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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL KING

Miss Tully has just handed this to me, stating as she did so that the President was dissatisfied with the draft of the message and that he desired that you redraft it.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. MCCRE
Captain, U. S.

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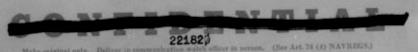
RELIABLE SCVIET INFORMANT WHO JUST ARRIVED FROM HOME IN BIROBIDZHAN NEAR KHABAROVSK STATES JAP AND SCVIET MASSED ON BORDER. EVERY NOVEMENT MADE IN DEPLOYING TROOPS IS COUNTERED BY OPPOSITE COUNTRY.

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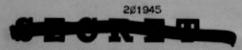
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## THIS IS SECTION THREE

THE SOURCE OF ABOVE INFORMATION ATTENDED CONFERENCE TOWN LATER ATTENDED
TRIAL. HE STATES EXTREME FAVORITISM SHOWN BY JUDGES AND AUDIENCE TO
2 TURKISH SUBJECTS ON TRIAL WITH THE 2 RUSSIANS, HE TOLD OF INCIDENT X
ABOUT APRIL 17TH WHEN RUSSIAN EMBASSY CAR RAW DOWN TURKISH SOLDIER AND
MOB ABOUT TO LINCH DRIVER WHEN PASSING HIGH TURKISH OFFICIAL FROM
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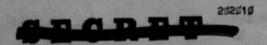
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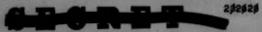
TIC REMARDING TURKEY NOT BECOMING INVOLVED IN WAR BUT AS RESULT
FOREIGN MINISTERS STATEMENT IS DEFINITELY PESSIMISTIC NOW. HE MAY
HAVE MUMPECTED THIS WOULD BE FORWARDED. IN THIS COUNTRY PENALTY
FOR DIVULGING INFORMATION FROM SUCH A CONFERENCE IS DEATH.

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MENT, I WAS TOLD THEY WERE FULLY PREPARED FOR A FREE AND FULL

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. MATERIAL WHICH I BROUGHT WITH ME WAS MOST GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AND I WAS INFORMED THEY NOW FEEL

PARTICULAR CONCERN AS TO SITUATION IN FAR EAST. AS EVITENCE THIS CONCERN I WAS GIVEN SECRET INFORMATION AS TO PARTICULAR CARE THEY ARE TAKING IN THAT AREA WHICH INFORMATION THEY

REQUESTED I GIVE THE AMBASSADOR. THEY ASKED I NOT TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION WHICH ALTHOUGH EVIDENCING THEIR REAL CONCERN WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE TO OPNAV.

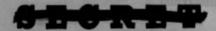
THEY STATE KURILE ISLAND PASSES ARE NOT BELIEVED MINED AND TRANSIT THROUGH THEM IS NOT DENIED RUSSIAN SHIPS.

HOWEVER, JAPS REQUIRE THEY BE INFORMED PRIOR TO SAILING OF SHIPS WAICH WILL USE THESE PASSES. AS TO WEATHER INFORMATION

THEY REGRET NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN SO LONG AND HOPE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE SPEEDILY CONCLUDED.

THE BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF STATIONING TACKER AT VLADIVOSTOK. THEY NOW SEEM ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM THERE AND THAT WE HAVE CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE COMMANDER OF THEIR PACIFIC FLEET. THEY PREFER HE OSTENSIBLY APPEAR AS ATTACHE OF OUR CONSULATE.

TEACKER HAS REPORTED HIS DEPARTURE TEHERAN ENROUTE MOSCOW.



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CUTTING INITIAL FORMALITIES SHORT, HE ASKED ADMIRAL STANDLEY
"WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER JAPAN'S GREATEST WEAKNESS FROM NAVAL POINT
OF VIEWT" THE ADMIRAL REPLIED THEIR SHIPPING AND GREATLY
LENGTHENED LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND STATED FURTHER IN EFFECT
THAT SUBMARINES WERE THE ANSWER.

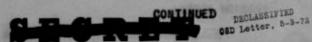
THIS REPLY OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THE COMMISSAR AND HE S TATED HE HAD REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION. ALTHOUGH KUIBYSHEV IS

NOMINALLY SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ALL IMPORTANT OFFICIALS ARE NOW HERE IN MOSCOW. ROULLARD REPORTS FROM THERE OUR LAST NAVY

CONTACT, A LIEUTENANT, HAS LEFT. BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE KUIBYSHEV, BUT ALLEN HAS REMAINED HERE ALMOST 3 MONTHS WITHOUT OBJECTION. 1 HOPE TO REMAIN, BUT QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED YET. CERTAIN

CHARTS HAVE BEEN HANDED WE FOR DELIVERY WASHINGTON.

SOVIETS REQUEST CERTAIN OUR CHARTS WEST COAST, UNITED STATES, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, PANAMA, MEXICO AND WEST INDES AND OUR CHART CATALOG. RECOMMEND CATALOG AND PORTFOLIOS COVERING THESE REQUESTS BE SHIPPED FRANKEL FOR DELIVERY AND I BE SO INFORMED.



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THEY ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION OUR ESTIMATE NUMBER ORANGE MERCANT SHIPS OVER 1000 TONS AT BEGINNING OF WAR,

NUMBER OF OILERS, WHAT ACQUISITIONS SINCE WAR FROM ASSOCIATED POWERS AND NEUTRALS AND WHAT ACQUISITIONS ABOVE SHIPS FROM UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND; ALSO EXTENT ORANGE LOSSES; HOW MANY SHIPS NOW COMPRISE ORANGE MERCHANT FLEET AND ESTIMATE THEIR ABILITY REPLACE LOSSES BY NEW CONSTRUCTION.

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YOUR DISPATCH 1400Z 2ND TOTAL MAY ICE-BOUND RUSSIAN BOUND SHIPS 26 AT HVALFJORDUR AND 30 IN REYKJAVIK ROADS LATTER ANCHORAGES SUBJECT TO RISK OF SUBMARINE ATTACK. SERVING LARGE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH DOCKS PRESENTS MAJOR PROBLEM. 17 SHIPS FOR RUSSIA NOW ATHVALFJORDUR WITH 6 MORE ARRIVING FROM SC 81. CINC HALIFAX HAS RECOMMEND NOT MORE THAN 25 SHIPS PER CONVOY

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