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July 1942 thru May, 1944.

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Map Room
From: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East,

Cairo, Egypt

31 May 1944

Number MILID 188 AMNE 816

Situation in Bulgaria continues obscure. Seems Bojilov is carrying on without full cabinet. Bulgarian source C2 says he dropped Bristov Minister of Interior, Vasov Minister of Commerce and Bashkov Minister of Agriculture. Also says Kuesseivnov was recently offered Prime Ministry but refused because Regents wanted his cabinet to include 3 members of Tsankov Party.

Russians say Danko is candidate for Prime Minister. Russians have put Bulgarian statesmen on spot as those who yield to German pressure now despite Russian warnings likely to be regarded in future as traitors to Bulgarian best interests.

Bulgarian source who left Sofia May 26 says most of employees of Russian Legation except Minister came to Turkey on train with him. Says they left train before it entered German zone in Greece and traveled by auto to where they could enter train again. Interprets departure...
From: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

31 May 1944

of much of Legation as expressing Russian displeasure at Bulgarian foreign policy but does not expect break between Bulgaria and Russia.

Generally accepted that Trifanov is new Bulgarian Chief of Staff and Popov is Deputy. Unable confirm press report from source frequently wrong in past that Generals Lukash, Shunenski, Popov and Naumov have been arrested by Germans for plotting with Russians or that Trifanov has been summoned to headquarters of Von Weichs. Wire communications with Bulgaria out.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAP
OPD
Col. Park

CM-IN-114 (1 June 44) 0324Z blw
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No. N 24405 30 May 1944

British SITREP ref 196 WDGBI cite MGEBI signed
Coles message number E24405.

To 1200 hours 30 May OPs Southeastern Europe.

Greece.

Macedonia (BR LO report).

LO's are attacking road and rail targets
between Stavroupolis L49 and Zandi L56. Demolitions
also attempted on Drama F99 - Paramestia F20 railroad
and on roads in Drama area. Bulgars drive anticipated in
Livadiatis area F30.

Epirus (Zervas report).

German attack not resumed by 27th May accord-
ing to Zervas who praised support by Nathouns from ESR
mortar section. Morale of Easi capitvates low.

Agrinion (BR LO).

German convoy successfully ambushed in Agrinion
area 26th May by BR LO and force of cooperating Elas. Enemy

CM-IN-23002 (30 May 44)

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No.  H 24405       30 May 1944

Casualties included 8 killed, 4 taken prisoners, 4 trucks completely destroyed, 3 mules killed.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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CM-IN- 23002 (30 May 44)  13352  bjm

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To: Chiefs of Staff.

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and FRENCH.

From: Fairbanks. (signed Wilson).

MSECS 115
B 12788.

1. Present situation at Tito's GHQ Drvar, West Bosnia, remains obscure owing to capture of main Partisan signal station and dispersal Allied sets.

2. German airborne forces estimated at 1 Sn. Paratroops in 36 JU 52 and 1 Gliderborne Bn. attacked Partisan GHQ 0430 hours May 25. GHQ and Allied Missions took to hills. Tito and all Allied personnel reported safe except cameramen and 1 American officer missing. Attack has continued with air attack by ME 109's and Stukas on Drvar and drives by enemy forces from Eibac through Petrovac and from Jajce northwards towards Ribnik. Enemy believed control road Eibac-Travnik. Unconfirmed reports May 26 state paratroops have been mopped up.

3. Reliable reports confirm German offensive is on unprecedented scale with object to eliminate Partisans in Western Bosnia. Partisans are fighting hard but are severely pressed. Maximum air support is being given and all targets asked for by Tito have been attacked, including troop concentrations, aircraft and M.T., many of which damaged and destroyed. Air supply operations continue and 60 tons were dropped last night. Portion of Mihailovich Mission was evacuated safely last night and it is hoped to get out remainder tonight.

T.O.O. 291640Z
CM-IN-23085 (30 May 44)
New Premier of Bulgaria, Christo Kalfov is quite pro-German. Is reserve Lieut Col who in 23 organized coup which overthrew Stambulsky and brought Stankov to power. Was then Foreign Minister. Since Filov came to power has been head of Schranje. Despite announcement that names of new cabinet would be given out soon there is still no mention of new ministers. This may indicate there is difficulty in solving ministerial crisis.

Have nothing on refusal of Regenta to visit Hitler. Bulgars are in midst dilemma. An out and out pro-German cabinet might result in Russia breaking relations with Bulgaria according Russian Air Attache. Delay in forming cabinet indicates that prominent Bulgarians hesitate to join government while German pressure is on continuing this Russian. He thinks Russia would not break relations with any Bulgarian Government other than extremely pro-Nazi assemblage. He feels only possible Bulgarian cabinet today is compromise. Expects succession of cabinets. Weak government impotent to act against Germans as Russians desire but would also be unsatisfactory to Russians.

Reports of Bulgarian mobilization believed exaggerated. Have 2 reports denying completely there is any change from normal. One report which is not believed said 4 new divisions
were being formed from new personnel called up. Believe Bulgaria which for long time has been 3/4's mobilized and is still much same. Estimate numerical strength as 350,000 to 400,000. Have reports which considered doubtful that 1 division was shifted to Danube. No indication of reinforcement of Greek coast. Bulgarian troops have been taking place of Germans on Yugo Slav border. Russians see little difference between this and participation in war against Russia. Possible Bojilov govt fell on such issue. There has been change of designation of units. Seems 11th Division is now called 28th and 17th has been reformed.

Turk Foreign Minister said 2 days ago he did not think Bulgarian change meant anything fundamental yet. Impression here is Bulgaria is torn between 2 urges and is trying to compromise. If compromise there will be some moderates in cabinet.

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INFO: OPD
Col. Park
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CM-IN-20071 (26 May 44) 20142 JB
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department

Nr: 179 25 May 1944
Number 179

Both Colonel Hats (see our 175) and G 2 of Hungarian General Staff will be shot according Hungarian official here. Hungarian general who was G 2 about 1940 and whose name begins with U already has been executed source avers. Hats of Balkans headed Hungarian Intelligence Service.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: ODP
Col Park
Log

CM-IN-19216 (25 May 44) 20592 mcs
From: U S Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CC U S Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
18th May 1944
Number MILID 164 ANSM 792.

Recent newspaper stories regarding Bulgarian peace overtures are not believed well founded. Situation this respect unchanged with usual scattered conversations not official. Allied warning to Axis satellites elicits considerable editorial comment of general tone, no effect likely to be made by this kind of talk and second front on land necessary before any breaks with Axis can be expected.

B 3 source states Germans here have report that during last half of April, 9 convoys of English troops entered Mediterranean from England with over 2 Divisions of troops and altogether 2 carriers, 3 battle ships, 7 heavy cruisers, 10 light cruisers and 25 destroyers. Above data is stated to be copied from German telegram.
From: U.S. Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

Date: 18th May 1944

Germans have believe these troops proceeded to Cairo area and may have been reinforced by one or two Divisions from South Africa or India and that these forces may form back bone for attack on Balkans or Greece in near future.

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CMIN-13853 (18 May 44) 2242Z

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From: US Military Attaché Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
       CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
       Cairo, Egypt

2nd May 1944

Number MILLED 143 AMBHE 763.

Civilian passenger traffic suspended on Bulgar rail lines except on Sofia-Ruse-Blagoevgrad and Sofia-Silvengrad lines which will be used for passengers in transit thru Sofia and Bulgaria with special permits.

Above from neutral incoming diplomat also British 03 source.

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ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF

OPD

CM-IN-1250 (2 May 44) 1845Z bjm
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2 May, 1944

To: Freedom

Info: J.S.M., Washington
Mideast, Hq MAAF

Number: COSMED 100

Following for General Wilson from Chief of Staff.
Reference MEDCOS 102.

United States authorities have agreed assign
further parachutes to United Kingdom. Can therefore meet
your requirements in full as from mid-June.

T.O.O. 022337Z

MEDCOS 102 is CM-IN-620 (1 May 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Gen Arnold, CTF
Gen Bissell
Adm King
Col Park
Log

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Date: DEC 16 1971
Signature: RHP

CM-IN-1944 (3 May 44) 1718Z mos

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AVEROFF SURRENDERED TO LOYAL GREEK GOVERNMENT FORCES 1345 GCT. CREW REMOVED FROM SHIP AND REPLACED BY LOYAL ELEMENTS. LOCAL SITUATION QUIET.

Date - 5-17-71
Signature - RMCP

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (1) NAVREGS.)
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TOP SECRET

To: Chiefs of Staff, London
Repeated: Britzman Washington for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Mideast Eq.NAAF
From: A. F.H.Q. Signed Wilson cite PHOCT

Number MESSAGE 102 P. 39745 April 28, 1944

If present scale of parachute supply dropping to resistance groups in this theatre is to be maintained our supply of 28 foot parachutes will be exhausted by Mid-June.

The request for 5000 28 foot parachutes per month was based upon the assumption that Mideast could supply 2000 parachutes in June, 2500 in July, 3000 in August and 3500 in September. It now develops that Mideast will be unable to meet any of this demand. Our need for parachutes is therefore increased 2756 parachutes per month or to approximately 5000 per month.

2. Every effort being made here to reduce parachute dropping by air landing supply operations in Yugoslavia and salvage of parachutes from that country.

3. Reduction in present scale of parachute supply dropping operations not feasible for following reasons.

(A) My mission is keep enemy divisions this theatre out of OVERLORD areas. Outside of Italy my best means of accomplishing this mission is by the employment of native resistance groups in occupied countries. These groups must be supplied and maintained with arms, ammunition, explosives, food, and medical supplies. Due to restricted number of available aircraft the present scale of these operations represents the absolute minimum if I am to employ these resistance groups usefully.

(B) I am committed to support resistance groups. If the present scale of operations be reduced or if operations

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cause in any country it will have a very bad effect on morale of resistance groups as it will be evidence of bad faith on our part.

I therefore urge that 8000 28 foot parachutes per month May to September inclusive be furnished this theatre from U.K. and U.S. sources.

grateful for an early reply.

T.O.O. 281600B

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Gen. Arnold
      OPD
      Gen. Bissell
      Adm. King
      Col. Park
      Log

CM-IN-620 (1 May 44) 22032 mov
ALL GREEK NAVAL UNITS HERE NOW IN LOYAL GREEK GOVERNMENT HANDS WITH EXCEPTION OF AVEROFF. UNFRIENDLY ELEMENTS FORMERLY ON THESE UNITS TRANSFERRED VOLUNTARILY TO AVEROFF. SITUATION ON AVEROFF UNSETTLED.

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COMINCH...CHO...2PK...200P...NAVAIDE...13...
From: U S Military Attache Ankara Turkey

To: War Department
   CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
   Cairo, Egypt

27 April 1944

Number AMSME 751 MILID 131.

Traffic on Sofia-Floudiv rail line diverted to line Sofia-Pleven-Gorna Orheovitsa-Stara Zagora-Floudiv following air raids on April 17 and 20 according B 2 British sources.

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INFO: OPD
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CM-IN-20455 (27 Apr 44) 2245Z w/o

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

CG US Army Forces in the Middle East

Cairo, Egypt

26 April 1944

Number MILID 130, ANSME 749.

Disruption of Balkan communications due principally to effective destruction air bombings of control stations and rolling stock according Swiss Consul Istanbul 0 2 MA does not believe large scale troop movements in progress. Face of bombings lately has outstripped ability of authorities to repair damage particularly at Sofia, Plovdiv, Turnuseverin, Pucharest and Budapest. Telegrams received Istanbul from Hungarian firms under contract to deliver goods to Turkey state transport had been suspended because shortage railway trucks.

Following from OSS source rated B2 by them, Salonika-Dede Agatch line overloaded because traffic switched to it as result interruption near Nish by partisans of Salonika-Nish line. Danube shipping facilities overloaded. Svishtov in Bulgaria being used as reloading port and full goods.

ACTION: 0-2.

INFO: CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

CM-IN-19575 (26 Apr 44) 19572 c:jv

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ALUSHA ANKARA

RELEASED BY: CNO

DATE: 21 APRIL 1944

FOR CODEROOM: 2002/21

DECODED BY: HOCHSTEIN

PARAPHRASED BY: THOMAS

EDITED BY: ROLL

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MY 15182/4 SAME SOURCE REPORTS RUSSIANS REFUSED MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS TO BULGARS

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NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT REPORTS RUSSIAN MINISTER TO BULGARIA MADE RECENT TRIP MOSCOW TO TAKE BULGARIAN PROPOSAL JOIN RUSSIA IF PERMITTED RETAIN MACEDONIA AND THRACE. CORRESPONDENT ASSURES HE INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES. LOCAL AGENT REPORTS NO GERMAN TROOPS ARRIVING ROMANIA OR BULGARIA THAT TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM ODESSA AREA WILL MAKE STAND EAST OF CARPATHIANS ALONG DANUBE AND SERET. GERMAN FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM CONSTANZA AND ROMANIAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES MOVED TO CHERNAVODA ON DANUBE.

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COMINCH...CNO...205...NAVAIDE...15...20P...

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
71469
April 12, 1944

Commanding General
United States Army Forces
North African Theater
Algiers, Algeria

Number: WAR 22408

For Devers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The flow of chrome from the Balkans and particularly the increasing flow from Turkey to Germany would seem to provide an excellent objective for SOE-OSS operations which might include the disruption of traffic between Turkey and Germany and along the Skoplje-Miesh railway. Suggest you discuss the possibilities with General Wilson and determine what effective action can be undertaken.

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JCS 3400, 4-74
By RfP, NLR, Date

ORIGINATOR: JCS

INFORMATION: General Arnold
General Bissell
Admiral King
Colonel Far
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CM-OUT-22408 (13 Apr 44) 0318Z 1bw

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From: U.S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
    CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
    10 April 1944
    Number MILID 96 AMSME 710.

Free Rumanian Government being chosen secretly in Bucharest but with consent of Antonescu. Is report received by Rumanian Consular officials Istanbul according source 03.

Turk staff in Ankara puzzled by lack of reports concerning any large German troop movement into Rumania also negative info on same subject. For first time Turks suspect Germans short of reserves.

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INFO: CO AAP
      ODF  Col Park
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CM-IN-7023 (10 Apr 44) 2022Z mos

Note: G-2 demphasizes shortage

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From: U.S. Military Attache Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
No: 84 5th April 1944
Number 84 re ur 17797.
Considered should this be.

Representatives of Allies being contacted by Rumanians who endeavoring to avert by political maneuver consequences they fear. Probably most important contact is military conversation in progress between Rumanians and representatives of General Wilson. This concerns possibility of Rumania turning on Germans or surrendering. Rumanians are being urged to get in touch with Russian High Command and to order individual Rumanian units to surrender to Russians. Molotoff announcement possibly coordinated with conversations and should increase chances of tangible results.

Also as informed that Rumanian diplomat saw our Ambassador shortly before latter went on routine trip to Istanbul where he now is. Believe Rumanian indicated somewhat more liberal attitude toward surrendering to United Nations without being entirely satisfactory re Russia. Did not get to talk to Ambassador about this but have impression nothing much will come of it. Request care be taken not to disclose my knowledge of this matter.

CM-IN-4773 (7 Apr 44)

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From: U.S. Military Attaché Ankara, Turkey
No: 84
5th April 1944

Rumanians dealing with military crowd represent Kaniev, but both Antonescuses are in on it. Some indication two Antonescuses are not entirely agreed.

According Rumanians they have 7 Divisions in Crimea and 6 became involved in fighting in Transnistria and on Danector and would be hard disengage. However 15 are in Western Rumania where it is planned to keep them. Rumanians have pointed out that these could help prevent German seizing country if they had Anglo-American air and air-borne help. They say Antonescuses convinced Hitler that immediate use of these 15 Divisions against Russians is impracticable because of state of equipment as they are weak in artillery and anti-tank guns. They alleged have only 8 anti-tank guns per Division. They admit Antonescu promised Hitler these troops would be used as soon as equipped but insist this was just stalling for time. They deny reports that Antonescuses have decided give Hitler hundred per cent cooperation and as proof point to location of troops in western Rumania.

Statement of Finn MA given in our 63 of 29th March that Rumanian troops were being moved to front has not been confirmed by any other source and is believed to be in error or exaggerated. Incidentally some increase of German troops in Rumania but entirely lack info indicating really big scale troop movement there.

While talking about surrender to United Nations Rumanians so far have indicated desire to avoid Russian occupation. Latest communication to which reply has not been received urges Rumanians to order individual units on fighting front to surrender to Russians and to get in touch with Russian Command on subject. Believe favored treatment of troops surrendering was promised, presumably with Russian consent. Molotov announcement may help.

Complete Romanian switch would greatly increase chances

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From: U.S. Military Attache Ankara, Turkey

No: 84 5th April 1944

of major disaster with which Germans already threatened. Some chance of favorable Rumanian action but they will take lot of persuading re Russia. Mistrust of Russia more likely make Rumanians hesitate and continue to postpone positive action. I believe they are playing both sides, still hoping by political maneuver to wriggle out of the worst consequences both present and future.

Rumanians incidentally say Germans completely control Floesti and nothing can be done by them there.

Tindall

63 is CM-IN-44 (1 Apr 44) G-2

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: OPD Col Park Log

CM-IN-4773 (7 Apr 44) 1355Z mos
RUSSIAN LOCATION SOFJA REPORTS FOLLOWING RESULTS AIR RAID 3RD MARCH. RAILROAD STATION AND STOREHOUSES, ROLLING STOCK, FOOD DEPOTS, WATER MAINS, POWERHOUSE, STREET CAR BARN AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HARD HIT. AA FIRE INEFFECTIVE BUT 15 RAIDING PLANES BELIEVED SHOT DOWN BY DEFENDING PLANES. NAVY BUT UNKNOWN NUMBER CASUALTIES. MORALE VERY LOW MANY SOLDIERS DESERTING.

16...ACT
CNO.....CUMINCH.....240 [NAVIGATION (3/31/38)]
200P.....OPU3.....

Date- 5-17-41

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
No. 77 1 April 1944

MILID number 77 AMSME 694.

News correspondent of Anatolian agency has been permitted by censors to cable from Bucharest as follows:

Nervousness and unrest of Rumanian people is becoming more and more noticeable. Strict reserve relative to the political and military aspects of the situation is being maintained by competent government authorities. Rumanians evidently are considerably alarmed by the course taken by events during last fortnight. Rumanians would like believe that strong German counter attack on the central front to the north is forthcoming.

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INFO: OPD
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CM-IN-943 (2 Apr 44) 0504Z jb

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From: U.S. Military Attache Ankara Turkey  
To: War Department  
No: 73  
31 March 1944  
Number MILID 73 ANME 691

Nearly all sources now agree Bulgars would not fight against Russians but would receive them as liberators. This opinion recently expressed by both Romanian and Japanese Attaches.

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INFO: O/PD  
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Log

CH-IN-944 (2 Apr 44) 0505Z Jb

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From: US Military Attache Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department

29th March 1944
Number MILID 63 AMSME 683

Recently back from Rumania where he saw King, Queen, both Antonescous, Bratianu and several generals. Finnish Military Attache who also now accredited Rumania says that nation because of fear of Bolshevism has decided to fight Russians whole heartedly. Most of those he talked with are Anglophil or Francophile and dislike Germans but feel there can be no question of sympathy when Russians are at frontiers. Would like to get out of war if could do so without Russian occupation but see no way doing this and feel nothing left for them but to fight for lives. Finn did not see Maniu.

Most of Rumanian troops who had been training in interior were being or had been moved north and east probably for deployment on Danube Bereseth or Danube Pruth line. Rumanians had only 3 or 4 divisions along Dniester. MA believed Rumanians for either political or military reasons decided against making major stand on Dniester.

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From: US Military Attache Ankara, Turkey

Three fourths of Russian troops who had been in interior are now completely up to strength and have modern equipment given by Germans. 7 to 8 divisions still in interior training but will be ready by June when Russians expect dispose of more than 30 divisions. Says Russian Army now as strong as in 42. Rates Generals good. Company officers excellent, field officers fair to poor.

Finn appears retain confidence in German Army and its ability to deal with Russians and reiterates Russia must win this year if at all. Views probably colored as most his info on East Front Operations from German sources. Incidentally puts at 74 total number Allied divisions available for second front operations.

Said separate German Russian peace would be mortal danger for Finland as deal likely be partly at Finnish expense. Considers no chance of such development in next few months but possibility later.

Reported Pro Russian feeling increasing in Bulgaria and doubts Bulgar Army would fight Russians if ordered to.

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To: British Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission for
U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
HQ MAAP
From: FREEDOM
Number: MEDCOS 77 March 29, 1944
Signed Wilson cite FROMS (FH COS) F 24538

The 2 Russian air craft which originally brought Russian Mission to Italy are still at Brindisi and each flew a sortie into Yugoslavia to land supplies last week. This information is passed to you in view of COSMED 65.

2. Following reports indicating activities of Russian Mission to Tito are also forwarded for your information:

(A) An RAF officer who returned Cairo last week after three months with Tito stated that during discussions with Tito about formation of the Yugoslav squadron he had been informed that the Russians had professed their willingness to form and train a squadron on Tito's own terms, if there was any difficulty with us.

(B) Another RAF officer who landed in Yugoslavia last week offered to bring out some wounded Partisans but was told that they would prefer to be taken out by the Russians who would treat them better.
Head of local German Intelligence Service stated to confi-
dant. As result Russian offensive which is serious but
not decisive Germans forced to occupy Hungary Rumania and
Bulgaria. Some areas now occupied other will follow. Con-
trol in Bulgaria will be applied quietly account people's
sympathy for Russia. Reconnaissance shows Allied Forces
being transferred Mediterranean to Atlantic, 25 German
Divisions will continue hold similar number Allied Divi-
sions Italy. Final decision will be reached when Allies
land in west.

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INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-20245 (28 Mar 44) 2034Z 1bw

Balkans.

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HEAD OF LOCAL GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE STATED TO CONFIDANT, AS RESULT RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE WHICH IS SERIOUS BUT NOT DECISIVE GERMANS FORCED TO OCCUPY HUNGARY RUMANIA AND BULGARIA. SOME AREAS NOW OCCUPIED OTHERS WILL FOLLOW. CONTROL IN BULGARIA WILL BE APPLIED QUIETLY ACCOUNT PEOPLES SYMPATHY FOR RUSSIA. RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS ALLIED FORCES BEING TRANSFERRED MEDITERRANEAN TO ATLANTIC. 25 GERMAN DIVISIONS WILL CONTINUE HOLD SIMILAR NUMBER ALLIED DIVISIONS ITALY. FINAL DECISION WILL BE REACHED WHEN ALLIES LAND IN WEST.

16...ACT

COMINCH...CNO...NAVYI...
From: US Military Attache Ankara
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt

27 March, 1944

Mild number 58 AMSME 679 from Tindall Ankara.

Invasion Hungary was prearranged between Hitler and Horbly and entire cabinet knew about it by March 15th. According Jewish source with subsourse Hungarian diplomat who has long befriended Jews in Hungary and who left Budapest March 22.

Says he saw no sign resistance by populace. Says one of Hungarian conditions to which Hitler agreed was no SS or Gestapo were to remain in Hungary. Reports 17 divisions entered Hungary of which majority went through to Rumania and Hungarian Polish frontier. Included 3 SS divisions.

New government has started imprisoning Democratic and Socialist elements to purge country of Allied and Russian sympathizers.

Following from British is rated C 3 by them. Three German divisions invaded South Hungary from Yugoslavia and some fighting in that area ensued. One or two divisions went by boat and barge down Danube. Vienna Budapest railway working at capacity carrying military traffic only. First troops entering Hungary by rail were SS units who have already left for Rumania. Luftwaffe in possession most Hungarian air fields. Permanent German occupation force not expected 8 divisions to exceed.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAAF, OPD, Col. Mathewson, Log
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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers.

To: War Department


No: F23163

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26 March 1944

F23163 to AGWAR for CCA repeated USFOR information
British Chiefs of Staff repeated Unity London signed
Wilson cite FNG05 this is RAF 655.

Please as put forward in your Plan 347 is being communicated to Yugoslav Partisan Headquarters. Local representative American War Refugee Board has been informed, and we will report results negotiations with Partisans.

Our views as stated in cable W-6999 of 6 December now in part revised due changes prevailing conditions. Arrangements made for evacuation dissident Cetnik elements from Italy to Middle East and for movement 25, 500 Partisan refugees to same area. Situation regarding supplies, accommodation, clothing and medical facilities for displaced persons in Italy now satisfactory. As result foregoing now able accept refugees from island of Elba into Italy.

Following factors may affect success of plans suggested.

CM-IN-18848 (26 Mar 44)

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From: CO Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

No: F23163 26 March 1944

Possible as request for evacuation understood to have been made by Royal Yugoslav Government that refugees may in part be Ustniks in which case Partisan support might be lacking.

Reports indicate Germans may be preparing for assault on Rab.

Distance from island to allied occupied Italy will increase hazards of evacuation.

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: FAN 347 is CM-OUT-6077 (15 Mar 44) CC/3
6999 is CM-IN-4241 (7 Dec 43) CAD

ACTION: CC/3

INFO: Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Gen Hilldring
Adm King
Col Mathewson

CM-IN-18848 (26 Mar 44) 2032Z Jb
From: US MA Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces Middle East
Cairo Egypt

March 24 1944
Number MILID 49 AMSHE 668 from Tindall.

Up to Tuesday night 3 German Armored and 1 Infantry Divisions had entered Hungary according to a source rated B 2.

Free French have unconfirmed report Kallay to enter Turkey has asked visa.

Wire communication to Sofia and Bucharest intermittent. Reported Germans have occupied Sofia Postal and Telegraph Building.

Hungarian Legation here has been cut off from Budapest several days and knows nothing. Romanians have got Bucharest on 1 Wednesday and were told despair and panic prevailed there.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CED
Colonel Mathewson
Log

CM-IN-17196 (24 Mar 44) 1441Z med

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From: U.S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department MILID 47
Og, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt AMSME 666

23 March 1944
Number MILID 47 AMSME 666 from Tindall Ankara

Widespread disorganization in Bulgaria reported by Coffee who says Bulgarian Government departments so scattered over country Turks have hard time finding anyone to deal with. Bureaus disorganized by disappearance personnel. American Consular report however says confusion is being remedied and order restored in bureaus. Speech offensive of Ministers to calm people continues but pro Russian sentiment mounting.

Another Turk source C 4 says Bulgarians will rise and join Russians if latter penetrate far south into Rumania. Rumors here that Germans plan occupy Bulgaria but Coffee has no report of additional German troops in Bulgaria. Total mobilization in Rumania being ordered according report received by Coffee.

German troops in Hungaria commanded by Guderian according British source A 6. Unconfirmed.

ACTION: G-2
INFO : ASF
       OPD
       Col Mathewson
       Log

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URGENT

From: US Military Attaché Lisbon.
To: War Department.
No. 1195    20 March 1944.
Attn: Missell.

That Germs have already started or are about to occupy Hungary has just been told me by source A2. Waffen SS General Werner Lorenz is said to have completed work of preparation above action. Expect more details later. Source believes Germs doing this to forestall any Hungarian attempt to quit war.

Solborg.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
Col Mathewsch
LOG

CM-IN-14511 (20 Mar 44) 2251 Z DJM

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To : A.F.H.Q. Algiers
Rptd : Joint Staff Mission
Mid east
30 Missions Moscow

From : Chiefs of Staff

Number: COSMED 05

Following General Wilson from Chiefs of Staff.

No. 30 Mission Moscow has informed us that Soviet
General Staff propose to send in near future two further
Soviet DC3 aircraft to Yugoslavia via Cairo, carrying addi- 
nional personnel and stores for Russian Mission with Tito. 
They ask for same facilities as last time and state that aircra-
ft will return to U.S.S.R. on completion of trip.

2. As you know whole question of Soviet air facilities
in your Command under consideration and it may be sometime
before decision is reached. Important that final decision
should not be prejudiced by granting this individual request.
Would be grateful therefore if you would arrange for two
Dakotas to be available at Teheran to convey Russian personnel
and stores to Yugoslavia.

3. No. 30 Mission on hearing from General Wilson
that aircraft will be available at Teheran should inform Soviet
General Staff that we can provide the necessary aircraft and
that it is therefore unnecessary for Russian aircraft to go
beyond Teheran. They should inform General Wilson when Russian
aircraft expected arrive Teheran so that onward movement can
take place without delay.

T. O. O. 18133CA

ACTION: COS
INFO: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
Adm King
Gen Mathewson
Log

SM-TH-13824 (19 Mar 44) 0325Z mcs

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
E TO USA, London

7 March, 1944

No. W-4496/61211

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff repeated USFOR
information British Chiefs of Staff and Unity London signed
Wilson cite FRAGS reference PAN 342. This is NAF 643.

General scheme for civil affairs in Balkans will
be discussed by General Hughes, Commander Allied Military
Liaison Headquarters Middle East, who is now in London. Colonel
Maxwell, Acting Chief Military Government Section this head-
quartes, is going to London this week and will discuss the
same matter.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS (Col MacFarland)
INFORMATION: ODP, Gen Bissell, Gen Arnold, Col Mathewson
Adm King, Gen Hildring, LOG
CM-IN-9611 (14 Mar 44) 11142 mw

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March 3, 1944

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FREEDOM ALGIERS
NUMBER: 1328

CG STOGBA
LONDON ENGLAND
NUMBER: R 160

CG SHAEF
LONDON ENGLAND
NUMBER: 217

For Wilson FREEDOM Algiers, PAM 341, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

American participation in Civil Affairs in Balkans is limited under present decisions to procurement and shipment of supplies and to employment of 25 American officers in connection with distribution. Understood that your general scheme is being taken to London for consideration.

No sig

ORIGINATOR: CO/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: CFD
Gen. Bissell
Gen. Arnold
Gen. King
Col. Mathewson
Gen. Hilldring
Mr. McCloy
Log

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LOCAL AGENT CONFIRMS RECENT REPORTS GERMANS PREPARING DEFENSES DANUBE DELTA TO CARPATHIANS FOLLOWING SIRET RIVER. FIRST LINE ON WEST BANK AND STARTING AT VODENA CONSISTS TWO ROWS CONCRETE TRENCHES. SECOND LINE FIFTEEN KILOMETRES IN REAR HAS THREE ROWS SIMILAR TRENCHES. NO FIXED GUNS IN PLACE BUT TRENCHES WELL CAMOUFLAGED, REPORTED. RUMANIANS WILL DEFEND THIS FRONT WITH THE EIGHTH INFANTRY ONE MOUNTAIN AND ONE CAVALRY DIVISION STILL IN RUMANIA. SINCE ONLY THREE OF THESE DIVISIONS NOW ORGANIZED EARLY MOBILIZATION ANTICIPATED. SHORE AND AIR DEFENSES CONSTANZA HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO RUMANIANS.
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IMMEDIATE
February 19, 1944

To: British Chiefs of Staff

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission, Washington for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From: A.F.H.Q. (Signed Wilson)

MEDOOS 53
Reference COSMED 39

Every effort being made to provide stores to Yugoslavia and to insure delivery of highest priority stores in each area. Subject to weather and other over-riding priorities hope to meet minimum requirements for Yugoslavia through April including explosives.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
White House
Adm King
Gen Hildring

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Leross Island being evacuated by British. Official source states no defence of Samos Island anticipated but British will have to escape to Turkey as best they can.

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GERMAN ATTACKING FORCE CONSISTS OF 5
BATTALIONS INCLUDING 2 PARACHUTE TROOP
BATTALIONS SUPPORTED BY 3 EX-ITALIAN
TORPEDO BOATS. REMY 121322. BRITISH
FORCE APPROX 3 BATTALIONS. SITUATION
SERIOUS.
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AT 0325 TODAY ISLAND OF LEROS ATTACKED BY LARGE

GERMAN INVASION FLEET. BRITISH RESISTANCE NOT EX-

PECTED TO LAST LONG.

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AT 0300 TODAY ISLAND OF LEROS ATTACKED BY LARGE
GERMAN INVASION FLEET. BRITISH RESISTANCE NOT EX-
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12/1322 200 Brehans
FROM BULGARIAN SOURCES CONSIDERED RELIABLE LOCAL AGENT REPORTS "AT RECENT MEETING HITLER TOLD BULGARIAN COUNCIL OF REGENTS THAT GERMANY MAY NOT WIN WAR BUT WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY DEFEATED AND BULGARIANS ONLY HOPE IS IN LOYALTY TO GERMANY WHO WILL SUPPORT HER CLAIMS TO NEWLY GAINED TERRITORY WHEN COMPROMISE PEACE ARRANGED.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number AMSME 8764, 22 October 1943

Marshall's eyes alone signed Royce.

Digest of third portion of minutes of meeting of Joint C in C Committee Middle East Forces 18th October '43: Senior Commanders present included General Sir H. Maitland Wilson (C in C Middle East Forces), Vice Admiral Sir Algernon Willis (C in C, Levant), Air Marshal Sir John Linnell (AAO C in C), Major Gen C. Gubbins (Director SOE). In establishing forward base in southern Italy for operations by Middle East along the Dalmatian coast and western Greece it was appreciated that maximum efficiency of SOE operations could be best obtained by concentrating the 2 special operational squadrons at single base in Italian heel. General Eisenhower, Admiral Cunningham and Air Chief Marshal Tedder have agreed in principle to establishment of such advance base in Apulia. One possible difficulty was proposal of OSS to operate from same base. According to Acting Air Officer C in C all administrative and supply difficulties could be overcome and activation of advance base effected by end of December provided 4 additional transport aircraft were provided. Commander in Chief concurred in forwarding of this request to Chief of Air Staff. According to General Donovan Americans wished to cooperate in manner similar to that at present in effect for OSS operations in southeastern Europe from North Africa and Middle East. American aircraft being placed at disposal of General Donovan by General Spatz are to operate (by agreement with former) solely under British RAF 324th Wing. This
Command first learned of above plan through medium of above minutes.

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ACTION: GEN HANDY

INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
CCS (CAPT ROYAL USN)
GEN ARNOLD
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ARTILLERY BATTLES BETWEEN GERMANS AND ITALIANS ARE TAKING PLACE ON ISLAND OF RHODES AT FOLLOWING PLACES: AROUND MARITZA AIRFIELD, ON MORILIT HILL, AT TOLOS WEST OF MARITZA AND ALSO AT SORONI. LOCAL AGENT REPORT. BIG EXPLOSIONS HAVE OCCURRED AT TOLOS AND SOUTH OF RETICA AND LIKESIEN IN MONTEZELIA RMA AND A LARGE FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT AT SALACOS ALL ON RHODES. THE BR * CERS HAVE GONE FROM TURKEY TO SAKOSRO TAKE OVER ISLAND.

* SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.
Furnished by local agent who rates source A-1.

All Bulgarians realize Germans have lost war. Older ones are attached to Russia and the young are more Idealistically Communist than Russian Communists. Between pressure of people and Germans, government is at loss what do. Only hope for King and government is Russo-German understanding. There are proofs such understanding probable. According well informed Bulgarian circles there were negotiations before last offensive. It appears Stalin demanded first of all evacuation Russian territories. Hitler refused this and negotiations broke down. As result of Russian successes King and Government hoping
GERMANS WILL NOT ACCEPT RUSSIAN PROPOSITION. BERK BEKERLE, THE GERMAN MINISTER AT SOFIA DEMANDED OCCUPATION SOUTHERN GREECE BY BULGARIA BUT THIS REFUSED AND RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES NOT GOOD. EVEN BEFORE FALL OF MUSSOLINI OLD PARTY LEADERS NIKOLA MUSHANOF AND MAJAROF AND QUICHEF AND VERGIL DIMOF DEMANDED AUDIENCE WITH KING AND WERE RECEIVED, THEIR SECRET CONVERSATION LASTED ALL NIGHT. KING DECIDED WAIT DEVELOPMENT OF RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. FALL OF MUSSOLINI UPSET KING AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ON 27 JULY ALL MINISTERS AND SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO PALACE. ARCHITECT SEVOJ WHO IS FRIEND OF KING AND PARTISAN OF ANGLO SAXONS WAS PRESENT.

KING DOMINATES SITUATION. IF HE RETIRES IT IS CONFIDENTIAL.
CONSIDERED CERTAIN COMMUNISM AND ANARCHY WILL INSTANTLY REIGN IN COUNTRY.

THE PLOESI RAID MADE DEEP IMPRESSION ON BULGARIAN PEOPLE. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS PARTIALLY MOVING TO SUMMER RESIDENCES. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KEEPING EYES ON RUSSIAN EMBASSY THINKING AS LONG AS IT REMAINED SOFIA CITY WOULD NOT BE BOMBED. NOW THAT EMBASSY HAS GONE SUMMER RESIDENCE SOME PEOPLE ANTICIPATE BOMBING AND SAY THEY WILL WELCOME IT AS IT WILL HELP DEPARTURE OF GERMANS WHO TOOK POSSESSION ALL PRODUCTS OF COUNTRY THIS YEAR AND IN SOME DISTRICTS PEOPLE HAVE ONLY BREAD AND CUCUMBERS. THEIR ANIMOSITY TOWARD GERMANS IS GREAT.

16...ACT.

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WHEN SICILY WAS INVADED BULGARS MOVED THE
7TH AND PART OF 5TH AND ONE OTHER DIVISION
INTO AREA BETWEEN BISTRITA AND STRUWA RIVERS
AND 11TH, 16TH, AND PART OF ANOTHER DIVISION
TO AREA BETWEEN DEDEAGATCH AND KAVALLA.
GERMANS DEFEND COASTS. BULGARS ARE 15
KILOMETERS INLAND.
ABOVE FROM LOCAL AGENT WHO REPORTS BULGARIA
BUBBLING WITH OPINION DIVIDED AMONG THOSE
FAVORING GERMANY ALLIES AND PANSLAVISM. MANY
CONTINUE LOYAL TO GERMANY BECAUSE OF COMMIT-
MENTS AND BENEFITS RECEIVED. AT LEAST ONE
HALF ARMY OFFICERS PRO GERMAN RESULT OF
TRAINING. APPRECIABLE PORTION ARMY AND
PEASANTS WOULD WELCOME ALLIED INVASION,
RUMANIA DEFINITELY TIRED OF WAR AND READY
TO QUIT WILL PROBABLE TAKE CUE FROM ITALY.
LOCAL AGENT REPORTS ONLY FEW THOUSAND TROOPS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE 15 OR 16 GERMAN DIVISIONS IN ALL BALKANS ON JULY FIRST. NO RECENT MOVEMENTS ACROSS BULGARIA. NUMBER IN PELOPENNESUS UNKNOWN. STRATEGY WILL BE TO DEFEND PREVEZA-SALONIKA LINE. ROMMEL'S HEADQUARTERS IN VILLAGE ABOUT 1½ KILOMETERS NORTH SALONIKA. 28 BULGARIAN AIR FIELDS TAKEN OVER BY GERMANS BEING REPAIRED ENLARGED AND SUPPLIED. NO PLANES HAVE ARRIVED. NOT MORE THAN 6 THOUSAND GERMAN TROOPS RHODES. NONE IN ALBANIA.

16...ACT
COMINCH...10/11...28G...NAVAIDE...11X...FILE
Following from Naval Intelligence Middle East graded A-21.

Roumanians are opposing German insistence of removal of all refineries from Ploesti. Present compromise is to move Newha, Orion and German owned Petroleum Block Refinery. Move not yet started. 35% German and Italian Oil passes through Ploesti. Consider it vital and outstanding target for bombing with immediate effort even considering present situation North Africa. More intense efforts being undertaken. Persuade Jugouti join Allies. Manager Salonica Tobacco Coal ex states French ships Tourville and Duquesne this week each placed order for 250,000 cigarettes double usual order. When asked reasons for increase stated that it was made because possibility existed ships going to America. I believe... (continued on page 2)
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**TEXT**

Only indicates precautionary measure pending future developments which appear less definite to them than heretofore. British naval intelligence and states believe Godfrey intends and will join fight with Allies when satisfied with the establishment of a French government in North Africa which is acceptable to him as representative of French state.

I concur.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 8(b) and 8(d) or (8)

OSD letter, May 8, 1973

By DBS Date APR 16 1973

**ACTION:** 16...

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SECOND SECTION RHODES WOULD CONTINUE

FOOD STOCKS SUFFICIENT FOR 6 MONTHS. WORK ON FORTIFICATIONS OBSERVED ON NORTH AND NORTHWEST AND SOUTH COASTS. LEROS:

NAVAL BASE, 1 ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 1 BATTALION 19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. COSS AND KALIMOS/ SAMOS: 6TH INFANTRY REGIMENT 27TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT. ISLANDS OF SYRA PAROS AND ANDROS EACH GARRISONED BY 1 BATTALION OF 7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT.

LEMMOS: GERMANS HAVE 5 INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND 1 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION FROM 64TH DIVISION AT SALONICA. THEY ARE INSTALLING SUBSTANTIAL FORTIFICATIONS AND HAVE STATED THAT IN CASE OF ATTACK IT WILL BE HELD ALTHOUGH MYLENE AND KH108 MIGHT BE LEFT TO THE ENEMY. THERE 19 GUNS WHICH WERE TAKEN FROM MACHIAVOLI. 4 OF THESE 155MM CALIBER. MYLENE AND KH108 HAVE 1 INFANTRY BATTALION FROM SAME DIVISION.
MY APRIL 211152 LOCAL AGENT FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ENEMY FORCES GREECE AND AEGEAN ISLANDS AS OF END OF JUNE.

GREECE: ITALIAN 14TH ARMY CONSISTING OF 7 DIVISIONS 1 CORP HEADQUARTERS AT VOLS AND OTHER AT YANNINA.
SOUTHERN COAST PELEPONNESUS BEING FORTIFIED INCLUDING GUNS AND TANK OBSTRUCTIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR DEMOLITION ROADS AND BRIDGES. GERMAN TROOPS SOUTHERN GREECE LIMITED TO AIR FORCE, MARINE DETACHMENT AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND COAST DEFENSE. GERMAN 64TH DIVISION LESS CERTAIN UNITS IS AT SALONIKA.

CRETE: ABOUT 1 DIVISION GERMAN TROOPS, IT IS BEING STRONGLY FORTIFIED AND RECENTLY GERmans REFER TO IT AS ISLAND FORTRESS.

DODECANESI ISLANDS OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN FORCES.

RHODES: 9TH INFANTRY REGIMENT LESS 1 BATTALION. 56TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT. MILITARY ZONE ARTY.

BRIGADE CONSISTING OF 25TH AND 26TH REGIMENTS WITH 99 BATTERIES. MOST OF BATTERIES ARE STATIONARY, HEAVY GUNS WITH SOME AA AND TANK DEFENSE BATTERIES. AGGREGATE NUMBER GUNS OF ALL SIZES 210, MANY OF WHICH WERE IN
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STORAGE THERE WHEN WAR BEGAN. AIR REGIMENT CONSISTING OF FORTY BOMBERS, FIGHTERS, AND TORPEDO PLANES MOTOR TRANSPORT OF 20 VEHICLES OF 3 1/2 TONS CAPACITY.

SECOND SECTION FOLLOWS.

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No: 0199/28

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Part I.
Air operations night 27/28. Nil.
Sea operations. Nil.

PART 2.
Reports from Field. YUGOSLAVIA.

(A). Situation TITO's GHQ area Western BOSNIA reported serious.
Enemy forces from BIHAC area advancing through PETROVAC now
reported linked up with Airborne troops DYVAR area. Further
enemy drive reported in progress from JASCE North West to-
wards RIJEK and road BIHAC-TRAVNI reported now controlled
by enemy.

T.O.O. Nil

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: CC/3
Gen Arnold
OPD
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3rd Balkan

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May 27, 1944

From: Scopo

To: A.F.H.Q. Algiers (For G3 Special Ops)
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HQ MAAP
Middle East

No: 0/139

SOG Daily Sitrep No 42.

PART I

AIR OPERATIONS:

Night 26/27 May successful YUGOSLAVIA 24. Recce 1 (plus
1 PJN/JU drop) BULGARIA 8. 25/26 May successful FRANCE
16 failed FRANCE 12 failed YUGOSLAVIA 23 ITALY 2. Night
25/26 Sea Operations Nil.

PART II

REPORTS FROM FD:

ONE:

YUGOSLAVIA:

A. Further reports of attack on FEN GHQ 23 May indicate
approximately one battalion Paratroops and probably equi-


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Camerasmen and one American Officer missing. Air attack
IACL ME 109 and STUKAS continued on Area DRCAR and
FYNICI XQ 9835 (9895) (query) after first landings. Initial
confused reports suggest late forces of unknown strength
converging on PZH territory W BOSNIA from all sides.
Comment reserved pending further details.

B. Summary of PZH successes for April in SLOVENIA reported
includes 1400 Germans killed and wounded one tank seven
lorries one Bridge destroyed.

TWO:

ALBANIA:

A. Now known from captured diary that 48 reconnaissance unit
left GRAZ AUSTRIA 23 February 44 for FLORINT via BUDAPEST
EKLOHADE SKLIFA arriving first March. Since engaged in
local operations apparently in separate Companies and NOT
as unit in NORTH EPIRUS and Southern ALBANIA. CO MAJOR
HOCKSTEIN came under command 297 Division 16 March.

THREE:

OTHER COUNTRIES:
Nothing to report.

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
OPD
Col Park
LOG

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From: U.S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

Nr: 284 27 May 1944

Number MILID 284

Cabinet crisis in Bulgaria continues. Following failure of Ealfov to form Bulgarian cabinet, Bojilov reported directed to try again. Has not announced members yet Ealfov believed to have planned strong pro Nazi government but it didn't take Bulgarians torn between Russian and German influences.

No sig

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
OG: Cot Park

CN-IN-20565 (27 May 44) 22082

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department
No. DPO 260730B 26 May 1944

From SOWFO to:
1. Freedom 0-132 for 0-3 SF
2. OPS repeated
3. AGWAR
4. UNITY
5. Troopers
6. GNGMS Med
7. Force 163
8. 7th Army
9. AAI 68
10. FAIRBANKS
11. HQ NAAP.

Mideast 62 and Freedom pass to 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
AAM pass to 9 and 10.

This is a paraphrase by Freedom of SCM daily SITREP number 40 DPO 260612B.

Glider and Paratroop and bombing attack made by Germans on GSE of Tito. Time was 0430 hours May 25th. More data will reach you as received. Position obscure however, British personnel taken into hills. No Sig.

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CCS, CGAAPP, OPD, Col. Park, LOG
CM-IN-19836 (26 May 44) 14312 ojv
From: AFHQ Algiers (From G-2 signed Wilson cite PHOBX)

To: War Office

AGWAR

SOWTO (DISTWO please pass)

Subject: Incomplete classified message

Number: F 50752

25th May 1944

Periodical summary of Balkan situation number 6.

A. HUNGARY.

ONE: Four Brandenburg Regiment and 92 Grenadier Regiments (NOR) have probably returned to Yugoslavia from Hungary. Formerly reported in central Bosnia while mention of a motorized regiment at Sanski may well be equated to the latter. Neither of these units now required in Hungary and return 'in conformity with German policy of thinning out occupational troops.

TWO: Hungarian formations accepted on Russian front in Stanislavlsov area now amount to 11 divisions and 2 brigades. These are 2, 3, 4, 16, 18, 19, 21, 24 and 25 light Divisions, 2 armoured Divisions, 201 of C Division and 1 and 2 mountain brigades.

THREE: No change has been reported from this front where Germans state Hungarians are fulfilling a largely defensive role. Germans have emphasized their determination to fight for Hungarian soil and accord exploits of Hungarian army which is said to be receiving German heavy equipment.

FOUR: Further signs of internal resistance evident from arrest of work shirkers, "Communist" agents and internment of persons for "left-wing attitude" no marked reaction to Allied warning of 12 May, though apparent that government propaganda is concerned at fresh signs of Allied unity and possible effect of opening of Second Front on home morale.

B. YUGOSLAVIA.

ONE: 278 Infantry Division has left Slovenian frontier area for Italy and no signs apparent that another formation is to take its place. Increased strain will have to be borne by 186 reserve mountain division assisted by police and other independent units.

CM-IN-22339 (29 May 44)

Col. Park

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TWO: No further indications of relief or reinforcement of 118 Jaeger Division by 369 Germano-Croat Division, though reports of 4,000/5,000 troops on Korcula might be related to this. Allied raid against Mljet in progress 23 May but results not yet known.

THREE: German drive in Lika area in progress probably by elements of 392 and 373 Germano-Croat Divisions supported by Quisling troops. Severe fighting reported and enemy aim evidently to clear road communications by liquidation of Guerrilla resistance.

FOUR: No increase in enemy activity noted in Serbia despite arrival of one mountain Division. This formation evidently located here from strategical rather than tactical motives to assure railway L of C in event of future withdrawal and to exert pressure on Bulgarians should they prove uncooperative. A few reports speak of worsening Germano-Bulgarian relations.

C. BULGARIA.

ONE: The internal situation in Bulgaria shows some deterioration though reports of Cabinet crisis and resignation of Prime Minister not yet confirmed. Despatch of volunteers to Roumania to fight Russians and arrival of German formations in the country so far purely hearsay and not considered probable. Majority of rank and file in army and proportion of officers, especially junior ranks, unlikely to fight Russians. Reports of increased mobilization, however, possibly true, although exaggerated. Increase in call ups is normal for summer training, and divisions under establishment may now be being brought up to strength. Reports that general mobilization and an increased scale of collaboration have been granted as result of German pressure are without substantiation, though possible that advantage is being taken of hardening Russian attitude to bring Bulgaria into Axis camps.

TWO: No major troop movements.

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THERE: Bulgarian fear of Allied raids on Black Sea ports shown by efforts to move goods back into interior. This unwelcome to Germans as complicating supply problem. No appreciable clearance of Turkish goods for Germany appears to have been made, perhaps on account of diversion of Danube shipping for military purposes.

D. ROMANIA:

ONE: Forces on Russian front now increased by further four divisions namely one, four, eighteen and twenty Infantry Divisions. Romanian formations previously accepted at the front: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 21 Infantry Divisions, 5th/24th Mountain Division and 5th cavalry division. Total Romanian Divisions on Eastern Front thus believed 14. No information received on units evacuated from the Crimea which however must be too depleted to be counted as Field formations.

TWO: No changes reported from the front or in governent policy. Romanesden reactions to Allen declaration of 12 May can only be gauged by officially inspired articles in press. These aim at enlisted Anglo-American sympathy but point out impossibility of Romania taking any action favorable to Allies.

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ACTION: C-2

INFO: G-3
CG AAF
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To: War Department
No: M 24142

24 May 1944

WDQBI for Lovell cite ODQBI from G31 14 sources
signed Gills mag nbr AMSHS M24142.

Hungarian Divs on Russian front (Lwow Stanislawa-
Kolomyja area) now total 11 (2nd 3rd 4th 16th 18th 19th
21st 24th and 25th Light Divs 2nd Arm Div 201L of C Div.)
besides two Magyar Mtn Brigades (1st and 2nd Mtn). In
addition to above (and reference your 40547) 25th and 27th
Divs may be accepted provisionally on basis of Russian
 communiqué 19 May but recent identification not received.

Roumanian 7th Corps left Timisoara for Eastern Front
mid April with elements 1st Int Div (7th Corps). Russians
also claim 4th Int Div of 7th Corps on front. Also
Roumanian 6th Corps including 18th and 20th Int Divs
formerly on Hungarian frontier moved to Eastern Front.
Roumanian Divs on front have thus increased to 14 with
inclusion sixth Corps.

ACTION: 0-2

INFO: CG AAF
GPO
Col. Park

CM-IN-18363 (24 May 44) 1948Z
FROM: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department

Mr: N 24103 23 May 1944

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New Greek Govt (to be formed by Papandreu with authorization of King) was unanimously agreed upon by representatives at Lebanon to consist of following portfolios (totalling 16): 3 Liberal, 2 Popular 1 National Popular 2 EAM, 2 EAM (Communist). Single portfolios each remaining parties (Agrarian, Nat Union, Progressive, Agrarian Socialist, Independent, Popular Committee National Liberation). Papandreu cabinet would include foregoing 16 members and possibly a Deputy Premier.

Greek circles in Cairo regard Mid East proposal for allowing a modicum of changes in fighting organizations in Greece, so long as the fighting, resistance capacity of said units is not reduced, as more obviously favorable to Communist elements than is actually the case; reorganization of fighting organizations will be under directives of new Govt and OMA ME.

How acceptable the proposals of NR ME (through the new Govt) will be in the reorganization of all factions on the Greek mainland remains to be seen. According to one well placed source Gen Othonoulos (at present ill in Greece) may become C in C Greece and Gen Vardiris C in C of Greek Army

CM-IN-176L4 (23 May 44)
From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt

To: N 24103

Date: 23 May 1944

Subject: A recruitment drive in Greece itself is likely to become an early concern of the new mainland commander.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: OPD

Col., Park

CM-IN-17614 (23 May 44) 22322 Jb

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FROM: CG, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East
       Cairo, Egypt

TO: War Department

No. N 24104, 23 May, 1944.

WDGK site NEDDI signed Giles N 24104.

Lebanon Conference (further to our N 24026). Indispensable condition of the formation of new Greek Govt was assurance that King would shortly promise not to return to Greece unless acceptable by piedermites. Conference not without its differences (especially at beginning). EAM emerged considerably weakened; KKE and EAM cooperated closely at beginning but later drifted apart. Except for directive in which British stressed need for Army reorganization to proceed as dictated by tactical situation British exerted no pressure on conference. Situation regarded hopeful but not entirely convincing.

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FOOTNOTE: 24026 is CM-IN-16713 (22 May 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD, Col. Park, Log

CM-IN-17585 (23 May 44) 20332 jb

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No: N 23933

19 May 1944

To 2000 hours 18th May Opa Southeastern Europe
British SITREP ref 184 WDQQI cite MGQB1 signed Giles N23933.

Part I. Greece.

Macedonia (British LO source) Mt Pajko 038 Area
clear of Nazis 17th May.

Ardhe 018 and Apsales 017 continue German held.

Summary Elas communiques forwarded by BR LO 17th May:

(A) Nazi drive on Mt Vernon Area QO 04 broken up
by Elas 22nd to 27th April.

(B) Nazi drive in Filates QR 54 Area 15th to 22nd
April repelled by joint force Elas and Albanian Partisans.
Elas routed 200 Nazis in area 27th April claiming 25 enemy
killed.

(C) Train derailment near Dhozara T 21 resulted
destruction engine 5 cars, 9 Nazis killed.

(D) German and Bulgar forces at Markopoulon C-25
raided by Elas 9th May resulting 100 casualties.

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      Cairo, Egypt

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(E) Mixed force of 2500 German Italian Rallies and
    Moroccan troops commenced drive 7th May in Helicon D 58
    area. Elba resistance resulted in 255 enemy casualties
    to 11th May.

Part 2. Yugoslavia, Serbia

(From LO) source. As result recent Partisan operations
2 train derailments have occurred near Lejarak RX 54D re-
resulting 2 locomotives 2 loaded freight cars destroyed be-
sides trucks carrying troops. Train mined Ruma RX 74 area
and 1 military supply train near Mitrovica RX 64 damaged.

Part 3. Albania.

Confirmation "Free Yugoslav" claim that Elbasan,
Berat, and Koritsa have been captured by Albanian Partisans
awaited.

ACTION: 0-2

INFO: GC/S
      CG AAP
      OPD
      Col Park
      Log

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May 18, 1944

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To : AFPQ Algiers for G-3 special Ops
Rptd: AGWAR
     SHAPE London
     War Office
     C in C Med Force 163
     Seventh Army
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     Fairbanks Hq MAAP
     Middle East G-108

No: N1

SOM Daily SITREP No. 34


Night May 17/18. Successful Yugoslavia 18 Albania 1 Italy 3
failed Yugoslavia 13 Bulgaria 5 Italy 4.

Part 2. Reports from the Field.

1. Yugoslavia.
   (A) 1. Germans reported started minor offensive May 12
   from Gacic (XR70) Nevesinji (XR31) Bilega (SA68)
   and Stolac (XW29). Object apparently to clear
   area. Comments presumably conducted by elements
   369 Division. May 14 partisans attacked 2 German
   columns on road Sjenica (WH75) - Prijepolje
   (WH46). Columns apparently intended to clear
   road for larger troop movements which possibly
   confirmed by reported moves Nieda troops and
   Genda from Friboj (WH38) to Prijepolje and
   Haska (WJ24) to Sjenica.

2. 30 ME's attacked area Hq Blo Central Serbia on
   May 15 from direction NIS.

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2. Albania.
   (A) Nothing to report.
   (B) General indications efficiency of partisans increased and now able undertake coordinated offensive action. Owing to extended area controlled partisan now effectively threaten German comma. Training of Brigades uneven but 1 4 and 5 Brigades of high standard.

3. Other Countries.
   Nothing to report.

   Nothing to report.

No Sig
T.O.O. 18 H11

ACTION: Gen Bissell
INFO: CC/S
      Gen. Arnold
      OPD
      Col. Park
      Log

CM-IN-14398 (19 May 44) 16062 jb

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To: War Department

No. M 23780, 16 May 1944

By DBS  
Date: APR 15, 1944

To 2010 hours 15th May operations Southeastern  
Europe BR STREP reference 181 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed  
Giles mag nr M 23780.


Macedonia and Thrace BR L0 destroyed Papadhes  
Bridge K 91 (presumably 9th May). Some 200 Bulgar troops  
in Bridge area suffered heavy casualties. Of 20 truck  
loads of Bulgar Infantry that arrived at Papadhes Bridge  
10th May, 4 truck loads were captured by Andartes. Force  
200 Bulgars moving from Paramestion F 20 to Catakino (?)  
in attempt to outflank Guerrillas. Main Bulgar concen-  
tration at Stavroupolis L 09. Capetanos leader Antones  
engaged 2,000 Bulgars at Krinidhes L 07.

Thessaly. 13th May BR L0 reported 1,000 Italians  
working at full speed on defenses and preparation of road  
demolitions in Sarandaporon T 18 and Fortaspas T 09 passes.  
Italian workmen under guard 400 Nazis. During confusion  
that ensued following Andarte destruction of small bridge  
on Larissa-Velestion T-60 Road, jittery Nazis fired upon  
each other according to BR L0.

Central Greece. Under direction of BR L0 Khaironia  
Y 60 railroad track demolished 30th April and 2 trains at  
Levadhia Y-60 derailed night 3/4 May.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt
No. M 23730, 16 May 1944

Part 2. Yugoslavia.

West Bosnia. BR LO source with 5th Partisan Corps reports 3 Nazi attacks launched 8th May:

(A) From Prijedor SF 10 towards Ljubija
XL 09.

(B) Southeast from Bos Novi RK 80.

(C) South from Blagaj XL 50 heavy fighting
continued above areas 11th May.

Central Serbia. Following arms shipment to
Central Servia BR LO claims 1,000 new recruits. 800
these had arrived unarmed.

Part 3. Bulgaria. 2 in Arnoch WK 57 T area

Bulgarian drive in Kalna WK 64 D area halted.
Second Sofia Brig reached Kalna area night 11th/12th
May in exhausted condition having fought their way up
from Osogovska OD 51. Armed with supplies dropped dur-
ing previous nights sorties, elements 1st Sofia Brig
departed for Bulgaria 11th May. Sixth and 7th Partisan
Brigades in Kalna area awaiting equipment for which
partisans are extremely grateful. Constant flow of
Partisan recruits crossing Bulgarian border into Kalna.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG/S
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LOG

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To: War Department
No. 23625, 13 May 1944

British STREN reference 178 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles H 23625.

To 1915 hours 12th May Political Intelligence Southeastern Europe.

Greece:

Thessaly (British LO source).

Formation of 2 new anti communist political parties (EASAD and EFE) reported in Thessaly plain.

Both are cooperating for destruction EAM. Tacit understanding apparently exists with Germans from whom they appear to receive some support.

Formed 26 March 44 they are growing rapidly. Followers wear green arm bands when functioning as organized units. As result of their formation EAM/ELAS on Greek Mainland now hemmed in by Cephto in north, Zervas netbands in west, EASAD and EFE in south and antagonistic villages about Katerini 040 in east.

Peloponnese.

Request reached British LO 10 May proposing unopposed British occupation of Peloponnese in return for unopposed (facilitated) withdrawal. Allegedly emanating from Nazi High Command in Peloponnese through
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt
No. N 23628, 13 May 1944

Tripoli Garrison Headquarters, British LO suspects trap especially since proposal stresses secret should be kept from other Allies.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2
IMPO: CO/S
CG AAF
OPD
Colonel Park
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FROM: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.

To: War Department.

No. P 44950

13 May 1944.

Periodical summary of Balkan situation number 8.

1. Return of 42 Jaeger Div confirmed no other change in situation of occupying forces.

2. In addition to 2, 18 and 21 Infantry Divisions a further 4 Hungarian Divisions and 1 Brigade are reported on the Russian Front. These believed to be 16, 24 and 201 Inf Divs, an Armoured Div and 1 Mtn Bde this brings the number of Divisions identified on this front up to 7. Continue to estimate total forces involved at 9 equivalent Divs.

3. Some indications Arrow Cross Party attempting to recruit discontented workers by advocating policy of land distribution. If present government control of labour were to break down Germans might employ Arrow Cross as last alternative to direct German control.

4. A Hungarian Danube River Transport Company has had its entire fleet taken over for the purpose of Military transportation. This company disposed of 9 percent of the total Danube barge strength and had carrying capacity of 150,000 tons. This is yet another indication of enemy intentions to exploit Danube traffic to the full despite losses and delays caused by continued Allied mining.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.
No. F 44950 15 May 1944.

B. Yugoslavia.

1. In southern Croatia the enemy has been readjusting his isolated garrisons following his recent defeat on Vojvodina and Korcula. Strengths now estimated at 1 copy on Vojvodina and 1 reinforced Bn on Peljesce, Korcula, Nerat and Barac respectively. Replacements for liquidated Korcula garrison probably largely bound from Peljesac.

2. Enemy drive Vlasenica area undertaken by elements Prince Eugene and SS-SS dive to counteract Partisan penetration of Serbia appear to have slackened. Germans said to have retired to Tuzla and Zvornik.

3. In Serbia Partisans still unable to cross Neak valley. Germans reported concentrating in Leskovac area (probably police units) and Bulgarians further south at Gomiljgrad. Knystardil and Kumanovo. Evidence that force being strengthened from 7 Inf Div Knezhidike area and general offensive obviously intended.

C. Bulgaria.

1. No internal change guerrilla situation Serbia deteriorating but provision of reinforcements from other areas provided. Further proof of Bulgarian determination to hold and control annexed provinces,

(End of first part. 2nd follows).

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: OI/S, OQAAB, OFD, Gen. Pkt., Log

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To: Addresses Concerned
Nr: 0/01002

Middle East Balkan SITREP number 178

1. INT.

Nothing to report.

2. Political.

- Greece. Roumeli. BRIT LO on May 10 reports.

- Non KKE party members in Elas units had been stripped of their arms at Karpenesi X 75 on May 8. Tsamakos non-communist member of Elas GHQ had been pressed to take two months leave in order to be replaced by Col Papanathanasi a communist.

3. Land Ops.

- Greece. Thessaly. BRIT LO reports clash with Germans May 6. Andartes attacked and massacred Germans resting and bathing. He counted 150 dead Germans and estimates total 250. All prisoners and wounded killed on the spot.

4. Sea Ops.

Nothing to report.

5. Air Ops.

- Sups dropping night 10/11 May. To E Serbia for Bulgaria 7 DC 3 S carrying 9 1/2 tons arms and amm.

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From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East,
       Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: N 23530, 11 May 1944.

WDGBI for Lovell cite MGUBI signed Giles N 23530.

Arrival of Gen Boyd in Commander 5th Bulgarian
Corps at Kumanova with a headquarters was reported 27th
April. Purpose probably is control of Anti Guerrilla
operations along Kumanova QG 01 M-Kustendil QG 72 D.
Reference our OPS SE Europe 10th May mentioning killing
of German General and escort in southeast Peloponnese.
General involved may have been Commander 41st Fortress
Div.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: OPD

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From: CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.
To: War Department.
No: F 41959. 5 May 1944.

To action Troopers, AGWAR from G-2 Freedom
signed Wilson cite FG01 number F 41959. 051430B.

Periodical summary of Balkan situation number 3.
Further to our 35805 and 39087.
A. Hungary. (1) 42 Jaeger Div identified April
Slavonia. Presumed therefore substantial part of Div
must have returned to its old area.

(2) Hungarian First Army Kolomya
sector Russian front apparently fighting well. Es-
timated strength probably 9 equivalent divisions.

(3) Sztobyay's address to govern-
ment party produced nothing striking. Development of
regime along normal axis lines continuing and anti-
sectic measures being intensified. Government pro-
mise to provide shoes and clothing for all workers may
have been intended to instigate discontent arising
from shortages and augmented by dissolution of workers
political organizations.

B. Yugoslavia. (1) Amendment to last line this
sub-para of our F 35805. Word impossible should read
improbable. German concern about Dalmatian coast defences
doubtless increased by Allied and Partisan raids on
islands. Defence work in sector Zara-Split being push-
ed on with Todt and Croat army labour. Possible return

CM-IN-4224 (6 May 44)

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By DBS Date APR 1 6 1973

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From: GO, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.

No: F 41959

5 May 1944.

42 Jaeger Div to Slavonia will increase garrison of this important communications area to at least 3 divs with in addition Croat troops and police units. German operations in west Serbia may be intended to clear East West communications or to prevent partisan infiltration into Serbia which is continuing.

(2) Pavelic trying appeasement towards Catholic communities, and has allowed formation in Croatia of a Slovak evangelical body.

C. Greece and Aegean. (1) German drive in Peloponnesus continuing and guerillas withdrawn southwards. No reliable indications any German tp withdrawals impending. German document captured in Epirus indicates German propaganda line of impending withdrawals in that area and replacement of Germans by Bulgarians to continue.

(2) Aegean. No developments, but general supply situation considerably eased over March and April.

(3) Inter Guerilla feud now in open and no indications of any improvement in near future.

D. Bulgaria. (1) Military developments or reports of further German infiltration.

CM IN-42C4 (6 May 44)
(2) Partisan movement growing through strength and dispositions not known in detail. Army morale reported to be
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department
Nr.: P41959

5 May, 1944

2nd and last part of Freedom’s P41959 051430.

Deteriorating. Three. No improvement in serious state railways caused by bombing.

E. Roumania. One. No change military situation on Moldavian and Bejjarabian fronts. Roumanian Divisions moved up. Believe include 3rd and 6th Jaf and 5th Cav. Latter possibly motorized. Roumanian Divs engaged with Russians now therefore at least 10 excl Ormes from which probable considerable number of Roumanians evacuated. CGS Sterlea believed resigned and replaced by Pokopeanu who in past showed pro-allied tendencies. Though he has Antonescu confidence, he should be likely military leader of any future anti German movement.

Two. Effects of Danube mining include hold up of Roumanian Riverborne oil traffic which had previously substantially relieved pressure on railways. Germans very concerned over mining situation.

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: 35805 is CM IN-16966 (23 Apr 44) Gen Bissell

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD
Col. Park

CM-IN-4224 (6 May 44) 0902Z Jb
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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
      Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department

Fr: N 23227 5 May 1944

To 1945 hours 4th May operations southeastern
Europe British SITREP reference 169 and 170 WDGBI site
KEGBI signed filing N 23227.

Greece.

Peloponnese (British LO in Iliis 0 34). Executions
and counter executions between Andartes and Security Bns
reported increasingly numerous.

Epirus (British LO report 1st May). Along with 117
armed Andartes the senior ELAS officer in Epirus since 1942
has recently deserted to Zervas. On 29th April, 16 armed
men 1 junior officer also deserted from ELAS to Zervas.

Roumeli (British LO report). Small railroad bridge
on main line at Y 25 (near Lamia) destroyed resulting in destruc-
tion engine and 6 coaches derailed.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG/3
      CG AAF
      OHD

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CM-IN-3550 (5 May 44) 1455Z mns

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From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department.

No. N 23217 5 May 1944.

To 1957 hours 4th May Political Intelligence Southeastern Europe British S/TREP reference 170 WDGBI cite REGBI signed Giles Mag Nbr N 23217.

Greece.

Macedonia (British LO report 30th April). Capes- tents bands in Drama area of east Macedonia have increased considerably in strength and now total approx 1,000 men 75% armed.

Koutsounas reference. Following adjournment of conference 30th April separate discussion was held by Col Woodhouse morning 2nd May. Adjournment of previous conference continues.

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ACTION: O-2

INFO: CC/A
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CM-IN-3503 (5 May 44) 13332

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From: US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: M-23146 4 May 1944

WMGBI cites MI2GBI signed Giles M23146.

Greek Armored Car Regiment stationed near Tripoli, Lebanon revolted early 3rd May. It has dug itself into fortified positions and is behaving in hostile fashion towards local British troops. Regiment has not been disarmed but no casualties reported as yet.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD
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CM-IN-2603 (4 May 44) 0943Z jb

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
       Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: 23077  2 May 1944

To 2037 hours 1st May Political Intelligence
Southeastern Europe British SITREP reference 167 WDGBI
cite MEGBI signed 0148E N23077.

Greece. (British LO source).

Preliminary meeting 29th April occurred between
Elias and British Mission members at Koutsainia 351 (Katousi).
After much evasion Elias representative Despotopulos accepted
Midast presentation of gravity of situation with Zervas.
Slight willingness to compromise with Zervas was noted.
British LO's state civil relief "Racket in hands EAM/Elias".

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG/S
              CG AAF
              OPD
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CM-IN-1096 (2 May 44)  1401Z  bjm

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS  Date  APR 16 1973
From: US Military Attache Beyrouth Lebanon
To: War Department
No: 62173
Message 62173.

This afternoon shooting fray broke out at entrance to Lebanese Parliament on occasion of arrival of newly elected Deputy Joseph Karam from Tripoli. As party approached Parliament Building one member bearing French flag tried to enter building and was shot dead either by a gendarme inside Parliament or by some one in crowd. This incident provoked general furor and scattered shooting, with two known dead and thirty injured. Issue not now clear. Situation seemingly under control but still tense.

Jackson

ACTION: G-2
INFO: OPD
        Col Park
        Log

CM-IN-20533 (28 Apr 44) 00462 mcs
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: OG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department

No: N22638 24th April 1944

OSS letter, May 8, 1972

WDGBI cite NEGBI signed Jiles N22638.

Surrender of 1st Greek Brig at Burg El Arab occurred
6:30 AM 24th April. British moved in with tanks under a
heavy smoke screen. No shots were fired by British. One
Britisher was shot by Greeks who fired at random. Follow-
ing surrender Greeks settled down to hearty meal. Final
arrangements include following disposition of captured
Greeks:

(A) Leftists. Will be interned with probable
British insistence on court martial.

(B) Royalists. Will be posted to Italy.

(C) All others. Will probably be interned.
Surrender was entirely result of British military
pressure and not political negotiation.

Reliable source indicates that Venizelos has tendered
resignation with Papandreou (communist lately arrived from
Greece) being offered Prime Ministry.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, LOG

CM-IN-17755 (24 Apr 44) 1418Z med

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department.
No. N 22590 23 April 1944

To Hilldring signed Giles this msg nbr N22590.

Submitted for your information is following in reply to ADWAR 14854 dated April 19. With reference to fiscal affairs the State Department here advises that conversations have extended over period of several months in London between War Office, UK Treasury and Greek Government in exile. Greek government representatives in London do not have authority to reach final agreement on currency and fiscal affairs. We are further advised that US Treasury did not participate in these discussions, had only been recently advised concerning them, and are not participating fully in these matters. In meantime, upon insistence of General Hughes (Commander AML Balkans) conversations have been initiated and concluded here with Lt Col McFadden of ADHIG, Sir Francis Ruhman (recently Financial Adviser to Sudan, now attached as Financial Adviser to AML Balkans), with US State Department participating as observer and US Treasury Representative participating but not under instructions. Sir Francis is now proceeding to London, were it is presumed he will carry on conversations with Lt Comdr Southard and Lt Col Bernstein as well as with his own and other governments. As yet no formal understandings have been arrived at between Albanian and Yugoslavalian governments, although advice is that agreement in general terms has been reached with Yugoslavia.

CM-IN-17362 (23 Apr 44)

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt.  
No.  N 22590  23 April 1944.  

2. Believe that literal interpretation of War and Corps directives shaping US Army Officer participation in Army Balkans with the limited responsibility of relief and rehabilitation is contained in pages 3, 5 and 7 of Tabulation.

A. Metousa's letter dated April 14th signed Harb to Hilldring. Therein it is pointed out that such officers participating as Fiscal, Legal and Publicity Advisers are restricted in their scope specifically to those matters pertaining to relief, rehabilitation and distribution of relief supplies.

3. AGWAR 25854, as interpreted here, reads to effect that "you will premise release of relief supplies upon agreement arrived at by you with indigenous authorities effecting sale and distribution of such supplies at equitable prices in line with internal economies of countries concerned." For purpose of discharging this duty arriving at agreements looking to implementation of distribution of relief supplies, it is considered desirable that position of US Army be protected by advice of Fiscal and Legal Adviser, responsible for assuring flow of supplies without Fiscal impediment.

4. With reference to that portion of AGWAR 25854 which states that relief supplies shall be distributed at prices in line with internal economies, it is not clear here as to how restricted an interpretation should be placed.

CM-IN-17362  (23 Apr 44)
to thereon. In view of present degree of inflation, prospects of unemployment, and large number of persons presently receiving relief, relief distribution as such may not necessarily be related to sales prices.

5. Request guidance in above matters.

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ACTION: CAD
INFO: OPD
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Col Park
Mr McCloy
Log

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By DBS Date APR 16 1973

CM-IN-17562 (23 APR 44) 2214Z mlo

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Assistant Chief of Staff
Plans Operational Plans Div.
European Branch AFAEP Rq AAF
72700

April 21, 1944

Commanding General
U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe
London, England

Commanding General
U S Army Forces
North African Theater of Operations
Algiers, Algeria

Number WARX 26193

TOPSBS to Spaatz for Portal and Wilson from Arnold.

Herein is paraphrase of message from Tindall, American Military Attaché Turkey.

"Ambassador Steinhardt believes that if Allied air raids were promptly made against railroads between Turkey and Sofia, it would immensely strengthen the position of the Allies in the negotiations which are to start in a few days with Turkey on shipments of chrome and other supplies from Turkey to Germany. Even if bombings were ineffective, the fact that they were obviously directed against communications, would be bound to be taken into account by the Turk Foreign Office. For morale effect it would be desirable that communication interruption be affected on Bulgar territory close to the Turk frontier. The Ambassador feels Turks ready to accede to our requests on shipments if they can do so and save face. Ambassador requests bombing be expedited if only by a few planes."

The above is purely for your information, and it is not felt any change in present bombing priorities is justified.

CM-OUT-26193 (21 Apr 44)

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date: APR 16 1973

ORIGINATOR: Gen Arnold

INFORMATION: OFD
Gen Bigelow
Col Park
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CM-OUT-26193 (21 Apr 44) 1915Z bjm

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No. N22208, 15 April 1944

To 2000 hours 14th April Political Intelligence
Southeastern Europe British SITREP reference 150 WDGBI
cite MGEBI signed Giles msg no N22208.

Greece (From British Lo sources). Peloponnese. In
meeting at Hadji C98 was held 11 April by Elas and Germans
to discuss armistice to permit German withdrawal. Greek
standard was raised in Olympia C92 on 25 March by Bishop
Antonio new leader of that area. In appeal for unity in
Peloponnese Antonio denounced Hallis, denied the Communist
body and described EAM as including "all patriots". He
further stated Tsouderos Govt and Allies directed Greek
affairs and had created armed forces to be used for liber-
ation of country. Also this Govt was unable to control
affairs of Free Greece; hence Civil Committee National
Liberation formed and elections to National Council would
be held.

Macedonia. Comitate has been raided several times
by north Findus Glal who appear genuinely anti-Bulgarian. In
reporting negotiations between Bulgars and Elas representa-
tive, PLO forecast possibility of agreement following Nazi
withdrawal. (See also our N21785). Local Elas regard SHOF
as equivalent to EAM.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG/5, CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log,
CM-IN-10785 (15 Apr 44) 13012 lbw

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 22045, 12th April 1944
WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles N 22045.

Elections were recently held in Bucharest to form a "Free Roumanian Govt" According to word recently received from Ankara from a reliable source in Roumania. Elections were held with consent of Antonescu.

It is proposed to send a small committee of those elected to Jassy to contact the Russians as soon as possible.

It is rather unlikely that these individuals were elected with the existing state of affairs in Bucharest, however it is possible that a small group was delegated to contact the Russians.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log
CM-IN-8320 (12 Apr 44) 1242Z bjm

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo Egypt

To: War Department

Fr: M21955

Date: 10 April 1944

To 0013 hours 9th April Political Intelligence
Southeastern Europe British SITREP reference 145 cite
M21955 signed Giles M21955.


Roumeli (Boeotia). Clashes between Elas
and Ekka may lead to a major fight in opinion of British
liaison officer in Doria area. Both Elas and Ekka failed
in carrying out their part of 15th March agreement accord-
ing to British liaison officer who looked forward to meet-
ing representatives from both 5th April.

Thessaly. A meeting between Senior
British liaison officer American liaison officer and rep-
resentatives from 3 factions with the object of settling
differences and reaching an agreement for future operations
has been tentatively scheduled for 17th April at Koutsaina
5 52.

Part 2. Yugoslavia.

According to British liaison officer with
Tito forces near Greek frontier, 47 Russians previously
with Andartes have joined Partisans. Formation of Russian
Brig under Russian Commander as part of Second Macedonian
Brig is proposed and new group of Russians (mentioned above)
will become part.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CC/3 CG AAF OPD COL/PARK LOG

CM-IN-6960 (10 Apr 44) SECRET

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From: US Military Attache, Cairo Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: 22 GY, 7 April, 1944
For Bissell from Larabee msg Nr 22 GY.

Insubordination Greek Army has now spread to first brigade awaiting transport Italy. British authorities here practically certain General Alexander will not accept this brigade for service Italy.

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ACTION: 0-2
INFO: OQ AAF
OPD
SOS
Col. Park
LOG

CM-IN-5026 (7 Apr 44) 1945Z amr

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IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN DISTURBANCES WITH VIOLENCE ON SHIPS OF THE GREEK NAVY IN EGYPTIAN WATERS. BEYOND FACT THAT DISTURBANCES HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN CAMP OF 1ST BRIGADE NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. GREEK OFFICIAL SOURCES HERE INCLUDING MILITARY ARE VERY RETICENT ON DETAILS OF DISTURBANCES.

BRITISH SECURITY SOURCES CONSIDER THE SITUATION SERIOUS WITH DEFINITE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO AGGRAVATE AND GUIDE THE CRISIS. ARRESTS BY BRITISH OF EXTREME ELEMENTS INCLUDING COMMUNISTS WOULD CONTINUE WITH TOTAL OF OVER 60 EXCLUSIVE OF MILITARY ARRESTS BREAKING OF DISCIPLINE.

CG-IN-4872
RELIABLY REPORTED THAT BRITISH ARMY INFORMED LONDON IT WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF KING IF HE RETURNED. TO PRESENT KING HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TOWARD ESTABLISHING NEW GOVERNMENT. LOCAL SITUATION IS SUCH THAT IF THIS DELAY CONTINUES THERE IS EVEN POSSIBILITY THAT REPUBLIC WILL BE DECLARED.

16...CCG
COMINCH...13...CNO...240P...NAVAIDE...
CM-IN-4872
From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: 21 GY 6 April 1944
For Bissell from Larrabee msg nbr 21GY.

In reaction to Greek Cabinet crisis with revolutionary tendencies towards left, most of Second Greek Brigade comprising Second Field Regiment Artillery and Infantry Details stationed near Cairo and practically all Officers and ratings Royal Greek Navy have manifested insubordinate behavior towards existing Tsouderos Government. Greek General Staff Cairo and First Greek Brigade latter now Berg El-Hidrab near Alexandria awaiting transportation Italy remain loyal up to present time but may possibly become disaffected near future. Dissident movement in Army headed by Officers’ Second Brigade long inactive plus 3 to 400 Officers mostly reservists who escaped Greece 1 to 3 years ago and have been long in Egypt without employment. Insubordination started in Army on 31st March and spread to Navy April 4th so far no rioting or bloodshed has occurred. British have arrested number of ring leaders and restored General Staff to office building.

Refer to Ambassador MacVeagh’s cables to State Department numbers 98, 99, 102, 3, and 4, for political background leading to insubordination.

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CG AAF

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CM-IN-4078 (6 Apr 44) 1620Z

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To: War Department

No. P27069 3 April 1944

P27069 to AGWAR for the eyes of General Marshall only from Devers.

Marshal Tito's Partisan Organization is organizing an Anti Fascist youth conference from 25 to 28 April 1944. Cable from Brigadier Mac Lean, British Representative with Tito says:

"They wish to invite 3 American, 3 British and 3 French representatives. Great Britain will be represented by Commando Officer, Sergeant Pilot and Naval Officer or rating. Could you send 3 young Americans? It would do much to consolidate all outlooks with Partisans. Official invitations from Partisans follow as soon as possible.

Unless there are objections on your part, I propose to send American observers to the conference with instructions not to participate in any resolutions or other executive action.

ACTION: General Handy

INFO: General Arnold
General Bissell
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CM-IN-2073 (3 Apr 44) 2352Z

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STD letter, May 8, 1972

Dated APR 16 1973

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: ME1642 31st March 1944.

To 2050 hours 30th March OPs Southeastern Europe NDBY site ME1642 signed Giles Mag ME1642.

Great Forces covering Eski movement were attacked 24th March at Delveed SP6 losing 20 Greeks killed besides 2-75MM guns 1000 rounds BIA. Majevics offensive report practically over; enemy transport withdrawn north of Broko NW93D.

All Wacht closest prisoners in Eski Divisional areas have been released according to written statements by EAM. Release by Eski of captives from Domitias Prison confirmed. Eski-Idea differences involving alleged violence to EAM supporters has been referred to a mixed committee provided for by the armistice.

In the opinion of British 10 in Albania, the Zogist Tirana group is collaborationist. LNC is no longer representative of Albanian political feeling and Allied support of the latter tends to alienate Nationalists who become collaborationist rather than support communist-LED NCG. Given British support, LO feels that no formation of a Pro-British National Party is quite possible.

According to word from Bulgaria, feeling against recent Allied bombing is reported to have become very strong (on the ground that it was unprovoked) and the majority of Bulgars are now thought to favor separate negotiations with Russia (to the probable exclusion of British and American) when the opportune time arrives.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: 00 AAF, 0-2, Col. Park LOG No Sig.
CM-IN- 22349 (31 Mar 44) 14662 med

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From: CO, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Number: 21384, 29 March 1944

TB 2005 hours 26th March Operations southeastern Europe for WD91 site ND81 signed Giles N 21384.

Successful surprise attack by 500 enemy upon Peloponnesse Headquarters of British Liaison Officer 23rd March resulted in loss of documents and all supplies. Wireless equipment reported safe. Gardita 809 was looted by Nazis and 25 houses burned.

Partisans in Majevica area have begun a counter offensive and have firmly resisted enemy pressure. Enemy has lost 800 killed in Majevica drives to date. "Punitive company" (for terrorist purposes) is reported to be a special feature of the organization of 13 SS Division operating against the Partisans in the Majevica sector.

Up to 2 independent regts such as 92 Gren Regt are believed to have entered Hungary. Although enemy force of 500 with artillery support managed to cross the Drina River 26th March, they were finally repelled with loss of 20 killed. Partisans have taken Grabovo SA 95 S.

Food crisis in Gorski Kotar area of Croatia is reported as imminent aggravated in part by depredations of 322 Germano Croat Division. In unsuccessful attack.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CO, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Number N 21384, 29 March 1944.

On Tito forces near Dardhe W37 Albania on 21 March, a joint German Armenian force lost 6 Germans killed and 150 Armenians captured. 30 miles with ammunition and 2 mortars also taken. Continued movement of Nazi forces and supplies northward from Elbas and Valona reported. Bulgarians are replacing Nazis at road blocks on Leskovac NK20-Korca QNM-5N road.

During week ending 26th March 1 detachment special boat squadron with HQ Yedi Atala (36 degrees 52 minutes north 26 degrees 4 min east) and 1 group Greek Sacred Squadron based on Agios Georgios (36 degrees 55 min north 26 degrees 50 min east) performed following operations:

A. Patrolled Ikaria, distributed food and withdrew,

B. Motor launch operating from Khios intercepted 8 caique convoy (of which 4 were armored) en-route for Lesvos from Piraeus. Boarding parties seized 1 caique laden with 70 tons of wheat and 1 armored caique with 8 Nazi sailors.

C. Of caiques being repaired on Samos at Kokkarion (14°51'12") 1 caique 150 tons was destroyed, unknown damage inflicted on 2 of 30 and 50 tons; 18 tons caique laden with fruit for Samos captured besides 30 ton caique with 200 cases plate glass.

ACTION: ODP
INFO: CGAAF, G-2, Col Park, LOG

CM-IN-20949 (29 Mar 44) 1806Z

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From: O3, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Number N-21304, 28 March 1944

WDQBI c/o MX81 signed Giles message number N21304.

To 2035 hours 27th March operations Southeastern Europe.

Bosnian M2404 has been retaken by Partisan elements of 5th Brig recently hoisted by Nazis in Valona area. Armies were seized and 12 Germans killed during attack. Enemy unable to gain ground in Brijeljine to Modrica SG30 sector on 25th March. Partisans have been particularly grateful for ammunition which arrived in recent sorties with supplies that have greatly eased critical situation. 30 enemy killed, 15 captured in derailment on Prijava-SF10 Bos Novi N150 railroad. Saboteurs recently destroyed one mile of Roskura WP79 Biheo WPA8 railroad and took 6 enemy prisoners during operation.

Commandos withdrew from Njir 23rd March leaving Partisan garrison to clear island. Suffering 3 wounded, Partisans took 80 Nazis and 20 Italian prisoners. 2 British were killed, 14 wounded as result of enemy bombing raid on Komiza W78a (Vis). According to Novakovic 20 Nazis have been seized by Mihailovich Commander Radio near Orovicu. German attacks on Mihailovich detachments at Avaca WD 52 D and Snederevo WD 69 D also reported by this source. Serblean propaganda meeting at Trgoviste WD 28 N during which copies of Churchills recent speech were distributed to the 5000 in attendance within a hall bedecked with photographs of Tito and Prime Minister. Iss reported CM-IN-19923 (28 Mar 44)
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
      Cairo, Egypt

Number N21304, 28 March 1944

by Mideast as basis of belief by Brigadier Armstrong
that large scale anti Partisan operations may be under-
taken by Mihailovitch. Brigadier Armstrong is apparently
attempting to contact Mihailovitch personally. British
agent successfully sabotaged Voles 240 Almares Y66 road
22nd March and reported road still in operative 25 March.
Koulouri T82 was bombed by Hasis for one hour 25th March.
Loss of 1 dead, 5 wounded suffered by Guerrillas.

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date APR 16 1973

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAP
      OPD
      Col Mathewson
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CM-IN-19923 (28 Mar 44) 1348Z vh

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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From: CQ, Mediterranean Base Section Oran, Algeria
To: War Department

No. F 22326 24 March, 1944

From AFHQ for action COSINTREP number F 22326

Island of Solta off Dalmatian coast was raided 19 March by force from numbers 2 and 43 Commandos and US OSS troops of troops of strength equal to 1 commando. Troops landed night 18, 19 March and formed up for attack on German garrison in town of Grohote. Garrison bombed at 0700 hrs followed immediately by commando attack. Entire island garrison of 106 eliminated. 7 killed and 1 officer and 97 ORS taken prisoners own casualties. 11 GDO ORS wounded, 1 US OR killed, 2 US ORS wounded. Allied Force re-embarke by 19 and now on Vla. 2 SS Bde operating under force 256 reports Island of Hvar also of Dalmatian coast being evacuated by Germans. A reconnaissance force in strength consisting of 200 Commandos plus occupying force of 400 Partisans was dispatched to the Island 22 Mar. Late reports from 2 SS Bde state that Partisans, after heavy fighting, captured 40 PNS and that 150 remaining enemy have dispersed into woods in small parties. Commandos and Partisans are now sweeping the Island.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S CG AAF G-2 Col Mathewson Log

CM-IN-17706 (25 Mar 44) 0505Z 83

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces, Middle East
     Cairo Egypt
To: War Department
No. 2112-N, 17 March 1944

To 1950 16 March OP 3 SE Europe code WDQBI signed
Giles cite WQGBI.

Clashes reported between Partisans and Nazi area
Bigojno XL70 Gornje Vukuf YO89. Following 12 hour battle
14 March at Velickovata R74 Edes repelled forces of 350 Nazis
80 Turco Albanian troops. For loss of 2 Edes killed,
Andrates inflicted following losses:

5 German killed, 10 wounded and 11 Turco Albanian
casualties.

Duties of Greek Committee of National Liberation:

Control of all Guerrilla factions accepting
jurisdiction of committee and securing their integration
into single National army;

Maintenance of local self government;

Preservation of property and freedom of relig-
ion;

Opposition to any dictatorial or party tenden-
cies that might usurp the rights of the people.

CM-IN-12022 (17 Mar 44)

3 to Balkans

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From: CO, US Army Forces, Middle East
Cairo Egypt.

No. 2112-M, 17 March 1944

Aims of Committee:
Restoration of government in accordance with
Atlantic and Teheran Charters;
Destruction of all treacherous and Fascist
elements;
Cooperation with Allies in securing Greek
independence and expulsion of Germans and Bulgars.

Nuri Dino Balkom leader in Qjinokaster area recently
failed in effort to reach an understanding with Albanian
movement of National Liberation.

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ACTION: 0-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CC/S
COL. MATHESON
LOG

CM-IN-12022 (17 Mar 44) 1536Z ong

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 8(D) and 8(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 6, 1973

By DBS
Date APR 1 6 1973

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To 2020 hours operations southeastern Europe WDBBI cite NEUBBI signed Giles.

Meeting to settle Elas/Ekka differences scheduled for 13th March. Roumeli report from Colonel Hammond:

Provisional government to be organized by Eam/Elas in Viniani X 66 area consisting of following:

Bakirzis, president and foreign affairs;
Mantekas, War Minister;
Santos, home and supply, social security;
Tairmokos, justice, education, finance;
Gavrielides, agriculture/labor and national economy.

Elas in Viniani area were to take oath of allegiance to this Government officially entitled "Provincial Political Committee of National Liberation" Tsouderos, old political parties and other rebel organizations were being invited to join. Elas will operate directly under orders from this committee and not from Eam. Occupation by Rallis of several villages in 00X05 reported. Many of local population of Agrinion are joining them in fight against Communism. Effective enemy propaganda is encouraging them in this as part of their patriotic duty. Area Doboj XM28 Partisans killed 60
Chetnik railroad guards. Eighty enemy killed in continued abortive thrusts from Prijedor SF 10. In activating a new Partisan brigade area Tempo (SE Serbia) Tito representative was highly complimentary to Britain.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OFD
CO AAF
CO/S
COL. MATHIEWSON
LOG

CM-IN-10612 (15 Mar 44) 18552 eng
Partisan Czech Brigade operating in Kosavina area (Slavonia). During January Partisans carried out 50 actions from area. Of 9 trains wrecked 8 were on main Belgrade-Vinkovci R1035D railroad of which 8 kms of track were removed. Special demolition battalion wrecked train between Leparka R154-Martvici R144D on main Belgrade-Zagreb line on 6 February. As result of attack on strong point at Nišovci R123D by Brig of 16 Partisan Division enemy garrison force was greatly weakened. Enemy at Morovici R135D wiped out on 4 February suffering loss of 43 enemy killed and large quantities of supplies seized. Destruction of railroad Trebinje S16651-Bilace S16651-Hsksio W380D claimed. Germans suffered 30 casualties on raid in Selino Kostalci A1824 Mekla B0544 area of Cretet so confident is a senior British Liaison Officer regarding intention of Mihailovitch to avoid any large scale or effective action against the enemy. He has proposed that all mission personnel be withdrawn and only an observer be retained. Upon eventual German withdrawal this source considers that Mihailovitch will stage a theatrical flare up and count upon this final outburst to endear himself to the British and the memory of his former propagandist era of inactivity to continue in the good graces of the Nazis. In view of negotiations were practically stalemated by 17 February and the possibility of newly manufactured outbreak by Elia was a cause of British anxiety.

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INFORMATION: 0-2

CM-IN-13524 (19 Feb 44) 17132 JM

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number: AMSME 1339 N  6 February 1944

Operation Southeast Europe to 1920 hours 5th Feb signed Royce.

Attempt by Nazis to penetrate through partisan held territory in Primorje from Gorizia RD 70 Skofja Loka RD 23 Idria RD 01 and Alajnina RH 90 reported by free Yugoslav radio. Second meeting of Anti-Fascist Council for Yugoslav liberation expressed gratitude for material assistance given by Britain and America to National Liberation Forces. Especially well received was increased flow of supplies and assistance during early part of this year. Conference were confident that in spite difficulties the allies would be able to increase this aid. Allied air and naval operations were also being watched with keen interest and the belief was expressed that enemy naval losses along with the guerrilla operations against coastal communications would greatly weaken the enemy defenses along the Dalmatian coast.

ACTION: OFD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CG/3 Capt. Royal, USN
White House
LOG

OM-IN-4116 (6 Feb 44) 1353Z errmsg

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FROM: Cairo  
TO: AGWAR  
No: AMFME-1303N, 4 February 1944  

Operations SE Europe to 2140 hours 3rd February signed Royce.

Fajce XL-63 occupied by Nazis in northward move through Prokor X997 and Donji Vakuf XL 71. Enemy reported shelling Zemunik WP 10, recaptured by Partisans. No enemy shipping concentrations at Hvar WU 90 nor at Stari Grad WP 12 encountered in reconnaissance by British Liaison Officer. Atmatrivir WU 84 enemy troops and many E boats are concentrated. Attack on Vis WZ 78 may be contemplated. Germans moving northwards through Gospić Senj RJ 79 and Novi RJ 61 subjected to continued Partisan attacks. Between Senj and Novi 135 enemy reported killed. Fierce engagements claimed between Gracac WP 82 and Gospić. German drive against Partisans in southern Albania commenced 24th January northwards from Komyades M52 Djino Kastre and Perat R99 and south from Kelcrys M52. Further to attack on Kram-Kupanski chrome mine (near 1256N) sabotage performed by British Liaison Officer and 2 British NCOS with assistance of 2 Albanians. Buildings, machinery, and cable conveyer completely destroyed. Replacements for latter 2 unobtainable. Provided Zervas would agree to following terms Elas Hq promised February to cease hostilities against Edes.

(A) Denunciation of elements collaborating with Nazis or with Halls.
(B) Present areas to be held by Elas and Zervas pending unity agreements.
(C) Negotiations for single guerrilla force in Greece to be undertaken at once. Upon acceptance by Zervas both parties agreed to cease fire midnight 4th/5th February. Meeting between Elas/Edes and Allied Military Mission schedule.

ACTION: 0-2  
INFORMATION: OOD, CO AAF, CO/S (Capt. Royal, USN), (White)  
CM-IN-2752 (4 Feb 44) 17472 Jt

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Heaviest raid on Sofia was that of the 7th according to the reliability report on the 12th. Most factories in central Sofia completely destroyed. Electric power plant still inoperable the night of the 12th and air raid warnings had to be rung by church bells. Gas supply damaged but operating. No water supply. Much of the public terrorized and spending entire night in shelters. Food situation bad: no rice, macaroni, flour, fresh fruits or vegetables. Bread very poor quality. Ration of dry beans is 300 grams per person each 5 days. Olive oil very expensive and other oils unobtainable.

Bomb damage required changing trains four times during trip Sofia to Svilengrad.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAP, [WHITE HOUSE], LOG

CM-IN-13912 (21 Jan 44) 2233Z msg
To 2015 hours 19th Jan operations Southeastern Europe signed Royce.

Killing 10 Nazis Greek guerrillas attacked enemy motor cycle troops 10th Dec in Thessaly. In retaliation for attack on convoy of 70 trucks in which Andartes killed 25 Germans the enemy entered nearby Zagoria 791, burned 35 houses and shot 9 inhabitants. Following conflict in which 100 Germans were killed enemy shot 5 women 3 men in Zagoria 18th Dec. Following day 3 Nazi officers killed on Volos T70-Larissa Road. According to report described by British Liaison Officer as fairly accurate Germans on 17th Dec assembled inhabitants of Evrakia T50 shot 118 and looted the town. Later several Greeks on main road also shot. Brac reported completely occupied by Germans. A Mihailovitch commander of area named Djuric recently cooperated with Bulgarian police in attacking Partisans northeast of Kumanovo Q91M. Recently two trains north of Kumanovo Q91M derailed by Partisans who caused a collision near Skoplje resulting 100 Nazis killed. North of Djevdjelia QJ5O (possibly Devdaliq QA5O) Partisans derailed troop train 15th Jan.

League is reported impending for "Unification and Liberation of Albania" comprising Nationalists, Irredentists, Zogists, Ball Kombetar and Independent Communists. All seek to avoid fighting Partisans but differences are likely according to British Liaison source having contacts with Kosovar personalities such as Kosovo Irredentist Party leader Professor Suleiman Rixa and including local Albanian.
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From: Cairo
To: AQMAR

Number AMSME 980 N, 20 January 1944

Gendarmes and military forces, with 75% Albanian majority in area and mindful of Serb resentment. This document dated 1938 advocated deportation of Albanians from Kosovo and their replacement with Serbs (vouched for by British officer who saw original document) Kosovo leaders while proclaiming themselves pro-Allied have frequently cooperated with Germans for fear that Serbian elements of Tito's Yugoslav federation might move into Kosovo upon withdrawal of enemy.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date APR 16, 1973

CM-IN-13142 (20 Jan 44) 1909Z cng

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number AMSnw 877 N, 15 January 1944

To 1835 hours 14 January Ops SE Europe signed Royce.

Heavy fighting reported 11 January in Vrbas Valley

Bosnia.

Period 31 December to 3 January enemy lost 1150
killed 1090 captured and 9 tanks destroyed as result of
Benja Luks offensive. 12 trucks reported destroyed 30
Germans 10 Chetniks killed at Radovo WP 23. Suzika XQ 57
occupied by Tito forces 5 January. 1 officer 12 enlisted
men and supplies captured by Partisans near Gorizia RO 70
December 31. Same date Partisans derailed train at San
Pietro RJ 17 destroying 2 locomotives and 40 freight cars
resulting in 3 day disruption to Ljubljana-Trieste traffic.
Nearby pumping station also destroyed. Partisans forced
enemy out of Nanjice WR 98 January 9 to well fortified
positions on outskirts. Unable to seize defenses guerrillas
finally withdrew. Area Kocevja RJ 67-Nov Mesto RJ 99 in
numerous clashes against German and Chetnik forces enemy
lost 158 killed 78 wounded. Booty taken included 18 trucks
5 machine guns 42 rifles and enemy was everywhere repelled.
Supplies reached Dalmatian Coast in 4 Partisan boats 8
January.

Partisans operated against elements 264 Div area
Pirovac WR 37 January 9. En route from Austria to Croatia is
392 Germans-Croat Div according to reliable source.

Continuous Elas attacks reported by Zervas 12 January
in areas Klidi X37 Valtos X46-Skoulkaria X39 in Roumeli
since 4 January. In reply to unofficial appeal from senior

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CM-IN-9797  (1 Jan 44)

By DSS  Date 1 6 1973

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liaison officer to avoid conflict with Klaz Zervas stated EAM always aggressors and all friction might be avoided if EAM withdrew from Jumarka and Va Vos to east of Akhelona River and signed agreement with Middle East.

Albanian guerrillas enjoyed BBC mention of LNC.

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INFORMATION: G 2

CM-IN-9797 (15 Jan 44) 17222 cw
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No: ANSHE, 827N, 13th Jan 1944

To 2145 hours 12th Jan operations southeast Europe signed Royce.

Ivanjica W.H 92D attacked night 8th/9th Jan by Partisans. Still unknown are results of this encounter against 20 German, 20 Russian, 200 Bulgarian and 80 Nedic Troops. Partisans repelled attacks 8th Jan by 300 Chetniks and Moslems in Sjenica W.H 75 District. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy at Banja Luka in first few days fighting.

600 Germans killed 650 captured besides an additional 300 wounded captured in hospital and 3 tanks destroyed. Enroute from Nakarska XQ 41 to Split during night 6th/7th Jan German convoy dispersed by storm. Near Metkovic 3 Nazi schooners laden with gasoline from Klek near Metkovic XV 99 grounded at Brac. Partisans seized crew.

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INFORMATION: OPD

CM-IN-8307 (13 Jan 44) 1555Z

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No: AMSNE 806N, 12 Jan 1944

To 1950 hours operations SE January 11 signed Royce.

Globorsica bridge guard of 200 on Karlovac-Susak RK 85 railroad attacked by Tito forces. Arsen and ammunition captured, 70 enemy killed, 80 taken prisoner. Jannina reported Hq 104 Jager Division in early January confirming belief that this formation took over responsibilities First Mountain Division up to and beyond Albanian border. Apparently previously reported aground at Rivanj January 2nd, the former Italian ship Italia according to Partisans struck a mine December 30 off Rivanj (Yljan Island) shortly after leaving Zara.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, White House, Log

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By DBS Date APR 16 1973

CM-IN-7633 (12 Jan 44) 1545Z pp

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr.: AMSME 675 N 7th January 1944

To 2005 hours 6th January operations Southeastern Europe signed Royce.

Street fighting 4th January reported in Banja Luka by radio Free Yugoslavia. Radio also report Partisans destroyed sections Banja Luka-Prijedor SF 10 and Prijedor-Boa Novi line. First LNC conference covering Kosova Mitrovica and Dukagjin areas recently attended by British Liaison Officer. Delegates numbered 52 including Serbian Montenegro and Albanian representatives. Resolution adopted to join Allies and fight on basis Atlantic Charter. To coordinate operations delegates decided to send 2 representatives to Tito and 2 to LNC. Considered by Liaison Officer that but small proportion of local populace will support movement. Possible that Nationalist President Mehmet Hoija may persuade local Chieftains.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD

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White House

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E.O. 11561, Sec. 3(b) and 5(b) or (c)

OSD letter, May 4, 1973

By DBS Date APR 16, 1973

CM-IN-8265 (7 Jan 44) 1556Z mow

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-699 6th December 1943

To AGWAR for Hilldring, signed Eisenhower cite PHMOS reference your 3126 of 21st November.

Para 1. It will be appreciated that the problem of Yugoslav Nationals in Italy is already complicated by reason of the following factors.

(A) The Yugoslavs are far from being a united nation.
(B) There has recently been strife in Italy, although measures have been initiated to deal with the present situation, between Partisans and Cetniks.
(C) Supplies, accommodation, clothing, and medical facilities for displaced persons in Italy is overtrained.

Para 2. In view of the foregoing and our need, if possible, to reduce demands on accommodation, clothing, and supplies at present required for displaced persons in Italy, and particularly having regard to the prime need for operational security, neither proposal specified in your message is recommended. It is further considered that such action might create a precedent, which would lead to other demands and the influx of large numbers of additional refugees for which we would not be able to provide.

Para 3. It is recommended, therefore, that no direct assistance or funds be provided for these refugees, but that should they be able to reach Italy by their own efforts we shall continue to care for them as heretofore.

Para 4. Intelligence concerning whereabouts and welfare of these persons is being obtained and will be forwarded to you separately.

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3126 is CM-OUT-8442 (21 Nov 43) CAD
ACTION: CAD
INFORMATION: OPD 0-2, JCP (CAPT ROYAL, USA) HR. McCLOY
ROJA (CAPT, FRENCH) 194
CM-IN-4241 (7 Dec 43) 09422 eng

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 4958 - 11 November 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite P9GCT.

Reference 2053 dated 9 Nov. The establishment of a Yugoslav Military Base in Italy by the Royal Yugoslav Government would be most undesirable. As you are aware the Yugoslavs are very far from being a united nation. In fact our understanding is that the Partisans who are now the most active element fighting the Germans are not supporters of or recognized by the Yugoslav Government. For this reason in particular an official military base under auspices of the Yugoslav Government would be most unwelcome. Moreover logistical position on mainland of Italy is already such that we cannot accept at this time all that we consider essential for the conduct of the war. Non essential additions such as that proposed are quite unacceptable. Concerning use of Italian equipment our present policy to which we adhere is to use only captured Italian equipment in Tunisia. Pantelleria, and Sicily for supply of Balkans conserving remainder for maintenance of Italian Forces placed at our disposal. This policy subject to change when reliable estimates of Italian holdings become available.

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NOTE: 2053 is CM-OUT-3188 (9 Nov 43) OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: JCS (CAPT ROYAL USN)
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Operations Division WDQS
Policy Section WDOFPD JKW

November 8, 1943

CQ US FORCES NATO
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2053

For Eisenhower from Marshall

On following proposal your comments and recommendations are desired in order that War Department may appropriately reply to the US State Department: The Royal Yugoslav Government has presented to the US Department of State a request for agreement to the establishment of a Yugoslav military base in Italy in the sector between Bari and Brindisi. This matter has also been presented to British authorities in Algiers. A military mission would be established to organize the base. Mister Berislav Angelinovic, Minister of Communications of the Yugoslav Government, would assist at Bari. If this base is authorized the Government of Yugoslavia intends to concentrate there all its Army and Navy forces, including former Yugoslav prisoners of war in Italy, the Yugoslav Battalion in the middle East, and some former Italian soldiers now in Algiers, who have signified willingness to join the cause of Yugoslavia. The use of Italian munitions in arming the above forces suggested by the Yugoslav Ambassador.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: JCS (CAPT ROYAL USN) LOG

CM-OUT-3188 (9 Nov 43) 0013Z

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PATRIOT FORCES in Greece were dropped supplies by 4th Halifax on night 3rd/4th November. In another supply dropping operation over Jugoslavia 1 Liberator is missing.

4th November: Southern Aegean offensive recon 3 Baltimore; no attacks. 4 Beaufighters scored hits on 4 craft with 20 mm cannon when they were sent to Keos Harbor to attack barges and landing craft. Central Aegean offensive recon 2 Torpedo Beaufighters with escort of 4 anti flak Beaufighters; no sightings. No reports of enemy air activity save 1 Ju 88 recon over Leros. Anti Submarine 3 Baltimore 6 Venturas; Photo recon 8 Baltimore 5 Spitfires; shipping protection 8 Hurricanes 2 Baltimore 2 Spitfires 4 Beaufighters.

Two of 4 Hudsons despatched to bomb Antamachie. Landing Ground night of 4th/5th Nov returned being unable to find target due weather; remaining 2 bombed through clouds noting bursts. Resulting damage unobserved. Same night 6 Halifax 3 Liberators dropped 72 500 pound bombs on Heraklion Airdrome; though base rendered target difficult to identify bursts were seen in immediate area of airdrome. Damage is not known. Supplies successfully dropped by 2 Dakotas on Leros.

Delayed details for 3rd November: shipping protection 4 Hurricanes and 24 Spitfires.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: 0-2
CG AAF
CC/S Capt Royal USN

CM-IN-2882 (5 Nov 43) 14322 ejm

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Mr: ANSHE 9056, 2 November, 1943

Signed Royce.

Subject: Southeastern Europe Map References (Please notify all map rooms, Yugoslavia, for the sake of greater clarity, we propose hereafter to designate map references to 1/500,000 Europe Air Series as follows:

1st, For activity within North Italy grid (extending southwards to 43 degrees North Latitude and eastwards to 18 degrees 45 minutes East Longitude) No change in grid reference will be made since bulk of Guerrilla operations will likely fall within this area;

2nd, For operations within the South Italy grid (extending northwards to 43 degrees northward eastwards to 18 degrees 45 minutes east) The normal grid reference will be followed with the initials SI or S; 3rd, areas within the Danube grid (East of 18 degrees 45 minutes East) will be followed with the initials DG or D; 4th, areas in the Mediterranean grid (East of 18 degrees 45 minutes East and South of Danube grid) Unless in Greece will normally be followed with the initials MG or M after the map reference.

Greece: Insofar as possible 1/1,000,000 scale Greece will continue to be employed as the basis for place names in Greece since place names on that scale are generally better known. Coordinates are plotted on 1/250,000 scale Balkans.

ACTION: ASF
INFORMATION: OPD 0-2
CM-IN-1159 (2 Nov)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AQWAR
Nr: ANME 9006 1st November 1943

Subsequent British occupation Island of Sami heavily bombed by enemy up to 27th October (presumably occupation occurred same date). Believed five armed vessels departed Island Mykonos 0900 hours 30th Oct. Bombs destroyed Italian hospital at Leros 28th Oct. Operation to 1750 hours 31st Oct Balkan and Aegean. Total 40 killed 50 wounded when Aurora (operating in Aegean with Belvoir, Beaufort and Petard) was attacked by 14 JUB7's at 1623 hours 30th Oct. Aurora hit astern forward funnel but machinery undamaged. Now enroute Alexandria with Beaufort. Continuing in Aegean Belvoir and Petard attacked by 15 JUB8's 1712 hours without damage. Enroute to rendezvous point Belvoir slightly damaged by unexploded bomb from attack at 1750 hours by 8 JUB8's. Partisan attack on road Bihac-Kipac WP58 resulted 36 enemy killed 27 Oct. Attempting to block channel Mssaloitch forces attacked 2 tugs each towing barge near Boljetin (WE 4837 Danube grid). One tug and one barge were grounded outside channel and one barge and one tug reported grounded in channel in partially successful effort.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CG AAF
CAPT. ROYAL, USN (CC/S)
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CM-IN-210 (1 Nov 43) 1327Z wc

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
26 October 1943

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Number 7608

Joint Chiefs of Staff to Royce reured 8563.

Landia views not considered adequate basis to warrant change in basic military policy in Balkans which does not contemplate use of U S Forces in Balkan operations. It is contrary to Joint Chiefs of Staff intention to divert troops from military operations for the purpose of supporting the administration of civilian relief. State Department agrees that Landia views are not an adequate basis for requesting a change in basic policy. Subject to above limitation your earlier request in your 8085 of September 22 regarding supply responsibility is still under consideration. To assist in this consideration, it would be helpful to have your recommendations as to proposed supply procedure and organization in light of ATB (43) 60.

ORIGINATOR: JCS (CAPT ROYAL USN)

INFORMATION: QPD
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CM-OUT-11821 (27 Oct 43) 0125Z mos

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By BEP, RIC, Date APR 9 1974

300 (Balkans)
Combined Chiefs of Staff
October 19, 1943

To Eisenhower, Freedom, Algiers, Term 252, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff are impressed with the importance of rendering the maximum possible assistance to the Guerillas in the Balkans. Guerillas operating in organized parties and assisted by S O E Missions with whom we are in contact, number some 230,000 in Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece, and are containing some 17 German and 8 Bulgarian Divisions.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff consider that nourishment and reinforcement of Guerilla activities should be increased and that this may well result in further diversion of German forces from the Eastern or Italian fronts. Captured Italian material is particularly suitable, since Guerillas have been supplied with this for some time and have recently taken over considerable quantities from surrendered Italian divisions.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff consider that the opportunity which now exists for assisting your campaign in Italy by rendering additional assistance to the Guerillas in the Balkans should be seized immediately. While S O E operations in the Balkans are under the Commander in Chief Middle East, AFRQ controls the majority of the sea and air forces necessary to transport supplies to the Guerillas. You should therefore consult with the Commanders in Chief Middle East, General Cobbold, Head of the British S O E now in the Middle East and appropriate OSS officials with a view to arranging:

(A) Cooperation between the Commander in Chief Mediterranean and the Middle East Command regarding the development of sea borne transport to the Dalmatian coast.

(B) Transportation of equipment by transport aircraft using landing grounds held by Guerillas particularly with a view to economizing in parachute supply which may well prove a bottleneck.

CM-OUT-62022 and CM-OUT-83072 (Oct 43)
(C). The release to the London Munitions Assignments Board of increasing quantities of Italian equipment from your theater for assignment to the Guerillas.

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ORIGINATOR: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
    General Arnold
    Admiral King
    General Strong
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JCS memo, 1-4-76
By REP, MLS, Date APR 9 1974

CH-OUT-8309 (19 Oct 43) 2152Z eijv
CH-OUT-8325 (19 Oct 43) 2213Z eijv

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EYES OF GENERAL MARSHALL ONLY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No: AMSME 8681, 19th October 43

Eyes Marshall alone signed Royce.

Pursuant to directive from Commanders in Chief GHQ Middle East British Commanders in Chief Committee Middle East have formulated in brief following proposed line of operations:

First, facilities will be sought in the Italian heel upon which supplies of arms and small forces of troops may be based to further operations guerrilla forces in Albania and Yugoslavia. Facilities needed will include a suitable port, 1 or more airfields; accommodations for base personnel aggregating 3,000, proportionate rail, road and signal communications with other Allied supply bases.

Second, to avoid increased overhead and utilize existing facilities it was felt that for administrative purposes the forces established should come under the command of the particular AFRQ area concerned. Operational control of these operations would continue however under Middle East.

Third, Manfredonia and Monopoli and ports and Foggia, Bari and Giosa De Colle as airfields (within 35 mile radii of the supply bases) were considered suitable sites.
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EYES OF GENERAL MARSHALL ONLY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No: AMSNE 8681, 19th October 43

Fourth, supplies totalling 500 to 1,000 tons would be dropped by SOE. FWE would drop monthly tonnage 100.

Fifth, crux of matter appears shortage available air transport both for operations themselves and to initiate original ground work. AFEQ agreed in principle to following:

1st, to cooperate in providing a base of operations until such time as they may be based largely from Middle East.

2nd, that a reconnaissance group be sent forward to discuss details and favorable site. A party chosen from Middle East has been dispatched to AFEQ to continue discussions and choose a desirable base of operations.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: C of S
General Deane CC/S
General Arnold

CM-IN-11546 (19 Oct 43) 2152Z med

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (F)
ORD letter, May 6, 1972
By DBS Date APR-16-1973

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 8680, 19 October 1943

Marshall signed Royce.

British Headquarters Middle East have requested Freedom for authority to set up small Operational Staff in heel of Italy to direct joint GMS/SON operations into Balkans pending establishment Middle East Advance Base. Decision based on demands for material assistance increasingly being made by Partisan Chetnik and Greek evacuees from Balkans.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-11375 (19 Oct 43) 1750Z cng

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ISLAND OF SYMI HAS BEEN EVACUATED BY BRITISH ENEMY SEABORNE ATTACK ON LEROS STILL AWAITED SHIPPING FOR PURPOSE ASSEMBLED HKALIMNOS AS WELL AS AT RHODES. MIDDLE EAST BELIEVES DELAY DUE TO UNFAVORABLE WEATHER. ITALIAN MINELAYER AZIO DAMAGED IN LIPSO CHANNEL HAS INTERNED HERZESF AT TURKISH PORT OF KULLUK. SOURCE A2. 

16...ACT 
COMINCH...2G...NAVIADE...2G0P...CNO... 
FILE
UP TO 0900 TODAY EXPECTED ENEMY ATTACK ON LEROS HAD NOT MATERIALIZED. ENEMY NOW HAS SUFFICIENT SHIPPING, FIGHTERS, AND DIVE BOMBERS ASSEMBLED RHODES FOR THE ATTACK. HE IS USING COSAIR FIELDS AS WELL AS THOSE ON RHODES. SUCCESS IN REPELLING ATTACK WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT OF ITALIANS ON LEROS WHO CUT NUMBER BRITISH FOUR TO ONE. SOURCE A-2.

16...ACT

COMINCH...2AG...CNO...NAVAIN...2AG...
From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No. ANMME 8313 4 October 1943

Signed Royce.

Aegean operations to 1415 hours 4th October:
Original enemy landings on Cos 3rd October occurred at Marmari, Forbici, Cap Foca, Camara Bay and by FAPA Troops at Antimachia. During October 3rd as many as 2000 Germans landed on island. Germans landing at Camara Bay opposed by Italian Battalion is pushing North. Main road between Antima Chia and Cos town cut Marmari Area. Believed Antimachia Airfield captured as communication with 2 companies 1st Durham Light Infantry holding airfield area ceased by 1230 hours October 3rd. 1st Durham Light Infantry loses 2 companies plus attached troops and Italians held Cos town and all inclusive line Lambi Airfield-Gherme-Giorgio 483112 to coast approximately 485112. With Italian withdrawal line closed about Cos town. Cos town last reported untenable and British withdrew after destroying wireless telegraph set and cyphers. 150 British reinforcements landed from Calino in several places South Coast of Cos. Germans believed using naval force of 7 merchant vessels 7 landing craft and 3 destroyers. Stated impossible operate fighters from islands.

No Big

Corrected copy of CM-IN-2307 (4 Oct 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)

CM-IN-2580 (5 Oct 43) 0458Z mcs

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 8313 - 4 October 1943

Signed Royce.

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ACTION: OFF
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-2307 (4 Oct 43) 1816Z

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 8295 3rd October 1943.
Signed Royce.

British confirm German landing on COS October 3rd no further information available to 1300 hours.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
LOG

CM-IN-1647 (3 Oct 43) 1422Z vc
INCOMING MESSAGE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

JOYN 12
27/1250Z
bc

CCWD
27 Sept
1452Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSBX 8164 27 September 1943

Signed Royce.

Operations Southeastern Europe 26th September:


Leros from anti shipping sweep same morning was sunk and Intrepid received hits aft and amidships during day. Dockyard reported damaged. Rhodes being supplied during night by JU 52 transports. Rcn reports slight increase JU 88 strength area Athens considered relocation rather than reinforcement.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SBS

CC-IN-19218 (27 Sep 43) 15462Z vc

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JCTO B 37
filed 121100Z
SCN

CCWD
12th Sept
1437Z

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M. O. 11662, Sec. 8(E) and 8(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 6, 1972

From: Cairo
To: MILID-AGWAR

No: ANSME 296 - 12th September 1943

Some Greek Government and Military Officials
here greatly exercised over apparent inaction of
Allies in Dodecanese. From-Thoroton-signed-
Roacha. According highly reliable source Island
of Samos is being held by Greek Naval Attache to
Turkey but needs reinforcement at once. Greeks
believe prompt action will insure islands to
Allies whereas delay may allow Jerry time to en-
trench.

No Sig

NOTE: Incongruity of message noted by WDCC; however,
this is exactly as message came.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), LOG

CM-IN-9590 (12 Sept 43) 1745Z bes

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INCOMING MESSAGE
URGENT

From: WAR
To: BOSCO

No. 12 18 Aug 43

Word from field see our 13 August number 15 indicates no German-Italian friction in Greece and islands since last August.

However tension and uncertainty undoubtedly exists but Italians in general apparently refraining from any action which would complicate them. (From Montague signed Strong WDGBI for Col Betts). Supposedly as a precautionary measure in Greece and Crete Germans have been interspersed with Italians so no key point to be held by Italians alone. Two case in Greek orders were issued that Italians would continue the war side by side with Germans.

Note: 15 is B0-100-IN-15 (13 Aug 43) Col Betts

ACTION : Col Betts

INFORMATION:

White House
Adm Leahy
Adm King
Adm Cooke
Adm Willson
Gen Marshall
Gen Handy

B0-100-IN-126 (18 Aug 43) 1937 2

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Following from Akmca Ankara "reported by British source that official German communique says there is Rumanian cavalry at Kouchevskaya and other Rumanian troops between Sak and Don. For Marshall from Maxwell report of journalist arrived from Bucharest states there are seven Rumanian divisions at front, one fifty to two hundred thousand men in Ukraine and Transnystra; losses this summer in Sonetz Basin twenty five dash thirty thousand killed; Nodt organization has been working on Constanza dash Cernaloua Pipe Lines one hundred thousand men. Two weeks ago there returned from Germany Cyada of Turkish Railway delegation who report four tenths of civilians to be members of party and think they will win war while rest are apathetic, shortage of food great, plenty of spare tires and wheels available for manufacture with one factory making weekly delivery of three hundred, transport difficulties in Russia due to destruction of material by Russians".

Maxwell

Action Copy: G-2 B.I.
Info. Copies: OPD A 2 CG AAF
INFO COUNAVNAW JICAME

SURRENDER ALL GREEK FLEET UNITS AND MOST SHORE UNITS ALEX COMPLETE.

FOLLOWING ACTION ADP VOULGARIS MYDIS 191143.

BDS REPORTED INTERNED.

ALUSLO PORT SAID REPORTS SITUATION OBSCURE BUT AVEROFF UNDER CONTROL.

VENIZELOS TENDERED RESIGNATION YESTERDAY IN FAVOR OF PAPENDREO

RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM GREECE.

NOW REPORTED THAT KING HAS ACCEPTED AND CHANGE TO BE ANNOUNCED

TOMORROW.

POLITICAL SITUATION CONTINUES UNSETTLED SEE AM EMBASSY 12B.

ALUSLO FOEM REPORTING SURRENDER FIRST BRIGADE.

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R. O. 11652, Sec. 3(5) and 5(7) or (2)

OSD letter, May 8, 1973

16...ACTION

13...COMINCH...CNO...2HOP

By DBS Date APR 16 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ALUSCO ALEXANDRIA
RELEASED BY: ...
DATE: 24 APRIL 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 242234
DECODED BY: MCCOUB
PARAPHRASED BY: KONCUTEK
ROUTED BY: KNIGHT

TO: COLNAVNAV

INFORMATION

241544 NCR 6624

(INFO COLNAVNAV)

THIS IS...

REMAINING SHIPS ALEXANDRIA SURRENDERED LAST NIGHT MY 23105 TO REFERS. FIRST CREW BRIGADE CAME TO TERMS THIS MORNING AFTER DEMONSTRATION STAGED BY SUPERIOR BRITISH FORCE USED FOR LACK OF ORGANIZED LOYAL HELLENIC TROOPS. NAVAL SITUATION PORT SAID OBSCURE AND NOT YET CLEARED UP.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(b) and 5(e) or (f)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date APR 1 6 1973

16...ACT.
COMING...NAVAIL...

COPY BY PUNCH
9/25/49

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NCR 16

241544 3rd Balkans
(THIS IS TOP SECRET. INFO COWNAVNAW)

THREE MUTINIOUS GREEK DESTROYERS APOSTOLIS SAKTOURIS AND IERAX WERE BOARDED AND RECOVERED LAST NIGHT BY LOYALISTS UNDER ORDERS GREEK CINC. THIS FIRST PHASE OF PLAN THEREBY HELLENIC NAVAL AUTHORITIES WILL RESTORE ORDER AND DISCIPLINE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(B) and 5(D) or (K)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date APR 16 1973

16......ACTION
COMINCH.... ADDS 13...NAVAL...ID... (PER OP-16)
SUMMARY OF POLICY SENT BRITISH SHIPS AND STATIONS WED.
THEATRE REGARDS STATE OF MUTINIOUS DISSAFACTION ON GREEK
SHIPS IN EGYPT. NOW TRYING PERSUADE GREEK AUTHORITIES PUT
HOUSE IN ORDER RESERVING USE BRITISH FORCE AS LAST RESORT.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT GREEK CINC ALONE HAS AUTHORITY TO
RELIEVE OFFICERS OF DUTY THAT NO CONTACT IS TO BE HAD WITH
COMMITTEES OR MUTINIOUS BODIES NOR MAY POLITICAL QUESTIONS
BE DISCUSSED. IN EVENT TRUCULENCE EXPLAIN THAT GREEKS
ARE UNDER ORDERS ALLIED CINC WHO SHOULD BE OBeyed. NOT FOR
SHIP BOARD SAILORS TO DECIDE FUTURE GOVT. GREEK ASSURANCE
USE FIREARMS WILL BE AVOIDED SHOULD NOT BE RECIPIROCATED.

PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES
Rather make clear mutineers will be fired on if necessary.

Ends. New Greek Cinc Radm Voulgaris. Little known

Past repute or present plans. Hope decisive action.
INFO JIGAME COMNAVNAV

ADM VOUlgARIS RELIEVES ALEXANDRIS AS GREEK CINC.
VOULGARIS LEFT GREECE AFTER REVOLUTION 1939 AND UNTIL ABOUT 1941 REPORTED TO HAVE OPERATED DRYDOCK AT DURBAN.
UNTIL RECENTLY SERVED AS MINISTER FOR AIR GOVT EXILE.

16...ACTION

13...COMHIGH....CNO....STOP....NAVAFDE...
NO SIGNIFICANT REACTION FLEET TO ANNOUNCEMENT VENIZELOS GOVT NDIS 141647. NO REAL CHANGE IN SITUATION AND LITTLE PROSPECT THEREOF OF NEXT FEW DAYS. THIS LAST DAILY REPORT UNLESS UNFORSEEN DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.

16...ACT

COMINCH...2/G...CHO...13...NAVYDE...210P...
(INFO JICANE COMMONAW)

VENIZELOS HAS AGREED FOR INTERIM GOVT FOLLOWING KING'S PROCLAMATION BY DIS 131838, HAS ASKED FOUR TO JOIN OF WHICH ONE HAS ACCEPTED. ALL ARE INCONSPICUOUS. SEVERAL POTENTIALS FOR FUTURE GOVT ENROUTE FROM GREECE. NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN FLEET.

16...ACT
2...TOP...COMINCH...2G...CNO...13...#AVIDE...
NAVIAL MESSAGE

FROM
ALUSNA CAIRO

RECEIVED BY
14 APRIL 1944
132118
KIRKBRIDE

DECODED BY
SHUG
THOMPSON

PARAPHRASED BY
KNIGHT

ROUTED BY
131838
NR 3821

INFO JICAME GREEKIA

BY DIS 121229 KIRKBRIDE'S STATEMENT RELEASED 12 APR PROMISING BROADER GOVT REPRESENTING ALL GROUPS IN GREECE EXCEPT THOSE AIDING AXIS. THAT GOVT WILL BE COMPOSED LARGELY OF MEN WHO HAVE LIVED IN GREECE AND THAT ALL PARTIES MUST CONCENTRATE HATE ON ENEMY CTG FAIRLY SATISFACTORY. RN BROADCAST THIS MESSAGE TO DISSIDENT FLEET UNITS THIS AM AND EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH SITUATION PREDICATED THERE ON WITH REALIZATION AT KIRKBRIDE THAT SITUATION REQUIRES CAREFUL HANDLING. NO SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT APPARENT FLEET 1909. BREWING POLITICAL TENSION IN EGYPT MAY LEAD TO FAR REACHING CHANGES HERE COUNTER BRITISH INTERESTS. THIS CANNOT BE EVALUATED NOW BUT TIMING WITH CURRENT GREEK AFFAIR WHILE POSSIBLY ACCIDENTAL MAY BE SIGNIFICANT.

ACT COMINCH...13...CHIO...240...240...NAVTE...
PART 1  131445  NCR 7926
PART 2  131630  NCR 7930
(FOSKETT SENDS BRITISH SOURCE INFO)

THIS IS...

INDICATION THAT MUTINOUS ELEMENT IN NAVY ARE WEAKENING
BY SHOWING MORE CONCERN ON FEAR OF PUNISHMENT THAN
SETUP OF NEW GOVT. POSSIBLE INCREASE OF ANTI BRITISH
SENTIMENT. CONDITIONS IN GREEK BRIGADE ATALEX WHICH
WAS EARMARKED FOR ITALY UNCHANGED AND SERIOUS WHERE
REBELLIOUS 30 PERCENT HAVE DISARMED AND IMPRISONED
LOYALIST OFFICERS AND REMAINDER WHO ARE BEING KEPT
IGNORANT OF BRITISH INVITATION TO BREAK OUT. LEAFLES
BEING DROPPED IN CAMP FOR BENEFIT THIS GROUP.
FOLEM HAS PROPOSED SKELETON PLAN BASED ON VOLUNTARY CAPITULATION WHEREBY SHIPS SHALL RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS AFTER AMUN IS RETURNED TO MAGAZINEB AND ALL FORMER PERSONNEL ON BOARD.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GREEK COMMAND TO REINTRODUCE LAW ORDER AND EFFICIENCY. UNLIKELY ANY UTMATUM BE DELIVERED BEFORE NEXT WEEK OUT RESPECT GREEK EASTER OBSERVANCE. MAIN CONCERN CENTER ENLEX WHERE 12 SHIPS AND OPERATIONAL GREEK BRIGADE INVOLVED. CONDITIONS PORT SAID SUEZ MALTA NOT SERIOUS OPERATIONS GENERALLY UNIMPAIRED THOUGH PERSONNEL DECLARED FOR PAN HELLENIC GOVERNMENT.
This is a naval message from斛 note

From: ALUSLO FOILEM

Released by:

Date: 13 April 1944

TOR CODE: 1321665

Decoded by: TOUSIGNANT

Paraphrased by: MORRISON

Route: KNIGHT

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131445 NOR 7928

PART 1

131445 NOR 7928

(Foskett sends British source info)

This is an indication that mutinous element in Navy are weakening by showing more concern on fear of punishment than setup of new Govt. Possible increase of anti-British sentiment. Conditions in Greek Brigade at Aplex which was earmarked for Italy unchanged and serious threat rebellious 30 percent have disarmed and imprisoned loyalist officers and remainder who are being kept ignorant of British invitation to break out, leaflets being dropped in Calyp for benefit this group.

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131445 300 Balkans

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OIS letter, May 8, 1973

Date, APR 16 1973
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PART 1 121434 NCR 7466 PART 2 121626 NCR 7456

TOPSEC.

GREEK SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE REACHED MILITARY DEADLOCK MAY REQUIRE FORCE TO DISARM MUTINOUS ELEMENTS. FOSKETT REPORTS THAT IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS 13 APRIL GREEK CINC SUGGESTED PEACE MIGHT BE RESTORED IN NAVY IF BRITISH RUSSIAN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS WERE TO PUBLISH A JOINT STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT US AND RUSSIAN GOVERNMENTS AGREE WITH BRITISH IN RESPECT ALL MATTERS OF POLICY CONCERNING POLITICAL DISTURBANCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF GREEK ARMED FORCES IN MIDDLE EAST. THAT THEY DECLARE THAT THOSE WHO IMPAIR THE WAR EFFORT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS ACTING FOR BENEFIT OF ENEMY AND THAT THEY RECOGNISE THAT GREEK FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN IS UNDER BRITISH OPERATIONAL CONTROL INCLUDING
AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE ORDER AND DISCIPLINE, ABOVE TOLD
BY ME TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR 11 APRIL, WHO AGREED TO DIS-
CUSS INFORMALLY WITH HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE. THIS PROPOSAL
COMMUNICATED TO ADM CUNNINGHAM AND RAWLINGS. THEY FELT
NEGOTIATIONS ON DIPLOMATIC LEVEL MIGHT HAVE SALUTORY EFFECT.
CONSIDER USE FORCE MAY CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE AND GENERAL-
LY BOTH SIDES THAT ALLIED DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION MAY HAVE
EFFECT OF BREAKING PRESENT DEADLOCK. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES
AGAINST OFFENDERS MUST BE CONSIDERED AFTER NORMAL SANITY
RESTORED.

19...ACT
COMINCH...16...NAVAIDE...

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NCR 19
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USHL CAIRO

RELEASED BY

DATE 13 APRIL 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1412

DECODED BY SCHNEIDER

PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT/WALP

ROUTED BY

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

JICAME COMNAVNAV COMINCH AND CNO

*121229 NCR 7713

INFO JICAME, COMNAVNAV.

BEING PASSED AS REENCIIPHERMENT BY COMNAVNAV FOR INFO COMINCH AND CNO. USHL CAIRO'S 121229.

"MY DIS 11837 (LAST NUMBER NOT KNOWN) KING RECEIVING POLITICIANS AND OFFICERS MOST OF WHOM HOPE HE WILL ISSUE STATEMENT TAKING SUFFICIENT COGNIZANCE OF SITUATION TO HELP CLARIFY ALUSLO SNOLEM PORT SAID REPORT NO BASIC CHANGE IN FLEET SITUATION. GENERAL PAGET ADM CUNNINGHAM AIR MARSHAL PARKS DIRECTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUTINOUS FORCES. THERE IS APPARENT TENDENCY NOT TO FORCE MILITARY ISSUE PENDING STATEMENT OF KING."

INSTRUCTIONS
E. O. 11803, Sec. 9(B) and 8(D) or (E)

CGO Letter, May 8, 1973

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12/12/29 300 Balkans
INFO JICAME COMNAVNAN

WYDIS 111837.

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PENDING STATEMENT OF KING.

16....ACT.

COMINCH...13...CHO...29G...20P...NAVAIDE...
MYDIS 101215. SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO FLEET BASICALLY SAME WITH CREWS COMMITTEES IN CONTROL. BRITISH HAVE FIRST BRIGADE AND GREEK NAVAL UNITS ALEX UNDER SIEGE AND SITUATION BECOMING MORE TENSE. IN CONVERSATION CAIRO TODAY ADMIRAL ALEXANDRIS STATED SOME EVIDENCE THAT DISSIDENT ELEMENTS TIRING BUT HE IS CONCERNED OVER RESULT OF FUTURE ACTION BY BRITISH WITH WHOM HE CLOSELY COOPERATING. ALUSLO FOLEM HAD SAME REPORT ON GENERAL SITUATION. BRITISH IN VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION AS IT APPARENTLY REALIZED EXECUTION OF NAVAL DISCIPLINE ALONE WILL NOT CLARIFY SITUATION. NOR SECRET SHIPS, CINCROM IN CAIRO. KING ALSO, POLITICAL REPORT FOLLOWS.
INFO JICAM COTNAVNAW

RE MYDIS 619% FOLLOWING PRESENTATION PROPOSED CABI-
NET TO KING VENEZELOS CALLED ON BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND
ANNOUNCED HE AND COLLEAGUES WISHED REMAIN AT POSTS
PENDING RETURN OF KING WHICH EXPECTED SEVERAL DAYS.
TSQODEROS WHOSE RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED STILL HEADS
GOVT AND CONTINUES NEGOTIATION WITH PARTIES IN GREECE
IN ACCORDANCE HIS BASIC POLICY OF BROADENING GOVT.
KING’S ACTIONS CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED. SEE AMBASSAD
11. ROYAL NAVY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH GREEK FLEET
AND GREEK MINISTRY NO LONGER IN PICTURE. AS OF THIS
HOUR NO BASIC CHANGE IN FLEET SITUATION WITH CREWS COMMIT-
TEES STILL IN CONTROL ALEXANDRIA PORT SAID. RNCHQ CAIRO

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(D) and 6(D) or (C)
OSD letter, May 8, 1973

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10/215 300 Balhams

APR 16 1973
THIS MORNING ADVISED IT WILL HAVE 6 INCH CL AND SEVERAL FLEET DD IN ALEXANDRIA AND CAN SHOW FORCE BUT APPARENTLY REALIZED GRAVITY THIS COURSE AND CONCERNED WITH PROPECTS DAMAGE GREEK UNITS EITHER BY DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR SABOTAGE.

COM: INCH...2% G...GNO...NAVAIDE...13...2% OP...
INFO JICAME COMNAVNAV

RE MYDIS (819), FOLLOWING PRESENTATION PROPOSED CABINET TO KING VENEZUELO CALLED ON BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND ANNOUNCED HE AND COLLEAGUES WISHED REMAIN AT POSTS PENDING RETURN OF KING WHICH EXPECTED SEVERAL DAYS. TROUBLES WHICH RESTORATION NOT ACCEPTED STILL HEADS GOVT AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PARTIES IN GREECE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BASIC POLICY OF BROADENING GOVT. KINGS ACTIONS CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED. SEE EMBASSY 116. SOME NAVY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH GREEK FLEET AND GREEK MINISTRY NO LONGER IN PICTURE. AS OF THIS HOUR NO BASIC CHANGE FLEET SITUATION WITH CREWS COMMITTEES STILL IN CONTROL ALEXANDRIA PORT SAID. RNCHQ CAIRO.

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OPNAV-NCH-15

[Signature] APR 1973

10/12/15

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OR SHOOTAGE.

16...COG

COMM. INCH...27G...CHO...NAVADE...13...2, OP...
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM ALUSLO FOLEM

RELEASED BY

DATE 9 APRIL 1944

TOR CODEROOM 21-44

DECODED BY RISHIN

PARAPHRASED BY CHASE/GIBSON/AFR

ROUTED BY HUTCHINSON

CNO

JICAME CMINAVNAV

NCR 5141

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

ON INCOMING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

(FROM ALUSLO FOLEM) (INFO JICAME AND CMINAVNAV)

BY DIS 81231. UP TO 113 CREWS STILL IN CONTROL OF ALL FLEET UNITS ALEXANDRIA. FOLEM ACTIVE. BRITISH APPARENTLY BACKED ROUSSO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND CREEK OFFICERS AGREED TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL GOVT. PLACING BURDEN FURTHER DISAFFECTION ON ENLISTED PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH ACTS OF NAVAL PERSONNEL CLEARLY OUTRIOUS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED TO COME FROM GENUINE DEMAND FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVT. CREEK CINC ADMIRAL ALEXANDRIA Cooperating with British and has confidence of fleet. This does not mean all orders accepted but can negotiate. One Greek Hunt due sail ALEXANDRIA yesterday in port today following refusal of crew. Two others presumed to have sailed. ROUSSO

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OSI letter, May 8, 1972

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**MESSAGE:**

ANGE DANGEROUS AS UP TO NOON NO CONFIRMATION OF

VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AMONG CREWS IN ALEXANDRIA AND

BRASILIAN LINE BEING USED TO BRING CREWS UNDER CONTROL.

SOME PROCLAMATIONS POSTED FLEET UNITS ALEXANDRIA

STATE NO FORMER MEMBER OF ISAPUROS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTABLE

IN NEW GOVERNMENT. ALUSLO PORT SAID REPORTED 17% UNREST

FLEET AND MERCHANT UNIT CONTINUES. NO VIOLENCE BUT

UNREADY TO ACT. ALUSLO CONFIRMS PRESENCE OF CAPT

VASSILIDIADIS (SEE OR-22-44) AT PORT SAID IN COMMAND

AVEROFF WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY CREW. SOME IN-

DICTION FLEET WILL ACCEPT BRITISH COMMAND PENDING

ESTABLISHMENT NEW GOVERNMENT. SUMMARY NO POSITIVE IMPROV-

EMENT APPARENT NAVY AND SITUATION CAN DETERIORATE.

16...ACT

COM INCH...CNO...NAVADE...24G...240P...13...

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 2(C) and 6(D) or 10(C)

OSD Letter, May 8, 1973

By DBS

APR 16 1973

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ON NAVY-NCH 45

By DBS

APR 16 1973
MY DIS 081234: UP TO 1130 CREWS STILL IN CONTROL OF ALL FLEET UNITS ALEXANDRIA. FOLEM ACTIVE. BRITISH APPARENTLY BACKED ROUX'S PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND GREEK OFFICERS AGREED TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL GOVT PLACING BURDEN FURTHER DISAFFECTION ON ENLISTED PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH ACTS OF NAVAL PERSONNEL CLEARLY MUTINOUS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED TO COME FROM GENUINE DEMAND FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVT. GREEK CINC ADMIRAL ALEXANDRIUS COOPERATING WITH BRITISH AND HAS CONFIDENCE OF FLEET. THIS DOES NOT MEAN ALL ORDERS ACCEPTED BUT CAN NEGOTIATE. ONE GREEK HUNT DUE SAIL ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY IN PORT TODAY FOLLOWING REFUSAL OF CREW. TWO OTHERS PRESUMED TO HAVE SAILED.
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MENT APPARENT NAVY AND SITUATION CAN DETERIORATE.

16...ACT

COMINCH...CNO...NAVALOE...23G...270P...13...
(INFO JCAME, COMNAVNAV,*)

KING

07133 has indicated that Roussos unacceptable as Prime Minister and asked Venizelos to form Government. Venizelos has accepted and submitted list of Ministers to King for approval. See

Am Embassy #99. Significant nominations Roussos for Vice Premier with Venizelos holding for time

At least Ministries of War, Navy, Air, in Public Address 31 March Venizelos expressed himself

In accordance main lines Tsouderos policy which policy basic cause of revolution, for present

At least only result of movement & change of government and success of latter would appear

Dependent on speed with which it responds to demands political groups Greece and Middle East.

* NOR has not passed to COMNAVNAV since no passing instruction were given, presume we made delivery in some other manner.

16...ACT.

COMINC...CNO....200...210...200...3

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08/1330 Fao Balkans
FROM: ALUSLO POLEM
ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD Col. Park, LOG

081230 is CM-IN-7044 (10 Apr 44) G-2

CM-IN-7045 10 Apr 44) 2042Z 18

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INCOMING MESSAGE

April 8, 1944

Crews still in control of all fleet units Alexandria up to 1100, POLEM active. British apparently backed Roussel provisional government and Greek officers agreed to accept provisional government, placing burden of further disposition on enlisted personnel. Although acts of naval personnel clearly are mutinous, they are recognized to come from genuine demand for representative government. Greek Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Alexandros is cooperating with British and has confidence of the fleet. This does not mean all orders are accepted, but can negotiate. One Greek hunt due to sail from Alexandria yesterday is in port today following refusal of the crew. Two others are presumed to have sailed. Roussel angle dangerous, as up to noon no confirmation of Venizelous government among Greek crews in Alexandria, and Roussel line being used to bring crews under control. Some proclamations posted fleet units in Alexandria state no former member of Tsouderos government acceptable in new government. Aluslo Port said reported 1700 unrest fleet and merchant unit continues. No violence but unready to act. ALUSLO confirms presence of Capt. Basilikades (See GR-22-44) at Port Said in command Averoff which had been taken over by crew. Some indication fleet will accept British command pending establishment of new government. Summary—no positive improvement apparent for Navy, and situation can grow worse.
NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
ALUSNA CAIRO

TO
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESS

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INFO JICAME COMMNAVNAH.

wydis 061452 ALL FLEET UNITS RESTIVE WITH EFFORTS TO

CONTROL CONTINUING. EXPECT FULLER REPORT TOMORROW.

SEE AMBASSAY 145.

16...ACT.

CONTR...CNO...NAVADE...210P....

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(B) and 5(C) and 5(d) of Title 39 Code, R. S.

OSD, May 31, 1951

By DBS 20 APR 1973

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ST 07/730 300 Balkans

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OPNAV-NCR-15
ATTACHED

RE DIS 51730 THREE PARIS. FLEET UNITS IN ALEXANDRIA PORT SAID REPORTED UNDER CONTROL THIS MORNING BUT ALUSNO PORT SAID REPORTS COMMANDING OFFICER HUNTED PORT SAID SHOT AND WOUNDED BY UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF CREW. DISAFFECTION REPORTING SPREADING FIRST BRIGADE. ARRESTS BY BRITISH CONTINUE WITH CONTINUED RESENTMENT AMONG GREEKS.

CONFIDENTIAL
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
ALUSMA CAIRO

RELEASED BY

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(RFC JICAMEV SEC AMERICAN EMBASSY)

REDIS 34114%. REFERENCE ALL EMBASSY GREEK SERIES TELEGRAMS 98, 99, 122 AND 134 ON.

APRIL 5 NOW BEING FILED ACCURATELY DESCRIBES POLITICAL SITUATION THIS HOUR. YESTERDAY IN ALEXANDRIA LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES IN MINISTRY MARINE THAT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO FLEET CONSIDERED IN HAND BUT SERIOUS.

OFFICERS OF MINISTRY AND FLEET GENERALLY LOYAL WITH GRECS COMMITTEES ALL UNITS HANDING IN UTLICATES TO EFFECT CAIRO GOVT MUST BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE POLITICAL COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION REPRESENTATIVES. CREW IS BEING URGED BY OFFICERS TO HAVE PATIENCE AS VENIZELOS IN WHOM MOST APPARENTLY HAVE CON

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OSD letter, May 6, 1972 VECO

APR 16 73

by DBS

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OPNAV-NCR-23

051730 SEE BALKANS
Evidence was taking over government and adjustments would be made. At 11th today.

Sage sources described situation grave.

Developments in American Embassy 1/4

Apparently misunderstood and Greek officers in Alexandria believing Venizelous com-

pletely rejected by King and resignation as

Minister of Marine accepted and not having

Report of their officers then in Cairo felt

Crews could not be held longer. Subsequent

Call on Alusko Field revealed gravity of

situation not appreciated in Foley staff

Meeting this morning with Foley staff feeling

situation in hand but aware that mobilization

of Greek units would present led escort problem.

British usually send Greek units to sea when

They "get their tails up" but this time all

but 2 Greek submarines and 2 hunts now in

Disregarding

R. O. 11652, Sec. 9(B) and 9 (C)
OSD letter, May 8, 1943

By DDS

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OPNAV NCR-45
PORT FOR BOILER OR OTHER TIME CONSULTING REPAIRS
HENCE CREWS IN FULL CONTACT LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS.

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY EXPRESSED IN
CONFIDENCE OPINION MOVEMENT NOW GAINED SO
SUCH IMPETUS HE DOUBTED IF IT COULD EVER BE
STOPPED. ARRESTS OF GREEK MERCHANT MARINE

OFFICERS IN ALEX. HAVE BEEN MADE BY EGYPTIAN
POLICE ON BRITISH ORDER. FIRST BRIGADES
TALK REPORTED LOYAL.

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R.C. 11658, Sec. 2(D) and 5(D) or (E)

OSD letter, May 8, 1939

By DBS Date APR 16 1939

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OPNAV-NCB-12
(INFO JICAME.)

Togueros' resignation apparently due primarily to pressure from liberal party in Greece with support of Venizelos, Carapanayoti and Voulgaris capitalizing on Togueros' failure to receive reply from King on Regency and misunderstanding by Greeks in Middle East to FRELON relations between Cairo govt and political committee.

National liberation with subsequent spontaneous disaffection Greek army units in Middle East. Greek Navy reported unaffected as well as 1st Brigade which is still primarily interested in possibility action in Italy. Merchant marine reported declaring support of political committee.

*NOTE: AS RECEIVED - - LIKE PRINTED.

16...ACT

CO...INCH...ONH...NAV...WIFE...
FOR DNI. SIT REP AEGEAN 19TH.

PORT TRIGANTI SAMOS NOT UNSERVICEABLE DUE BOMBING.
MY SIT REP 18TH NOT REPORTED EVACUATION SAMOS NOT EN-
VISIONED BUT BRITISH UNITS NO LONGER REQUIRED BEING WITH-
DRAWN. EXACT MEANING THIS STATEMENT NOT CLEAR.

O. 11683, Sec. 9(D) and 6(D) or (H)
OCD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Data APR 16 1973

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OPNAV-NOR-15
191530 300 Ballinas
FOR DNI; FROM ALUSLO LEVANT HOTCHKISS; PASS TO CAPT FOSKETT.

Sitrep Aegean 18 Nov. No further reports Leros. Evacuation of Samos commenced following heavy air raids.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(C) and 5(D) or (G)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS 

CONVOY ACTION
16...CGO...NAVAFDE...230P.......

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**SUBJECT**

(FOR DM PLEASE PASS TO CAPT FOSKETT)

Sit Rep already 15 Nov.

Further: Hun Reinforcements landed night 15th/16th between Pamale Bay and Castello Point Leros. Hard fighting continues in Raist of Island. concentration small craft reported moving east by bitrep 15th. Now more thinly dispersed. Possible follow up convoy of 4 small freight ships 1 escort vessel and 1 tanker reported at Lavrion Attica.

**FILE**

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162315 - 300 Ballard
LEROS FELL TO GERMANS NIGHT 16-17 NOVEMBER.
NO DETAILS AVAILABLE AS YET.

16...ACT
COMM:CH...2/G...NAVAIDE...CNO...230P---

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E. O. 11612, Sec. 3(D) and 5(D) or (F)
OSD Letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS Date APR 16 1972

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ALUSLO ALEXANDRIA

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 14 NOV 1943

TOR CODE WORD: 14180

DECODED BY: KRANING

PARAPHRASED BY: DE LANNOV

ADDRESSSEES: CNO

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

TEXT

FOR DNI PLEASE PASS TO CAPT FOSKETT

SITUATION LEROS DETERIORATING. POSSIBLE EVACUATION ORDER MAY BE GIVEN TONIGHT. AECEAN SITREP FOR 14 NOV. W 131400 REFERS.

DECLARED

E. O. 11505, Sec. 5(b) and 5(d) or (f)
ORD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS

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16(FOR CAPT FOSKETT)...ACT

COMINCH...2G...NAV...ARM...FILE...
(FOR DNI REF BY 121240 PLEASE PASS TO CAPT FOSKETT)

Sit Rep Aegean 13 November. Enemy now holds 2 main bridge heads on Leros. The attack between Arcangelo and Tripiti having been repulsed. One battalion or more enemy paratroops hold ridge in south centre of island. Further troops landed bridge heads and paratroop reinforcement on ridge today. Estimated enemy now controls waist of island between Gurna and Alinda bay and area to north as far as Della Palma bay. Hold on central position appears consolidated by landings in Gurna bay. Leros intimates possibility repulsing enemy if Navy can cooperate fully. As enemy has air superiority naval cooperation will be expensive.

16 (FOR CAPT FOSKETT) .... ACT
COMINCH .... 2G ... NAVADE ... ARMY

SECRET

131400 300 Balkans
From: USFOR London
To: War
No. W 7131 - 13 November 1943

This is paraphrase of cable 9926 from Algiers dated November 121551A for action to USTRAVIC London Gridley from Gen Deane via Glavin, to AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff from Gridley signed Devers.

With Molotov I brought up question of extending activities of OSS in Balkan countries, in Moscow at session of conference. Soviet authorities failed to give answer before conference ended although they said they would do so. I did not insist on the matter because area is in British sphere of influence. To the Chiefs of Staff my recommendation was, without referring further to Soviet, that they approve operations in Balkans which would include Delta. On grounds that Soviet authorities were given opportunity to raise objections and failed to do so, this was done. Of the matter I have requested Ambassador Winant to notify Berle.

No Sig

ACTION: JCS (Capt Royal USN)
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
Log

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THE REPRODUCTION OR REPRODUCTION OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
SIT REP AEGEAN 13 NOVEMBER. ENEMY ASSAULT FORCE OF 5 OR 6 MV3 OF ABOUT 1000 TONS 5 ESCORT RAFT 4 OR 5 CFO. BOATS 25 TO 30 LANDING BARGES NOW LIVITHIA TAMP ALIA CALYMNOS AREA. ATTACK LEROS AND OR SAMOS EXPECTED. NAZI COVERED BY BIG NUMBER FIGHTER PATS HAVE THwarted ALLIED AIR ATTACKS. SOME 3000 HUNS AVAILABLE KOS AND KALYMNOS BUT INSUFFICIENT SHIPS TO MOVE UNTIL REENFORCED BY ASSAULT FORCE TOLD ABOVE. HUN NAVY AEGEAN INFERIOR TO ALLIED THAT AREA. NAZI EXPLOITING AIR SUPERIORITY TO OFFSET THIS. BELIEVE THAT ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCE BY SURFACE ACTION IF SO DECLASSIFIED.

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E.O. 11633, Sec. 2(b) and 6(d)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972

By DBS

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HEAVY ALLIED LOSSES PROBABLE. BRITISH IN ISLANDS NUMERICALLY INFERIOR TO JAPS.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(F) and 5(D) or (B)
OSD letter, May 6, 1978
By DBS Date APR 16 1978
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OPNAVNAV 15410

1/10/44 300 Barksdale
THE BRITISH VESSELS OPERATING AEGEAN AT NIGHT ARE GIVEN SHELTER IN TURKISH HARBORS DURING DAY. GERMAN PLANES DIVING LOW OVER VESSELS WITHOUT DROPPING BOMBS INDICATE THEY ARE AWARE OF SITUATION. BRITISH STILL EXPECTING ATTACKS AGAINST LEROS.

16..ACT

FILE

By DBS Date APR 15 1943
FROM FOSKETT TO COMINCH.

AEGEAN SIT NOW MORE FAVORABLE AS ANTI-SHIPPING STRIKES HAVE SO FAR FRUSTRATED ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO INVADE LEROS THRU PROGRESSIVE ELIMINATION OF AVAILABLE LANDINGRAFT AND SHIPPING WHICH MAY COMPEL HIM AT LEAST POSTPONE FURTHER SEABORNE AGGRESSION. HEAVY AIR ATTACKS ON LEROS CONSTITUTE MORALE GOOD AND SUPPLIES BEING MAINTAINED BY DDGS AND SUBSLAYER SOON TO INCLUDE SEVERAL ITALIAN SHIPS EVACUATED.

COMINCH... ACT
16... 29... CNO... NAVALE... 20CP...

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GREEK POLITICAL SITUATION MORE SERIOUS THAN USUAL. ENTIRE CABINET EXCEPT PRIME MINISTER REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED 14 OCT BUT NO CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS. REPORTS FROM GREECE INDICATE SPLIT BETWEEN AND FIGHTING AMONG GUERRILLAS. REFER AN EMBASSY GREECE TELEGRAM 81, 15 OCT AND FUTURE REPORTS THIS SERIES. JICAME INFORMED THIS DISPATCH.

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972

By DBS Date APR 16 1973

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COMING...CNO...24%...NAVAIDE....

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151745 3vt Buhlman
(FOSKETT TO COMINCH)

SIT REP 5.

ANTI SHIP SHEEPS CONTINUE ON REDUCED SCALE.

NAZI INVASION FORCES SO FAR THwartED, THEIR LOSSES

REPRESENTING A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THEIR AVAILABLE

MEN AND SHIPS. HUNK NOW HAS DEFINITE AIR SUPERIORITY

ITALIAN MORALE SUFFERING FROM CONTINUED BOMBING ON

LEROS. ATTEMPTED INVASION SYRA FRUSTRATED.

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112100 300 Balkans
ON 7TH GERMANS ATTEMPTED LANDING LEROS WITH CONVOY FROM PIRAeus ESCORTED BY ARMED TRAILERS. BRITISH NAVAL FORCES SANK ENTIRE CONVOY INCLUDING 4 MOTOR VESSELS AND 8 F-BARGES. ANOTHER ATTEMPT WAS EXPECTED USING SHIPS STILL PIRAeus. TURKS COOPERATING BY EXTINGUISHING LIGHTS ON COAST. RELIABILITY SOURCE A-2.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ALUSLO LEVANT (ALEXANDRIA)
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TO COMINCH FROM ALUSLO LEVANT (ALEXANDRIA)

SIT REP AEGEAN.

COS NOW IN GERMAN HANDS. APPRECIATE THAT LEROS MAY BE INVADED ANY MOMENT. STRONG NAVAL AND AIR REINFORCEMENT HAS ARRIVED FROM CENTRAL RED AND ARE BEING USED IN EFFORT TO REPULSE FURTHER AGGRESSION. OPERATIONS BY SURFACE STRIKING FORCE IN AEGEAN HAZARDOUS DUE TO HUN LOCAL AIR SUPERIORITY. HEAVY BOMBERS NOW OPERATING AGAINST AIRFIELDS CRETE RHODES AND PIRAEUS TO DIMINISH EFFECTIVENESS GERMAN AIR FORCE.

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[Signature: Sve Balkars]
(TO COMINCH)

SITREP AEGEAN.

GERMAN SHIPPING AND LANDING CRAFT HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING IN PIRAEUS. APPRECIATED ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO REINFORCE RHODES. 2 SMALL CONVOYS USING SOUTHERN ROUTE DESTROYED BY NAVY. CONVOY MOVING BY NORTHERN ROUTE EXPECTED TO PROCEED RHODES LANDED GERMAN TROOPS AND TANKS ON COS NIGHT 2ND/3RD. HEAVY FIGHTING TAKING PLACE. GERMANS HAVE AIR SUPERIORITY THIS AREA. LOSS OF COS WITH ONLY AIRFIELDS IN ALLIED CONTROL WOULD IMPERIL GARRISONS SANDS AND LEROS AND PREJUDICE FUTURE OPERATIONS. LARGE FOLLOW UP CONVOY SIGHTED. FOSKE.
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PART 1 291549 NOR 3360  
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This is from Alusio Levant and supplements my SITREP of 22 Sept. (Poskett)

FOR LNI THRU JICAME RJR.

SITREP AEGEAN.

British forces on Leros, Kos, and Samos reinforced with men and equipment. Calamari, Simia and Xirokampos.

Stampalia now under direct British control. Rhodes and Scarpanto held by Germans. Chalkida. Alonissos.

And Casoos potentially under German control, although efforts completed to their defense. Other Dodecanese.

Garrisoned by cooperative Italians. 21 Jun 45 to 33 to 44: 1 Zeros flies transferred to Greece from north.

Capitulation Ionia Islands enabled enemy transfer aircraft from west Greece to Athens area where Aegean.

Striking force principally based. Leros has suffered heavy raites. Position in Cyclades still obscure.

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29/5/49  
Soo Balkans
IN NORTHERN AEGEAN GERMANS HOLD KHIOS, MYTILENE, LEMNOS, AND SPORADES GROUP. TONIAN ISLANDS OF CEPHALONIA AND CORFU SURRENDERED TO GERMANS.
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: ALUSLO LEVANT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 22 OCT 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 2116/21
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PART 2 211619 OCR 6696

(CNS (ENT) ACTION; ORIGINATOR ALUSLO LEVANT)

SITREP AEGEAN, CASTEL ROSSO IN ALLIED HANDS AND USED AS STAGING POINT. CNS PROVIDES ONLY AIRFIELD UNDER OUR CONTROL. LEROS AFFORDS GOOD PORT AND REPAIR FACILITIES AND IS HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL OPERATIONS. SAMOS IS IN OUR HANDS BUT INTERNAL POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS DIVIDE BOTH CREEKS AND ITALIANS. STAMFORD IS ALSO FRIENDLY. NUMEROUS ITALIAN COAST WATCHERS IN SMALL ISLANDS COOPERATING.

GARRISONS PREDOMINANTLY ITALIAN BOLSTERED WITH BRITISH TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT. NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT AND CARGOES SURRENDERED BY ITALIANS AND AVAILABLE FOR USE. SCARPAKIS AND RHOSES FIRELY IN GERMAN HANDS. BITTO CRETE. INTENTION BY SMALL SCALE OPERATION TO ESTABLISH FIRM FOOTHOLD IN

AUTHORIZED

E.O. 11650 Sec. 13(D) and 13(E)

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AEGEAN TO BE USED TO CUT GERMAN LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH RHODES CRETE AND SCARPAZZO AND TO ESTABLISH BRIDGE HEAD FOR EVENTUAL OPERATIONS ON THE CREEK MAINLAND. INFORM OF 20TH. FOSKETT.

16...ACT

COMMNH...NAVAFDE...2/G...20P...CHO...
GERMANS ON RHODES ESTIMATED 440%. GERMAN CONSUL WHO FLED
SAMO SAYS GREEKS IN CONTROL THERE. IN BULGARIA ARMY AND
GOVERNMENT STILL IN CONTROL BUT INDIGNATION OF PEOPLE
AGAINST GERMANS RISING. ABOVE FROM LOCAL AGENT.

16.....ACT

COUNTRY....24G.....13....NAVYDE....FILE
CINCPED GREEK CINC AND FOLEY IN AGREEMENT ON FUTURE POLICY IN USE OF GREEK FLEET. SHIPS NOT TO OPERATE IN EAST MED. DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING REMOVAL OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES FROM SHIPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN MALTA. SUB PAPANICOLIS TO BE USED FOR ANTI-SUBMARINE TRAINING AT GIBRALTAR. ESCORT GROUPS TO BE NO LONGER UNDER GREEK COMMAND. MINISTRY OF MARINE REORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS: VICE ADM VULGAR IS CINC AND UNDER SECY OF MARINE; CAPT LAMBRINOPoulos DIRECTOR; CAPT TSANGARISCO OFFICER; CAPT KYRIS DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL; CAPT VALESSAKIS DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE; CAPT ZIZINAS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS.
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ASS'T CHIEF OF STAFF AT LOCAL HQ STATED TODAY THAT 25% OFFICERS 30% MEN OF 1ST BRIGADE ENTRAIN FOR TOBRUK TOMORROW UNDER TEMPORARY COMMAND OF MAJOR KARAVIAS. GROUP TO OCCUPY TOBRUK CAMP AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PENDING APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMAND AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF UNITS. REMAINDER OF 1ST BRIGADE COMPLEMENT ABOUT 5% OFFICERS 25% CONSIDERED POSSIBLY IMPlicated IN RECENT REVOLUTION. THEY ARE TO BE ISOLATED IN DESERT CAMP PRIOR TO MILITARY INVESTIGATION. POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PAPANICARO GOVT AND PARTY LEADERS ARRIVING FROM GREECE REPORTED TO BEGIN WITHIN 2 WEEKS SOMEWHERE IN SYRIA. BRITISH INFORM ALLEYS BE OUTSIDE EGYPT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SECURITY REASONS.

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By DBS Date APR 1 6 1973

16...ACT
CON INCH...NAMAIDE....

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OPNAV-NAV-65
Though still stalemate Greek mutiny approaching crisis with revolutionary forces adamant in resistance to British terms and British worried but unyielding. Revolutionary committee first brigade today requested Venizelos offer brigade's services to Russians. Move interpreted as effort to break deadlock rather than as serious proposal. Strong likelihood Venizelos with British backing will ignore request and continue to gamble on time pending arrival political leaders from Greece. 9 party leaders 3 EAM representatives and 1 Zervas observer expected. Negotiations between them and present government to be held outside Egypt with Palestine likely.
ALTERNATIVE. BRITISH FOLLOWING POLITICAL EVENTS WITH CLOSEST SCRUTINY HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW VENEZELOS TO INVITE BAKERDJIS TO PARTICIPATE IN PARLEYS SINCE HIS PRESENCE WOULD IMPLY RECOGNITION MOUNTAIN GOVERNMENTS POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

BAKERDJIS AWARE OF LACK OF OFFICIAL STANDING AND TAKING MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION. SYLOLOS EX-PROFESSOR AND INTELLECTUAL RADICAL RELIEVING BAKERDJIS AS HEAD OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE LEAVING BAKERDJIS FREE TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY PROBLEMS.

16...ACT
13...COMINCH...NAV&AIDE...ARMY(COS)...
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**From:** GEN USAF IN THE middle

**East, Cairo, Egypt**

**TO:** ONI

**WHEN:** APRIL 17, 1944

**WAR**

**DATE:** 17 APRIL 1944

**TO R CODE:** 171416

**EXPERIENCE THIS TO ONI**

**WANTED:** UNIFORMED NUMBER 185 FOR BISSELL WKB1 FROM THORNTON WEIGEL SIGNED GILES.

**KING FAROUK HAS DEMAND IMMEDIATE DROUSS OF NAHAS. BRIT-**

**ISH AMBASSADOR HAS CABLED LONDON FOR INSTRUCTIONS EXPECTED**

**EARLY THIS WEEK. ALTERNATIVES ARE 1 POSSIBLE ABSTRACTION OF**

**KING BACKED BY ARMY STRIKE. BRITISH WOULD HAVE TO IMMORALIZE**

**21,000 TROOPS FOR SECURITY, 2 DISMISSAL OF WAFD PARTY AND AN-**

**TI BRITISH RIOTS. LOYALTY OF POLICE IS PROBLEMATIC. RES-**

**ONSIBLE BRITISH MILITARY SOURCE STATES SUPER-CORRUPTION OF**

**NAHAS GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME LIABILITY AND HAS OUTLIVED USE-**

**FULNESS. SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION NOT YET REALIZED BY PUB-**

**LIC. IN ANY CASE BRITISH EXPECT TROUBLE. KING HAS SUGGESTED**

**HASSANEIN PASCHA AS PREMIER PRO-TEM FOLLOWED BY GENERAL ELEC-**

**SEALE**

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OCD letter, May 8, 1972

By DBS Date APR 16 1973
TIIONS. AMERICAN OBSERVERS THINK IF SHOWDOWN PUBLIC WILL BE LOYAL TO PALACE.

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COMINCH...13...NAVAYDE...

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Dept.
Nr.: N-21957 10 April 1944

JICAME number 181 for Bissell WDGBI expedites ONI from Thornton MEJIC signed files. Msg. nr. N-21957.

On their way to Moscow from Headquarters of Tito, a Yugoslav Mission is in Cairo accompanied by one Russian Major General Sokolov. Mission numbers about 15 persons, including Lieutenant General Valimir Tresich, a Parach, formerly a Captain in Royal Yugoslav Army, 36 years old; Antun Augustinovich, Vice President of Anti-Fascist Council National Liberation, and a Croat; Milovan Gijias, a Montenegrin Communist and Partisan Political Commissar, regarded in Loyalist circles as brains behind Tito and reported to have published articles hostile to Britain and America; Doctor Djuro Nestorovich, Secretary of Mission, a Croat Communist, formerly with International Brigade in Spain.

Part of Mission left today by plane, others will follow. Party is carrying passports issued by the Federation of Yugoslavia.

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JICANE #180 FOR DIESEL 6X6BI FROM THORNTON CITE/SIGNED GILES. N 21911. (EXPEDITE TO OUT)

AS OF EVENING OF 8TH THE SITUATION AT CAMP OF 1ST BRIGADE AS OBSERVED AN AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER WAS AS FOLLOWS:

APPROACHES TO CAMP HELD BY BRITISH WITH TANKS AND INCLUDING AT LEAST SOME BLACK TROOPS.

IN CAMP GREEKS CONSTANTLY MAN GUN POSITIONS AND DISCIPLINE OF TROOPS APPEARED GOOD.

OBSERVER TALKED WITH SOME FIELD AND MOST COMPANY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN'S DELEGATE.
HE WAS TOLD THAT A COMMITTEE OF OFFICERS AND MEN TOOK COMMAND OF BRIGADE ON 6TH APRIL FOR PERIOD OF 24 HOURS SOLELY TO ESTABLISH FACT OF SOLIDARITY OF BRIGADE WITH AIR FORCE AND NAVY IN DEMANDING UNIFICATION OF POLITICAL LEADERS AND ARMED FORCES IN STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE GREECE. THAT AT EXPIRATION OF PERIOD COMMAND WAS RETURNED BY COMMITTEE TO REGULAR BRIGADE COMMANDER.

THAT SUBSEQUENTLY ON 7TH BRITISH ORDERED COMMANDER TO HAVE ALL MEN DISARMED AND PREPARED TO LEAVE CAMP.

THAT THE BRITISH CUT OFF ALL FOOD, WATER, AND HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.

THAT OFFICERS AND MEN HAVING EXPRESSED THEIR POLITICAL SENTIMENTS NOW WISH TO BE SENT TO BATTLEFRONT.

CM IN 6366

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 9(b) and (c)(1)(B) a) (1973),

OSD letter, May 8, 1973

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THAT ALL GREEK THEY WILL DIE RATHER THAN GIVE UP THEIR ARMS AND BEG INTERVENTION OF HIGHER BRITISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO AVERT TRAGEDY.

GREEK BRIGADE COMMANDER AND BRITISH LIAISON OFFICERS HAVE LEFT CAMP.

AFTER REVIEWING GENERAL SITUATION VANTZELOS UNWILLING ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY PREEMINENCE NEW GOVERNMENT.

TSOEVOS CABINET AGREED RETAIN POSTS PENDING KINGS ARRIVAL.

BRITISH HAVE ASSUMED OFFICIAL CONTROL GREEK ARMY AND NAVY BUT MAINTAIN RESPECTIVE GENTLEMANLY TO CAR OFFICE AND ADJUTANCY RATHER THAN GREEK WAR AND MARINE MINISTERS.

CM IN 6366
SITUATION THUS CREATED MAKES MILITARY AND NAVAL SITUATION CRASHER SINCE GREEK UNITS BELIEVED READY TO FIGHT WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE.

16...CGG
13...COMUCH...CHO...STOP...NAVAIDE...
From: CO US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 21911, 9th April 1944

JICANE number 180 for Rissell WDQI from Thornton cite WJFO signed Giles N 21911.

As of evening of 8th the situation at camp of 1st Brigade as observed an American Naval Officer was as follows:

Approaches to camp held by British with tanks and including at least some blank troops.

In camp Orosaka constantly men gun positions and discipline of troops appeared good.

Observer talked with some field and most company officers and enlisted men delegate.

He was told that a committee of officers and men took command of brigade on 6 April for period of 24 hours solely to establish fact of solidarity of brigade with Air Force and Navy in demanding unification of political leaders and armed forces in struggle to liberate Greece;

That at expiration of period command was returned by committee to regular brigade Commander;

That subsequently on 7th British ordered commander to have all men disarmed A G prepared to leave camp;

OM-IN-6366 (9 Apr 44)
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo Egypt

To: War Department

Ref: N 21911, 9th April 1944

That the British cut off all food water and hospital supplies;

That officers and men having expressed their political sentiments now wish to be sent to battlefront;

That all swear they will die rather than give up their arms and beg intervention of higher British and American authorities to avert tragedy.

Greek Brigade Commander and British Liaison Officer have left camp.

After reviewing general situation Vassilakos unwilling accept responsibilities Premiership new government.

Tsodevouo Cabinet agreed retain posts pending King's arrival.

British have assumed official control Greek Army and Navy but make respective C in US responsible to War Office and Admiralty rather than Greek War and Marine Ministers. (Expedite to ONI) Situation thus created makes military and Naval situation graver since Greek units believed ready to fight what they consider unwarranted interference.

ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: GO AAF, GOF, Navy (ONI), GOL Park, Log

CM-IN-5366 (9 Apr 44) 17412 bjm
It is established that there have been disturbances with violence on ships of the Greek Navy in Egyptian waters. Beyond fact that disturbances have occurred within camp of 1st Brigade no details have been confirmed. Greek official sources here including military are very reticent on details of disturbances.

British security sources consider the situation serious with definite evidence of communist efforts to aggravate and guide the crisis. Arrests by British of extremist elements including communists continue with total of over 60 exclusive of military arrested for breaches of discipline.

Reliably reported that British Army informed London it would not be responsible for safety of King if he returned. To present King has taken no action toward establishing new government. Local situation is such that if this delay continues there is even possibility that Republic will be declared.
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PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Number N-21775, 6 April 1944

JICAMS number 177 for Rissell MDABR from
Thornton WRJIC signed Giles message number N21775.

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Information this message must be subjected
strict control.

With B-2 evaluation we believe representative
Bulgarian Government now here in contact British
authorities. With B-3 evaluation we learn this envoy
is called Boguloff, may be assumed name.

Bulgarian Government proposals are as follows:

Bulgaria will surrender to 3 Allies provided
air support is given in aid against any German attack;

Provided Anglo Saxons will guarantee no imposi-
tion of Communist Regime by Russia;

Provided either Serbian Macedonia is attached
to Bulgaria or all Macedonia given autonomy with some
Balkan framework.

Provided Bulgaria receives sea outlet at Dem-

dragatch

Grecian port on Aegan U if
Same three

ACTION: Gen Rissell

INFO : QPD

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Col Park

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CM-IN-4095 (6 Apr 44) 1650z

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The Greek political crisis and disturbances among Armed Forces in progress here since last April are still developing and situation may deteriorate further. Immediate cause has been demand that Government here recognize committee of Colonel Bakirdis in Greece and join with committee in forming single National Government representative of all patriot elements. It is possible that a radical group in Army is using this situation to create political chaos and prevent political chaos and prevent constructive solution. So far First Brigade of Army, due to leave soon for Italy, is not involved in the disturbances or politics. Highest Greek Military sources this morning state that unless political crisis is settled quickly and constructively they fear First Brigade will become involved with resulting destruction of its Military usefulness.

Navy appears to be lined up in support of cooperation with Bakirdis and reports this morning state disturbances occurred at Alexandria last night. This entrance of Navy into political activity in cooperation with Army elements has important political significance and greatly
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: 02 US Army Forces in the Middle East,
Caire, Egypt

No: H-21742  6 April 1944

Strengthens position of politicians demanding cooperation with Bakirdjis committee. Venizelos appears to have close support of Minister of War, Karapanoyotis, in urging agreement with Bakirdjis and both believe they can restore discipline if King accepts basic demands as stated in second sentence above. Meanwhile both Ministers are supporting arrests of those elements in Armed Forces who are creating disturbances.

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ACTION: O-2

INFO: ODD

Col Park

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OSD letter, May 8, 1972
By DBS  Date: APR 6 1973

CM-IN-4121  (6 Apr 44)   27342 amr

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
Number W 3621/56557, 25 February 1944

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, USSFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Repeated SHAPE signed Wilson cite PEOOS. This is CNEP 630.

Ref. 0992 of 23 February.

1. Consider that public break with EAM/ELAS would stultify what hope remains of stimulating resistance movements in Greece. Alleged liaison between EAM/ELAS and Tito's Partisans presents a different aspect than heretofore and is a factor favourable to us.

2. The holding of a conference in Cairo offers best chance of a military-political agreement between both parties by which the resistance movement can be brought back to life.

3. Desirable appoint British Commander with Greek Deputy, possibly Colonel Backergis, and staff until arrival of General Plastiras.

4. Even given optimistic view of start and outcome of negotiations the time factor makes it doubtful if reliance can be placed on Greek resistance movement to play effective part in retention of enemy divisions this Spring; therefore other methods must be devised.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
Number W 3621/56557, 25 February 1944

Build up of NOAH'S ARK to sorties allotted should continue with a view to operating at a later date but its timing cannot be relied on at any predetermined date.

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ACTION: CO/S (Captain Royal USN)
INFORMATION: OPD, General Hissell, General Arnold, Admiral King, White House, Log

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**FOR NMI PASS TO CAPT FOSKETT FROM ALUSLO LEVANT**

**SITREP AECEAN 15 NOV.**

**REF** BY 141829.

**SITUATION LEROS SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT SINCE AM 14. BRITISH COUNTERATTACKS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH ON PU 14 BROKE THROUGH GERMAN HELD WAIST EOW ISLAND AND BRITISH NOW HOLD GURNA BAY. FORCES ON NORTH ARE THUS CONNECTED WITH THOSE IN SOUTH. BRITISH HOLD HEIGHTS COMMANDING ALINDA BAY FROM NORTH AND SOUTH. 329 BRITISH TROOPS LANDED LEROS EIGHT 14TH/15TH. GERMAN STRENGTH LANDED ON ISLAND 215% PLUS 500 PARACHUTISTS. ENEMY HAS FURTHER 1,000 TO 1,500 TROOPS AVAILABLE BUT SO FAR HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM LANDINGS. LOSSES HAVE BEEN HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES. ORIGINAL ENEMY LANDINGS BADLY BRIEFED AND POORLY COORDINATED AND NO HEAVY WEAPONS HAVE YET BEEN LANDED. IF BRITISH CAN PREVENT FURTHER LANDINGS MEN AND HEAVY WEAPONS AND IF BRITISH REENFORCEMENTS MEN AND

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**SUPPLIES INCLUDING HEAVY WEAPONS CAN BE LANDED IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE ISLAND. ENEMY'S LAND AND SEA OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN COVERED BY HEAVY AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. LARGE MOVEMENTS STILL CRAFT IN THE CENTRAL AEGEAN. MAY CONSTITUTE REENFORCEMENT OR FOLLOW UP CONVOY FOR GERMAN OPERATIONS IN CODECANESE. 3 MERCHANT SHIPS IN CRETE MAY BE SLATED TO PROCEED RHODES WHERE NO SUPPLIES RECEIVED SINCE SEPT.**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: JICAMENAV CAIRO
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 16 NOVEMBER 1943
TOR CODE ROOM: 2347/9
DECODED BY: ROBERTS/KIRKBRIDE
PARAPHRASED BY: STEEN
ROUTED BY: HUTCHINSON

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PART 1. 071655 NCR 439

PART 2. 071745 NCR 437

CONTINUE MY DIS 051156.

NO HEAVY AA LANDED COS TO PROTECT AIRFIELD FROM LOW BOMBINGS IN THREE WEEKS WE OCCUPIED IT, SIX FIGHTERS AVAILABLE RARELY USED BECAUSE OF DAMAGED RUNWAYS. COS LOST IN 24 HOURS AS OTHER PROTECTIONS NEGLECTED. PROVISIONING LEADS HAS COST R.N. 1 DD AND 5 CRUISERS, DAMAGED 2 MOTOR LAUNCHES, 6 DD'S SUNK. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ISLANDS AND HQ POOR. ANSWER IS TO BOMB ENEMY AIR BASES, CAPTURE AIRPLANE IN RHODES, CRETE, AND COS AND TO PROVIDE COVER. INVASION OF RHODES READY IN SEPTEMBER BUT INEXPLICABLY CANCELLED. ISLANDS WITHOUT OFFENSIVE SUPPLIES AND NEED MANY HEAVY AA AND OTHER GUNS, PERSONNEL, AND TRANSPORTATION.

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OPNAV-SCR-13

071655 300 Balkans
BRITISH COMMANDERS HAVE DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THEY MUST HAVE
ASK ITALIANS WHO CONTROL EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION AND
TROOPS FOR RIGHT TO USE THEM. ALL OFFICERS INCLUDING
BRITISH SKIPPERS OF WARSHIPS IN ZONES AND GENERAL
COMMANDING STATE ENGLISH OPERATIONS AECEAN PAST 60
DAYS DISASTROUS POLITICALLY AND MILITARY. ENEMY
ATTACK IMMINENT. CONDITIONS FAST IMPROVING DUE TO HUGE
EXTENSIONS OF BRITISH PERSONNEL.

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By DBS Date APR 16 1973

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OPNAV-SCR-18
From: JICAMENAV CAIRO

Released by: 

Date: 6 November 1943

TOR Code: 1323

Decoded by: ROBERTS/GOODWILL

Paraphased by: ROGERS

Routed by: ROBINSON

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\textit{\textbf{PART 1.} N51156 NOR 7466

\textit{\textbf{PART 2.} N511947 NOR 7487

\textit{\textbf{PART 3.} N522147 NOR 7486

(GOONNAVHAW NOT INFORMED THIS DISPATCH WE HAVE NO CHANNEL) *

* NOT PASSED BY NOR TO GOONNAVHAW.

WOLFSOHN STATES CONTENTS OF THESE DISPATCHES PARAPHRASED FROM ACON IZMIR MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON IN TURKEY EXCEPT USN OFFICERS CONCERNED. SOURCE LT. REED OF JICAME WHO VISITED AEGEAN BEFORE ARRIVING NOVEMBER 2 IZMIR.

BELIEVE ALLIED POSITION PRECAUTIOUS. ENEMY SHORT ON SHIPPING BUT HAS COMPLETE AIR CONTROL.

PREPONDERANCE OF BRITISH NAVAL POWER VERY PRECAUTIOUS DUE TO LACK GOOD AIR COVER, HENCE MUST CONFINE AEGEAN OPERATIONS TO NIGHT TIME.

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05/156 300 Balkan
(GARBLE) B OFORS OR HEAVY AA ON SANOS AND ONLY 12
B OFORS AND LIGHT AA ON LEROS. LEROS UNDER
CONTINUED AIR RECONNAISSANCE, SPORADIC NIGHT BOMBING
AND STEADY HEAVY BOMBING BY DAY.

SANOS RECEIVING LIGHT BUT UNOPPOSED BOMBING BY
DAY. MOST DANGEROUS FOR SHIPPING ANY SIZE OR
CAFÉS TO MOVE DAILY LIGHT HOURS OR USE PORTS.
FREQUENT NIGHTLINE OBSERVATION AND BOMBING OF
SHIPPING IN PORT. TURKISH WATERS USED AS DAY-
LIGHT HIDEOUTS FOR RN DESTROYERS AND SMALL CRAFT
WHICH SUBJECT ENEMY AIR OBSERVATION BUT SO FAR NOT
ATTACKED. TO HARASS AND OCCUPY ALL POSSIBLE
ENEMY FORCES PARTICULARLY AIR IS STATED BRITISH
POLICY AEGEAN. TO THE END AND TO KEEP LEROS AT

SECRET
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSKE 8964 30 October 1943

Reference our 8923 to JCS to Hildring from Royce.

Employment of US mission as opposed to US forces considered most feasible solution to our problem. No difficulty anticipated in operating on this basis Dean Landis and other US Civilians will be excluded during first phase certain Military Personnel to comprise this mission is now available in this Theater however, upon approval a request will be made to you to supply personnel to balance out mission.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 2(d) and 6(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 8, 1972

By DBS Date APR 16 1972

8923 is CM-IN-17096 (28 Oct 43) JCS (Capt Royal USN)

ACTION: JCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OFD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
ASS
Adm King
CAD
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CM-IN-18501 (30 Oct 43) 23232 bjm
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PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

NR: AMSME 8923, 28th October 1943

From Royce reurad 7608.

Supply procedure and organization, which does not contemplate use of US Forces in Balkans, considered essential in light of AB (43) sixty as follows: With reference to procedure,

(1) US Military participation in ATB meetings and active liaison with Civil Affairs Branch British Army, The British Agencies presently deciding Balkan requirements and procedures. This to effect application of American principles and Policies in determining supply and distribution.

(2) US Military Representation (if only in observer capacity) on proposed Anglo American Economic Board. This to add continuity and Military guidance to nature of planning and requirements estimates to Joint Chiefs of Staff, with reference to organization, recommend (1) Charging Theater Commander USAFME with carrying out above duties procedurally. Theater Commander should insist on establishment of US scale of provisioning in requirements estimates, as well as US Military Warehousing and control of goods ex USA. All matters concerning distribution policies, etc, to be worked out between US Mission and UK Liaison Staff Representatives. The organization necessary for performance of this mission to consist of necessary personnel to fulfill supply mission contemplated herein. With particular reference to AB (43) sixty, Section 2, it should be noted that Anglo American Civilian Agency referred to therein will not enter until after British "Liaison Staff" has accomplished mission. Its plan—

CM-IN-17096 (28 Oct 43)
WAR DEPARTMENT  
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From:  
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28th October 1943

Nothing will in any way affect initial requirements estimates or policy decisions to be taken in "First" phase by UK see recent Commander in Chief, MEF cable to London, report number 35 Economics Division.

No Sig.

Note: 7608 is CM-OUT-11821(27 Oct 43) JCS

ACTION: JCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OFD
General Strong
General Arnold
ASP
Admiral King
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CM-IN-17096 (28 Oct 43) 2102Z mjc

COPY No. 24
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. W-3567 27 October 1943

For Joint Chiefs of Staff cite FSHG FMBI signed Eisenhower reur 9893 October 12th.

Data which follows received from Midesat and is forwarded with comment by this Headquarters: Probable that Mihailovich controls station YTG but no information whether control is direct or indirect. Midesat expresses very strong objections from both military and political viewpoints to granting permission for use of YTG for official or press communication with Yugoslav through press wireless incorporated.

No Sig

NOTE: 9893 is CM-OUT-4898 (12 Oct 43) JC/3

ACTION: JCS (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
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CM-IN-16616 (28 Oct 43) 0219Z vo

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To: War
Nr: WS109 22 Oct, 1943

For Joint Chiefs of Staff cite FM SIG FM/BI signed Eisenhowar
reur 9893 October 12.

Italian Armistice Commission operating under this head-
quarters contacted Major Bjelajac of Mihailovich party who
advised station YTG not under Mihailovich control. Additional
inquiry being made of Midesst. Will advise results.

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Note: 9893 ia CM-OUT-4898 (12 Oct 43) JCS
ACTION: JCS
INFORMATION: OPD
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CM-IN-13604 (22 Oct 43) 2230Z eju

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W3081/567 21 October 1943

From G3 Ops Mann see Freedom action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff reference FAN 252 to Freedom only info USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff-Mideast for CINC signed Eisenhower cite FOGCT W3081/567 nil. "nil. This in RAF number 482 M.

Importance of rendering all possible aid to Guerillas in Balkans is fully recognized and was discussed at meeting with CSNIC Mideast on Oct 9th. Further detailed consultations have already taken place. As a result following steps have been taken.

(A) Port facilities in the heel of Italy have been provided for sea transport of supplies across the Adriatic. Under the control of CINC Med these operations are already in progress and are being directed by Mideast OSS/SE representatives now stationed in the heel.

(B) An airfield in the heel is being allotted for use of aircraft mounting such special operations.

(C) Today requesting that LMAE authorize this head quarters to assign directly to Mideast such captured Italian equipment as they require for delivery to resistance groups in the Balkans. All elements of this command have been directed to further these efforts in every possible way.

FAN 252 is CM-OUT-8309 (19 Oct 43)CC/S
ACTION: CC/S (Capt. Royal USN) No Sig

CM-IN-12956 (22 Oct 43) 0027Z med
From: GHQ Middle East
To: Addresses Concerned (Fairbanks for OS for Major Rose APHE Algiers for C in C MED 1 Dist pass 7th Army FILPOT pass DCAO 2 Dist pass SONECO for Brown GHQ East Africa 256

No: 0/02004

WE Balkan SITREP 181

ONE. INT. NTR.

TWO. Political Bulgaria. It is reported that steady flow of Partisan recruits are crossing from Bulgaria in to Kaina area of Serbia. Partisans are very grateful for arms received in recent sorties. May 11 part of 1 Sofia bde left Serbia for Bulgaria equipped with arms received from previous night sorties.

THREE. Lens Ops. Greece. Macedonia. Brit L0 reports. Andartes attacked approx 200 Bulgarian infantry which arrived in 20 lorries at Papageas BR May 10. BR was blown up and 4 lorries with troops captured and Bulgars suffered many casualties, Capetanos under Antones are fighting 2000 Bulgars at Krichiha L 07. Roumelit Brit L0 reports. Andartes blow up small BR on Larissa Velasitn Y 60 in resulting confusion Germans fired upon each other. Brit L0 reports. Rly at Kourika 8 46 blown up 30 Apr and 2 trains derailed at Levadia Y 60 night 3/4 May.

FOUR. Sea Ops. NTR.

FIVE. Air Ops. NTR

T.O.O. 152010

ACTION: 0-2

INFO: CGAAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

CM-IN-12057 (16 May 44) 1952Z NW

3 Apr Balkans

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From: GHQ Middle East
To: Addressees Concerned
Number: 0/95475  April 25, 1944

ME Balkan SITREP No. 160

ONE

TWO POLITICAL GREECE. Elas GHQ reports. 18 April 300 Zervas Tps concentrated West of R Arakchos. 19 April 20 Zervas men crossed river and attacked patrol. 1 Elas wounded. Patrol retreated and was ambushed at Tsouka Loriatos. Elas casualties 1 killed, 1 missing and 5 wounded. Elas GHQ state they have repeatedly emphasised Zervas intention entering Valtos area and accuse him of breaching Plakka agreement.

THREE. LAND OPS. (A) BULGARIA. Brit Lo on Serbian Bulgarian border is conferring with OF delegates who have come from Sofia. They state Bulgarian Partisans have 60 ODREDs of variable size. Largest numerically is operating in FLODIV area. Strongest is TNR ODRED which has 3 regular Army officers and quantity of Brit weapons. In March 2 trains are claimed to have been attacked. First Sofia Burgas express raided. Second Sofia Varna express wrecked. Both attacked same day. Flovdiv Edirne line claimed damaged.

(B) GREECE Elas communiqué states. 1 April Elas fought Rallis forces at Zerchoriy Y 95. Rallis had 40 casualties, Elas 13. 8 April in clash near Andripson Y 84 Elas lost 3 men and Rallis 13. 17 April German Tps with Rallis forces moved from Gravis Y 22 area and captured Kaloakopi Y 23 but withdrew next day with losses.

FOUR SEA OPS. NTR

FIVE AIR OPS (A) BOMBING. 23 April fighters in sweep Yugoslavia and Albania coast claim 4 locomotives destroyed, 2 engines and 25 wagons damaged near Dubrownik. 1 MV, 1 Caique damaged off Valona. Direct hits on bridge north of Valona. 2 MT destroyed in South Albania and Corfu radar sta

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JCS Memo V/17/12

Date APR 16 1973

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damaged, 24 April, 547 bombers escorted by 237 fighters despatched against marshalling yards at Floesti and Bucharest. 500 bombers dropped 1267 tons claiming excellent results at Floesti and good cover at Bucharest. 80 enemy fighters attacked 27 claimed destroyed, 12 probably, 6 damaged for loss of 7 bombers and 1 fighter. 23 unescorted Fortresses bombed Ikarus aircraft factory at Belgrade claiming good results. No opposition.

(B) Sups dropping. Night 23/24 NFR.

T.O.O. 2519560

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGA AF
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Col Park
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CM-IN-20119 (27 Apr 44) 1338Z ejv

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**MESSAGE**

FROM: G.H.Q. Middle East

TO: Addressees Concerned
A.F.H.Q. Algiers Pass C in C MED
& 1 Army (Non Priority)
FAIRBANKS for BROWN & G2 for MAYOR ROSS
A.F.H.Q. Admin Bch pass DGAD

NO: 0/72250 19 Feb Cipher

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MOST SECRET.

FOR Balkan Sitrep No 95.

ONE: INT. YUGOSLAVIA. 12 Feb elements 1 Mtn Div reported moving KNIN WU 79 - BIHAC WP 48. Destination and strength NOT known.

TWO: POLITICAL. GREECE. BRITLO reports. 17 Feb various names put forward as suitable CS in C at KEROKOVO Conference. Most names rejected since they belong to one or other of the organisations. All agreed to seek advise on names suggested. Meeting adjourned in more friendly atmosphere.

THREE: LAND OPS. A. GREECE. MT OLYMPUS AREA. BRITLO reports during January 2 B attacked 3 Ha trains with incendiary bombs. No great material damage caused but train service delayed considerable extent. HUNNELI. BRITLO reports. 4 members of Mission captured night 5/6 Feb when GERMANS occupied his dropping ground. Personnel captured /cont

320 Balkans
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were BRIT SWC. FRENCHMAN. CZECH. GREEK interpreter.
B. YUGOSLAVIA. SLOVENIA. BRIT IL reports. Rly
LJUBLJANA RD 42 - GROSUPLJE RD 50 - KOCEVJE HES67FJ
RY? 67 (RJ? 67) being systematically attacked by
partisans. Small partisan units have penetrated beyond
former YUGOSLAV - AUSTRIAN frontier and have even crossed
in small numbers HUNGARIAN - GERMAN frontier.
FOUR:    SEA OPS. NTR.
FIVE:     AIR OPS. NTR.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: GEN Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War British Army Staff Washington Unnumbered

18th January 1944

WICAST Jan 172010 to addressees concerned Freedom pass C in C Med and 7th Army (non priority) Flambo pass Fairbanks and SCG 0/6488. ME Balkan SITREP No. 62.


2. Political. NTR.

3. Land ops.

A. Greece. Epirus. Zervaw reports 13 Jan Germans again attacked his posns near Korovouidion 300 but he forced them to withdraw 14 Jan losing 80 killed and wounded.

B. Yugoslavia. Bosnia. Brit Lo reports. German coln which adv from Banja Iuka XL 58 to Mrkonjic XL 44 has been cut off latter town now besieged by Partisans. Free Yugoslav radio reports. 15 Jan Partisans evacuated Bugojno XL 70 and Cornji Vukuf XQ 59 and that Germans had captured Frazjavor XL 89. Dalmatia. Adv Hq Force 133 reports. 0400 hrs 14 Jan Germans held whole of Brac Island east of line bol XQ 10 Ruma XQ 11 Fuzina XQ 11 and coln were adv along rd to Hercegina XQ 01. Serbia. Brit Lo reports. 23 Dec Partisans scored success over Bulgar Tps in Vlasina WP 53 area killing 110 Bulgars 6 Germans capturing important war material in L 100 rifles quantity of blankets. Although reinforced next day

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: GHQ Middle East Cairo, Egypt  
To: War  
British Army Staff Washington  

18th January 1944

Bulgaria unable continue fighting and withdrew to trm WP 82. 
Slovenia. Partisans maintaining pressure on Novo Mesto 
RJ 99 Germans failing 3 times to break out. Partisan 
mines and A/EE blocks broke up enemy columns which suffered 
80 killed many wounded. German have shelled Dolaniski near 
Novobmesto RJ 99.

4. Sea ops. NTR.

5. Air ops.

A. Bombing. 15 Jan 24 Kittyhawks bombed 
shipping Sibenik Harbour set on fire on W/V 300 ft hit 1 
suspected torpedo boat machine gunned another. Night 
15/16 Jan 9 Liberators 4(?) Heilifaxes despatched to bomb 
Fireus Harbour only 1 Liberator bombed target results 
unobserved due searchlight dazzle remaining aircraft re-
called due bad weather.

B. SUPSUIN 1 NTR due bad weather. 

ACTION: OPD

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1. INT. NTR
2. Political, NTR
3. Land Ops.

(A) ALBANIA. Brit. L.O reports. Fadil Hoqha, a Partisan leader in Kosove area, reports following actions by Partisans against Bulgar and German troops. Claims to have attacked 2 Bulgar Regt. in Sar Planina district midway between Prizren C 13 and Tetovo C 30 action lasted 2 days Partisans then moved to Tetovo where they were attacked by German-Albanian force 1000 strong this action lasted 3 days, ended in retirement of enemy. Finally moved north and were attacked East of Prizren by Germans, Albanian Gendarmes and villagers. This action lasting 6 days. Enemy casualties not known total Partisan casualties 13.

(B) GREECE. Elas G.H.Q. reports. 27th Dec. strong German forces with A.F.V's and tanks attacked Elas in Mt. Pleria Area but were repulsed after H.P. fighting. Enemy losses claimed 600 killed, Elas losses 35 killed 40 wounded.


800 Balkans
4. Sea Ops. NTR.
5. Air Ops.

(A) Bombing. 27th Dec. One Marauder recce. Dalmatian Coast Saseno Island-Dubrovnik. 24 U.S. Mitchells attacked shipping Zara scoring near misses on one vessel of 8/10000 tons.

(B) Sups dropping. NTR.

(C) PFE Leaflet dropping NTR.

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MAM
From: Cairo
To: AGWAR
No. AMSME 9086, 4 November 1943

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CC/S Capt. Royal, USN

CM-IN-2265 (4 Nov 43) 1413Z wc
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

INCOMING MESSAGE: Nov. 14312

DAILY OPSUM 187 from Hq RAF ME to Hq AAF Washington.

Aegean shipping reccon 2 Wellingtons night 30th/31st October with NX sightings.

31st October: bad weather restricted operations and heavy rain made Cyrenaica landing grounds unserviceable.

Due to bad weather 2 Baltimoreos dispatched to Naxos Harbor to attack shipping returned.

Castelrosso bombed by 14 JU 88's escorted by 2 ME-109's; buildings damaged. With no details Leros attacked by 7 JU 88's.

Anti submarine 5 Hudsons 2 Beaufortes 7 Baltimoreos 2 Wellingtons; Photo Recon 4 Spitfires 5 Baltimoreos; shipping protection 27 Hurricanes 12 Spitfires 4 Beaufighters.

Night 31st October/1st November: 4000 ton merchant vessel seen in Syros Harbor after Wellington dropped flares. Waterlogging prevented Wellington bombers from taking off from Berka landing ground.

Five Dakotas dropped supplies and personnel on Samos successfully. 1 Dakota (supplies missing) landed possibly Syria or Cyprus. Delayed are the following details for 30th October: Leros bombed by 4JU 88's and Patmos attacked by 5 enemy aircraft. Anti submarine 2 Baltimoreos; photo recon 1 Baltimore; shipping protection 49 Hurricanes and 14 Beaufighters.

CM-IN-272 (1 Nov 43)
FROM: Cairo
TO: AGWAR
FR: ANGERS 9011 1st November 1943

Re OPSUM 186: on 30th October besides attack by 8 JU88's 3 other attacks were made on convoy. Total 30 plus enemy bombers escorted by 9 fighters. Beaufighters which provided fighter cover made no claims though an ME 109 was seen to disappear after turning on back. With crew safe 1 Beaufighter was damaged and crash landed at base.

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Capt. Royal, USN CO/B
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 9067, 3rd November 1943.

To Hq AAF Washington from Hq. RAP ME daily OPSUM 189.

Inclement weather curtailed operations November 2nd. Four Beaufighters 3 Baltimores anti shipping recon, 3 Baltimores 7 Beauforts 1 Wellington anti submarine, 4 Spitfires 3 Baltimores photographic recon, 2 Beaufighters 6 Spitfires shipping protection. One enemy recon plane over Leros only enemy activity reported. Delayed details for November 1 follow 54 Hurricanes 2 Spitfires shipping protection and 8 Hurricanes defensive patrols. O47 mentioned in two preceding OPSUMS as missing was forced down (crew safe) in Turkey.

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