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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 875 Nov 30, 1942

Local French officials including Darlan and Giraud with whom this question has been discussed have stated for the moment that they are not interested generally in having additional civilians come to this area. From Eisenhower for Marshall from Murphy for Hull your R three six nine five. Giraud will welcome military personnel but he should be consulted in advance regarding individuals. For example in the case of General Odic he would prefer that Odic be left temporarily in suspense until French organization can be improved. There is still much to be done in this respect. Darlan for example would like the military and Naval personnel of the French Embassy Staff to remain in the United States as Liaison Officers. It is suggested that it would be well for you to telegraph me a list of names of French Nationals who offer their services to the local authorities.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 2868 Nov 30, 1942

Summary
Another conference between Admirals Harwood Godfroy was held November twenty nine. Captains for French vessels definitely anti British and do not favor turning vessels over to British. British Naval Command expresses opinion Godfroy may follow Toulon action and scuttle ships. British report recent air reconnaissance over Toulon showed following vessels intact: One cruiser of Soufren dash eight inch dash class, two cruisers of Galissonniere dash six inch dash class three destroyers two of which Tigre class one Mogador class. Heavily on fire two cruisers Soufren class one Galissonniere class. Battleship Strasbourg aground on even keel. For Marshall from Andrews. Battleship Dunkerque still in floating dock damage to it unknown. Aircraft carrier Comandante Teste listing very badly. Old battleship Provence very badly down by stern. Various other units obviously scuttled seen. Toulon Harbor very badly mined.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No AMSME 2856 Nov 29, 1942

Bombers dash apparently operating from Crete-
sank one British tanker inside Tobruk Harbor, set
another tanker on fire outside same harbor early
morning Nov two nine. For Marshall from Andrews
captains of French fleet met in Alexandria Nov two
eight, Admiral Harwood is endeavoring to force
Admiral Godfroy to decision on disposition of those
ships.

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To: AGWAR

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No. 817, November 29, 1942

Part Four begins. Colonel Raff reported by phone from Feriana this afternoon no enemy forces between Kairoaun nd Tebessa. He stated that airdrome at Gafsa will be ready for our use in two days.

Governor Boisson arrived Algiers this afternoon. In a preliminary conference with Darlan nd Murphy Boisson indicated that he will cooperate fully with us nd is prepared to enter into an agreement which will give us the facilities in French West Africa we desire. The general tenor of the conversation was that French West Africa will be in the war with us En Bloc.

With exception of light bombing attack early twenty eight, Algiers area has been free from bombing since night twenty third-twenty fourth. Damage to city is light, but it has resulted in some evacuation, especially among poorer classes living near docks.

Office nd living accommodations in Algiers extremely scarce. City is badly overcrowded because of refugee problem. Requisitioning procedure is well organized, nd the French are cooperating fully. However, progress is very slow because of difficulty in finding space for people who must move.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 817, November 29, 1942

Late information just received that all
C forty seven planes returned safely. No enemy
aircraft encountered. Parachute drop successful.
Paras numbered eight one seven, eight one nine,
eight two three.

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November 29, 1942

COMMANDING GENERAL, AEF
USFOR, LONDON
No. R-3752

The following message has just been received from the President (for Eisenhower's Eyes Alone Freedom, Algiers from Marshall): "In reference to Eisenhower's number 600, November 26, I still must emphasize that I do not favor any formal agreement or contract. It must be remembered that the whole current situation is based on the military command of the area by General Eisenhower. A unilateral announcement by him to Admiral Darlan is, therefore, proper where a bilateral agreement would not be. In regard to the language proposed, I have no objection to it if it is not called "an accord" but is called an "announcement" or "statement" by Eisenhower.

It should be made clear, however, that if victory requires the use for war purposes of shipping that can be obtained anywhere, the objective of victory is necessarily paramount. It is, of course, obvious that the Allied Nations will do all in their power to maintain adequate food supplies and necessities for all friendly peoples."

The President's message also includes his disapproval of paragraph 2(c) which was forwarded to you yesterday in our number R-3720.

ORIGINATOR: COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF (Adms King and Leahy
for information.)

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From: London
To: AGWAR _____

No. 745, November 28, 1942.

(Darlan has again referred to the question of French Somaliland (from C in C to CC/C). He suggests that British authorities might wish to cooperate in opening the Port of Djibouti to the Allied war effort and in making arrangements for the supply of the population. May I have your comment on which to base a reply to Darlan?)

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11/29/42 1230 pm

President directed I tell Ad. Leahy that we should do the same for Djibouti as we are doing for Dakar - i.e. food, penicins, etc -

This was done by me at time noted above by telephone

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From: London (1958Z/28th)
To: AGWAR
No. 5305 Nov 28, 1942

There will be General Smith party five (from Longfellow to George for Bickley La Guardia signed Eisenhower) arriving American export flight number eight eight. Meet on arrival reserve first connecting plane to Washington number one priority.

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Note - General Smith will not arrive before tomorrow - He may arrive tomorrow - weather permitting.

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Operations Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOPD

November 28, 1942

USFOR
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No. R-3706

The President has authorized the following supplement to our number R-3519 November 24 Marshall to Eisenhower, Freedom Algiers "The United States will undertake to furnish food to Dakar, return those persons recently sent out, guarantee pensions, etc., as we are doing elsewhere in French Africa"

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London
To: AGWAR

Number 5295, November 28, 1942

Have arranged handle Smith party
five (to George for Ireland signed Eisenhower)
on flight eight eight American export expect
ETD two nine November. Expect Sikorsky party
six liberator ETD two eight November.

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From: London (1425/27)
To: AGWAR

No. 652, November 27th, 1942.

Following is English translation of letter just delivered to this Headquarters by Admiral Darlan for transmission to Godfroy through Admiral Cunningham (for CCS from Eisenhower). Letter has arranged for it to be flown to destination by air Marshal Tedder who is returning today: "My Dear Godfroy, the armistice having been broken the eleventh of November by the invasion of France, in agreement with General Nogues, ***** Dera and Governor General, we consider that, remaining faithful to the person of the Marshall, we should, in the superior interests of the country, participate side by side with the Americans and their Allies in the struggle against the Axis and for the liberation of our territories. The United States has taken a formal engagement for the integral re-establishment of French sovereignty as it existed in one nine three nine. French West Africa and the Naval Forces stationed there have just freely placed themselves under my orders. I now ask you to join with us with your squadron which for eighteen months, under your firm authority, has given proof of the most enlightened patriotism and greatest dignity. Admiral Cunningham has been good enough to transmit this letter to you. Very cordially your (signed) F Darlan".

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
November 27, 1942

Commanding General
European Theater of Operations
London, England

No. R-3684

1. The Combined Raw Materials Board is anxious to insure that the raw material resources of North Africa are put to the best use of the United Nations. Matter being considered in the following 2 phases: (A) The 1st Phase-to insure that at once, when shipping is available, the right materials are sent to the right place. (B) the 2nd Phase, which is now less important and which can only be reached when you have more assistance, is the compilation of an accurate forecast of what quantities of the various raw materials will be available for shipment before July 1, 1943.

2. To cover the 1st phase, the Combined Raw Materials Board has made the following allocation of the raw materials presently available in North Africa. It requests that, pending receipt of the reports requested in paragraph 7 below and the establishment of permanent purchasing arrangements, the responsible United States and United Kingdom authorities in French North Africa take all possible steps to arrange for the purchase by the appropriate United States and United Kingdom procuring agencies and shipment of available raw materials as follows (as to this see paragraph 4 below): (A) iron ore (including pyrites) and phosphate rock (including superphosphates) to the United Kingdom in all amounts that can be shipped; to the extent that supplies exceed expected shipping to the United Kingdom, they may be made available to the United States. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. (B) Manganese, cobalt ore, and copper ore and concentrates to the United States. (C) Zinc ore and concentrates, lead bullion and ore, molybdenite and tungsten ore to the United Kingdom. (D) Cork to the United States. For Murphy from State Department. (E) Mercury and tin to be held for local consumption or for shipment against middle east requirements. (F) Antimony ore to await information as to amounts and analyses.

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Fan. 25. 3. The Combined Raw Materials Board further requests that, in the event that any available materials have not been purchased and that arrangements cannot be made for shipment prior to the making of definite purchasing arrangements, you so state, indicating amounts and grades of materials available for immediate purchase.

4. Department is advised that the United Kingdom has sent purchasing agents into the field who will be prepared to undertake purchases of materials allocated to the United Kingdom. We appreciate that no United States procuring agents have as yet been sent out and that you may be handicapped in arranging for shipments to the United States of the materials allocated to the United States unless they have been or can be purchased through ordinary channels of trade. Your reply to paragraph 3 will indicate to us what purchasing instructions will have to be issued at this end. Members of the group mentioned in our 428 of November 21 will be authorized to undertake the necessary purchases.

5. With respect to the actual shipping arrangements, the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board is preparing and will cause to be despatched via London within the next day or two, instructions which will provide the shipping framework within which the above determinations by the Combined Raw Materials Board must be carried out. The determinations of the Combined Raw Materials Board, together with the shipping instructions to be sent by the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board, should enable you to decide an immediate order of priority of shipment. Shipping arrangements must of course be subject to approval of appropriate military authorities. In the case of shipments to the United Kingdom you should make the necessary arrangements with the British officials to insure that the shipments of the products in which the United Kingdom is interested also begin to take place at once. As shipments will doubtless take place from a number of ports, you should repeat this telegram promptly to all port officers through the appropriate channels, together with the priority shipment list drawn up by you in accordance with the 2nd sentence of this paragraph. Also, please communicate the instructions of the Combined Raw Materials Board set forth herein, as well as those to be sent by the Combined Shipping Adjustment board, to the American and British civilian officials with whom you are in touch.

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Will you then please report to the department for communication to the Combined Raw Materials Board as follows: (A) What measures you have been able to take to insure the carrying out of the 1st phase above mentioned. (B) To whom these instructions have been communicated. (C) All shipments made to United States and United Kingdom.

6. Subject to such over-riding shipping instructions as may be issued by the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board, the Combined Raw Materials Board requests that the following preferences be controlling: (A) for the United States: manganese, copper, and cobalt ore should have preference over cork or phosphate. Phosphate rock should be sent to the United States only as ballast or if the vessel returning is bound for Baltimore or more northern ports. (B) For the United Kingdom: 1st preference should go to phosphate rock, 2nd to iron ore, and 3rd, equally to tungsten and molybdenite, always provided that the conditions of shipping permit efficient handling. For instance, if there is shipping opportunity for say 200 tons only, preference should be given to tungsten and molybdenite over phosphate rock.

7. In order to assist the Combined Raw Materials Board in its further studies, it will be necessary for it to have at the earliest possible date reports by the appropriate United States and United Kingdom Government agencies as to the amounts and specifications of the various raw materials which will be available for shipment before July 1st 1943. As soon as you have the necessary assistance, the board requests that you have individual commodity reports made and telegraphed to the department from time to time for transmittal to the board. Thereafter, it will be possible for the Combined Boards to prepare and despatch more detailed instructions concerning the movement of the above-mentioned raw materials and other matters in which the various Combined Boards have an interest.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

November 27, 1942

Commanding General
European Theatre of Operations

Number R-3659

Combined Shipping Adjustment Board is anxious to get into service of the United Nations as rapidly as possible the French ships now in French West Africa, of which the number is considerable. The same conditions should apply as are applicable to French ships in North African ports. Can this be negotiated with the French authorities with whom you are now in touch in North Africa on shipping questions, or must separate discussions be opened in West Africa? For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from Combined Chiefs of Staff. We understand that you are being assisted in your shipping negotiations by Kerr, representative of war shipping administrations who has been joined by Allen and Graham of the ministry of war transport. Together these represent views of Combined Shipping Adjustment Board. If separate discussions must be opened in West Africa can you arrange for suitable representatives of Combined Shipping Adjustment Board to assist you in the necessary negotiations? Please report arrangements made. The Allied ships in North and West Africa which are not of course subject to the general negotiations for French ships, even if they are at present flying the French flag, will when recovered be returned to Allied governments. Fan 24. Pending any arrangements to get all these ships into service we rely on you to take all necessary steps to ensure safety of these ships against sabotage.

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Special Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOFD

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Your reply to Admiral Darlans letter of November 21 to General Clark should be somewhat as follows: From Marshall to General Eisenhower Freedom Algiers for his eyes only. Begin answer. I can assure you that my Government fully appreciates the assistance being rendered its Military Forces in North Africa by you and your associates and hope that this splendid cooperation will continue in ways most effective to the end that our Axis enemies will be completely defeated and France restored to her proper position as a world power. Whoever aids the Allied cause is aiding France, and the United States will support any Frenchman who cooperates in assisting in the defeat of our common enemies.

Whether you continue to serve permanently as the Civil Head of North Africa or lead French Naval Forces against the Axis is a matter we could doubtless agree upon from the standpoint of acquiring maximum results. We urgently hope that the different French factions fighting for the Allied cause will completely cooperate with one another and with the United States, under leaders of their own choice whose purpose is to serve France to their best ability in positions for which they are most suitable. According to my best opinion, my Government will not have in mind contrary views. End.

This matter has been discussed with the President, who agrees with the thought expressed herein but desires that the assurances come from you without formally committing the United States Government at this time

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 5250 Nov 26, 1942

In original backbone plan two divisions from PK assaulted Tangier and Tetuan respectively. (NAF thirty seven from Eisenhower to Combined Chiefs of Staff signed Smith) detailed examination, showing anticipated heavy shipping losses from Coast defenses, makes desirable some plan not involving passage straits by any portion assault force.

Para Two Alternative, whereby First US Division from Oren assaults Tetuan in conjunction British one Division assault on Tangier as originally planned, being examined and representatives first US Division coming London.

Para Three Maximum assistance by WTP before completion build up, and possibility maintaining all forces backbone area through port Lyautey or other Atlantic ports, in event air threat precluding use of Tangier and Ceuta, being investigated.

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To : AGWAR

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No. 600, November 26, 1942

French showing most cooperative attitude and are clearly desirous of getting their ships into service as rapidly as possible. From Eisenhower to Combined Chiefs of Staff for information to Harri-man ~~MIT~~. I consider it of great urgency to get port of Algiers cleared as soon as possible for security of vessels and port and to provide additional berthing space. The following accord was reached twenty five November: "One dash the High Commissariat for French Africa retains and holds under its own management the tonnage required for first the transport of troops requested by General Giraud between French West Africa and French North Africa upon the approval of the Commanding General Allied Forces. Second the maintenance of indispensable economic traffic between French West Africa French North Africa. Third North African coast-wise traffic. Two dash the following ships: PLM two one, AGEN, Lorraine, Wyoming, De La Salle, Schiffino, Carlier (the Carlier will make one return voyage and her future status will be decided after that trip) will be chartered by the French High Commissariat for French North Africa to the Shipping Committee under the terms of the original chartering engagement with the following reservations: A. Return to French North African ports with freight for North Africa (coal, kerosene, etc). B. Assurance will be given that in English or United States ports these ships shall not risk being reassigned to services other than those of the High Commissariat. C. The Allied governments shall, on the basis of equality of treatment for equality of service to the United Nations, at the end of hostilities, grant to the French Merchant Fleet, upon the re-

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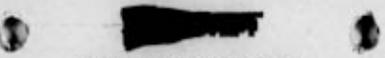
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quest of the French government, the facilities necessary for the purpose of restoring said fleet. Three dash all ships shall be classified under categories one or two above, according to technical facilities and military or economic needs, in consultation and agreement with the Commanding General Allied Forces."

Under this accord the Lorraine, Wyoming and De La Salle will proceed to the United States, the others to the United Kingdom, all fueling Gibraltar. We have agreed that in reference to seven vessels under paragraph two above, the French Maritime Transport will act as the managing operator of the vessels and that those going to the United Kingdom will be consigned to the Ministry of War transport and those going to the United States to the War Shipping Administration. Under paragraph one above French have agreed to send Athos second, Champolion, Colombia and Rhea to Gibraltar within next few days. These will proceed to Dakar only upon clarification of situation there and when specific authorization is given by Commanding General Allied Forces.

Clause two C was accepted by us subject your approval. French are anxious for prompt reply. Will cable as soon as received from French values of vessels for insurance purposes.

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should be made relative to
post war adjustments
of merchant shipping we
have promised to restore
France and they must
take our word for it
that ^{this} will include a
reasonable determination of
all economic problems including
merchant shipping. W.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*have made no agreements
with any of our allies
regarding post war merchant
shipping and no exceptions
should be made to the French
in North Africa.*

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From: London
To: Agwar

#Jan none, November 26, 1942

Air Marshal Teddar, Air Vice Marshal Park and Major General Brereton are here today conferring with Allied Headquarters in working out details of air operations intended to produce maximum results within the scope of present feasibility. From C in C to CCS. I expect much good to come from this conference since the three individuals above named are all enthusiastically seeking opportunities for rendering maximum assistance in the common cause.

Information currently available indicates that all is going satisfactorily in the first phase of our campaign for Tunisia. This phase involves driving in of enemy forces, separating Bizerte and Tunis with hope of early capture of latter, and crowding the enemy back around Bizerte where, by air and naval action we will pound him and render his reinforcement difficult while we build up strength for final assault.

In spite of difficulties encountered in rain-soaked landing fields, poor supply and lack of maintenance facilities, our air has been supporting the ground advance in fine fashion. This morning an attack by ASP-Thirtysixths and DB Sevens on Tunis field was

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To: Agwar

particularly successful while Welch's Spitfires are still able to cover advancing ground forces. No late report from Anderson is available but he is apparently pressing every advantage.

Barring accidents United States armor and armored infantry under General Oliver of total strength of four thousand should be ready to start forward from Constantine area no later than morning of twenty-eighth. This force was called Combat Team B in Oran operation. When Oliver's force arrives on battle line we hope to be able to complete first phase.

Scattered United States detachments among French covering right flank have had a most stimulating effect on French morale and secured from them as much help as they are capable of giving. This has allowed Anderson great freedom of action in pressing forward on a relatively narrow front. At the same time French-American composite units have protected airfields in Tibessu-Gafsa areas and allowed United States air to use those fields.

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From: London Hag
To: AGWAR

No 5225 November 25, 1942

Imperative have C dash five four available
Prestwick for departure two eight November according
our five one eight six NF two four November (from
Eisenhower to George for Ireland) for Generals Smith
and Hughes party five directed by telephone from
Washington today also General Sikorsky party six to
confer President first December plus Ferry Pilot.
General Smith and party must be back here in six
days. Confirm fast.

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From: London England (25/2345Z)
To: AGWAR

Number 522, November 25, 1942

Since the publication of today's news that French West Africa had joined the United Nations the attitude of the French Military and Civil Authorities has improved noticeably. They have agreed to arrest and intern all objectionable Axis men and women in the Constantine area tonight and tomorrow morning and to place guards on vulnerable points. The general attitude of the French Army in the forward areas is also reported on as much improved. A raid on an Italian out post position by parachute bn last night is reported as successful twenty two being taken. Reports have not yet been received of planned raids by commandos in the Dj. abvod area. In an armoured patrol action two two November near El Aroussa we lost two armoured cars. US lightnings operating from the Tebessa report successful two days in Kabes Sfax area having destroyed in air or on ground twelve Italian troop carrying aircraft one JU eight eight and two other Italian planes today and eleven enemy tanks yesterday. Intense enemy air activity during the afternoon on the roads in the areas Medjex El Bab Beja. US parachute bn under Col Raff continues to operate actively in general area Sbeitla exact locations of his parties and those of French working with him not yet known. Disembarkation and concentration of KM three troops is proceeding according to plan. During past twenty four hours weather has deteriorated with widespread rain in mountains, Philippeville aerodrome unserviceable in consequence.

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NOVEMBER 25, 1942

TO: THE COMMANDING GENERAL
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

R-3583

The combined shipping adjustment board in Washington concur in importance of moving French ships from North Africa promptly. You are authorized at your discretion to make best possible temporary arrangements under which rights of both parties for long-term agreement will not be prejudiced. For Commandeth for Eisenhower from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. We have no objection to temporary use French flag for voyages to United State or United Kingdom provided ample measures are taken to prevent escape of any ship to a neutral port. Permanent arrangements would have to be worked out between representatives North African French and Combined Shipping Adjustment Board as such arrangements necessarily will affect arrangements now being negotiated in connection with other French ships. Fan 23. We agree that under long-term arrangements this French North African shipping should be pooled for Allied uses and that North African French should depend upon fair allocation of shipping by Combined Shipping Adjustment Board in same manner as other Allied Nations. As information, the cargo of food, drugs, and other supplies originally booked to be carried to North Africa by 4 French ships now being held here for arming and degaussing, has been taken over by Lend Lease and will be forwarded with Army cargo in early convoy.

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From: London (1725/25)
To: AGWAR

No. 539, November 25, 1942.

I concur in method suggested in your R three five one nine for handling Dakar negotiations (from Eisenhower to General Marshall). Present plan is for Boisson to come to Algiers Saturday November twenty eighth where details of agreement between Darlan and Boisson are to be worked out. We understand this conference to be followed by one at Dakar. Darlan and Boisson insist that their negotiations with Allies must be carried on with Americans and I will suggest to them that American Admiral and Air Corps Officer go to Dakar direct from the United States. One of Darlan's purposes is to send Dakar ships to the United States for rehabilitation. At conference here, I will also present the matter of immediate establishment of air route through Senegal and will ask for authority for United States to begin concrete preparations at once without waiting for details of conference. When conference begins here, I will keep you advised at frequent intervals of progress so that your own arrangements may go forward. I assume that Darlan will send a representative to the Dakar meeting and I will send Matthews of our Civil Affairs Section.

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From: Derouin Beirut
To: MILID WD

No. 4 November 24, 1942

General Catroux slipped out via air last Thursday destination London local tip says to Tunisia assume command being bitter rival of Giraud. Possibly not return here. General De Larminat French Commander Western Desert arrived via air Saturday and assuming command here can verify arrival because I was in party that met him at airport and was presented to him by Chief of Staff. Impressive presentation Waqsworths credentials to Lebanon President Nineteenth with much Graustark atmosphere. Presentation Damascus twenty sixth Syrian Govt planning big show.

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Telegram No. : 2071 Rec'd: Nov. 24, 10:02 am
From: Cairo Dated: Nov. 24, 10 am

The reaction to the landings in North Africa of forces of the United Nations which was felt by the crews of the French ships in Alexandria is indicated in recent reports received from that port. The recent events caused the crews to come closer under the authority of Admiral Godefroy and to wait to see what his orders might be. The Admiral did nothing whatever, an action which is typical of him. As a result the crews now tend to look to Toulon as their model. They apparently believe that the French fleet which has not so far been seized by any power embodies the last vestiges of the independence of France and they feel a certain pride that this is so. In connection with this report please refer to the last paragraph of my cable of November 14, 10 a.m., no. 1998.

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Nov 25, 1942
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From: Gibraltar
To: AGWAR

No. 1226, JAN, November 24, 1942.

An English translation of French rendition of the letter of the Sultan of Morocco, written to the President of the United States follows. From C in C to Marshall. Original message signed by Sultan is in Arabic and will be forwarded (*). Repka Palace of his Majesty The Sultan secretariat reply of his majesty the Sultan to the President of the United States we were happy to receive your letter and your telegraphic message which came to us successively to express your friendship and to reinforce the friendly relations which had existed for a long time between the United States and Morocco.

After the Armistice of June, nineteen forty, we made an agreement with the Representative of France in Morocco to defend our empire against any and all aggressors in order to prevent its occupation. When the American troops arrived in Morocco honor forced upon us the duty of defending ourselves in order that we might live up to our agreements. The limited means at our disposal were insufficient to permit us to defend our empire against forces superior both in numbers and in material. However, when the cessation of hostilities had been ordered and the Commanders of your troops affirmed that they did not come as conquerors but as liberators, when they had given us tangible proof of their friendly methods, we had faith in their agreements. All of the inhabitants of this country have received them as friends. Furthermore, Morocco has no disagreement with the great nation of the United States, whose chivalrous and liberal principles

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are known to us. It was therefore in the above spirit that we declared to Major General Patton that as long as our prestige, our soil, our religion and our traditions were respected by your troops, they could rest assured that they found in Morocco only friends and collaborators.

The first contacts between peoples who do not know each other well enough are marked by hesitation and reticence, but progressively as reciprocal understanding is established between them, they are followed by esteem and friendship which creates a cooperative effort profitable for all.

Such has been the Franco-Moroccan collaboration which has been so rich in happy results for the prosperity and grandeur of Morocco. We are sure that the same will result from contact with The United States of America, for whom we have always had the greatest sympathy and with whom we have for many years had important commercial dealings.

It is in this hope Mr. President, that we pray you to believe in our sincere friendship.

With best wishes for your personal happiness and for the greatness of your glorious country. Signed Mohammed Ben Youssef done at our capital, Rabat the eight day of the month of Dhou El dash Keada in the year one three six one".

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From: London
To : AGWAR

No. 476, November 24, 1942

Darlan is inviting Boisson to come here next Saturday. Conferences will involve Boisson, Darlan and myself assisted by United States Army, naval and civil staff. The succeeding step will be a visit by United States Delegation from here to Dakar to complete details. From C in C to CCS. Darlan has stated to me that he will conduct the affairs of North Africa on a liberal and enlightened basis and in accordance with principles on which the French Republic was founded. His first step will be to begin a process of restoration of property and individual rights to suppressed minorities. This will go forward as rapidly as conditions of Arab prejudices and suspicions will permit. He has invited the Allied Commander in Chief to follow up progress in this direction. In addition to Council of Ministers for the Membership of which includes Giraud and Michelier and heads of territories, Darlan will set up at once a consultative body of representative private citizens to advise in all civic and economic problems. Darlan stated that his present difficulty is communicating with Admiral Robert.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No 5198 Nov 24, 1942

To Secretary War Department General Staff for General Marshall personally from Smith. I have just returned from Torch and note from your number R three four four zero that repercussions from the Darlan agreement have become as acute at home as they were here ten days ago. The situation here is now good and the Prime Minister and Cabinet are in strong support. As I have been in the most intimate touch with the situation here and have just been over all its implications again to Torch, do you think that it would be of any help if I made a quick trip to Washington for a direct report? This would be possible now as the first large echelon of allied headquarters has just been loaded on transports and I will have a breathing spell for a few day following tonight's conference with the Prime Minister and Chiefs of Staff. I do not wish to leave unless you really think it desirable as there is much to be done prior to my final departure about December fifth.

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Note: General Marshall is bringing Gen. Smith back in accordance with the above suggestion

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To: AGWAR

No. JAN 1226, November 24, 1942.

(First part as follows.)

An English translation of French rendition of the letter of the Sultan of Morocco, written to the President of the United States follows. From C in C to Marshall. Original message signed by Sultan is in Arabic and will be forwarded by courier to you via London for delivery to President.

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From: London, England
To: AQWAR

No. 267 November 24, 1942

After extensive consultation with French authorities the below quoted instructions to banking institutions in French North Africa are being issued by French North African authorities. Not all of the suggestions made by US were accepted by the French. French were especially sensitive to our suggestion that banks and other persons be required on request to furnish detailed information and documents with respect to various foreign exchange and banking transaction. For political reasons the French also desired to use different language to describe the freezing of various categories of accounts. Ascertain if treasury has any suggestions regarding the French instructions particularly with reference to the handling of non-yellow seal United States currency. As information is obtained concerning the amount of non-yellow seal US currency in North Africa such information will be forwarded. It is also intended to take up with the treasury the disposition to be made of stocks of non-yellow seal currency now in hands of the French North African banks and any substantial amounts in the hands of private persons. There is also quoted below a communication from Admiral Darlan indication for French and America Exchange Control authorities to work in close cooperation in administering the above quoted French instructions and the Exchange Control Law for North Africa. In this connection it would be very helpful if one or more Treasury Freezing control experts like Edward Bains or Joseph Murphy could be sent to Casablanca. **AF ALAS SUITE DE CHANGES**

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CONVERTISSANT EN FRANCE LES BILLETS DE BANQUES AMERICAINES NE PORTANT PAS UN CACHET JAUNE. IL EST ENTENU QUE LA CONVERSION DES BILLETS EN QUESTION NE POURRA SUR UNE SOMME SUPERIEURE A 250 DOLLARS-S'IL EST DEMANDE EN UNE AU PLUSIEURS FOIS LA CONVERSION DUNE COMME TOTALE SUPERIEURE A 250 DOLLARS LES BANQUES RETIENDRONT CES BILLETS ET NE POURRONT AFFECTUER CETTE OPERATION SANS EN AVOIR OBTENU L'AUTORISATION DE L'OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT. POUR OBTENU CETTE AUTORISATION LES BANQUES DEVRONT FOURNIR LES NOMS ADRESSE ET TONS RESEIGNEMENTS NECESSAIRES SUR L'IDENTITE DE LA PERSONNE SOLLICITANT L'ECHANGE DES BILLETS QUI NE SONT PAS MARQUES D'UN CACHET JAUNE. LES BANQUES DEMANDERONT NOTAMMENT AUX INTERESSES DE DECLARER SOUS SERMENT LES DATES ET LES CIRCONSTANCES DANS LES QUELLES ILS SONT BUTRES EN POSSESSION DE CES DOLLARS ET ELLES TRANSMETTRONT CES RESEIGNEMENTS A L'OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT ELLES PROCEDERONT IMMEDIATEMENT A L'INVENTAIRE DE TONS LES BILLETS DE BANQUE AMERICAINES NE PORTANT PAS UN CACHET JAUNE ET DE TONS LES BILLETS DE BANQUE ANGLAIS AUTRES QUE LES BILLETS SPECIAUX B.M.A. ET FERONT CONNAITRE A L'OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT LE MONTANT DE CES DEVICES EN LEUR POSSESSION DANS UN DELAI DE JOURS. LES BANQUES FOURNIRONT EGALEMENT A L'OFFICE DES CHANGES UN ETAT HEBDOMADAIRE DE TOUTES LEURS ACQUISITIONS DE BILLETS AMERICAINES NE PORTANT PAS UN CACHET JAUNE. ELLES CONSERVERONT ET NE POURRONT REMETTRE EN CIRCULATION LES BILLETS AMERICAINES QUI NE SERAIENT PAS MARQUES D'UN CACHET JAUNE NI LES BILLETS DE BANQUE ANGLAIS ORDINAIRES. LES AUTORITES AMERICAINES EN AFRIQUE DU NORD ECHANGERONT CONTRE LES BILLETS A ESTAMPILLE JAUNE LES BILLETS DE BANQUE AMERICAINES REVETUS DE TOUTE AUTRE ESTAMPILLE ACQUIS CONFORMEMENT AUX STIPULATIONS INDIQUEES CI-DESSUS DEPUIS LE 14 NOVEMBRE QUANT AUX BILLETS ACQUIS PAR LES BANQUES AVANT CETTE DATE IL EST FAIT TOUTE RESERVE JUSQU'A NOUVEL ORDRE

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SUR LES CONDITIONS DE LEUR REMBOURSEMENT COMPTES BLOQUES LES BANQUES PROCEDERONT AN BLOCAGE IMMEDIATE ET NAUTORISER ONT AUCUN PAREMENT TRANSFER TOU RETRAIT DE FONDS DES BIENS APPARTENANT AUX GOUVERNEMENTS OU AUX AGENTS ET REPRESENTATS DES PUISSANCES CI DESSOUS SANS UNE AUT OMISSION EXPRESSE DES AUTORTE FRANCAISES. ALL EMAGNE ITALIE JAPON HONGRIE FINLANDE BULGARIE ROUMANIE. COMPTES SOUMIS A AUTORISATION PREALABLE IL EST CREE UN REGIME DE COMPTES DITS SOUMES A AUTARISATION PREALABLE. HARSQUE LE COMPTE DUNE PERSONNE PHYSIQUE MORALE SERA REPUTE TEL LA BANQUE NE POURRA EFFECTUER AUCNE OPERATION QUELLE SOIT NI PAR L' INTERMEDIARE NI POUR LE COMPTE DE CETTE PERSONNE ELLE NE POURRA NON PLUS EFFECTUAR AUCUNE OPERATION SUR LES BIENS APPARTENANT A CETTE PERSONNE (Y COMPRIS LES AVORS SE TROUVANT DANN LES COFFRES DE BANQUES) AINSI QUE SUR LES BIENS SUR LESQUELLES CETTE PERSONNE AURAIT DES INTERETS DIRECTS OUR INDIRECTS A MOINS D'AVOIR LECUNNE AUTORISATION DE L' OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT. LE REGIME DEFINI ET DESSUS APPLIQUE AUX PERSONNES PHYSIQUES OUR MORALES RESIDANT OU AYANT LEUR PLINCIPALE ACTIVITE DANS UN PAYS DE L'ERUOPE CONTINUENTALE (L'EXCEPTION DE LA FRANCE POUR QUI EN REGIME SPECIAL EST PREVU) UN MAROC ESPQNOLE DANS LA YOUE INTERNATIONALE DE TANGIER OU DANS UN TERRITOIRE QUELQUOQUE OCCUPE PARLES PUISSANCES DE L'AXE OU PAR LE JAPON TOUTE FOIS FONT EKCEPTION A CETTE REGLE LES PERSONNES QUI SE TROVENT ACTUELLEMENT EN AFRIQUE DU NORD FRANCAISE AINSI QUE TONS LES ETABISSEMENTS QUI ONT. SOIT DE SUCCURSALES, SOIT DES BUREAUX OU AGENCES EN AFRIQUE DU NORD FRANCAISE ET AONT DESQUE, AUTERISUREMENT AN 8 NOVEMBER 1942 DES PERSONNES MUNIES DE PROCURATIONS OUR DE POUVOURS NECESSAIRES POUR EFFECTUER. EN LEUR NOM LES PARLEMENTS TRANSPORTS OU RETRAITS DE FONDS A LEUR COMPTE AUPRES DES BANQUES EN QUESTION. CES

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MEASURES S'APPLIQUENT EGALEMENT AUX PERSONNES PHYSIQUES ET MORALES DONT LES NOMS SONT PUBLIES PAR LE GOUVERNEMENT DE L'AFRIQUE DU NORD OU QUI SERONT COMMUNIQUEES. IQUEMENT PAR CE MEME GOUVERNEMENT. DES INSTRUCTIONS SERONT DONNEES PAR L'OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT AUX PERSONNES RESIDANT EN AFRIQUE DU NORD FRANCAISE DONT LES COMPTES SONT BLOQUES OU SONT SOUTS ET AUTORISATION PREALABLE AUX TERMES DEQUELS TOUS LES BILLETS DE BANQUE LES TITRES ET TOUTES LES VALEURS EN LEUR POSSESSION SERONT VERSEES A CE COMPTE. LES BANQUES FOURNIRONT A L'OFFICE DES CHANGES DES ETATS DE CES COMPTES BLOQUES OU SONT SOUTS A AUTORISATION PREALABLE DANS UN DELAI DE 15 JOURS APRES LA DATE A LAQUELLE ILS ONT ETE BLOQUES OU SONT SOUTS A AUTORISATION PREALABLE DES ETATS IN DIQUERONT LES NOMS ET ADRESSE DES PERSONNES DONT LES COMPTES SONT BLOQUES OU SONT SOUTS A AUTORISATION PREALABLE DE MONTANT ET LA NATURE DES BIENS BLOQUES OU SONT SOUTS A AUTORISATION PREALABLE ET MENTIONNERONT EGALEMENT SI CES PERSONNES DISPOSENT DE COFFRES FORTS DANS LE BANQUE IN QUESTION. 3-REGIME DES COMPTES FRANCAIS LES COMPTES OUVERTS AU NOM DE PERSONNES PHYSIQUES OU MORALES FRANCAISES HABITANT LA METROPOLE OU LES TERRITOIRES DE L'EMPIRE FRANCAIS DEMEURENT LIBRES.

TOUTE FOIS SONT INTERDITES SAUF AUTORISATION SPECIALE A DELIVERER DANS CHAQUE CAS PAR L'OFFICE DES CHANGES COMPETENT A MOINS QUE LE CONNEUR D'ORDRE AU SON PROCURATAIRE NE PUISSE JUSTIFIER D'UNE RESIDENCE PHYSIQUE EN AFRIQUE FRANCAISE DU NORD.

1 TOUTE OPERATION DE DISPOSITION SANS QUELQUE FORME QUE CE SOIT POSTERIEURE AU 15 NOVEMBRE 1942 LES JUSTIFICATIONS A FOURNIR L'APPURER EX DES DEMANDES D'AUTORISATION DEVRONT ETABLIR LA REALITE ET LA NECESSITE VIS-A-VIS DE L'ECONOMIE NORD AFRICAINE DES OPERATIONS COMMERCIALES INDUSTRIELLES OU AGRICOLES OU DES BESOINS ALIMENTAIRES SECOURS PENSION ETC ENVOUES.

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2 TOUTE OPERATION SUR TITRES ABOUTISSAU ON
PAVANT ABOUTIERE A UNE EXPORTATION DE TITRES OU DE
LEUR COUTRE VAREUR SONS LES RESTRES INDIQUEMS CI
DESSRS.

3 TOUTE ONVERTURE DE COFFRE PAR UN MANDATIARE
DOUT LA PROCURATION N'AURAIT PAS ETE DEPOSEE A LA
BANQUE AVANT LE 5 NOVEMBRE 1942 CES INSTRUCTIONS
SONT APPLICABLES A LA BANQUE DE L'ALGERIE A LA
BANQUE D'ETAT DU MAROC ET D'UNE FACON GENERAL TOUTES
LES BANQUES DE L'AFRIQUE DU NORD AINSI QU 'A L'AD-
MINISTRATIONS DES COMPTES COURANTS POSTAUX ALGERIEN
AUTHORITIES HAVE CALLED IN 1000 FRANC AND 500 FRANK
BANK OF FRANCE NOTES FOR CONVERSION BY NOVEMBER 20
1942 THEY APPARENTLY FEAR THIS SOURCE OF EXCHANGE
IN ENEMY HANDS IN VIEW OF THE FRENCH DESIRE TO ELIMIN-
ATE US AND BRITISH CURRENCY FROM CIRCULATION IN FRENCH
NORTH AFRICA BY DECEMBER 31 1942. PROGRAMS SHOULD
BE WORKED OUT TO SUPPLY TROOPS COMMING TO THE AREA WITH
LOCAL FRANCW IN LIEW OF AMERICAN OR BRITISH CURRENCY.

FRENCH BELIEVE STOCKS OF LOCAL CURRENCY TO BE
ADEQUATE LET HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD SIMI-
LAR REQUEST WILL BE MADE OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN
LONDON ADVISE FISCAL DIVISION AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT
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From: Gibraltar
To: AGWAR

No. JAN 1229, November 24, 1942

Admiral Darlan transmitted following letter to General Clark dated November twenty first. For Combined Chiefs of Staff from CINC. "Monsieur Le General, Information from various sources tends to substantiate the view that 'I am only a lemon which the Americans will drop after they have squeezed it dry.'

In the line of conduct which I have adopted out of pure French patriotic feeling, in spite of the serious disadvantages which it entails for me, at a moment when it was extremely easy for me to let events take their course without my intervention, my own personal position does not come into consideration.

I acted only because the American Government has solemnly undertaken to restore the integrity of French sovereignty as it existed in nineteen thirty nine and because the Armistice between the Axis and France was broken by the total occupation of Metropolitan France against which the Marshal has solemnly protested.

I did not act through pride, ambition nor calculation but because the position which I occupied in my country made it my duty to act.

When the integrity of France's sovereignty is an accomplished fact--and I hope that it will be in the least possible time--it is my firm intention to return to private life and to end my days, in the course of which I have ardently served my country, in retirement.

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If it is in this sense that I can interpret the declaration attributed to President Roosevelt that an agreement with me can only be temporary, I entirely share this point of view.

But I venture to think--the claim is perhaps excessive--that in present circumstances it is around my name, associated with the names of men like General Giraud, General Nogues, Governor General Boisson, Admiral Michelier that the Union of Africa can be realized with a view to frank and loyal cooperation between the French Forces and the population and the Allied Armies, which is an essential element for the success of the cause of the United States in Africa.

In these conditions the task of rallying all Frenchmen which I am undertaking in a purpose which is to us both, would be made very difficult for me if the Allies of France were themselves to sow doubt in the minds of Frenchmen regarding the importance and the scope of this task.

I hope that I can count on a realization of this by the United States Govt and that, were it only in view of the result to be expected in the struggle into which French Africa is returning, they will not give Frenchmen the impression that the authority of the leader which has brought it back into this struggle is a diminished one.

Please accept, General, the assurances of my high consideration. Signed F Darlan."

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American woman believed reliable arrived London from Vichy 21 November claims that Petain in interview with her requests she convey to U. S. Government assurances that he, Petain, approved American occupation North Africa but unable voice approval officially. Callar.

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From: London (24/1803Z)

To: AGWAR

No 1239 November 24, 1942

In continuation my one one five three of twenty second November the word "Protocol" was stricken from the document and the single word "agreement" substituted therefor. The changes contained in my nine four six of twenty November were incorporated in the signed agreement. From Cinc to CCS. This agreement is a mere statement of the methods by which the Commission set up in French North Africa will assist and cooperate with the Allied Commander in Chief. No public announcement of any kind will be made by this headquarters, since we cannot judge in what way Axis propaganda might attempt to utilize such a statement. The full text of the agreement is on file both in Washington and London for use in the event that the CCS desire to make any announcement whatsoever. My own recommendation is that no announcement of any kind be made regardless of what the French may do.

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November 24, 1942

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Commanding General
U S F O R, London

No. R-3519

JCS are anxious to learn the details of the agreement between Darlan and French West Africa officials. From Marshall to Eisenhower Commandeth. Of immediate concern is what arrangements can be made with French West Africa officials regarding French Naval units based there and use of air facilities in Senegal for ferrying army aircraft and operations of transport airplanes. We believe you are familiar with the air problem and our needs for the use of facilities in Senegal in moving our planes and supplies through to you in North Africa. If you have not already discussed these matters with Darlan and have arrived at a satisfactory solution, it is suggested that you discuss with him the feasibility of establishing a US mission at Dakar headed by a senior admiral of the US Navy and having as a member a senior officer of the US Army Air Forces Ferry Command. If agreeable to the French, we should like to have their naval units based at Dakar come to the US for refitting and this matter could be discussed by the mission upon its arrival. We feel that once an agreement is made by the French West Africa officials to cooperate with US, we should expedite completion of the arrangements and thought possibly it could best be handled by the mission from the US, relieving you of this burden.

It is further suggested that the matter of the return to French West Africa of the personnel, including families, from Dakar now at Casablanca be taken up with Darlan with the view to expediting their return to Dakar if that is what the French desire.

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To: AGWAR
No. 5206 Nov 23 1942

Delicateness local political situation necessitates slow and extremely careful changing of attitudes which prevailed before arrival Allied Forces. From Clark to Eisenhower for Smith signed Hazelinn reference our nine two five your G five four two. Absolute ban exists on any local mention of amnesty and we believe that any further publicity abroad at this time would seriously prejudice political arrangements here and would render carrying out amnesty more difficulty.

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November 23, 1942

USFOR
London

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War Department has been informed that views of the President pertaining to Darlan's message, your 5150 November 22, are to the effect that the US assume no responsibility for the message. From Marshall to ABFOR. There are no objections to the dispatch of the message by Darlan providing no US agency or communication channel is utilized. British Ambassador has been informed through State Department.

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From: Accra
To: AGWAR

No. AMEW 666 V Nov 23 1942

Radio just announced Dakar authorities have joined in with North Africa French Colonies as members of United Nations. For Chief of Staff desire authority to send plane to Dakar to arrange for air transport operations from Dakar.

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From: London
To: A2WAR

No. 447, November 23, 1942

Darlan originally suggested that negotiation with Dakar should be coupled with an approach to Admiral Robert in Martinique to reach an agreement with the Allies. (For CCS from CINC) Darlan asks that initial approach to Robert be made through United States Consul General at Martinique. If response to this approach is not entirely unfavorable, Darlan will at once open direct correspondence with Robert.

In view of apparent success of Dakar negotiations I recommend that the United States Consul General in Martinique should now make proposed approach to Robert.

Darlans next move will be to approach Admiral Godfroy and he is very hopeful of successful results.

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To: Agwar

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Darlan informs me this evening that Boisson and Barran at Dakar inform him of their support and desire of French West Africa to join with Darlan in our common effort to defeat the Axis (For CCS and Marshall from Cinc). Details follow.

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From: London 1145Z/23
To: AGWAR

Number 2260, November 23, 1942

I am just leaving Command Post on extended trip toward the front. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. Within next three days Command Post will move to Algiers from where I believe I can now maintain satisfactory communications to Rear. Communications to front will be improved. Will attempt to send you from time to time additional proof of liberalization in French North African administration and of effective cooperation with Allied Commander in Chief. Such evidence as I may be able to send you may be released at Washington if you so desire without further reference to this headquarters. This applies also to the general amnesty issued several days ago and reported to you.

Headquarters will be kept informed of my whereabouts and messages will be delivered to me with reasonable speed.

General Smith who has been with me several days returned to London this morning.

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To: AGWAR

No 1153 November 22, 1942

To CCS from Eisenhower. In accordance with instructions of the President, agreed to by the Prime Minister, the document previously known as Protocol was amended and signed one four zero zero Z twenty second. Document on way from Algiers. Details follow.

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Situation Report 25.

- (1) Force Q proceeding Bone in readiness for offensive sweep in Bizerta area night 1/2nd December.
- (2) Algiers. H.M.S. MANXMAN arrived 1400/30 November having successfully laid ^{mines} ~~mines~~ believed unobserved off Cani Rock. No incident excepting brush with E-boat in Galita Channel. Fr. S/M MARSOUIN and Fr. S/M CASABLANCA arrived 30th November.
- (3) 13th. Minesweeping Flotilla transferred to command of S.O. Inshore Squadron.
- (4) N.A. Madrid reported French submarine LE GLORIEUX left Valencia 29th November for Oran. Consul Barcelona who reported presence of French submarine IRIS has been instructed to encourage her to sail for Gibraltar or Oran.
- (5) Aircraft from Malta laid 8 magnetic mines night of 28th/29th outside La Goulette Tunis and 6 night 29th/30th in entrance to Palermo.

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Air Marshal
Gen. MacReady
Admiral Russell Willson (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Dykes (9)
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Lt. Col. Cook
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P R I O R I T Y

from: London
To: Agwar

No. JAN 1132 November 22, 1942

I hope our operational reports to CCS keep you well abreast of what is happening in this section. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. In the race to build up strength in Tunisia, the Axis has the advantage of Air Forces based on permanent fields in Sicily and Sardinia. Our air is occupying every kind of landing strip between Oran and Front Line in Tunis. Improvement of fields difficult due to lack of material. We remember the lessons of Dutch East India but we cannot prevent some airplane losses on ground, particularly at night. Most of our fields are inadequate with dispersion difficult. Antiaircraft very limited as yet and warning service almost totally lacking. We will overcome these difficulties but I felt you and General Arnold would like to have some understanding of circumstances. The raid against Port of Algiers and Airfield of Maison Blanche on night of twentieth was made by approximately sixty JU eight sevens and JU eighty eights. Our losses already reported CCS. Enemy scattered on field thousands of sharp spikes of pyramidal shape with each edge about three inches long. Later we wrecked several fighters due to tire blowouts caused by these spikes. In addition, the enemy covered the field and vicinity with small booby bombs which resemble fountain pens,

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pocket wallets, watches or clocks. They explode when picked up. One killed two men, of whom one was three yards distant. No one has explained to me why these bombs do not explode upon hitting ground from airplane but detonate instantly upon being picked up.

Near Algiers we are forced to use Maison Blanche and Bleda to capacity and must expect more raids. One was reported night of twentyfirst but without details. Everything possible being done to minimize losses and our air is giving good account of itself in day work. The B dash seventeen and crew we lost in raid of twentieth was my command plane which I had sent forward to participate in bombing operations.

On Ground, we continue the process of assembling Andersons Force toward front, and supporting him with everything we can get forward. In one or two clashes the French have behaved well. I am hopeful.

Patton reports that M-one rifle is unsuitable for landing operations because of jamming when water and sand are encountered. He also believes present life belt useless and that we must use one that inflates automatically, similar to Air Corps type. One boat turned end over end in surf and occupants (sixteen men) were drowned because no time to blow up belt.

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From: London

To: Agwar

No. 5150, November 22, 1942

On instructions of Prime Minister Foreign Secretary cabled Halifax in following sense "This message would seem to me to conflict with the President's intention that the arrangement with Darlan is to be temporary and local. We will therefore not disseminate the message until we hear further from the President. Please inform State Department accordingly". Reference two two zero five one five. Concerning Darlan's message. Darlan's message is therefore being held here pending instructions from President.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London (1818Z/22)

To: Agwar

No. Jan 1124 November 22, 1942

The many problems which have arisen in connection with employment of French North African merchant shipping create implications of such far reaching import that shipping agreements of Allied nations are involved.

Para two. The French authorities in North Africa have appointed Admiral Lemonier as executive chief for all French merchant shipping outside Metropolitan France. As the result of conferences with Mister Kerr William Sale a representative on my staff they have stated the following as their desires.

Sub Para A. To operate vessels under French flag and under control of French owners and or administration in North Africa.

Sub Para B. To employ French tonnages to meet essential requirements between North Africa and French colonies.

Sub Para C. To pool any tonnages which they consider in excess of requirements for B next above. Pooled tonnage to be operated by Allied shipping authorities with French representation.

Sub Para D. To negotiate insurance Et Cetera with Allied Governments.

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Para three. Some of the difficulties of the above desires are that it gives French shipping privilege of not pooling all shipping as for Allied nations. It prejudices the existing arrangements with French shipping already under our control. The presence of French North African shipping in neutral ports may cause legal difficulties and subject us to action by Vichy France. It creates difficulties as to uniformity of wage rates with other French crews.

Para four. Little headway has been made in negotiating for a one trip journey terminating in Allied ports. I have now offered French owners a charter for a round trip of Allied ports at rates equivalent to present rates for Norwegian tonnage with commitment to arm and degauss ships at Allied ports. Insufficient time yet to receive reaction. I consider it so essential to move shipping from bombing danger and to secure essential return cargo for first trip that I am prepared to meet otherwise unsatisfactory demands for this first round trip.

Para five. Any shipping which was seized by Vichy on the fall of France and which is now in North African ports will be returned to original owners.

Para six. I desire to secure a directive for the charter of or control of subject shipping which will meet so far as practicable the desires of the French but which will not place them in such an advantageous position that dissatisfaction will be incurred among Allied shipping. I am of the opinion that this shipping should be pooled for Allied uses and that along with Allied nations North African French must depend on fair allocation of shipping for their support. In order that it may not be subject to seizure at neutral ports by Vichy action desirable that French flag be not flown by ships which might by chance reach neutral ports.

Para seven. An informal suggestion that a French Admiral visit Washington to negotiate terms has not at present been approved by me. Eisenhower to Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Para eight. In connection with this message I am cognizant of clause eight of the pending agreement with French authorities in North Africa and of my power under

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clause four.

Para nine. It is my opinion that the numerous implications noted above can only be recognized and adjusted where the larger picture is known and where information and records are available. I therefore feel that the matter must receive the consideration of the CCS and that I receive a directive in regard to the terms under which French North African shipping may be employed.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 2115A/29

IN

Received: 30/11/42

Time: 0625

Addressed: ADMIRALTY
Repeated: C. in C. Med.
V.A. Malta
V.A. Gibraltar
B.A.D. Washington
A.F. HQ London
From: N.C.S.F.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 24

(1) At 1405 28/11 aircraft sighted U-boat which dived in Position 3704 N 0749 E. QUIBERON and QUENTIN carried out hunt. U-boat surfaced out of control and sunk vertically stern first. Subsequently located on bottom. U-Boat considered destroyed.

2. Algiers

Roberts arrived 29/11 for survey of damage. North African shipping board established 27/11. Four L.S.I. sailed 29/11 to Bone with troops.

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November 22, 1942
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PRIORITY

From: Gibraltar (22/0132Z)

To: AGWAR

No 1091 November 21, 1942

President's message delivered to Sultan (for Marshall from Eisenhower) of Morocco through AATTONS Headquarters at one two three naught hours Z November twenty one. Reference your three two seven naught.

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From: Gibraltar
To: Immediate AGWAR
No. 1067 Nov 21, 1942

Murphy who arrived here yesterday for conference reports that General Bethouart arrived in Algiers on November eighteenth and that he is to be Liaison Officer for General Giraud with the Allied Commander in Chief. From Eisenhower for CCS. Mast is acting as Chief of Staff at Giraud's Headquarters. Neither appointment is being published for the moment. Murphy also says that he knows of no French sympathizers with the Allies who have not been released.

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PRIORITY

From: Gibraltar
To: AGWAR

No. 1029, Nov 21, 1942

Please notify those British authorities (From CINC -
to CCS. reference your Fan twenty two) who ought to
know that I have been authorized to conduct or participate
in these negotiations.

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Nov 20, 1942
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P A R A P H R A S E

From: London (1531Z/20)
To: AGWAR

No. 5079, November 20, 1942

From: Algiers
For: Treasury and State Departments

This is a paraphrase of Nr one eight six. From Clark
for Eisenhower, AGWAR.

We have been discussing with local French financial authorities, during the past few days, the franc rate exchange with dollars and sterling. I decided not to issue the currency proclamation or any other proclamation or ordinance, for political reasons involved in the setting up of a French Govt for all of French North Africa, but to induce the French authorities to issue in their own names the necessary decrees. Very strong objections were made by the French to United States and British currencies being declared legal tender, and to our proposed rates. Great emphasis was laid on the fact, by the French, that a rate of one seven six francs to the pound sterling was used in the British monetary agreement with De Gaulle. They wanted us to have a joint commission study what should be the permanent rate, and in the meantime to provisionally accept the so called legal rate of forty three francs to the dollar. This was unacceptable, we said, and that our authority limited us to agreeing upon the seventy five rate. Any further change in the rate we agreed, would be a matter of mutual agreement. We said too, that the French could then submit any data in support of a different rate, to us, for transmittal to Washington, and that the matter would be studied there. The French finally agreed to the rates on Nov one four and in consultation with us drafted

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To: AGWAR

No. 5079, November 20, 1942
From: Algiers
For: Treasury and State Department

and issued, to cover all of French North Africa, the following proclamation. "That until December three one, one nine four two all British coins and special banknotes bearing the inscription (British Military Authority) and all American coins and banknotes shall be accepted in French North Africa in payment. Four dollars to the pound sterling, three hundred francs to the pound sterling and seventy five francs to the dollar will be the rate of exchange.

Until December three one, one nine four two, inclusive, the above mentioned currencies may be exchanged at the offices of the Treasury, and those of the State Bank of Morocco, the Bank of Algeria, and at all authorized banks.

In circulation in French North Africa thereafter will be the following authorized currencies: bank notes of the State Bank of Morocco, and of the Bank of Algeria, also banknotes of the Bank of France of these denominations: ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred francs. French coins and Hassani currency are also authorized.

There will be a penalty to prohibit the circulation of all other currencies.

Except when special permission is granted by the Exchange Office, all importing as well as exporting of capital and especially British and American currencies, in addition to any transaction of exchange, other than those authorized in Paragraph One above, will not be permitted. Rules for this are outlined in the statute of the ninth of September, one nine three nine. Punishment for violations, will be determined by existing laws."

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From: London (1531Z/20)
To: AGWAR

No. 5079, November 20, 1942
From: Algiers
For: Treasury and State Department

We request guidance along these lines as to what can be done. Three hundred francs to the pound sterling is the rate which the French request; and we agreed to recommend to Washington, as they desired, that the British be asked to modify their monetary arrangements with De Gaulle accordingly.

The information has been given to the British.

For the purpose of blocking enemy accounts as well as accounts of people in areas held by the enemy, appropriate measures have been taken. In addition, proper arrangements have been made to forestall participation in decisions on foreign exchange transactions; and also in obtaining local currency against deposits of US currency and notes and subsequently against sterling and dollar credits. Certain data pertaining to the currency and price control matters have been furnished to us by the French authorities, at our request. Additional information will be obtained, and these matters will be studied by Mr. Taylor and Lt Col Bernstein. In the near future an additional report will be sent to Washington in reference to this subject. As a precautionary measure, a guard of American soldiers has been maintained at the main office of the De Laferrie Bank. Business continued normally without any unusual runs at Algiers and the banks were not closed. Sometime soon detailed accounts about these matters will be sent.

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From: London - 1735/20
To: AGWAR

- 1. Brig. Gen. Deane *JD*
- 2. Comdr. McDowell
- 3. Lt. Col. Hammond

No. JAN 948, November 20, 1942

Badly garbled message just received from Clark states that three French Officers from Dakar concluded a conference with Darlan at Algiers Thursday. From C in C to CCS. Darlan has sent a letter to Boisson by the Dakar representatives requesting Boisson to come to Algiers to conclude final arrangements. Dakar representatives were insistent that future negotiations be handled by Americans in name of United States. The conference progressed to the point of discussing such details as to how the Richelieu might be taken to United States for repairs.

Darlan is not optimistic over the prospects of getting the Toulon fleet, but he is confident that Dakar will join us and that Godfroy will probably follow as soon as arrangements with Boisson are concluded. I feel that if the Dakar and Alexandria fleets should join us the attitude of the Toulon fleet towards us will improve materially.

It appears that the best chance of success requires conferences to be held at a place where Dakar representative can confer with Darlan and American representative. This points to Algiers as the logical place, but inasmuch as West Africa is outside the Torch Theater, I am without authority to participate in the effort. I am however quite willing to assume this responsibility if you direct me to do so. In the meantime I am directing Clark to keep in touch.

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The New Department prepared a reply which was approved by the British going forward to ensure the continuity of the message to Deane - Deane

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Date November 20, 1942.

To: Admiral Leahy

Subject: Fan 21.

Attached hereto is a copy of our
message, FAN 21, as it was sent.

Deane
DEANE

*Copy sent to Capt McCrae
Nov 21, 1942* *ms*

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November 20, 1942.

The President agrees with the provisions of your draft protocol but does not wish it to take the form of a protocol in view of the fact that the term "Protocol" carries with it certain implications which the President wishes to avoid. (For Eisenhower from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) He would prefer to have the agreement in the form of an announcement by you and with a statement of Darlan's concurrence. (Fan 21) The President would not insist upon this to the point of causing a collapse of negotiations or seriously jeopardizing the success of your military operations, but within these limits he desires you to make every effort to avoid the form of a protocol or other formal diplomatic document. The President desires to keep the entire arrangement on a purely military rather than a diplomatic or political basis. He does not desire to elevate Darlan to a position of a national plenipotentiary. A copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the Prime Minister.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Operations Division WDGS
Executive Office

NOVEMBER 20, 1942

TO: USFOR
LONDON ENGLAND

R-3360

Reference your number 544, November 14th, and number 625, November 16th, the Combined Chiefs of Staff do not consider any press release necessary, pending further development in Tunis and Dakar, in view of the President's statement, copy of which was sent to you in War Department message number R-3252, November 17th. Fan 20.

(Regarding your number 722, November 16th, you are authorized to make such local announcements with reference to the provisional North African Government as you may consider necessary to facilitate your operations, provided they are not in conflict with the President's statement. For Commandeth from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Capt McCrea
to file
11/20/42*

memo for the President

Gen Marshall's
office called to ask
that this despatch be
put in your hands
at once

Very resp
John McCrea

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November 20, 1942
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U R G E N T

From: London (0646Z/20)
To: The Adjutant General

No. 940, November 19th, 1942

I have just returned from a hurried trip to Casablanca to find your R three two four three awaiting me. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. I highly appreciate the prompt and effective steps you took to save us embarrassment at this particular time. On the day after the initial landings Mr Murphy reported to advance Allied Headquarters as my Staff Officer in charge of civil affairs, in accordance with prior instructions of the President. He now occupies that position. He has been a principal participant in all negotiations that have taken place here.

We entered this theater with a knowledge that we would have to deal with North African civil affairs through the existing civil organization. Prior to our entry there was no centralized government organization covering all North Africa. We did not set up any official. We merely required the existing officials to agree upon a form of central commission through which we could deal. I attempted to force Giraud upon them as head but he collapsed under me. He himself finally admitted that he could not do it because he could not control the situation except on the basis of a huge military support which I could not possibly afford. As a result of the agreements

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From **INCOMING MESSAGE** General
No. 10, 1943

we have made we have secured an opportunity to press our concentration toward the East for battle in Tunisia without worrying about the rear. At every principal port we would be badly handicapped without the assistance cheerfully rendered us now by French military, naval and civil groups. At Casablanca today there were thirty thousand of our troops unloading. French Army trucks driven by French Army drivers were working incessantly to help us. French marines are helping unload ships. The ships were docked with the help of French tugs. Everywhere the story is the same. What I am trying to point out is that even if we should only have passive resistance, our operations would be sadly slowed up and our position badly weakened. We have these advantages through the influence of the entire group through which we have worked. I have conferred incessantly with many individuals at various points in the theater, and every British and American officer that I have seen is convinced that any early attempt to upset the present arrangement will result disastrously for us. I hope it can be generally understood that the arrangement we have is one made for practical military purposes and should not be attacked as long as it works at its present efficiency and until the objects for which this Army was directed to invade Africa have been attained. If the arrangement we have made is broken up now both Governments must be prepared for an expensive occupation of this country. Incidentally at this time, if I could have about two shiploads of coffee, green tea, sugar, and cotton cloth, I could make a great start toward solidifying sentiment among the common people in our favor. We brought some of this along but reports indicate most was lost.

With respect to Mr Welles second point, Marlan has already issued general orders on the subject and we are uncovering every case we can find and making sure that our sympathizers and members of Allied nations, including the Free French, are liberated.

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November 20, 1942

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You are authorized to conduct or participate in negotiations carried on with officials of French West Africa. Your JAN 948 November 20. Marshall to Commandeth. This authority covers negotiations carried on either in west Africa or within the territorial limits of your theater. Fan 22 Commanding General US Army Forces in Central African Theater has been notified. If you need assistance from here, efforts will be made to make the necessary personnel available.

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From: London
To: War

No. 927 Nov 19, 1942

Read last sentence Jan 927 as follows:

Such Government personnel will take such measures as are necessary for the maintenance of order and public administrative services throughout the territory in consultation with the Commanding General of the United States Army. End of part two part three follows.

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From: London (0018Z/20th)
To: AGWAR

No. Jan 928 Nov 19, 1942

I can not emphasize too strongly the need for speed in arriving at an early decision on Protocol No one. From Eisenhower to CCS.

I have just received a report from Clark to the effect that orders issued by Darlan during the last four days, combined with a tour by Giraud, have had excellent results on French Troops in Tunisia and have galvanized them into action.

What I saw with my own eyes at Casablanca today confirms the reports of all my commanders that the French are making a real contribution in unloading convoys and moving troops and stores by rail to the forward areas in Tunisia. I value this aid more than the active participation of their troops.

I am very concerned lest any delay in approving the Protocol should lead Darlan and his colleagues to relax their efforts at this very critical stage. We are doing our utmost to prevent this. Our success in the battle about to start in Tunisia may depend upon it.

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From: London (20/0512)
To: Agwar Washington DC

No. 946, November 19th, 1942

Submitted are the following comments on the draft copy, protocol number one, forwarded to you tonight, from the CINC to the CCS.

✓
Clear distinction must be drawn between the preamble to the agreement and the agreement itself. The first two paragraphs of the preamble merely recite facts that have led up to the present situation. The mention of Darlan's name therein does not imply any obligations on the part of the Allied CINC to perpetuate Darlan in any position or to support him therein. Paragraph three of preamble is a recitation of the purposes commonly agreed upon between the Commander in Chief and the North African Commission, for which the subsequent agreement is made. Purposes recited extend beyond the immediate responsibility, mission, Territory of the Allied Commander in Chief, but they are taken almost verbatim from letters written by Murphy to various French officers in this region prior to November eight, when he was acting as the personal representative here of the President of the United States.

Attention is invited, also, to the fact that this agreement is merely one between a Commander in the field and a Commission which is exercising ordinary civil and military functions in the theater in which he is operating. Its terms are intended only to facilitate the operations of the Allied Forces brought here, although, naturally, accomplishment of this purpose involves certain economic and transportation features. Moreover,

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it should be pointed out that the Allied Commander in Chief, as the signatory authority on one side, is also the interpreter for his own force of the terms and language employed. In addition, the effort to gain the cooperation needed by the Allied force is not going to be the product of exact terminology and language. It is going to be represented in the success of the Allied Commander in Chief in galvanizing the local population and local military forces into action along the general lines indicated in this draft.

A final and thorough examination of the message since its dispatch indicates that in one or two points there were omitted words or phrases, possibly through oversight, that should be included. These follow:

In third paragraph of preamble add after "Support of the Forces of the United States" the words "and their Allies".

✓ Paragraph two. Add after "French Military" the word "Naval".

✓ Paragraph seven. Substitute for "And supporting forces" the words "Or Allied representatives acting with his approval".

✓ Paragraph eight. Delete "French crews" and substitute "Crews preferably French". Add after "United States Army" the word "Or Allied representatives acting with his approval".

✓ Paragraph nine. Insert after "United States Army" the words "Or Allied representatives acting with his approval".

All these corrections are noted in the protocol. ↓

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Draft text of protocol number one just received by plane from Algiers. From C. in C to CCS. I am forwarding it to you piecemeal. My comments will follow in a later message.

Where the word "same" is used in text it will indicate that the paragraph is identical to text of paragraph of same number in "arrangements respecting Algeria, French Zone of Morocco, Tunisia" already approved by you. Text of protocol begins. Preamble. The forces of the United States and their supporting allies have landed in French North Africa for the purpose of preventing the domination of this territory by German and Italian forces and their allies and for carrying on the war for the defeat of the Axis powers.

By common agreement among leading French officials in French North Africa, a high commissioner in French North Africa has been established in the person of Admiral of the Fleet Francois Darlan.

It has been agreed by all French elements concerned and United States military authorities that French forces will aid and support the forces of the United States, to expel from the soil of Africa the common enemy, to liberate France and to restore intergally the French empire. In order that this high purpose may be accomplished, and to make appropriate arrangements for the presence in North Africa of large forces of the United States and its allies, the following agreement is entered into at Algiers this blank day of blank, one nine four two. End of part one, part two follows.

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Part two begins: "Paragraph one. There shall be the closest cooperation between the Commander in Chief of the French Land, Sea and Air Forces and the Commanding General United States Army and supporting forces to accomplish the purpose set forth above."

Paragraph two. The status, Command, functions, employment, rights and privileges of French Land, Sea and Air Forces will remain under French Land, Sea and Air Forces will remain under French direction. Such forces will continue in the service of internal security and will be employed, in cooperation with the forces of the United States and its Allies, in driving Axis Forces from French African Territory and in protecting it from further violation by them. All movement of French Military or Air Forces from their normal stations will be notified to the Commanding General of the United States Army by the French Command.

Paragraph three. French governmental personnel will continue in the performance of their functions without disloyalty to the purpose of the forces under the Command of the Commanding General, United States Army and supporting forces. Such government personnel will take such measures as are necessary for the maintenance of order and.

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Part Three begins quote Paragraph Four. The control and command of all landing and other facilities for aircraft, harbor and port facilities, defenses, fortifications and arsenals will be available to the Commanding General, United States Army and supporting forces, for the purpose set forth in the preamble hereof. The control of these facilities will not involve the use of French personnel without the consent of the French authorities.

Paragraph Five. Full information will be given as to the location of all facilities, installations, equipment and devices (such as airfields, anti-aircraft batteries, observation posts, radio-location and other technical observing stations, minefields, tank traps, military, Naval and Air Force stores, fuel, supplies and equipment, etc) which may be a hinderance or useful to the purpose of the forces under the command of the Commanding General, United States Army and supporting forces.

Paragraph Six. All telecommunication services will be operated and maintained normally by the French authorities. The United States Military Forces and supporting Allies will have the unrestricted use of the telecommunication services insofar as may be required for military purposes. End of Part Three Part Four follows.

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Part Four begins quote Paragraph Seven. French warships shall operate in close cooperation with the Commanding General, United States Army ~~and supporting forces~~ for the accomplishment of the purpose set forth in the preamble hereof. Such warships will continue to fly the French flag and be placed under French command, and will retain such personnel and equipment, and will be provided with fuel and all necessary supplies to enable them to become effective fighting units.

Paragraph Eight. All French merchant vessels in the harbors of French North Africa or those which in the future may enter those harbors will be operated by ~~French crews~~ *French crews* under the French flag in cooperation with the Commanding General, United States Army. Such operation shall be by charter with the public or private owners. Such chartered vessels will be employed in the service of the United Nations to take part in the war effort against the Axis.

Paragraph Nine. All port facilities, harbor and Naval installations and establishments in French North Africa, together with their records, will be placed intact at the disposal of the Commanding General, United States Army, all remaining under French command, subject to the provisions of Paragraph Four above, and such

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assistance as he may require will be rendered to allow proper maintenance and operation of all machinery and fittings.

Paragraph Ten. Same.

Paragraph Eleven. Same.

Paragraph Twelve. Same.

Paragraph Thirteen. Same.

Paragraph Fourteen. Same. End of Part Four Part Five follows.

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Part Five begins quote Paragraph Fifteen. The Commanding General, United States Army, the forces under his command and supporting forces and their ~~host~~ governments, the representatives of their governments and civilian employees of these governments shall enjoy extraterritorial privileges and be exempt from the jurisdiction and immune to the process of the courts, civil and criminal, of the territory.

Paragraph Sixteen. In North Africa areas deemed by the Commanding General, United States Army, to be of importance or useful to the purpose set forth in the preamble hereof, from time to time, may be declared by him to be military area under his control whereupon the maintenance of order and administrative and public services in such areas shall come under the direct control of such Commanding General. The French authorities will be promptly notified in the event that such a step becomes necessary.

Paragraph Seventeen same. End of Part Five Part Six follows.

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Part six begins.

18. The Commanding General, United States Army, will appoint such military, naval, air and economic branch missions as he may deem requisite to regulate, in liaison with such agency or agencies, as the local authorities will institute for this purpose, the application of the present accord.

19. There shall be immediately appointed a joint economic commission which will be charged with the study of the economic needs of French North Africa. The commission will suggest such measures as may seem appropriate to it regarding exportation and importation, as well as for the increase of agricultural and industrial production, as well as for the establishment of economic stability, and the creation of prosperity in French North African territories.

20. A joint censorship commission shall be established. It will extend its action to the press, radio broadcasts, telecommunications, postal services and all public means for the dissemination of information and shall operate in full conformity with the common purpose set forth in the preamble hereof. The French members of the commission will be appointed by the high commissioner.

21. The foregoing arrangements will be drawn up in the English and French languages. The English text is authoritative. End of protocol.

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From: London (2247/19)
To: AGWAR JAN 925

The following sentence is taken verbatim from an order published by the French North African commission today. From C in C to CCS. "There is granted full and entire amnesty to all persons who favored allied action in Africa." //

The following radio has just been received from the American Eagle. "After conversation with Giraud I am completely convinced, and so is Anderson, that French troops in Tunisian and Eastern Algeria are doing everything within their power to cooperate with us in resisting Axis advance. Giraud after a two day trip in that area is completely satisfied that his orders are being obeyed. Darlan's direct orders to French commanders in that area, had a helpful effect. German Commander Nehring this morning at five AM demanded from General Barre that he permit Germans to pass. In the event of refusal he threatened attack at seven AM. Barre refused and no attack has materialized at this hour. Uehring has since notified Barre that hostilities between the Germans and French would commence as of seven AM this date. I am convinced that Darlan is bending every effort to cooperate and facilitate what we are trying to do. I talked over the phone with Colonel Raft at Gafsa today and he reported that French troops in that area had placed themselves under his command and are cooperating one hundred percent. French armed units are reconnoitering in vicinity of Gabes and are attempting to intercept a German railway train moving south towards Gabes, presumably carrying ground personnel for air units which have recently moved into Gabes.

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From: London

To: WAR

No 867 November 18, 1942

Part two begins. If French are capable of producing anything like number of troops they claim, which is doubtful, we should be able to eliminate some of final divisions planned for shipment to this theater. However, while USA present commitment of from nine to ten divisions may ultimately be reduced to possible seven, the initial build up of our forces, which is vital to the security of North Africa and success of operations, must definitely not be retarded. Furthermore, the establishment of adequate USA forces near Spanish Moroccan border to insure that Straits of Gibraltar remain open must always be our responsibility. We cannot trust French North African units to go this job as all our future operations in Western Mediterranean depend on the Straits remaining open.

Para three. Upon establishment my headquarters at Algiers in near future it will be possible for USA and French staffs to work out these problems jointly at which time detailed lists of USA equipment required to equip French forces in North Africa will be forwarded to you.

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PRIORITY

From: London

To: AGWAR

No 866 November 18, 1942

Pending clarification political situation and accurate determination available French stocks and requirements, full information cannot be given regarding equipment to be provided by United States for French forces in North Africa. For Combined Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower.

Para two. Accordingly only partial answers can be given now to questions asked in your R three one two one. It is desired that USA equip French troops in North Africa but extent to which this equipment is to be supplied will depend on future developments and number of first line troops French are capable of producing here. These troops would be used initially for garrison purposes to augment and release for other duty USA and British forces in the theater. Subsequently certain selected French units might be used for offensive operations. However reports indicate that there is such complete lack of offensive spirit among French North African forces that little can be counted on in this respect for present at least. Unable to state at this time number of French Divisions to be equipped or of equipment desired. Decision on this point must wait assembly of accurate information of French personnel and equipment available which will be one of first tasks

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assigned French Staff. Believe early token shipment of equipment as political gesture would produce beneficial effects in every way. This should consist principally of small arms, antitank and antiaircraft armament with spare parts ARP ten units of fire for each. Following amounts and types are suggested for initial shipment: eight thousand rifles, thirty six antitank guns thirty seven dash MM, thirty two antiaircraft automatic weapons of any type available. End of part one part two follows.

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OPD 336 Africa (11/18/42)

Operations Division
W D G S
European Section, WDOPE
November 18, 1942

U S F O R
London XXXA

No. R-3270

The dispatching of the message to the Sultan of Morocco as recommended by you in your 794 November 17, 1942 is fully approved by the President. From Marshall for Commanding. Report is desired when message has been transmitted

Adm
Shall I give copy to Early for press release when report of transmission has been received.

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FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

From: London - 2025/18
To: AGWAR

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No. 837, November 18, 1942

Many messages from London indicate great concern and anxiety of our governments because we have had to deal here with a skunk. From Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. There seems to be a fear that we will make indiscreet commitments or are attempting to deal with questions that have nothing to do with this operation. I should like for you, personally, to be assured that we are not committing ourselves and certainly are not attempting to commit our governments as to future political action, nor are we touching upon any questions that extend beyond the scope of our own ranks. We have worked desperately to establish an internal situation that would permit us to go after the great objective of Tunis. It has been a time consuming burden to keep Smith in London fully informed on these matters so that he could allay anxieties, at the same time that we are trying to win a battle. I want to thank you personally and the American High Command for the confidence implied in me and my principal subordinates by your patience in giving us time and opportunity to work out these most difficult matters. I know you understand that the necessity for dealing with turncoats and crooks is as distasteful to me as to anyone else, and I am grateful indeed that you have taken such an understanding attitude on the situation explained in my long telegram of last Saturday.

We are straining every nerve to begin a general advance in Tunisia by next Sunday morning. You are aware of the extent to which we cut down on transport and other types of equipment for the initial landing. This is hurting us now, particularly because of low

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To: AGWAR

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quality and quantity of other types of land communications. However, I am convinced that the enemy is relatively weak and most unhappy and that a good punch will defeat him. I am, therefore, going to attack at the earliest possible date that a reasonable force can be assembled in Tunis. Every mobile element of United States force that can be gotten to Tunis will support the British attack.

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
OPERATIONS DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1942

Memo for Commander Freseman:

Herewith copy of message
which Admiral Leahy asked
General Wedemeyer about at
Tuesday's J.C.S. meeting.

R. C. Lindsay
R. C. Lindsay
Colonel, GSO
Chief, Combined Subjects
Section, OPD.

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Operations Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOPD
OPD 336.4 Odic, Robert (11-11-42)
Major W. B. McCall

November 11, 1942

To USFOR
LONDON

Number R-3060

Do you have need for General Robert Odic, Commander until last year of air forces in French North Africa, who has been friend of Kingpin for 12 years (From Marshall for Eisenhower) General Odic came to U. S. a year ago to help work against Germany and offers his services particularly with Kingpin.

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ATTITUDE OF VICE ADMIRAL GODFREY SUBSEQUENT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH THAT HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF IN COMMAND FRENCH NAVAL UNITS IN ALEXANDRIA AS INDEPENDENT OF VICHY GOVERNMENT AND OF DARLAN. CINC MED INFORMED ME THAT GODFREY HAS ASSURED HIM WITHIN THE LAST TWO DAYS THAT HE WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME. ADMIRAL HARWOOD PLACES RELIANCE IN THIS ASSURANCE BUT IS DOUBTFUL AS TO WHAT ATTITUDE GODFREY WOULD TAKE IF PETAIN GOVERNMENT TOOK SEAT IN FRENCH TERRITORY NOT OCCUPIED BY GERMANS, NAMELY TOULON AND FROM THERE ISSUED ORDERS TO GODFREY. FRENCH NAVAL OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL IN GODFREY'S FLEET VERY RESENTFUL AGAINST BRITISH AND AMERICANS BECAUSE OF REPORTS THEY RECEIVED OF STRONG ATTACK LAUNCHED WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING BY ALLIES AT CASABLANCA. IN CONVERSATION IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE REFERRED TO IT AS A PEARL HARBOR AGAINST THE FRENCH.

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 147 November 17, 1942

From: Murphy
To: State Dept

Study and execution of a program of economic supply for French North Africa is a matter of urgent necessity. This in reference to your # 72 of November 15 6:00 PM. The mere arrival here of our Armed Forces will by itself reduce the supply of consumers goods. A grave and immediate problem is presented by the fact that North Africa is separated from France its principal source of supply. It is extremely necessary that the Civil Depts of the US and the United Kingdom take immediate action if the Commander in Chief will concern himself with economic policies only to the extent that they affect his operations in accordance with the decision of the combined Chief of Staff. We have skeleton organization to deal with these matters. A senior Foreign Service Officer who is experienced in financial matters would be of great use. Tailor and Bernstein of the Treasury and matters of the State Dept are at present temporarily handling financial questions. It would be wise to assign a representative of Lend Lease and no more than two persons from the Board of Economic Warfare

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 147 November 17, 1942

at once. More important than personnel however is the need of information from the Dept concerning our program of economic supply. Just what material if any is now enroute and when will it arrive? The needs of the area are well known to the Dept, and it is aware that items such as gasoline, medical supplies, coal, cotton goods, foodstuffs, newsprint and wearing apparel of all kinds are the requirements needed most urgently. The Dept also knows the urgent need of another long list of products as it understands that industry in this area is of small proportions depending as it does on France as its principal source of supplies. Would very much like to have as soon as possible, your comments on the foregoing.

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PRIORITY

From: Gibraltar (17/2030Z)
To: AGWAR

- 1. Brig. Gen. Doane-----
- 2. Comdr. McDowell-----
- 3. Lt. Col. Hammond-----

No 794 November 17, 1942

The following message has been prepared after long consultation with General Patton and his American political advisor, Mr Culbert, and the staff of this headquarters: early Sunday morning, the eighth of November, the American Vice Consul in Morocco attempted, through the Resident General of Morocco, to deliver the letter from the President of the United States to the Sultan of Morocco. It did not reach the Sultan. Personal and urgent from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. Since that time relationships between this force and the French are considerably different from those that were anticipated at the time the Presidents letter was written. Effective cooperation with the French in controlling that region requires us to observe existing customs and procedures of administration and this involves, on our part, strict observance of the machinery the French have set up, particularly avoiding anything whatsoever that tends to destroy the prestige of the French Administration in Morocco. The original letter of the President does not mention France or the French Administration and General Patton and his American political advisors believe that presentation of the letter in its present form would tend to cause irritations between ourselves and the French and possibly bring about difficulties in the control of the Moroccans.

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From Gibraltar to AGWAR Page 2 No 794 November 17, 1942

In the meantime, General Patton has made, in company with the French Resident General, a formal call upon the Sultan of Morocco and has discovered that the latter is most sympathetic toward the United States and disposed to cooperate with us in every possible way. General Patton's relationships with the French are equally satisfactory. In these conditions, I request authority to present to the Sultan of Morocco a short message of greetings from the President of the United States, of which the purpose will be merely to subscribe to the amenities of the situation. The message proposed is as follows: "Your Majesty: I have been highly pleased to learn of the admirable spirit of cooperation that is animating you and your people in their relationships with the French Administration and with the forces of my country. This is particularly pleasing to me because our traditional friendship dates from the time of George Washington, the first President of the United States of America, to whom your noble predecessor gave, as a mark of personal affection, the building which houses the American Legation in Tangier. Today the Axis powers are foes of both our countries. This foe seeks to impose on North Africa a scheme of military and political domination. His lust for booty has reached into every phase of Moroccan life. I consider it fortunate that we are bound together in a common effort toward his destruction.

Our victory over the Germans and Italians will, I know, inaugurate a period of peace and prosperity, during which the Moroccan and French people of North Africa will flourish and thrive in a manner which befits their glorious past and be pleasing to God.

May God have Your Majesty in His safe and holy keeping. Signed Franklin Roosevelt, President of the United States." If the above is approved, I will send it to the Sultan as a telegram received here for transmission

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From Gibraltar to AGWAR Page 3 No 784 November 17, 1942

to him. These things look like relatively minor matters but in Morocco they appear so important that General Patton and two staff officers made a special trip to my headquarters today to recommend submission of this telegram. It appears that some message to the Sultan is important, that such message should be careful to recognize the special position of the French in that region.

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From: Leopoldville
To: WAR MILID

No. 55 Nov 17, 1942

French public opinion opposed to any allied dealings with groups other than DeGaulle. It feels that all other Frenchmen particularly Darlan should rally to DeGaulle. It also feels that all French Territory recovered by the Allies should be under DeGaulles control.

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PRIORITY

From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 4492, Nov 17, 1942

British authorities request your comment or concurrence on the following: For Eisenhower signed Smith.

"A special programme is proposed by the BBC for the Sultan of Morocco's Anniversary tomorrow following the line adopted in the two previous years. It consists entirely of a long series of greetings, interspersed with martial music, and with one playing of the Moroccan National Anthem".

"It is devoid of any political implication, beyond the wishing of long life and prosperity to the Sultan and the Moroccan people. It makes no reference to Moroccan Nationalist Aspirations. The greetings are read by individual members of the Moroccan Staff and by representative members of the Middle East Arabic Staff".

"The BEC regards the proposed programme as no more than courtesy to the Moroccan people and their ruler, and consider that dropping it at this particular time would inevitably be regarded as a rebuff by the Sultan and people of Morocco alike".

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London 0815Z/17
To: Agwar

No. 732 Nov 17, 1942

For Marshall and Smith from Eisenhower. Anderson particularly asks that no mention be made to press of places occupied by his leading troops as this is liable to bring down enemy attacks upon them earlier than would otherwise be the case. Information of this sort contained in my situation reports should not, therefore can be given to press unless included in my communique.

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PRIORITY

From: London (17/0225Z

To: AGWAR

No 730 November 16, 1942

Reliable source advises that Admiral Platon sent to Tunis by Vichy with instructions for Admiral Esteve to resist Allies and cooperate with Germany. From C in C for CCS. At Vichy it appears that Admiral Platon, General Birdoux, and Laval have urged a definite military alliance with Germany which Marshal Petain has refused to accept. Weygand is vigorously supporting Petain and urging him to cooperate with United States to fullest extent in his power.

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SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 4961 Nov 16, 1942

A statement of this policy is under preparation.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 629 Nov 16, 1942

Gist of our message six two nine one five two zero
onve one Z paraphrased herewith is quote for CCS from C in
C. General Clark reports Darlan may make announcement
tonight concerning Girauds appointment. Terms will be
cabled soon as possible.

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Urgent

From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 722 Nov 16 1942

Delayed message from Clark states that Darlan decided yesterday to announce appointment of Giraud as Commander in Chief of Ground and Air Forces and Admiral Michelier as head of Naval Forces. From Cinc to CCS. Monitor service here indicates that radio announcement was actually made last night, and that no reference was made to Degaulle.

I understand the reasons of the Prime Minister for suggesting the delay of the announcement of the Darlan Government as indicated in his November fifteenth message to the President. Nevertheless, I feel that in order to facilitate our military operations in North Africa at this critical period, it is important that I issue locally a short statement announcing that we shall deal with the provisional North African Government set up by Darlan in all matters affecting the Allied Forces in North Africa and their relations with the local population. Giraud and Michelier will be mentioned in this statement.

In the event that it becomes necessary to enter into a formal agreement with Darlan and his associates, which extends beyond the scope of our immediate military operations and objectives in this theater, such an agreement will be submitted to the two governments prior to signature.

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From: London (1648Z/16)

To: Agwar

No. 4959 November 16, 1942

This is the text of cable six two five from Gibraltar. From Eisenhower for Marshall for C C S signed Smith. "A somewhat different emphasis may be desirable. Suggest for consideration something on the following lines."

"French leaders of all shades of opinion meeting to work out a common program for defense of North Africa and cooperating with Allied Military Forces against the Axis, have agreed in a solemn pact of Algiers on lines of provisional political organization and asked Darlan to head Civil Administration.

Darlan has notified his acceptance of this proposal to Eisenhower and has pledged his full cooperation to Allied Forces in waging war against Axis.

As purpose of Allies is to work with a self constituted Government in French North Africa, which would assure continuance of the existing French Administration, the Commander in Chief has refrained

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from interfering with these local arrangements between Frenchmen. All arrangements are of purely local application.

Representatives of all important elements in North Africa, including those which have been most active in fostering a spirit of resistance to the Axis, have assured the Commander in Chief of their wholehearted adhesion to the pact of Algiers and their eagerness to cooperate with a provisional Government headed by Darlan."

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November 16, 1942
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From: London (16/0435Z)
To : AGWAR

No. 643, November 15, 1942

French group has accepted desired rate of exchange but only after much wrangling. Review no twenty two from CINC to CCS. Very soon, probably this evening, Darlan intends to announce Giraud's participation in provisional government as head of armed forces, but expressed intention to "Proclaim that DeGaulle will not be recognized here nor any of his government."

I immediately instructed Clark to inform Darlan of my strong disapproval of this reference to DeGaulle, stating that neither he nor ourselves could afford useless alienation of sympathetic support in any part of world, and further that such action would embarrass me highly. We are doing our best to keep in line with announced policies and engagements of our governments, but I think it is unnecessary to explain again how essential it is to us locally to have a stabilized civil government. What we must avoid at all costs, although we do not admit this here, is the taking over of the whole region under military government. That would be the result or repudiation of Darlan gang. Situation in Tunisia not yet crystallized. We are in Bone. Following report received from Clark tonight. "Just had long conference with Giraud who appears to working in complete harmony with Darlan. He feels that Darlan is actively supporting us in resistance to the Axis. Orders both by Giraud and Juin have been issued to troops in Tunisia to resist and they are being disposed in accordance with their capabilities. Orders have been issued today for the movement of French troops from Algiers and Constantine to the East in order to protect the flank of Anderson's latvi advance. Giraud is going on a reconnaissance of Tunisian border tomorrow in order to see that his orders are being carried out. He will be accompanied by Juin and will meet Barre who commands Tunisian Division. I am arranging to have a staff officer go along."

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No. 643, November 15, 1942 (Page 2) From: London

It should be realized that the French, having permitted the Axis to bring forces into Tunisia, are now unable to oppose these forces effectively with the weak and poorly equipped units at their disposal. French units practically devoid of anti tank units so tonight I ordered bulk of tank destroyer battalion from Oran to Algiers. Defeat of Axis in Tunisia must be accomplished by our own forces, but I am hopeful that Giraud's active participation may galvanize French units into greater effort.

We need more transport aircraft and I am in communication with Spaatz to find out whether more have arrived in England.

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URGENT

From: London - 0050/16
To: AGWAR

No. 639, November 15, 1942

Darlan says that he has communicated with Admiral Collingny at Dakar in an effort to obtain Collingny's cooperation for the future use of units at Dakar and for Collingny's cooperation. He proposes also to enter into negotiations with Admiral Robert at Martinique for the same purpose. From C in C for CCS. Repeat to Admiralty. In the latter connection, Darlan suggests that the machinery parts of the Naval vessels and the merchant shipping now at Fort De France be authorized for transfer from Casablanca to Martinique.

Recommend approval this proposal and that machinery parts be sent forthwith by returning ships to United States so that they may be readily available if and when required.

Am directing Clark to make it clear that those machinery parts will not be sent to Martinique until there is concrete indication that Admiral Robert is prepared to cooperate actively.

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URGENT

From: London - 0052/16
To: AGWAR

No. 629, November 15, 1942

For CCS from C in C. Terms will be cabled
earliest about Giraud's appointment if Darlan
makes possible statement says Clark. Paraphrase
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FRENCH CONSUL NEUVILLE IN TANGIER WHO WAS SENT HERE TO REPLACE PRO AMERICAN CONSULATE MEMBERS ABOUT WHOM WEISBADEN HAD COMPLAINED IS NOW GIRAUD ADHERENT AND HAS INFORMED LEGATION HERE THAT FRENCH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DECODING PARTS OF AN URGENT SPANISH GOVERNMENT MESSAGE FROM CASABLANCA TO TETUAN CONTAINING FOLLOWING WORDS: "OPERATIONS--PREPARATIONS TO ADVANCE." RELIABILITY THIS SOURCE NOT KNOWN. IF REPORT SPURIOUS WOULD SUGGEST VICHY ATTEMPT TO DISTURB SPANISH AMERICAN RELATIONS. GENERALLY FRENCH CONTINUE APREHENSIVE OF SPANISH AGGRESSION.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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From: London (1415Z/15)
To: Agwar

No 589 Nov 15, 1942.

Great opposition has been shown by the French (paraphrase of message from Clark for Smith and CCS signed Eisenhower) to subject of rate of exchange, three zero zero francs to the pound and seven five to the dollar, as previously approved by allied governments WD as a result of several meetings held fourteen November, however, Darlan has withdrawn opposition and these rates were announced same day. A delicate financial situation which has existed since the cessation of hostilities will thereby be cleared up.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
The Secretary

November 16, 1942

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-73

Telegram no. 1794

Dated: Nov. 14, 1 p.m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: Nov. 15, 4:10 p.m.

This telegram contains a general review of the Spanish reaction to the recent developments in French North Africa. A copy of it has been sent to Tangier.

The American successes in the North African campaign continue to be the cause of rejoicing among the people of Spain. However, in the background there is a feeling that complete success by the United Nations may result in a change of regime in Spain which would put a "Red" administration into power.

The Spanish Government has been following a policy of giving full publicity to our guarantees and to all newspaper reports of the campaign in North Africa and this policy is supported by the Army, Navy and Air Ministers as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The latter is playing a very important part in the development of the Spanish situation.

It is said that Franco hold the opinion that strong forces of the United Nations in North Africa will have the effect of reducing pressure on Spain from the Germans and reports have been received to the effect that he has felt pleasure at news of the Allied successes. It is also understood that Franco has admitted to his Cabinet that he wished to lead Spain along the way of neutrality acknowledging that Serrano Suner's policy of non-belligerency was a mistake.

The publication of news about North Africa and the assurances given to the Spanish Government was opposed in the Cabinet meeting of November 8th by the Secretaries of Gobernacion, Agriculture, Labor and the Minister of the Falange. When some of these ministers made threats that publication would be followed by an uprising

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of the Falange, the War Minister and the Secretary of Gobernacion said that the Falange would be opposed by the Army and the police if they took such steps. Publication of the guarantees was given unanimous approval of the Cabinet after Franco, it is reported, said that the Falange would be immediately "liquidated" if it should make trouble.

It is reported that General Kindelan, the Captain General of Barcelona, voluntarily came to Madrid to recommend the improvement of northern defenses of the country and to state that it is possible in his opinion that the Germans would move into Spain although he does not expect such a move. It is understood that the General's daughter in Barcelona made the statement that the General went to Madrid for the purpose of making a declaration to the effect that he would resist any invasion by the Germans if it were made. In this connection it should be noted that General Franco was under pressure some months ago from the Germans for the removal of General Kindelan from his position as Captain General.

It is generally believed in Spain that the beginning of the end of Axis power has been indicated by the success of the activities of the forces of the United Nations in North Africa and this opinion is receiving support in reports from Axis countries which are being received at the Foreign Office. News about the United Nations is receiving better treatment in the Spanish press and the bulletins of the Embassy are very popular. A line of persons calling at the Embassy for the bulletin has at times stretched for two blocks.

There have been very few incidents throughout Spain where the population is in general very friendly. The Government recently persuaded the Syndicate of University Students not to carry out demonstrations which they had planned for several days ago. All our offices are guarded but the guards have evidently been placed there for the protection of the offices. The only report of a demonstration that has been received was an incident occurring in Valencia yesterday when about 40 men who had served in the Blue Division marched passed the British Consulate shouting "Death to England".

When the Foreign Minister said to me that he hoped that the civil administration in Morocco would not be disturbed by the occupation by forces of the United Nations, I told him that in my opinion it would not be.

Army leaves have not in general been canceled in Spain although they have been in Spanish Morocco

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From: Roberts Amler Liberia
To: WD

No. 150 Nov 14 1942

Vichy French Martin Maryland bomber landed Roberts Field (for G dash two) noon Oct thirteenth. Copsheil, Alecann, four Squemin, Ramslant all from group two dash six two air base Thiessenegag. All indicate many comrades would follow id encouraged. Short wave broadcast heard their base twenty fifteen hours GMT from London and twenty PM fifteen hours GMT from Washington. Suggest broadcast inviting further escapes to this field stressing American Base Roberts Field rather than British Fitzgerald. notified incident and action taken.

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November 15, 1942
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From: London

To: AGWAR

No 4918 November 14, 1942

Entire population Tunisia favors Allies.
Attitude Army Air Force police excellent Navy
uncertain. Bey French Civil Military authorities
in agreement also for US.

Casablanca reports Parti Populaire Francaise
Service Ordre Legionnaire continue active propa-
ganda against Allies. (from War Office signed
McClure) SOL paying natives who killed looted
Jewish quarters. Many Fifth Column at liberty

Thirteen Nov reported Tunisia all German
personnel Elaouina left for Bizerta. Approx
two thousand Germans landed Bizerta from two
ships three destroyers. Estimated Germans Tun-
isia thirteen Nov eight thousand.

Same date reported Axis troops in Forgemol
Barracks Central Post Office and other points
Tunisia. One battalion Axis troops disembarked
La Goulette night twelve dash thirteen Nov. All
French troops gone area Souk el Arba. French
G two section left with them.

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From: London - 2318/14
To: AGWAR

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No. 531, November 14, 1942

Revision of Torch directive contained in our three three one requested in your G two nine six refer our four nine eight. From Eisenhower for Smith. Follows: substitute for second sentence first paragraph from "under the leadership" to "influences of the enemy" the following "Frenchmen everywhere, and especially in North Africa, have responded immediately to Hitler's new brutalities - to his official tearing up of the Cruel Armistice which he never observed in practice, to his new invasion of French soil. Hitler who sought to break the spirit of France has merely succeeded in uniting all elements among Frenchmen in a determination to reenter the war against the Germans and Italians. All the French military and civil leaders in French North Africa have wholeheartedly agreed that their paramount patriotic duty is to mobilize their forces actively to drive the enemy from the southern shore of the Mediterranean as the preface to a struggle to free all French territory from the control and influences of the enemy. In a solemn pact of Algiers, they have put aside all personal and political issues which have divided them in the past. The pact of Algiers is an important event in French history. By this pact, Darlan will head the political administration of the Provisional Government of French North Africa, and all the other principal leaders will have important posts and united among themselves, the leaders of the military forces and civil population of French North Africa have decided to join actively

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From: London - 2318/14
To: AGWAR

No. 531, November 14, 1942

with the Allied Forces under the command of General Eisenhower in a common struggle to crush the enemy." In second sentence second paragraph eliminate phrase "and all adhesions to Giraud's banner". After second sentence insert following "During early phase of application of this directive and until specific instructions are received do not mention Giraud's name." In third paragraph eliminate second sentence from "Hitler has now" to "in practice". In last paragraph translate Italian expression into colloquial phrase "ora viene il brato".

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FOLLOWING SENT IN PLAIN TEXT FROM TOULON TO ALGIERS AT ELEVEN THIRTY THE FOURTEENTH QUOTE FOR ADMIRAL DARLAN I NOTE YOUR TELEGRAM TO THE CHIEF OF STATE. YOU SHOULD DEFEND NORTH AFRICA AGAINST THE AMERICAN AGRSSION. THE DECISION WHICH YOU HAVE TAKEN IN VIOLATION OF MY ORDERS IS CONTRARY TO THE MISSION THAT YOU RECEIVED. I GIVE THE ORDER TO AFRICA TO TAKE NO ACTION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AGAINST THE FORCES OF THE AXIS AND NOT TO ADD TO THE MISFORTUNES OF THE HOMELAND. SIGNED PHILLIPPE PETAIN. FRENCH ADMIRALTY. UNQUOTE.

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The Secretary

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 619

Dated: 11/14/42, 3 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: 11/14/42, 3:53 p.m.

Concern has been expressed in certain French circles in Casablanca, according to information which has just reached me, that reliable French are not being given authority by the occupying forces quickly enough. As a result, agents, favorable to the Axis who should be in custody are able to move and act freely. It is known that some of these agents have approached our troops. It is also stated that the Spanish might be tempted to invade the area of Sebou due to the weakness of French forces in that area.

This information came to me from French Consul Neuville¹¹⁰ who has just returned from Casablanca. He and Vice Consul Delaigue have given their adherence to General Giraud.

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From: London 1314Z/14
To: AGWAR

No. 4902, November 14, 1942

Cable four seven nine from Eisenhower to Smith paraphrased as follows: For Marshall from Eisenhower signed Smith.

Darlan, Kingpin, Nogues and others, have all agreed to form a provisional government and cooperate with US. Some hope of drawing Dakar into agreement. Report this to Chiefs of Staff but caution that there is to be no publicity because of reaction here. Other considerations make it important that first publicity come from group itself. I have faithfully promised this so please make sure that no mistake occurs. Only faint hope of securing fleet but not promising. We are making progress getting communications into new headquarters in Algiers and I hope we can move there before long. We will secure good accommodations for officers and headquarters in spite of crowded city.

Reuters at one nine two five Z and at two naught one nine Z quoted messages broadcast from Algiers by Darlan, Nogues, and Chatel stating they were in complete agreement and that Darlan was assuming responsibility for French interest in North Africa. It is probable that these statements were not heard in Gibraltar and that Eisenhower did not know of them at time he sent the above message.

Cable four nine five (Gib), for Smith signed Eisenhower paraphrased as follows: Change in Torch directive contained in our three three one will be issued soon. Meanwhile for reasons explained in my four seven nine (first para this cable) omit reference to Kingpin leadership.

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From: London
To: AGWAR, Washington, D C
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Some evidence has reached me that British Foreign Office is quite disturbed concerning nature of agreement we have evolved with North African French, particularly because we have found it mandatory to deal with Darlan. For personal from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. I am submitting to Combined Chiefs of Staff a long telegram of explanation which will show that no other arrangement is possible except at cost of huge army of occupation and even with possibility of resumption of hostilities in Morocco where Armistice was brought about by order of Darlan rather than complete defeat of defending forces. Any further trouble in Morocco will stir up tribes with disastrous effect upon Spain. To prevent all this, Darlan must be accepted because he is only man, other than Marshal Petain himself, that French officialdom in North Africa, including Nogues who controls Morocco, will follow. We are not blind to reputation of Darlan and have not been sold a bill of goods. Moreover, Kingpin is active participant in arrangement and agrees to every condition laid down since he recognizes his own inability, alone, to do anything constructive in compromises, even with our moral and military support. Kingpin is our most active and honest supporter but is so fully alive to controlling factors that he agrees his connection with movement must temporarily be kept confidential. Kingpin's name will come out pre-eminently in connection with agreement and as head of French Armed Forces in North Africa as soon as we have succeeded in clearing his name of a certain stigma now attaching to it because his prior sympathy with our intention to enter Africa is well known. Kingpin's attitude should reassure fighting French, who may be told as much as is necessary of this feature. Cunningham, Clark, Murphy and all British and United States staffs here are of conviction that our case is unanswerable.

I am sending you this telegram so that if any repercussions come to your ears in advance of official explanatory message, you will have personal knowledge of situation. If you deem it desirable, may I suggest that you give the President some early knowledge of these facts so that any messages (CM-IN-6251)

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To: AGWAR

No. 544, November 14, 1942

Suggest press release in London and Washington on following lines: (From CINC to CCS) "Since entry of Allied Forces and consultations with local French leaders it has become apparent that Darlan is the one French leader whom all elements in French North Africa will recognize. As the purpose of the Allies is to work with a self-constituted government in French North Africa which would assure a continuance of the existing French administration of area, the CINC has refrained from interfering with these local French arrangements.

Darlan has engaged himself to collaborate with us in the war against the Axis. All engagements made with him are of purely local application.

The Allied CINC has been assured that all important elements in French North Africa concur in the action taken and will cooperate in a provisional government headed by Darlan to insure its success."

I am issuing no communique on this subject from these headquarters. Please inform me whether above line is approved and when you will issue it.

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tells them to do so, but they are absolutely not willing to follow anyone else. For example, Admiral Esteve in Tunis says he will obey Darlan, while Nogues stopped fighting in Morocco by Darlan's order. Recognition of Darlan's position in this respect cannot be escaped.

The gist of the current agreement is that the French group will do what it can immediately to assist us in taking Tunisia. The group will organize French North Africa for effective cooperation and will begin reorganization, under Kingpin, of selected military forces for active participation in the war. It will exhaust every expedient in an effort to get the Toulon fleet. We will support government in controlling and pacifying country and in helping equip selected Abite Units. Many details still under discussion.

(Part three)

Our hope of early conquest of Tunisia and of gaining here a supporting and organized population can not possibly be realized unless there is accepted a general agreement along the lines which we have just concluded with Darlan and his Admirals, with the Kingpin, with Nogues, who controls the tribes in Morocco, with Juin and others. The Kingpin is now so fully aware of his inability to do anything by himself, even with Allied moral and military support, that he has cheerfully accepted the post of Military Chief in the Darlan group. He fully agrees also that his own name should not be mentioned in connection with this movement for a period of several days. Without a strong French government of some kind here we would be forced to undertake complete military occupation. The cost in

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(Part one) The following is urgent from C in C to CCS. Can well understand some bewilderment in London and Washington with the turn that negotiations with French North Africans have taken. The actual state of existing sentiment here does not agree even remotely with some of prior calculations. The following salient facts are pertinent and it is extremely important that no precipitate action at home upset such equilibrium as we have been able to establish.

Foremost is the fact that the name of Marshal Petain is something to conjure with here. Everyone from highest to lowest attempts to create the impression that he lives and acts under the shadow of the Marshal's figure. The Civil Governors, Military leaders and Naval Commanders will agree on only one man as having an obvious right to assume the Marshal's mantle in North Africa. That man is Darlan. Even the Kingpin, who has been our most trusted adviser and staunchest friend since early conferences succeeded in bringing him down to earth, clearly recognizes this overpowering consideration and has drastically modified his own ambitions and intentions accordingly. The resistance we met initially was offered because all ranks believed this to be the Marshal's wish and for this reason the Kingpin is deemed to have been guilty of at least a touch of treachery in urging non-resistance to our landing. The Kingpin himself understands and appears to have some sympathy for this universal attitude. All concerned profess themselves to be ready to go along with us provided Darlan

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time and resources would be tremendous. In Morocco alone General Patton calculates that it would require sixty thousand Allied troops to hold the tribes quiet, and in view of the effect that any tribal disturbance would have on Spain, you can see what a problem we are up against.

The Kingpin is honest and will watch Darlan. Moreover, Murphy, who has done a grand job, will as head of my Civil Affairs Section, practically live in Darlan's pocket. Mack and other capable men will cooperate with him. I realize that there may be a feeling at home that we have been sold a bill of goods, but I assure you that these agreements have been arrived at only after incessant examination of the important factors and with the determination to get on with military objectives against the Axis and to advance the interest of the Allies in winning this war

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Fourth part. While Kingpins name must not be associated with this movement publicly for the moment, you may assure any of the Free French to whom it is necessary to impart this information that the Kingpin is an enthusiastic participant in this arrangement. At my final conference with the group Kingpin expressed himself to me as pleased with the turn of events. This should mollify the De Gaullists. We clearly realize that our Governments have commitments to certain elements of the French people throughout the world and we are not attempting to extend the agreement here beyond the area in which it is necessary to do so. However, in this connection, these French leaders firmly believe that if they are permitted to send an emissary to Dakar they can draw French West Africa into this organizational arrangement very quickly and make sure that that area is secure for the Allies. Since this group is committed to going along with US for the defeat of Germany and staying in the war until the end, it appears that I should be authorized at once to assist the group in sending an emissary to the Governor of Dakar.

At the final conference with this group I was accompanied by Admiral Cunningham who had a personal conversation with Darlan. They agreed upon a final appeal to the French fleet at Toulon in an effort to

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get it to move. In any event we are convinced that Durlan is making a determined effort to get that fleet and even if he fails there should be realized that Durlan is not empty handed so far as affairs in North Africa are concerned.

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Fifth part begins. It must be remembered that hostilities in Morocco ceased by order of Darlan and not by full military conquest. French military position in that area is still such as to be capable of causing US additional trouble particularly if Nogues, who will obey no one but Darlan, chooses to influence tribes. The certain and deleterious results on Spanish Moroccan situation are obvious.

Finally, it must be clearly appreciated that if Darlan is repudiated and we attempt from the outside to dictate the personnel of the coalition to run this section of the world, the following will be the consequences: A. Our hope of securing organized cooperation in this region must be gone, at great cost to US in additional troops and in stagnation of operations. B. All French armed forces in this region will resist US passively and in certain instances actively. C. Our hope of getting Tunisia quickly will not be attainable because Esteva will not cooperate. He may already be helpless to do so but there is still a good chance. D. The opportunity for gaining some military assistance from remaining French Naval, and Air and Military Units in North Africa will disappear. E. The last glimmer of hope with respect to the Toulon fleet will be gone.

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Sixth part begins.

Read first part sixth paragraph as follows: Assisted by General Clark and Admiral Cunningham and our full staff, I have made what we consider to be the only possible workable arrangement for securing advantages and avoiding disadvantages I have outlined in this telegram. I am certain that anyone who is not on the ground can have no clear appreciation of the complex currents of feeling and of prejudice that influence the situation.

Also it should be clear that the Kingpin's earnest participation in this arrangement gives indication of the necessity for the agreements we have made.

Finally I suggest that if the two governments after analysis of this radio are still dissatisfied with nature of agreement made that a mission of selected British and United States representatives, and including Free French if deemed advisable, be immediately dispatched to this headquarters where, in ten minutes, they can be convinced of the soundness of the moves we have made.

Colonel Stirling, special British Military Assistant on my staff, is returning to London tonight to provide more background on this whole subject, with which he is thoroughly familiar. He is badly needed here and has been instructed to return as quickly as he has performed this mission. End of message.

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From: London 1235Z/14
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No. 506, November 14, 1942

Long cable being submitted in explanation of factors necessitating agreement made with French. From C in C to CCS without delay. Salient fact is that the agreement reached is only alternative to disorder and passive possibly active resistance, of which results would be disastrous. Moreover, Kingpin clearly appreciates his complete inability to act alone even with out moral and military support and is enthusiastic participant in this agreement. He furthers concurs that local sentiment makes it not wise for his name to appear in matter for first few days. His name temporarily carries certain stigma amongst French officialdom but this will disappear if no friction is created by outside influence. However, I suggest that degatelist fears can be allayed by assurance that Kingpin is prominst party to whole agreement. Please urge that governments do not disturb the partial equilibrium we have established; pending receipt of my cable. Clark, Cunningham, Murphy and Allied Staff all share my earnest conviction in matter.

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To: AGWAR

No 504 November 14, 1942

Proposed Torch Special Directive for Italy follows. From Eisenhower for CCS and Smith. The Americans, fully supported by British, have arrived in force in Mediterranean in time to cooperate with British armies of Middle East Command in driving Germans from south shore Mediterranean. The two great democracies which have never wavered in their friendship for the Italian people who were forced into an unpopular war by Pan Germanist Fascist masters are now able and ready to help the Italians reconquer their independence and freedom as Nazi Germany realizes that tide of battle has definitely turned in favour of United Nations, Hitler reveals that Mussolini is scapegoat of Berlin dash Rome gangster team. He is now more than ever a helpless tool in the hands of unscrupulous master. For him and his fellow-hirelings ugly days are in store ("ora vien il brsto"). As hour of reckoning approaches for Mussolini, real master of Italy, Hitler, no longer hides his contempt for his servant. Italian troops were forced to bear brunt of Eighth Army advance and were left in lurch by Germans after having been obliged by Germans to fight with weapons and under living conditions far inferior to those of Germans. Presence Germans on south coast of France, Corsica and Tunisia proves Hitler is betraying Mussolini after having induced Mussolini to betray Italian

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people. It shows Hitler never intended let Italians exercise any control over Mediterranean. Thanks to Mussolini honorary German number one, Italy is now prisoner in Mediterranean. On one hand Italians face Germans who consider them unworthy cannonfodder and offer them nothing better than servitude. On other hand they face overwhelmingly powerful Allied forces who offer them a share in their own liberation. American occupation of French North Africa in a powerful surprise stroke which shows that the Allies have achieved and outdistanced Nazi military efficiency, the rout of Rommel which deals final blow to the legend of Nazi military invincibility, and Allied thrust towards Tunisia bring the Armies of Liberation within striking distance of Italian soil.

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PWE and OWI, London suggest following alternative text: reference five four four GIB, one four November. For Marshall for CCS from OWI, PWE signed Smith. "Since entry of Allied Forces into French North Africa, General Eisenhower has been informed that the principal French personalities in North Africa are willing to cooperate with a provisional government headed by Darlan.

Consultations have shown in fact that Darlan is the only French leader whom these personalities are prepared to recognize at this time.

As the purpose of the Allies is to work with a self constituted government in French North Africa, which would assure a continuance of the existing French administration, the Commander in Chief has refrained from interfering with these local arrangements between Frenchmen.

Darlan has pledged himself to support the Allied forces in the war against Germany and Italy. All engagements which may be made with him are of purely local application".

Whatever final text may be, OWI and PWE strongly recommend that word "collaborate" as used in second paragraph of original version be avoided as it has evil connotation on continent.

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To: AGWAR

No. 505, November 14, 1942

Unless the Italians hasten to throw in their lot with the Grand Army of Liberation, the horror and sufferings of war will be brought into the towns and homes of the Italians. Italian casualties will be heavy material damage will be great and the Italians will lose their share in the advantages of the Allied victory. The hour of reckoning for Mussolini is also the hour of awakening for the Italian AntiFascists. Twenty years of oppression by the Ovr and Gestapo have discouraged. The Militants organized resistance to the regime had come to seem hopeless to some. Now the situation has changed. The regime is on its last legs. The whole military power of America and the British Empire is converging on Fascism. The time is ripe for the Italians to act in support of the Grand Army of Liberation. No longer need Italian patriots feel that their risks and sacrifices are in vain. They alone by accepting risks and sacrifices can win the admiration of the millions of AntiFascists in the Democracies and thereby prevent the Italians from having to pay for Mussolini's crimes. It is by the activity or inactivity of the Italian patriots inside Italy now dash before the Allies win their inevitable victory dash that Italy will be judged by the victors.

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From: Toulon
To : Algiers
11/141130/ 1942

#11126 (Plain Text)

For Admiral Darlan.

"I note your telegram to the Chief of State. You should defend North Africa against the American aggression. The decision which you have taken in violation of my orders is contrary to the mission that you received. I give the order to Africa to take no action under any circumstances against the forces of the Axis and not to add to the misfortunes of the homeland.

(S) Philippe Petain."

(S) French Admiralty.

(French)

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Copy of Telegram to Mr. Mack from Mr. Eden, dated
11th November, 1942.

French National Committee wish to send a Mission to North Africa to explain their point of view to local French and in particular to General Giraud and to inform themselves of the position there.

2. Line which Mission would take would be that National Committee wish above all to realize union of France and the Empire in the war on the side of the Allies. They think it essential that French North Africa should form part of one political and military whole including territories of the Empire which are already in the war and directing organs of French resistance.
3. Mission would be composed of Mons. Pleven Col. Billotte and M. Bernard and M. Charret, the respective heads of liberation and combat organisations recently arrived from France.
4. We have supported this request with President Roosevelt who has no objection to the despatch of the Mission but wishes it made clear that General Eisenhower is in complete military control of expedition and that the Mission must not discuss military matters which are in his hands alone. General Eisenhower's purpose is to leave civilian machinery intact but must have final authority until military occupation is complete. His understanding is that the only purpose of the Mission would be to confer with Giraud in order to clarify their mutual interests. This has been made clear to Mons. Pleven who confirms that the Mission will go out for the purposes of reconnaissance as described in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 above. He wishes to make clear however that his mission is not to see Giraud alone but to confer with local French generally. He would wish to make contact, for example, with local Gaullist supporters.
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5. I have asked him for an assurance that will not start an agitation and thus complicate General Eisenhower's already heavy task and that he will be guided in all things by General Eisenhower's rulings. He has given this assurance and I think will keep it. But he observes that presence of a Fighting French Mission in North Africa will of itself create some emotion amongst de Gaulle's supporters and amongst his opponents.
6. Mission would travel as soon as air transport is available unless General Eisenhower sees strong objections in which case inform me immediately. They will be advised to report to General Eisenhower and to be guided by him as to their movements. You should keep in touch with them so far as possible and use your influence to see that they conform to the wishes of the United States Military Attache [sic ? "authorities"].
7. Please show this telegram to General Eisenhower.

Adm. Leahy

This received thru British Channels

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Nov 13
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From: London 1537Z/13
To: AGWAR

No. 442, November 13, 1942

Am leaving here immediately with Cunningham for Algiers where I intend to make one last effort to secure organized French leadership in area. Review No. twenty one from CINC to CCS. Clark had several sessions with Darlan, Kingpin, Murphy, Nogues and Juin yesterday. Darlan and Kingpin presented a plan to get together which Clark considers is best solution but Nogues refuses to accept it. Absolutely essential that this matter be settled without further delay. Clark has done magnificent but he considers it possible that my presence may crystallize the situation. My estimate is that a firm attitude is necessary. Under present plans I will return here this evening and will report results of trip. Darlan told Clark that fleet had acknowledged receipt of his message but that Darlan did not know of contemplated action of fleet if any. We were unable to make Prj of Toulon yesterday but our best information fleet is still there.

Anderson is reinforcing his eastward move with all possible speed and is making every conceivable effort to get ahead of Bosche in eastern sector. British Thirty Sixth Brigade Group is reinforcing Bone Garrison and occupying Setif. Fighters

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From: London 1537Z/13
To: AGWAR

No. 442, November 13, 1942

were established at Bougie yesterday and eleven enemy aircraft destroyed. Hope to have our fighters operating from Djidjelli today, and from Bone tomorrow. Am reinforcing Anderson with units from Center Task Force.

Consolidation continues at Oran.

Information from Casablanca still meagre and confused. Expect Bieri to return today. Yesterday fighters were being established ashore at Port Lysutey and two PBY squadrons were ordered to proceed there.

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November 14, 1942.

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 1777

Dated: November 13, 11 p.m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: November 13, 11:20 p.m.

Following has been repeated to Algiers.

A high military official in Rome is reported to have told the Spanish Military Attache there that Tripolitania and Cirenaica are considered lost by Italy. From Tripolitania some troops have already been moved into Tunisia. Each day one division is being moved by air from Sicily to Tunisia and another division by sea. Rommel will attempt a stand in Tunisia. If this is not successful, invasion of the Italian mainland as well as Sicily and Sardinia is expected by Italy. The Spanish Military Attache reports that civilian morale is very low but that military morale is fairly good. For the purpose of carrying troops to Tripolitania the Germans have called back a large number of planes from the Russian front.

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November 14, 1942.

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 615

Dated: November 13, 3 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 13, 9:50 p.m.

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Immediately after finishing this telegram I am departing for French Morocco with Colonel Johnson. Upon arrival we shall contact American military authorities in that place in order that I may make certain of General Patton's approval of my acceptance of the French Residency's invitation, after which I shall contact the Residency.

I have just seen the Spanish Consul to explain the invitation I had received and to tell him that I wished to be certain that the High Commissioner would not consider my journey as inconsistent with the understanding between us. The Spanish Consul said that he was completely satisfied that my visit would in no way embarrass Orgaz but that he would confirm this by telephoning Orgaz. The Spanish Consul has now called upon me to say that the High Commissioner was grateful for my inquiry; that he had with pleasure given orders to facilitate my journey in every way to the Spanish authorities, and that he wished me "good luck".

Please refer to State Department's no. 221 of November 12, 3 p.m.

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URGENT

From: London (2214Z/13)
To: Agvar

No. 4860 November 13, 1942

Interpretation of code names mentioned in your R three one zero five as follows: **BACKBONE** designates possible operations against Spanish Morocco. For combined Chiefs of Staff from Smith. **AMERICAN EAGLE** designates Lieutenant General Clark. **NEPTUNE** was used for minor operation now completed. Please send any other doubtful words for interpretation.

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U R G E N T

From: London 13/1115 Jan
To: Agvar Washington

No. 431, November 13th, 1942

Eisenhower Cunningham will arrive Algiers
(from CISC for CCS) one one three naught hours
Z today for conference with Clark and French
group.

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From: London (1700Z/13th)
To: AGWAR

No. 4855 Nov 13, 1942

British Minister Tangier report that Moors in Tangier and Spanish Zone evidence disappointment that no message has been sent to Sultan of Morocco. For Eisenhower signed Smith. Recommend President release his message if he has confirmation of its delivery.

In connection with the entire Moorish question it is recommended that a "Hands off" policy be adopted for the present. Spain is exceptionally sensitive to any effort to rouse the Moors or encourage a greater degree of independence.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 601

Dated: 11/12/42, 4 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: 11/12/42, 2:45 p.m.

I have been informed by Captain de Benoit de la Paillonne that the French Consul General in Tangier, M. Lavastre, authorized him to advise me that he was ready to follow the orders of General Giraud and at the opportune moment this information should be given to Orgaz. Clerac called on me with the Captain. The French Consul General's decision has been agreed to by the Captain, who is the French Military Attache.

The Spanish are not expected to object to recognizing the French Consulate in Tetuan as following in North Africa the orders of General Giraud. This was the impression I gained this morning in my conversation with Castillo.

Madrid has been informed.

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November 13, 1942

URGENT

From: London (13/0810Z)
To : AGWAR

No. 369, November 12, 1942

This morning the situation is as follows. Review no nineteen from C in C to CCS. General Clark still conferring with Darlan who has sent message urging French fleet to come over to US on ground it will be seized by Hun. We have little evidence for believing instructions will be obeyed because Darlan waited too long. Yesterday I sent personal message to French fleet inviting it to join United Nations. Kingpin and Darlan have reached tentative agreement whereby former will be military and latter political head of French organization here. Whole group has combined to urge Esteva in Tunis to oppose Germans but reply seemed somewhat evasive. Cunningham and I sent separate appeals to Esteva promising quick support. Throughout French North Africa officialdom and population are obviously somewhat confused by rapidly changing situation but on the whole they are accepting us with feelings of relief.

Algiers area: successful landing at Bougie last night but weather prevented simultaneous landing at Djidjelli airfield. Resulting lack of air support caused loss of one ship with two others damaged. However both convoys finally landed at Bougie and took up advance on Djidjelli by land. Making combined sea, land and airborne effort with light forces on Bone, Duzerville and Setif this morning, all in order to seize country and airdromes ahead of enemy. City of Algiers quiet and unloading proceeding satisfactorily.

Oran area: generally quiet but with harbor badly blocked by nine scuttled vessels, thus hampering unloading operations. Part one ends. Part two begins. This is serious due to arrival of followup convoy but some progress is reported in clearing harbor. Air Corps working hard on two main fields south of city. Some

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No. 369, November 12, 1942 (Page 2) From: London

annoyance from small groups in hills. Elimination of resistance at Oran was brought about by force of arms and not by Darlan's order. Fredendall continues to do well.

Casablanca: in this area it appears that cessation of hostilities was at least partially brought about by Darlan's order. Negotiations with Patton, Hewitt and Nogues took place yesterday at Casablanca with Armistice accepted in principle but Nogues unwilling to discuss details until receipt of Darlan's order. Condition of Casablanca port appears satisfactory from aerial reconnaissance. Communications with Western Task Force most unsatisfactory. Expect to improve this matter during day. In meantime am dispatching Admiral Bieri and Liaison group to area by fast surface vessel to transmit instructions and collect information.

Air situation slowly improves but have not yet ordered two **QBY** squadrons into Casablanca where I am anxious to place them for anti dash sub purposes. At all ports the subs are concentrating and we must use every possible counter measure. Am organizing Air Forces for action to East to participate in efforts to advance our strength in that direction.

Request particular attention to dispatch of salvaging equipment for Oran Harbor. Not yet possible to give even rough estimate of personnel and material losses. Army losses in Algiers were light, in initial landing about a dozen killed and fifty wounded. In Oran area they were heavier on land and increased by failure of reservist operation. May have total there of five or six hundred killed, wounded and missing. In Casablanca area we have no information on losses whatsoever.

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November 12, 1942

From: London

To: AGWAR, Washington, for Operations and Surles

Communique number 6 resistance by French Armed Forces has ceased everywhere in North Africa, with the exception of a few isolated localities. In many places the local population and United States Troops joined in Armistice Day ceremonies. The unloading of troops and supplies is progressing with the assistance of French dock workers.

Our positions on the West Coast are being consolidated.

The Commander in Chief has instructed all Forces to acquaint themselves with and conform to local laws and customs.


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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Combined Chiefs of Staff

November 12, 1942

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To USFOR
LONDON

Number R-3071

Use in your despatches of code names whose meanings not known here causing confusion. For Smith from Combined Chiefs of Staff. Please forward to Secretariat Combined Chiefs of Staff immediately all designators used in your operations not contained in list Apemand to Wistful, annexed to your intelligence instruction number 20.

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From: London (1915/12)
To: AGWAR

No. 361 Nov 12 1942

Summary of report from Clark at Algiers noon tenth. From Eisenhower to AGWAR for CCS. In assault one six eight combat team met first resistance EL Biar and fought patrols into City. Thirty Ninth CT engaged tanks and mechanized Cavalry Hussein Dey. Casualties light; one six eight CT ten killed thirty eight wounded, Thirty Ninth CT two killed ten wounded, one Company Terminal Force missing, two hundred fifty unwounded prisoners being returned. Twelve known French killed. Null agreement between United States and French authorities North Africa. Friendly reception and calm prevails. Guards removed from French Headquarters and Barracks. Garrison Fort Lempereur voluntarily piled arms. Troops assembling one six eight CT El Biar awaiting quarters Algiers, Thirty Ninth CT Maison Carre; Detachments guarding airfields. Axis aviation active; in raid PM ninth by thirty to fifty JU eighty eights and some ME one one ones Spitfires and ACK ACK scored twelve certain two probable eight damaged, we lost no pilots. Second raid AM tenth no damage observed. Unloading improving as Port Labor returns. German Armistic Commission papers ciphers and codes captured.

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November 13, 1942

PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 607

Dated: 11/12/42, 9 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: 11/12/42, 6:57 p.m.

So far as North Africa is concerned, the most critical days will be within the next few days in the opinion of Colonel Johnson, Clerac and myself.

The Germans may be expected to take quick action to obtain possession of the airdromes in Spanish Morocco, if Germany makes the decision to move into Spain. From these airdromes Germany could be expected to launch an attack against the ports of Tangier, Melilla and Ceuta.

The Spanish Minister made a remark to me yesterday wherein he revealed, as reported in my 590, that if the frontier into Spain should be crossed by the Germans, we should enter Spanish North Africa immediately. The Spanish Minister has been delegated to act as a liaison officer with the foreign diplomatic and consular corps in Tangier. I emphasize this point as it gave me a clear indication that our move would not be resented by the Spanish because our motive would be understood by them in the event the Germans should move against Spain. In order to counter any move by the Axis touching this territory, our military authorities in North Africa should be put on the alert during the next few days.

Madrid informed.

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Dated November 12, 1942

Rec'd 2:05 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington

TRIPLE PRIORITY

1768, November 12, noon, (Section 1)

I have received from the Foreign Minister the following letter addressed to the President by General Franco on November 10th (Translation).

"My dear President: I have received from the hands of your Ambassador the letter in which, actuated by the relations of friendship which unite our peoples, and which in their benefit should be preserved, you explain to me the reasons which induced Your Excellency to send troops of the American Army to occupy the territories of the French possessions and protectorates in North Africa.

I accept with pleasure and I thank you for the assurances which Your Excellency offers the Government and the people of Spain to the effect that the measures adopted are not in any manner directed against their interests, or against their territories, metropolitan or overseas, or against the protectorate in Morocco, and I confidently hope that the relations among the Moroccan peoples of both zones likewise will in the future be maintained in the same spirit of peace and of reciprocal confidence which have characterized them up to now.

I can assure you that Spain knows the value of peace and sincerely desires peace for itself and for all other peoples.

On this occasion I am pleased to reciprocate the same friendly sentiments you expressed to me and to express my intention of avoiding anything which might disturb our relations in any of their aspects, and I reiterate with a salutation the expression of my personal esteem and sincere friendship.

Signed Francisco Franco.

Palace of El Pardo, November 10, 1942.

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To His Excellency, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President
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From: London (2318Z/12)

To: Agwar

No. 4840, November 12, 1942

Believe composition of German forces now in Tunisia with purpose to impede our entry is motorcycles, engineers, anti tank guns and armored cars according to present reports. (for Strong from Mc-Clure). Total to date is small. (Quoted from cable for Anderson from Eisenhower). No additional planes reported. Further troops by sea probably will arrive twelve November.

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From: Lisbon
To: Milid

No. 530 Nov 12 1942

Report here as yet unconfirmed that Salazar
drove to Madrid last night to see Franco. Report
in press of Germanys assurance to respect Spains
neutrality now denied.

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From: London (12/1947Z)
To: AGWAR

No. 4833 November 12, 1942

PWE is following proposed general Torch directive second stage, our three three one (GIB), one two November except last sentence of para three. For OPD for Security Control for Sherwood, OWI, from Eisenhower signed Smith. We feel we should soft pedal food problem for the time being since enemy propaganda has not stressed problem.

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From: London 2053Z
To: Agvar

No. 363 November 12, 1942

Condition of Casablanca Port appears satisfactory from Aerial Reconnaissance communications with Western Task Force most unsatisfactory. Expect to improve this matter during day. In meantime am dispatching Admiral Bieri and Liaison Group to area by fast surface vessel to transmit instructions and collect information.

Air situation slowly improves but have not yet ordered two PBY Squadrons into Casablanca where I am anxious to place them for Anti-sub purposes. At all ports the subs are concentrating and we must use every possible counter measure.

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INFO. COPY: GEN DEANE(CCS) GEN STRONG GEN SOMERVELL ADM KING
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November 13, 1942

PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 1754

Dated: 11/11/42, 4 p.m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: 11/12/42, 9¹² a.m.

Yesterday a high ranking Foreign Office official stated that it was his opinion that as yet pressure had not been put on Spain by Germany in the present North African developments.

HAYES

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Information: OPD, SGS, CCS, Adm King

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November 12, 1942

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 593

Dated: November 11, 8 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 11, 5 p.m.

With reference to my no. 592, November 11.

Through a telephone conversation with Hardion I have learned that there has been a suspension of arms this afternoon but that as yet there has been no signature of an armistice. Hardion has emphasized the desire of Nogues that I come to Rabat tomorrow and has indicated that I will be received at whatever hour I can get there.

It had been hoped that I would be able to reach Rabat this evening; however, Hardion was unable to reach me by telephone early this afternoon.

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European Section, WDOFD
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November 11, 1942

To **COMMANDING GENERAL
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
LONDON, ENGLAND**

Number R-3041

Salvage equipment and personnel for harbors taken up with Navy. Marshall to ABFOR and Commandeth Gibraltar Smith and Eisenhower. Navy gave following memorandum to CCB here.

"1. In anticipation of salvage requirements at the ports to be under U. S. control, 1 salvage vessel is now with Commander Western Naval Task Force, and 2 additional salvage vessels are enroute to that port.

"2. They are equipped to start operations and continue them for 10 days to 2 months depending on nature of work.

"3. Additional salvage supplies are either enroute or available on east coast. The exact status of this additional materiel is being investigated.

"4. Captain Ellsberg has been loaned to the U. S. Army and is now in or enroute to Turkey. The Army will make him available to Admiral Cunningham as soon as possible.

"5. No other Naval salvage ships are available on the east coast. It is estimated that at least 2 Merritt Chapman Scott vessels can be made available to sail in about 2 weeks, equipped to perform 10 days to 2 months work, depending on amount and type of work.

"6. Additional gear and supplies can be made available on east coast in 1 week to 10 days to support

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these operations for 2 additional months of general work. An accurate estimate of date of arrival overseas of this material depends on the investigation of shipping space and movements of convoys.

"7. No really constructive planning can be done until: (a) Magnitude and nature of job is correctly estimated. (b) Amount of supplies actually arriving in area is reported. (c) British capabilities are fully explored. (d) Material equipment requirements estimated."

Discuss this with Admiralty in London and ascertain British capabilities. Relay that information to Commandeth and advise U. S. Orders have been issued to General Hyde at Accra to have Ellsberg now at Durban to fly to Oran without delay.

MARSHALL

Originator: OPD
Info. Copies: General Deane
Admiral King
General Somervell
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Operations Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOPD
OPD 336 France (11-11-42)
(Limited Distribution)
JEM C/S

November 11, 1942

To USFOR
LONDON

Number E-3040

Joint Chiefs of Staff have no accurate information as to the present situation regarding Vichy or the government of France reference your 4794 until such information is at hand it is impossible to decide on what line to take toward Vichy and France (From Marshall for Smith) When such information is received guidance will be requested from the President and you will be informed. Meanwhile you are safe in stressing U. S. friendship for the people of France.

MARSHALL

Originator: OPD
Info. Copies: General Deane
General Strong
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Admiral Leahy
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November 12, 1942.

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 592

Dated: November 11, 5 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 11, 5:12 p.m.

With reference to my telegram no. 591, November 1,
4 p.m.

More particulars regarding General Nogues' desire to see me have been received from Clerac who has been here with the French Consul General. The Consulate received a telegram this morning from Rabat signed by one Hardion, who is Director of the Civil Cabinet of General Nogues, indicating that the General wished to see me tomorrow at Rabat. The reason for the meeting was not indicated. In view of the fact that we have received unconfirmed report that an armistice has been concluded which covers all of Morocco, I believe that it is quite possible that the purpose of the meeting has to do with the drafting of a modus vivendi rather than with the conclusion of an armistice.

In my opinion it is highly desirable that I see Nogues in accordance with his wishes.

Through Gibraltar I have informed General Eisenhower of the invitation which I have received and have also advised him that I have cabled Washington for instructions.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 1780

Dated: 11-11-42, 10 p.m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: 11-12-42, 8:30 a.m.

Since the recent American occupation of North Africa began, our Military Attache has been informed by the Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army that: Spanish troops have not been moved; army leaves have not been cancelled; new classes have not yet been called up. The calling up of new classes is not expected either.

He expected unoccupied France to be taken over by Germany, but he has no fears about German military action in Spain.

HAYES

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November 12, 1942
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From: Lisboa

To: MILID

No 527 November 11, 1942

Have confirmation your three four six reporting heavy German pressure on Spain. Portuguese officials increasingly uneasy. They consider occupation Portugal a definite German capability. I do not discard capability but have as yet no definite indications of such a move. Much depends on action French fleet. Believe that frequent meetings our Minister and Portuguese Cardinal very valuable but do not feel it urgent at this moment due to very favorable reaction Presidents message to Carmona.

Hohenthal

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November 12, 1942. *WBY*

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 591

Dated: November 11, 4 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 11, 2:12 p.m.

I have just received word through Clerac and the French Consul General at Tangier that General Nogues desires to see me urgently. Although no reason for the desired meeting has been given, Clerac believes that it has to do with an armistice. I have not been informed as to the present whereabouts of General Nogues.

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Nov 11, 1942
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From: London (1418Z/11th)
To: AGWAR

No. 313 November 11, 1942

Swell prevented landing at Djidjelli. Review
No. ~~sixteen~~ from C in C to CCS. Landing Bougie
successful and unopposed.

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General Deane (CCS)
General Strong
Admiral King
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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 4751 Nov 11, 1942

Part One. Air WD Off Algiers the air activity recorded against shipping between noon and midnight ninth November was eighteen plus bombers or armed Recce at Musk while along Litoral from Algiers eastward about one four zero zero there were six Recce aircraft reported. Particular attention to the harbors of Algiers, Djidjelli, Philipville and Bone. No figures are available so far of the Recce which continued toward Algiers on November tenth. On November ninth there arrived at El Aouina airdrome at Tunis some forty German aircraft fighters and dive bombers. Operational potential strictly limited since only skeleton Group Staff can be available and until supplies are brought in. Photo Recce shows evidence of JU five two transport aircraft having arrived at Tunis. While the protection of the airdromes is reported to be French it must be assumed that the Germs shortly will bring own Ground Fighting Troops for tactical and strategical defense probably from Lybia. The move can be considered a defensive measure designed to oppose any Allied move eastward from Algiers.

Part Two Navy. Air sighting report zero three five zero Z Slant ten shows three WOP battleships and two cruisers one zero five miles south of Cotrone steaming west at thirty knots. The cruiser torpedoed on eight November is now in Palermo. Photo Recce morning nine November over Toulon shows three main

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 4751 Nov 11, 1942

French units in drydock. There were no other changes. At Dakau photo Recce shows ten subs on morning nine November but no other change.

G dash two Intelligence Report from Commandeth Gibraltar to one two zero zero Z tenth November, retransmitted to G dash two War Department from Smith.

Part Three Army. No indication of Axis moves into Tunisia other than air. Spanish Morocco quiet and no signs activity or troop movement west coast and French frontier area, AA and defense positions not manned, bridges not guarded and traffic south of Larache strictly controlled. No identifications areas of WTF.

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From: Gibraltar 87 11 1916 U. S. Govt. Fil

Important AGWAR, Washington, D. C.

111800Z NR 335 following being broadcasted
in CINCPAC name through British Naval channels at intervals
in French.

"Hitler has denounced the armistice. I
invite the French fleet to join the United Nations in
the fight for freedom ND so hasten the day of France's
liberation. Hitler has taken your country ND now he
wants your ships. Do not let him take them. The enemy
is close upon you. Sail at once for Gibraltar ND join
us."

CFM 111800Z NR 335

Sent 520 PEWT

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LONDON ENGLAND NOV 111702Z

WAR WASHINGTON DC

WAR V LLW 4795 BBC BROADCASTING BBC BROADCASTING IN ALL FRENCH PROGRAMS FOLLOWING WARNING TO FRENCH SHIPPING FROM AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS. FOR OPERATIONS DIVISION FOR SECURITY CONTROL FOR SHERWOOD, OWI FROM EISENHOWER SIGNED SMITH. OWI SHOULD REPEAT GIST IN FRENCH PROGRAMS.

QUOTE VOICE UN COMMUNIQUE TRES IMPORTANT PD ELLE S'ADRESSE AUS OFFICERS, OFFICERS MARINES ET MARINES DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE FRANCAISE DANS LES PORTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE.

*Saisir
par*
L'ORDRE DONNE PAR HITLER A L'ARMEE ALR EMANDE DE PENETRER DES AUJOURD'HUI DANS LA PARTIE DE LA FRANCE QUI N'ETAIT PAS OCCUPEE JUSQU'A PRESENT A POUR BUT IMMEDIATE DE SUIVIR LES PORTS ET LES BASES DE LA MEDITERRANEE AVEC TOUT LE MATERIEL ET LES BATIMENTS QUI S'Y TROUVENT.

IL SERAIT INADMISSIBLE DE LAISSER TOMBER LES BATIMENTS DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE FRANCAISE ENTRE LES MAINS DES ITALIENS OU DES ALLEMANDS. SI L'ENNEMI PARVENAIT A METTRE LES MAINS SUR CES BATIMENTS IL DISPOSERAIT DES MOYENS DE TRANSPORT QUI LUI ONI MANQUE JUSQU'ICI POUR CONTINUER LA GUERRE EN MEDITERRANEE.

C'EST POURQUOI LES GOVERNEMENTS BRITANNIQUE ET AMERICANS INVITENT LES OFFICERS OFFICIERS MARINES ET LES MARINS DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE FRANCAISE A PRENDRE SANS DELAI LES MESURES SUIVANTES CLN.

SI VOUS VOUS TROUVEZ DAN UN PORT DE LA MEDITERRANEE OU DANS UN PORT DE LA CO-RSE, OU SI VOUS ETES EN MER, APPAREILLEZ ET RALLIEZ D'URGENCE LE PORT D'ALGER OU UN PORT ALGERIEN A L'OUEST D'ALGER OU LA BASE BRITANNIQUE DE GIBRALTAR. JE REPETE CLN SI VOUS VOUS TROUVEZ DANS UN PORT DE LA MEDITERRANEE OU DANS UN PORT DE LA CORSE,

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OU SI VOUS ETES EN MER, APPAREILLEZ ET RALLIEZ D'URGENCE LE PORT D'ALGER OU UN PORT ALGERIEN A L'OUEST D'ALGER, OU LA BASE BRITIANNIQUE DE GIBRALTAR.

Scuttle
SI POUR UNE RAISON QUELCONQUE, VOUS N'ETES PAS EN MESURE DE LEVER L'ANCRE IMMEDIATEMENT, PRENEZ VOS DISPOSITIONS POUR SABORDER PLUTOT QUE DE RISQUER DE VOIR VOTRE BATEAU SAISI PAR L'ENNEMI. JE REPETE CLN SI POUR UNE RAISON QUELCONQUE, VOUS N'ETES PAS EN MESURE DE LEVER L'ANCRE IMMEDIATEMENT, PRENEZ VOS DISPOSITIONS POUR SABORDER PLUTOT QUE DE RISQUER DE VOIR VOIRE BATEAU SAISI PAR L'ENNEMI.

IL EST INDISPENSABLE QUE TOUS LES BATEAUX DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE FRANCAISE VIENNENT RENFORCER LE RELIEVEMENT DE LA FRANCE EN AFRIQUE DU NORD, IL Y VA DES INTERETS VIIAUS DU PAS. UNQUOTE.

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November 11, 1942

From: US Govt, London

To: AGWAR Washington

Number AXWAR 17

Urgent LLW V Jan Z T War 111003Z NR 286 ss Commander in Chief of the Allied Force in North Africa, I have the honor to participate in the liberation of French North Africa. It is therefore a great privilege for me to salute with deep respect the memory of Marshal Lyautey on the birthday of that great soldier of France who created the North African Empire. His work remains and will remain as a permanent monument to the genius and patriotism of Frenchmen everywhere. It is particularly fitting that I should pay tribute to Marshal Lyautey since the Forces under my command bring with them solemn assurance that his achievement - the North African Empire - shall remain French.

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November 13, 1942.

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 590

Dated: November 11, 3 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 11, 7:15 p.m.

Castillo informed me this morning of his intention to return to Madrid within a few days to discuss with the Foreign Office the important problems which must soon arise in connection with de facto recognition of such French authority as might be established in North Africa and also the matter of internment of members of the Italian and German Armistice Commissions. Castillo plans to return here after such a visit to Madrid.

Castillo agrees with us in our opinion that the Vichy Government will make no attempt to reestablish itself in Algiers. Castillo is of the opinion that it is possible that Darlan may head a separatist authority or French Government in French North Africa. I expressed the opinion that it was more likely that General Giraud would head such an authority. Castillo stated that he believes that whatever the case may be, the Spanish authorities will have to grant de facto recognition to whatever authority is established. As a precedent Castillo referred to the fact that during the Spanish Civil War French consulates continued to function in territory under the control of Franco even though there was no normal diplomatic liaison between the French Government and the Franco Government. It was evident that Castillo felt it desirable that Spanish consulates in French North Africa continue to function.

Under the modus vivendi which Castillo envisaged de facto recognition will be given by Spanish authorities to those French consulates in Spanish territory which might represent the French authority in French North Africa (refer to my November 9 telegram no. 569). Castillo expressed the opinion that we would most likely expect to control the issuance of visas by the French Consulate in Tangier. I stated to Castillo that I had been giving consideration to the question as to who would be responsible for issuance of visas at Tangier for French North Africa but that I have no idea as to what arrangements will ultimately be made.

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Castillo informed me that civilian refugees would be permitted to cross the border into Spanish North Africa from French North Africa. He stated that he felt that members of the German and Italian Armistice Commissions would be considered members of a belligerent force and as such would be interned. Orgaz informed me that there had been no requests from members of the commissions for entry into Spanish North Africa. Orgaz stated that 2 members of the Italian Armistice Commission who were reported as having arrived in Tangier were not strictly members of the Commission but rather subordinate employees. Castillo has requested instructions from Madrid concerning disposition of these persons who have been granted 48 hours provisional liberty. Castillo informed me that he believed that they might be interned in Melilla or Ceuta along with any other members of the commissions who might enter Spanish Morocco.

Castillo said that so far as he knew there had been no German repercussions in Madrid and added that he felt that Spain would not be involved in the war. He believes that the disadvantages would outweigh any possible advantages to the Germans should they enter Spain. He stated that while the Germans are now obtaining small amounts of certain strategic items, in the event of occupation the flow of those goods would be reduced and Spain would actually become a liability. He expressed the opinion that should Spain be entered from the north by the Germans, the Allies would no doubt occupy Spanish lands of strategic importance in the south as well as Spanish North Africa. He also felt that Germany would find it difficult enough to spare the troops required for the occupation of unoccupied France and would hardly have troops to spare for the occupation of Spain.

CHILDS

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From: Cayenne Rec'd: November 11, 1942 4:53 P M

Shells are reported to be buried on both sides of the road in a large level field between Mediouna and Bereschid, between 20 and 40 kilometers from Casablanca. *WZ*

The German Command for the Casablanca area is located at the Anfas Hotel in Fedala.

The above information was obtained indirectly from a French non-commissioned officer who was recently at Casablanca.

Lamont

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Nov 11 1942
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From: Madrid
To: Milid

No. 310 Nov 11 1942

Total occupation France increases possibility of effective German pressure on Spain and influential circles less confident than yesterday that non belligerency can be maintained however up to present no orders issued calling up additional troops cancellation leave on Peninsula or involving important troop movements. Opinion British Military Attache chances about 2 to 1 Spain would resist German entry.

Dusenbury

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From: London (2126Z/11)
To: AGWAR

No. 330, November 11, 1942

In future all G-two Intelligence reports will be addressed ABFOR and AGWAR. G-two Intelligence report number four to twelve hundred Z eleven Nov.

Part One Army. Indications of Axis intention to form bridgehead in Tunisia. Five hundred German troops reported airlanded El Aouina by evening ten Nov probably ground staffs and aerodrome defense troops. Preparations Seaborne reinforcements reported. Biserta Harbour entrance blocked. No indications Axis moves against Spain. Spanish Morocco quiet. Minor troop movements defensive only. Evident endeavour maintain strict neutrality.

Part Two Navy. French fleet. Visual Recce Toulon noon eleven Nov indicates main fleet in harbour. Italian fleet. Warships reported yesterday south of Cotrone now believed three cruisers leaving Navafino nine Nov. These units attacked by submarine and fleet air arm. Both claim hits. Battle fleet sighted in Taranto. Continued concentration submarines in western approaches to straits and western Mediterranean. Ten large, one small ships torpedoed. Several antishubmarine attacks made. Some promising. Part Three follows.

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Nov 11 1942
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From: Tanger
To: Millid

No. 358 Nov 11 1942

Reliable agent reports by radio from Tunis
that at least two hundred enemy planes all types
landed Tunis unopposed by five thirty PM ten November.

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From Tanger
To: Milid

No. 357, November 11th, 1942.

Local Moors think it important that Sultan of Morocco Broadcast a welcome to Americans. Such action will prevent success of efforts of Nogues to secure Moorish aid.

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FLASH

BERLIN IN GERMAN AT 11:15 PM TO GERMAN ARMED FORCES:

THE BEY OF TUNIS HAS CONSENTED TO THE PASSAGE OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

JM 11/10-321P

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Nov. 12, 1942
02:28

U R G E N T

From: London, England (0149/12)
To: AGWAR

No. 320, November 11th, 1942.

From my early morning report to the Combined Chiefs of Staff you must be fairly conversant with our current situation. Personal to General Marshall from Eisenhower. The Huns appear to be rushing airborne and some seaborne troops into Tunis, which they could not do at all if the French there would only go along with us. As it is we are making every effort to get well eastward so as to seize airfields from which to advance against them. I am hopeful that Clark can bulldoze Darlan, Kingpin and Juin into bringing the French forces in Tunisia over to our side. Those forces are strong enough to destroy every Axis soldier and airman in the territory if we could only make them move. If Darlan has any influence whatsoever with the French Fleet, there may also be some slight chance of getting it out of Toulon and over to our side. We are leaving no stone unturned in order to secure every possible advantage out of the rapidly changing situation.

As reported in my flash message this morning, the French Army at Casablanca has surrendered. I am still without information respecting the Naval Forces there. The lack of signal communications with Patton has been most exasperating, and attempts to establish contact by air have been generally unsuccessful and costly. We have two PBY Squadrons ready to move into

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Casablanca for antisubmarine purposes as quickly as we can find out that a suitable field is available. We do not know the condition of Casablanca Harbor, except that an airplane reconnaissance yesterday revealed no blocking yet attempted. Darlans armistice order apparently had some effect in Morocco, and possibly we can begin using that port to capacity at an early date.

On Smiths repeated requests, I have sent two or three personal messages to the Prime Minister. I do not, however, send him any information that has not previously been reported to the Combined Chiefs of Staff and I make no requests or recommendations of any kind to him. I try to satisfy his extraordinary impatience and his desire for personal news, but I am not allowing anything to interfere with my clean cut line of subordination to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

I have just been shown information to the effect that the enemy plans to occupy Southern France and Corsica with a bridgehead in Tunis. If these stupid French would only realize what side their bread is buttered on, what a chance they now have to execute a master stroke. They seem completely inert.

I do not know when I can get sufficiently good signal communications in Algiers to permit transfer to the entire headquarters to that station. As you can imagine, I am extraordinarily anxious to go there but at this moment this is the only place in the whole area where communications can be focused. Every time I talk of making a hurried visit to any sector, everybody in this headquarters from Cunningham on down to the waterboy start rushing around getting at least a squadron of Spitfires as escort. This

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makes travel of any kind most expensive when we need every single plane we have to protect our northern harbors and to get over toward Tunisia to cover advancing troops. It is infuriating and I am saved from complete rebellion only because of my confidence in the fine subordinates I have. I am happy to report to you that in the first four hectic days of this operation, there has not come to my notice a single case where I could register serious dissatisfaction with the action of a subordinate.

It has been the burning ambition of everybody in this headquarters to make to the Allied governments an early present of Tunis and the French fleet. We still have a slight chance but it appears that the French have been too browbeaten and have become too fearful to make quick and far-reaching decisions.

I am doing my best to gather up some personality feature stories, with special emphasis on junior officers and enlisted men. When we can get them, we will use them in any way you indicate, depending upon your answer to my telegram of yesterday on this subject.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London 0005Z
To: Agwar LLW V Jan Z T
No. 331 November 11, 1942

Following is Torch proposed General directive, second stage. From Eisenhower for CCS and Smith. The offensive phase of the war of liberation has begun successfully. Under the leadership of General Giraud, the Military Forces and Civil population of French North Africa are rallying to the support of the Allied Forces under the Command of General Eisenhower in a struggle to free French territory from the control and influences of the enemy. As the Allied armies converge from both the East and the West to crush Rommel, Frenchmen who have never bowed to the invaders are now taking their places in the grand Army of Liberation which will once and for all time smash the power of the Aggressor Regimes.

In keeping with this basic line, stress cooperation of North African authorities and population with the Liberating Armies. Also stress enthusiastic welcome by civil population and all new adhesions to Girauds banner. Subordinate Military to Political elements, and minimize French Military resistance to Torch. Focus

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From: London 00052
To: Agwar LLW V Jan Z T

No. 331 November 11, 1942

attention on our eastward advance to distract
Rommel from the Armies advancing from Libya.

Expose Hitlers pressure and blackmail on
Vichy to get French cannon fodder for the Nazi
Armies as he previously tried to get French slave
labor for the Nazi War machine. Hitler has
now officially torn up the cruel armistic
which he never observed in practice. Laval's
Vichy Regime has broken off relations with the
United States but the United States can never
break off friendly relations with the French
people. Strongly emphasize our sympathy for the people of
Metropolitan France who for yet awhile are
deprived of the freedom that is being won by
the people of the French North African Empire.
The hardships which the French people are suffering
may be temporarily increased but the hour of final
liberations has been brought nearer, and the war
shortened by months, perhaps years. It is
monstrous for the Boche to shed crocodile tears
over the cutting off of food supplies from
North Africa when every Frenchman knows that
German pillage is the sole cause of hunger in
France.

The day of reckoning for Mussolini, and his
gang is close at hand. Popularized the
expression, "Bad times are ahead for Mussolini,
honorary German number one"

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London (1408Z/11th)
To: AGWAR

No. 301 Nov 11, 1942

The Eagle is establishing advanced Headquarters at selected place and is conferring with both Kingpin and Darlan. Review No seventeen from C in C to CCS. I have just telegraphed him to make fullest use Hitler's statement in order to make Kingpin, Darlan and Juin all telephone to Admiral Esteva at once urging seizure of all Axis personnel and equipment in Tunisia and declaring for Allies. We are advancing now on Bougie and other points east of Algiers but if we can only get the French Forces in that region to go along with us we will rush there with anything we have. The French stupidly sank alot of ships in Oran Harbor and I have already urgently requested you to rush us salvage equipment.

The West Coast situation is still somewhat obscure. We have difficulty in getting communication with that Sector. However I know that Pattons affairs are progressing and my only concern is to get Casablanca Harbor quickly. Also I want to establish some anti dash submarine dash air at that port.

Flash word has just come on that the Army Forces at Casablanca have surrendered. Nothing is known of French Naval Forces there.

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November 11, 1942
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U R G E N T

From: London, England
To: The Adjutant General
No. 293, November 11, 1942.

French army forces Casablanca capitulated
zero seven zero zero hours Z. Review number
sixteen from C in C to CCS. Information not
yet available regarding French naval forces.

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From: London (11/1255Z)
To: AGWAR

Number 286, November 11, 1942

Part two Review no. fifteen from C in C CCS.

Following is a translation of Darlans order to General Juin, Nogues, Barre (Tunisian); also to General Mendigil, Commanding Air, North Africa; Admirals Michelin, Morhau, Derrien Commanding Morocco, Casablanca, Tunisia respectively: "Our engagements having been fulfilled and the bloody battle become useless order is given to all the land, sea and air forces in North Africa to cease the fight against forces of America and their allies as from receipt of this order and to return to their barracks and bases and to observe strictest neutrality.

In Algeria and Morocco Commander in Chiefs will put themselves in liaison with local commander on subject of terms for the suspension of hostilities.

I assume authority over North Africa in the name of the Marshal. The present senior officers retain their commands and the political and administrative organization remain in force. No change will be made without a fresh order from me.

All prisoners on each side will be exchanged."

The surrender of Oran was in no way facilitated by the Darlan order, but resulted from overpowering attack by our troops. French radio station at Mefnes in Morocco issued an order in the name of Admiral Michelin at two zero zero zero Z November tenth directing that all hostilities be suspended immediately. No confirmation that such an order has been issued to

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French troops has been received from Western Task Force.

A second message from Clark signed two two zero five Z November tenth indicates that Kingpin is greatly displeased because Darlan was permitted to order the cessation of hostilities. Kingpin insisted that he be set up immediately and announced as Commander in Chief of all French Forces in North Africa and in the French Empire. Clark states that his conference with Kingpin continues and further report will be submitted later tonight. Summary of Clarks report of his conference with Darlan November tenth follows: Darlan initially refused to accept terms of Armistice because he said he lacked authority of Vichy. Review no. fifteen from C in C to CCS. He finally agreed to issue an order to all ground, air, and naval forces in North Africa including Morocco and Tunisia to discontinue hostilities immediately. Signed orders were dispatched to all commanders. Clark conference with Anderson and French commanders to facilitate his unopposed movement by sea tonight to Bone, Bougie, and Djejjellio. Clark attempted to arrange meeting between Darlan and Giraud but Darlan would not agree. Clark finally arranged meeting but no report on it yet. In discussing the question of the French Fleet Darlan stated that he had personally issued orders for the fleet to be prepared to move on short notice should the Germans move into unoccupied France. Darlan stated that under no circumstances would the fleet fall into German hands. Clark ended his message with the statement "You can now see I have two Kingpins but hope to wiggle out of it somehow. I deemed it of utmost importance to secure an order which would be effective to cease hostilities everywhere." Part two follows cln.

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From: London 0512/11
To: The Adjutant General
No. 282, November 11, 1942.

Damage to ships and blocking of harbors in Torch area more extensive than anticipated. For Combined Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower. Urgently request that salvage equipment and personnel be made available soon. To cover whole area there are at present available only one British salvage vessel at Gibraltar and three United States salvage tugs in passage. Admiral Cunningham hopeful Captain Ellsberg and his unit might be made available.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 274 Nov 11, 1942

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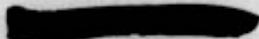
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November 10, 1942.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 585

Dated: November 10, 11 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 10, 9:25 p.m.

TRIPLE PRIORITY.

I was accompanied by General Rios Capape who commands the military district of Tetuan, in paying a visit to the American internees. The General introduced me to his garrison officers who were attending to the welfare of our men. The General and his officers were most cordial in assuring us that they would accord every possible amenity to our men.

I asked General Capape whether he would find it agreeable for Colonel Johnson, our MA, or one of his assistants to visit the men, to which he replied immediately that every possible facility would be granted to any member of this Legation to visit the men and to provide for their welfare at any time. Tomorrow Booth is to go to Tanquist for the purpose of looking into the welfare of Americans interned in that place.

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November 10, 1942.

PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 584

Dated: November 10, 10 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 10, 3:56 p.m.

TRIPLE PRIORITY.

Reference my 582 of today.

The 19 American flyers and troops landed early on November 8 at the air field in Tetuan after running short of fuel and losing their way. AA fire had forced them off their course. The plane landed in perfect condition and Spanish authorities are now guarding it.

I was informed privately by the Lieutenant in command that he understood that he was not to effect the destruction of his instruments in a neutral country and unfortunately he had not done so. The plane is a troop carrier.

I request urgent instructions as to what, if any, representations I should make regarding the plane's status.

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From: Tanger
To: Milid

No. 356, November 10, 1942.

Doolittle has just reported German airborne troops landing Tunis. Tangier garrison is slipping south and I believe Spanish concentrations are building up near border between French and Spanish zones. Spanish are limiting my traveling southward. While Spanish still cordial I dislike looks of things here.

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INCOMING MESSAGE CCWD
November 11, 1942
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From: Tanger

To: MILID

No. 355, November 10, 1942.

American plane 41 dash 7789 D C dash 3 C 47
down on Tetuan airport undamaged with crew safe.
They failed to destroy instruments but my assistant
will try to do so. Consul has cabled to Washington
DC names of the crew in clear. This plane from
12th Troop Carrier Squadron 60th Group.

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From: Madrid

To: MILID

No. 309, November 10, 1942.

Feeling growing that Spain will succeed in staying out of war which nearly all highly reported opposing. Relief is current Germany has insufficient troops to spare Western Europe to occupy Spain even if against only passive resistance. Some military considering only possible German offensive near future would be against Turkey others expect Germany fight defensive continental war after evacuating Africa. Political official attitude shows marked changes in our favor reflecting public opinion. Several high officers have expressed admiration for conception and our initial Army officers African operations.

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From: London (2026/20)
To: AGWAR

No. 4750, November 10, 1942

Increased enemy air and submarine activity in Mediterranean. (Relayed from Commandeth Gibraltar from Eisenhower to Marshall signed Smith) Third SITREP to two four hundred ninth November. Many attacks on submarines. Two Vichy destroyers made Sortie from Oran, engaged by cruisers. One destroyer beached on fire one returned Oran damaged.

Para Two Algiers. General Anderson arrived one eight hundred hours assuming command Eastern Task Force. General Clark with small advanced Echelon AFHQ arrived twenty hundred hours. Our troops still occupy all objectives, no operations during Armistice. All ships berthed in harbor or bay, unloading proceeding. Lead-stown torpedoed by submarine and beached. Two Naval vessels damaged by air attack. Four aircraft shot down by Naval gunfire.

Para Three Oran. First Infantry Division seven miles east and three miles west of Oran closing in for final assault. Armored combat command holds Tafaraoui and La Senia Airfields and is protecting south flank. During day, attacks against east flank at Lamact and south flank at St Lucien driven off. Considerable indication hostile counter attack from south and south-west. Final assault Oran planned for ten November. Naval cooperation, air and gunfire support has been most affective.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 4750, November 10, 1942

Para Four. Western Task Force situation obscure. Our tanks observed pursuing French tanks southwest from Port Lyautey. No detailed report of Naval action but clear that no further interference from Vichy Naval Forces during day.

Para Five Air. A/S and ~~PRU~~ activity continued from Gibraltar but on reduced scale during afternoon owing to weather. No submarine sightings were made by aircraft. A Spitfire dispatched to Casablanca on photo reconnaissance failed to return. Oran Area. Twelfth Air Force operating from Tafaraoui destroyed three French aircraft in air, lost one pilot three aircraft. Forty three United States fighters serviceable at end of day. Algiers Area. Petrol and oil became available during day and fifty three RAF fighters were operational. Eleven Axis aircraft destroyed. Also claim two probable eight damaged. Own losses nil.

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To: AGWAR

No. 10, November 10, 1942

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~~Most secret~~ for General Eisenhower repeated
Mideast for Chiefs of Staff.

Following information received.

El Aouine and Sidi Ahmed occupied German
troops and aircraft (Korrupt group) one zero zero
zero Z/one zero one Battalion deplaned at former.
Setif also ceded but local military state intend to
oppose. French authorities hope we will act quickly.

Para Two. Rommel and Bastico arrived ninth
and interviewed Barre.

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From: London, England 11/1000

To: WAR

No. 249, November 10, 1942.

Good news contained in fragmentary messages continues to come in from Oran. From C in C to CCS. I believe that Fredendall has turned the trick and that by nightfall I can report cessation of resistance in and around the city. Latest flash message is that Navy and shore batteries are surrendering at Oran.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 582

Dated: November 10, 8 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 10, 11:28 p.m.

Orgaz received me at noon today promptly after I had requested an appointment with him. Before bringing up the subject of the interned American aviators I considered it appropriate to assure the General that I fully appreciated the delicacy and difficulty of his position in the present circumstances and stated that he might count on our complete cooperation in approaching common problems with complete understanding. I assured Orgaz of my sincere desire to resolve all problems with the least possible difficulty.

In reply General Orgaz mentioned that he had just returned from Madrid and had been with General Franco when the latter received the assurances of President Roosevelt. Orgaz stated that he understood that the assurances of President Roosevelt applied also to Spanish Morocco.

I pointed out to Orgaz that we had been associated over a period of more than a year and that during that time we had been able to discuss all problems in perfect frankness in the informal atmosphere of friends. I added that it was my hope that this would continue.

The General replied that he fully reciprocated my feelings and that he had no doubt but that we would be able to overcome the difficult problems which would arise.

I stated to General Orgaz that I hoped he would feel free to raise with me at any time any economic problems that might arise in connection with Spanish North Africa and that he would have my full backing in connection with such problems.

General Orgaz replied that the problems which confronted him at the moment were not economic and that where he needed our support was in the preservation of a correct and strict neutrality in Spanish North Africa which he

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intended to maintain. He mentioned by way of illustration that it was his hope that there would be a check on the activities of "American agents"--that he hoped we would refrain from adding to his difficulties by propaganda against the natives. He is particularly concerned with activities which might incite public opinion (particularly in our favor amongst the Republican elements). I assured Orgaz that he could count on our sincere efforts to cooperate with him in every way.

....(discussion regarding petroleum situation) ...'

I brought up the subject of the American aviators who had been obliged to make forced landings in Spanish Moroccan territory and asked whether I might have the opportunity of visiting any men who might be in Tetuan and also if I might send a representative to see any Americans who might be interned in other places.

General Orgaz informed me that there had landed in Spanish Morocco some 54 Americans of whom 9 were now in Tetuan. He stated that the others were in Targuist which is located half-way between Melilla and Tetuan. (I have been advised in a memorandum which I received later that these Americans at Targuist include 3 captains, 5 lieutenants and 42 soldiers. Orgaz gave me the fullest assurances that everything possible would be done for the welfare of these Americans. He also informed me that any member of the Legation staff would be permitted to see any of the internees if I would give my word that no effort would be made to assist them to escape. I have given him this assurance. General Orgaz emphasized the fact that these Americans would be treated as internees and not as prisoners.

Orgaz stated that the men would be accorded liberty of movement if they would give their word not to attempt to escape. The General stated that it would not be possible for these men to come to Tangier. However I have hopes that this might be arranged a little later. Orgaza informed me that the men would for the time being be concen-

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trated either at Tetuan or ~~INXANEN~~ (?) but that they would be permitted a certain liberty of movement in the district where they were installed under the condition which he had mentioned.

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From: Accra
To: Milid

No. 50 November 10, 1942

Casablanca to Dakar request information any movements Vichy Naval Units this route. Fighting French report Morale Vichy West Africa Army varies inversely as distance from Dakar. Same source, General Girot has great prestige Colonial Army, many officers away from Dakar will be inclined to follow him. Casa Mance recently reenforced by four hundred Native Infantry. No danger attack British West Africa unless Vichy declares war. My opinion Vichy West Africa ripe for picking as soon as stabilization in north.

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URGENT

From: London
To: Agvar

No. 4743 November 10, 1942

Continuation of number two intelligence G-2 report of twelve hundred hours November ninth with following section three air dated November zero nine one seven four seven Z. To WDOFD for Strong paraphrased from Eisenhower signed Smith. Armed shipping recce in Western Mediterranean was carried out on seventh Nov at dawn by sixteen German aircraft and some thirty six at dusk. Aircraft types were JU eighty eight and HE one five one. A near miss on a naval vessel was scored by a JU eighty eight. Some seventeen recce aircraft operated up to eighteen thirty hours on eight Nov over Eastern Algeria and Tunisia and in the Western Mediterranean. Landings at Oran and Algiers were reported by them in addition to shipping. Up to nineteen fifty hours eighteen plus JU eighty eight bombers were airborne but they accomplished nothing according to the available evidence. Ten to fifteen aircraft from units based in Sicily operated during night eighth ninth November and a torpedo attack is claimed against British Navy units. This has not been confirmed. Up to twelve hundred hours on ninth November there have been airborne in Mediterranean off Algiers twenty five bombers probably on armed reconnaissance with results that are not known. So far today there is an increase in activity on previous days. The following is the comment. From the forces available the GAF effort is considerably below that to be expected. Supply difficulties and an inaccurate appreciation of Allied intentions may probably be the reason for this. Conspicuous inactivity on the part of the Italian Air Force.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London (10/1550)
To: AGWAR

No. 235, November 10, 1942

Third SITREP to two four hundred ninth November.

1. Increased enemy air and submarine activity in Mediterranean. Many attacks on submarines. Two Vichy destroyers made Sortie from Oran, engaged by cruisers. One destroyer beached on fire one returned Oran damaged.

2. Algiers General Anderson arrived one eight hundred hours assuming command Eastern Task Force. General Clark with small advanced Echelon A F HQ arrived twenty hundred hours. Our troops still occupy all objectives, no operations during Armistice. All ships berthed in harbor or bay, unloading proceeding. Leedstown torpedoed by submarine and beached. Two Naval vessels damaged by air attack. Four aircraft shot down by Naval gunfire.

Oran. First Infantry Division seven miles east and three miles west of Oran closing in for final assault. Armored combat command holds Tafanaoui and La Senia Airfields and is protecting south flank. During day attacks against east flank at Lamact and south flank at St Lucien driven off. Considerable indication hostile counter attack from south and southwest. Final assault Oran planned for ten November. Naval cooperation, air and gunfire support has been most effective.

Western Task Force situation obscure. Our tanks observed pursuing French tanks south west from Port Lyautey. No detailed report of Naval action but clear that no further interference from Vichy Naval forces during day.

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From: London

To: AGWAR

No 4697 November 10, 1942

In order to stress the United States aspect of the operation Americans made all initial landings at Oran and Casablanca. British forces, however, closely supported the eastern most assault, and English fleet provided all Naval cover east of Gibraltar, fleet air arm supporting assaults. The operation consisted of strong beach landings astride each of the three above mentioned ports followed by overland pincer advances. The enemy did not spot the many troop ships and strong Naval forces until they were approaching the theatre of operations. The forces were seen east of Gibraltar on seven November, the only casualty on that day being one combat loader damaged by submarine attack. The forces for the initial landings consisted of five Infantry and one armored Brigade on the Atlantic seaboard of which two Infantry Brigade groups are definitely ashore. In the central area one armored Brigade and three Infantry are all ashore and in the east the complete force of three brigades has landed. Three pursuit squadrons have landed in the eastern zone and one near Oran. The enemy were surprised tactically and strategically and Algiers made unconditional surrender at one seven zero zero hours on D day. Before this hour a large portion of the surroundings seem to have been captured and local parties only were resisting.

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URGENT

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 4741 Nov 10, 1942

Number two Intelligence Report G dash two report of twelve hundred hours November ninth section one Army and two Navy dated November zero nine one seven four two Z. To WDOFD for Strong paraphrases from Eisenhower signed Smith. Enemy resisting in Du Santon Coast Battery covering port in Oran Area. Bay of Arzew some sniping. Especially vicinity La Senia south of Oran resistance is local. Obscure situation yet in Casablanca. Apparently hostile resistance being organized and small reserves from Khenifra and Mediouna are being moved up. Identifications none. General. No indications of advance from Tripoli or preparation for landings or landing in Tunisia. Likely that opposition will be by submarine and air. No movement German Troops against unoccupied France or against Spain reported. Spanish Morocco all quiet. Regarding French Navy. Departure of two cruisers from Toulon on morning nine November is shown from result of preliminary recon on morning of nine November two enemy destroyers were engaged by our forces off Oran. Up to date the situation at Oran is that one destroyer returned to Oran, one destroyer sunk, one large destroyer, one destroyer severely damaged and beached. A submarine believed to be French sunk in addition about ten miles north of Oran. Resistance being offered by French Navy at Casablanca. Several destroyers damaged one destroyer

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sunk and one six inch cruiser damaged. Regarding Italian Navy. Little change shown by Pru. Observation showed that cruiser torpedoed on eight November was in tow. Situation regarding submarines remains much the same. Report on Air Air Intelligence will follow.

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No. 255, November 10, 1942

Long situation report going forward to you was written before Oran began crumbling. Review number fifteen from C in C to CCS. Short dispatches sent at two P M GMT are confirmed by a number of fragmentary messages. We will reorganize quickly to start east.

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It is difficult to keep you accurately informed of situation because of ineffectiveness of signal communications throughout area. Review ~~No fourteen~~ from C in C to CCS. Attempts to maintain contact by airplane have not repeat not worked satisfactorily, especially on West Coast, and have resulted in unexplained loss of five planes. Weather has been particularly bad for flying.

General aspects of local attitude are as follows: Professional forces, land, sea and air, are apparently officered largely by Pro-Vichy personnel except in Algiers area and, consequently, fighting along the West Coast and in Oran has been widespread. Enlisted prisoners show no repeat no great resentment toward us but merely say they do as their officers tell them. They seem generally Pro-Vichy in sentiment. In Tunis, reliable information indicates that the Commandant has welcomed the entry of and is cooperating with a German air force of moderate strength. Kingpin arrived in Algiers last evening but we have no repeat no information as to what he has done or whether he will have any real effect. In general the civil population has welcomed us with considerable enthusiasm, partially due to their belief that we will quickly provide them with food and other essential items. In Algiers the porh authorities

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From: London

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and labor gangs are cooperating in splendid fashion. Fifteen deep water berths available there.

The situation at Algiers is as follows: An Armistice was declared there within about sixteen hours of landing and Darlan was taken into protective custody. Last night Clark conferred separately with Darlan and with Kingpin but reported to me that the situation is very confused and that he is resuming conferences this morning. The advance to the eastward from Algiers has been held up by bad weather at sea and by difficulty in assembling and using airborne troops. The bulk of a airborne contingent of thirty seven planes has arrived from United Kingdom this morning and am hoping to push that force to Algiers as soon as weather permits together with part of the American Parachute Battalion now on the ground at Tafaraoui south of Oran. Apparently twenty of the transports of the American Battalion are still operational. Transport losses out of the first contingent are nine repeat nine planes and it appears that about nine or ten have suffered minor damage due to landing in dry lade bed. Both Generals Clark and Anderson are at Algiers, where their purpose is respectively to complete negotiations and to push available forces rapidly to eastward if arrangements can be completed during day and weather permits, we will advance by air and sea on Bone and Philippeville to arrive there tomorrow morning, November eleventh.

At Oran. My latest report from Oran is that after hard fighting in isolated localities through the first and second days, our force launched a coordinated attack on the defenses of the city at zero seven three zero Z this morning. This attack was to be supported by Naval gun fire and by spitfires operating from Tafaraoui. At one two four five Z we received a flash that our troops have entered the city. Details unknown. Fredendall states that there are strong indications of a counter attack developing somewhere to the

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south and southwest of the city, but it is my opinion that if this morning's attack is reasonably successful, he can handle the counter attack. One of the difficulties at Oran has been our inability to get at a sea-coast battery dominating the harbor at Mers El Rabir. We have arranged to get some Naval support, in an effort to destroy this battery this morning. There is evidence that the defenders in the city are preparing to block and demolish the harbor.

Along the west coast it appears that Patton has gotten ashore with sufficient strength to begin an organized advance against CasaBlanca. He reports rioting at Fedala. In CasaBlanca it appears also that the defenders are preparing to block the harbor. No repeat no details from that sector.

In the air we had, last evening, about seventy two fighters on the fields at Algiers and about forty five on Tafaraoui south of Oran. French air force at Algiers and Oran has been eliminated. Ninety planes of unknown types captured at Lasenia airdrome. We do not yet have facilities to operate any considerable number of bombers but have ordered down from United Kingdom five B-Seventeens which will complete one squadron of eight planes here. Three that came originally have been necessarily used for transporting important personnel through area.

I regard the Oran situation now as the key to this struggle. If we can clear that up today, Patton's job should be made much easier. Then, with everything available inside, we will push our advance to the east. Until we get Oran we cannot repeat not put essential supplies on airfields there.

The only available ground reserve except such as may exist in Task Forces is a Commando Battalion at this station. I have ordered it prepared for instant use and the Navy is making preparations to start it out of here in a fast ship if it can be of any use in the Oran area.

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We have already requested the earliest possible movement here of salvaging equipment and personnel. The condition of harbors at Oran and CasaBlanca, when we finally capture them, may be such as to disrupt planned schedules for succeeding convoys but we will overcome such difficulties. I will forward to you promptly any report received on the Oran operation.

There appears to be no repeat no question that we achieved both strategic and tactical surprise the only factor in which our calculations appeared to be somewhat erroneous, was the degree of resistance by land and air forces at Oran and CasaBlanca. This is merely one of the hazards of war and has not repeat not in the least disheartened or discouraged any of us. I expect to send you good news by evening.

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To : AGWAR

No. 4696, November 10, 1942

For period zero zero zero one Z eighth November to one nine zero zero Z eighth November G two report number one. To WDDP for Strong paraphrased from Eisenhower signed Smith. Maps GSGS four one seven five, and five hundred thousand GSGS four two three two, one hundred fifty thousand. First section land. One. At end of period enemy situation. Does not appear the enemy had organized in any sector a general line of defense. In general the situation is still obscure. Two. Operations of enemy during period. Resistance was offered to landings at Mehdi (two nine line eight seven four nine) and (two nine line one six nine three) and Safi (three four line three zero five zero). Resistance not organized was offered to landings at Bou, Mersa, Zedjar (one five two line nine six seven five) and Les Andalohses (one five two line two zero eight nine) and enemy opposition was first encountered at Lourmel (one eight zero line zero eight six nine). In the port of Oran (one five three line four two eight nine) opposition is severe. For the battery overlooking Arzew (one two seven line seven two zero six) heavy fighting developed. Resistance was encountered at the Tafaroui (one eight one line five two six five) and Lassenia (one five three line four three zero three) aerodromes. At Sudi Ferruch (two zero line five four zero nine), Ain Taya (two one line seven three one three) and Cap Matifou (two one line nine zero one four) only slight resistance was offered to landings. Weather not adverse to land operation, cloudy and rainy in places. Second section Navy. One. At one two zero zero line eight enemy forces French A reconnaissance showed still in harbor the high sea fleet. One destroyer and one sloop have been sunk and three destroyers damaged off Oran. From Oran one destroyer fled to Mostaganem. From Casablanca light units are making sorties and engaging forces of US.

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Unknown results. Captured and sent into Arzew was SS Jamaïque (one zero one two three tons) believed loaded with troops. There has been no reported French submarine activity. At one two four five line eight Italian. A six inch cruiser about twelve miles north of Palermo was torpedoed and stopped. (zero eight zero zero line eight) six destroyers and one cruiser thirty miles southwest of Trapani were sighted by aircraft. Thirty miles south of Navarina at zero seven four eight line eight a third cruiser was sighted. Two. Weather. Over Gibraltar the low cloud is now local. Naval operations not being affected by weather and unlikely to be affected. Third section air. Although detailed reports are not available and no great opposition from French Air Force is reported, except in isolated cases, La Senia is believed dangerous for landing and still held by enemy. Surrounded but still holding out at one zero two nine Z is Safi Airfield. Blida (SN four three line seven five) Tafaroui (one line three six) and Maison Blanche (four two line eight seven zero five) ours. Setif identified by Rwoon Group.

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November 11, 1942

PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 574

Dated: November 9, midnight

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 10, 8:25 a.m.

I have been informed by Clearac that at noon yesterday Auer, German Consul General at Casablanca, had been in communication with French Residency in Rabat. Details of the conversation were not known to Clearac.

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November 11, 1942

PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 573

Dated: November 9, 11 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 10, 1:32 p.m.

The British Consul in Tetuan informs me that an American plane was forced to land near Tetuan yesterday with a crew of 11 who have been brought into a barracks in Tetuan by the Spanish authorities. There is a report also from the British Consul, in Melilla which is not yet confirmed that 3 American planes made a forced landing at Tistuten yesterday. I was said to be able to leave with the crews of the others but the planes were reported to have previously dropped 15 parachutists who have been rounded up and detained by the Spanish.

I am approaching the authorities in Tetuan tomorrow to learn fuller information and to make arrangements for their welfare.

Arrangements have in the past been made by the British to provide for the release of British airmen similarly brought down in Spanish Morocco. In view of the fact that Italian and German aviators have been released when making similar forced landings. We suggest that the Department may find it desirable to approach the British Foreign Office in connection with making arrangements for release of American and British aviators interned in Spanish Morocco against release of Axis personnel in similar circumstances.

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From: Madrid

To: MILID

No 307 November 9, 1942

Disaster reaction to North Africa operation generally very favorable but mix with some apprehension that Germany will take counter measure that would force Spain into war. So far high political and military quarters appear hopeful that non belligerent can be maintained. No indications yet of any intended German moves.

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PRIORITY

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 4685 November 9, 1942

I spent last evening with the Prime Minister; only others present were Ambassador Winant and Eden. The Prime Minister was evidently much elevated by the success in Egypt and satisfactory initial stage of Torch and he talked even more frankly than customarily, the conversation lasting the greater part of the night. Personal and secret for Secretary General Staff, for General Marshall for his information. Please relay as edited literal memorandum from Smith. He is extremely anxious to have you and probably Admiral King come here at a very early date for conference to reorient strategy in the light of new Mediterranean situation and will undoubtedly communicate with the President to this effect. For the present at least, he has given up with some reluctance the idea of a British operation in Norway as being too difficult and too bloody. His mind now turns to Turkey which he believes can be brought into the war at almost any moment providing tanks and modern materiel can be made available for her forty five divisions. This he will undoubtedly urge since he visualizes Turkey as a convenient bridge between a usable Mediterranean and Russia. He believes also that Turkey, when properly armed will erupt to the Balkan Area creating a situation of the greatest difficulty for Germany. He seems to be growing colder to the idea of round up except as a final stroke against a tottering opponent. As you know the Pacific to him seems very far away and his constantly reiterated idea is that Russia, Britain and the United States must dispose of Germany and then concentrate upon Japan. He hopes to clinch this strategy by your conference here.

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From: London No. 4685 November 9, 1942 pp 2 da

With respect to Torch the Prime Minister and Eden are reasonably certain that Spain will not take offensive action and that Vichy will not declare war. The British Ambassador to Spain has handled the situation there wonderfully well, smoothing over the flurry caused by our diplomat who delivered what amounted to an ultimatum at a most inopportune time. The Prime Minister himself is handling De Gaulle who has come through well although obviously bitterly disappointed at not being brought into the picture at an earlier date. The Prime Minister feels bound on honor to support De Gaulle, with all his faults, as the one man who stuck to the apparently sinking ship and whose name has a following in civilian France. With respect to Giraud, he said that while his immediate assistance was of enormous value, he would later be a source of difficulty, also that Britain and the United States cannot each have a pet Frenchman. We continue to have the fullest support in connection with Torch and I deal with the Chiefs of Staff and Foreign Office on the same direct and informal basis as when General Eisenhower was present.

We will begin shifting the bulk of Allied Force Headquarters as soon as reasonable communications are available in Algiers since the French situation makes the early presence of ~~us~~ on the scene of this headquarters a matter of considerable importance.

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From: London (9/1845Z)
To: AGWAR

No. 4692 November 9, 1942

Discharge of assault convoys over beaches continued throughout day and night.

Situation two four naught naught Z eight November. Sitrep two (relayed from Commandeth Gibraltar from Eisenhower to Marshall signed Smith).

French resistance in Algiers ceased and occupation of city commenced nineteen hundred Z. Naval forces and whipping will enter harbor dawn ninth. Two combat loaders damaged by Hakure batteries and air attack.

Resistance continued in Oran area. By dark columns from Arzeu reached line St Cloud nine six six nine and Fleurus nine six six nine, and captured La Macta nine eight six nine. Les Andalouses column captured Ann El Turk nine three six nine. Port of Arzeu working. Two combat loaders damaged by shore battery. One enemy submarine destroyed. *11.2*

Safi force captured port and airdrome. Fedala batteries were silenced but Vichy bombing continued on beaches. Army and civil in this area offered limited resistance but naval opposition stubborn and Admiral Michelier from CasaBlanca refused to see United States representative at noon. Vichy Naval forces which made Sortie were engaged by western Naval task force. One Vichy destroyer sunk and one cruiser damaged but full report not available. Surviving ships returned to Casa Blanca.

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Air sight November. Fifty nine anti submarine Sorties flown by RAF during day. One submarine sighting made compared with eight on previous day and nine on sixth November. Four Hudsons failed to return from patrols in vicinity CasaBlanca. Two Hudsons giving anti submarine protection off Oran attacked and damaged by a JU eight sight. Twenty four United States Spitfires dispatched to Tafaraoui at one four four naught GMT one of which was shot down by a French fighter just before landing. Nineteen RAF Hurricanes and thirty five RAF Spitfires dispatched from Gibraltar to Maison Blanche between naught seven naught naught and one naught naught GMT. All arrived safely.

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From: London
To: AGWAR Washington DC
No. SVC November 9, 1942

The particular phrase in question in part six of our four six eight five should read "Presence on the scene etc".

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From London
To: AGWAR

No. 4683, November 9th, 1942.

In view of rupture of relations. Re our four five nine two, your two eight eight five for Operations Division for Security Control for Sherwood Owi from Eisenhower signed Smith. Urgently need guidance on our propaganda line toward Vichy.

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From: London
To : AGWAR

No. 4680, November 9, 1942

Msg following is a relay of a msg from Gibraltar. number one (SITREP from C in C Allied Force to ABFOR, Middle East.) Assault forces arrived off beaches at time ordered in all three areas and initial landings were made with little resistance. Subsequently French Naval and coast defense resistance stiffened. At Algiers two destroyers attempted to break the boom in course of which one destroyer damaged. Naval bombardments were necessary.

Fort Sidi Ferruch was captured by naught three naught naught hours and within twelve hours American troops had gained high ground two miles west of city and secured Maison Blanche and Blida aerodromes on which fighter squadrons began to arrive soon after.

At Oran Vichy Naval forces made sortie. Two Vichy destroyers were sunk and three badly damaged. Bombardment of forts by battleships was carried out. Two boom breaking corvettes were lost.

Landings east and west of Oran were equally successful although coast battery on Arxeu Heights fought until six AM. Tanks were landed by naught eight naught naught and Tafaroui aerodrome was in our hands soon after midday, by which time the two western columns had made good progress. Situation regarding one group transport aircraft which with one battalion United States parachute infantry landed in vicinity of Tafaraoui is not yet clear.

French Naval Force from Casablanca consisting of one cruiser and two destroyers made sortie and was engaged by covering force. Result unknown.

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Mehdia, west of Port Lyautey, and at Safi. Reports from Fedala are incomplete.

Anti submarine and fighter protection has been successfully provided by Naval escorts and carriers.

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PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM NO. 571

DATED: 11-9-42. 8 p.m.

FROM: TANGIER

REC'D 11-9-42, 9:40 p.m.
*(Clerac
Tangier)*

It is the opinion of Clerac that even if they were able the Germans would not send forces to French Morocco in support of French resistance due to the fact that they feel that any French resistance would be lessened by presence of German troops.

Clerac believes there is a very great danger that if they have them available the Germans might pour airplanes into Spanish North Africa. He believes that from the air-dromes which would be available to them in Spanish Morocco the Germans would be able to present a considerable threat to our forces. Clerac stated this possibility should receive our urgent attention.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

No. 570

Dated: November 9, 1942, 7 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: November 9, 1942, 6:30 p.m.

When Clerac (French Consul at Tetuan) called on me he had just returned from Rabat which town he had left about 3:30 p.m. yesterday. As communications between Rabat and Arbois on the Port Lyautey had been cut he traveled by way of Kheissset, Meknes, Petit-Jean, and Arbois.

The French guard at the frontier told him that he had received no orders whatsoever. Clerac left Larache about 8 p.m. and early this morning arrived at Tetuan. He had with him a message from Hardion, the Director of the Political Cabinet of General Nogues to General Orgaz. This message was to the effect that French troops were being moved to the Spanish frontier but that the French had no aggressive intentions.

The 1st evidence of anything unusual in Rabat seen by Clerac was the sounding of factory whistles about 5:30 a.m. He paid no attention. Some 10 planes, followed later on by 2 other flights, flew over Rabat about 8:30. These strange planes aroused considerable curiosity on the part of the population assembled in the streets and everyone wondered what was portended. Around 11 o'clock in the morning, Clerac called on the Comte de Paris who told him the news and said that he proposed to remain in Rabat and not to attempt to return to Larache.

Then Clerac called on the Chief of the Diplomatic Cabinet, Dugardier, who was at the Residency and told him that around 3 a.m. he had 1st learned of the American landings. Dugardier dressed at once and went to inform the officials of the Residency and to carry out necessary duties. While on his way to the Residency, supporters of General Bethouard took him prisoner and led him to the Chief of Staff's office at the Residency where General Bethouard and his supporters had gathered and had confined the Chief of Aviation, General Lahouille, and the Chief of Military Forces in Morocco, General Lascroux. Subsequently, as they considered Dugardier small potatoes, he was released. Subsequent events were known to Clerac only by hearsay. According to this hearsay evidence

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Bethouard apparently had not been sufficiently decisive in reaching a decision to go to Nogues at once to demand that he reveal his intentions. In any case Bethouard together with his supporters were taken prisoners by the Protectorate authorities after he had held the General Staff Headquarters for 5 hours.

Around noon, Clerac saw Hardion at the Residency. The Protectorate officials' confusion of mind was illustrated by Hardion's observation "Les cochons Americains" ** "but what shall we do if the Germans come" stated Hardion.

Rabat, according to Clerac, was all day Sunday until the time he left entirely calm and the population was attending to its business and amusing itself as though not the least thing unusual was happening. He went on to say that the people's temper might be summarized by saying that they were unbelievably indifferent to events; that their only interest was in seeing the quick end of whatever might be happening although the great majority certainly hoped that, provided that they were not called upon for any sacrifices, our efforts would be successful. Clerac could only attribute this nearly complete paralysis of the French will to the Vichy Government's phenomenally effectual, and most deplorable, "doping" of Frenchmen following the French Armistice. The equivocal role they had thus been called upon to play had brought about a complete demoralization of the French people. He feels that they will regain their morale once their chains have been broken. In reply to my question as to the attitude of the French Protectorate authorities, he said their attitude was well exemplified by that of Hardion and Dugardier, which he had mentioned. He said also that the administration was carrying on without interruption and without apparent evidence of anything out of the ordinary. He passed only a few tanks and approximately 8 truckloads of French soldiers while moving from Rabat to the frontier.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 1734

Dated: 11-9-42, 5 p.m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: 11-9-42, 10:55 p.m.

Following message headed "Confidential for the Under Secretary".

This afternoon I have seen the Nuncio and explained to him our purposes in French North Africa and informed him of the assurances which we have given to the Spanish Government. Nuncio expressed his great satisfaction and informed me that during the course of a conference which he had had earlier in the day with the Foreign Minister, General Jordana had made known to him the gratification felt by the entire Ministry. General Jordana also told the Nuncio that it was quite likely German pressure would be exerted on Spain in order to obtain air and naval bases in Spanish Morocco and possibly also in metropolitan Spain along the Mediterranean seacoast. The Foreign Minister stated that he would resist any such German pressure and reminded the Nuncio that General Franco had been adamant against Italy's demand for a naval base in the Balearic Islands during the most difficult days of the civil war in Spain. I have been assured by the Nuncio that General Jordana is determined to follow a policy of genuine neutrality and that his personal leanings are toward us and the British. He added that Jordana is completely reliable and has Franco's backing to his resolve to resist German pressure.

In the opinion of the Nuncio the Spanish public at large and the leaders of the church in Spain are greatly relieved both by the assurance which we have given to Spain and by our operations in French Africa

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

With reference to your question at the conference this afternoon regarding the transport St. Paul which was reported to be damaged in the message received from the British Admiralty, we have now received a correction to that report which indicates that instead of reading "the St. Paul," the message should have read "the Thomas Stone," which transport was already known to have been damaged.

J. R. Deane
J. R. DEANE
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
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OPD 11/9/42
Joint U S Chiefs of Staff C/S

Nov 9, 1942

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Allied Expeditionary Force

No. R-2977

With reference your number 4683 Nov 9th, the President feels you should refrain from propaganda reference Vichy pending developments of the next few days. From the Joint United States Chiefs of Staff to General Eisenhower. However, if you consider it advisable to send out propaganda, he states that your attitude should be that the Vichy Government and particularly laval has broken relations with the United States, but that the United States can never break off friendly relations with the French people.

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From: London 2154/9
To: AGWAR

No. 211, November 9, 1942

Owing to bad radio conditions reports today have been very meagre. Review No thirteen from CINC to CCS.

It appears as result of yesterday's Naval and Air action that French Surface Forces have either been destroyed or badly damaged in Casablanca. Jean Bart gutted. Fear exists that damaged ships may be used to block harbour. No news of Land Forces.

Port at Mers El Kibir, West of Oran, was bombarded from sea today but is still holding out. No further news.

Ryder hopes to move on Bougie tomorrow, weather prevented him today. Anderson went Algiers today and assumed command on arrival.

As many as eleven Vichy cruisers and destroyers may have been badly damaged or sunk.

The work of the anti submarine aircraft in the protection of our convoys has been beyond praise.

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Afternoon eight November Darlan expressed wish to negotiate refusing at same time to deal with any Frenchman. Review no twelve from C in C to CCS. Clark and Small Staff left Gibraltar one two four five Z by air for Algiers to see Darlan and establish advance Echelon this Headquarters.

Kingpin and three French Staff Officers also departed by plane for Algiers this morning. Plan to issue special communique concerning his status as soon as word of his landing is received.

Operation Neptune successful. Party will be taken to Algiers by submarine.

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From: London

To: AGWAR

No 167 November 9, 1942

Western Task Force report one one four five hours Z all waves succeeded in landing. Review number glawan from C in C to CCS. Safi town and port captured by assault. Heavy artillery fire from shore batteries against covering force particularly after daylight. Naval engagement still in progress. Landing forces overcame batteries Fedala where hostile antiaircraft fire had also ceased. All assault troops ashore at Lyautey.

Center Task Force report sixteen CT has reached La Macta and Flelrusb, meeting little opposition. Eighteen CT approaching Saint Cloud. Twenty six CT Hol Ain dash El dash Turk. Combat Command B hold Tafaraoui airfield. No report yet received from Spitfire Squadron dispatched to Tafaraoui.

An air observer reported thirty planes grounded on shore of dry lake about twenty miles west of Oran. No activity was apparent in the vicinity. Tracks of motor vehicles suggest possibility that paratroops may have been picked up by elements of Combat Command B.

Eastern Assault Force report twelve hundred hours Z that main opposition has been from coast batteries in Algiers Bay which were still resisting. We hold high

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ground immediately west of Algiers, Boularik south west Algiers, and Maison Blanche and Blida. Naval attack on harbor met severe opposition and result not clear. No report of air activity.

Ryder reports as of two one three zero hours Z, "French authorities ceased firing at conclusion of conference. We occupied city. Starting nineteen hundred hours Z eight all firing must cease. Will occupy all points in harbor starting dawn tomorrow."

I am well satisfied with progress made and am confident of success.

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From: London
To: Adjutant General

No. 187, November 9, 1942.

I am waiting for development of desired conditions before releasing Clark Story, at which time it will be released here, with prompt notification to you. From C in C to CCS reference R twenty nine thirty nine. Until further notice, I consider it not advisable, in view of many delicate aspects of this situation, to release special stories concerning this operation from any point other than here, except as these are reported through regular communiques or similar means. I do not desire to hamper Public Relations sections in Washington and London from printing personality and feature stories and will cooperate in every way I possibly can to provide material for their use. During the next few days however the reporting of actual incidents connected with this operation must be limited to this headquarters.

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I told them that one advantage in their doing nothing for a few days would be that Orgaz's own attitude might be very different in a few days when all North African resistance may be expected to have ceased than it might possibly be today in the present confused situation.

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AGWAR WASHINGTON

Operational priority communique number 3 for operations and Surles. At 1900 GMT yesterday occupation of Algiers and immediate vicinity was started. Arrangements for capitulation of the city were made at a conference between Major General Charles W. Ryder, United States Army, Commander of the Eastern Assault Force and General Alphonse Pierre Juin.

To the East and West of Oran United States Forces which landed under command of Major General Lloyd R. Fredendall, United States Army, have penetrated a considerable distance to the rear of the city. At several points stiff local resistance has been met. Now in our hands are 3 of the 4 air fields in this region. We have taken more than 2,000 prisoners.

At all selected points on the Atlantic Coast of French North Africa landings have been made under command of Major General George S. Patton, United States Army. In this region French aircraft have been more active than elsewhere.

All forces have been given Naval supporting fire against forts. Counter measures were taken where our ships met with resistance from enemy Naval Forces. Our casualties are light.

In the next area concerned Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Bart, GCB, DSO has assumed command of all Naval Forces.

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FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. ANSME 2412, November 8, 1943

In a private conversation with Admiral Godfroy at twelve thirty PM local time today at Alexandria I conveyed to him message contained in AGWAR sixteen ninety one received this Headquarters about nine AM Cairo time (for General Marshall's eyes only from Andrews) Admiral Harwood had been previously advised by British Admiralty of message he was to deliver to Admiral Godfroy. When Harwood received release about three twenty AM local time he immediately conferred with Admiral Godfroy. After conferring with Admiral Harwood, my conference with Godfroy was arranged at hour stated. Admiral Godfroy was much upset but personally very friendly. Neither Admiral Harwood nor myself in separate conversations were able to get any commitments from Admiral Godfroy other than that he would continue with present agreement until and if Vichy declared war. Admiral Harwood has stated that he will observe this agreement as long as Godfroy does. Following specific lines of action were discussed between Godfroy and Harwood; first make a run for it, second fight, third scuttle ships, fourth join with Allies. First and second propositions would be gesture as British are prepared. Third proposal would put his Forces on the beach in internment camps. Godfroy is too agitated to consider calmly fourth proposal at present time. Godfroy feels that the Morocco affair will force Germany to occupy all of

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France and fortify southern coast thus imposing further hardships on his country. I suggested that it might be better to be prepared to suffer greater evils temporarily with high hopes of early relief than to contemplate permanent Axis oppression. I propose to follow up further along this line with Admiral Godfroy. Admiral impressed me as a very fine and honorable officer of high principles. He is very bitter against De Gaullists.

Maxwell

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Telegram no. 1631

Dated: 11-8-42, 8 p.m.

From: Vichy

Rec'd: 11-9-42, 2:05 a.m.

At 7 o'clock this evening Laval sent for me and received me in the presence of Roehat.

Laval informed me that this afternoon at a Cabinet meeting it had been decided that by the act of carrying the war into French territory in North Africa the United States had severed diplomatic relations with France.

Laval said that at the same time he gave this momentous decision to me he desired to assure me of his sincere regret. He stated that the landing of our troops on the soil of French North Africa could be interpreted only as an act of aggression and that therefore, it was not possible to continue to maintain diplomatic relations between our two governments.

Concerning the technical details of the departure of the personnel of the Embassy, the staffs of the Consulates and of certain other American citizens, including American journalists, Laval informed me that it was his desire to approach the whole problem in a spirit of comprehension and sympathy. He presumed that arrangements could be made for an exchange of diplomatic and consular personnel between our two governments in a manner similar to that in which our representatives in Germany and Italy and the German and Italian officials in the United States were exchanged, and that our people would eventually be able to proceed through Spain to Lisbon.

Laval charged Roehat with the handling of the technical details in connection with our eventual departure and added that for the time being we would be free to use our codes and that the date of termination of this privilege would be decided later.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 4669 November 8, 1942

At Algiers we had to sink a French destroyer attempting to escape and captured a French ship attempting to leave Oran. A garbled report from Algiers area indicates that attempt is being made to take Admiral Darlan into protective custody. Intercepted French message congratulates French troops on repelling an attack in vicinity of Rabat in area of western task force.

(Deliver following personal message to General Marshall from Eisenhower signed Smith) to this hour, zero nine three zero AM Sunday, everything appears to be going ahead about as anticipated. Naval units and Navy manned batteries are reporting and from secondary information it appears that Patton may be having some trouble on air fields. Information directly from task forces is meager but I do not care to worry commanders at this stage by demanding reports. But I'd give a months pay for an accurate report this minute from each sector. We do know that we are fairly solidly ashore at eastern and central points and that western attack began as scheduled.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 565
From: Tangier

Dated: 11-8-42, 11 p.m.
Rec'd: 11-9-42, 1:59 a.m.

The operations of American forces in French North Africa have, according to the observations of myself and members of the staff, produced the following reactions locally.

Allied assurances have been welcomed by the great majority of Spanish officials and they appear to be greatly relieved that they have not been drawn into the theatre of operations.

According to Williamson there is a small falangist group which might possibly attempt to make local mischief. The Spanish Republicans are quite naturally jubilant.

In general the French community is apparently enthusiastic.

The news of the operations has been received most favorably by the Moorish population which has smarted under maladministration by the Spanish.

At noon Colonel Johnson motored to the frontier at Arbaoua and observed no signs of military movements or special security measures. He did note that south of Larache traffic is strictly controlled. For an hour he was detained there until permission had been obtained by telephone from Tetuan for him to proceed south after he had given his promise not to go beyond the frontier. Colonel Johnson has reported that he was treated most courteously by all Spanish officials.

The fact that Orgaz was in Madrid and also that the Spanish consul in Fez was in Tangier over the week-end would seem to bear out the assumption that the Spanish were caught completely by surprise.

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URGENT

From: London
To: Agwar

No 4663 November 8th, 1942.

Second British communique our four four four nine two has been released by British Government. For Operations Division for Security Control from Eisenhower signed Smith. Inasmuch as no confirmation of delivery of messages have been received from Ambassador at Madrid following changes were made in communique: Second para "Sir S Hoare has conveyed" substitute for word "conveyed" the phrase "been instructed to convey." Third para first sentence substitute for word "assured" the phrase "been instructed to assure." In second sentence substitute for words "have been" the words "are being." Fourth para strike out opening words "Sir S Hoare has informed the Spanish Government that". Fifth para first sentence substitute for word "conveyed" the phrase "has been instructed to convey."

Mr Eden received the Spanish and Portugese Ambassadors personally at the Foreign Office and gave the assurances in the sense of the instructions sent to HM Ambassadors at Madrid and Lisbon.

OWI and WDBPR should be informed of release. Also State Department as it may affect the policy with respect to American release.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No 4659 November 8, 1942

We are in receipt of the following message from the Prime Minister which has been repeated to Gibraltar. From Eisenhower for Marshall signed Smith. "Admiralty operations in receipt of following from Western Naval Task Force. Plan A initiated on schedule. That is all received zero six zero five this morning."

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From: London
To: AGWAR
No 4658 November 8, 1942

Just received following message: "Admiral Darlan now in Algiers. An American (McGowan through Eddy from Ryder) detachment will report to Flagpole at dawn or shortly thereafter. They have been instructed to take Darlan into protective custody with utmost diplomacy. Request your active cooperation." From Eisenhower for Marshall signed Smith. This is being relayed to you and to Gibraltar.

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PARAPHRASE

Department of State
The Secretary

Telegram no. 1527

Dated: 11-8-42, 4 p.m. *WAZ*

From: Lisbon

Rec'd: 11-8-42, 11:11 p.m.

President Carmona received President Roosevelt's message this morning with marked satisfaction and relief. With some emotion he expressed his gratitude for the attitude which we have taken and indicated his conviction that the assurances which have been given would be extremely gratifying to the people of Portugal. Just prior to my visit the British Ambassador had been engaged in conversation with Salazar for more than an hour and had obviously discussed the matter at considerable length with him. Salazar listened with the greatest interest to my message but made no comment, and I did not think it necessary at that time to press him. My impression of his reaction was that Salazar is also greatly relieved and gratified. Subsequently I learned that the same impression was received by the British Ambassador.

The Portuguese people have taken a very great interest in the new development.

The people are avidly awaiting news of the course of events in North Africa and public attention has been monopolized by the few reports that have thus far been received. Although at this time it is not possible to make any accurate estimate of public opinion, preliminary reaction seems to indicate an obvious satisfaction and even outright enthusiasm on the part of a great many of the Portuguese people in every walk of life.

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NR 145 landings by United States Forces on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of French North Africa are proceeding according to plan. Communique No. 2 for Operations and Surles. Several important air fields have been occupied by the Army Air Force and the RAF. Ranger Units are participating in the operation. The lack of resistance encountered at most of the beaches indicated that the French Armed Forces in North Africa had no desire to oppose the entry of American troops into this territory. The Forces that landed during the early hours of this morning are advancing rapidly, and other landings continue.

Resistance appears to have been mainly confined to Navy and Coast Defense Artillery owing to confused nature of fighting precise results are now known our Naval Forces are in control and suffered no losses except for 2 small ships which entered Oran Harbor.

During yesterday 1 of our transports was torpedoed and disabled. Our troops aboard, under a Commander who refused to be idle during the operation, took their light landing craft and continued toward their objective 120 miles away, landing there late this morning.

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 473

Dated: 11-8-42, 11 p.m.

From: Fort de France

Rec'd: 11-8-42, 5:40 p.m.

The message which I received this morning through Admiral Hoover from COMINCH has just been delivered to the High Commissioner. In replying the High Commissioner has given me his positive assurance that in consequence all existing arrangements will be maintained and that he will insure that in these possessions no action will be taken which might be detrimental to the security of the United States.

The High Commissioner is advising his Government that yesterday afternoon he reached an agreement on terms of accord with the United States and that he is bound by that agreement. In this way the High Commissioner will be able to forestall any efforts which might be made by Wiesbaden to force a change in the position. It is the intention of the High Commissioner to maintain in accordance with the accord the situation existing as regards these territories. I replied that I was prepared to accept the agreement and that I was able to consider that the only act still to be taken was the formality of signing. I request that I be given immediate instructions regarding this point and if necessary authority to initial the accord as of November 7. Only in this way will it be possible to secure the binding assurances which we desire to have.

In the event that this can be accepted, it will be possible to delay the formal signature without giving the appearance of reaching a new agreement after the beginning of the action in North Africa. The High Commissioner regrets that the signature did not take place yesterday.

The departure of the SAGITTAIRE is now being delayed by Vichy. However, Robert has asked that the GUADELOUPE, which is ready to leave Pointe-A-Pitre, be permitted to sail without interference. I have agreed and have informed Admiral Hoover accordingly. Please confirm. *adm*
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Apparently no military precautions are being taken and in view of assurances which we have given all remains quiet here up to now.

The above report is from Reber.

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Paraphrase

Telegram no. 563

Dated: 11-8-42, 2 p.m.

From: Tangier

Rec'd: 11-8-42, 9:58 p.m.

I was finally able to locate General Mugica at his home. Not even a doorman was found at the High Commissariat at Tetuan.

I was received by General Mugica most pleasantly and informed him it was my understanding that General Orgaz was in Madrid. I explained that I had been authorized to deliver a message to the High Commissioner but would convey it to him (Mugica) in the absence of General Orgaz. I then conveyed to him the statement that the desire of the Spanish Government, and of the people to remain neutral in the present world crisis is understood and appreciated by the United States, and that there is in the policy of the United States nothing which would necessitate the implication of Spain in the war.

General Mugaci informed me that early in the morning the peaceful intentions of the British Government toward Spain had been conveyed by the British Consul in Tangier. He added that he had been in telephonic communication with Orgaz in Madrid and had been informed that Sir Samuel Hoare had given similar assurance to the Spanish Government. Mugaci informed me that General Orgaz planned to return to Tetuan today by plane and that he would arrive at approximately 5:30 in the afternoon.

Throughout our conversation Mugica was perfectly placid. During our interview he was called constantly to the telephone in another room to receive reports concerning the situation in North Africa. From Melilla and various other places he received reports every few minutes. The General informed me that he had just received word that our forces had occupied Algiers, Casablanca, Oran, Safi and Port Lyautey. He, after referring to an atlas, stated that such diffusion of operations would in his opinion under ordinary circumstances have been extremely dangerous. He pointed out that our forces would

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be exposed to attack at many points unless we were in a position to count on assistance from important French elements. The General was again called to the telephone after which he informed me that he had just received news to the effect that a statement had a few minutes earlier been made by General Giraud in Algiers in our behalf. Magaci added that evidently we had very important French support and that his surmises had been correct. I stated to the General that I had no more information than he had but that I was sure that our forces had very great strength.

Because there is no electric current excepting for a few hours in the evening, news of the landings was not widely known in Tetuan even by noon when I arrived. In Tangier the situation was quite different where the news was received by radio and spread like wildfire. Between Tetuan and Tangier there was no traffic on the road in either direction excepting for a number of the regular buses.

It is my considered opinion that the Spanish will not step outside the Spanish zone. Our action seems to have caught them quite unprepared and apparently they are greatly impressed by the effectiveness and rapidity of our operations up to this time. It would seem that the Spaniards are anything but displeased by the turn of events.

In both Tangier and Tetuan all was quiet. In Tetuan the streets are filled with the usual throngs of Sunday promenaders.

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November 8, 1942

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram No. 138

Dated: November 8, 4 p.m.

From: Tunis

Rec'd: November 8, 5:15 p.m.

Today at 1:20 p.m. Greenwich time I delivered the President's message to Admiral Esteva. His reaction was to follow Petain's orders.

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ATTQUES, NOUS NOUS DEFENDRONS, C EST L ORDRE QUE JE DONNE.

PHILLIPE PETAIN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Vichy, 0725, 8 November 1942.

President Roosevelt:

It is with astonishment and sadness that I have learned tonight of the aggression of your troops against North Africa.

I have read your message. In it you invoke pretexts which are not justified. You ascribe to your enemies intentions which have never been confirmed by action. I have always declared that we would defend our Empire if it were attacked. You knew that we should defend it against any aggressor whoever he might be. You knew that I would keep my word.

In our hour of trial, I have, in asking for an Armistice, preserved our Empire, and it is you, who, acting in the name of a country to whom we are bound by so many memories and ties, come to take so cruel a step.

France and her honor are in jeopardy.

We are attacked - we shall defend ourselves! That is the order which I give.

PHILIPPE PETAIN

The Marshall received me at 9:10 this morning. I handed the Marshall the text of the President's unenciphered message. He read the French translation which I had prepared and then signed and handed me his already prepared reply to the President of the United States of which the following is a close translation:

The Marshall said that he had told Admiral Leahy that France would resist any attack on her empire by whomsoever and that there was no other course of action left open to him than to order measures of defense. He then showed me the text of the order which he had sent early this morning, to the chief military authorities in Morocco, Algeria, Tunis and Dakar. The text of the messages to the first three places mentioned reads in translation as follows:-

"I am sending you under the following number the telegram from the Marshall, Chief of State, to President Roosevelt. Your duty is clear. The

government counts on you. You should quell any tentatives of dissidence which have taken place or which may take place."

A translation of the text of the message to the Governor at Dakar is as follows:-

"I am sending you under the following number the telegram from the Marshall, Chief of State, to President Roosevelt. Your duty is clear. The government counts on you. The attack on North Africa has taken place. Be ready for all emergencies. The Marshall and the government count on you."

I informed the Marshall that I would immediately translate the text. As I left he shook hands, looked at me steadfastly ^{direct toward his office,} and smiling and humming a little tune.

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Secretary of State

Number 1646

Dated: November 8, 1942

From: Vichy

Rec'd: 6:53 a.m.

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Your 685, November 7, 11 p.m.

The unenciphered message, received 7:20 a.m., from the President was delivered by me to Marshal Petain at 9:10 a.m. this morning.

I am cabling a translation of Marshal Petain's reply immediately.

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Telegram no. 1523

Dated: 11-8-42, 3 a. m.

From: Lisbon

Rec'd: 11-8-42, 1:32 a. m.

The assurances given in the letter of Mr. Welles dated October 18 were delivered by me to the Prime Minister today at 2 a.m.

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Department of State
The Secretary

Telegram no. 1719

Dated: 11-8-42, 4 a. m.

From: Madrid

Rec'd: 11-8-42, 2:45 a. m.

I informed the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the contents of the President's letter in view of the fact that Franco is on a hunting trip. The Foreign minister was obviously very much relieved when he was informed that "Spain was not involved". The Foreign Minister is attempting to get in touch with Franco to arrange the interview.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 4862 November 8, 1942

Here is text of Girauds broadcast from Algiers radio monitored by BBC at naught eight naught naught 3 this morning: For Operations Division for Security Control for Sherwood, OWI from Eisenhower signed Smith.

"OFFICIERS SOUS OFFICIERS ET SOLDATS DE L'ARMEE DE L'AFRIQUE. DEPUIS DEUX ANS, VOUS AVEZ SCRUPULEUSEMENT APPLIQUE LES CONDITIONS DE L'ARMISTICE MALGRE LES VIOLATIONS REPETES DE NOS ADVERSAIRES. AUJOURD'HUI L'ALLEMAGNE, L'ITALIE VEULENT OCCUPER L'AFRIQUE DU NORD. L'AMERIQUE LES PREVIENT ET NOUS ASSURE DE SON APPUI LOYAL ET DESINTERESSE. IL NOUS EST INTERDIT DE NEGLIGER CETTE CHANCE INESPEREE DE RELEVEMENT. JE REPRENDS PARI VOUS LA PLACE DE COMBAT. JE VOUS DEMANDE VOTRE CONFIANCE, VOUS AVEZ LA MIEUNE. NOUS N'AVONS QU'UNE PASSION LA FRANCE, QU'UN BUT LA VICTOIRE. SOUVEREZ-VOUS QUE L'ARMEE D'AFRIQUE TIENNT ENTRE SES MAINS LE DESTIN DE LA FRANCE."

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 113 November 8, 1942

Six hour conference between American Eagle, Kingpin and the Allied Commander in Chief has just terminated. Review number two from Commander in Chief to combined Chiefs of Staff. At beginning of conference, Kingpin refused to issue any statement that could be broadcast tonight either from here or from London or Washington. He stated that he has already authorized General Mast to make a statement in his name from Algiers tomorrow morning some hours after the landing and that no other word from him was desirable or necessary. He specifically insisted that no radios emanating from either national capital or from Allied Headquarters should connect his name in any way with this operation.

At end of conference Kingpin flatly declined to participate in operation except as Allied Supreme Commander in a position in which he would be completely independent to carry out his own strategic and tactical conceptions. Moreover he insisted that this position must be given to him at once. He stated categorically that by November tenth all forces then ashore must come under his control and that thereafter all forces landing in North Africa would have to come under his command upon debarkation. He stated that the present Allied Commander in Chief could retain control of base and administrative arrangements near the ports and take care of arrival of reinforcements, including supplies, but that he (Kingpin) would make all decisions respecting the tactical and strategical employment of the troops. It was explained to him over and over again that the Allies hope to turn over command of this region to the French at the earliest possible moment and that in the meantime every effort would be made to assist him in organizing and equipping his forces. But it was pointed out that until the Allied Force can be well established in North Africa, there is

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no possibility of the two governments disrupting the present command and staff arrangements that have been so laboriously developed for the control of large ground, air and naval formations. It was further explained that since the plan was already in the process of execution there were measures now going forward, including movement of convoys, the landing of troops and the assignment of tactical objectives, that could not be changed over night without the creation of great confusion and uncertainty. These circumstances prevent immediate change in command and staff. In response to questions, he was assured that he would be recognized promptly as military and civil head of all French affairs in North Africa and that the Allies would assist him in developing forces that he could employ as he saw fit, even to re-entering France from the south and engaging the Germans in battle there. He is obsessed with the idea of moving immediately into France and implied that if he were made Commander, he would promptly use the entire air force coming into North Africa in neutralizing Sardinia and transporting troops into southern France and transfer the fighter and bomber units to airfields in southern France. Both the Eagle and I urged him to go along with us temporarily on the basis previously outlined and under all the assurances that the President has made respecting French Sovereignty and territorial integrity. We pointed out that eventual command has already been promised him but that as a soldier he would realize that the establishment of secure bases and development of land and sea communications would require several weeks at least. To all of this he was completely deaf; nothing matters to him except personal command and he would not accept any promises of close collaboration and consultation in the ordering of tactical and strategical enterprises. He even indicated that as Commander in Chief he could not be responsible to the combined Chiefs of Staff but that it would be my responsibility to deal with them, particularly in obtaining necessary reinforcements and supplies from the Allied governments, after which he alone would direct their employment dash whether in north Africa, in Sardinia, in Sicily or in France. Although it was laboriously pointed out that the Allied Commander in Chief did not possess authority to create an

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echelon of command that would be superior to himself and that any such arrangement would have to be previously approved by the two governments, Kingpin stated that he could not accept the delay involved.

Kingpin said that there was no possibility of his guaranteeing non-resistance in our attacks tonight, and would not make any attempt to do so. He seems to assume, however, that we will get ashore and that thereafter he would appear in Algiers in the uniform of a French General and take command.

He was told that in our view the first great service he could render the Allied cause was to insure that we would encounter no opposition in landing so that all forces and supplies would be available for use against the common enemy rather than against Frenchmen. It was suggested also that his next great service would be the organizing of the Army, Navy and Air Force in north Africa in such a way as to make it a formidable fighting machine for assistance in freeing France.

During an hours recess in the conference, I conferred with principal subordinates, particularly Cunningham, concerning Kingpin's demands. Admiral Cunningham labelled them as preposterous and unreasonable in current circumstances. In my anxiety to keep Kingpin with us, even though it is too late for him to assist us in the role in which we especially desired him, I conceded every point he made except only that I must remain directly responsible to the combined Chiefs of Staff for operation of the Allied Force until different arrangements could be made with the consent of the two governments. I even went so far as to state that I would support his ambition to command the forces here as quickly as he had completed the great civil and military organizational task in north Africa and he could place in the field an organized French force of any respectable size. He replied that his organizational task would be completed in two days during which time he would devote himself to the civil and military population and local leaders. He would, therefore, assume command at that time as he had already planned. I carefully explained that his

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proposal would make me responsible to him on the one hand and on the other to the two governments, which are providing all the resources and dictating the major strategy. He seemed totally unable to grasp the point that I could not be responsible to two entirely separate agencies whose views, respecting immediate and primary objectives in the theater, do not remotely agree.

As a final word, he stated that he would be a spectator in the affair. He would not interfere with our plans or operations but would not take part in them and would not authorize the use of his name in any way in connection therewith.

This is the way the matter stands and we are proceeding with the execution of plans.

My impression, shared by the Eagle and Cunningham, is that Kingpin is playing for time and that he is determined, knowing that there will be some French resistance, not to lay himself open to the charge of being in any way responsible for the shedding of French blood. He realizes that he can do nothing with respect to the landing itself and can gain no credit from it, no matter how successful. Consequently he is choosing to wait to see what happens. His method of gaining time is to insist upon a point which as a soldier he is well aware the Allies cannot accept at this moment. If we are generally successful tonight, we will not be surprised to find him more conciliatory tomorrow morning since it must be obvious to him that in every way we are trying to make him the big man of the region and give him a definite personal influence and leadership in winning the war. Incidentally he categorically denies any knowledge of the ten million franc request upon which we sent that amount to Colonel Schow. But he says that Beaufort is an honest man and will spend the money toward fighting Germany.

Eagle and I are bitterly disappointed, principally because of the help Kingpin could have rendered except for his intense personal ambition and ego and because

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From: London

To: AGWAR

No 144 November 8, 1942

Positive information on operations of Western Task Force limited to two reports from Hewitt. At naught seven three naught hours Z, he reported that he was being opposed in all areas. He later reported the landing at Fedala was proceeding with little resistance and that batteries on Chirqui Point had been silenced. Review number ten from Cinc to CCE. Intercept of French radio indicates that Safi Force is at least partially ashore and is meeting resistance at airport.

Blida airport captured. Three squadrons Hurricanes and Spitfires dispatched to Blida and Maicon Blanche Airdromes.

Report just received combat command Bader has captured Tafaraoui Airfield, Oran, which is ready for use. Twenty four Spitfires of Twelfth Air Force have left for that destination.

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From: London
To: Adjutant General

1. Brig. Gen. Deane.....
2. Comdr. McDowell.....
3. Lt. Col. Hammond.....

No. 138, November 8, 1942.

Have just concluded gentlemen's agreement with Kingpin that is entirely acceptable to me and is fully compatible with my direct subordination to the combined Chiefs of Staff. Review number nine from C in C to CCS. The basis of the agreement is exactly what I offered Kingpin throughout the long conference of yesterday. I recognize him as the leader of the effort to prevent Axis aggression in North Africa, the Commander in Chief of all French forces in the region and the governor of the area. As Commander in Chief of the Allied American British Forces I will cooperate with him to the fullest possible extent and will work in closest collaboration with him.

No later than tomorrow Kingpin will leave for Africa to do his utmost to stop all resistance to us and to begin organizing the French forces for employment against the Axis. While there will undoubtedly be future difficulties because of personality I am confident that this agreement represents a great step in advancing our interests here and am truly delighted that we were able to bring it about.

Present at the final conference were General Clark, Admiral Cunningham, General MacFarlane and the Commander in Chief.

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From: London
To: Agwar

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Am making one more effort to draw Kingpin into fold. From C in C to CCS. I (review no sight) intend to repeat my readiness to recognize and support Kingpin as leader of the French effort to save North Africa and restore France, to recognize him further as the senior allied officer in the region with all honors due to him in such position, to consult him constantly in all strategical matters and to cooperate with him to fullest extent. Also to do my best to help equip his troops. The only point on which I cannot repeat not give way is that the CCS are my immediate command superior and that any agreement between him and me must omit the stipulation that he can issue operational orders to me.

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From: London
To: Agwar Washington
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From: London
To: AGWAR

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Hewitt reported plan Adam initiated on schedule. Review number six from Commander in Chief to Combined Chiefs of Staff. Assaults on Algiers and Oran Harbors meeting resistance. No reports of captured airdromes yet.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London
To: Agwar Washington DC

No. 118, November 8th, 1942

Shortly after Kingpin arrived at Gibraltar he handed me a message which he desired transmitted to Flagpole. Review number five from Commander in Chief to Combined Chiefs of Staff. Text of translated message follows: "Take steps to broadcast my order of the day for all French North Africa. Inform me urgently of possibilities and execution. I have just landed at Gibraltar. Will arrive as soon as possible by air with advanced Allied Headquarters. If possible send French Military Plane for me at Gibraltar. Recognition Signal White Cross on ~~Coxrdes~~ and red fuses with three flares Send baggage on field to be designated" upon conclusion of our conference I reminded Kingpin of the message which had been dispatched six hours previously. I asked him if he wanted to recall it. He then dictated the following message to Flagpole: "If proclamation has not yet gone out do not publish it." However, this message could not be dispatched because Yankee radio station was not on the air. At zero three zero zero hours Z today communication with that Station had not been reestablished.

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URGENT

From: London
To: Agwar Washington
No. 117, November 8th, 1942

Landings on all three beaches at Oran effected without opposition. Ships proceeding towards shore to complete unloading. Review ~~number four~~ from Commander in Chief to Combined Chiefs of Staff. No word yet received from Western Task Force which is scheduled to begin landing in about five minutes.

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Report received at two thirty Z that landings by eastern assault force (from Commander in Chief for Combined Chiefs of Staff) at all three beaches have been successfully executed. Review number three Eisenhower.

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Radio Intercepts of French Broadcasts by the U. S. Navy
(parts of which could not be deciphered)

From Casa to FUB 1152Z Nov 8

Undeciphered local time violent contact in progress before Casablanca between enemy squadron and the 2nd Light Squadron. General Nogues has taken entire command in the theater of operations.

From Casa to Algiers 1317Z Nov 8

Pierres Noires 1400 local time. Naval battle interrupted enemy cruiser (undeciphered) Pensacola (U.S.) proceeding to the (undeciphered). Torpedo boat Youguseuf (undeciphered) sunk. Destroyers Albatros, Milan Torpedo boats Brestons, Pionneur seriously damaged out of action. Many killed and wounded. Cruiser Primaugent damaged supposedly boiler, anchored at harbor entrance.

From Casa to FUB 1620Z Nov 8

- (1) Situation at 1700 local time. Intense bombardment (undeciphered) on Jean Bart and Primaugent.
- (2) The enemy has established bridge head at Fedala about 5 K.M. by 5 K.M. in area.
- (3) (Undeciphered) have directed (ordered?) to 91 (a location or position?) Convoys R-41 and R-42. Nothing to report at Mazagan.

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