AM TODAY RELEASING FOR PUBLICATION THE LOSS OF SCAMP (SS 277) AND LCS(L)(3) 49 X SCAMP OVERDUE FROM PATROL AND PRESUMED LOST X LCS(L)(3) 49 LOST RESULT ENEMY ACTION IN PHILIPPINE AREA X NEXT OF KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN BOTH CASES X

COPY TO: VICE CHIO...OP-05...19...20...23...BUFFERS...BUDRO... BUSHIPS...BUSANDA...NAV AIDE...F25...
RADIO HONOLULU FOX INTERCEPT

CTF 51 SENDS.  ACTION CINCPAC (BOTH)

TOP SECRET.

MUTUAL BROADCASTING HAS REQUESTED VOICE INTERVIEW
VADM TURNER NIGHT OF 3 APRIL.  QUESTIONS ARE INNOCUCOUS AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

IN VIEW YOUR WISH TO PROCEED WITH PHASE 3 D AT AN EARLY DATE SUGGEST REPLIES TO QUESTIONS MIGHT CONTAIN HINT OUR PRINCIPAL FUTURE INTEREST IS IN FORMOSA AND HONG KONG AREA.  PLEASE ADVISE TODAY.

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ADM EDWARDS
31st MARCH 1945

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TOP SECRET.
FOR CINCPOA PRESS CENSORS.

FOLLOWING FIGURES MAY BE PASSED IN PRESS MATERIAL RE ICEBERG. MORE THAN 1500 NAVAL AIRCRAFT OF ALL TYPES PARTICIPATED (NOT 1500 CARRIER AIRCRAFT). MORE THAN 1200 SHIPS PARTICIPATED IN INVASION. ENEMY GARRISON IS ESTIMATED 60,000 TO 80,000. NO ESTIMATES PERMITTED OF NUMBER OF ASSAULT FORCES OR NUMBER OF CARRIERS INVOLVED.

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AM TODAY RELEASING FOR PUBLICATION THE LOSS OF THE LCS(L)(3) 7
AND LST 577 X LOSSES RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION IN PHILIPPINE AREA X
MEET OF KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED X

COPY TO: VICS CHO...CG-05...19...29...30...23...BURPS...BUORD...BUHIPS...BUSANDA...NAV AIDS...FIS...
An today releasing for publication the loss of the Albacore (SS 218) X

Presumed lost because overdue from patrol X. Next of kin have been

notified X

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CINCPOA ADV HQ SENTS THIS TOP SECRET. ACTION CINCPOA PEARL COMGEN POA COMGEN 1S INFO COMINCH.

CORRECT MYDIS 069544 TO READ PRESS STOP PLACED ON PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE NAME OF LT GEN SIMON B BUCKNER AND THE 10TH US ARMY IS LIFTED WHEN THE COMMUNIQE FROM CINCPOA IS ISSUED ANNOUNCING PRESENCE OF BUCKNER AND THE 10TH ARMY IN FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS.

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CINCP OA ADV HQ SENDS ACTION COMINCH FOR JOINT SECURITY CONTROL INFO CINCP OA PEARL COMGENPOA CINCSWPA COMGEN CHINA THEATER.
OPD 383.6 (7 Mar 45) Operations Division, WDGS
Policy Section, WDOPD
2971 Lt Col B Battles

7 March 1945

Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, Paris, France

Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Commanding General, USAF in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Commanding General, Persian Gulf Command, Teheran, Iran

Number: WARX 50250

From Marshall to Eisenhower, McMarney, Giles and Booth.

Participation by liberated Allied prisoners of war in fighting on the eastern front has recently been mentioned in the press. Believing such publicity may jeopardize the safety of those Allied prisoners of war whom the enemy can not evacuate from areas which may be captured, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved measures to stop all publications on this matter in the US and United Kingdom. They have also advised General Deane and Admiral Archer in Moscow to request the Soviets to take steps stopping all such publicity in Russia. To forestall the possibility of a similar release by recovered personnel in your theater or command, it is desired that any necessary safeguards be established immediately.

End.

ORIGINATOR: OPD
INFORMATION: ASF CG; JC/S; CG AAF; G-1; G-2; Adm. King; BPR; G of S

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* AS RECEIVED

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 item appearing in foreign service radio bulletin number 49 of 26 February with respect to turn over of operation of port of Oran to French is an erroneous army release. It applies to US army facilities only and there has been no change insofar as US Navy is concerned.

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by RHP, MARADMIN, NOV 15, 1973

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DATE 26 FEB 1945

TOR CODEROOM LYNN

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PARAPHRASED HARTZELL CHECK READY BY

ROUTED BY

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE CTF 51

COM 5TH FLEET SECNAV COMINCH

DEFFERED 0525

BASEGRAM 0

DRAFTED 260843

NCR 2492

THIS IS REUR 242120. SINCE INFORMATION OF JAP 500 KG ROCKETS HAS BEEN RELEASED IN COMMUNIQUE AND FULLY REPORTED IN PRESS DISPACHES OF 25 FEBRUARY AND THEIR GENERAL EFFECTIVENESS IS KNOWN TO ENEMY IT IS CONSIDERED NOT NECESSARY TO PLACE A STOP UPON PUBLICATION OF THIS WEAPON.

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REMYDIS 181714 AND URDIS 231826 JANUARY.
DUE TO PRESSURE FROM FRENCH THIS SUBJECT AND NEARLY
MONTH DELAY IN OBTAINING DECISION AN EARLY REPLY IS
REQUESTED.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By RHP, NARS Date NOV 15 1973.

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FOR CAPTAIN SHELLEY USNR.

UR DES 231326 JANUARY REFERS. INFORMATION AVAILABLE PARIS INDICATES NEW YORK INFORMATION CENTER HAS FUNCTIONS SIMILAR FUNCTIONS

OPERATING PARIS CENTER UNDER FRENCH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CHARGED WITH USUAL LEGITIMATE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS MAY EXIST BUT PROBABLY SUBSIDIARY PROMOTION AMICABLE FRANCO AMERICAN RELATIONS. CROISSET, FRENCH NAVAL AVIATOR,

MARRIED US CITIZEN RESIDENT NEW YORK. CROISSET USEFUL MANY MONTHS TO US NAVAL AUTHORITIES THIS THEATER WHILE SERVING AS AIDE AND

INTERPRETER TO REAR ADMIRAL NOMY, HEAD OF FRENCH NAVAL AVIATION. OUTSTANDINGLY FRANK AND COOPERATIVE WITH US NAVY, PARIS. PROBABLE

ASSET FROM POINT OF VIEW OF AMERICAN INTERESTS IN NEW POSITION IN NEW YORK PERMITTING HIM TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WITH WIFE AND CHILDREN.

PURPOSE OF DUTY IS PUBLICIZING PAST FRANCO AMERICAN NAVAL COOPERATION. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED.

TOP SECRET
S 78121 7 FEBRUARY 1945 NOR 15816

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(RECEIVED FROM ARMY BY HAND)

BEGIN S 78121 ACTION AQWAR FOR ARNOLD FOR HODGES FOR BOBING, INFORMATION WESTLAKE FROM SHAFT MAIN FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE SHPRD FROM ALLEN AND WILKINS.

USSTAF HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH ADMIRALTY THAT NO MENTION BE MADE OF NEW ROCKET-PROPELLED BOMB DEVELOPED BY ADMIRALTY AND TO BE USED BY 8TH AIR FORCE UNTIL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE.

REQUEST NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENFORCE THIS STEP IN USA.

CM IN-7129 (8 FEB 45) "TOT" COMING COPIES #1 TO #8 INCLUSIVE.

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**FACT:** Admiral Halsey and Vice Admiral Hogg are not currently in active command of fleet units. Official communiqué will be ready at appropriate time after initiation of next major operation.

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AM TODAY RELEASING FOR PUBLICATION LOSS OF GROWLER (SS 215) X NEXT OF
KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED X PRESUMED LOST BECAUSE OVERDUE FROM PATROL

COPY TO: VICE CNO...0p05...19...20...2OM...23...BUPERS...BURE...BUO...BUORD
BUSHIPS...BUSANDA...NAV AIDE...
ALUSNA CHUNGKING SENDS TO CNO.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE CONCERNS A RADIO BROADCAST IN WHICH GENERALISSIMO AND AMBASSADOR HURLEY WILL SPEAK AND SAID MESSAGE IS BEING FORWARDED VIA NAVY CHANNELS AT REQUEST OF EMBASSY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY "JOHN GRITMORE MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM 1440 BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY. BROADCAST DATE CHANGED TO SUNDAY NIGHT AT 10 PM CHUNGKING TIME 1500 GMT INSTEAD OF SATURDAY NIGHT. SENDING THIS WAY SO ENEMY WILL HAVE NO CHANCE TO JAM PROGRAM THIS FIRST TIME GENERALISSIMO HAS BEEN ON AIR FOR SOME TIME. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE SOONEST. REGARDS BRUMBY".

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OPNAV 19-67

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NEWSPAPERS HAVE WILLINGLY ACCEPTED DECISION TO AVOID MENTION OF SUICIDERS YOUR 232337. OCCASIONAL INADVERTENT LEAKS HAVE HAD LITTLE CIRCULATION. IN VIEW IMPOSSIBILITY OF STOPPING WIDESPREAD COMMENT IF NAVY CONCURS IN ANY MENTION OF THEIR EXISTENCE IT IS ADVISABLE TO ADHERE TO PRESENT POLICY FOR A WHILE LONGER.

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by RHP; NARA Date NOV 15 1973

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CINCPOA SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO CINCSWPA.

HAVE NOTED WSA ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUICIDE ATTACKS ON CARGO VESSELS IN PAPERS OF 22 JANUARY. RECOMMEND CONTINUANCE PRESENT POLICY OF SECRECY CONCERNING RESULTS OBTAINED BY SUCH ATTACKS AND WHEN DAMAGE IS ADMITTED REFRAINING FROM ANNOUNCING WHETHER BY BOMB OR BY CRASHED AIRPLANE. HOWEVER NO LONGER REQUIRE PRESS TO REFRAIN FROM SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT THE JAPANESE ARE EMPLOYING SUICIDE ATTACKS.

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To: War Department
Nr: 23766 19 January 1945

Reference our 019 on basis first editorial comment and Parliamentary speeches, Churchill's War Report appears to have been better received than Premier's pre Christmas statements and criticism Greek policy has moderated considerably. His recital recent events in Greece seems to have sobered some critics and liberal and labor papers have mild editorials today.

Times criticism remains sharpest aid because influential position is naturally important. Truce in fighting, atrocities laid to ELAS and defections from EAM have improved Churchill's position considerably in eyes British public.

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       Col Park
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ISCOM SAIPAN REPORTS NEWSWEEK ARTICLE IN YOUR 082055 IS IN GROSS ERROR. THAT JAPANESE CIVILIANS HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED ON AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION THAT THERE IS NO FORCED LABOR THAT ALL WORKERS ARE PAID VOLUNTEERS AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF WAR DEPARTMENT BASIC FIELD MANUAL FM 27-10 ARTICLES 303-5 HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED.

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ALUSNA LISBON

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19 JANUARY 1945

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ALUSNA LISBON SENDS CNO

PRESS REPORTS ON MACAU INCIDENT SO FAR REMAIN NONCOMMITAL AS TO IDENTITY OF AGGRESSORS.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISES PORT CENSOR KILLED PROPOSED EDITORIAL IN SEMI OFFICIAL DIARIO DEMANNA ATTLIRUING RESPONSIBILITY TO US.

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By RRP, NARR Date, NOV 15 1973

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CTF 77 SENDS COMINCH FOR ACTION AND INFO COM 7TH FLT.

COMMANNAY BAY SERIOUSLY DAMAGED 4TH JANUARY. LATER SUNK BY BLUE FORCE. HOVEY AND LONG SUNK 6 JANUARY. PALMER SUNK 7 JANUARY. LCI 974 SUNK 10 JANUARY.

ALL RESULT ENEMY ACTION AND INCIDENT TO LINGAYEN OPERATION. MAY BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
I am today releasing for publication the following losses in the Philippine waters: Hull (DD375), Monaghan (DD354), and Spence (DD512) destroyers lost as result of severe typhoon during operations which could not be suspended because of the operational situation. Next of Kin of first two have been notified and of the third will be notified as soon as the information becomes available. Four LST's not identified by Hull number but refers to 460, 738, 750, 742 or 472x1 PT, 1 Subchaser, and 1 small auxiliary not identified by Hull number but refers to PT 323, SC 744 and Porcupine (IX-126). These lost result enemy action. Statement is included that above completes list of all Philippine campaign losses up to last day of December.

Copy to: BUORD...BUPERS...BUNED...BUSANDA...BUSHIPS

CMO...OP05...19...26...28M...23. NAVAIDE.
IN ORDER TO MAKE EARLY RELEASE OF TYPHOON LOSSES DESIRE LIST OF SURVIVORS OR CASUALTIES FROM SPENCE. MUSTER ROLL ON LAST SAILING SHOULD BE FORWARD BY DESPATCH IF AVAILABLE.
From: US Military Attache London England
To: War Department
Nr: 23578 6 January 1945
Sgd Tindall Sr Nr 23578 to MILID.

British press generally skeptical Plastiras Policy will bring Greek trouble to satisfactory conclusion. Most sections opinion regard truce in fighting and establishment provisional Government based on all Greek groups essential conditions to peaceful settlement.

Press considers Plastiras Policy as announced meaning effort suppress Elas by force and refusal to negotiate. Policy of this kind will find little public support here and use British troops to give it effect would be strongly opposed.

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From: US Military Observer, New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Nr: CDA 1

5 January 1945

From Graybeal CDA 1.

Internal India summary dated 30 December 44.

1. Press announcements have been issued concerning payment increments, voting and one month's leave in UK for British personnel in India Army but no comments available. No comments on pay increase for Indian Troops. Morale of British Troops remains high. Early reaction to plan for leave in UK somewhat unfavorable due to doubts whether taking this leave would affect repatriation of the individual concerned. At present attitude is changing since men have started to go but there is a feeling that the limitations are not understood by families at home who expect everyone to get leave. The situation in Greece is beginning to cause some worry.

2. It is believed the rice famine in Burma was engineered by the Japanese to embarrass Allied advance. The transfer of responsibility for feeding Calcutta to the Bengal Government has caused the hardening of rice prices in Bengal. Monsoon harvest in Bengal is progressing in spite of shortage and high price of labor. Due to failure of late rains the crop is expected to be only average good.

3. Temporary set-back on the western front has caused undue alarm and morale is high. Speech of Viceroy to Associated Chambers of Commerce caused general disappointment in Nationalist circles as finally closing door to

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From: US Military Observer, New Delhi, India
Nr: CDA 1 5 January 1945

political settlement during war. Non-Muslim circles welcomed his observations concerning Pakistan but Muslims resented them.

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5. Opposition to Muslim League reported from rival Muslim factions in North West Frontier Province and in Sind. In Bombay and United Provinces the Muslim League is suffering from internal differences. Owing to previous resolutions which are reinforced by temporary indisposition Gandhi is not taking part in political activities at present. Jinnah and important section of scheduled castes have refused to meet Saurus' conciliation committee. There have been further activities adding to Gandhis construction program but it is believed that there exists among left-wing congressmen a disbelief in the effectiveness of the program.

6. No comments by military observer.

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      COL PARK
      LOG

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