MR 100 DE GAULLE, GENERAL CHARLES
(Visit to Washington, January 1942)

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FOR ADMIRALS LEAHY AND STARK FROM KIRK.

AS REPORTED WMDIS 271831\* SUBSTANCE OF UDRIS 271625\* WAS SENT IN WRITING TO GENERAL DE GAULLE YESTERDAY, WHEN I CALLED AT 1800 AT HIS REQUEST AFTER HIS LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER HE HAD NOT YET SEEN MY LETTER, HE WROTE LATER ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF HIS VISIT.

IN AGREEING TO THIS SUGGESTION DE GAULLE WRITES AS FOLLOWS QUOTE JE NE PUIS ACTUELLEMENT QUE INCLINER DEVANT LE SENTIMENT EXPRIE PAR LE PRESIDENT QUANT AU FAIT QUE DANS LES CIRCONSTANCES ACTUELLES EN AFRIQUE NORD FRANCAISE IL EST PREFERABLE QUE LE PROJET DE MON VOYAGE AUX ESTATS UNIS SOIT DIFFE UNQUOTE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION QUOTE I CAN ONLY ACCEPT AT THIS MOMENT THE FEELING EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA IT IS PREFERABLE THAT MY PROPOSED VISIT TO THE U.S. SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNQUOTE.

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(HICOM DESPATCH. FOR ADMIRAL LEAHY FROM REAR ADMIRAL KIRK.)

CONTENTS YOUR 261625 DELIVERED IN WRITING GENERAL DE GAULLES HEADQUARTERS AT 1330 THIS DATE.

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From Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMEME 3468, December 26th, 1942.

General De Gaulle is enroute to Washington and is scheduled to reach Accra December twenty eighth. For Marshall from Andrews. General Catroux left Cairo zero four three zero Z via ATC plane to joint De Gaulle in Accra, ETA Accra one one zero zero GMT twenty seventh December.

Andrews

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December 26, 1942.

From: Opnav
To: Commavu

From Leahy to Stark

In view of unsettled condition in North Africa caused by the assassination of Admiral Darlan the President desires that the visit of General de Gaulle to America be postponed. Acknowledge receipt.

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W. C. Mott,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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December 26, 1943

From: Beirut
To: MILID

Number: 597, December 26, 1943

General Catroux departed via air from Beirut
nine AM today twenty fifth meeting De Gaulle Accra
twenty seventh thence to Washington together.
From Derouine.

Wadsworth

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To USFOR LONDON

No. R-4646

Arrangement for travel De Gaulle party in Army transport plane is satisfactory. See our R-4604 December 24. Does this plane have sufficient seating capacity? (From Leahy for Stark). It is requested De Gaulle be secretly and privately entertained by Colonel Jacques Balsan in Florida until date he comes to Washington for conversations with President. We presume arrangements with Balsan will be made from London.

Marshall

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Lieutenant General Dwight D Eisenhower
Commanding General
European Theater of Operations
US FOR, London England

No. R-4604

No objection to De Gaulle party using C 87 as requested in your 5917 dated December 23rd. For Hartle

Arnold
AAF DC 2074

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ARMY TRANSPORT PLANE WHICH ARRIVED ENGLAND ON SPECIAL MISSION FOR GENERAL MARSHALL IS LEAVING ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 27 RETURNING VIA ACCRA ARRIVING FLORIDA BASE ABOUT DECEMBER 31.

TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THIS PLANE TO TRANSPORT DE GAULLE PARTY PICKING UP IN ACCRA GENERAL YATROUX NOW AT CAIRO. ADVISABLE ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR DE GAULLE FOR PERIOD BETWEEN ARRIVAL U.S. AND DATE FIXED FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT. YOUR 221708, DE GAULLE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY OR SPECULATION ON PURPOSES OF HIS VISIT UNTIL INTERVIEWS IN WASHINGTON. WILL FOLLOW ADVICE U.S. AUTHORITIES AS TO ITINERARY VISIT AND CONTACTS IN U.S. SUGGEST HE BE SECRETLY AND PRIVATELY ENTERTAINED BY COLONEL JACQUES-BALSAN WHO HAS JOINED FREE FRENCH AND HAS RESIDENCE IN FLORIDA, DE GAULLE MIGHT ALSO VISIT WITHOUT PUBLICITY U.S. ARMORED DIVISION TRAINING CENTER SUCH AS FORT KNOLL KENTUCKY IF GENERAL MARSHALL AGREED.

REQUEST INFORMATION FIRST AS TO WHETHER THIS ARRANGEMENT FOR TRAVEL OF DE GAULLE PARTY IS AGREEABLE AND SECOND YOUR SUGG-
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ESTIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT OF TIME BETWEEN ARRIVAL U.S. AND JANUARY SEVENTH.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No 5917 December 23, 1943

De Gaulle and party will use C eighty seven plane
used by Davenport on Marshall Mission via South Atlantic
flight plan if no objection on your part. For Arnold
from see President on seven January. Agreeable to
Longfellow here and to British Mission to Fighting
French and to foreign office. Plane to leave here about
twenty seven December.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1942

My dear Mr. President:

I informed Monsieur Tixier, the representative in Washington of General de Gaulle, of the contents of your memorandum to me of December 18 in which you informed me that you would be able to see General de Gaulle on either January 10 or the morning of January 11.

Monsieur Tixier immediately cabled this message to General de Gaulle. I have today received a letter from Monsieur Tixier in which he informs me that he has heard from General de Gaulle and that the latter "will arrive in Washington on January 9 entirely at the service of the President". Will you let me know what time on January 10 you desire to receive General de Gaulle so that arrangements may be made accordingly.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

The President,

The White House.
Dec. 22, 1942

From: OPNAV
To: COMNAVEU

This Irom Admiral Leahy to Admiral Stark. Your 211226, inform General de Gaulle that it will be most convenient for him to arrive here by January seventh as the President will be able to see him on the eighth or ninth.
REFERENCE YOUR NOVEMBER 252635 FROM ADMIRAL LEAHY TO ADMIRAL STARK.

GENERAL DE GAULLE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY TIZIER, FREE FRENCH WASHINGTON DELEGATION, THAT SUMNER WELLES HAS INDICATED PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE DE GAULLE JANUARY 19TH.

DE GAULLE REQUESTS ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIS ARRIVAL WASHINGTON NOT LATER THAN JAN. 9TH. IS THIS INFORMATION CORRECT?

DE GAULLE WOULD PLAN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE MILITARY AIDES; COL. LOMBARD, FORMERLY MILITARY ATTACHE FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON; COL. BILLOTTE, CHIEF OF STAFF AND CAPT. SERREULLES, PERSONAL AIDE. HE WOULD ALSO HAVE TWO CIVILIAN AIDES, LEON MARCHAL, FORMERLY SEC'Y FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND GASTON PELEWSKI PRIVATE SECRETARY.

GENERAL CATRO, HIGH COMMISSIONER SYRIA AND COMMANDER FREE FRENCH FORCES NEAR EAST MAY ALSO ACCOMPANY DE GAULLE.

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CONTENTS YOUR 290115*COMMUNICATED TO GENERAL DE GAULLE WHO FEELS THAT POSTPONEMENT OF CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON UNTIL JANUARY IS DESIRABLE. PLANS WILL BE MADE ACCORDINGLY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

29 November 1942

Memorandum for Admiral Leahy

Attached is a copy of the message which was sent out last evening in accordance with your telephoned instructions.

Also attached is a copy of your original memorandum with changes made by the President.

CHESTER HAMMOND
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps
FROM: OPHAV
TO: CONNAVEU

THIS FROM ADMIRAL LEAHY

REFERENCE YOUR 271213 AND 281446 X ADVISE GENERAL DE GAULLE
THAT UNFORTUNATE ENGAGEMENTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT
TO RECEIVE GENERAL DE GAULLE UNTIL AFTER THE TURN OF THE YEAR X
IN VIEW OF THIS HE COULD SEE THE GENERAL AFTER JANUARY NINTH

Released from the White House Map Room
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CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps

COPY-For Admiral Leahy
MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT in re proposed visit of General De Gaulle:

The United States Chiefs of Staff are of the opinion that a visit of General De Gaulle at this time would present a definite hazard to United States troops in North Africa, and the success of the TORCH operation. We, therefore, strongly recommend that the President have General De Gaulle informed approximately as follows:

"To Admiral Stark

Reference your 271213 and 281446

Advise General De Gaulle that in view of the critical situation in North Africa it is felt that his visit to the United States at this time would present a definite hazard to the United States troops in North Africa and would jeopardize the success of that operation."

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In foreseeing engagements make it impossible for the President to receive General De Gaulle until after the turn of the year. In view of this he could see the General after January 9.

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MEMORANDUM FOR
ADMIRAL LEARY

Tonight the President told me that you might include in your message to Admiral Stark that the President has the President of Cuba, General Sikorsky and several other distinguished visitors due to arrive early in December. When they are clear all must be put aside to work on the budget and the message to Congress. Admiral Stark will understand the importance of these items.

Very respectfully,

John L. McCrea,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.

By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
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IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DE GAULLES ARRIVAL UNITED STATES ABOUT SIX DECEMBER MY 271213 ARE SATISFACTORY, REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE AFFIRMATIVE AS TIME IS VERY SHORT.

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REFERENCE ADMIRAL LEAHY MESSAGE 252/35 GENERAL DE GAULLE INFORMED ME PERSONALLY OF HIS PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER MY 241656 WAS SENT. GENERAL HAS REQUESTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR TRAVEL FOR HIMSELF AND FOUR ASSOCIATES TO PERMIT ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON BEFORE DECEMBER 10TH.

AMBASSADOR WINANT INFORMS ME DE GAULLE'S VISIT WILL BE ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND NOT BY INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT. DESPATCHES FROM FRENCH DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WELLES EXPRESSED DESIRE OR WILLINGNESS TO SEE DE GAULLE OF SUFFICIENT WARMTH TO CONSTITUTE INVITATION.

WINANT HAS REQUESTED CENSORSHIP ON ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INVITATION. DE GAULLE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY COLONEL LOMBARD, FORMER FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHÉ WASHINGTON, BY TWO AIDES, AND BY A MILITARY LEADER POSSIBLY GENERAL CATROUX.
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR PASSAGE IN FAST TRANSPORT ABOUT DECEMBER 1ST. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE DEPARTURE BY CLIPPER VIA SOUTHERN ROUTE ABOUT SAME DATE. THIS WOULD INDICATE ARRIVAL U.S. ABOUT 6 DECEMBER, IS THIS SATISFACTORY.

GENERAL DE GAULLE IN VISIT TO ME YESTERDAY EXTENDED PERSONAL GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MEMBERS OF CABINET AND MILITARY AND NAVAL CHIEFS OF STAFF ON OCCASION OF THANKSGIVING. HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR AMERICAN WAR EFFORT AND STRESSED THAT FUNDAMENTAL UNITY OR PURPOSE OF FRENCH AND AMERICANS MUST NOT BE CONFUSED BY IRRITATIONS RESULTING FROM DIFFERENCES AS TO METHOD AND STRATEGY.

WINANT JOINED ME IN PREPARING THIS MESSAGE AND ASKS THAT IT BE SHOWN THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE MR. HULL'S SEEING IT.
FOR ADMIRAL STARK FROM ADMIRAL LEAHY.
REFERENCE YOUR 241656 - PRESIDENT HAS NOT REPEAT
NOT ISSUED INVITATION TO VISIT AMERICA
PARR TWO. MR. WINANT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY
TELEPHONE AS TO DETAILS OF THIS MATTER.

*REF: AM INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT DE GAULLE HAS
BEEN INVITED TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE DECEMBER 15
OR AFTER JANUARY 8.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1942

MEMORANDUM

I telephoned to Winant tonight telling him that the President had not invited deGaulle to come to this country. He had merely stated that if deGaulle were coming over here anyway he would be glad to see him. I told Winant to make this very clear to Mr. Eden.

H.L.H.
INCOMING MESSAGE

Filed 23012
Date Nov 24

FROM: London
TO: The President of the United States
NUMBER: None, November 24, 1942

To the President (signed Winant).

Mister Eden and the Prime Minister just asked me if you would object to the Prime Minister stating in a speech he is making in Parliament tomorrow to saying that General deGaulle is going to Washington at your invitation. General deGaulle so informed the Prime Minister this afternoon. I had also given this information to Eden this morning as I was requested to do in a State Department message I received this morning.

It will be necessary for you to reply this evening in order to get an answer to the Prime Minister in time.

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DEGAULLE HAS RECEIVED DESPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON DELEGATION REPORTING SATISFACTORY CONVERSATIONS PHILIP AND CHEVIOTHE WITH PRESIDENT AND ASST SECRETARIES WELLES AND MC GLOY. AM INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT DE GAULLE HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE DECEMBER 15TH, OR AFTER JANUARY 8TH.

MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF HAVE CONSULTED UNOFFICIALLY COL. SUMNER WAITE AND MYSELF AS TO WHICH PERSONS SHOULD ACCOMPANY DE GAULLE. WE HAVE DECLINED TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DE GAULLE AND IF SO WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUGGESTED.

GENERAL CATROUX, FREE FRENCH COMMISSIONER AND COMMANDER SYRIA, ARRIVED LONDON YESTERDAY.
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ADMIRAL DARGENLIEU, COMMISSIONER AND COMMANDER IN PACIFIC, HAS NOW LEFT PAPETE ENROUTE LONDON VIA UNITED STATES.

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