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By RHP, NARS Date APR 5 1973

From: US Military Attache London England  
To : War Department  
Nr : 43379 9 April 1945  
To MILID sr nr 43379. Sgd Tindall

Minister of Labor Bevin's speech Yorkshire Council of Labor parties Saturday has stirred political doves and revived speculation coalitions end might come immediately. Latter seems improbable as schedule for ending coalition after Germany's defeat and then holding general election has been accepted by all parties. Blunt partisan tone Bevin's speech probably had 2 purposes. First to emphasize labor party line that war has been won by all party team and not by Churchill alone and make general election issue one of conservative VS socialist principles rather than vote of confidence in Prime Minister which is natural Tory tactic. Second to reestablish Bevin's place as vigorous labor leader and candidate for premiership should his party get majority. For some time Bevin has been rumored as less enthusiastic than other labor leaders for general election fought on party lines and receptive to invitation from Churchill to join another coalition for peace making and Jap War. Saturday's speech Bevin's first political address since joining Government 5 years ago and now makes him Morrison's equal in advocating aggressive labor campaign. Belief in political circles that Bevin will strike hard on housing issue during election campaign. His pointed abstention from full dress commons debate on housing about 2 months ago lends color to this opinion.

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INFO : CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log.  
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From: US Military Attache, London, England  
To: War Department  
Nr: 43253 30 March 1945  
To MILID sr nr 43253 sgd Tindall

Info rated B 2 decline war production index though above low of year end is considerably down fr this time last year.

Opinion Embassy Specialist this not due so much to manpower shortage as to drop manpower output due to absenteeism and individual slowing down because of apparent approach end German War and possible lack of interest at least to date in Japanese War. Further decline index war production expected because of coming manpower shortage due to 500,000 men needed, half for Army half for essential peace production as demanded by Churchill.

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From: US Military Attache London, England  
To: War Department  
Nr: 23561 5 January 1945  
To MILID sr nr 23561.

Conservative party announces postponement annual conference from 31 Jan to 14 March. Last years conference postponed twice and finally cancelled. This postponement may indicate feeling general election farther away because war setback or Churchill has conflicting dates since he customarily would address conference.

*approximate*  
Thus indicating dates within  
which meeting will be held.

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ACTION: G-2  
INFO: OPD, Col. Park ✓

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From: US Military Attache London England  
To : War Department  
Nr : 69516 25 Oct 44  
Sr nr 69516.

Churchill to rpt Parliament next Fri on Moscow trip. Has asked no debate or questions this occasion to avoid embarrassing or offending statements. Compensation clauses town and country planning bill still contentious issue but Commons approval likely for compromise giving 30% increase 1939 values in cases certain types property condemned by local govts. Present measure applies only reconstruction blitzed areas but many conservatives fearful compensation provisions will be precedent for future measures involving compulsory acquisition private property. Property purchase costs under present bill estimated at least 600,000,000 pounds and probably will go higher. Churchill informed Parliament Tues he was taking personal interest in improvement welfare services British Forces in Far East and that Parliamentary Under Secretary India Office Lord Munster now investigating subj was authorized communicate directly with him. Much criticism in press and Parliament lately re lack welfare facilities particulary Burma front. British and American practice frequently compared to disadvantage former. Bd of Trade has created position Chief Exec for Industrial Reconversion and Sir Charles Bruce Gardner appted. Gardner now with Ministry Aircraft Production where he has held sev'l exec positions and before war was Industrial Advisor Bank of

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Eng. Apptment partial answer to pressure for start on industrial conversion.

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From: US Military Attache, London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 69353

10 Oct 1944

TOPSEC sr nr 69353 limited distribution.

Rocket activity 9th October Havengore Island 0950 (three miles north of Shoeburyness) no casualties, launching area probably The Hague. Langley 1046 (10 miles east south east Norwich) no casualties, launching area Apeldoorn/Arnhem or Vlieland/Terschelling areas. Brooke 1047 (7 miles north east Norwich) no casualties, launching area same as Langley incident. Hydemarsh 1350 (8 miles south of Maldon) no casualties.

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ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO : Gen Arnold  
Gen Somervell  
Gen Handy  
Gen Borden  
Adm King  
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From: US Military Attache London England  
To: War Department  
Fr: 65118 28 Sept 1944  
Sr nr 65118.

Addenda ground activity 26/27 Sept now reported 56 shells fell Dover area. Water position fairly satisfactory three mains fractured including one 12 inch repairs being carried out. 200 people homeless.

Subsequent 24 hours nothing to report.

End

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INFO : CC/S  
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From: US Military Attache, London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 65106

27 September 1944

TOPSEC er nr 65106 limited distribution.

Big Ben activity:

1630 September 26th Ranworth eight miles northeast of Norwich, one slight casualty.

Launching area map coordinate QZ 6206 (two miles west of Daventer) no warning received. Launching point calculated from aircraft reports of vapor trails.

1050 September 27 Coltishall near Norwich no further info available on this incident.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO : Gen Arnold, Gen Somervell, Gen Handy, Adm King  
Col Park, Gen Borden, Log

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From: US Military Attache, London, England.

To : War Department

Nr : 14391 26 Sept 44

TOP SEC sr nr 14391 limited distribution.

Big Ben activity 1910 September 25th:

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Hoxne Suffolk, casualties nil, launching area unknown.  
Incident confirmed. Rocket by British Air Intell-  
igence. This is 27th incident todate.

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ACTION: GEN BISSELL

INFO: CCS, Gen Arnold, Gen Handy, Adm King, Col Park,  
Gen Borden, Log.

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From: US Military Attaché, London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 14127 5 Sept 1944

Sr nr 14127

Present status Home Guard clarified War Office ltr issued all units reference cable 14109. Since danger enemy interference and flying bomb attacks not yet passed Home Guard will continue with customary duty of taking place regular forces. Success campaign continert however indicates end of danger near. Outline plan for "standing down" prepared and shortly to be issued. All units instructed prepare detailed plans insure smooth disbanding when actual orders given.

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FROM: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

TO: War Department

NR: 14109 4 Sept 1944

Sr Nr 14109

Protests over continuance Home Guard duties growing with Allied successes on continent. Several newspapers have been conducting campaign reduction compulsory drills and disbanding Home Guard regions removed from enemy threat. Strike locomotive engineers and firemen occurred September 3rd Salisbury protest Home Guard duties in addition long working hours. Such action likely spread unless govt introduces lighter drill schedule, especially if flying bomb attacks cease and need Home Guard police and rescue services stops.

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From: US Military Attache, London, England.

To: War Department.

Nr: 14086

2 September 1944

Serial nr 14086. MILID Washington DC.

Past week review British opinion: Credit for victories in France and command changes widely commented on. More sensational newspapers have blamed British authorities and BBC for giving British Army insufficient credit. Eisenhower statement has given general satisfaction and advance British and Canadians to Amiens, Arras and Dieppe has provided headlines for newspapers. British press has reported American criticism Montgomery promotion and fear Field Marshal will outrank Eisenhower and Bradley. Montgomery promotion acclaimed here with several papers saying it is some compensation for termination command all Allied ground forces. Again Eisenhower press interview helped calm ruffled feelings.

Some scattered comment on senatorial proposals for cession British West Indian possessions or bases to US. Comment usually expresses gratitude for American aid but considers Britain making commensurate contribution to common war and islands not possessions to bargain about irrespective of inhabitants' wishes. British feel strongly their war time sacrifices and mutual aid contributions adequately offset US expenditures life and materiel and any post war demands for repayment would meet immediate public opposition.

Discussion Bretton Woods agreements continues in

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editorials and correspondence columns with fear continually being expressed of intended return gold standard and interference with Empire and sterling bloc trading arrangements. Lord Keynes joined debate with Times letter Wednesday saying conference proposals limited to currency and international exchange and do not deal with commercial policy. Various national trade policies permissible under proposals. Fletcher Moulton, London lawyer and economist, wrote Times that there appeared great danger of two interpretations Bretton Woods agreement-America believing it bans groups trading like that among British commonwealth countries and British thinking such allowed. Chance future recriminations great unless meaning well understood now.

Dates 1st and 2nd September brought forth editorials on war changing fortunes in five years and reminders Japs still remain. Also expressions sympathy for Poles and further criticism Russian attitude re Warsaw.

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Nr: 14056 31 August 1944

Figures for 6,000,000 workers show percentage increases  
as follows:

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| Men   | 79, |
| Boys  | 80, |
| Women | 96, |
| Girls | 85. |

Average weekly wages as of January 1944:

|       |                    |
|-------|--------------------|
| Men   | 6 pounds 4 and 2,  |
| Boys  | 2 pounds 6 and 11, |
| Women | 3 pounds 4 and 6,  |
| Girls | 1 pound 14 and 3.  |

Compared with October 1938 average work week for men  
increased from 47.7 to 52 hours and from 43.5 to 45.2 for  
women.

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From: Rear Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

Nr: C 16679 27 August 1944

TOPSEC. To Chief of Staff War Department from MacArthur C16679.

The Prime Minister of Australia has told me that he was confronted during the Prime Minister's conference in London with a plan to form a British Force here composed of land, naval and air elements under a British Commander; that it was contemplated that the forces involved would be completely independent of my command and that the scheme would be effectuated upon the establishment of Southwest Pacific Area Forces in the Philippines; that Australia and the Area of the Netherlands East Indies and Borneo would be removed from the Southwest Pacific Area.

Considerable pressure in advancing the proposal apparently was placed upon Mister Curtin who expressed himself repeatedly in opposition to the concept. In conference Mr. Curtin spoke in part as follows: "It has been necessary, however, to point out the following aspects: It is necessary to have regard to the existing Allied and Australian setup in the Southwest Pacific Area in respect of the system of command, and the creation, development and control of

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Nr: C 16679

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administrative facilities."

At a later conference with Mister Churchill, Mr. Curtin informs me that he expressed himself as follows: "I also directed the attention of Mister Churchill to the fact that the Australian Naval, Land and Air Forces had been included in the statement of forces available to implement a Pacific strategy. I added that they had, of course, been assigned to the Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area and any variation of this arrangement could only be made on the recommendation of the Combined Chiefs of Staff and with the approval of the Commonwealth Government."

Regarding Mister Curtin's final discussion with Mister Churchill and his advisers, Mister Curtin says: "I felt it necessary to reiterate my opinions on the setup in the Southwest Pacific Area and the commitments long since accepted by the Commonwealth, in respect of a war in which we have been most actively engaged for over 2 years with all our resources."

The following are extracts of the minutes of the final discussion:

(A) "Mister Curtin said it was impossible for him, in the absence of any discussion with his colleagues in the Commonwealth Government, to commit himself to any changes in the command arrangements in the Southwest Pacific Area. He referred to the history of those command arrangements."

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First there had been the AEDA Command. This had been arranged by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the President of the United States, and the Australian Government had had no say in its creation nor in the instructions given. Subsequently, there had been established the Pacific War Councils in London and Washington. The London body had, to all intents and purposes, ceased to exist, and the Washington body was completely defunct. He, therefore, had had to deal with General MacArthur as an Allied Commander with Headquarters established in Australia. He feared that there was a danger of the gravest misunderstandings with the United States if Australian Forces were taken away from General MacArthur's direct command and placed under a new commander."

(B) "Mister Curtin, reverting to the question of Command, pointed out that the decision on this issue could not be taken without consideration of the past. There was a heritage of successful association and collaboration between the Australian Government and General MacArthur's Headquarters. That was a fact which was bound to influence the Australian attitude in this matter."

It is possible, considering CCS452/18 dated 15 August to which you referred, that the British Chiefs of Staff have changed their views in deference to the objections raised by the Prime Minister of Australia but it is also possible that their proposal is merely the opening wedge modified to conform to the existing situation and that they intend to adhere

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to their original objective with a view to completing its implementation later.

The British plan of operations, insofar as it has been stated, is merely a restatement of our Arafura Sea operation. That operation was included in the Reno plan in order to broaden the base of our penetration, to effect a greater deployment of Air Forces and to neutralize enemy air fields as far west as the Celebes. It was not executed because of the shortage of amphibious equipment with the result that our penetration had to be made on a narrow front with greatly increased hazard. Our operations since Hollandia have in fact been exploitation rather than attack and have been successful due to the destruction of the hostile Air Forces and to the enemy's having been thrown completely off balance on our front.

The main attack is about to be resumed and will effect a decisive penetration in the center of the enemy's main defensive position by our landing in force in the Philippines. After that operation, the strategic situation will be entirely altered. Having effected a penetration in the enemy's center, it will be possible to roll up either on both flanks from the advantageous position that has been gained. Under these circumstances it would manifestly be unsound to return to our initial line of departure in Australia and execute another frontal attack against the enemy's perimeter. The Netherlands East Indies can be mopped up by

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relatively light forces by attacking the enemy's rear. Every strategic consideration dictates that the campaign for the liberation of the Netherlands East Indies be launched from the Philippines.

The addition of British Forces would be welcome. Every effort has been made without avail to secure their participation. This is particularly true with regard to Naval Forces in which this area has always been lamentably weak. We have operated under the strategic cover of the Pacific Fleet but the close covering forces and escorting forces have always been inadequate, a condition which hampered operations. After the Philippine campaign the Pacific Fleet will be oriented to the north. We have in this area only 6 cruisers and 27 destroyers. We have never had a single carrier even of the escort type. Additional Naval Forces should be available for the support of operations to the South and for necessary escort assignments. The British Task Force which has been contemplated would be admirably suited for this duty. British Forces however if assigned should come under the present setup. To attempt to segregate such a force into an entirely self contained command consisting of Ground, Naval and Air components would not only introduce a clash of command authority but would require the complete reorganization of the present setup where the Australian, New Zealand and American Forces are amalgamated along service lines and coordinated under my immediate control. The basic organization which has been so successful in combining the forces in 3 classifications

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would have to be reconstituted along national rather than professional service lines. This would seriously impair the proven efficiency of this command and the withdrawal of the Australian and New Zealand components would present a serious problem. Any forces assigned here should be unhampered in their use and control by the Supreme Commander.

Under an agreement entered into by the 5 interested nations, the Southwest Pacific Area has operated under American command for more than 2 years. We have passed through dark days and are now on the threshold of decisive victory. It is appropriate that this command be maintained to the successful conclusion of the campaign. Entirely aside from any consideration of equity, the decision of the area and the assignment of the major portion thereof under a British Commander would be completely destructive of American prestige in the Far East and would have the most serious repercussions. It is my belief that such a line of action would not receive the approval of the American people and that if consummated, would give rise to a condition that would be prejudicial to the maintenance of cordial relations between the United States and Great Britain during the post-war period.

It is my belief that any proposal to alter drastically the present command setup at this late date should be met with complete firmness; that any form of appeasement will be followed in due course by deterioration not only of British

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Area, Brisbane, Australia

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American relationships but of American prestige and commercial  
prospects throughout the Far East.

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ACTION: Gen Handy

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold  
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To : Chiefs of Staff  
From: Joint Staff Mission  
Number: JSM 160 28 July 1944

At today's CCS meeting United States Chiefs of Staff gave us the following message for communication to the British Chiefs of Staff.

Please accept our sympathy and expressions of concern in the British loss of life and property resulting from the indiscriminate robot bombing of London and Southern England.

(Signed) Marshall, King and Arnold.

T.O.O. 282033Z

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy  
Gen Arnold  
OPD  
Adm. King  
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From: US Military Attache London, England.

To : War Department.

Nr : 13509

7 Jul 1944

Sr nr 13509.

From Press and individual comment Churchills statement Thursday in Commons satisfied growing demand for info re flying bomb effects. Newspapers which had been critical of official secrecy and urging statement by Prime Minister today publish editorials approving his speech. All agree with his announcement fighting fronts have first priority and London can be promised no quick relief. Statement removes to considerable extent feeling that military authorities were caught unprepared with counter measures. Other effects reported our 13391 substantially unchanged except wish for AA fire as futility over built up areas is recognized. Public definitely does not like flying bomb form of attack. During frequent alerts people keep ear cocked for familiar sound of flying bomb and often mistake buses and jeeps for real thing. Surface shelters well patronized and tube stations full every night. Nervousness indicated by reports last night after thunderstorm of strange flashes. Gunfire and new secret weapons. No essential services in London seriously affected but frequent alerts and loss of sleep reducing workers efficiency. Churchills praise for American soldiers assistance echoed

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From: US Military Attache London, England.

Nr : 13509 7 Jul 1944

by several papers. Daily mail since flying bomb incidents have done more than anything else to improve relations between American troops and British civilians.

End.

ACTION: G-2  
INFO : CG AAF  
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By RDP Date APR 5 1973

From: CG, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London England

To : War Department

DTG : 301316

30th June 1944.

This is 301408B. From Ramsay signed Eisenhower.  
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A. General.

Five enemy aircraft were shot down by cruiser gunfire in eastern area night of 28/29 June during usual mine-dropping, which also continues nightly in western area. Three convoys passed Dover without incident yesterday. A fourth was shelled between 1455 and 1610, but sustained no damage, although 4 rounds falling inland caused some casualties. Wind off the beaches at 0900-8W force 4 with outlook unsettled.

B. Casualties.

SS Empire Portia, damaged, mine, 50 degrees 33½ N 00 degrees 35½ W.

C. Coastal Command.

At 0125 a U boat was sighted and attacked 35 miles south of start point with unobserved results. Mosquitoes attacked one 1000 ton tanker, 6 minesweepers and 1 trawler making for and 35 south of Brest at 2050/29, hits with 6 pounder cannon caused explosion on tanker and cannon hits also claimed on 5 minesweepers.

D. Intelligence. Nothing to report. End.

ACTION: OPD  
INFO : CC/3, CG AAF, G-2, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG  
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From: US Military Attache, London, England.  
To: War Department  
Nr: 13447 29 June 1944  
Sr nr 13447.

Flying bomb incidents have not extended civil defense services any London borough more than 20 percent capacity. With 2 civil defense columns brought from northern England 2 months ago and improved means of shifting local services from sector to sector officials seem confident of coping with any heavier scale of attacks. Loss of sleep, frequent alerts and absences of bombed workers beginning to affect efficiency workers London area. This general effect probably most important result to date flying bomb attacks.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGMAAF  
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From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

To: War Department

Nr: 13418

24 June 1944

Serial nr 13418.

Review British Domestic events and opinion follows:

House of Commons after 3 days debate approved principle of Government accepting responsibility for full employment following war. Minister of Labor Bevin asked for and secured place as Cabinet Minister to open debate and he was followed by Chancellor of Exchequer Anderson and Minister of Production Lyttleton. Opposition to White Paper came from extreme right and left. Former claimed document a compilation of economic nonsense while Left Wingers deplored failure to recommend extensive nationalization of productive resources.

Labor party officially accepted principles of White Paper as not compromising party program for nationalization big industry and financial institutions. Lyttleton said Britain would require considerable armed forces after war to guarantee peace. Also stated Government had been examining for past 6 months requirements of Japanese War and had concluded that after German defeat greater proportion of munitions production would have to be continued than could be released for civilian demands. Japanese War must have first priority on British resources. In last remark Lyttleton may have been attempting to atone for blunder Tuesday about U.S. provocation of Japan. Transcript of his extemporaneous remarks shows that he was not misquoted and that his statements were both inaccurate and inert.

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Nr: 13418 24 June 1944

British papers have all published accounts of Lyttleton's faux pas and Hull's rebuke but little editorial comment, evidently believing less said the better.

Exception is Manchester Guardian which does defend Lyttleton but criticizes American for being too thin skinned. If American newspapers and public figures can twist lion's tail and comment on British Domestic Politics they must expect reverse says Guardian. Great indignation in England after Eden's statement re killing of Prisoners of War and all London papers today carry editorials demanding punishment of German culprits.

Press Campaign urging recognition De Gaulle has abated during past week. Stories of French apathy and hostility toward Allied troops and comparatively good living conditions among Normans have not improved typical Englishman's attitude toward French. Such accounts seem to have made greater impression than explanatory articles that Normandy was always rich country, no population likes to see its home a battleground and that Germans acted well in this part of France.

British press has carried many pictures and descriptions B-29.

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ACTION: G-2  
INFO : CGAAF, OPD, COL. PARK, BFR, LOG

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From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England.

To: War Department

No: 13391

21 June 1944

Sr nr 13391.

"Man in Street" London fears pilotless air bomb more than bombs dropped from aircraft because it is threateningly noisy in approach, inhuman and diabolical. Knowledge that when strongly characteristic noise stops explosion expected in few seconds makes him jumpy. Short time between alert and bombs arrival disturbs him. He senses that authorities in spite of much press reassurance are stumped how to cope. Blast effect reminds him of German land mines so damaging in Battle for Britian period. Long day and night alerts cause him to grouse about his ability to keep on working and hold him in tense state for hours. Psychological effect more comparable to shelling than aerial bombardment. He grudgingly admits silent ack ack guns enable him get more sleep yet paradcxically misses their fire as comforting evidence of ability to hit back. He is nervous and if past rate of damage is maintained next 10 days will have an active case of jitters capable of injuring war effort. According to impcrtant official Ministry of Food raids so far have taxed Civil Defense Services to about 15% of capacity. Approx half of total 7000 casualties to date are light.

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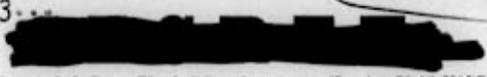
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ADDRESSED ALL SENIOR OFFICERS, SHIPS, ESTABLISHMENTS, W/T STATIONS, AND OTHER NAVAL AUTHORITIES AND CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH MAY BE CONCERNED ON HOME STATION.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE INCREASED AIR ACTION AGAINST THIS COUNTRY TO COUNTER OUR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS, ATTENTION OF ALL OFFICERS, RATINGS AND CIVILIAN STAFF IS TO BE DRAWN TO THE NECESSITY FOR SECURITY IN CONVERSATION AND CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING AIR RAID DAMAGE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE EXACT LOCALITY OF DAMAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED. TELEPHONE TELEGRAPH AND T/P OPERATORS SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL WARNING. COMINCH...COG OP16...20G...20K... NAVAIDE...12...20P3 200P...OP03...



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London, England.

To : War Department.  
CG, Strategic Air Forces in Europe, London, England.

Nr : EX 33572 17 June 1944.

G-2 daily cable 0600 hours 17 June to WDGBI from  
ETGBI. From Conrad signed Eisenhower ref no EX 33572.

Estimated scale enemy effort British Isles home  
waters 15 June 10 long range 65 tactical recon battle area,  
Dover Straits north, including 1 aircraft from Stavanger  
afternoon probably reported allied aircraft and shipping  
east and west Faroes during its flight. Estimated 250 to  
300 single engine fighter sorties mostly defensive of which  
20 or 30 were single engine fighter bombers operated French  
battle zone and North France. American heavy bomber raid on  
Misburg met no opposition and it appears little or no fighter  
reaction.

15/16 June 70 long range bombers combined night at-  
tack landing areas with seaming Seine Bay 5 to 10 long  
range bombers operated over England while pilotless aircraft  
attack was in progress presumably to observe effects. 5  
long range recon Seine Bay west Cherbourg Peninsula including  
1 Junkers 290 Bay Biscay and 1 aircraft from Trondheim  
over North Sea. 60 to 70 twin engine fighter sorties against  
Royal Air Force raids France. About 30 Aircraft operated  
Western Task Force anchorages. Whilst dropping mines air-  
craft made use wind and float flares. Aircraft also active  
eastern sector above periods attempting shipping attacks

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with glider bombs. 16 June 1 recon off Brest. 41  
aircraft operated north France including beachhead.

16/17 June 3 aircraft apparently defensive patrols  
over and off Pas De Calais 2 Dutch Islands. Night fighters  
destroyed 1 of these aircraft Messerschmitt 410 Dover Straits.  
No enemy aircraft plotted beachhead area although Mosquitoes  
patrolling this area report 1 Junkers 88, 1 Junkers 188  
destroyed 1 Junkers 188 damaged.

Quote  
for  
news  
↓  
Pilotless aircraft: Since start activity night 15/16  
June until 0600 hours 17 June total 35<sup>5</sup> pilotless aircraft  
plotted in operation mainly southeast England some pene-  
trating London area. In general the aircraft approached  
~~London on parallel courses between 2 lines 1 drawn from~~  
~~Dungeness to north Weald other Beachy Head to Usbridge.~~  
Total 180 incidents reported of which 66 London Area. Main-  
ly private property damaged but extensive damage caused  
King George 5 dock, London factories affected Acton, south-  
wark, Willesden. Total casualties reported 128 killed 699  
seriously 909 slightly injured 299 unclassified. Night  
fighters destroyed 20 pilotless aircraft 1 probably de-  
stroyed 1 damaged. Further 5 reported destroyed by anti  
aircraft.

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British Air Ministry description of aircraft:

Length 20 feet or 25 feet  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  inches. Wing span  
16 feet. Explosives 2500 pounds. Charge unknown. Power  
unit jet propulsion after assisted take off. Low grade  
aviation fuel. Speed 350 to 400 miles per hour at take  
off diminishing to 200 to 220 miles per hour on reaching  
operational height which is 1 to 2000 feet. Some high as  
4000 and low as 800 feet reported.

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INFORMATION: CG/S (BJSM)  
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From: CG, Strategic Air Forces in Europe,  
London, England.

To: War Department.

Fr: U 63721

16 June 1944

To Arnold for White and Hickman from McDonald signed  
Spatz U 63721.

Pilotless aircraft is subject.

1. Preliminary statistics of pilotless aircraft attack between 0100 and 0510 hours Tuesday 13 June. Estimate 18 launched from Calais Area in 2 waves in combination with bombardment by small number of aircraft believed Messerschmitt 410 and bombardment by at least 34 long range 8 inch naval shells. Only 4 pilotless aircraft plotted crossing south coast being approximately 20 miles before making landfall. Path of flight straight, speed little above 250 miles per hour and altitude 1000 to 1500 feet. Only 4 located in ETO all exploded. Dispersion covered 20 mile range, 1 in north east London area. All damage by blast equivalent to 500 kilogram bombs.

2. Sustained attack by German Air Force pilotless aircraft started about 2330 hours on 15 June at rate of approximately 1 every 5 minutes believed to be launched from 16 sites in vicinity of Saint Pol. 1 site launched 1 pilotless aircraft every 20 minutes. By 0800 hours 15 June 170 pilotless aircraft had landed in England and were still continuing at 1500 hours. No estimate possible as to expected duration but first trainload consisting of

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From: CG, Strategic Air Forces in Europe,  
London, England.

Re: U 63721

16 June 1944

33 railway wagons arrived in launching area 10 June states usually reliable source each wagon stated to hold 3 rockets. Other sources indicate in reality rockets were pilotless aircraft. No indications of possible storage of pilotless aircraft but state number on hand to be anywhere from 200 to 10,000 and figure of 3000 seems reasonable. Source of supply not yet established and examination of parts of pilotless aircraft indicate very simple crude construction capable of being mass produced in any metal shop.

3. All sites in Cherbourg Area not considered as potential threat but all 42 modified self contained ski sites in Calais Area might become operational at short notice. At least 16 of which now are complete with rails on ramps.

4. With production of sites and weapons now simple matter scale of attack should depend upon ability to accumulate weapons in firing area. Heavy damage to communications and great transport commitments to neighbouring battle front should restrict delivery of pilotless aircraft except in small quantity.

5. Pilotless aircraft are midwing monoplanes with single fin and rudder rear portion of fuselage being surmounted by an impulsive duct or athodyd jet propulsion unit 11 feet 3 inches long. Fuselage 21 feet 10 inches long and 2 feet 8 inches diameter is made of thin steel in

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London, England.

Hr: U 63721

16 June 1944

6 sections bolted together nose probably housing magnetic compass behind which is section containing explosive which created blast effect equivalent to 500 kilogram light case bomb. Center section contains 130 gallon tank containing low grade aviation fuel through which transverse sleeve runs and covers main spar of 16 foot square tipped wings. Behind fuel section is compartment containing 2 wire wound spheres 1 foot 9.25 inches in diameter believed to contain air at very high pressure. Further aft is housed automatic pilot with 3 gyros, 1 monitored to magnetic compass. Fuselage terminates in cone carrying tail plane and rudder. Indicated total weight of first planes landing 130 miles from launching point estimated at 5000 pounds but total possible weight estimated to be 8000 pounds. Reports coming in during present attack of planes landing 90 miles beyond London indicate increased fuel being carried.

6. No military damage reported so far but residential damage reported in many places likewise casualties. Dispersion and concealment at launching points make neutralization by aircraft bombing very difficult particularly as new modified sites are almost unidentifiable to pilots even at low altitudes.

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London, England

**To:** War Department  
OG, Strategic Air Forces in Europe London, England

**No:** EX-33370 16 June 1944

To Bissell for Henry from Conrad signed Eisen-  
hower EX-33370

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Following is summary of flash reports covering hostile air attack on England beginning 2330 on night of 15/16 June: 120 participating aircraft are presumed to be pilotless aircraft. 11 claimed shot down by anti aircraft fire. Fighter planes claim 5 shot down over France and 6 over England.

Activities extended over south east England, London, parts of home counties, and east Anglia. Damage extensive but mainly confined to private property. Incidents reported from 20 London boroughs and from Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Essex and Hertfordshire totalling approximately 12.

Reported casualties follow: 6 killed, 75 injured, and 290 cases unclassified.

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**INFO :** OG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Gen Henry,  
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From: CG, US Forces in the European Theater of Operations,  
London, England

To: War Department

No: E 33086

14 June 1944

To Bissell for Henry from Conrad signed E-33086  
Eisenhower.

✓ No pilotless aircraft activity reported during the night of June 13/14. Following is amplification of cable E-32817 dated 13 June giving details of pilotless aircraft attack during night of June 12/13: 10 divers plotted at 1000 feet off Folkestone between 0407 and 0440. 13 plotted between Dugeness and south Foreland at 2000 feet between 0458 and 0520. 4 plotted over Lyme Bay between 0501 and 0535.

Scattered channel and land observers in Southeast England reported divers seen between 0405 and 0507. At least 2 crashed in sea. Only 4 confirmed pilotless aircraft crashed on land as follows: pilotless aircraft hit railway bridge at Bethnal Green in London District, causing 1 fatality, 28 casualties and B category blast damage for radius of 50 yards. Damage to bridge and housing comparable with that to be expected from 1000 kilogram SC bomb instantaneously fuzed.

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London, England

No: E 33086 14 June 1944

Some damage no casualties in 3 incidents in open  
at Stone and Seven Oaks in Kent and at Cuckfield in Sussex.  
Crater 13 feet deep and 6 feet across. Wheat razed for  
radius of 75 yards at Cuckfield.

Fragments recovered tally with wreckage of Peenemunde  
16 reported in cable EX-30885 dated 1st June.

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Note: E 32817 is CM-IN-10344 (13 Jun 44) Gen. Bissell

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To: War Department.

No. 12968 13 May 1944.

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By RHP, NARS Date APR 5 1973

Parliamentary Labor Party again postponed action on Administrative Committee's recommendation that Aneurin Bevan MP be expelled. Greenwood, Ernest Bevin and other Labor leaders wish to expel Bevan as punishment for voting against government when recent strike order was raised in Commons and as means of restoring party discipline. However many Labor MP's oppose expulsion fearing 15 who voted with Bevan will insist on same treatment and this will weaken party at critical time. Also new defense order unpopular with many unions and considerable number Labor MP's think Bevan right and cannot conscientiously vote to expel him. Significant that of 165 labor MP's 89 abstained or were absent when vote on order was taken. Realizing either Bevan's expulsion or complete forgiveness will cause trouble in party, Shinwell has been working on compromise which will lightly punish Bevan and satisfy Bevin.

Meeting Commonwealth Prime Ministers appears to be proceeding harmoniously. MacKenzie King in address before Parliament Thursday again ruled out more formal methods of Empire consultation on Major Policy matters. Creation new policy making machinery for Commonwealth unlikely although Committee of Dominion High Commissioners in London might receive more formal recognition as full time Empire Council.

New bill has passed 3rd reading in Commons with tributes to Minister Butler and program. Criticism in some quarters because main proposals for raising compulsory school age have no definite dates set. Fears expressed that Post War economy wave will result in permanent postponement most progressive features of bill.

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From: CG US Military Attache, London England

No : 12968

13th May 1944

In Parliamentary discussion United Nations monetary plan idea of cooperation and exchange stabilization approved generally but considerable apprehension expressed about possible return to gold and threats to sterling bloc. Also feeling monetary agreement of secondary importance to one on trade. Some London bankers do not share aversion to eventual return to gold standard, but in general press and politicians strongly oppose.

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From: U.S. Military Attache,  
London, England

To : War Department

Nr : 12878

6 May 44

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Meeting Empire Prime Ministers chief domestic event during past week. Reported to be making good progress in discussion military strategy and postwar settlements. Consideration methods of improving consultation between commonwealth countries scheduled for next week. Labor party having eternal row over administrative committees recommendation to expel radical and caustic Ankurin Bevan MP for extreme attack on labor minister Ernest Bevan and vote against new defence order dealing with subversive influences in unions. Parliamentary labor party postponed action on Bevans expulsion probably because 15 other MPs who voted with him insisted on being expelled also. Expelling all would create serious breach in party ranks and weaken labor party support behind National Government.

Greenwood, party leader in Commons, may insist on Bevan expulsion as he feels party discipline requires it and his position challenged. Stettinius press conference prominently reported in London press. Spanish agreement generally accepted as satisfactory conclusion to negotiations with belief expressed that future military operations may make limited Wolfram embargo complete. Considerable Parliamentary criticism of continued Portuguese trade with enemy.

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By RHP, NARS Date APR 5 1973

Except Curtin, all Dominion Prime Ministers have arrived for conference beginning next week. Discussions will cover future military operations of Empire Forces, peace terms, Regional Groups of Colonies, Imperial Relations and International Postwar Organization. While here, Dominion Premiers will sit as members War Cabinet and will thus join body responsible for policy during pending military operations. UK Govt probably glad to have Dominion Prime Ministers here during operations in which many their forces will participate and available in case quick decisions of high policy must be made.

Commons Friday sustained by overwhelming vote defense order imposing heavy penalties for inciting strikes. Order opposed by 25 extreme Left Wing Laborites and radical minor parties who attacked Minister of Labor Bevin on grounds order was unnecessary, strengthened Orthodox Trade Union leaders, and penalized any independence in trade union movement as failure to abide by leaders agreements could mean prosecution for subversive acts. Parliamentary Labor Party with few exceptions supported Bevin. Order will greatly strengthen hand labor unions in dealing with rebellious elements.

Diplomatic Correspondents London news papers suggest in inspired fashion that Stettinius visit has been successful in bringing British US viewpoints into accord.

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Considerable space given to reporting Bricker and Dewey speeches with emphasis on their statements that US must accept post war responsibilities in international sphere. Statement of Monetary experts published April 22nd, has received comment with cautious acceptance of proposals. Strong opposition in many quarters here to any plans to link currencies closely with gold.

Most Parliamentary time during past week devoted to budget debate started by Sir John Anderson speech on Tuesday our 12742. Foreign Secretary has been questioned several times in Commons about trial of Jewish deserters from Polish Army because of alleged persecution. British Govt has refused to accept deserters for enlistment British Army but has urged Polish authorities to eliminate discrimination and persecution. Pressure and criticism of liberal, Jewish and anti Pole servants in Britain sufficient to cause Churchill and Eden to see Polish Premier and impress him with serious implications.

In May Day message British Labor has called on German workers to rise in own salvation or else be permanently classed as servile tools of Nazism. This message tends to reaffirm British Labor view adopted at party's annual conference last year, of total responsibility of German

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insist on separating good and bad Germans in Reich.

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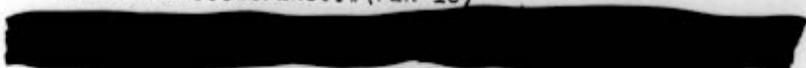
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Joint Chiefs of Staff  
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April 28, 1944

Commander-in-Chief  
Southwest Pacific Area  
Brisbane, Australia

Number: WAR 29338

For MacArthur from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We have been informed that pursuant to a proposal made by the British Prime Minister to the Prime Minister of Australia, small parties of administrative experts will be sent to Australia to study the potentialities of Australia as a base for operations in the Southwest Pacific. These visits will be of a purely administrative and exploratory character. In this connection a small naval advance party, now in the Pacific under Admiral Daniel, has been ordered to proceed to Australia. War Department 3628 dated January 29, 1944 and COMINCH 292026 of February refer.

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From: US Military Attache, London England

To: War Department

No. 12707 22 April 1944

Serial nr 12707.

Political review past week: Parliament discussed Imperial relations Thursday and Friday with all speakers voicing hope for continued close cooperation with Dominions in post War period and development of empire trade. Unanimity of opinion among all parties evident. E Shinwell, Labor MP, made first speech of debate and called for vigorous economic development of colonial Empire and United Commonwealth bargaining in trade agreements with foreign countries. Dalton, president Board of Trade, spoke for govt Thursday and promised no changes in Empire preferential tariff system except by agreement with Dominions. Some MP's concerned over effect article 7 Lend Lease agreement on Imperial tariff preference. Through most speeches ran current to effect that after War Britain should not be poor relation of United States but should consider her home market and potentialities of increased Imperial trade as salvation from economic bondage. However many expressions of desire for close and cooperative relationships with US. Summing up in speech with many Churchillian phrases, Prime Minister gave assurances that Imperial tariff preference was exempt in all agreements with United States on post War trade policy. He saw no need for extensive changes in machinery of commonwealth relations as Imperial unity depended on spirit and sentiment rather

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than political arrangements. However predicted more frequent meetings British and Dominion ministers. Churchill believed no antagonism in existence British Empire and larger world order. Both he and Earl Winterton asserted anti British expressions in United States do not represent real American feeling. //S

London Bus Strike collapsing in face Govts determination to keep traffic moving by using Army drivers "see our 12686". Australian High Commissioner in Great Britain, S M Bruce, speaking Monday said time was ripe for United States and British Empire to take lead in freeing world trade by mutual concessions. Cooperation to maintain full employment in post War world necessary on social structures would collapse. Bruce warned against trying to make large intergovernmental payments after War and deprecated any strictly financial balance sheet on Lend Lease.

4 year wage agreement finally sgd Thursday by miners federation and employers. Govt hopeful this will bring peace and stability to mining industry.

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From: U S Military Attache London

To: War Department

Nr: 12511 5th April 1944

Serial Number 12511

Government threatening to get tough over strike situation in mining industry. Present situation involves revolt against union leaders who had agreed with Government and owners representatives to new wage scale.

Bevin says miners now threatening his entire war-time policy of negotiation and agreement. Bevin reported at loss to know who is instigating miners unrest as union officials all backing him in holding strikes unauthorized.

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From: US Military Attache, London, England  
To: War Department  
Nr: 12449, 30 March 1944.  
Serial nr 12449.

Strikes and unrest in mining areas have increased and hope for miners acceptance of new 4-year wage plan declining 60,000 Yorkshire miners striking to obtain interpretation of minimum wage award, which would abolish deductions of payments in kind, particularly for miners home coal. Two shillings per week now deducted from wages. South Wales miners objecting to scales proposed for skilled men and Scottish miners restive on this point. 26,000 shipyard apprentices striking to be exempted from conscription for duty in mines under Bevin Ballot Scheme. Bevin has denounced strike as fomented by trouble-makers and has warned boys to resume work.

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**From:** U.S. MA London, England

**To:** War Department

**No:** 12443

30th March 1944

**Serial Nr** 12443

Cabinet of Churchill certain to win vote of confidence. Prime Minister refuses to separate question of general confidence in Government from position on domestic issues although many MPs request him to do so.

Adverse vote Tuesday on issue equal pay for men and women teachers cast by 37 Conservatives and 63 Laborites plus scattering other members. Most dissenting Conservatives belong to Tory Reform Committee which has decided Government must be supported on question of confidence. Labor Party Administrative Committee has decided to advise all Labor members to support the Govt.

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See CM-IN-20890 (29 Mar 44)G-2

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From: Military Attache London, England

To: War Department

Nr. 12435

29 March 1944

Sgd Peabody serial nr 12435.

Defeat of government in Commons by 1 vote during committee stage of new education bill culmination growing parliamentary criticism and revolt on domestic issues. First defeat in Parliament for Churchill Cabinet. Follows large adverse vote on question of definite date for raising school-leaving age to 16, sharp criticism of government last week on lack of land utilization policy, attacks on foreign policy, and Churchill's failure in Sunday speech to satisfy critics about post-war planning. Defeat Tuesday on issue of equal pay for men and women teachers with Education Minister Butler opposing compulsory equality by labor, Liberal and young Tory members voted against government. After division Mr. Greenwood assured Butler vote was no question of confidence in him but reflection of house attitude on whole issue of equal pay for public employees. Government probably will demand vote of confidence from house which it is certain to obtain. Also measures to discipline members, particularly young conservatives defying whips, may be taken. However, defeat may force government to go part way to meet critics views and hasten cabinet changes for coal situation unsettled again by refusal South Wales mine leaders to accept new wage plan. Strike may not result but further negotiations will continue unrest in industry.

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From: U.S. Military Attache, London England

To: War Department

Nr. 12409

27 March 1944

Signed Peabody serial nr 12409.

Churchilla speech accepted here as satisfactory review military situation but leaving unanswered criticism of lack of Governmental policy on land utilization and permanent housing and on Foreign Policy. Leading editorial today's Times acknowledges military achievements but says Government should find formulation of policy on land utilization no more distracting to war effort than education and health plans. Beaverbrook Daily Express follows line of his speech defending Government in Lords last Thursday and declares it fantastic that Prime Minister should be required to reply to domestic critics when most important operations of the war are pending. In view of Beaverbrooks close association with Churchill, this line might indicate that Prime Minister is feeling strain of conducting war and at same time defending his Government against criticism which has increased in volume and sharpness in recent weeks. Nearly all private opinion agrees that Prime Minister sounded tired last night and his delivery lacked customary punch. His devoting large part of address to domestic affairs probably reflects his concern over attacks on Government and current tendencies to weaken coalition. Emphasis placed on Far Eastern war and reiteration British interest in victory there significant in speech. His opinion that Jap war may not be task of several years welcome news to British public who naturally dislike thought of drawn out struggle in Asia after years of European war. Churchill reference to demobilization confirms information that plans prepared by

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From: U.S. Military Attache, London, England

Nr. 12409

Service Departments and Labor Ministry have received his and War Cabinet approval. For details see our reports this subject.

Numerous rumors circulating about cabinet changes. All say Eden will leave Foreign Office with Lord Cranborne, government leader in Lords and Dominion Secretary, as likely successor. Eden might retain Commons leadership although Cripps experiment as House Leader without departmental responsibility considered unsuccessful. Beaverbrook rumored wishing to obtain more active position.

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From: US Military Attache London, England

To: War Department

No: 12392 25th March 1944

Sgd Peabody serial nr 12392.

Political review past week:

Govt sharply attacked in both Lords and Commons for slow progress on post war reconstruction programs. Demand increasing for national policy and legislation about land utilization as replanning blitzed towns and housing programs both depend on this. Govt finding it difficult devise policy but has promised one soon after Easter. Commons continuing consideration new education bill. Strong support developed for inserting in statute definite date for raising school leaving age to 16 and largest vote so far cast against coalition counted on this issue. Criticism also directed at tank design and construction costs. Churchill defended quality British tanks but agreed to secret Commons session held Friday to discuss charges. Much discussion in parliament and press on present standing Atlantic charter and belief Churchill may attempt clarification in broadcast Sunday. Govt, owners and miners have agreed new wage scales above minimum already accepted but labor trouble still continues with 50000 on strike in Yorkshire over issue of miners taking coal for home use. Times in leading editorial Saturday says neither Britain nor United States has consistent economic policy and this is reflected in inability to agree on currency stabilization. Article by Williams and Hansen in current American Foreign Affairs quarterly quoted approvingly. To  
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ingly. Times recommends stopping discussion of Economic Principles and concentrating on practical Post War steps to achieve increased production full employment and expanded foreign trade. Theory will then emerge to explain or justify satisfactory measures taken. Times also warns against Hungarian attempts to appear as victim rather than Ally of Germany. New Govt only eliminates moderates and real rulers of Hungary, the Gentry, still in power.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: ETOUSA London  
To : War

No. W 11517, 19 February 1944

G-2 report Feb 190900Z to WDGBI signed Eisenhower.

Enemy effort British Isles home waters 17 Feb FW 200 from Berlin bastard details unknown.

Fifteen long range, 2 tactical recon sea areas west of Faroes, Norwegian Coast, North Sea, Western Channel, Bay Biscay, west of Brest and Eire.

17/18 Feb 3 long range recon over North Sea, 1 of which, presumably on photo-recon, made brief landfalls over Duncansby Head and South Ronaldshay. Defensive fighter activity on negligible scale above period.

18 Feb 2 bombers, probably FW-200, from Trondheim. Details unknown. Four JU-290's from Bordeaux on shipping recon to west of Ireland. One convoy reports being shadowed this area. Forty eight defensive sorties over North France and Holland. At 2358 hours 18/19 Feb 30 aircraft appeared over North France, shortly followed by 90 which appeared over Holland. Allied night fighters operated against this activity, destroying 2 ME-410 over Juvincourt, destroying 1 JU-88 and damaging 2 unidentified planes on ground at airfields in Belgium. The 2 enemy forces joined some 30 miles east of Harwich and 90 made landfall between Thames Estuary and Happisburgh at 0034 hrs. Remaining 30 turned back before crossing coast. Majority of these aircraft penetrated to Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire area before turning south and SE towards London. Estimated that 60 operated over east Anglia and home counties and remaining 30 reached

*Details of German raid of 18 Feb*

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London which was red warning from 0036-0144 hrs. Sharp attack was carried out, both HE and a large number of incendiaries being reported. Sixty two incidents, affecting 56 Boroughs, with some 15 being in Central London are reported. Very large number of incidents were caused by incendiaries. Some 500 pumps have been employed, largest fires of 20 pumps each being in St Johns Wood and Wandsworth. There was also 1 fire of 12 pumps at Cricklewood and 10 others of 10 pumps in London. SW part of London and docks were not affected during attack. Kings College and convent at Wimbledon were damaged and also Nelson Hospital at Merton, from which all patients were evacuated. At Islington 9 HE's demolished 12 houses, damaged 10, set 1 church on fire, damaged factory, Cannonbury station being badly damaged. Main line of LMS railway track was demolished casualties are reported at 45 at Islington. Fire badly damaged 1 ward of the Central Middlesex Hospital and 1 other hospital at Willesden. IB caused damage in vicinity of Thames House, Westminster, with fires reported at Bishops Depocitory. St Andrews Church at Wood Green was damaged. Other damage was mainly caused to dwelling houses, although few factories have been affected. Exchange at Chiswick was put out of action, tele-communications being seriously affected, and lines have been affected elsewhere.

Upper gate of lock at Richmond received 1 direct hit and is reported to be unworkable for 1 month. Casualties in London are reported to be about 500. Details at present lacking. In other areas damage was slight, 21 incidents having been reported from Essex with casualties being 3 unclassified, 1 slightly wounded.

Seven incidents in Hertfordshire caused minor damage, some slight casualties and persons are known to be trapped.

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Two incidents Kent caused considerable house damage and casualties are 2 wounded, 4 missing.

Four incidents in East Suffolk and 1 from Buckinghamshire caused little damage but no casualties. One explosive incendiary was dropped at edge of runway on US Airfield at Wormingford at 0100 hrs 19 Feb. Only damage was single medium sized hole in runway. No casualties.

US station 358 at Earls Colne Essex Co was attacked at 0245 hrs, 1 road being knocked out. Incendiaries were dropped on station areas. No casualties or building damage was reported.

Station 161 at Chippingongar Essex Co reported no bombs actually dropped on station but about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away bombs burnt down 1 barn and several sheds at 0155 hrs. Incident reported to National Fire Service which sent approximately 40 men to combat fires. Operations on airfield were not affected.

Station 131 at Nutanstead, Hertfordshire, reports damage caused by 1 large bomb and 2 or 3 small ones, consisting of 1 large crater 4 feet wide and 10 feet deep at NE end of runway 23 at 1243 hrs. Operations on field were not affected. No casualties are reported and no action was taken to repel attack. Country was clear by 0150 hrs.

Night fighters operated but make no claims. AA initially claim 5 destroyed but these claims are still under investigation.

Eight survivors of B-24 ditched in sea 14 Feb west of Brest state their aircraft was attacked and hit by 2 enemy aircraft, considerable damage being caused.

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Adverse weather over bases cancelled Allied bombing operations during the past 24 hrs. NE 8 Feb 1 frigate reports sinking sub 550 miles WSW Cape Clear. Halifax attacked sub 315 miles SW Fastnet Rock. B-24 sighted sub 480 miles WSW Fastnet Rock. 19 Feb B-24 attacked sub 420 miles west of Scillies. Wellington attacked sub off Cape Roca.

Week ending 13 Feb supplemental claims not previously reported on 8 AF weekly claims are 73-30-40 against enemy aircraft. Total claims against enemy aircraft during raid 13/14 Feb now reported at 3 destroyed by aircraft and further 3 destroyed by AA.

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From: London  
To: Milid

No. SR 4234 Feb 10, 1943

At airfield Chievre near Mons 300 bombers are concentrated also large quantities 850-kilogramme bombs. Personnel declares bombing England contemplated (signed Solbert) This information from excellent Belgian source obtained thru secret radio today.

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CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOR MAINTENANCE OF BASES IN UNITED KINGDOM WILL ARRIVE PRIOR ONE DECEMBER. BASE TWO WILL

CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY UNITED STATES UNTIL BRITISH PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO OPERATE THE

FACILITIES AFTER WHICH BASE WILL BE TURNED OVER NEXT TO BRITISH OPERATION SUBJECT TO EVACUATION OF BRITISH FORCES

ON SIXTY DAYS NOTICE. SUBRON FIFTY WILL CONTINUE TO USE BASE TO AUGMENT BEAVER FACILITIES BUT ALL REMAINING

FACILITIES MAY BE UTILIZED IMMEDIATELY BY UNITED KINGDOM FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING. CENTRAL SPARES DEPOT STAINES

WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED BY UNITED STATES WITH NAVAL PERSONNEL FROM BASE TWO WHO ARE RELIEVED BY CONSTRUCTION

BATTALION. DEPOT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO COMPLETE BRITISH CONTROL AS SOON AS BRITISH PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO

OPERATE DEPOT. DATE OF TRANSFER BOTH PLACES SHOULD BE NOT LATER THAN ONE FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYTHREE.

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CSWD  
June 16th  
12:04 PM

From: London  
To: Milid Washn

No. 2828 June 16, 1942

War office advises reference your cable 1527 following average age: Army Commanders 54 years 2 months, Corps Commanders 51 years 6 months, Infantry Divisions 42 years 3 months, Armored Division 48 years 3 months, Anti Aircraft Division 52 years 11 months

Greenwell

#1527 is CM-OUT- 2628 <sup>Q-45, 6/12</sup> (6/11/42) G-2. Request average ages of British Division Commanders.

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By RHP, NARS Date **APR 5 1973**

From: London  
To: AGWAR  
No. 1570 May 18, 1942

Following colored units set up for USAFBI by cables number 636 and 674: 1 platoon QM Service; 5 truck companies; 1 ordnance company AM; and 1 platoon QM laundry. For WDFFD. Reply requested. To use these troops it will be necessary to quarter them by company at air stations. Present facilities provide only 1 set of facilities such as mess halls, latrines, bath houses at each station. If colored units are sent now it will force both white and colored units to use common quartering, messing, and bathing facilities with all the attendant potential chances for trouble. Our quartering and billeting problems are very difficult at best and a substitution of white units for colored units for as long period as possible will greatly facilitate our arrangements and preparations as well as those being made by the British. For these reasons it is requested that such a plan be followed.

Chaney

Footnote: Radio 836 (CM-OUT-1808 5-9-42) CG AAF. List of unit strengths for USFOR. Radio 674 (CM-OUT-2529 5-13-42) OPD. Last sentence of CM-OUT-1808 (April) should be changed to include in colored units 1 platoon QM laundry.

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CSWD  
May 10, 1942  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

From: US Gov London  
To: Agwar Washington DC

No. 1474 May 10, 1942

Because of the impossibility of operating depot at Warton until January (a #1) 3, it is considered wise to base initially both air depot groups soon to arrive at Molesworth, and to utilize housing at Warton for transport squadron. This is for Arnold with reference to your 607 and 616. Accommodations for depot personnel to be employed at Burtonwood will be obtained at that place. All service units will be so located as to facilitate performance of their essential service to the combat units being supported. Initially the headquarters of the 8th Air Force and the Air Service Command will be located in the vicinity of London and convenient to this Hq. The Fighter Comd Hq will be in the vicinity of that of the bomber comd. Our immediate requirements for bomber airdromes will be available. Fighter Airdromes present a difficult problem. Will report later thereon.

Chaney

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