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Combined Chiefs of Staff
July 23, 1943

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CG, FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 3233

USFCR LONDON, ENGLAND
(FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF)

Number R1066

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed that the first attack on Tidalwave should precede attack on fighter factories and latter should take place as soon afterwards as coordinated plan with 8th Air Force can be arranged. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 172, from The Combined Chiefs of Staff. Followup attacks on Tidalwave to follow attacks on fighter factories.

Ploesti

ORIGINATOR: CC/S Gen Deane

INFORMATION: OPD
Adm King
Gen Arnold
Gen Strong
Gen Hillering
Log

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From: Algiers
To : WAR

NR : W2995/2323 18 June

My NAF 234, for USFOR ref W 2064 and for AGWAR ref 7930 outlined conception of SOAPSUDS as agreed in conferences here which were attended by Generals Marshall and Brook. (To Devers for action to Marshall for information signed Eisenhower.) This refers to AGWAR 439 of June 17. BIGOT SOAPSUDS. The primary consideration was that there should be no interference with HUSKY, but the secondary consideration was that the 3 additional groups be assembled in North Africa as soon as possible to commence their training which would include actual participation in HUSKY. It is now apparent that the 93rd and 44th groups are training in UK, and that the 389th group which we were informed by AGWAR 9639 dated 5 June would be sent direct to Marrakech, is being assembled in UK with inevitable delay in arriving here. Aside from possible use of these 3 groups in preparations for HUSKY proper, their presence in Cyrenaica and their use on Eastern Mediterranean targets at an early date would favor deceptive plans, and would prevent necessary diversion of our B 24's for that purpose. Had planned to use these additional groups in HUSKY at a reduced scale of effort that will permit adequate time for training.

Consider it essential that plan as evolved meeting at Algiers be adhered to and that 93rd and 44th groups be immediately dispatched to Benghazi area and that 389th proceed direct to Marrakech.

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NAF 234 is CM-IN-3107 (5 June 43) CCS
439 is CM-OUT-6777 (16 June 43) OPD
9639 is CM-OUT-2170 (5 June 43) GEN. ARNOLD
WDCMC believes 7930 to be in error.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: GEN. ARNOLD, GEN. DEANE (CC/S), Cofs
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From: USFOR London
To: WAR
No: W-757, 15 June 43

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By 25th June 80 airplanes and crews of 44th and 93rd groups will be prepared for movement to North Africa. BIGOT SOAPSUDS (to Marshall signed Devers) reference your 1821 of 12th June each group will carry combat crew and limited number of ground technicians. June 25th date made necessary by late arrival of replacement combat crews which must be processed prior to departure. 389th group can follow within 10 days after arrival here. Since all N 7 sights sent this theater have been installed on 44th and 93rd groups, sights for 389th group must be installed in Africa unless airplanes are so equipped upon arrival. Loss of 3 groups from this theater at this most critical time reduces our strength by 1/5th. These units should be returned at earliest possible date to insure our ability to meet target program laid down by Combined Chiefs of Staff. Recommend that these groups be definitely reserved for SOAPSUDS only and returned as such as it is completed. This believed vital to the success of that project. With this Colonel Smart agrees. Colonel Smart, and Colonel Timberlake who is Tactical Wing Commander, will precede group by approximately 10 days to arrange for reception of group and participate in final detailed planning. Timberlake has had considerable experience in this and the North African theater. He believes firmly in soundness of SOAPSUDS plan and will aggressively implement it.

ACTION: OPD Newig
INFORMATION: GENERAL ARNOLD, GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
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Executive Office, Theater Group
Operations Division WDOPD WCB

June 11, 1943

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NEFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-9460

For BIGOT operations Soapsuds (Devers for Esler from Marshall) Eisenhower desires delivery to Marrakech of flight echelons of 389, 46 and 93 heavy bomb groups as soon as practicable. Please expedite the movement of these 3 groups through and from your theater. You are authorized to work out details of movement directly with Eisenhower.

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ORIGINATOR: CPD
INFORMATION: GEN ARNOLD
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
CCS JRD

June 8, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FORTUNE ALGIERS

NUMBER 334

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAND

NUMBER 9337

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed (BIGOT-Soapsuds) that the necessary Air Forces be assembled in North Africa as soon as possible (for Eisenhower, Fortune Algiers, FAN 134, from The Combined Chiefs of Staff) and that you should carry out operation Soapsuds at the earliest practicable date provided that it does not on any account prejudice HUSKY or risk failure through inadequate time for preparation.

*Bombing
of Ploesti oil*

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
ADM. KING
GEN. ARNOLD
GEN. STRONG
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To: War NAF-234 W-2064
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RHP Pleasanti

June 5, 1943

Bombing

After study by Air Staff and conferences here with Generals Marshall and Brooke my opinion is that SOAPSUDS is important and desirable operation and I recommend that it be undertaken at earliest possible moment when it will not detract from weight of HUSKY and adequate time can be allowed for training and preparation. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. BIGOT SOAPSUDS. This is NAF 234. Tedder believes that this will not be possible by June. Therefore, the precise moment of execution should be determined here.

Two groups of B-24's now in UK and one group B-24's now en route to UK from United States via Africa should be assembled in North Africa as soon as possible for training and during this period they should be available for operational use.

It was agreed here that the Prime Minister and General Marshall will present the conclusions of the conference, substantially as above, to the British War Cabinet and US Chiefs of Staff respectively.

In view of the foregoing, recommend orders be given for 389th Group from United States and two Groups from UK to arrive here earliest possible moment to commence their training which will include actual participation in operation HUSKY. As far as can be seen at present estimate, we should

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USFOR London No 7
June 5, 1943

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be able undertake SOAPSUDS end of July with total of five Heavy Bomber Groups. Tactical considerations and navigational aids being actively discussed here and with Air Ministry who are preparing models and relief maps of target area and important portions of country.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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ADM KING
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Joint Chiefs of Staff

June 4, 1943

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CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 9596

U S Chiefs of Staff have approved Compsuds, but at a meeting of Combined Chiefs of Staff this date they were informed that British Chiefs of Staff had not yet received your recommendations. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As soon as concurrence of British Chiefs of Staff is received, you will be informed.

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INFORMATION: OPD

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Date - DEC 22 1971

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR, Nr: W 1257
USFOR London, No #

May 25, 1943

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BIGOT Statesman presented by Colonel Smart yesterday. The prize offered is a great one. Both Tedder and I are anxious to do the job. My only concern is the loss of Sorties against HUSKY at a most critical period. For Combined Chiefs of Staff and British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 226. BIGOT Statesman. Being made are detailed studies to determine cost of proposed operation to HUSKY.

Losses to HUSKY by diversion of 2 groups to Statesman can in a measure be compensated for by moving to this theater as early as practicable the 2 B-24 groups from the UK and the B-24 group scheduled for movement from US to UK in late June. Crews of these groups can thus be indoctrinated in tactics and technique peculiar to this theater prior to Statesman and engage in pre HUSKY missions which would be of extreme value to that operation and better prepare crews for Statesman. For planning purposes 23rd June has been set as tentative target date. Upon completion of studies as to how much this will hurt me in HUSKY operations and the logistic capabilities of the Statesman airdrome area, I will forward my recommendation.

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INFORMATION: OPD, General Strong, Admiral King, General Arnold, LOG

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR W 1259
USFOR - London No #

May 25, 1943

BIGOT STATESMAN Request all messages
(For Combined Chiefs of Staff and British
Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower (NAF 227))
pertaining to STATESMAN begin with words
"BIGOT STATESMAN" for purposes of ultra
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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GENERAL STRONG
ADM. KING
GENERAL ARNOLD

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