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From: Manila
To: MILID
No. 3397, August 24th, 1942

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From: Am Embassy Ldn
To: MILID

No. 3397 Sept 14, 1942

War Office has revised estimated strength Japs in areas shown below as follows: New Britain, New Guinea, Solomons area two Army Divisions and Marine Landing Parties equalling one division.

Mandated Islands one Army Division and one Division Marine Landing Parties.

McClure

1 Division = Approximately 18,000 men

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From: Madrid
To: Milid

No. 267, August 24th, 1942.

British latest information total effective strength German Army Southwest France from Bordeaux South practically unchanged at 31,000 including 8000 Area Bayonne to the Frontier. Morale reported bad.

Dusenbury

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August 9, 1942

Telegram No. 3669

Dated: August 8, 3 P.M.

From: Bern

Recd: August 8, 5:53 P. M.

FOR WAR DEPARTMENT SIGNED LEGGE:

With reference to your cable 151, order of battle follows -- consensus of opinion here best. information available:

IN France the following Infantry Divisions: 106 Ardres, 340 St. Omer, unidentified Boulogne-Mer, 304 Ostend, unidentified with black Fleur-de-Lys insignia to Paris area from Chalons Saone, 306 Lille, unidentified Cayeux en Rue, unidentified Bergues, 319 Cherbourg, 320 Caen, 716 Caen, 332 La Havre, 302 Dieppe, 17 Loudeac, 333 Vannes, 335 Brest, 709 Lamballe, 711 Coutances, 715 Dax, 15 Libourne, 708 Saujon Royan, 327 Niort. 337 has moved to Vincennes from Nevers and parts are in Britt (Brittany ?) Following for Ersatz (?) divisions: 182 Nancy, 165 Epinal, 158 Strasbourg, 148 Metz. Seventh panzer division, Niort, 10th panzer division not identified, 6th panzer division Coetquidan, parachute division Fliers.

At the end of July Division 712 arrived in the area Gand- Bruges- Zeebrugge. About July 15 the SS division "Reich" arrived in the area Lavat-Le Mans. At the end of July the SS division "Adolf Hitler" arrived in the area Versailles- Melun--Fontainebleau. Air fleet 3 under Sperrle. Anti-aircraft divisions: 16th Lille, 13th Caen, 11th Paris.

In Holland there are 2 to 3 divisions. In Belgium besides 712 there are 4 divisions.

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In Norway the following infantry divisions: 196 Namson, 69 Bengen, 199 Narvik, 712 and 230 Hammerfest, 214 Kongnaerg, 719 Oslo, 18, 260 and 9 Trondhjem, 290 Christiansund, 25th panzer division (?), 1 unidentified, 7th parachute division at Swedish border.

Norway and Jutland: Air fleet 6 under Zander.

In Denmark: 2 infantry divisions.

In Lapland: Identified in Dietl army 8 infantry divisions, 3 panzer SS brigades and air fleet 5 (Stumpf); 36th Army Corps - 5th and 7th Mountain Divisions and 169th Infantry Division; 31st Army Corps (Petsamo), 1 SS Division, 2nd and 6th Mountain Divisions, 1 panzer SS brigade.

In Finland: 5 to 6 Infantry Divisions.

In North Africa: 90th division, 15th and 21st panzer divisions, 3 and perhaps more infantry divisions.

Mediterranean: Air Fleet 2 under Kesselring, elements of which are on islands and in Greece.

In Balkans: Croatia, 1 infantry division; Crete, 1 light division; Greece and Islands 1 or 2 divisions; Rumania, about 6,000 men; Bulgaria, elements of 2 divisions or about 20,000 men; Serbia, 1 motorized division.

In Russia: Estimated 190 to 200 divisions with 10 to 15 light divisions and 22 panzer divisions. An accurate estimate in any sector except south impossible. Army group in north (Von Kuchler): 16th army (Busch), 18th army (?). Army group in center (Kluge): 2nd army (V. Weiche), 9th army (Strauss), 4th army (Model). Southern sector: Army group under list with about 40 front line divisions whose headquarters at the beginning of the offensive were at Taganrog. Army group (?), comprising about 35 front line divisions whose headquarters at the beginning of the offensive were Kharkov. Air fleet 1 under Keller. Air fleet 4 under Loehr. 2 independent air army corps under Pflugbeil and Richthofen. Above information was as of August 2. On July 22 there were Kertch 2 air landing divisions.

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From: Madrid
To: Milid

No. 255, August 7th, 1942.

French Military Attache privately estimates about 30 German divisions France 190 Russian front. Reference your no. 63. Only change southwestern France arrival few thousand engineers indicative of increased defensive preparations further details later.

Dusenbury

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August 7, 1942
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From: Stockholm
To: Milid Washington DC

No. 24 August 7, 1942

1. Norway: Same as my report 1448 except that 196th Division is in Mo 3rd Mountain Division is in Lillehammer where are also 2 newly organized Battalions 25th Panzer Division. Coast Defense Force independent Infantry Battalions now total 50 Coast Batteries 250. Command of two Coast Defense Districts indicated in report and one other to the South has been turned over to Divisional Headquarters designated 230th 270th and 290th but they are not Field Divisions. German Armed Forces including Service Companies Air Force ground personnel Marines etc. estimated at 310,000.

2. Finland: Same as in my No. 1552 except 183rd and 169th Divisions are Northeast of Salla 7th Mountain Division near Kistinki. Change location of SS Division to the south of Uhtua and classification to Mountain Division motorized. 5th Mountain Division is enroute expected to be placed to the north of 7th Mountain Division.

3. Source is reliable and is source report in paragraph 1. Above replying to your cable 48. Additional information on other countries will be cabled.

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August 6, 1942
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From: Vichy
To: Milid Washington DC
No. 63 August 6, 1942

Continuing our No six two no information current movements recent movements as reported in daily telegrams. Total strength three three zero Divisions including following twenty eight Panzer of which one being formed and two SS, thirty to thirty five motorized, two sixty five to two seventy Infantry. Estimated one nine five to two hundred Divisions Russia of which hundred ten to twenty in South twenty five to thirty north thirty to thirty five central twenty to twenty five Orel. Information available eastern theatre very inadequate. Will forward additional information when received.

Thompson.

Continuation of radio 62, CM-IN-2228 (8/7/42)

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August 6, 1942
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From: Vichy
To: Milid Washington DC

No. 62 August 5, 1942

Following identifications and dispositions
Divisions France three four zero Stomer one zero
six Ardres three two one Montreuil three zero two
Dieppe three three two Lesavre seven one one
Pontlevekue seven one six Caen seven two zero Valognes
three one nine Coutances seven zero nine Lamballe one
seven Loudeac three three three Aurag three three five
Chateaulin three two seven Niort seven zero eight
Bordeaux one five Libourne seven one five Dax tenth
Panzer Amiens sixth Panzer Rennes seventh Panzer Niort
SS Division Lemans Adolf Hitler Division Paris Fontain-
ebleau three thirty seven nevers unidentified Division
Satlille and Chalonssursa one identified but unlocated
forty third one one zero one six seven three zero one
three seven one Parachute Division Flers Divisions
Belgium three zero four Bruges one three four and seven
one two not located unidentified Division Vicinity
Courtrai. Four unidentified Divisions Holland. Total
Franch Belgium Holland thirty eight to forty Denmark one
six zero Division and one unidentified. Norway total
ten Divisions and three Coast Defense Commands known
identifications and approximate dispositions as indi-
cated our report number two six four two five W plus
elements twenty fifth Panzer Division. Finland total
twelve Divisions and four Panzer Brigades known dis-

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From: Vichy To: Milid
No. 62 August 5, 1942

positions and identifications as shown in report mentioned above plus fifth Mountain Division. Balkans three Divisions in Greece including Crete of which one six four Division in Salonica. Estimates facts and figures contained this message based on information obtained from very reliable friendly official sources. Equivalent four Divisions North Africa approximately two Italy thirty Poland thirty Germany.

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From: Ankara

To: Milid

No. 225, August 5, 1942

Most reliable source here reference your no 161 British report July 28th German strength in Divisions Russian theater Finland 5 mountain 2 infantry 2D category. Northern Sector 2 Armored Cavalry Divisions motorized 1 SS motorized 1 light 7 Infantry 1st category 18 Infantry 2D category 2 lines of communications and internal security. Central 7 armored 7 motorized 1 SS motorized 1 light 1 cavalry 9 Infantry First Category 44 Infantry Second Category 8 Infantry low category 6 lines of communications and internal security. Southern 10 armored 2 motorized 2 SS motorized 4 light 2 Mountain 7 Infantry First category 27 infantry second category 4 infantry low category 4. Believed to be in Russia unlocated 1 armored 1 infantry second category 1 infantry low category 1 lines of communications and internal security. France 3 armored 18 infantry low category 3 Ersatz 1 lines of communications and internal security. Belgium 2 infantry low category. Holland 1 infantry low category. Denmark 1 infantry low category 1 Ersatz. Norway 1 Mountain 5 infantry second category 2 infantry low category. Germany and 1 SS motorized 1 infantry second category 24 Ersatz 22 lines of communications and internal security. Poland 8 lines of communications and internal security. Yugoslavia 4 infantry low category. Greece and Crete 1 infantry low category plus 1 infantry regiment. Africa 2 armored 1 light 1 infantry second category all under strength. Possible Italy 1 Infantry division. Locations uncertain 2 infantry second category 3 lines of communications and internal security. Total divisions 299 and 1 regiment. Possibly some listed under Central Russia moved to Don. Continued in my next agreed.

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August 6, 1942
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From: Ankara
To: Milid Washn DC
No. 226 August 5, 1942

Moscow press reported latter part July (reference your No. 161) following German Division identification Voronesh 15th question mark 323D (Recently arrived from France. Don Basin 70th, 82nd, 240th, 246th, 300th, 306th, 361st, 362nd, 371st, and 377th Infantry. 24th and 25th Panzer. Leningrad 536th Infantry Regiment. British source states that German deserters in Turkey report Lehr Regiment ZBV at Brandenburg 1st battalion at Baden 2D at Brandenburg refilled in Russia. 3D Company of 4 battalion anti commando operations Norway. Continued in next telegram.

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From: Ankara

To: Milid

No. 227, August 5, 1942

British source reports dated July 8th give following German disposition Holland 304th Infantry Division Northeast of Dunkirk 305th East of Tourcoing unknown division Northeast of Tourcoing. France 15th Army headquarters Tourcoing 37th Corps headquarters Lille 32D Corps headquarters Rouen 9th or 60th Corps headquarters Caen unidentified division East of Calais 106th Boulogne 321st South of Boulogne 302D Dieppe 10th Panzer Amiens 332D Le Havre 716th Soissons unidentified division south of Rouen and Caen 320th south of Cherbourg 71th question mark East of Granville 319th near Dinan. 7th Army headquarters Angers 25th Corps headquarters Nantes unidentified corps headquarters Bordeaux 335th division Brest 333rd L'Orient unidentified division near Nantes 370th Angers 7th Panzer near Parthenay 708th LaRoche 15th Question mark north of Bordeaux 715th north of Bayonne. Army group Fontainebleau. 1st Army headquarters, 6th Panzer division and unidentified tank training command at Paris 45th Corps headquarters Dijon 712th Division Auxerre training division 148th 182D 158th at Metz Nancy Strasbourg respectively.

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From: Ankara
To: MILID

No. 207, July 9, 1942

Reliable French source reports 3 German Pan
zer and 29 German Infantry Divisions in France,
Belgium and Holland. 8 of 29 in reserve near
Aachen. French General Staff states a second
front possible from Cherbourg to Rotterdam with
5 Pan Zer and 14 motorized Divisions.

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From: Am Embassy London
To: Milid

No. 3434 Sept 19, 1942

Japanese strength southwest Pacific estimated by war office follows: Rabual over thirtyfive thousand including tanks, horse cavalry, antiaircraft and harbor defence artillery.

Buin dash Tonolei dash Faisi dash Shortland Area fifteen hundred.

Gaudalcanal six to eight thousand.

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From: Vichy
To : Milid

No. 72, August 23, 1942

Forty to forty five divisions in Japan Proper, twenty five to thirty in China and seven in South West China and Burma, twenty five to thirty Manchukuo, five Indo China, one and one half New Guinea, five Thailand and Dutch East Indies according to latest available reliable information. This message in reply your sixty eight. No additional information available relative Japanese preparations.

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August 14, 1942
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From: Chungking
To: Milid

No. Milid 312 August 11, 1942

Chinese Air Force Intelligence report localization Japanese Divisions in northeast Manchuria: 14th (not definite) vicinity Aigun, Heiho, Nunkiang. 8th, 23d vicinity Hailar, Manchouli. Hailun, Lungkiang, Harbin. 10th vicinity Kiamussu, ilan. 11th, 12th vicinity Mutankiang, Mishan, Muling, Suifenho, Ningan. 9th, 34th vicinity Changchun, Kirin City, Lafa, Yenki, Tunhua. 24th, 56th vicinity Saupingkai, Fengtien City, Port Arthur. 53d (not definite) vicinity Solun, Tsoan. 25th vicinity Kailu, Chihfeng, Jehol City, Kupeikou. Japanese prisoners state fourteen Divisions in area. In addition to 13 reported herewith there are eight Border Defense Detachments with strength bit larger than Artillery Brigade.

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From: Cinc Swpa
To: Agwar Washington DC

No. C-207, August 6th, 1942

In reference your twentyfive July twenty second Jap order of battle, our sources of information, in addition to yours, is troopers, London. Difference in allocation as follows: First, your total Depot Divisions seventeen; troopers eighteen, of which fifteen in Japan, two in Korea, one in Formosa. We accept eighteen as more accurate. Second, you list fifteen total Tank Regiments; troopers fourteen. Australian authorities accept your estimate. Most secret sources and checking have indicated movement late May Formosan Division and two of original four Divisions plus two Tank Regiments from Philippines to Manchuria. One probably both remaining two Philippines Divisions possibly moving now toward Rabaul dash Truk Area, leaving behind only line of communications troops. Third, troopers lists eighty four as total number Divisions against your eighty two. Difference consists of acceptance of new Sixty Ninth and Seventieth Divisions having been formed from Sixteenth, Eighteenth, and Twentieth, Independent Mixed Brigades. With new conscript classes being called, Eighty Four Divisions represent reasonable figure. Troopers does not accept more than Eighty Four Divisions in spite of availability man power, assumes inability to equip larger force. Fourth, Fifty Eighth Division located by you in Burma; troopers lists fifty eighth and new sixty ninth and seventieth in north and central China. Fifth, reliable but unconfirmed reports transfer five Divisions from Saigon to Siam early July.

MacArthur

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