 1942

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SD 47 CONFIDENTIAL FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPNAV
FROM PONTA DELGADA   DATED MARCH 12, 1942   REC'D 12:51 PM

SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON   75 MARCH 12 NOON

THE PORTUGUESE STEAMER QUEMEO WHICH ARRIVED HERE MARCH 6 FROM LISBON BROUGHT THREE DISMOUNTED TRIMOTOR AIRPLANES BELIEVED TO BE JUNKERS JU 52 TYPE. THEY APPEAR TO BE OLD PLANES WERE SHIPPED DISMOUNTED BEAR THE NUMBERS 105, 207 AND 208. THE PLANES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE SANTA ANNA AIR FIELD ON THE NORTH COAST.

SIGNED (DAWSON)

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State Dept. letter 1-11-73   JAN 16 1973
By  Date
The British are now engaged in modifying the armament and organization of their armored division. This change makes the British division more nearly like the U.S. division as prescribed by the most recent tables of organization.

Lieutenant General Corben, Middle East Chief of General Staff; Major General Harding, Middle East G-3; Brigadier General Lloyd, who is in charge of the armored fighting vehicles section, other experienced British officers, our own observers, and I have had several discussions regarding the organization and operation of armored units, since March 25, the date of my arrival here. Without exception, they believe our armored division is powerful and that it is correctly equipped and organized. The above mentioned officers honour especially with regard to the following:

a. Observation aviation attached to the division.

b. Armored scout cars and half tracks to transport artillery and infantry personnel.

c. The employment of teams to include the combined use of artillery, tank, infantry and air forces, as prescribed by American tactics.

d. Artillery, self-propelled.

e. Inclusion in the tank battalion of a three inch anti-tank element and the attachment of the division of a depot three inch anti-tank self-propelled battalion.

f. It is agreed that the ratio of medium to light tanks should be two to one. They likewise concurred in the idea of having only one type of tank in a division, which in mobility and fire power would be superior to or equal to many tanks. If necessary, in order to realize these characteristics, armor should be reduced.

This is to Gen. Densch, from Gen. C. L. Scott in regard to armored unit equipment and organization.

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OSD Letter, 2-3-72

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From: M/A Cairo to War Department
Time filed at source: March 25, 1942
TOR MID: March 25, 1942
TOR ONI: March 28, 1942

1. The German distribution system is operating at full capacity under a strained condition, which is a result of operation from minimum stocks. The destruction of oil stocks would further disrupt this distribution system, and this can be best accomplished through aerial attacks on Roumanian oil storage tanks by long range bombers. These bombers, of course, to be based in the Middle East.

2. The Roumanian oil at the present time offers a concentrated objective of unprecedented strategical importance. The opportunity of delivering a paralizing blow by striking at this target cannot be forgone by the United States, and it is urgently recommended that there be immediately sent to the Middle East flying fortresses for the purpose of destroying Roumanian oil. Roumania's present stocks are probably quite high because of the winter transport restrictions. It will be necessary that this aerial offensive take place before the spring operations begin if the blow is to be really effective.

3. When the above has been accomplished and stocks of refined products are becoming depleted in Roumania, the bombing objectives could be changed to refineries. Thirty-three percent of all the oil supplied by that portion of Europe occupied by the Germans is now furnished by Roumania. Synthethic substitutes are unsatisfactory as replacements for crude oil. This destruction of German oil stocks within the forthcoming eight weeks would produce a decisive effect upon German strategy as a result of the circumstances described in Journal 24, 3/16/42 and Journal 44, 3/26/42.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The attached radiogram was sent to you by General Wainwright and received in the War Department this afternoon.

Our No. 1234, to which he refers, repeated instructions which you sent to General MacArthur on February 9th to the effect that our flag will be kept flying by the American forces in the Philippines as long as any possibility of resistance remains. The message went on to say that you appreciated the difficulties of his situation but considered it imperative that we show no sign of weakness.

By direction of the Chief of Staff:

JOHN R. DEANE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Secretary, General Staff.

Encl.
March 26, 1942

From Fort Mills

To Chief of Staff.

No. 598 March 26/42

Reference your 1234. For the President of the United States. A paraphrase of your instructions to General MacArthur dated February 9, 1942 was received this date.

I fully understand your instructions directing me to resist as long as it is humanly possible to do so and that our continued resistance eclipses in importance all other obligations in the Philippines. I further understand the necessity of maintaining the unbroken line of opposition which has been cemented by the United Nations in resisting those nations which are attempting to destroy the liberty and freedom of governments and of peoples.

Your Excellency may rest assured that no weakness either in fact or in spirit will be shown here. The Filipino soldier has been and continues to be indoctrinated with American determination and the will to win.

While fully realizing the desperate conditions that are fast developing here because of shortage of supplies due to the effectiveness of the hostile blockade, I pledge myself to you to keep our flag flying in the Philippines as long as an American soldier or an ounce of food and a round of ammunition remains.

MAINWRIGHT

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OSD Letter, 6-81-YR
JAN 6 1973
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Type of Tonnage 1943 Merchant Ship Building Program.

In response to your memorandum of March 5 with regard to the 1943 Program of Merchant Ship Building, members of my staff have conferred with those of the Navy and Maritime Commission and are in agreement with a program submitted by Admiral Land, with the substitution of 24 A.V.Gs. for C 3s and the addition of 12 C 3s to the Navy train.

This decision seems to be in line with the situation insofar as it can be determined at this time and has my approval, with the understanding that if there should be additional demands for troop carriers during 1943 the remaining C 3s and C 2s can be converted to provide the bare necessities required to make them into troop carriers.

Chief of Staff

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OSD Letter, 5-3-72
JAN 16 1973
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Transport of small numbers of troops on cargo vessels to Britain from North America.

1. The Combined Military Transportation Committee, at a special meeting on March 6, discussed the plan to send personnel by small increments of approximately fifty men per ship on cargo vessels to Britain from North America. The British representatives indicated that the Ministry of War Transport in London were already fitting suitable freight ships to carry personnel on the Atlantic crossing. They agreed to contact London immediately to determine the progress of this undertaking.

   It was considered that about fifty men would be the minimum worthwhile capacity of such vessels, and that loading preferably should be confined to New York and Boston.

   The Maritime Commission has been requested to make a similar investigation in the field of American controlled merchant vessels.

   This matter will be pressed.

   (Signature)
   Chief of Staff.

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SECRET
JAN 16 1973
General Wavell reports this brief of the tactics of the Japanese Army in MALAYA and points out that certain lessons are to be learned from them, the learning of which would redound to the benefit of the Army of the United Nations: The main object of an Army is to fight. This idea is the foundation of all training. It has been proven by the Japanese themselves that they are not just imitators of the procedures of others. For example, they have made important advances in the development of landing techniques which include the designing and manufacture of specially constructed landing craft carriers, landing craft and assault boats used in landing operations. The fundamental virtue of foot soldiers of fighting and marching have always been used by the Japnese to the fullest extent. At the same time dependence on Motor transport is reduced to a minimum.

This fact together with the fullest exploitation of motor transport captured from the enemy and bicycles which have been procured locally has resulted in a type of combat which is peculiarly suited to Eastern Asia, a part of the world with which they are most familiar. On the other hand the Japanese have demonstrated that they are always quick to take over the techniques of foreigners which they see suitable for their own characteristics and special requirements. In this regard it is evident that they have made a close examination of the Nazi battle experiences of 1939. They have emulated these to Asiatic countries in a way which has been well thought out. In MALAYA modern techniques of battle are displayed by: (1) The close cooperation of supporting arms with the infantry, especially in the cooperative action of light artillery and mortars. (2) By the use of radiophone there has been very effective cooperation of aircraft with ground forces. Proof of this is the rapid and effective support from the air including tactical reconnaissance. The fact that the army as its own air arm facilitates this cooperation. Companies forward always use radiophone instruments for air and ground communications. (3) The Japanese have made use of great noise as an adjunct to their fighting and use live mortar bombs and fire crackers. (4) Trees are made use of as fire positions to give advantage over ground-bound opponents. (5) In the jungle type of warfare which they have been carrying on the ability to move off roads has given increased mobility. All of these factors indeed are especially important in jungle country where there is always poor visibility. Among other improved techniques of the Japanese is the skill they have shown in repairing bridges which have been demolished by forces opposing them. Speedy advances have been successfully made by reason of their ability to remove obstacles from their path. This especially in the case of advances by tank units. Thorough training of engineer units is shown by these last two points mentioned.
The Japanese have a high standard of internal discipline in their Army; for example their conduct among themselves and the behavior between a subordinate and a superior, also in the matter of the salute. External discipline, however, is not so well maintained, as in their details of dress and their conduct towards civilians. Manifestations of a competitive spirit and rivalry between army units are discouraged to the point of being almost non-existent. Loyalty to the Emperor of Japan is the foundation of a strong tradition. The basis of Japanese morale is the spirit of offence or attack which is evidenced in harmony with this loyalty to the Mikado. To the Japanese soldier it is a privilege to belong to the army, in spite of the fact that there are no allurements such as large pay and good rations. In fact a hard and strenuous life, on the contrary, is enforced as being the best way of maintaining discipline and high morale.

All these virtues of the Japanese soldier have been brought out in MALAYA where the army has demonstrated that it is a formidable fighting machine. The army there has clearly demonstrated that it is highly capable of fitting modern tactics to various conditions and that it very short notice. Underlying the signal success of the enemy forces in MALAYA are: (1) previous war experience (2) good discipline and high morale (3) a high standard of training. The possession of tanks and superiority in the air are other factors which have contributed their measure to success. There is a strong probability, however that the Japanese divisions which have been sent on the Malayan expedition have been better trained than all the rest of their army.

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Subject: Information Sought by the Japanese
Summary of Information:

According to highly reliable information, the Japanese Embassy in
Madrid is seeking the following general intelligence about the United
States:

a. Movements of American shipping including the manner of despatch-
ing the ships and the number of ships.

b. Political and economic problems that might make possible the
   weakening or overthrowing of the Roosevelt regime.

c. Racial questions that might lead to disunity.

d. American aid to South American including transportation potential-
   ities.

e. The movement of American ships to England and to Russia and the
   future prospects of transportation by sea. The dispatching of ships
   in mixed units belonging to the Allied Powers. The effect of aid
   to England, China and Russia.

f. Social problems and problems related to inflation.

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Allied success in the Far Eastern theater depends on their superior ability in providing and maintaining, at crucial points, the kinds of automatic weapons, artillery, tanks and airplanes best fitted to operate in this area. It must be realized in equipping and training U.S. soldiers that the Japanese troops are at least on a par with U.S. or British soldiers in their training for warfare of the type best adapted to this area. However, the Japanese have had much greater experience.

Previous reports have outlined the infiltration tactics of the Japanese. It would not be sound for troops untrained in field operations against these tactics to be sent to this area. Paragraph ninety eight to one zero six, T. H. thirty dash four eight zero squared indicate characteristics which still apply. In Malaya the few British that remain have learned that the Japanese almost always works in behind their lines and bars the roads, which results in the loss of machines and weapons. The design of artillery and transport trucks must therefore provide for their mobility in moving off and on to roads with hard surfaces without stalling. Men and their officers will not be successful if they are not able to function tactically without the use of roads and are road bound mentally.

At General Wavell's direction members of the SSOF² have compiled a book covering methods of Japanese operations against our troops and appropriate counter measures. Fifteen thousand copies are to be distributed among all soldiers in this area. Washington will be sent a copy as soon as possible. In the meantime leaders of U.S. troops who are arriving, such as General Patch in Australia, are being sent typewritten copies.

It will be fatal for our soldiers to meet the enemy if we use the prescribed TMA² equipment. The uniform and personal equipment must not be heavy. Prismatic Compasses are desirable and light rubber shoes should be included in the equipment of soldiers. Knives and hand grenades should be carried by each soldier. Officers should wear a similar uniform and carry the same weapons as soldiers because of the Japanese sniper's tendency to pick them off.

The following characteristics should be required of troops who are to be used against the Japanese in this theater:

Well trained troops, specialized in methods of scouting and

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patrolling; officers and men, armed alike with automatic rifles, must have physical qualifications to endure hardships encountered in jungle warfare during prolonged operations, must ration in a simple manner, must be aggressive whether fighting on the defensive or on the offensive, must be capable of steady marching over rugged terrain for twenty-five miles daily; must be able to function independently as small squad groups or singly.

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2. SSCKP - Unknown.
3. TBA - Table of Basic Allowances.

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FROM: CPNAV
RELEASED BY: Capt. SPEARS
DATE: 8 MAY 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: 1337/8
DECODED BY: NBE MEYER
PARAPHRASED BY: COLEMAN

TO: ALUSNA RIO

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BUORD CONDUCTED DOCK TRIALS AND INSPECTION CHARGER THIS DATE X RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY AT NAVY YARD OF TEN DAYS X LIMITING WORK ITEMS UPTAKE DAMPERS AND MAIN ENGINE ALTERATIONS X ALSO RECOMMEND SPECIAL EFFORTS BUSHIPS OBTAIN AND INSTALL YOKE EASY CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR AIR OPERATIONS ON HIGH SEAS X COMMANDING OFFICER CONCURS

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BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHÉ STOCKHOLM REPORTS RELIABLE SOURCE GERMANS HAVE ESTABLISHED METEOROLOGY STATIONS WEST COAST SPITSBERGEN AND EAST COAST GREENLAND X BOTH ABOUT LATITUDE SEVENTY SEVEN X
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMINCH
RELEASED BY ADMIRAL KING
DATE: 7 MAY 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1423/2926
DECODED BY: BELL/FINKELDEY
PARAPHRASING BY:

COMINCH AND ACNB HAVE AGREED TO DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL UNDERWATER DEFENCES AND NAVAL FACILITIES ON SHORE OF NOUMEA HARBOR. INFORMATION AS TO MATERIAL PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES TO BE FURNISHED AND CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THEIR ASSIGNMENT IS BEING forwarded BY AIR MAIL. A CAPTAIN OR COMMANDER WILL BE DIRECTED BY BUNAV TO PROCEED TO NOUMEA AND REPORT TO PATCH X PERTINENT INFORMATION AS TO ORDERS TO BE ISSUED. THIS OFFICER IS ALSO INCLUDED IN AIR MAIL LETTER. IT IS DESIRED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF NOUMEA HARBOR PROCEED UNDER US SUPERVISION AS RAPIDLY AS MATERIAL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR PACIFIC FLEET TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT TO EXTENT OF MAKING AVAILABLE A VESSEL SUITABLE FOR NET LAYING.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1650

DATE: MAY 4, 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT

TO: DIRECTOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: PAN AMERICAN CLIPPER DEPARTED AS SCHEDULED WITH FOLLOWING PASSENGERS ABOARD: ROBERT H. MCDOWELL, CAPTAIN US ARMY
CRANFORD WARDEN, LIEUT. COL. US ARMY
MANUEL FOX, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, CHINESE GOVT.
PAN AMERICAN CLIPPER ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED WITH FOLLOWING ABOARD:
JAMES FETTERS, US COURIER
ORRAY TAFT, JR., US VICE CONSUL
ROBERT B. ROCK, BRITISH AIR COMMISSION
HONORABLE THOMAS HENRY BRAND, BRITISH WAR CABINET, MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION
KEITH A. WOOD, BRITISH AIR COMMISSION
COLONEL MARTIN HOTINE, BRITISH GENERAL STAFF WAR OFFICE
PAUL VAN ZEELAND, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF BELGIUM
LEON CHANG, SECRETARY, MINISTER OF FINANCE, CHINA
EDWARD JOSEPH PHELAN, IRISH DIPLOMAT, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE
IVAN TCHOK, YUGOSLAVIAN CONSUL
HORACE J. FITZ PATRICK, DIRECTOR OF BRITISH PURCHASING COMMISSION

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FORCES ON ASCENSION ISLAND NEED MEANS OF IDENTIFYING APPROACHING VESSELS. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DELIVERY SAIL PREP ZERO TWO TWO NINE SEVEN MIKE AND ASSOCIATED PUBS PERMITTING USE SHIP SHORE LETTER AND ORGANIZATION OF SHORE SIGNAL STATION AND EXAMINATION SERVICE X PENDING ABOVE CONSIDER VESSELS SHOULD BE DIRECTED APPROACH ANCHORAGE BY DAY ONLY FROM FIFTEEN MILES OFFSHORE ON COURSE ONE THREE NINE TRUE X FORCES ABOARD TO BE NOTIFIED EASY TARE AFIRM XX PUBLICATIONS NECESSARY TO BE FORWARDED FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION X REQUEST ADMIRALTY CONCURRENCE

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IN VIEW FIVE / 38 RING TYPE GUN FOUNDATIONS AND HANDLING ROOMS ALREADY INSTALLED IN PLATTE RECOMMEND ULTIMATE APPROVED ARMAMENT THAT VESSEL BE CHANGED TO SAME AS CIMARRON AND NEOSHO. IF APPROVED REQUEST 5/38 RING TYPE GUN ASSEMBLIES AND MARK 37 DIRECTORS FOR BOTH PLATTE AND NEOSHO BE SHIPPED PEARL FOR INSTALLATION THESE VESSELS AS AVAILABILITY PERMITS. EARLY PARTIAL SHIPMENT OF GUNS URGENTLY DESIRED.  

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MY 251537. VP SEARCHED ONE HUNDRED BY FIFTY MILE LANE WITH 315-135 DEGREE BEARING LINE AXIS AND POINT 29N 7°W AS CENTER TODAY 26TH. LIFEBOATS NOT REPEAT NOT SIGHTED.

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ATTENTION INVITED TO FACT THAT THE BIRTHDAY OF THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS APRIL 29. IT MAY BE THAT THIS DATE OR THE LATTER PART OF APRIL MIGHT BE SELECTED BY JAPAN FOR EXECUTING AGAINST ALLIED FORCES IMPORTANT OFFENSIVE MEASURES INCLUDING COORDINATED SABOTAGE.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPMNav CODE ROOM FOR ONI, OP-23, OP-30, AND FOR MARCORPS.

DELIVER TO ARMY WPD.
IN THE HANDLING OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS CALLING AT CAPE TOWN, DURBAN AND PORT SAID, THE ADMIRALTY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IF A UNITED STATES NAVAL OFFICER WITH A STAFF COULD BE STATIONED AT EACH OF THOSE PORTS TO ASSIST THE BRITISH DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPS OFFICER. ADVISE.
TEXT: INFO COMINCH BUSHIPS, ORIGINATOR USS MONTECCELLO HABIT

RUN TO RIO CONDUCTED WITH 6 1/2 OUT OF EIGHT BOILERS IN

COMMISSION. AVERAGE ENGINE SPEED 14.9, SPEED MADE GOOD

12.75 KNOTS. DRAG PROBABLY DUE TO FOULING AND DEEP DRAFT.

SUPERHEATERS DID NOT LEAK BUT COMBUSTION WAS POOR DUE TO

CONDITION BOILER CASTINGS AND FORCED DRAFT SYSTEM. THERE

ARE THREE ALTERNATIVES. (1) PROCEED AT ONCE TO US WITH

ESCORT AT PROBABLE SPEED 12 1/2 (2) AFTER DOCKING IN RIO

PROCEED EARLY IN MAY PROBABLE SPEED 13 TO 14 (3) DOCK AND

WAIT ARRIVAL OF GUNS REF OPNAV DESPATCH 141531, THEN PROCEED

ABOUT 15 MAY OR LATER. PLAN (1) SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IF

DEPARTMENT DESIRES EARLY CONVERSION OF SHIP TO WAR SERVICE

BECAUSE THE CHIEF WEAKNESS IS CONDITION OF BOILERS WHICH

CANNOT BE CORRECTED HERE. GUNS CAN BE PLACED IN RESERVE

STOCK RIO. PLAN (2) DELAYS DEPARTURE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS AND

PLAN (3) OVERA MONTH. AM READY TO PROCEED NOW ON 2 DAYS NOTICE.

CTF 23 WILL BE IN RIO APRIL 22. ALUSNA RIO CONCURS.

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OPNAV has approved following armament all high speed minesweepers Mineron Two x four three inch slant fifty caliber double purpose guns five twenty millimeter antiaircraft machine guns two single depth charge throwers two seven charge capacity three hundred pound depth charge tracks x yards hereby authorized install above armament after removal following items x all four inch slant fifty caliber guns x all point fifty caliber machine guns x after twenty four inch searchlight and toker to level of carpenters shop x all structure overhanging after end after deck house and now used as paravane or other stowage x all tile in washrooms and laundry spaces x three inch guns to be installed in locations original four inch battery including two on top galley deck house x if foundations not now provided these locations in hovey long they shall be provided x twenty millimeter machine guns shall be installed as follows two on forward corners galley deck house two on forward corners galley deck house two on forward corners galley deck house two on forward corners galley deck house two on forward corners galley deck house after

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DECK HOUSE ONE ON PLATFORM TOP PRESENT CARPENTER'S SHOP ON OLD
SEARCHLIGHT TOWER FOUNDATION X ONE SINGLE DEPTH CHARGE PROJECTOR
TO BE INSTALLED EACH SIDE MAIN DECK IN ANY AVAILABLE SPACE PROVIDED
D NOT LOCATED FORWARD FRAME ONE HUNDRED FOUR X CANDLE STICK TYPE
STORAGE TO BE PROVIDED EACH DEPTH CHARGE PROJECTOR FOR STOWAGE
THREE THREE HUNDRED POUND DEPTH CHARGES EXCLUSIVE ONE IN THROWER
BARREL X FORMER WARHEAD LOCKER TO BE MODIFIED ACCOMMODATE STOWAGE
TWENTY FOUR THREE HUNDRED POUND DEPTH CHARGES X IN SHIPS WHERE
WARHEAD LOCKER NOW USED FOR BATTERY STOWAGE DEPTH CHARGES WILL BE
STOWED IN HANDLING ROOM FORWARD OF WARHEAD LOCKER X THREE POUND
MEDIUM STEEL WINDSHIELDS TO BE PROVIDED ALL MACHINE GUNS X *****
STORAGE TO BE PROVIDED FOR FIFTY ROUNDS READY SERVICE EACH THREE
INCH GUN AND TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED ROUNDS EACH TWENTY MILLIMETER GUN
LATTER ACCORDANCE BUSHIPS LTR THIRTEEN DECEMBER X FOUR INCH MAGA-
ZINES TO BE MODIFIED FOR STOWAGE THREE INCH AMMUNITION.

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FREE FRENCH COMMANDING OFFICER SYRIA REPORTED VER COOPERATIVE
WITH RN. DISPATCHES FROM LONDON STATES ADMIRAL HUSSERLIER
TO BE RELIEVED BY ADMIRAL ABOYNEAU NOW IN AUSTRALIA AND
COMMANDER OF STAFF CAPTAIN DEVASSEUAUMORET TO BE RELIEVED
BY CAPTAIN DEFREGATE JACQUET, CAPT DEVASSEAU GAYRAL TO ACT
FOR ADM ABOYNEAU AS CINC FREE FRENCH NAVY UNTIL LATTER
ARRIVES ENGLAND.

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The following is an estimate of the situation of the French fleet personnel at Alexandria.

Three tenths of the officers are fanatically pro-Axis. They will accept bribes but will not change their attitude. Most of them have pro-axis mistresses in Alexandria. The President of a pro-Nazi club is a French destroyer captain. Their estimate of the final outcome of the war is unduly influenced by the Pearl Harbor episode. The pro-British officers, amounting to one tenth of the total are blackmailed by threats of reprisal against their families in France. The men are apathetic and follow the lead of their immediate officers.

It is believed that when the news of Admiral Muselier's dismissal is released to them, the French crews will be seriously affected. Gilbert is of the opinion that the French ships at Alexandria should be given tasks to overshadow the effect of this news.

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(ACTION OPNAV INFO RIO)

REPORT ARRIVAL NAVAL OBSERVER STAFF THIS POST TODAY. REGISTERING CABLE ADDRESS.

(Southern Brazil).
### Synopsis of Career of Rear Admiral Michael Ivanovich Akulin

Fellows with Major General Alexander Ivanovich Belavayeff a IR Corps left March Two Eight by Plane for US via Teheran: Born 26 Sept 1898 Graduated Naval Cadets School X Completed Special Course Svoroshilov Naval Academy 1932 X Gunnery Specialist X 17-48 Served in 30-D Land Shore Battery 1920 on Staff Ongga Flotilla X 20 to 23 on Staff Operating Detail of Black Sea Vessels X 23 to 25 on Staff Chief Naval Com X 25 to 27 Senior Watch Officer North Black Sea Fleet X 27 to 29 Gunnery Officer Frunze X 32 to 33 Division Gunnery Officer Cruiser Division Black Sea Fleet X 33 to 37 Fleet Gunnery Officer Pacific Fleet X 37 to 40 Asst Chief Bureau Ordnance X 41 to 42 Chief Bureau Ordnance X has order of Lenin A ND twenty year service medal: Workers and Peasants Red Army X Akulins Destroyer Enthusiast X Invitation to Visit One of Our Destroiers Might Be Profitable Gesture

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**FOLLOWING PERSONNEL DEPARTED AS PASSENGERS IN SNAFFER:**

LIEUT COMDRS EUGENE E. PARO, G. J. KING, ENSIGN G. A. ABRAHAMSSEN
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RADIO ELEC FRANKLIN A. TRIPPLENT, COLONEL W. T. CLEMENT USMC,
ALBIN C. RONNING CM, THADDE WINTHORPE CTM, DONALD M. PRELIP
TMT-first, G. W. VOLL TM FIRST, DONALD M. PRELIP TM FIRST, (REPEAT)
W. GONZALO MORALES CTM, THOMAS H. HERRMANN CTM, W. C. BOSTON TM
FIRST, HARRY D. GAULT TM FIRST, RUSSELL F. HOYT CMM, EARL R.
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HANS E. EHLERS MM FIRST, JUNIOR G. BEVIS MM SECOND, EDWARD J.
HALL MSMTH FIRST, IVAN G. NELSON CTM, FRANK C. TADDE CQMM,
FLOYD M. SYMONS CSM.

**COMMANDING OFFICER PIGEON REPORTS THAT AT LAST MUSTER**

OF CREW FOLLOWING TWO MEN ARE MISSED AND BELIEVED TO BE
IN SNAFFER: GRENVILLE C. STONE YEOMAN SECOND, WAYNE E. TAYLOR

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ON RECENT TESTS FIVE INCH 25 AA AMMUNITION PHOENIX EXPERIENCED NEARLY 100% FAILURES WHEN TESTING AMMUNITION WITH MARK 18 NO MOD FUSES AND 100% NAV PERFORMANCE WITH MARK 18 MEER 2 AND 3. THIS IN ACCORDANCE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HOUSTON. HAVE ISSUED TO PHOENIX APPROXIMATELY TWO SIX HUNDRED ROUNDS 5 INCH 25 AA WITH MARK 18 MOD 3 TIME FUSE BUT WITHOUT BASE DETONATING FUSES. PHOENIX TURNED IN DEFECTIVE AMMUNITION WITH EXCEPTION 300 ROUNDS RETAINED ON BOARD FOR POSSIBLE USE AGAINST SURFACE VESSELS THIS AMMUNITION STILL RETAINING BASE DETONATING FUSES. UPON ARRIVAL BOISE FREMANTLE WILL ISSUE 1200 ROUNDS GOOD AA AMMUNITION TO REPLACE THAT PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED TO HOUSTON LEAVING IN THIS AREA 1200 ROUNDS FOR FUTURE USE BY PHOENIX. CONSIDER THIS AMOUNT REPLACEMENT AMMUNITION ADEQUATE FOR TIME BEING WILL RETURN TO US UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY BUORD BY FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION DEFECTIVE AMMUNITION REMOVED FROM PHOENIX.
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FROM: COMESF
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 10 APRIL 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 2259/2142
DECODED BY: HIGGINS/BERRY

TO: COMINCH
FOR ACTION: JN 1 6 1973
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COMPLIANCE YOUR SECRET LETTER FEBRUARY NINETEEN SERIAL

ØØ1Ø9 X SUMMARY TO MARCH THIRTY ONE INCLUSIVE IS AFRIRM 117

BAKER 11 CAST 3Ø DOG 76 EASY 6 FOX 14 GEORGE 82 HYPO 21

INTER AS FOLLOWS CASE ONE ROUNDED DARK OBJECT APPEARED

MOMENTARILY AND SANK TWO MUD THREE OIL AND CORK FOUR

OIL AND BUBBLES FIVE HEAVY OIL SLICK SIX OIL SLICK AND

DEBRIS SEVEN OIL SLICK EIGHT OIL SLICK NINE OIL SLICK

TEN OIL SLICK ELEVEN HEAVY OIL SLICK TWELVE QUANTITIES

OF HOT OIL CAME TO SURFACE THIRTEEN LARGE AMOUNT OIL

LARGE AND SMALL AIR BUBBLES FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND SOME

WRECKAGE FOURTEEN CONSIDERABLE OIL AND LARGE AND SMALL

OIL BUBBLES FIFTEEN WRECKAGE LARGE QUANTITY OIL AIR

BUBBLES MOVEMENT OF OIL SLICK APPARENTLY CEASED SIXTEEN

MOVEMENT OF OIL SLICK CEASED AND LARGE AIR BUBBLES ROSE

FOR SEVERAL HOURS SEVENTEEN MOVEMENT OF OIL SLICK AND

MAGNETIC CONTACT MOVEMENT CEASED WRECKAGE OIL AND AIR

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BUBBLES RISING FOR SEVERAL HOURS EIGHTEEN DEBRIS AND OIL AND AIR BUBBLES NINETEEN SMALL AMOUNT OF OIL PERSISTENT AIR BUBBLES TWENTY DISCOLORATION APPEARED LIKE OIL FROM A DISTANCE TWENTY ONE SMALL AMOUNT OF OIL AND PERSISTENT BUBBLING AFTER NOTICEABLE DELAY IN DETONATION OF CHARGE X JIG Ø KING 4 LOVE Ø MIKE AS FOLLOWS 2 BELIEVED SIGHTED X 3 MOVING OIL SLICK WITH MAGNETIC CONTACT X ONE MOVING MAGNETIC CONTACT X ONE MAGNETIC CONTACT X ONE MOVING OIL SLICK X NINE NOT DESCRIBED

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DUTCH NAVAL OFFICE LONDON HAS ADVISED ITALIAN TANKERS AREOLA AND TRUGATE SAILED SANTA CRUZ AND TENERIFE FOR CURACAO ARRIVE IN APRIL. BRITISH GUARD ON BOARD. TO LOAD 6000 DIESEL OIL AND 8000 FUEL OIL FOR FOUR ITALIAN LINERS BEING USED REPATRIATION WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM ETHIOPIA.

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LATE TONIGHT THE SPANISH SHIP CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA IS SAILING FROM MONTEVIDEO WITH AXIS DIPLOMATS FROM URUGUAY ABOARD. VESSEL HAS BEEN GIVEN FREE PASSAGE AND DIPLOMATS ASSURANCES OF SAFE CONDUCT BY BOTH U.S. EMBASSY AND BRITISH LEGATION HERE. ALL THE WAY TO LISBON. SHIP IS PAINTED WHITE CARRYING SPANISH COLORS, THE WORD DIPLOMATS AND NAME ON SIDES. THESE SIGNS AND THE SHIP WILL BE ILLUMINATED AT NIGHT. ROUTE OF SHIP IS RIO, CANARY ISLANDS, LISBON. ANY CHANGE OF COURSE AND SHIPS POSITION WILL BE SENT BY RADIO DAILY BY SHIP BETWEEN 1200 AND 1205 ON 36 METERS OR 625 METERS.

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ADMIRALTY REPORTS THAT ITALIAN LINERS SATURNIA AND VULCANIA LEAVE GIBRALTAR ABOUT APRIL 7 ENROUTE ETHIOPIA VIA CAPE TOWN ON AN APPROVED MISSION TO REPATRIATE ITALIAN CIVILIANS X SHIPS DUILIO AND GUILIO CESARE ARRIVE GIBRALTAR ABOUT 11 APRIL ON SAME MISSION X SHIPS PAINTED WHITE WITH ITALIAN FLAG AND RED CROSSES ON SIDES AND WITH WHITE CROSSES ON BLUE GREY FUNNELS ALSO RED CROSSES ON DECKS BOW AND STERN X PROCEEDING FROM GIBRALTAR VIA 16-40N 23-40W X 14-50N 22-35W X 19S 17W X 37S 14E X 37S 22E X 35S 30E X 33S 33E X FUEL IS TO BE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN TANKERS ARCOLA AND TAIGETE TO LEAVE CADIZ ABOUT 18 APRIL FOR CURACAO AND RETURN TO TENERIFE X TANKERS BLACK WITH 1.5 METER WHITE BAND AROUND HULL ABOVE WATER LINE AND ITALIAN FLAG EACH SIDE AMIDSHIPS ALSO WHITE DISCS ON DECK BOW AND STERN AND ON EACH SIDE OF FUNNELS X BRITISH ARMED GUARD CREWS
ABOARD CONTROLLING NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION X WILL BURN NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS AND ILLUMINATE FLAG AT NIGHT X NOON POSITION COURSE AND SPEED WILL BE TRANSMITTED DAILY IN PLAIN LANGUAGE X VESSELS ARE NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH BY ALLIED FORCES X

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM FOR 16...37....
It is apparent from interrogations of masters of 3 American merchant ships, Idaho, Seathrush and Robin Locksley, that there is a great laxity in New York Harbor in the handling, supervision and precautions for the safety of US mail while enroute from post office to final security aboard ship. Mail ranging in amount from hundreds of bags to a thousand bags have remained on docks over night with no special guard other than dock watchmen. Ample opportunity for rifling and insertion of incendiary material. No particular supervision during transfer from dock to ship. 1 diplomatic pouch from US for SouthAmerican Defense Headquarters Pretoria carried on Seathrush had been rifled apparently before stowing on ship. Ships officers not informed that diplomatic mail was included in regular mail. Mail not checked nor receipted for. 539 bags.

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SCHIFFSBAUABKUNDLICHT. 7 UND 8 TANKERS 2463, 1 ONE CARGO LINER 953, 11 CARGO TRAMPS 725, 1 ONE COLLIER 2735 TOTAL 16 SHIPS 19355. COMPLETED 2 CARGO LINERS 25916, 14 CARGO TRAMPS 84911, ONE COLLIER 1849, TOTAL 17 SHIPS 112676.
(PART ONE)

IN CONFERENCE ON MARCH TWENTY SIX BETWEEN ADMIRALTY POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP, GPO REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF FOLLOWING NOTED IN CONNECTION WITH CENSORSHIP AND HANDLING OF MAILS AND TELEGRAMS TO AND FROM U.S. WARSHIPS IN BRITISH WATERS:

(A)...MAILS FROM U.S. FOR U.S. WARSHIPS IN BRITISH WATERS NORMALLY TO BE CENSORED IN U.S.

(B)...HUNDRED PERCENT CENSORSHIP BY U.S. NAVAL AUTHORITY OF MAIL AND TELEGRAMS ORIGINATING FROM U.S. NAVAL SOURCES TO CONTINUE.

(C)...NO LETTERS TO BE POSTED ASHORE IN U.K. BY U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL EXCEPT WHERE ARRANGEMENTS MAY EXIST FOR BASE CENSORSHIP.

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(B) BRITISH OFFICIALS RECOMMEND THAT INLAND TELEGRAMS AND OVERSEAS CABLES FROM U.S. WARSHIPS BE CENSORED ON CONFIDENTIAL
BOARD WITH BRITISH TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP ACTING AS QUOTE
LONG STOP UNQUOTE FOR OVERSEAS CABLES.

(E) SHIP DASH CENSORED MAILS FROM U.S. WARSHIPS RELEASED
TO BRITISH POSTOFFICE TO BE DEALT WITH IN SAME WAY AS
SHIP DASH CENSORED MAILS FROM H.M. SHIPS AND TO BE SUBJECT
TO TOKEN CENSORSHIP BY BRITISH OFFICIALS AS DESCRIBED IN
CONFIDENTIAL SERIAL NUMBER 0243 OF TWENTY MARCH 1942.

(F) LETTERS TO OR FROM U.S. WARSHIPS FOUND LOOSE IN
BRITISH MAILS WILL BE REFERRED BY NAVAL SECTION LONDON TO
LIAISON OFFICER FROM U.S. STAFF IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT
THEM HAVE BEEN POSTED ABORE, IF THEY ARE INCORRECTLY
ADDRESSED, IF THEY INFRINGE ON CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.
IN ALL CASES WHERE GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED, LIAISON OFFICER
WILL ADVISE TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP IN SIMILAR CASES IN-
VOLVING TELEGRAMS OR CABLES.

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(PART THREE)

(G). MAIL FROM UNIT KINGDOM: TO U.S. WARSHIPS TO BE SENT IN NAME OF SHIP CARE POSTMASTER NEW YORK, CABLES IN NAME OF SHIP CARE OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION NAVY DEPT. WASHINGTON D.C.

(H). BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMEND THAT MAIL FROM U.S. FOR WARSHIPS IN BRITISH WATERS SHOULD BE OVERBAGGED IN UNITED STATES AND LABELLED QUOTE U.S. NAVAL MAIL CARE OF GPO LONDON UNQUOTE.

(I). MAIL POSTED AND TELEGRAMS DESPATCHED IN U.K FOR U.S. WARSHIPS IN BRITISH WATERS TO BE ADDRESSED IN NAME OF SHIP CARE OF GPO LONDON.

(PART FOUR)

USNGB LONDONDERRY TO BE USED AS ADDRESS ONLY FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO BASE AND NOT FOR CORRESPONDENCE TO WARSHIPS WHICH MAY BE THERE.

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(K). FREE POSTAGE AND NEUTRAL DATE STAMPS FOR LETTERS EMANATING FROM U.S. NAVAL SOURCES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION BY G.P.O. WHICH WILL KEEP ME ADVISED.

(L). G.P.O. HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS THAT OFFICE OF ORIGIN MUST BE OMITTED FROM ALL TELEGRAMS RECEIVED FROM U.S. VESSELS OR DESPATCHED BY U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL.

(M). INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR ROUTING OF MAIL FOR U.S. VESSELS IN BRITISH WATERS TO BE SUPPLIED ADMIRALTY BY MY STAFF.

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**DRAFTER**

**ALUSNA BEYOGLU**

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**RECENT TURKISH BATTLE ORDER RECEIVED FROM FRENCH AND POLISH SOURCES STATES DISPOSITION TURKISH ARMY EARLY THIS YEAR ESSENTIALLY SAME AS IN 1941, IN SPITE REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS OF BRITISH, WHO POINT OUT DIFFICULTIES WITHDRAWAL ACROSS STRAITS AND ADVOCATE HOLDING STRONGER LINE INTERIOR ANATOLIA.**

**BRITISH HERE ADMIT TURKS VERY SLOW IN MAKING NEW DISPOSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM. FULL REPORT BY MAIL AND COPY MILITARY ATTACHE.**

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DURING EIGHT OF THE LAST NINE DAYS AT SEA ROUGH WEATHER HAS REQUIRED WASHINGTON CLOSING SUPPLY VENT INTAKES ON WEATHER SIDE OF MAIN DECK. THESE CANNOT BE CLOSED FROM INSIDE. SEAS HAVE FREQUENTLY SUBMERGED MAIN DECK FIVE INCH GUNS. AN EMERGENCY CHANGE OF COURSE SHIFTING WEATHER SIDE WOULD HAVE JEOPARDIZED IF NOT RUINED TURBINE GENERATOR DISTRIBUTION BOARDS AND OTHER VITAL MACHINERY. KEEPING THESE INTAKES CLOSED BOTH SIDES AND SUPPLYING AIR TO PROPULSION SPACES THROUGH "Y" AND "Z" APERTURES FROM BOAT DECK HAS BEEN TRIED BUT NOT ACCEPTABLE. WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY AND EXPLOSIVE PROTECTION IMPAIRED.

TEMPERATURE AT MAIN OPERATING STATION ROSE TO 122° IN 45 MINUTES AND WOULD HAVE OVERHEATED 5 INCH MAGAZINES IF CONTINUED.

ONE EXHAUST BLOWER REVERSED WITH DEFINITE INDICATION THAT REV-E-CONFIDENTIAL
SING TWO EACH SPACE CANNOT KEEP TEMPERATURE WITHIN PERMISSIBLE LIMITS EVEN IN THIS COLD CLIMATE.
TO MAKE INTAKE COVERS OPERABLE FROM INSIDE NOT ADEQUATE SOLUTION SINCE SLIGHT DAMAGE WOULD DERANGE GEAR.
CUTTING OPENINGS IN AIR DUCTS TO BOILERS NOT RECOMMENDED.
ESSENTIAL AND URGENT ALTERATION THIS CLASS SHIPS EXTEND PROPULSION SPACE SUPPLY VENT TRUNKS ABOVE BOAT DECK. DESIRABLE ALTERATION EXTEND LIVING SPACE SUPPLY VENTS TRUNKS ABOVE DECK.
SHIPS FORCE WILL PROCEED WITH TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS FOR MACHINERY SPACES. SIMILAR CONDITION EXISTING IN AIR SUPPLIES TO MASTER DIESEL ENGINE ROOM STILL UNSOLVED.
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FROM JAPANESE PRESS SOURCES: HERE, PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ABOUT TO BE RELEASED TO ASSOCIATED PRESS THRU TASS, REVEALING THE EXTEND OF PEARL HARBOR RAID DAMAGE AT WAKE AND THE SINKING OF REPULSE AND PRINCE OF WALES.

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URDIS 301345 MARCH TO ALUSNA MELBOURNE SEE AMAST 1792 AND MASTA 2069. MYDIS 141227 MARCH IF COMMON STOCK PRINCIPLE IS ACTUALLY IN EFFECT LONDON WILL NEED FROM OPNAV ONLY FOLLOWING SEMI MONTHLY REPORTS (A) NAMES OF TANKERS CARGOES AND ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATES IN AUSTRALIAN PORTS (B) NUMBER OF TRANSPORT AND CARGO SHIPS EXPECTED ARRIVE AUSTRALIAN WATERS EACH HALF MONTH AND ESTIMATED OVERALL BUNKER REQUIREMENTS (C) ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS US NAVY IN AUSTRALIA EACH HALF MONTH. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH REPORT COVER 3XX 3 OR 4 FORWARD HALF MONTH PERIODS EVEN THOUGH APPROXIMATE FOR THE MORE FORWARDLY PERIODS. RECOMMEND OPNAV UNDERTAKE CABLE THIS INFORMATION ON REGULAR 3XX3 DATES. MASTA 2033 AMAST 1782 BRITISH CONTEMPLATE SCHEME FOR ANZAC AREA SIMILAR TO AUSTRALIANS, SOON AS LATTER IS ESTABLISHED UNLESS US TAKES OVER DIRECTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ANZAC AREA. PLEASE NOTE COMANZAC HAS ORDERED ONE OF THE TWO VESSELS DISCHARGE IN SYDNEY. MYDIS 281636 FEBRUARY HAVE
RECENTLY DISCONTINUED SENDING DATA REFERRED TO BECAUSE (1) WASHINGTON APPARENTLY GETTING MOST FROM OTHER SOURCES AND (2) EASING OF SITUATION, FURTHER IN VIEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUE UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. ADMIRALTY DO NOT PROPOSE ALLOW TRICOMALEE STOCK TO FALL BELOW 600,000 TONS WHICH POINT WILL BE REACHED ABOUT MIDDLE OF MAY. THEREAFTER COMMERCIAL TANKERS WILL HAVE TO LOAD AT ABADAN. MYDIS 141231 MARCH SEE MASTA 2258.

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MY $42126 V P COVERED ENSIS SIX HOURS. VESSEL CONTINUED NORTHERLY COURSE SPEED NINE. SUBMARINE NOT SIGHTED BY PLANE.

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REQUEST INFORMATION CONCERNING MRS. LEONARD COVETT, AMERICAN
WIFE OF LIEUTENANT IN ROYAL NAVY, AND SON PASSENGERS SS CITY
OF NEW YORK. MY 041625.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM ALUSNA LONDON
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DAILY SERIAL APRIL 4TH

BRITISH GLENSHIEL ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE FROM BOMBAY FOR FREEMANTLE TORPEDOED 2ND AT 2237 POSIT SOUTH BY WEST OF COLOMBO ABOUT 485 MILES. US WEST IRMC Bound FROM NEW YORK TO LAGES REPORTED TORPEDOED AT 2335 YESTERDAY Position, SOUTHEAST CAPE PALMAS ABOUT 160 MILES.

PANAMANIAN RACELAND ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT AT 1220 MARCH 28 POSITION 7240 NORTH 2020 WEST LAST REPORT SHIP SINKING AND CREW HAD TAKEN TO BOATS.

BRITISH PAMPAS AND NORWEGIAN TALABOT DAMAGED BY AIR RAIDS ON MARCH 26TH AT MALTA, 1ST SUBMERGED BUT REPORTED SALVAGABLE, 2ND AGROUND BUT CARGO CAN STILL BE WORKED.

CONVOYS SC 103 AND HX 185 ARRIVED SAFELY.

KG 44 HAD 2 OR 3 PLANES ACTING FROM TRONDHEIM ON LONG DISTANCE WEATHER AND SHIPPING RECONNAISSANCE OFF NORTH EAST COAST OF IRELAND.

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YOUR 121448.

EMBASSY RELEASED NO SUCH INFORMATION.

* APPARENTLY MEANS 021448

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PLEASE SEE CABLE SENT MARCH 31 BY WAR SHIPPING BOARD LONDON TO WAR SHIPPING ADJUSTMENT BOARD WASHINGTON REGARDING USE OF BRITISH CONTROLLED TANKERS NORMALLY ENGAGED IN AMERICAN’S DASH UNITED KINGDOM SERVICE.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** OCMINCH

**RELEASED BY:** ADMIRAL KING

**DATE:** MARCH 30, 1942

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RESUME OF CONVERSATIONS WITH FREE FRENCH NAVAL OFFICERS:

THAT THEY STILL FEAR DARLAN MAY ALLOW THE GERMANS TO USE THE FRENCH FLEET.

THAT THE ENGLISH SHOULD HAVE SEIZED DJIBOUTI.

THAT FRENCH HIGH FINANCE AND BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS ARE SUPPORTING VICHY REGIME.

THAT UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IS AS POLITICS RIDDEN AND DISORGANIZED AS EVER.

THAT GERMANS IN OCCUPIED AREA ARE TREATING INHABITANTS CIRCUMSPECTLY AND HAVE SET UP ORDERLY CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

THAT U.S. SHOULD ADOPT A MORE DECISIVE POLICY TOWARD VICHY AND WILL GET NOWHERE BY TEMORIZING.

THAT U.S. AND ENGLAND SHOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DE GAULLE FORCES. THOSE COMPRISING THEM ARE INTENSELY PATRIOTIC.

THAT NOT MUCH FAITH CAN BE PLACED IN VICHY PROMISES TO THE U.S. AND ENGLAND.

THAT A DECISIVE NAVAL VICTORY BY THE U.S. NAVY WOULD HAVE A GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND A CHILLING EFFECT ON VICHY ATTITUDE TOWARD GERMANY.

THAT A JAP COMMERICAL MISSION SO CALLED HAS BEEN IN MADAGASCAR.
GUARDED DESSEMINATION.

GENERAL ANDERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF POLISH FORCES IN RUSSIA SPENT THREE DAYS IN MOSCOW LAST WEEK. CAME TO DISCUSS WITH STALIN CRITICAL SITUATION CONFRONTING POLES WITH RESPECT TO FOOD AND TO URGE EVACUATION OUT OF RUSSIA OF POLISH TROOPS NOW DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

HEADQUARTERS GENERALS TAFFYANGI-YOUL BELOW TASHKENT.
FIFTH DIVISION DJAL-ABAD
SIXTH DIVISION SHAKHRIZIAB
SEVENTH DIVISION KERMINYE
EIGHTH DIVISION CHOPAK
NINTH DIVISION MARGELAN
TENTH DIVISION LUGOVAIA

HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM 1000 TO 1500 NEW RECRUITS DAILY. ONLY FIFTH DIVISION IS ARMED AND EQUIPPED SIXTH PARTIALLY SO. EQUIPMENT WAS FURNISHED BY RUSSIANS AND IS OBSOLETE. ANDERS

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RECEIVED PERMISSION TO EVACUATE TO JAN EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH DIVISIONS AND EXPECTED TO BEGIN MOVING TROOPS MARCH 27TH. HOPES PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED LATER TO REMOVE REMAINDER OF HIS FORCES. ESTIMATES POSSIBLE 10 PERCENT WASTAGE FROM UNDER-NOURISHMENT AND DISEASE BY END OF WINTER.

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NORWEGIAN FRIMC REPORTS SIGHTING SUSPICIOUS TANKER STEERING ENE AT 1030 GMT/24TH MARCH IN POSITION 34-25N 67-09W.

TANKER MADE SEVERAL ALTERATIONS OF COURSE AND LAST SEEN AT 2000 GMT STEERING WEST. DESCRIPTION ABOUT 100 FEET LONG, MG NEW APPEARANCE MODERN CONSTRUCTION, FUNNEL AFT, TWO LARGE VENTILATORS ABOFT BRIDGE, HIGH FORECASTLE FULLY LADEN, ONE GUN ABOUT 4 INCH AND H A GUN ON BRIDGE. FLYING NO FLAG AND MADE NO SIGNALS.

**COMMENTS**

1. UNKNOWN SHIPP MADE RNR MESSAGE AT 1440 GMT FROM POSITION 34-24N 71-11W.

2. TANKER NARRAGANSETT TORPEDOED AT 0419 GMT 26TH MARCH IN 34-46N 67-49W.

BAD PASS TO OPNAV CINCLANT AND CINCLANT.

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**TEXT**

PASS TO COWINCH AND BUDOCKS FOR INFO. PRIOR RECEIPT YOUR 52125 COMMANUS ARMY FORCES BRITISH ISLES REQUESTED THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS BASE A BE ASSIGNED ARMY. THIS WAS AGREED TO PENDING POSSIBLE NAVAL NEED FOR THESE FACILITIES. UPON RECEIPT OF REFERENCE AND IN VIEW POSSIBLE EXPANDING REQUIREMENTS US ARMY IN NORTH IRELAND SPENAVO INFORMED CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE THAT ALTHOUGH PERMISSION HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO TRANSFER PERMANENTLY BASES 2A AND 8 TO BRITISH. TRANSFER OF BASE A SHOULD BE DEFERRED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS US ARMY. COMMANUS ARMY FORCES IN BRITISH ISLES NOW DESIRES OBTAIN PERMANENT USE BASE A. RECOMMEND REFERENCE BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW PERMANENT USE OF BASES 2 AND 8 BY BRITISH AND 8A BY US ARMY.

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FOLLOWING FROM LT RAYMOND QUOTE POSITIVE EVIDENCE NOW ON HAND ENEMY USING RADAR IN THIS AREA AS ANTI-SUBMARINE MEASURE. ENEMY COUNTER SUBMARINE ACTIVITY INCREASING WITH MORE AND ACCURATE ASDIC ATTACKS. CONSEQUENCE OF THIS BRITISH SUBS BEGINNING FEEL MOST UNCOMFORTABLE THROUGH LACK OF SUFFICIENT SETS. URGENT THIS LACK BE REMEDIED BOTH IN BRITISH AND OUR BOATS UNQUOTE.

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OBVIOUS CLANDESTINE RDO STN SENDING DAILY AT 0330 GCT ON 7212 KCS BY PLAIN AM VOICE AS QUOTE STATION DEBUNK UNQUOTE SPREADS VIOLENT ANTI-BRIT PROPAGANDA. OPENS AND CLOSES WITH POORLY PLAYED US NATIONAL ANTHEM ON TUNELESS PIANO. VIEW GOOD RECEIPTION NO STATIC PLUS SIGNAL STRENGTH GOOD CHANCE SET IS IN BRIT GUIANA. REQUEST OF BEARINGS AND POSIT BY DISPATCH.

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TWO DOMES WITH ARMOR ABOUT 18 CENTIMETERS THICK WERE
BROUGHT ON MARCH 18 BY STEAMER TOURS FROM MARSEILLE ADDRESSED
TO CONSTRUCTIONS NAVALES DE CASA BLANCA. IT IS UNDERSTOOD
THAT THESE DOMES ARE TO BE PLACED ON THE FORWARD TURRET OF THE
JEAN BART AND TO BE FITTED ON THE RIGHT AND LEFT SIDES OF THE
REAR OF THE TURRET AT THE PLACE WHERE THE RANGE FINDER
PROVIDES. ON MARCH 25 THE FLOATING CRANE CACHALOT WAS BROUGHT
WITHIN THE TORPEDO NET DEFENSE BARRAGE AROUND AND ALONG SIDE
JEAN BART AND WORK STARTED OF LOWERING INTO PLACE THE DOME
FOR THE PORT SIDE. ON MARCH 24 SAME FLOATING CRANE PLACED
ABOARD SOME EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF PIECES OF TUBULAR SHEET
STEEL ABOUT ONE POINT FIVE METERS LONG AND THREE ZERO CENTIMETERS
IN DIAMETER WITH AN OPEN SEAM CUT OUT THROUGH LENGTH OF EACH
PIECE, GIVING TO THE APPEARANCE OF A STEEL COLLAR.
Both ends of these pieces had holes drilled of about three quarters of inch in diameter and running parallel to length of tubes. All parts, painted flat grey and therefore probably exposed, are coming aboard on Twenty Fourth.
YOUR EIGHTEEN FIFTEEN ZERO ONE EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS
SUCH THAT BRITISH CURRENCY OUTSIDE GREAT BRITAIN HAS NO
OFFICIAL VALUE. EXCHANGE OF US CURRENCY FOR ANY FOREIGN
CURRENCY BY OUR PAYMasters ABOARD SHIP IX ILLEGAL. FOR
THese REASONS AND BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF DISPOSITION OF
BRITISH CURRENCY USE OF SHIPS SERVICE STORE FUNDS FOR THIS
PURPOSE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE. BUSANDA SUGGESTS US PERSONNEL
TRAVELING ON BRITISH SHIPS FROM BRITISH PORTS BE FURNISHED
POUNDS BY US NAVY PAYMasters IN ADVANCE AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS PROCEDURE IS IMPrACTICABLE AS STATED YOUR DESPATCH. BRITISH PERSONNEL ON US SHIPS FROM US PORTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED DOLLARS BEFORE EMBARKATION.
ON MARCH 11 YUGOSLAV SOURCE REPORTED GERMAN PREPARATIONS USE GAS EASTERN FRONT. NO FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINABLE UNTIL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT DATED MARCH 24 ISTANBUL. IMMEDIATELY THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION IS TURK WITH STRONG NAZI SYMPATHIES LONG EMPLOYED HERE AS KRUPP AGENT AND SEES GERMANS ARRIVING FROM GERMANY AND BALKANS. INFORMATION IS RELIABLE UNLESS CIRCULATED TO MISLEAD.

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BRITISH HAVE AGREED TO CHINESE REQUEST FOR TRAINING NAVAL OFFICERS SIMILAR TO THAT FORWARDED IN MY FEB 5TH 8885 X EARLY REPLY BY US THEREFORE DESIRABLE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF SPECIAL PROJECT ON WHICH WE NOW SEEK SINO COOPERATION.
MYDIS 141447 FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES BASED ON PERIOD
1 APRIL 43 TO 1 FEBRUARY 42 AND ARE TORPEDOES PER CRAFT PER YEAR.
ALL SURFACE VESSELS WTH 2.70, BATSHIPS AND BAT CRUISERS 1.31,
DESTROYERS 0.93, CRUISERS 2.29, MTB 1.08, SUBMARINES 14.2, ALL
TORP AIRCRAFT 3.18, CARRIER TORP PLANES 2.27, SHORE BASED AIR
ARM AND RAF 5.14. ABOVE BASED ON AVERAGE NUMBER UNITS IN COM-
MISSION BUT NOT NECESSARILY OPERATING. FOLLOWING ARE NOT INCLUDED.
EXPENDITURES PRIOR TO APRIL 1943, LOST TORPEDOES EXCEPT AIRCRAFT
TRAINING, TORPS LOST IN SUNKEN SHIPS OR EXPENDED PRIOR TO SINKING,
DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS AND INCLUDES EFFECT OF OPERATING AREAS AND
MONTHLY EXPENDITURES FOR ENTIRE WAR.
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**FROM:** ALUSHA LONDON

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 20 MARCH 1942

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**DECODED BY:** PHILLIPS

**PARAPHRASED BY:** BOWLE

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**TEXT:**

URDIs 172344* X BRITISH 7 SHIPS OF 171786 TONS X AMERICAN 8 SHIPS OF 30485 TONS X PANAMERICAN 11 SHIPS OF 26342 TONS X NORWEGIAN 10 SHIPS OF 19182 TONS X DUTCH 6 SHIPS OF 34724 TONS X SWEDISH 2 SHIPS OF 7634 TONS X TOTAL 116 SHIPS OF 288083 TONS X DETAILED LIST BEING MAILED.

*RE JAPANESE SEIZED VESSELS.*

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FOLLOWING CANADIAN OFFICERS DESIRE TO INSPECT REPUBLIC STEEL AND FIRESTONE PLANTS AT CLEVELAND AND AKRON ON APPROXIMATE DATES MAR 28 AND 29 X S. L. DE CARTERET DEPUTY MINISTER FOR AIR AIRMARSHAL BREADNER CHIEF OF AIR STAFF MAJOR EASTWOOD COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL X ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH CONTACTS THIS OFFICE X ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE WILL FURNISH TRANSPORTATION X REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR U S NAVAL ATTACHE AND LT (JG) G S MCINTOSH ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE TO ACCOMPANY PARTY X ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED BY UNITED STATES MINISTER X REQUEST FURTHER THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THIS VISIT 2 DAYS LEAVE BE GRANTED LT MCINTOSH BECAUSE OF URGENT PERSONAL BUSINESS IN CLEVELAND

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DECODED BY: (omitted)

TO: DESDIV 82
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FROM: COMINCH-CINC PAC
COMDES BATFORM
COM 13
COM NORTHEAST SEA FRONT

INFORMATION
SUBJECT: FORCING SPEEDS TO PREVENT SUCCESSFUL ATTACK

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FOLLOWING DOCTRINE PRESCRIBED FOR ACTION ADDRESSES ON INDEPENDENT DUTY X AFIRM X IN INDICATED VISIBILITY AT SEA ZIGZAG WHEN SUBMARINE PRESENCE NOT REPEAT NOT PROBABLE X BAKER X WHENEVER IT IS PROBABLE LIMIT TIME ON STEADY COURSE RADICALLY TO PREVENT HIS SUCCESSFUL ATTACK X FOREGOING IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER VESSELS ESCORTED ZIGZAGGING X CAST X SHIFT STATION RELATIVE TO CONVOY FREQUENTLY TO PREVENT TRAILING SUB FROM DETERMINING LIKELY SECTORS FOR SUCCESSFUL LOW VISIBILITY OPERATIONS X DOG X WHEN NOT REQUIRED BY OFFENSIVE ACTION KEEP CLEAR OF VAN STATIONS UNDER CONDITIONS THAT INVOLVE RISK OF BEING CUT DOWN BY OVERTAKING CONVOY IN CASE OF ENGINEERING CASUALTY X GRAVE AND UNNECESSARY RISKS OF COLLISION HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED AS RESULT OF WATER IN FUEL OIL X EASY X UPON COMPLETING VOYAGE FUEL TO CAPACITY AND REPLENISH AMMUNITION EXPEDITIOUSLY WITHOUT FURTHER ORDERS X FOX X GUARD SUPERFRE-

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QUENY CONTINUOUSLY FROM TIME OF COMINCH WITHIN RANGE OF SENIOR ON CIRCUIT UNTIL ORDERED TO SECURE X GEORGE X EXCEPT IN COMBAT OR EMERGENCY USE ONLY CONFIDENTIAL CALLS ON ANY RADIO X HYPO X UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ESTABLISH VOICE COMMUNICATION WITH PLANES COOPERATING IN ANTISUBMARINE OPERATIONS ON PLANES FREQUENCY IF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE X PATWING FOUR FREQUENCY SIX NINE SEVEN ZERO X INT X OVERLAP LOOKOUT WATCHES FIFTEEN MINUTES AT NIGHT X SIG X STARSHELL ILLUMINATION X DAWN GENERAL QUARTERS X COUNTERMINING X DEPTH CHARGE PATTERNS X METHODS OF ATTACK AND SIMILAR MEASURES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICE OF U S FLEET SO FAR AS MATERIAL CONDITIONS PERMIT AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE ITEMS COVERED BY BULLETINS INSTRUCTIONS OR LETTERS FROM COMDESBATFOR WILL BE CONSIDERED AS IN FORCE FOR THIS COMMAND UPON RECEIPT X LOVE X XXXXXX COMDG OFFICERS WILL PREPARE FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY BY SEIZING OPPORTUNITY TO FIRE MODIFIED PRACTICES AT CONFIDENTIAL
IMPROvised TARGETS WHENEVER TARGET ALLOWANCE PERMITS BUT SERVICE AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE EXPENDED FOR TARGET PRACTICE WITHOUT PERMISSION X MIKE X PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL INSPECTIONS SHALL NOT BE NEGLECTED X THE STANDARDS HAVE LOWERED SINCE THE WAR AND MUST BE IMPROVED.

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED TWENTY HUNDRED MARCH EIGHTEEN FROM
CHIEF OF STAFF COLOMBIAN ARMY X COMMANDING OFFICER LETISIA
BARRISON REQUESTS CHECK BE MADE IN PANAMA BY INTELLIGENCE
AUTHORIZATION TO INSPECT CARGO CARRIED ABOARD PERUVIAN VESSEL
PERENE BECAUSE OF CONVERSATION OVERHEARD BY PURSER COLOMBIAN
LAUNCH CAQUETA IN C APE AT IQUITOS TO EFFECT VESSEL IS WORKING
UNDER AXIS PROTECTION AND IS ESCORTED BY JAPANESE SUBMARINES
AS FAR AS NECESSARY ON VOYAGE FROM CALLAO TO IQUITOS VIA
PANAMA CANAL AMAZON RIVER X ALUSNA LIMA NOTIFIED X

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To: Captain McCrea.

SUBJECT: Operations of Army Bombers from Aircraft Carriers.

1. Pursuant to our conversation of 3/17/42 a study has been made of the employment of the Army medium type bomber (B25) from carriers of either the Lexington or Yorktown class. The B25 was selected because it has actually been launched from one of our smaller carriers. It represents about the largest type that can be handled and operated from the limited deck areas available. It is to be noted that the B25 cannot be landed back aboard as it is not equipped with arresting gear and is not designed for arresting. The study includes a maximum complement of Navy fighting planes (FiFiS—folding wing Grumman) embarked in the hangars while the B25s are spotted on the flight decks.

2. For CV-2 (Lexington). On flight deck—19 B25s—loaded to 29,000 pounds allowing 400 feet for take off. In hangar—53 FiFiS. The time required to bring all fighters up to the flight deck is 25 minutes. Including time necessary to warm up engines it is estimated that the Lexington could launch its fighters 30 minutes after all B25s were launched.

3. For CV-5 (Yorktown). On flight deck—15 B25s loaded to 29,000 pounds. Allowing 400 feet for take-off. In hangar 66 FiFiS. The time required to bring all fighters up to the flight deck is 18 minutes. It is estimated that
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the Yorktown could launch its fighters 20 minutes after its B25s were launched.

4. With 3,000 pounds of bombs the range of the B25 is 1860 miles at 200 miles per hour. It has 4-50 caliber guns - 200 rounds per gun and 1-30 caliber (600 rounds).

5. The F4F has a range of 745 miles at 170 m.p.h. If any enemy action is anticipated in an operation such as the one outlined above in which the flight deck is virtually immobilized until the bombers are flown off, it is of vital importance that another carrier be in company to provide fighting plane protection.

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**TEXT**

IMPRESSION GLEANED FROM COMMANDERS OF BRITISH AND DUTCH UNITS ARRIVING HERE FROM ABDA AREA IS THAT THEY HAVE UNRESERVED ADMIRATION FOR OPERATION OF OUR DESTROYERS AND CONSIDER OUR SUBMARINE CAPTAINS HIGHLY COMPETENT BUT FEEL THAT DIRECTION OF OUR SUBS HAS GIVEN GREAT WEIGHT TO SAFETY AND LITTLE TO OFFENSIVE ACTION.

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INFO BUAR, BUORD.

THIS ADVANCED REPORT OF EIGHTEENTH MEETING COMMITTEE ON AIR ATTACKS AGAINST SUBMARINES. RECENT OPERATIONS STRONGLY INDICATE MARK 8 DEPTH CHARGE (BURSTING CHARGE 170 POUNDS) IS NOT EFFECTIVE AT ASSUMED LETHAL RANGE. OPINION IS DEVELOPING THAT INTERMEDIATE WEIGHT DEPTH CHARGES NOT EFFICIENT. CONSENSUS BEST WEAPON FOR AIRCRAFT AS FOLLOWS:

UNLESS PRACTICAL SIGHT GIVING AVERAGE ERROR LESS THAN TWENTY FEET CAN BE PROVIDED BEST WEAPON IS MAXIMUM NUMBER LIGHT BOMBS WITH CONTACT FUZES PROVIDING DENSE SPREAD OF CHARGES EACH ONLY HEAVY ENOUGH TO BE LETHAL IN ACTUAL CONTACT. IF AND WHEN REQUIRED SIGHT AVAILABLE ONE OR TWO LARGE DEPTH CHARGES 600 POUNDS OR MORE.

ONE HUNDRED ANTI-SUBMARINE BOMB NOW BEING CONVERTED TO FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS: CONTACT NOSE FUZE WHICH ARMS BY IMPPELLER ACTION AFTER 12 FEET TRAVEL THRU WATER. 3-SECOND DELAY TAIL FUZE TO FUNCTION ABOUT 40 FEET IF CONTACT MISSED. RECENT TESTS INDICATE THIS BOMB WILL NOT RECOCK ET IF TAIL STRENGTHENED TO PREVENT BREAKING OFF ON IMPACT. EXPLOSIVE CHARGE 48 POUNDS.

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ROBINSON 121453 NCR 353
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THE FOLLOWING IS FOR BUORD:

MY 125911 TO OPNAV AS A BASIS FOR CALCULATIONS ADMIRALTY DESIRES WEIGHT OF TORPEDO THAT WILL BE USED IN NET TRIALS OF EMPIRE RHODES.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM**: CINCPAC  
**DATE**: 12 MARCH 1942  
**TOR CODEROOM**: 1048/9833  
**DECODED BY**: SLADE/SLADE  

**ADDITONAL INFORMATION FROM RECENT CARRIER TASK FORCE ACTION X RADAR EQUIPMENT APPARENTLY NOT AVAILABLE AT JAPANESE ISLAND BASES X INCENDIARY MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION TO BE SUPPLIED SHORTLY WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE X SAME FOR DROPPABLE FUEL TANKS FOR FIGHTERS X EXCELLENT RESULTS IN GUIDING OWN ATTACK GROUP TO SMALL OBJECTIVE OF KNOWN POSITION BY USE OF RADAR AND KEYING INSTRUCTIONS ON YOKE EASY USED AS BEAM TRANSMITTER X JAPANESE BOMBING FORMATIONS MAY USE READY LIGHTS DURING APPROACH TURNING OFF LIGHTS AT BOMB RELEASE POINT X COMAIRBATFOR WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SUCCESSFUL MODIFICATIONS INSTALLATION TO ELIMINATE JAMMING FIXED GUNS IN SHARP MANEUVERS XX COMGEN HAWDEPT AND COMFOURTEEN HAVE FOR INFO X FROM CINCPAC

**SECRET**

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

FROM: ALUSNA CARACAS
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 11 MARCH 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: #618/11TH
DECODED BY: newmeyer
PARAPHRASED BY: Graydon

TEXT:

PENDING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OUTLINED OPNAV SECRET LETTER SERAIL #61038 OF 17 OCTOBER 42 AND AFTER CONFERENCE BRITISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN CURACAO NINE MARCH FOLLOWING EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS COMMUNICATED TO ALL AMCONSULS VENEZUELAN PORTS PLUS TRINIDAD CURACAO "FIRST CONTROL WILL BE EXERCISED OVER ALL MOVEMENTS UNITED NATION TANKERS IN CURACAO, ARUBA, MARACAIBO AREA DIRECTING SUCH MOVEMENTS THROUGH BRITISH NAVAL CONTROL OFFICE IN CURACAO SECOND ALL OTHER SHIPS UNITED NATIONS CLEARING FROM VENEZUELAN PORTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SAILING. SHIPS LEAVING PUERTO DE LA CRUZ WILL IF CLEARING FOR PORTS TO EASTWARD APPLY TO TRINIDAD FOR ROUTING, IF CLEARING FOR PORTS TO WESTWARD WILL APPLY TO CURACAO FOR ROUTING. SHIPS LEAVING PORTS EAST OF PUERTO DE LA CRUZ WILL APPLY TO TRINIDAD FOR ROUTING. SHIPS LEAVING PORTS WEST OF PUERTO DE LA CRUZ WILL APPLY CURACAO． THIRD BRITISH AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICES IN VENEZUELAN PORTS WILL HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING WITH BRITISH NAVAL CONTROL OFFICE AND AMERICAN CONSULATES RESPECTIVELY."

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BRITISH ADMIRALTY PRESSING FOR LARGE AND SMALL CANADIAN NATIONAL
JAPANESE OWNED FISHING VESSELS ALSO BRITISH MINISTRY OF FOOD
PRESSING FOR HIGHER PRODUCTION OF FISH. REFERENCEXXX YOUR 871540.
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES OTTAWA VIEW WITH GREAT CONCERN ACQUISITION
OF THESE BOATS ALL OF WHICH ARE GOING BACK INTO PRODUCTION OF
FISH. BRITISH FOOD MISSION IN WASHINGTON ARE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION
BRITISH ADMIRALTY URGENTLY REQUEST FIFTY PURSE-SEINERS AND ONE HUNDRED
SMALLER VESSELS OF WHICH TEN OF FORMER COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
ADMIRALTY PROVIDING THEY COULD BE REPLACED BY NEW CONSTRUCTION BY
JULY 1, 1942 WHICH IS DOUBTFUL AND ABOUT TWENTY OF LATTER AND
THUS ACCEPTING SUBSEQUENT LOSS OF FISH XXXXX PRODUCTION.
THERE IS ACTUALLY ASHORTAGE OF FISHING VESSELS IN CANADA AND A
PROGRAM OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDERXX CONSIDERATION.
THESE VESSELS MUST BE GIVEN TO NAVAL PURPOSE RATHER THAN THE PRODUCTION
OF FOOD. LARGEST FISHING BOATS ARE PURSE SEINERS RANGING FROM
FORTY TO SEVENTY TONS DIMENSIONS SIXTY FOUR FEET LONG SEVENTEEN
POINT FOUR FEET BEAM EIGHT POINT FIVE FEET DRAFT SPEED EIGHT TO NINE
KNOTS. IN VIEW OF, ABOVE THERE ARE NO FISHING VESSELS AT VANCOUVER
OR VICTORIA SUITABLE OR AVAILABLE FOR OFF SHORE PATROL. THIS INFO
RECEIVED FROM NSHQ. DECLASSIFIED JAN 16 1973
OSD LETTER, 5-3-73
FOR AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND INDIA, COMMERCIAL FORWARD STOCK POSITION FUEL OIL SHOWS THAT WITH NUMBER OF TANKERS NOW ASSIGNED THOSE TRADES THERE WILL BE ON 1 MAY MINUS 5,000 TONS OF FUEL OR AN ULLAGE OF OVER 60,000 TONS AT ADEN AND 72,000 TONS OF FUEL OR AN ULLAGE OF 38,000 TONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. ADMIRALTILITY NOW HAS ABOUT 192,000 TONS AT ADEN AND ABOUT 65,000 TN SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS PLANS TO MAINTAIN SAME. STRATEGIC SITUATION IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA INDICATES THAT COMMERCIAL STOCK POSITION SHOULD BE IMPROVED. BRITISH UNABLE TO DO THIS UNLESS THEY WITHDRAW FURTHER TANKERS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TRADE WHERE STOCKS ARE ALREADY BOUND TO FALL BY AT LEAST ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION TONS BY END OF YEAR WITH PRESENT NUMBER OF TANKERS IN THAT TRADE. RECOMMEND UNITED STATES GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO LAYING DOWN 90,000 TONS AT CAPETOWN PRIOR 1 MAY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE DISCHARGES OF THE SHELTER DECK TANKERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN REACHING THE FOREGOING FIGURES. REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.
American press representatives are most anxious to make convoy trip on US Navy escort. In addition they desire release of news stories on US naval activities in UK from time to time. Request permission to authorize such voyages and to release such news stories and photographs as appear desirable to me. If permission is granted news stories and photographs of US naval activities in UK will be censored by this in cooperation with responsible British authority.

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CINCPAC

8 MARCH 1942

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GLUNT/BERRY

NORTHWEST SEA FRONT
WESTERN SEA FRONT
COM 11

INFORMATION
FOR ACTION

PRIORITY
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COMINCH 261530 BEST TRAINING AREA FOR BATTLESHIPS IN PACIFIC IS IN OPEN SEA CLEAR OF TRAFFIC LAKES X INTEND TO DIRECT THREE WEEKS TRAINING CRUISE SEVEN BATTLE SHIPS WITH FIVE DOG DOG WHEN DESTROYERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE X PUGET SOUND HAS BEEN USED BY BATTLESHIPS FOR FIRING AND OTHER TRAINING BUT HAS NOT SAME SECURITY AS CHESAPEAKE BAY NOR PERCENTAGE OF GOOD VISIBILITY X CAN BE USED AS IT IS FOR SHIPS SHAKING DOWN AFTER LONG OVERHAUL EXCEPT PORT TOWNSEND SHOULD BE NETTED FOR SAFE ANCHORAGE X GULF OF CALIFORNIA IMPRACTICABLE AS TRAINING AREA UNTIL SURVEY MADE AND ADDITIONAL NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ESTABLISHED AS INDICATED IN SAILING DIRECTIONS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMTASKFOR 24
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 3 MARCH 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1328/1546
DECODED BY: BERRY
PARAPHRASED BY: CLUNT

FOR ACTION:
- NOS ICELAND
- COMINCH
- CINCLANT
- OPNAV

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

TEXT

WITH THE APPROVAL OF COMINCH A NORTH ATLANTIC SERVICE OF ICE INFORMATION IS BEING ORGANIZED. LIEUTENANT GRAVES USCG HAS REPORTED TO COMMANDER TASK FORCE FOUR CONNECTION THIS DUTY. ICE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THIS SERVICE WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO COMPILE ICE INFORMATION FROM SOURCES WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AND TRANSMIT SUCH INFORMATION DAILY AT 1200 TO COMMANDER TASK FORCE FOUR FOR EVALUATION AND INCORPORATION INTO COMPLETE BULLETIN. THE COMPLETE BULLETIN WILL BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO COMINCH OPNAV CINCLANT NSHQ COAC FONF AOC-EASY. LIEUTENANT GRAVES WILL VISIT ACTION ADDRESSEES IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS DETAILS. FONF INFORM USLO, COAC INFORM USWO PASSED SEPARATELY TO COAC FONF AOC-EASY GROUP ONE RCAF NSHQ BY ORIGINATOR.

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LT. SHELLABARGER

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IT IS REQUESTED BY SUBMARINE ADMIRAL THAT HE BE INFORMED IF U.S. CONTEMPLATES DEVELOPMENT MIDGET 2 MAN SUBMARINE AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF SUCH PLANS.

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BUSHIPS REPORTS THAT RECENT COMPARATIVE TESTS NORTH CAROLINA WASHINGTON INDICATE LATEST CORRECTIVE WORK UNDERTAKEN NAVY YARD PHILADELPHIA ON WASHINGTON DOES NOT IMPROVE VIBRATION SUFFICIENTLY WARRANT RETENTION FIVE BLADED PROPELLERS AND THAT FURTHER CORRECTIVE WORK IS IMPRACTICABLE NORTH X BUSHIPS FURTHER CONSIDERS THAT PERFORMANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA INSTALLATION IS DEFINITELY BETTER THAN THE PRESENT INSTALLATION ON THE WASHINGTON AND RECOMMENDS INSTALLATION OF THREE BLADED INBOARD PROPELLERS ON WASHINGTON AND OMISSION ALL THE BLOCKS INBOARD ENGINES BOTH VESSELS X REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM MEMBER BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY PRESENT AT TESTS TOGETHER WITH MEMO FROM PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY RECOMMENDS THAT THE THREE BLADED PROPELLERS BE REINSTALLED ON THE TWO INBOARD SHAFTS WASHINGTON X THREE BLADED PROPELLERS NOW AVAILABLE NAVY YARD NORFOLK AND DOCK WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK TIME REQUIRED ABOUT THREE DAYS X YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED
FROM DIO TO ONI. 22342. FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUNGLE WARFARE MARIGRANCS FROM FOURTH MARINES ALSO FROM DIO QUESTIONING MANY ARMY OFFICERS COMBAT AREA. CONSIDERABLY INCREASED WEAPONS IN ORDER NAMED AFTERS EIGHT AND SIXTY MM MORTARS BAKER HAND GRENADES AND APRONS CAST TSUGS (RO REPLACE BAR IN JUNGLE) AND QUANTITY MG AND TSUG AMMUNITION TO SPRAY DENSE FOLIAGE CONCEALING SNIPERS. FOURTH MARINES RECOMMEND UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT: HOBNOIL SHOES, OLIVE GREEN COVERALLS, OLIVE GREEN HEAD MOSQUITO NETS, INDIVIDUAL CAMOUFLAGE NETS FOR SNIPERS, POLARIZED GLASSES TO DETECT SNIPERS, INDIVIDUAL LIGHT TO CONCENTRED FOOD, INDIVIDUAL PORTABLE WATER PURIFIER, COMPACT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE QUINTINE, HEAVY RUBBER SOLE SHOES FOR SNIPERS AND INFILTRATION ASSIGNMENTS, DUST GOGGLES FOR ALL DRIVERS. INFRONT FIGHTING HAS BEEN VERY SHORT RANGE. MEDIUM TANKS EFFECTIVE. LOCAL ROADS VERY ROUGH. ENEMY USING 135 MM NEW LONG RANGE GUNS ALSO 75'S. OUR 125 AND 155 MM ARTILLERY EFFECTIVE AND DEMORALIZING TO JAPS. OUR INFANTRY UNANIMOUSLY STATE COULD NEVER HAVE LASTED WITHOUT 155 SUPPORT. ENEMY USING LIGHT DISC TYPE ROAD MINES. THREE FLAME THROWERS AND ONE GAS OUTFIT CAPTURED. ESTIMATED CASUALTIES AT LUZON.

SINCE DECEMBER 8: OURS 1,000 KILLED, 4,000 WOUNDED, OVER 5,000 PHIL ARMY DESERTED MOSTLY IN DECEMBER, ENEMY 5,000 KILLED. NEARLY ALL...
ENEMY CAPTIVES HAVE BEEN MOVED. ESTIMATED PRESENT STRENGTH COMBAT TROOPS: OURS 35,000 DATAAN, ENEMY'S PROBABLY LESS OR 40,000 TOTAL IN LUZON. AT PRESENT NO ENEMY INFILTRATION SINCE 2,000KILLED INSIDE OUR LINES DURING THREE WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 17TH. DATAAN FRONT APPEARENTLY LIGHTLY HELD BY ENEMY WHO BELIEVED WITHDRAWN TO REORGANIZE OR WAIT REINFORCEMENTS FOR NEW THRUST. OUR DATAAN ARMY MORALE HIGH AND FIGHTING QUALITIES MARKEDLY IMPROVING WITH EXPERIENCE AND ALMOST CHILDLIKE CONFIDENCE OF AMERICANS AS WELL AS FILIPINOS OF ARRIVAL OF ASSISTANCE BY AIR AND SEA. GENERALLY BELIEVED HERE THAT WHILE PHILIPPINES STRATEGICALLY AN UNIMPORTANT POINT INSIDE AN ENEMY RING.

NON-AMERICAN MILITARY VIEWS EVIDENTLY DO NOT CONSIDER LOSS OF PRESTIGE AND RESPECT US WILL SUFFER IN EYES OF FILIPINOS AND OTHER RACES UNLESS SOME LOCAL OFFENSIVE EFFORT IS MADE. PRESENT FILIPINO CONFIDENCE MAY CHANGE TO CONTEMPT AND HOSTILITY UPON REALIZATION THAT REPEATEDLY PROMISED SUBSTANTIAL AID IS NOT FORTHCOMING TO ANY VISIBLE EXTENT. JAPANESE PROPAGANDA IS BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS THIS END. TO LOCAL ARMY NAVY PERSONNEL IT APPEARS FROM BROADCASTS OF PRESS DISPATCHES RELEASED HERE BY RANKING ARMY OFFICERS BUT EVIDENTLY CLEARED BY CENSORS ELSEWHERE THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS BEING BLINDED TO FACTS REGARDING STRENGTH AND NEEDS KNOWN BY THE ENEMY.


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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM  COUNTERGROUP 3.7
RELEASED BY
DATE  21 FEBRUARY 1942
TOR CODEROOM  1132/21ST
DECODED BY  ESTES
PARAPHRASED BY  GRAYDON

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT
AT 1600 GCT IN LATITUDE 33° SOUTH LONGITUDE 34-15 WEST BOARDED AND RELEASED URUGUAYAN STEAMSHIP "MONTEVIDEO". THIS IS EX-ITALIAN SHIP "ADAMELLO" MAKING WAIVER VOYAGE UNDER NEW REGISTRY SINCE SEIZURE. MASTER AND FIRST MATE OFFICERS OF URUGUAYAN NAVY. SHIP USING CALL LETTERS CXAD APPARENTLY ASSIGNED BY richard he post american vice consul montevideo no visual confirmation by any governmental department. these call letters were formerly assigned "ciudad de montevideo" and have been deleted from berne list. master states latter ship transferred to argentine registry which is confirmed by berne list. ship departed montevideo noon february ninth enroute new york via st thomas with full cargo wool, bone, lard, guaro consigned principally to jilson and company.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: SPENAVO LONDON
RELEASED BY:
DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1942.
TOR CODEROOM:
DECODED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY: ROBINSON

TO: OPNAV

INFORMATION:
FOR ACTION:
PRECEDENCE:

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TEXT

161521 OR 07085

FOR COMINCH

URDIS 151433: AM INFORMED BY THE FIRST SEA LORD IN SUBSTANCE AS
FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD TO ALLOW FOR BREAKING OUT OF THE SHIPS
WHICH WERE AT BREST, AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOW IN THE NORTH SEA
HAS DECREASED OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NOT INCREASED THEM. IN FACT,
WE HAVE SENT THE 'RODNEY' TO BE REFITTED, WHICH WE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO DO IF THE SHIPS WERE STILL AT BREST. BY THE TIME THESE SHIPS
ARE REPAIRED, WE SHALL HAVE TO MAINTAIN ON THE NORTH SUFFICIENT SHIPS
SUFFICIENT SHIPS TO MEET A CONCENTRATION OF THE GNEISENAU, TIRPITZ,
AND SCHARNHORST. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO 11-INCH SHIPS MIGHT HAVE
TO BE DEALT WITH SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO FORM A
CONCENTRATION WITH THE THREE LARGER SHIPS. I ASSUME THAT THE CHIEF OF
NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL SHORTLY WISH TO COME TO A DECISION WITH REGARD TO
THE DISPOSITION OF THE 'NORTH CAROLINA' AND THE 'WASHINGTON'. IT IS OUR
FEELING THAT SO LONG AS THE 'RODNEY' AND THE 'NELSON' ARE KEPT IN THE
NORTH ATLANTIC, THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE 'WASHINGTON' AND THE 'NORTH
CAROLINA' SHOULD NOT GO TO THE PACIFIC AND AS THE 'RODNEY' AND 'NELSON'
SHOULD BE READY PRIOR TO THE 'SCHARNHORST' AND 'GNEISENAU' READYNESS
FOR SERVICE; THE MOVEMENT OF 'WASHINGTON' AND 'NORTH CAROLINA' COULD
BE MADE AT ANY TIME THAT SUCH DISPOSITION IS DECIDED UPON BY THE CHNO.

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N.S.H.Q.'s $2432/6°. POSITION AS READ BY BERMUDA W/T WAS 25 DEGREES, 15 MINUTES NORTH (747) DEGREES, 29 MINUTES WEST.

*NOT HELD BY N.S.R.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ADMIRALTY
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 3 MAY 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 222/1222P
DECODED BY: NCR / BERRY
PARAPHRASED BY: 

ADDRESS: NSHQ 267

INFORMATION: COMINCH
COMMANDER: COMMODORE COMDG N.F. FORCE
ACTION: BAD 223 COAC CTF 24

PRECEDEENCE: PRIORITY

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TEXT:

NSHQ 267 INFO COMINCH CINCLANT COMMODORE COMDG N.F. FORCE CINCAWI 686 BAD 223 COAC CTF 24 FROM ADMIRALTY

YOUR 1658 FIRST MAY PARA 5 CONCUR

COMINCH DELIVER TO BAD (2)

COMINCH PROVIDES REPLACEMENTS FOR LIGHT SCALE DEFENSES, FLEET STORES, REPAIR FACILITIES, AND ONE CARRIER GROUP. TO REPAIR FACTORY PROVIDES REPAIRS OF EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR USE IN TROPICAL OR COLD CLIMATES.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: BAD WASHINGTON
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 3 MAY 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: 0340
DECODED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY: LELAND

ADMIRALTY 142
FOR ACTION: PRIORITY
INFORMATION: ROUTINE
REGRADED: DEFERRED
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NAVY DEPARTMENT ARE COLLECTING MATERIALS FOR 4 MAJOR AND
12 MINOR ADVANCED NAVAL BASES.

2. LAY-OUT OF MAJOR TYPE INCLUDES DEFENSES, TEMPORARY WORK-
SHOPS AND ACCOMMODATION AND STORES AND FUEL DEPOTS FOR GARRISON
OF APPROXIMATELY 12,000, 4 NAVAL AIR SQUADRONS AND TWO CARRIER
GROUPS ALL SHORE BASED.

REPAIR FACILITIES ABOE ARE EQUIVALENT TO ONE FLEET RE-
PAIR SHOP PLUS SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE FOUND IN A S/M DEPOT
SHIP AND A DESTROYER DEPOT SHIP. DETAILS WILL BE SIGNALLED.
CODE NAME OF ABOVE TYPE LION.

3. MINOR BASES INCLUDE LIGHT SCALE DEFENSES, FLEET STORES,
FUEL AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION, GARRISON OF 1500 INCLUDING
2 NAVAL AIR SQUADRONS AND ONE CARRIER GROUP. NO REPAIR FACILITIES
CODE NAME CUB.

4. FULL PROGRAMME PROVIDES PROPORTION OF EQUIPMENT SUITABLE
FOR TROPICAL TEMPERATE OR COLD CLIMATES.

5. FOLLOWING ALSO AGREED WITH NAVY DEPARTMENT. SLIGHT REDUCTION
IN FREETOWN FACILITIES IS RESULT OF COMPROMISE.

(A) FREETOWN PROJECT TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.
(1) PORT FACILITIES WITH VERY HIGH PRIORITY;
(2) REPAIR FACILITIES ABOE TO BE COORDINATED WITH ARRIVAL
OF DOCKS AND BE CAPABLE OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS ONLY TO
CRUISERS AND MERCHANT SHIPS, MAJOR REPAIRS TO LIGHTER
CRAFT;

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(B) ADVANCED BASE UNITS AFTER FIRST TWO MAJOR AND SIX MINOR
TO BE HELD AS COMBINED U.K./U.S. POOL.

(C) CANCELLING BASE X AND BASE Y PROJECTS BUT ORDERING ADDITIONAL MATERIAL TO INCREASE ONE STANDARD MAJOR BASE TO OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR BASE Y.

(D) ADDING NEW TOKEN PROJECT TO MATCH DELIVERY OF 50,000 TON FLOATING DOCK BY APPROPRIATE REPAIR MACHINERY.

6. PRIORITIES PROPOSED FOR C.C.O.S. APPROVAL ARE:

(A) MASSAWA
(B) CLYDE AREA REQUISITION 7335
(C) AUXILIARY MACHINERY FOR INDIAN FLOATING DOCKS - REQUISITIONS 3923 AND 7262.
(D) FREETOWN PORT FACILITIES
(E) SOUTH PACIFIC ADVANCED BASES - SEE MY 1751/10.
(F) 2 LIONS AND 6 CUBS FOR PACIFIC BASES
(G) EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKSHOPS AT FREETOWN REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 1942.
(H) ICELAND PORT FACILITIES.
(I) 4 LIONS AND 6 CUBS FOR COMBINED POOL.
(J) ASSOCIATED REPAIR MACHINERY FOR USE WITH 50,000 TON DOCK COMPLETING LATE 1942.
(K) TRINIDAD.

7. ITEMS (A)(B)(C) AND (H) OF PARAGRAPH 6 ARE ALREADY PROCEEDING NORMALLY.

6. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH ITEM IN PARAGRAPH 5 ARE BEING WORKED OUT HERE INCLUDING THOSE FOR A LION BASE. THESE WILL BE COMMUNICATED FOR CONCURRENCE. DETAILS OR PORT FACILITIES FOR FREETOWN ARE ACCEPTED.

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9. WE STILL HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT F.A.A. BASE.

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**HUSH**
ADMIRAL MUSELIER, COMINCH OF FREE FRENCH NAVY AND
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER MARINES, AND CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU
MORET, CHIEF OF STAFF, HAVE BEEN RELIEVED THEIR APPOINTMENTS
AND HAVE BEEN SUCCEEDED BY CONTRE-EMIRAL ABOYNEAU, AND CAP-
DE FRIGATE JACQUET, RESPECTIVELY.

PENDING ARRIVAL ADMIRAL ABOYNEAU (U) IN THIS COUNTRY,
CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU GAYRAL WILL ACT FOR HIMSELF.

THE FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OF ADMIRAL MUSELIER AND OF
CAPTAIN MORET IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.
COMINCH INFO BAD 564 NSHQ 678; CINCLANT COAC CTF 24
FONF CINCWA 935 FROM ADMTY

MY 1914Z 26TH NOT TO ALL ADDRESSES

(1) FUEL CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL SHIP ESCORT OF NA 6 WAS
GREATER THAN WAS EXPECTED CHURCHILL STEAMED 2023 MILES
EXPENDED 63% CHESTERFIELD 2396 MILES 82%. THESE SHIPS
ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR THROUGH TROOP CONVOYS.

(2) THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENT DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THIS
DIFFICULTY AND AT THE SAME TIME RELEASE FURTHER US
DES FOR SERVICE ON YOUR EASTERN SEA BOARD ARE PROPOSED
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (A) CHURCHILL CHESTERFIELD AND
RIPLEY TO BE RETURNED COMMAND OF CINCW A (B) US. DES
OF TRADE CONVOY MID OCEAN ESCORT UNIT A 4 AND A 5 TO
BE REPLACED BY RN DES WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME AVAILABLE
ON COMPLETION REFITS AND CONVERSION.

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(C) 3 U.S. DES SO RELEASED TO BE USED TO REPLACE CHURCHILL CHESTERFIELD AND RIPLEY AS TROOP CONVOY ESCORTS, THE OTHER 3 TO BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL (D) UNITS A 4 AND A 5 TO BE RENAMED B 6 AND B 7 (E) THESE CHANGES CAN BE MADE WHEN CONVENIENT TO YOU.

(3) THE ADVANTAGE THESE ADJUSTMENTS ARE (A) TRANS ATLANTIC TROOP CONVOY ESCORTS BECOME A U.S. COMMITMENT AND ALL DOUBT OF ABILITY GIVEN THROUGH ESCORT IS REMOVED (B) 3 U.S. DES ARE RELEASED TO REINFORCE YOUR EASTERN SEA BOARD (C) 2 MORE UNITS BECOME HOMOGENEOUS WHICH FACILITATES TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION.

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(OPNAV FROM ADMIRALTY)

MY 261886A. FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING NORTH ATLANTIC HAS REPORTED THAT INTERCEPT WAS IN ENGLISH PLAIN LANGUAGE PRESUMABLY "EMPIRE PICT".

attached

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IMPORTANT OPNAV

WASHINGTONDC

IMPORTANT FROM ADMIRALTY FOLLOWING RECEIVED 20/3 GMT ON 36 METER BAND DE-WMFO* HERE REPETITION FROM SS MALGORA/GETS QQQQ POSITION 35.38 N 47.39 W SUSPICIOUS VESSEL FOLLOWING 2005/25

NO TOC/28

*NOT LISTED

COMMCH ACTION
05 16 19 20 21A 21B 21C 22K CG 22R
37 16 81A 81A HYDRO OPDD BUSHIPS CNO(3) FW0(2)
W152 29/27 BGETAT IMP LONDON 28 23:21

IMPORTANT OPNAV

WASHINGTONDC

IMPORTANT FROM ADMIRALTY FOLLOWING RECEIVED 2030 GMT ON 35 METER BAND DE VFQ REC 0000 GETS SUSPICIOUS VESSEL LEFT DUE EAST 2023 NO TOO/20

736P * PROBABLY SURFACE RAIDER
** NOT LISTED
*** PROBABLY SS NALGORA
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REQUEST YOU WILL BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING TO ALL NORWEGIAN SHIPS IN AREAS 3 4 5 6 8 10 AND 11 FROM NORTSHIP LONDON - BEGINS. THE ENEMY HAS TODAY BROADCAST MESSAGES PURPORTING TO COME FROM OWNERS TO NORWEGIAN SHIPS IN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS OFFERING THEM BRIBES TO PROCEED TO JAPANESE CONTROLLED PORTS. THESE MESSAGES SHOULD BE DISREGARDED. OLSEN. ENDS.

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Do this an indication that Japs are feeling pinch of merchant ships?

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A naval message dated 25 March 1942 from Admiralty to the Navy Department. The message is classified as urgent and routine, with a deferred precedence. It discusses a recent incident where one of HM Auxillary vessels was sunk by depth charges exploding on the upper decks in harbour, apparently due to sabotage.

Attention is directed to the need for inspection of upper deck storage areas to prevent sabotage and ensure that internal machines are not placed near depth charges or inserted in primers tubes.

The text concludes that this message has been passed to British ships and authorities by BAD.

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RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM BAD.

IT IS EXPECTED QUEEN ELIZABETH WILL UNDLOCK ON HIGH TIDE APPROXIMATELY 0740 P.S.T. 10TH MARCH.

IT IS PROPOSED THEREAFTER TO SAIL HER FOR SAFETY REASONS TO ENGLISH BAY VANCOUVER UNDER ESCORT TO TAKE ON APPROXIMATELY 1500 TONS FUEL WHENCE SHE WILL PROCEED P.M. SAME DAY TO SAN FRANCISCO ARRIVING GOLDEN GATE HIGH TIDE 0732 P.S.T. 12TH MARCH BERTHING ON SLACK WATER 2 HOURS LATER. COMMANDANT 13 NAVAL DISTRICT HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE IF POSSIBLE DESTROYER AND AIR ESCORT FOR SEA PASSAGE.

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PROPOSAL TO SEND QUEEN HARY TO FREETOWN RAISES VERY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN (A) NAVIGATION, PREVIOUS VISIT NECESSITATED REMOVAL OF BOOYS AND IN ANY WIND SHIP IS IN GRAVE DANGER OF FOULING GATE OR GROUNDING. (B) WATER SUPPLY IS SLOW AT FREETOWN AND CONVOY WS 16 IS ALSO DUE 2ND MARCH AND REQUIRES MAXIMUM OUTPUT OF WATER REQUEST YOU WILL CONSIDER SENDING SHIP TO RIO DE JANEIRO AS INTERMEDIATE PORT INSTEAD OF FREETOWN. YOUR 1963/19.

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Information received up to 7 A.M., 16th February, 1942.

1. NAVAL

There were no casualties in the ship sunk by aircraft on 14th when proceeding to MALTA in convoy.

2. MILITARY

BURMA. While no fresh attacks have developed in the SALWEEN Front there are indications that the enemy are preparing an attack in the DUYINZECK THATON area.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

WESTERN FRONT, 14th/15th. Fifty-one tons of bombs were dropped on HANUMAHIN and eleven tons on NAVRE, results were generally unobserved owing to cloud. No bombers are missing. Ten R.C.A.F. aircraft took part.

14th. A Hudson scored two hits on a 1,200 ton vessel off NORWAY. One Spitfire is missing from an offensive patrol.

15th. Twenty-six bombers were sent to ST. NAZAIRE, results unobserved owing to cloud. Three crashed on return. Forty-three enemy aircraft were operating against this country, the majority of them being engaged against shipping and in sea-mining off NORTHUMBERLAND. One was destroyed by a Beaufighter.

LIBYA. 14th. Eighteen Kittyhawks engaged more than thirty dive bombers and fighters in the ACROMA area, twenty enemy aircraft were shot down, two were probably destroyed and ten more were damaged. Our fighters suffered no losses. One Hurricane is missing from reconnaissance.

SICILY. 14th. Thirteen Wellingtons dropped a total of twelve tons of bombs on three enemy aerodromes. Four others attacked the docks at AUGUSTA and SYRACUSE causing fires and explosions.

MALTA. 15th. A total of 123 enemy bombers and fighters made three attacks on LUQA aerodrome. Nine aircraft on the ground were destroyed or damaged. A total of four enemy aircraft were shot down by fighters and A.A. fire.

RUSSIA. Although fighting has continued on all main sectors, general impression is that there has been very little change in alignment of front. No further information is available regarding the Russian pincer movement west of MOSCOW. Press reports of
considerable Russian progress in this sector are much exaggerated. In the DONETS area Gorman counter-attacks have been held up partly owing to thaw. Indications that Russians are reinforcing both SEVASTOPOL and KERCH. On 12th General MacFarlane reported that fighting around LENINGRAD had been very severe but Russians were confident that the city would soon be relieved.

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