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From: Freedom, Algiers  
To: WAR

No. 5751, January 15, 1943.

Naval. 1. (to AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army ABS  
Hidest rptd main 8th Army from Freedom Algiers)  
no reports. Sitrep 78, Jan. 14.

2. 1st Army (signed Eisenhower) on south flank  
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distance to area 5 miles NNW Heidous. On north flank  
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reports locations: Bou Arada 10 BS Rifle Brig, 1 mile  
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area Djebel Bou Dabous 085, French captured 74 Italian  
prisoners.

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area of 5 Corps, 1st Bn 168 Rct to Constantine coming  
under command 1st Army for duty L of C, 2nd 3rd Bns  
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to Constantine coming under command 2nd Corps.

5. Air. 6 B 26 aircraft attacked railroad junction

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From Algiers  
To: Agwar

No. 5686, January 15th, 1943.

From Sicily 7 JU 88s early evening attacked Biskra Airdrome. Foregoing bombers air G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 14 Jan. Nothing to report Baval. Bomber Recce. Patrol from southern France by 1 JU 88 during morning. Landing Sardinia 1 JU 88 from Sicily on weather Recce reaching position 80 miles North Algiers 0700Z continuing northwards towards Balearics. Recce flights from Sicily between dawn 1500Z by 5 additional JU 88s 1 of which over Bone 1030Z 24000 feet probably photographic mission. 2nd photo Recce Biskra airdrome Thelepte Airdrome 1115 and 1150Z landing 1330Z. Remaining 3 aircraft operated interior Tunisia and off East Coast. AGWAR USFOR repcd Troopers information adv First Army adv 2 Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army 1 Armd Corps mideast from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Normal Recce North African Coast Bone Oran by 2 Sardinian Based JU 88s taking off shortly after dawn. Turning back vicinity Cape Tenez one aircraft landed by 1305Z other aircraft down by 1515Z having reached Point just North Oran 1220Z turning back along coast to Bone where Harbour Recced 1420Z. Transport 13 Jan. For Tunisia 35 JU 52s departed Sicily 1000Z onwards departing Tunisia by 1330Z. During night 12-13 Jan 16 JU 52s arrived Castel Vetrano from Tripoli. Other enemy activity. 6 ME 109s 1 of which claimed damaged encountered forward area by Spitfires on Recce. 22 FW 190s ME 109s over Bone Harbor 0930Z 1 bomb only seen to drop. 1 FW 190 probably destroyed 1 ME 109 destroyed. Shipping docks Sfax attacked 1345Z.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR & USAWW (Information)

No. 6471, January 15, 1943

Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers wishes to be sure that these cables covering our operations in this sector against Tripoli, are passed on to RAF Headquarters Middle East Command. Please advise. 6 B-26's attacked railroad junction and warehouses at Mhares. Hits observed on railroad and on warehouses. Seven tons HE dropped from 7000 feet. (to Eaken, Bereton from Doolittle signed Eisenhower) docks and shipping at Sousse attacked by 16 B dash 17's dropping 36 tons of HE with good results from 23000 feet. (This is a paraphrase of message number 1153 from 12th Air Force Algiers dated Jan 15 1352Z signed Eisenhower) fires started on quay and several vessels believed damaged. All planes returned safely. Slight heavy fairly accurate flak. B dash 25 flew two counter shipping mission. No shipping seen. 26 B -17's attacked Sfax docks. Most bombs on northeast jetty with bursts concentrated in warehouses and fuel storage depots. 63 tons of HE dropped from 20000 feet weather calm. Fairly accurate flak, moderate in intensity. Fighters attacked by several E/A. 1 E/A destroyed. 1 p - 38 lost, 1 missing. Another B dash 26 mission attacked railroad yards at Kalaa Srira 4 miles west of Sousse. (Signed Hartle) cloud cover prevented observation. 6 P - 40 of the New Lafayette Escadrille - French pilots - flew their 1st sweep on January 13 over enemy territory (daily intelligence cable 12th Air Force for 14 January operations).

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From: Amcn Embassy London  
To: Milid

No. 4074 Jan 14, 1943

War office estimate Axis forces in Tunisian area your two two four eight: German, thirtyfour thousand dash thirtyseven thousand, one hundred ninety tanks; Italians, fourteen thousand five hundred dash seventeen thousand five hundred and ninety tanks. Figures include COMBATANT TROOPS ONLY, do not include GAF and services (signed Hughes) area estimated includes Gabes full answer your two one zero four cabled W A Akers, care of British Central Scientific Office, Washington, sixth January by M W Perrin, Technical Secretary to Tube Alloys Committee (signed Hughes). Akers to transmit information to Doctor Vannevar Bush, O S R D, for General Strong. SIS not War Officer handles this matter London. General Strong's personal attention.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Freedom, Algiers  
To: AGWAR  
USFOR London  
No. 5597, January 14, 1943.

1. Naval SITREP 77 13 Jan. All mines swept at Bone between 8 and 12 Dec German type R. Corvette Rille De Quebec (to USFOR action AGWAR Troopers Midesst rptd Main 8th Army, 5th Army, ABS information from Freedom Algiers) escorting convoy TE 13 rammed and claimed sank German submarine between Algiers and Oran 13 Dec. One survivor recovered.

2. 1st Army. (signed Eisenhower) on south flank Composite Force Inf, tanks, field guns and medium arty captured Hubl 5 miles NE Bou Arada. Tanks handicapped by mud due to enemy MG and mortar fire our troops withdrew in afternoon to original position 4 miles north Bou Arada on road to Goubelat. Enemy dive bombers attacked area 2 miles NE Slouguis twelve Jan without damage.

3. Central Tunisia. French captured more prisoners area Hir Karachoum O 8469. French attacked enemy positions 2 miles SE Reservoir De Loued Kebir. Attack unsuccessful. Withdrew to original position PT 53 O 7886.

4. Movements completed. 1st Bn 26 Rct to Constantine coming under command 2 Corps.

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5. Air. Night 12 13 Jan 4 Malta Mosquitos attacked motor transport between Tripoli and Sfax. Same night 3 Malta Albacores and 3 Beauforts laid mines between Sfax and Kerkenna Island. Same night 12 Malta Wellingtons attacked Sousse when Tunis, primary target, obscured by clouds, 23 tons of bombs and 36 flares dropped, hits on phosphate quay starting fires. 6 B 25 aircraft dispatched to attack shipping between Tunisia and Sicily, probably destroyed partially submerged vessel. Swordfish aircraft made torpedo attack night 12 13 Jan on merchant vessel at Ferryville, hit claimed amidship, another swordfish dropped bombs on Ferryville. 2 enemy low flying attacks made on transport on road 5 miles west Souk El Arba. 13 enemy aircraft approached Bone 1645Z. Our fighters claim 1 enemy aircraft destroyed and 3 damaged. Night 13 14 Jan Beaufighters destroyed 2 of 5 enemy aircraft attacking Maison Blanche airdrome. Station sick quarters hit and small petrol fire started. Action USFOR do not repeat to AGWAR, information AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast, rptd Main 8th Army, 5th Army, Anfa Casablanca for Gruenther.

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From: London  
To: AGWAR

No. 6434 Jan 14, 1943

As regards our active patrolling and shelling twelve January in area J six one, no enemy offensive reaction was observed. Report, unconfirmed, two one zero zero Z indicated renewed enemy activity along roads to Goubellat, and later reported, observed moving southeast from Pont Du Fahs, two enemy companies, four guns, M T. (This a paraphrase of reference number five four zero three dated January one three one five three one Z, to AGWAR, USFOR, repeated troopers, information, Adv First Army, Adv two Corps, E A C, one two Air Force, M B S, A B S, Fifth Army, One Armored Corps, Mideast, from G two Freedom, signed Eisenhower) seizure Karachoum pass (O eight five six eight) resulted one eight zero P W S of Third Bn nine one Italian Infantry Regiment and German two three Marzch Bn (T dash five). Withdrawal northward nine (one group missed) some German tanks from Kairouan reported by French sources. Foregoing part one land northern Tunisia of G two report for two four hours ending two four zero zero Z one two January. Parts two and three will follow. Southern Tunisia. Only active enemy patrolling reported. Further indications, confirmed by P W one two company south thereof, show presence of five.

Regt now known Herman Goering Regt. Third Bn  
Goubellat Sector.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Freedom, Algiers

To: AGWAR  
USFOR London

No. 5559, January 14, 1943.

Shipping recce off North African coast between Bone Oran made by three Sardinian based JU eight eights (to AGWAR, USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV First Army ADV Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Armd Corps Mideast from Freedom Algiers) taking off shortly after dawn first aircraft shadowed Allied convoy sighted off Algiers ten hundred Z finally landed thirteen thirty Z. During afternoon convoy off Algiers one westbound off Cherchel at fourteen fifteen Z and one eastbound between Oran Cape Tenex fifteen hundred Z shadowed by second aircraft, last convoy being shadowed until dusk. Shadowing Algiers convoy seventeen ten Z. Remaining aircraft operated during early evening landing two thousand Z. Weather recce sea area Sicily to Balearics by one Sicilian based JU eight eight during morning. Foregoing bomber recce.

Enemy air activity part two G two report two four hours ending twenty four hundred Z thirteen January. Bombers. Maison Blanche aerodrome bombed by five probably Italian aircraft during evening. Transport. Between dawn zero eight thirty Z sixteen JU five twos one ME three two three departed Sicily for Tunisia. Landing Tunisia midday were eighty five JU five twos four ME three two threes which returned Sicily during early afternoon. Between dawn zero nine

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fifteen Z for Tripoli nine HE one one ones departed Sicily. About midday four FW two hundreds landed Tripoli returning Sicily early afternoon. Other activity: Near Souk El Arba zero eight zero five and twelve hundred Z transport vehicles attacked low level by four ME one zero nines. Though no reports bombing received one twin engine aircraft reported Italian with escort five fighters sighted zero seven forty Z over Bone harbor. Though no reports bombing received at least thirteen aircraft consisting FW one ninetys ME one zero nines RE two zero zero ones approached Bone Harbor from east fifteen forty five Z. AGWAR USFOR repta Troopers information ADV First Army ADV two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army one Arm Corp Mideast from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Part one will follow. Part three Naval. Between Cape Tenex dash Cape Palos dash Cape De Gara dash Alboran Island probably not exceeding four German submarines operating. Between Algiers zero six degrees zero six minutes east four Italian with additional six between Cape Bon zero six degrees east. While on escort duty off Cape Tenex HMS Ville de Quebec at fifteen hundred Z rammed and sunk German submarine.

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From: Madrid

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Information has been received to the effect that the Germans intend to make a sudden attack in force from the areas which they hold in TUNISIA in the direction of ALGIERS. The primary purpose of this attack, it is said, would be to show the Spaniards and the people of NORTH AFRICA that Germany is still strong militarily. It is also understood from the same source that the native population of NORTH AFRICA feels that sufficient energy has not been shown by the Allies in carrying on their campaign in NORTH AFRICA.

The substance of this message has been sent to ALGIERS.

It seems reasonable to me that the Germans might very well make some demonstration of military strength in NORTH AFRICA for the purpose of attempting to lessen or discourage the resistance of SPAIN if they should plan to enter SPAIN at some later date. As a result, the Allies should make every preparation to oppose any sudden attack which might have very far reaching effects in the sense suggested above, even if it were only temporarily successful.

The source of the above information is a Spanish military officer of high rank who said that he heard the story of the plans for a surprise attack some days ago from the brother of the Jalife. This officer also has very good contacts among the Moors in NORTH AFRICA. Naturally I cannot guarantee that this information is authentic.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

No. 5509 Jan 14, 1943

1. Local conditions have a considerable effect on the air organization of this theatre. Eastern Air Command and Twelfth Air Force establishments must be continued primarily for administrative reasons. (from Eisenhower to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff to AGWAR fro FCS for information and to ANFA Casablanca for information NAF one zero three).
2. The new system for the Command and Organization of land forces in Tunisia which came into effect today requires separate air support commands. These are coordinated by Spaatz.
3. The attack of enemy shipping at sea makes it essential to train certain squadrons for this - purpose and to operate them in the closest collaboration with Air and Naval reconnaissance forces.
4. I am certain that our views on many points could be reconciled if an air ministry representative came here to discuss them. I hope to have an opportunity of discussing them with Tedder. Pending the results of such discussions I suggest that consideration by Combined Chiefs of Staff should be deferred.

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Situation Report No. 46.

1. 813 Squadron. 3 Swordfish from Bone attacked merchant shipping in Lake of Bizerta on p.m. 12th Jan. in bad weather. One probable hit is claimed on a 7,000 ton merchant ship. Flare aircraft bombed Ferryville.
2. Bone. Minesweeping continues. 17 mines swept between 8th January and 12th January of which 5 were cut remainder detonated. All German type R. c F.W. 190 bombed Tabarka p.m. 11th January. No damage.
3. VILLE DE QUEBEC escorting T.E. 13 rammed and claims sank German U-boat in position 36 37 North 01 10 East at 1600/13th January. One survivor recovered.

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From: LONDON USFOR  
To: AGWAR

*Paraphrase of Algiers message*

No. 6415 January 14, 1943

To our active patrolling and shelling observed twelve January area J six one no enemy offensive reaction. Two enemy companies four guns some MT later reported observed moving southeast from Pont Du Fahs and unconfirmed report two one hundred Z indicated renewed enemy activity along roads to Goubellat. German two three Marsch Bn (T-five) and seizure Karachoum Pass (O eight five six eight) resulted one eight zero P W S of Third Bn nine one Italian Infantry Regiment. Reported by French sources withdrawal northward nine (one Grouod missed) some German tanks from Kairouan. Ending two four hundred Z twelve January foregoing part one land Northern Tunisia of G two report for two four hours. (This is a paraphrase of five four zero three from Algiers) (signed Hartle) parts two and three will follow. Southern Tunisia. Reported only active enemy patrolling (SO AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv First Army Adv Two Corps EAT Twelfth Air Force M B S ABS Fifth Army One Armd Corps Mideast from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower) further indications five para Hermann Goering Regt now known. Confirmed by P W from Twelve Company captured south thereof presence Third Bn Goubellat Sector.

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AM INFORMED AXIS PLANNING EARLY ATTEMPT LANDING IN FORCE  
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 DEFINITELY. EVALUATION B3.

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By RHP, NARS Date MAY 25 1973

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 46.

1. 813 SQUADRON. 3 SWORDFISH FROM BONE ATTACKED MERCHANT SHIPPING IN LAKE OF BIZERTA ON P.M. 12TH JAN. IN BAD WEATHER. ONE PROBABLE HIT IS CLAIMED ON A 7,000 TON MERCHANT SHIP. FLARE AIRCRAFT BOMBED FERRYVILLE.

2. BONE. MINESWEEPING CONTINUES. 17 MINES SWEPT BETWEEN 8TH JANUARY AND 12TH JANUARY OF WHICH 5 WERE CUT REMAINDER DETONATED. ALL GERMAN TYPE R. 6 F.W. 190 BOMBED TABARKA P.M. 11TH JANUARY. NO DAMAGE.

3. VILLE DE QUEBEC ESCORTING T.E. 13 RAMMED AND CLAIMS SANK GERMAN U-BOAT IN POSITION 36 37 NORTH 01 10 EAST AT 1600/13TH JANUARY. ONE SURVIVOR RECOVERED.

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To: AGWAR  
Combined Chiefs of Staff-USFOR (Informational)

No. 5385 January 13, 1943

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General Smith, (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) MacMillan and I called on General Giraud last evening and during the conversation informed him for his personal and ~~secret~~ information of Symbol indicating that we had been unable to advise him sooner due to his recent absence in French West Africa. He was delighted. To AGWAR for Hull for action and for information to Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff NAF one zero two signed Eisenhower from Murphy. Smith then brought out very clearly the Allied desire to cooperate with and assist Giraud in every way in his avowed purpose of prosecuting the war against the Axis describing the efforts made by the Allies to overcome the many obstacles in the way of supplying materiel to the French forces which is the subject closest to Giraud's heart. Smith emphasized the important part which public opinion plays in such matters both in Great Britain and in the United States and explained that it is primarily for that reason that we take occasion from time to time to discuss in a spirit of frankness certain political factors which unavoidably enter into the military situation. One of these he said is the arrest of a number of persons on December three zero which has aroused considerable interest in the press abroad and that he had been conscious of a number of criticisms levelled against the local administration because of the mystery and secrecy which surrounded the proceedings. Smith urged that the present occasion be seized to demonstrate the liberal tendency and the evident desire of Giraud's administration to revert to the time honored French traditions of Free-

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dom of the Press et cetera. Giraud insisted that no one would expect him to countenance assassination nor could they justly criticize the honest attempt which is being made to ascertain the guilt of persons involved in the assassination. We made it quite clear that there was no argument on the moral issue involved but that the point on which we insisted was simply a question of procedure and the avoidance of unnecessary political complications. We felt that the French Administration here would be well advised to release immediately all persons whose guilt is not established. Giraud said he agreed with this point of view and that he hoped action would be taken to release some of the persons involved. He could not say how many. Within two or three days. He also agreed that the trial of these persons would be postponed until after Symbol and agreed as did General Bergeret in a preceding conversation that the name of Henri Dastier De La Vigerie will not be published (We also referred to the question of certain administrative changes including that of the Governor General of Algeria who we understand is to be replaced by Marcel Peyrouton. Giraud habitually shies when a foreigner discusses French internal politics and he refused to commit himself on this point saying that he would see. Notwithstanding the fact that Bergeret informed Murphy definitely on the preceding day that Peyrouton would be appointed Governor General immediately on his arrival here) MA also referred to the presence of the Comte De Paris in Algiers. Giraud said he was sending word to the Comte De Paris last evening suggesting that his presence in Algiers is undesirable. We learned this morning that the Comte De Paris is exceedingly embarrassed over the way in which the situation has developed and that he plans to depart from Algiers at once and has announced his intention of joining the French armed forces. Probably the French Foreign Legion. As he did in one nine three nine (MacMillan brought up the matter of a civilian representative proceeding to London in behalf of the Giraud administration. Giraud was pleased that

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this would be acceptable and said that he nominated there and then Monsieur Pose his Director of Finance and Economic Affairs. MacMillan promised to make the necessary arrangements with his government and also proposed that Monsieur Pose contact some of the Entourage of General De Gaulle) Giraud went on to say that he felt fully confident of amicable and fruitful negotiations with De Gaulle who he said "After all served as a Colonel under my orders". Giraud however took great exception to some of De Gaulle's associates with whom he felt it would be impossible to get MacMillan interjected that this feeling was possibly reciprocated but that part of the discussion ended on the note that every effort be made to arrive at a reconciliation (as in almost any recent discussion with Giraud the question of the Dollar Found Franc rate of exchange came up. Giraud reproached Murphy with the statement that he always received from Murphy encouraging words but rarely obtained practical satisfaction stating that the injustice of the discriminatory rate of exchange applied to this area as compared to the other French territories is so glaring as to be unbearable). There were a number of references during the conversation to the question of military equipment for the French forces. Smith repeatedly described the situation demonstrating the extraordinary effort which is being made by the Allies to render maximum assistance to the French. Giraud referred especially to the troops in French West Africa and the French Merchant Shipping which is being turned over to the Allied Shipping Pool insisting that some of that shipping be employed in the transport of equipment to North Africa for the French forces. Smith assured him that everything possible was being done is that connection emphasizing the limitation of port facilities railroad equipment and generally the unfavorable logistics which Giraud is prone to brush aside.

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Operations Division, WDGS  
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Urgent XXX-A  
January 13, 1943

TO: FREEDOM  
ALGIERS

NUMBER 1048

Milton Eisenhower relays following report from Tixier, local representative Fighting French (From Marshall for eyes of Eisenhower only). Tixier has positive information that underground De Gaullists in North Africa will take positive measures of dissent in case Peyrouton is assigned position of authority. This report for your information and evaluation.

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January 13, 1943

FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 1049

Mister Lemaigre Dubreuil concluded his conversations in Washington and departed January 13th on his return to North Africa. It was agreed that the following summary of his remarks to the Secretary and Under Secretary of State would be submitted to you as this would be the basis of his recommendations to General Giraud. (Eisenhower and Murphy from State Department and Marshall)

Begin summary. Lemaigre Dubreuil pointed out that it was impossible to meet the situation, to answer propaganda criticism which claimed that Africa was "Occupied" by the United States, and to concentrate on the military situation until certain conditions pertaining to materiel and morale have been fulfilled, the solution of which depended in a large measure on the United States. He felt it was necessary to recall in this instance that the intervention of American troops had been requested, prepared and facilitated by the French to whom assurances had been given at that time in letters exchanged between Mister Murphy and General Giraud that the necessary materiel would be furnished and that they would be treated as an ally in full possession of their sovereignty. He stated that the impression in North Africa is growing that it is being treated as an occupied rather than an Allied territory. In order to meet this situation he feels that it would be necessary that certain changes be effected in the Darlan-Clark Protocol, notably to include recognition of French North Africa as an ally. It would also be necessary to take into account and modify the rate of exchange which had been imposed and which was markedly increasing prices and the cost of living within the country. Furthermore Mister Lemaigre Dubreuil pointed out that whereas the United States was represented in North Africa in civil matters as well as in military affairs, there was no re-

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reciprocal treatment of the North African authorities in this country since there only existed in the United States at the present time a military mission. In this connection he feels that unless some such form of representation were granted General Giraud, General De Gaulle would be able to claim that he was in a superior position as regards civil and political matters since he could discuss them direct with the United States and British Governments and consequently should be regarded as the political leader of French resistance. General Giraud is primarily concerned with the military necessity and of bringing Frenchmen back into active participation in the war. If he could be given support in this position and receive supplies and recognition as an ally, he could then pursue the war with a maximum of efficiency, reassure French preoccupation and establish himself as the leader of French military resistance, thus relegating General De Gaulle's political aspirations to a secondary place and clearing the entire political situation.

In order that General Giraud's position should be made perfectly clear Mister Lemaigre Dubreuil suggested that General Giraud might issue a declaration which would clarify his position and demonstrate its non-political character. The declaration would be of such a nature as clearly to indicate to General De Gaulle that the real problem and the only problem to be solved is of a military and not of a political character until such a time as France and the French people are free to determine their own destiny. Giraud's declaration would show that since no government in France existed he was acting as a trustee for the defense of French interests until the end of the war and consequently would be free to conduct the military campaign without political complications. It was suggested further that Giraud's declaration should be followed by a statement or declaration of the President who would confirm that in the opinion of the American government no French government existed and that General Giraud is to be regarded as an ally and trustee for the defense of French interests. End summary.

Dubreuil agreed that the terms of such a declaration should be discussed with General Giraud and with you. The State Department will await your report before undertaking further to comment on the proposal.

With regard to the supply of materiel the Bethouart Mission had been able to obtain certain definite commitments which are being made known to you.

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No. #, January 13th, 1943.

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1. BONE. MINESWEEPING OF APPROACH CHANNEL COMPLETED 11TH JANUARY 10 MOORED MINES WERE SWEEPED.
2. 3 LST'S NOW RETURNING TO ORAN HAVING LANDED SECOND LOAD OF TANKS AT PHILIPPEVILLE.
3. WHEATLAND AND WILTON ON A/S PATROL WERE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY 5 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT P.M. JANUARY 10TH.
4. AJAX AND SCYTHIA SAILED FROM ALGIERS FOR GIBRALTAR 10TH JANUARY. BOTH SHIPS SHELTERING AT ARZEU UNTIL WEATHER MODERATES.
5. TRIBUNE REPORTS 6000 TON MERCHANT SHIP ASHORE CAPE EERVO WITH TWO TORPEDO HITS.
6. FORCE H SAILS FROM GIBRALTAR FROM MERS EL KEBIR P.M. TODAY, TUESDAY.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

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No. 6368 January 12, 1943

New gun positions northwest of Gabes noted. Daily Intelligence cable from Twelve Air Force Operations of tenth January. Nine B-two six attacked Marshalling yards and oil storage tanks at Gabes with good results. One-four zero dropped a five zero zero pound bomb squarely on German Headquarters at Kairouan. Fifteen single engine E/A on AD. Formation attacked by six E/A. One destroyed, one probably destroyed. (This is a paraphrase of Nr eight four one from Algiers to USFOR London to Eaker Brereton from Doolittle signed Eisenhower) Twelve B-two six dispatched against Sousse forced back account weather. (signed Hartle) Intense heavy and light accurate flak encountered at Gabes. One B-two six lost one P-three eight missing. Six A-zero bombed military camp at Kebile six five miles west of Gabes. Results excellent.

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To: AGWAR

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No apparent change in German submarine dispositions Western Basin. Italian. Three seven degrees north five degrees four two minutes east zero zero zero one Z one sighted. Between six and ten degrees east four or five. South of three seven degrees thirty minutes north between Algiers Philippeville probably five. Foregoing part three naval of G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z eleven January. Air: Transport ten January, from Sicily landing Tunisia from one thousand Z here four eight JU five twos which took off by thirteen thirty Z. From Tunisia thirteen thirty five Z one ME three two three landed Castel Vetrano. Bomber Recce. Normal Recce North African coast between Bonekoran by one Sardinian based JU eight eight which landed thirteen fifteen Z. Meteoro Recce over sea area between Balearics Sicily by one S one Sicilian based JU eight eight during morning. Probably over Tunisia during morning early afternoon one additional Sicilian based JU eight eight active. Early morning one JU eight eight on patrol off French south coast. (AGWAR USFOR repted Troopers information Advance First Army Advance Second Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army one Army Corps Mideast from G two Freedom Signed Eisenhower). Part one follows. Bombers Zowpugie Harbor attacked dawn YY three Sardinian based JU eight eights. During afternoon early evening ten JU eight eights from Sicily operated. Other activity. Four ME one zero nines attacked airfield Thelepte zero eight hundred hours. One claimed destroyed. Northwest of Gabes B seventeens P three eight escort attacked railway and highway bridge across Oued El Akarit. Over target P

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three eights attacked by twelve enemy fighters of which  
one claimed destroyed one probably.

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No. 5300, January 12th, 1943.

Enemy patrols continue active Mateur Madjez El Bab areas (to AGWAR, USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV First Army Adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Armcd Corps Mideast from Freedom Algiers). On ten Jan enemy reported digging in and supported by some artillery on Hill J six eight five zero nine five having been driven from ridge at J six five zero zero eight zero. On eleven Jan enemy withdrew to south from area J six five one eight after being engaged by our armoured and infantry elements which met stiff resistance along line J six five one seven to J six six one seven. Report of German advice to civil populace to quit Pont Du Fahs area leads to deduction that Germans believe battle this area likely. One company Italians unidentified as yet captured by French during seizure pass and high ground either side at O eight five six eight. Small scale enemy attack south from Fonndouk El Okbi replused by French and one of nine enemy tanks destroyed. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

G two report two four hours ending two four hundred Z eleven Jan. Southern Tunisia. Patrol activity continues. Some enemy mine laying activity on road between Gafsa

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To: WAR USFOR

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G two report two four hours ending two four hundred three eleven Jan. Southern Tunisia. Patrol activity continues. Some enemy mine laying activity on road between Gafsa Maknassy reported. Enemy outpost Gafsa Gabes road reported reinforced. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information Adv First Army Adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Arm'd Corps mideast from G two FREEDOM signed Eisenhower. Identifications. Possible presence march on Africe number two five in theater indicated by document found near Pont Du Fahs.

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

Situation Report No. 45.

1. Bone. Minesweeping of approach channel completed 11th January 10 moored mines were swept.
2. 3 L.S.T's now returning to OGAN having landed second load of tanks at Philippeville.
3. WHEATLAND and WILTON on A/S patrol were unsuccessfully attacked by 5 torpedo aircraft P.M. January 10th.
4. AJAX and SCYTHIA sailed from Algiers for Gibraltar 10th January. Both ships sheltering at Arzen until weather moderates.
5. Tribune reports 6000 ton merchant ship ashore Cape Barvo with 2 torpedo hits.
6. Force H sails from Gibraltar from Mers El Kebir P.M. today Tuesday.

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Air Marshall  
Gen. Macready  
COMINCH (2)  
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*Paraphrased + sent to President*

From: Algiers  
To: War-USFOR (Action)

No. 5225, January 12, 1943

1. In continuation of review number twenty seven I held a meeting yesterday with Anderson, Juin and Fredendall at which arrangements for our operations in southern Tunisia were finalized. Review number twenty eight, NAF number one zero zero, to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower.

2. United States Second Corps under command Fredendall comprising one armored division, Twentysixth Regimental Combat Team, British Paratroop Brigade less one battalion, and French Constantine Division will operate from Tebassa. The mission of Second Corps is to act aggressively against enemy line of communication in the direction of Sfax, interrupting them to maximum.

3. Fredendall estimates that he will be ready to start about twentythree January. His present intention is first to secure his southern flank by capturing and holding Gabes and then to move north and seize Sfax. He will throughout locate a mobile force in the Sbeitla-Hadjeb El Aloun area ready to go to the immediate support of the French in the event of an enemy counter-thrust southwest from Kairouan.

4. In northern Tunisia Anderson will maintain an aggressive defensive policy and will be ready to seize any opportunity which may arise for attacks with limited objective should the enemy withdraw troops from this sector. If enemy should weaken bridgehead considerably Anderson will of course be ready to take full advantage of the situation.

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5. Fredendall and Anderson are collaborating closely with Juin and will give him the assistance he requires to enable him to secure and hold firmly the passes through the mountain ridge from Fondouk to Djebel Fkirine. This is essential to guard Fredendall's communications against a thrust from the Kairouan direction.

6. I am establishing a command post at Constantine so that I may maintain close touch with commanders and insure coordinated action by all Ground and Air Forces available.

7. Commanders in Chief Middle East are being kept informed. At my request they are loading ships which will be held initially at Malta and sent forward to Sfax as soon as Fredendall is ready to receive them.

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Naval. No reports .

First Army. In center enemy patrol activity vicinity Heidous. Hostile machine guns three miles to N. W. about forty enemy occupy farm four miles N. W. Heidous. Beja defended by improvised formation consisting of two Cos. Second Hampshire Regt. Second Parachute Bn. Two French Inf. Bns. On north flank enemy artillery dispatched to attack shipping of north Tunisian coast. All planes returned. Sixteen B twenty four aircraft from Ninth Air Force dispatched to attack Bizerta shipping eight Jan found target obscured by clouds. Forty two P thirty eight. Hurricane and Spitfire Ecn Sorties flown operational area. Harbor. Base and convoy patrols flown over Bone. One Spitfire crashed taking off and one on landing. Seventeen nati submarine and convoy Sorties flown Algiers area without incident. Bombs dropped Tunis Harbor. Results buildings. Military Camp. Attacked by three enemy planes all of which claimed probably destroyed by bombers. All planes returned. Six P forty Sorties flown over Sidi Bou Zid Fondouk Sfax Faïd. No enemy aircraft sighted. Four medium bombers attacked Bizerta docks. Sidi Ahmed airdrome night nine ten Jan with four and half tons of bombs aircraft from Malta damaged ten vehicles northbound on Sfax Gabes Road night eight nine Jan. Six B twenty five aircraft active eight and ninth Jan. Liaison officer reports locations tenth (Bn?) Pifle Brigade Bou Arada. Third Bn. Grenadier Guards just south Medjez El Bab. Eighth Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders four miles S. W. Medjez El Bab. First Bn. East Surrey Regt. Sidi Nsir. Second Bn. Lancashire Fusilier two miles S. E. Munchar.

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First Commando three miles east station Del Aouna movements.

Dispatched; from Five Corps. First Parachute Brigade less Second Parachute Bn for Doufarik eighteen miles S. W. Algiers.

Air. (this is SITREP seven three of January nine) Five B twenty six aircraft attacked airdrome ten miles south Tripoli with two tons of bombs. Hits on hangers. Small obscured by clouds. One of three attacking enemy planes destroyed. (Signed Hartle).

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To: WAR - USFOR

No. #, January 11, 1943

Nothing to report part three Naval. G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z ten Jan. Part two Air. Enemy air activity. Transport. For Tripoli during morning thirteen HE one one ones left Sicily with five HE one one ones arriving Sicily between fifteen hundred and sixteen hundred Z from Tripoli. Taking off by thirteen thirty Z five three JU five twos five ME three two threes landed Tunisia beginning ten hundred Z from Sicily. Bombers (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV First Army ADV Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Armad Corps Mideast from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower) between dawn twelve fifteen Z seven Sicilian based JU eight eights active with at least seven additional operating from Sicily during early evening all apparently landing by nineteen fifty Z. Part one will follow. Bomber Recce. Mainly over Tunisia five Sicilian based JU eight eights active between dawn sixteen fifteen Z. Between Bone Oran four Sardinian based JU eight eights operated over north African coast. Taking off shortly after dawn one aircraft shadowed Allied convoy zero eight ten Z midway between Algiers Bougie being engaged about two hours later and possibly shot down by fighters. Second aircraft took off ten hundred Z shadowed convoy landed sixteen thirty Z. Remaining two aircraft failed locate convoy though operating afternoon early evening. Other (enemy action. Four to six ME one zero nines attacked B two sixes over Gabes on bombing mission P three eight

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escort engaged by two ME one zero nines. One Me one zero nine claimed as damaged and one destroyed. About two thousand hours in Tebessa Thelepte areas four or five possibly JU eight eights active. No reports of bombing received. Over Thelepte at dawn two P fortys on patrol attacked by six ME one zero nines while a JU eight eight being escorted made off having dropped no bombs. German Headquarters destroyed by a P forty attacking Kairouan. One FW one nine zero attacked our aircraft.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 22 1974

No. 5169, January 11, 1943

As result our conversations with the competent local officials during the past week (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) for information to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff Secretary Hull and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. NAF nine nine. Signed Eisenhower from Murphy. AGWAR R four seven one one December two cite one one five two Z and four zero two nine January zero three one one four zero Z. USFOR nine seven one December three one one eight four zero Z. It appeared that the case against the persons recently detained administratively on suspicion of complicity in the assassination of Darlan as well as also in plan to assassinate Giraud and others was making little progress. The officials indicated that while certain evidence had been adduced they were inclined for political reasons in the absence of further evidence to exercise administrative discretion looking to the quashing of the matter and the release of the persons involved. Yesterday however General Bergeret Assistant High Commissioner informed us that two detained French police officials (Achiary Muscatelli) had voluntarily made written statements involving Henri Dastier De La Vigerie (brother of General Dastier De La Vigerie Adjutant to General DeGaulle) as well as Cordier, an associate of Dastier, are known Royalists supporters of the idea of a Comte De Paris De Gaulle combination. The confessions which were being forwarded to Algiers from southern Algeria last evening are said to throw considerable light on the events leading to Darlan's assassination indicating that a few persons other than those now detained might be involved. We are informed that an examining magistrate has now been appointed and that in light of this new evidence the case goes beyond administrative jurisdiction and becomes subject of regular legal procedure.

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Trial would probably be held within a week, accused of whom we understand there will be approximately six will have benefit of counsel and we are informed that procedure adopted will be sufficiently public to avoid criticism that Star chamber proceedings are countenanced. According to a well informed official source there is evidence now available which will prove the undeniable existence of a murder plot, justifying the arrests and relieving French officials of criticism that arrests resulted from subversive desire to besmirch in nobent friends of the Allies, lowering our own prestige. Achinary Muscatelli have been released from custody and returned to Algiers.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 22 1974

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State Departments five one seven December one eight one three zero zero A. To AGWAR for Hull Marshall and Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for information. NAF 98. Signed Eisenhower from Murphy. General Eisenhower on January seven approved the establishment of a joint commission on political prisoners and refugees in French North and West Africa constituted as follows. American and British Consuls General in Algiers representatives of the Office of Civil Affairs Judge Advocate and G two sections of the Allied Force Headquarters and a French representative. Attached to the commission in a consultative capacity will be representatives of the Relief Administrator, Psychological Warfare Service, Medical Section, Engineers Section, British Organization equivalent to American OSS, and the American Red Cross; the members of the commission and their representatives are authorized to visit places in French North and West Africa containing or suspected of containing persons who have been interned for political reasons. The commission will (1) Report the number and name of such person of each nationality in each camp the reason for detention the evidence upon which detention was ordered and if detained under a sentence a record of witnesses who testified and substance of their testimony (2) Make recommendations in each individual case for release and disposal after release with the understanding that in cases favorably acted upon release will take place at the earliest possible moment. (3) Endeavor to obtain for such prisoners prior to release living and sanitary conditions as tolerable as may be possible. The formation for the commission is under way and it is expected to commence its work within the next few days.

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From: Ankara  
To: Milid

No. 352 January 11, 1943

This message paraphrase my cable No. 323 November 28 Crete reinforced lately believed to be mainly for defensive purposes but also possibility for nuisance raids in rear of 8th Army. Two German Division reported moved by air and sea Greece to Sicily. 600 Axis planes reported Tunisia triangle. Above from British and Trukish sources.

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From: Algiers  
To: War USFOR

No. 5127 January 11, 1943

Artillery activity previously reported area west of Mateur renewed zero nine hundred Z ten January (to AGWAR USFOR and First Army adv Second Corps Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force MBS ABS Fifth Arm First Arm Corps Mideast from Freedom Algiers) enemy patrolling areas north and northwest Bou Arada continued active. Also active were small enemy groups in area Fonndouk El Okbi where foothold on slopes Djebel El Jedirip O eight five one zero reported gained. Foregoing northern Tunisia.

Gtwo report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z ten Jan. Southern Tunisia. French observation post southwest of Sidi Bou Zid T six five attacked by German patrol night nine-ten Jan. Enemy activity reported along Gabes Gafsa Road. No details of either yet. AGWAR USFOR troopers information Adv First Army Adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army one Arm Corps Mideast from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Identifications. French report identifies elements First Company Eighteen Marsch Battalion at Sedi Kralif Ne Faid. Greater part this unit known in Hemeima position. Eighth Company four seven German Grenadier Regt identified by prisoners Djebeldel Jedir Area. Fifth Seventh Eighth Companies stated this locality. Presumed Sixth Company in reserve.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR  
No. 4964 Jan 10, 1943

Intermittent enemy artillery activity west of Mateur (J three seven) otherwise patrolling only along northern Tunisian front (to AGWAR, USFOR information adv First Army, Adv Two Corps, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force, MBS, ABS, Fifth Army, One Armad Corps, Middle East from Freedom Algiers) part one Land G two report for two four hours ending twenty four hundred Z nine January. No activity southern Tunisia. Identification Two Battalion Nine Two Infantry regiment confirmed south of Djebel Chakeur (O eight four). AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information adv First Army adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Armad Corps Mid East from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Follows G two estimate of Axis strength.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 5052, January 10, 1943.

Since Forty Fifth Division has commenced training prefer it should stand (to AGWAR rptd USFOR from Freedom Algiers) to AGWAR for Marshall reference your five one nine rptd USFOR for Morgan signed Eisenhower. Your para two. Confirm additional troops required including one ranger battalion three engineer ~~forshore~~ companies one AAA regiment mobile plus such other units as are found necessary during detailed planning. Accept provision these units at expense of Allied Force if essential but request you keep me informed of exact troop list requirements. Your para five agree high degree training required. Owing delay decision by Combined Chiefs to collect shipping and delay in clearance Tunisia now consider that Brimstone assault not possible before first May and have so informed Combined Chiefs. Allowing twenty one days for movement to parts and loading, eight days rehearsal, and twenty one days for passage this would mean completion of training by eleven March. Request your views as to whether this date adequate to complete high degree training required and if not what extra time must be allowed. Am instructing NTF to arrange with you through USFOR for dispatch Staff Officer NTF to visit Forty Fifth Division and to arrange such staff representation from sub task force as may be required in London for planning.

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SPANISH SS CABO TORVENAN RECENTLY UNLOADED AT MELILLA FROM CORUNNA 3000 CASES HAND GRENADES AND LARGE AMOUNT UNIDENTIFIED MILITARY STYRES. COULD BRITISH CONSULS SPANISH PORTS NAVICERT AUTHORITIES AFFORD US INFO EXACT NATURE AND QUANTITY SHIPMENTS MILITARY MATERIAL TO SPANISH MOROCCO ?

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From: Algiers  
To: War-USFOR (Action)

No. 4939, January 10, 1943

Between Bone and Oran North African Coast recce'd by three Sardinian JU eight eight one of which departing dawn reached Oran area ten fifteen Z sighted shadowed westbound Allied convoy on return off Cape Tenez landing twelve twenty Z (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) others landed by sixteen hundred Z having covered area Bone to Algiers. Meteorol recce during morning over sea area Sicily to Balearics by one Sicilian based JU eight eight between dawn fifteen hundred Z over Tunisian interior two Sicilian based JU eight eights active one of which continued to Constantine at thirteen twenty five Z. Patrol from French south coast by one JU eight eight during PM. Foregoing bomber recce.

Part Two Air G Two report for two four hours ending twenty four hundred Z nine January (to AGWAR, USFOR, Adv First Army, Adv Two Corps, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force, MBS, ABS, Fifth Army, First Arm Corp, Middle East from Freedom Algiers) bombers. Eleven fifteen Z convoy escort duties four JU eight eights departed Sicily. All landing by seventeen fifty five Z at least three JU eight eights based Sicily operated during late afternoon. Transport eight January. From Tripoli nine JU fix twos at zero zero one five Z landed Castel Vetrano. For Tripoli five FW two hundreds departed Sicily zero six hundred Z. For Tripoli ten HE, one one ones departed Sicily zero six

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ten Z and during afternoon from Sicily six HE one one ones returned. AGWAR USFOR repta Troopers information Adv First Army Adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army One Armd Corps Mid East from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Part One will follow.

Part Three Naval. Submarine dispositions western basin. German. In area Oran-Cape De Gata-Cape Palos-Cape Tenez probably still four or five. One sighted position thirty seven degrees thirty two minutes north zero one degrees forty minutes east. Italian. Three or four probably between zero six degrees and ten degrees east. Between coast and thirty seven degrees thirty minutes north zero four degrees to zero eight degrees east four or five. Within sixty miles Algiers one. Attacks enemy units. Off Kuriat Island night seven eight January now known three schooners sunk by surface force.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR  
No. 5053 January 10, 1943

Original estimate was that for assault thirty March decision to collect shipping must be taken about seven January (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) NAF nine six for combined Chiefs of Staff. rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff ref Fan fifty six. Signed CINC. Owing deferment this decision and other factors such as delay in clearing Tunisia now consider that assault cannot take place until first May at earliest. Request acceptance by Combined Chiefs of Staff of this date pending which am informing Morgan of postponement in order that he may make full use for training and planning of additional time. Planning will continue in light of comments of British Chiefs of Staff and Combined Staff planner.

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From: Amembassy London  
To: MILID

No. 4047 Jan 9, 1943

Comment War Office your two two two eight and  
OBA eleven Bern: Bagi and Brindisi not known being  
used as Embarkation Points Tunisiaward. No reliable  
evidence available suggesting any German Panzer  
Division embarked Tunisiaward at any Italian Port on  
dates stated. Lowell from Birley. Tenth Panzer  
Division elements may be still in transit but doubtful  
forty tanks loaded in one ship for dangerous crossing  
Tunisiaward (signed Hughes). Seventeenth Panzer Division  
now in Russia only known Panzer Division from Munich  
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January 9, 1943  
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From: Algiers  
To: War - USFOR - New York Port of Embarkation

No. 4775 January 9, 1943

*North African Economic Board*

Committee of NAEB including members of the British Ministry of Fuel and Power are determining civilian and military coal requirements for North Africa. Committee is working with French authorities to determine civilian requirements. French military requirements are being considered as part of total military needs. Quantities requested by mission are less than those obtained here. Coal is being requisitioned from UK and US to supply all military and essential civilian needs. Reference your six eighty six SPLLA (AGWAR information USFOR and Pembark from G four Freedom signed Eisenhower) Civil petroleum requirements have been compiled by an oil subcommittee of the North African Economic Board. These with total military needs have been included on the theater overall requirements presented to London and for New York on January seventh our reference number four thousand six hundred. Other items of common and special purpose lubricants and grease are being ordered by military agencies for inclusion on appropriate convoys when space is available. Recommend determination of coal and petroleum requirements be made here.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

No 6285 January 9, 1943

RE/six four zero seven eight January one nine four three BIGOT ALIBI Malta Intelligence summary two zero zero zero A/seven to two zero zero zero A/eight. (This is paraphrase of Malta Intelligence summary from Governor Malta to AFHQ Algiers for General Eisenhower repeated air ministry repeated mideast for Chiefs of Staff repeated command post first army signed Hartle) Naval. Welshman returned at zero nine zero zero hours from a successful operation in the Sicilian channel two MTB which had been carrying out a sweep off Kelibia during the night sighted nothing and returned to Malta two destroyers called at one five zero zero hours with the object of intercepting a M/V and small craft which had been sighted by aircraft earlier in the day one of our submarines returned from patrol reports having torpedoed and sunk a small south-bound M/V making two prisoners who stated that the cargo was of wheat the same submarine also sank by gunfire a one five zero ton schooner southbound and laden with ammunition.

Military nil.

Civil nil.

Air (one) recce. Photos eighth January Tunis for Siebel ferries only active shipping present Sousse no apparent change since five January Sfax no shipping present Sciacca Aerodome one three CA three one one nine \* Z one zero zero seven eleven SM seven nine or SM eight four one BR two zero six SM eight two or Fiat G one two seven SM eight one eighteen monoplane twenty three biplane fighters shipping at sea one one zero zero hours two three six degrees Carena Point three zero miles one tanker five zero zero zero tons course south speed one zero knots

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To: AGWAR

No 6285  
January 9, 1943

reported to be escorted by two D/R. (Two) No enemy air activity (Three) strikes. Night seven/eight January. Intruder Mosquitoes destroyed one unidentified enemy aircraft over Comiso and shot up trucks on roads south-west of Tunis setting one fire and damaging another Intruder Beaufighter shot up M/V convoys northbound and southbound in Sfax dash Gabes road and dropped two two five zero pound bombs on possible ammunition dump near Mahares causing fire and secondary explosions day eight January three Spitfires bombed Lampedusa scoring hits on aerodrome.

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From: N.C.X.F.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 11.

1. Bone. HORATIO now considered lost with all hands. E Boats mined approach channel to Bone night 7/8. This is now being cleared.
2. WELSHMAN and ABDIEL successfully completed lays night 7th/8th and 8th/9th respectively.
3. K M S 6 attacked by torpedo aircraft and JU88 in position 37 07 North 04 38 East at 1805/7. WENALBENACH and AKABAHRA sunk. BECESTER rescued 28 from former from which about 420 missing. All crew of AKABAHRA saved. WILLIAM WIRT damaged by near misses FORWARD now at Philippe ville.
4. MKS 5. VILLE DE STRASBOURG torpedoed 55 miles east of Algiers now at Algiers.
5. Algiers. AJAX arrived 8/1.
6. Oran obstruction to entrance inner harbour now removed. Channel 150 feet wide and to charted depth.

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Air Marshall  
Gen. Macready  
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2. WELSHMAN AND ABDIEL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED LAYS NIGHT 7TH/8TH AND 8TH/9TH RESPECTIVELY.
3. K M S 6 ATTACKED BY TORPEDO AIRCRAFT AND JUBB IN POSITION 37 07 NORTH 04 38 EAST AT 1805/7. WENALBENACH AND AKABAHRA SUNK. BICESTER RESCUED 28 FROM FORMER FROM WHICH ABOUT 420 MISSING. ALL CREW OF AKABAHRA SAVED. WILLIAM WIRT DAMAGED BY NEAR MISSES FORWARD NOW AT PHILIPVILLE.
4. MKS 5. VILLE DE STRASBOURG TORPEDOED 55 MILES EAST OF ALGIERS NOW AT ALGIERS.
5. ALGIERS. AJAX ARRIVED 8/1.
6. CRAN OBSTRUCTION TO ENTRANCE INNER HARBOUR NOW RE-

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Operations Division WDGS  
Theater Group WDOPD  
OPD 336 France (1-9-43) JEP

January 9, 1943

TO: FREEDOM  
ALGIERS

NUMBER 928

British government has presented proposal for joint policy to be adopted by United States and British government in their future relations with French Empire. Following summary of their proposal is furnished for your information only and should not be discussed with French authorities pending further instructions.

(From Hull and Marshall for Eisenhower and Murphy reference our number 893 Jan 8) establishment in Algeria on soil of a department of France of single authority in place of both General Giraud's administration and French National committee in London is envisaged. United States and British governments as well as other governments would recognize this authority as a De Facto administration provisionally exercising French Sovereignty over certain parts of France and over whole French Empire (except Indo-China) pending establishment of government chosen as government or even as provisional government of France but would maintain relations abroad through an allied power and be formally admitted to ranks of United Nations. Agreements relating to various parts of French Empire would normally be made with this central authority and not with local colonial administrations. Economic agreements might be made on Tri-Partite basis like agreements in respect of French Equatorial Africa and Cameroons at present under negotiation between British and American governments and French National committee.

So far as French North Africa is concerned, special powers exercised by Allied Commander in Chief in virtue of his command of military operations would be redefined in formal agreement concluded between United States government

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and Central French authority. British suggest that their agreement as concerns Madagascar might serve as model. In that agreement French Sovereignty provisionally exercised by National Committee is expressly recognized and powers enjoyed by Commander in Chief are conferred upon him by National Committee. In establishment of any such arrangements as regards French North Africa, it would be regarded as allied territory in which Allied Commander in Chief is vested with extensive powers rather than as Quasi-Occupied Territory where he possesses administrative authority. Central authority should conduct itself in all respects both internally and externally as an allied administration. British point out that it is essential that all links with Vichy should be severed or at any rate any claim to unbroken succession through Darlan from Petain should not be revived and also that return should be made to laws of French Republic

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

January 9, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL, FREEDOM ALGIERS,

Number 917

BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-4989

There is no objection to granting permission to Vice Admiral Fenard to bring his wife and grown daughter with him on the proposed mission. This is in reference to NAF 94. To Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 59, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The State Department concurs in the above.

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No. 4812, January 9, 1943.

Dispositions of submarines Western Basin, German, Cap De Gata area one. Northeast Oran two. Cape Tenex vicinity two. Italians between three seven degrees forty minutes north and from four to five degrees east and coast three. Within sixty miles of three seven degrees twenty minutes north five degrees thirty minutes east two. With one within sixty miles of three seven degrees thirty minutes north eight degrees thirty minutes east three or four east of six degrees east. Foregoing part three Naval of G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z eight January. Part two air. Enemy air activity. Transport. From Sicily six two JU five twos landed Tunisia seven January from ten hundred Z onward departing by fourteen hundred Z. Also sixteen JU five twos landed Castel Vetrano from Tripoli between zero zero zero one and zero two hundred Z seven January with eight JU five twos at zero six hundred Z for Tripoli departing Sicily. Bomber recce two Sardinian based JU eight eights recce North African coast between Bone and Algiers one of which departing zero six thirty Z landed eleven thirty Z shadowed eastbound Allied convoy between Algiers Bougie zero nine fifteen Z. Other departed ten thirty Z returned by sixteen thirty Z. Meteor recce over Sea area between Sicily Balearics by one

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Sicilian based JU eight eight during morning. Finally landing between fourteen thirty and fifteen hundred Z one JU eight eight departed Trapano Sicily about eleven hundred Z continued along north coast Sicily reaching Messina area eleven forty five Z where turned northwards toward Naples then westwards to Sardinian coast. Probably over Tunisia two additional Sicilian base JU eight eights active during morning early afternoon. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv First Army Adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Fifth Army First Armd Corps from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Bombers. During early evening from Sicily five JU eight eights at least operated.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 4829 Jan 9, 1943

During night seven eight January strong German Infantry patrol attacked French detachment Bou Arada (J six zero) though driven out by zero seven hundred January eight. During afternoon small scale enemy attack southward from Fonndouk El Okbi (O eight one) repulsed with reported enemy loss of two tanks destroyed one damaged. Only patrol activity otherwise reported northern Tunisia except some small scale motor transport activity south Medjez El Bab and Pont Du Fahs vicinity. Part one land of G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z eight January. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Advance First Army AD two Corps EAC Twelfth AF-MBS ABS Fifth Army one Armd Corps from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. In southern Tunisia some indication renewed enemy interest Faid position though patrol activity only reported.

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**OUTGOING MESSAGE**

Joint Chiefs of Staff  
January 9, 1943

USFOR  
LONDON, ENGLAND

Number R-4998

General Eisenhower advises that unless the volume of reinforcement and supply now reaching enemy through Tunisian ports be immediately and materially reduced, the situation in Tunisia and with 8th Army will deteriorate. This message is in reference to Eisenhower's number 4430 of January 6th. An absolute essential for the air action which can stop enemy convoys by day is heavy reconnaissance by high performance aircraft of good endurance. From the U. S. Chiefs of Staff to USFOR, London for the British Chiefs of Staff.

U. S. has already reinforced Eastern Task Force and is unable to do more. The U. S. Chiefs of Staff feel strongly that the request of Eisenhower should be fulfilled.

U. S. photographic reconnaissance unit losses are being replaced to limit of capability. U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff therefore urgently request that reconnaissance needs of Eisenhower be fulfilled immediately by British Chiefs of Staff.

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From: USFOR London  
To: War (Information)  
USAWW (Action)

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No. 6284, January 9, 1943

What follows is a paraphrase of Algiers Nr zero six zero seven dated Jan zero ~~idult~~ one eight four five Z. Daily cable from Twelve Air Force covering operations on seven January. Two P-three eight flew reconnaissance to Tripoli. One medium M/V in harbor at Tripoli. A general westward movement of trucks and troops seen on highway, all the way from Tripoli to Medentine. Twenty B-two six attack A/D and barracks at Gabes dropping twenty tons HE from nine five zero zero feet. (To Eaker Brereton from Doolittle signed Eisenhower). Signed Hartle. One P three eight shot down by light flak near El Ajelat. Pilot seen walking away from plane. Several twin engined A/C seen on A/D NW of Er Riana. Heavy and light flak over target. Six A-twenty attacked troop concentration at Kairouan results good. No A/C observed on A/D at Gabes, Medentine or Ben Gardane but soldiers moving about on all of them. Photo reconnaissance on six January shows two four E/A at Gabes, twelve E/A or Sfaz il Maon landing ground. Four P three eight made reconnaissance of Tripoli on six January. Observed about nine zero trucks in vicinity of Ben Gardane. All trucks reported to be fully loaded with men headed west. Enemy have been reported in at least one case successfully using yellow triangle panels to deceive our planes. The display of this panel can no longer be considered as infallibly identifying our troops.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR-USFOR  
No. 4699, January 8, 43

Vice Admiral Fenard reference our four four nine two now requests permission to bring wife and grown daughter with him if mission approved. (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff. To USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower. This NAF nine four.) He has been helpful and cooperative (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) from November eight and approval is recommended.

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From Algiers  
To: Agwar

No. 4750, January 8th, 1943.

1. Naval. Bone: Landing ships inf ferrying troops from Algiers area arrived five Jan. Hostile air attack six Jan caused no Naval damage. Destroyer Whealand escorting cruiser Ajax detected presence about six mine laying E Boats off Cape De Garde. E Boats retired on sighting cruiser. HMS Horatio missing from patrol; searching progress; two motor torpedo boats arrived from Malta. Philippeville: Ajax arrived in tow. HMS Jura torpedoed between Algiers and Bougie. Three severely wounded and seventeen other survivors rescued. Empress Australia damage in collision off Oran two Jan requires six weeks repairs. Other ship Ormonde fit for sea passage. Seventy sitrep seven Jan.

2. First Army: On south flank six Jan El Aroussa and Cafour O thirty nine bombed by ten enemy planes. Night six seven Jan patrol made enemy contacts three miles south Goubellat. (To Usfor information AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast rptd Main Eighth Army, Fifth Army from Freedom Algiers) on north flank thirty Six Brig withdrew successfully and now occupies position along Main Mateur Road two miles west to three miles east station Del Abuana. Enemy one hundred five MM guns two miles east and SE Djebel Axag. shelling our btry areas and registering on road west of station Del Abuana. In center six Jan enemy patrolled from four miles north Heidous to three miles NW Heidous.

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From Algiers  
To: Agwar

No. 4750, January 8th, 1943.

Movements. Co L Thirty Nine RCT to Biskra coming under command Twelfth Air Force. Completed: Second Bn Twenty Sixth RCT to Ain Milla L ninety four coming under command Second Corps. Eighteen antisubmarine and convoy escort sorties in Algiers area. No sightings. One inconclusive combat. General recon missions Floen to Tripoli, throughout Tunisian area, and in forward area.

4. AQHFX six RAF B twenty four aircraft of Ninth Air Force dispatched to attack Tunis night five six Jan. Due to heavy cloud coverage only two found target dropping six tons of bombs with unobserved results. Remaining four dropped twelve tons of bombs on Sousse starting fires in target area. Hurribombers dispatched to attack ground targets towards Mateur forced to return due to weather. Several bombing attacks made in Tebessa area. Thirty bombs fell in city causing considerable damage to civilian property X bombs fell about two miles from airdrome X one enemy plane ineffectively attacked Thelepte causing no damage. Eight medium bombers from Malta attacked Sousse with thirteen tons of bombs night six seven Jan X large fires north and south of town X one medium bomber missing. Night six seven Jan four Beaufighter sorties over Bone X claim one enemy plane damaged. Ten enemy aircraft approached Bone from east one four five zero Z dropping bombs in harbor without damage X contact made with three enemy planes X one Spitfire missing. A few enemy planes over Algiers area night six seven Jan X no reports of bombs or damage. Twenty one B twenty six aircraft attacked Gabes airdrome and barracks with twenty tons of bombs X hits on barracks area X many fires started at airdrome X escort encountered ten enemy aircraft X one enemy aircraft probably destroyed X one P thirty eight missing X one B twenty six crashed and burned due mechanical trouble. Bisley aircraft attacked

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Tunis docks night six seven Jan X two large fires started X one plane missing X another damaged. Night six seven Jan four Albocores and four Beauforts from Malta laid six mines La Goulette Harbor entrance. Six A twenty aircraft attacked troop concentration Kairouan with five tons of bombs X results believed good X several fires started X all planes returned.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. 4710 January 8, 1943

Admiral Glassford and two Staff Officers  
(from Eisenhower repeat Dakar for General  
Kibler Chief of Staff Glassford Mission) arrived  
this headquarters (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers)  
seventeen hundred hours this date.

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# OUTGOING MESSAGE

Joint Chiefs of Staff

January 8, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL  
FREEDOM  
ALGIERS

Number 895

The President has authorized the Secretary of State to come to an agreement with the British Foreign Office in establishing the eastern boundary of Tunisia as the boundary between the areas of administrative responsibility between the United States and the United Kingdom in North Africa. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is in response to your number 1526 dated December 9th, 1942.

ORIGINATOR: General Deane (JCS)  
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# OUTGOING MESSAGE

Secretary, General Staff

January 8, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL  
FREEDOM  
ALGIERS

Number 893

Your number 4377 dated January 6th discusses the creation of a political structure in French North Africa and the creation of a council or committee in the form of a super-government which would cap all of French overseas territories. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The President's view is that the sovereignty of France rests in the people of France and that the United States can not recognize any French government that does not spring from the will of the people. He therefore desires that you should avoid discussion of these matters with the French before consulting us. He further believes that any government set up must of necessity be a de facto government established by you as the Military Commander of an occupied territory and should be subject to change by you when change appears to be necessary.

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Some counter battery and registry on roads by enemy one zero five MM Artillery in area generally West of Mateur Southwest and South of which enemy motor transport reported active along road to Bou Jaloufa (J four nine six eight). Enemy patrol activity continues in areas North and South Medjez El Bab with minor enemy movements Pont Du Fahs area and G two report for two four hours ending two four zero zero Z seven January. Kairouan probably now reinforced by further German Infantry Battalion and some armor. Concentration this area estimated four thousand with forty tanks some armored cars and SP guns. Except for some Artillery activity North Northeast Pichon no offensive action reported this sector. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers info Adv First Army Adv two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS five Army two Armd Corps. Southern Tunisia from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Small enemy raid failed capture prisoners identified eighteenth Armd Battalion confirms continued presence this unit area Djebel Krechem position. Though no definite location reported head of column air Recce reports approx total one hundred vehicles some guns on road toward Gabes moving North during afternoon.

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From: Algiers

To: War USFOR (Action)

No. 4672, January 8, 1943

Part two enemy air activity. (To AGWAR, USFOR information advance First Army, advance two corps, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force, MBS ABS Fifth Army, one Armd Corps from Freedom Algiers) During return at ten three five Z eastbound convoy east northeast Algiers shadowed by same plane which when relieved by different plane landed twelve four five Z Sardinia. During afternoon in area convoys remaining aircraft operated. Making landfall Sousse area flying North Kairouan and making Recce Tebessa eleven hundred Z exterior Tunisia reced by one Sardinian based JU eight eight between dawn thirteen thirty. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers info adv First Army adv Two Corps EAC Twelfth AF MBS ABS Five Army First Armd Corps from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Transport, all six January, landing Tunisia ten hundred Z onwards and departing by twelve hundred Z were seventy two JU five twos and five ME three two threes from Sicily, leaving Tripoli at dawn were seven ME one one ones and three FW two hundreds while from Castel Vetrano were thirteen JU five two landing between eighteen hundred Z and nineteen hundred bombers. During early evening at least ten Sicilian based JU eight eights operated, bombed recce, shipping

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rece between dawn eighteen hundred Z by four Sardinian  
JU eight eights off Djiejelli zero eight zero zero Z  
westbound allied convoy sighted by first of these  
planes which after shadowing convoy awhile continued  
rece along coast as far as zero one degrees east.  
Attacks by enemy our ships. Between Algiers and  
Bougie presumably by submarine Ville De Strasbourg  
torpedoed twenty one zero six Z. Presume sunk with  
all hands inasmuch missing on patrol from Bone is HMT  
Horatio. Eleven hundred Z off Dellys presumably by  
submarine HMT Jura torpedoed and sunk. Between Algiers  
Bougie aerial torpedo and bombing attack resulted  
sinking SS Benelbanach and Akabawa and damaging William  
Wirt about seventeen zero five Z. Foregoing part three  
Naval G two report for two four hours ending two four  
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From: Freedom Algiers

To: WAR

No #, January 8, 1943.

Have read Madrid cables pertaining trade North Africa with Spain (to AGWAR for Economic Warfare Paul, to Hull and Applesby, signed Eisenhower, from Murphy, from Rosenthal and Starr) This our cable one two, section one, have suggested Hayes obtain full information such trade past few years and send USCC representative here for conference. Have also informed French authorities our interest in this situation with view to limiting shipments to actual Spanish consumption plus proper consideration French import needs. Also excess Peseta balances if any might be made available to us. French have agreed give us information and keep us informed negotiations Pettit conducting and of which he will inform Hayes. Suggest conferring with department about policy of Anglo American control over French Spanish accord and giving Navicerts or other form shipping permits. Should this be referred to Riefler for supervision by Blockade Committee by Hayes or from here. Also inform me in case similar situation arises as to Portugal. Repeating Hayes, section two, had arranged shipment to London seven six tons rubber found warehouse Oran but vessel Exiria diverted United States after loading, will mail papers when received.

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1. BONE. HORATIO MISSING FROM PATROL 7TH, SEARCH IN PROGRESS. 2 M.T.B.'S ARRIVED FROM MALTA 7TH REPORT LARGE EXPLOSION FELT 7 MILES NORTH OF KEITH REEF POSSIBL CAUSED BY ACOUSTIC MINE. L.S.'S FERRYING TROOPS EX BOISSEVAN ARRIVED 5TH. AIR ATTACK ON SHIPS ANCHORED IN BAY AT 1300/6 BY FW 190 NO DAMAGE. AT 2345/6 WHEATLAND ESCORTING AJAX HEARD LOUD R/T INDICATING PRESENCE OF ABOUT 6 MINELAYING E-BOATS OFF CAPE DE GARDE. E-BOATS RETIRED ON SIGHTING DESTROYERS.

2. PHILIPVILLE. <sup>DD</sup> AJAX ARRIVED IN TOW 7TH AND SAILS TONIGHT WESTWARDS UNDER OWN POWER.

3. JURA TORPEDGED AT 1112/7 IN POSITION 36-58 NORTH 03-48 EAST. STRONSAY RESCUED 3 SEVERELY WOUNDED AND 17

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To: AGWAR USFOR

No 4577 January 7, 1943

Subject our two four four one December one nine one two one zero Z your four five five December two five zero one one two Z also Stockholm Legation telegram five January zero two one three zero zero to State Department (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers).

Please inform me present status of communications between High Commission Algiers and French Officials outside United States. We consider it desirable and expedient to facilitate direct communication between High Commission and Proallied French Diplomats in Europe and Near East through safe channels open to US, without prior reference to Washington.

The following additional message has been received from Saint Hardouin Secretary for Exterior Relations of the French High Commission for transmittal to Ayjtes De Vaux Saint Cyr French Minister at Stockholm "Number three. Without news since your resignation. Would be personally grateful if you would inform me through American channels regarding your actual situation and that of your personnel. Regards."

High Commission likewise asked yesterday that an inquiry be sent to Legation at Montevideo requesting information regarding the actual position and situation of Monmayou former Secretary of French Legation three. Information regarding this person is requested in order that the High Commission may be informed.

The following telegram has been handed to me for transmission to the French Ambassador at Chungking

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From: Algiers  
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No 4577  
January 7, 1943

"Au moment ou. Prisonnier des troupes d'occupation le gouvernement de Vichy se voit contraint d'aligner totalement sa politique sur celle du Reich je compte sur vous et vos collaborateurs pour assurer aupres au gouvernement Chinois la representation du Haut Commissariat de France en Afrique qui a repris la lettre aux cotes des puissances Alliees et sauvegarder ainsi les interets Francais en Chine. Veuillez me confirmer votre adhesion et en faire part au gouvernement Chinois. Giraud."

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 4475, January 7, 1943

Fenard called on me today with a message from Mrs Darlan regarding her pension. From Eisenhower for Marshall for Leahy from Murphy. It appears that an original project to accord her a lump sum of approximately nine million francs (dollars one two zero zero zero) has now been reduced by order of General Giraud to a grant of four million francs (dollars five three three three three) without provision for living quarters etc as originally discusses. This would be in addition to a regular pension of thirty thousand francs (dollars four zero zero) annually. I believe there is a question in Madame Darlans mind whether our government will wish to take an interest in her situation. She is leaving Algiers on January nine for Rabat to join her son. I should appreciate your comment.

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To: AGWAR-USFOR

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No. 4559, January 7, 1943

Question raised by French as to the desirability of making an administrative exception to their trading the enemy ordnance which would permit under certain conditions the sending of food parcels to Frenchmen in Metropolitan France (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) to AGWAR for Fiscal Division State and Treasury for action and Combined Chiefs of Staff for information and to USFOR for Enemy Transactions Dept for action and British Chiefs of Staff and Ambassador Winant for information signed Eisenhower from Murphy from Bernstein. NAF nine three. Information as to present attitude towards this matter and similar matters adopted by governments in Washington and London in administering their respective trading with enemy controls would be appreciated. Also would appreciate comments on questions raised by French.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

T.O.O. 17304/7

**IN**

Received: 8. Jan. 43

Time : 2415.

Addressed: Admiralty

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V.A. Malta  
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From : H.C.X.F.

BASEGRAM

Situation Report No. 44.

1. BONE. HORATIO missing from patrol 7th, search in progress. 2 M.T.B's arrived from Malta 7th report large explosion felt 7 miles north of Keith Reef possibly caused by acoustic mine. L.S.I's ferrying troops ex Boissevan arrived 5th. Air attack on ships anchored in Bay at 1300/6 by FW 190 no damage. At 2345/6 WHEATLAND escorting AJAX heard loud R/T indicating presence of about 6 minelaying E-boats off Cape de Garde. E-Boats retired on sighting Destroyers.
2. PHILIPVILLE. AJAX arrived in tow 7th and sails tonight westwards under own power.
3. JURA torpedoed at 1112/7 in position 036° 58' N 003° 48' East. STRONSAY rescued three severely wounded and 17 other survivors.
4. MITREP 44 EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA requires 6 weeks hull and machinery temporary repairs before being (fit) for sea passage. ORMONDE hull damage but fit for sea passage.

17304/7

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Admiral  
Air Marshall  
Gen. Macready  
COMINCH (2)  
C.O.S.  
Plans  
Brig. Dykes (8)  
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From: Bern  
To: MILID

#421, January 7, 1943

Swiss press reports Colonel General Von Arnim in command of axis troops Tunisia.

Swiss Minister at Vichy recently reported Colonel General Neuborn commanding free zone Cp Bourges. Most of his staff at Ambassador Hotel Vichy in civilian clothes to facilitate transaction business with Vichy Government.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

RHP, NARS Date MAY 25 1973

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January 7, 1943  
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From: USFOR London

To: WAR

No 6263 January 7, 1943

I regret that your previous engagements lead you to propose to postpone until the end of the month the interview which I proposed to you on December two five. I must tell you frankly that the National Committee and I have another opinion as to the urgent need for realization of the unity of the empire and the union of its efforts with those of the national resistance. It is to be feared that any delay will disappoint the French people and be harmful to our country. Moreover we are not certain that the recent psychological opportunity will still prevail in the midst of the rapid developments in which we are living.

Insofar as your request for establishing a military contact between us is concerned, I am taking it under consideration, in spite of the fact that General d' Astier de la Vigerbe sent by me to Algiers on December one nine last, was invited to leave almost immediately. I would appreciate your informing me on what basis and under what conditions you conceive such a liaison.

Finally I feel it is not proper that we should communicate with each other by texts given to foreign agencies. I am prepared to send you an officer with a code so that we might be directly in contact by cipher

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From USFOR to WAR Page 2 No 6263 January 7, 1943

between London Algiers and Brazzaville. (for Marshall  
this message sent from de Gaulle through Eisenhower  
for Giraud signed Hartle).

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January 7, 1943  
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From: Algiers  
To: WAR USFOR (Action)  
No. 4499, January 7, 1943

Reasons for changes in composition of requirements as follows. Reference our four three six zero NAF eight nine January five. Our cable ten (To AGWAR for Stettinius Lend Lease for Action and for Combined Chiefs of Staff, Hull, Appleby and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff and War Cabinet Office Morton for information). (Signed Eisenhower from Murphy from Short NAE ninety two) Milk deleted due heavy shipments already made soap immediate due to fear of typhus and uncertainty when local production will suffice. Sugar increase as amount requested well below current consumption now rationed at nine five zero zero tons per month. Reductions have been effected to permit of increases. Reductions in copper sulphate will be greatly deplored by French) Conflicting reports received on wheat situation. If position proves in fact to be less serious than presently appears you will be advised if more serious wheat shipments will have to be increased at expense of other civilian shipments. Will report on wheat as soon as present investigation being conducted is complete.

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Paraphrase

From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

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No. 4579 Jan 7 1943

From: Murphy from Short signed Eisenhower  
To: Hull and Appleby for Stettinius Lend Lease

Our cable number one one E. Reference your seven six one fifth January zero seven zero two Z recommend Commanding General ETO as consignee be replaced by Commanding General Allied Forces. Paper included in our summary requirements can siderably below French demands and two zero zero newsprint provided by War Department should continue to be shipped. Bills of lading or supplementary manifest should be forwarded to AFEQ Import Division Naib. Documents coming forward by courier attention North African Economic Board Representative Atlantic Base Section Casablanca. North African Economic Board Representative Mediterranean Base Section Oran. Stockings nail polish and other items not on our requirements list should be cut off in view of more urgent items as set fourth in our summaries of civilian requirements. Seventh part of your cable incomplete from port of departure. Will be answered as soon as service is completed. Barter and civilian goods being pooled but shipments of consumer and barter goods by War Department for labor purposes should continue. This should be done until shipping situation all allows large enough shipments of civilian goods so that goods needed for labor purposes can be allotted from civilian stocks.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR-USFOR  
No. 4537, January 7, 1943

Southeast of Medjez El Bab enemy activity reported increased but no reports of offensive action. Action not previously reported indicates elements nine two Infantry Regiment (Italian) succeeded gaining high ground on Djebel Cherich ((O eight one seven nine, five Jan. In Pichon area no further offensive action enemy reported. Djebel El Azzag) J three seven seven six enfiladed by enemy and our troops forced to withdraw night six-seven January to former positions. Preceding part one land, Northern Tunisia of G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred 2 six December. AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information Adv ETP CTF WTP EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Southern Tunisia. No reports except one engagement enemy patrol near Gafsa Sidi Ahmed Ben Ali (J three seven seven nine) and Djebel Azag (three eight seven eight) were successfully counterattacked by enemy morning six January.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

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No 6242 January 7, 1943

HE/ six three two six of sixth Jan.

BIGOT ALIBI Malta Intelligence Summary two zero zero zero A/five to two zero zero zero A/ six. (To AFHQ Algiers for General Eisenhower repeated Air Ministry, repeated Mideast for Chiefs of Staff, repeated Command Post First Army from Governor and C in C Malta).

Military.

Unloading of convoy quadrangle "D" proceeding satisfactorily.

Civil, nil. This is a paraphrase Malta Intelligence Summary wo zero zero zero A/ five to two zero zero zero A/six BIGOT ALIBI HE/ six three two six. Dated six Jan forty three.

Naval.

Two D/R of force K sailed at one eight zero zero hours to carry out a sweep between Lampedusa and Kerkenmah. Two M. T. B's sailed for Bone at one six zero zero hours.

Air.

(Signed Hartle) (I) recce. Day sixth Jan. One three  
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From: London USFOR  
TO: AGWAR

No 6242  
January 7, 1943

zero zero hours Beaufighter on offensive patrol saw five JU fifty twos escorted by nine ME one naught nine landing at Lampedusa.

Photos. Tripoli. Total shipping present two torpedo boats, two naval auxiliaries two zero zero feet, seventeen F boats, six Siebel ferries, one M/V six/seven zero zero zero tons, one M/V five zero zero zero tons, two M/V one/ two zero zero zero tons, three M/C one zero zero zero tons. Signs of possible preparations for demolition on Spanish quay.

(2) No enemy air activity.

(3) Strikes. Night five/ six Jan. Tunis being obscured by cloud, Wellingtons bombed Sousse, dropping sixty seven, five zero zero zero pound and twenty two, two five zero pound bombs, scoring hits on railway station and sidings, where fire started, and on warehouses on commercial quay. Near misses on ships in harbour. Intruder mosquitoes damaged one JU five two near Castelvetrananand shot up buildings and searchlight at Comiso. Day sixth Jan. Beaufighters on offensive sweeps damaged one DO. Two four off Pantellaria. Spitfires attacked Lampedusa aerodrome with eight, two five zero pound bombs, scoring hits among buildings and on dispersal areas.

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From: Algiers  
To: War- USFOR

No. 4519 Jan 7 1943

Enemy air activity.

Part two. Transport. About twenty JU five twos landed Castel Vetrano at zero three zero zero Z five January from Tripoli with eight HE one one ones between eleven and twelve hundred Z same date landing Sicily from Tripoli. Same date thirty two JU five twos landed Tunisia from Sicily. Between ten hundred and twelve hundred Z bomber recce. During day three Sardinian based JU eighty eights covered southern half Western Basin. One took off at dawn flew along North African coast as far as Oran at zero nine five zero Z landed twelve twenty Z. This is a paraphrase. Another reached point about one hundred miles north-east Algiers at one zero zero zero Z landed twelve forty Z. Last took off during early afternoon returned Sardinia by sixteen zero five Z. Bombers. Apparently on small scale few enemy aircraft during early evening operated in Algiers area. Other enemy activity. Maison Blanche Aerodrome bombed by one enemy aircraft during evening AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth Air Force from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. During morning six enemy aircraft

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operated Bone area against shipping in and off Habor. Target appeared to be aerodrome further raid in two waves at one seven three five Z on Bone by fifteen aircraft. One ME one zero nine claimed as destroyed number and two FW one ninetys same types operated Mateur area no new German submarine dispositions Western Basin known. Italian West Algiers two, between Algiers Bizerta seven of which three patrolling between Algiers Bougie and two between Bone and Bougie.

This is part three. Naval G two report for two four hours ending two four zero zero Z six January.

Part one will follow. Enemy attacks and sightings. In Sicilian Channel two one three five Z enemy destroyers on northeasterly course sighted. Making to eastward on being sighted by destroyers at two two four five Z up to six R boats off Cape De Garde near Bone engaged mine laying back to aircraft weather recce by one Sicilian based JU eighty eight during morning over sea area between zero two degrees east Sicily. One JU eighty eight based Southern France active shortly before midday.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 4607 Jan 7, 1943

1. Naval. Bone: Enemy air attack four Jan caused on Naval damage. Landing craft mechanized transport service to Tabarka resumed. Algiers: Merchant ship Cameronia sailed for Gib in day five Jan. British submarine reports sinking southbound enemy transport twenty eight Dec RE Tunis. Three torpedoes, all hit. Thirty Dec off Cape San Vito during attack on three southbound merchant ships both periscopes bent by ship passing overhead. Cargo ship Ravenspoint aground at Gib after explosion four Jan. US cargo ship Lancaster aground thirty Dec Casablanca. Ship and cargo total loss.

2. First Army. On south flank five Jan enemy occupied farms in area three miles north reservoir De Loued Kebir to nine miles east Bou Arada. Enemy armored cars six miles south Goubellat. Increased activity sector sixth Armd Div. On north flank enemy counter attack late five Jan remained summit Djebel Axag J three eight seven six. Our attacks five and six Jan failed to dislodge enemy. Repeated enemy counter attacks on hill one mile north Djebel Axag successful six Jan. Orders issued to withdraw to original positions.

3. Central Tunisia. Patrol near Gafsa in contact with enemy. Four our men captured. Tebessaw bombed night five six Jan. French ammunition dump hit. Gen De Goutel. Hq Khenchela R four eight, area Khencheaa and south, three Bns Cav, one Sqdn Cav, one Sqdn Mtz Cav, Kouif S five nine, Gen Koeltz, Hq nineteen corps, Constantine Division. Gen Welwert. Hq Rou Cherka S six six, Toxeur, one Goum (about

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two hundred personnel armed with rifles, LMGS and HMGS). Gafsa, two Bn Inf, two Btry FA, one Det AT, Tebebsa, two Bn Inf, three Btrys FA, Feriana, one Btry FA. Kasserinecvd, one Sqdn Cav, one Btry FA, one Det AA. Sidi Bou Kid T six five, two Cos Inf, two Btrys FA. Faid, one Bn Inf, one Btry FA, one Det AA. Sbeitl, one Bn Inf, two Btrys FA, Algerian Division, Gen De Ligne, Hq Tadjerouine N seven four. Habjeb El Aïoun T six nine, two Cos inf, one Bn Mtz Cav, one Bn AT. Fonbouk, one Bn Inf, one Bn ~~MRTY~~, one sqdn Cav. Pichon, one Bn Inf, one Btry FA, one Sec Engrs. Maison Des Eaux, O seven two, two Bn Inf, two Btrys FA. Ousseltia, O six four, one Det Engrs, one Det Tanks, one Bn Inf, two Bn Cav, one Bn FA. Thala, N eight zero, one Bn Inf, Keera, O four three, one Bn Inf, one Bn AT, two Btry FA.

4. French B locations: Laverdure N zero eight. Gen Jain, Hq French troops in North Africa. Zone Aurea dash Nementchka. Tunisian troops Gen Barre, Hq Thibar, area O seven five seven four, one troop Mtz Cav, two Sqdns Cav. Le Kef, one Bn Inf. Dj Chirich, O eight seven, two Tabor (each about eight hundred), five Bn Inf, one Bn FA, one Btry AA, Bouarada dash El Aroussa dash Siliana, one Co AT, two Bn Inf, one Sqdn Cav, one troop Mtz Cav, one Bn FA Mtz, Le Krib, O two eight, one Btry FA Mtz, one Sqdn Mtz Cav, two troops Mtz Cav. Teboursouk dash Sloughia, two Bn Inf, one Btry AA, one Bn FA, one Co AT, on front of First Army. Medjez El Bab, two Bn Inf, two Btrys FA, one Co AT. Oued Zerga, one troop Cav, Heidous, two Bn Inf. Sidi Yar, one Bn Inf, (action USFOR information AGWAR troopers mideast rptd main Eighth Army, Fifth Army) to USFOR from Freedom Algiers (Sitrep seventy Jan six).

5. Movements. A, dispatched from Casablanca first Bn two hundred thirteenth CA (AA) Bn and four four three CA (AA) Bn for Constantine. B. Completed, AT Co one sixty eight RCT to Biskra coming under command Twelfth Air Force.

6. Air. Photo RCN mission over Sousse reports heavy antiaircraft fire at twenty seven thousand feet. Medium bombers from Malta attacked Sousse harbor with nineteen tons of bombs and fifty seven flares. Night five six Jan, hits on railway station and sidings where large fire started. Fourteen medium bombers attacked Bizerta during darkness.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR - USFOR No. 4607 Jan 7, 1943

Five Beaufighters Sorties Bone area night five six Jan. Several enemy aircraft plotted, no combats. One Beaufighter caught fire and crashed in sea. Thirty six Spitfires took off to meet six enemy aircraft approaching Bone from east. Bombs dropped over dispersed shipping off harbor. No claims against enemy aircraft. One our planes followed enemy and is missing. Another raid on Bone one seven three five Z in two waves of fifteen. Target appeared to be airdrome. Bombs dropped but no damage reported. Sixteen antisubmarine and convoy escort sorties flown Algiers. One Hudson crashed in Hillside. Maison Blanche airdrome bombed during night by single aircraft causing slight damage. Small oil dump set on fire. Eighty nine transport sorties flown, three torpedo and one flare carrying Swordfish dispatched to attack Bizerta shipping. Failed to locate target. A twenty aircraft bombed military camp south Kairouan with four tons of bombs, same force returned to attack again with three tons of bombs, all planes returned. Eighteen B twenty five aircraft attacked railroad yards Kairouan with twenty tons of bombs, hits observed on target and both sides railroad yards, all planes returned. Numerous sorties in support land operations west of Mateur, three enemy aircraft destroyed and one damaged, one Hurrican missing.

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January 8, 1943  
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From: Cairo, Egypt

To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 3738, January 7, 1943.

Departing landing ground one five nine night of five six January six Liberators one sixty zero Squadron Royal Air Force attached Ninth Bomber Command sought to attack Tunis (book message for Arnold Washington and Spaatz Twelve Air Force from Brereton) due heavy cloud covering only two found target dropped twelve bombs of one thousand pounds each from ten to twelve thousand feet results unobserved. Remaining four aircraft attacked Sousse dropping twenty four bombs of one thousand pounds each with hits starting fired in target area light antiaircraft no enemy fighters encountered all aircraft returned safely.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

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No. 6243 January 7, 1943

Daily Intelligence cable from one two Air Force covering operation five January (this is a paraphrase of reference number N R four seven one, dated January zero six two two three three Z, from Algiers, to USFOR, to Eaker and Brereton, from Doolittle, signed Eisenhower) one eight B one seven, escorted by two five P three eight bombed Sfax power station. Four three tons HE dropped AM power station left in flames. Two direct hits on two vessels in harbor the entire dock area left in flames AM moderate heavy flak at two four zero zero zero feet. (signed Hartle) One three B two six bombed Kairoun A/D. Results good. Light flak reported N E corner A/D. Heavy intense flak near Sfax at two seven zero zero zero feet, reported by photo plane. Observed in area south of Gouarme three two miles S E of Gabes, numerous mechanized vehicles. Increase in heavy flak installations at Sfax, reports indicate.

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1. BONE. AIR ATTACK BY FW-190 ON HARBOR AT 1630/4. NO DAMAGE. NEGLIGIBLE AIR ACTIVITY 5TH. LCM TRANSPORT SERVICE TO TABARKA RESUMED. SITREP 41. EMPIRE METAL DISCHARGED 1400 TONS 80 OCTANE BEFORE LOSS.
2. ALGIERS. NCXF RETURNED FROM BONE PM 5TH. CAMERONIA SAILED FOR GIBRALTAR IN TOW 5TH.
3. GIBRALTAR. RAVENSPPOINT AGROUND AFTER EXPLOSION IN NUMBER 3 HOLD PM 4TH.
4. CASABLANCA. LANCASTER AGROUND 31TH DECEMBER. SHIP AND CARGO TOTAL LOSS.
5. URSULA REPORTS SINKING 7000 TON SOUTHBOUND TROOP TRANSPORT SIMILAR TO SEMIEN AT 0559 ON 28TH DECEMBER IN POSITION 38-12 NORTH 11-50 EAST. THREE TORPEDOES ALL HIT. AT 0514 13 DECEMBER IN POSITION 36 CAPE

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SAN VITO 12 MILES DURING ATTACK ON 3 SOUTHBOUND ESCORTED MERCHANT SHIPS BOTH PERISCOPES BENT BY SHIP PASSING OVERHEAD. URSULA RETURNED ALGIERS WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

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YOUR 1645/31 DECEMBER.

I REGRET THAT THE EXTENT OF OTHER COMMITMENTS PREVENTS IT BEING POSSIBLE TO TAKE OVER ORAN BASE WITH BRITISH PERSONNEL, AND ADMIRALTY STATE THEY ALSO ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES. I CONSIDER IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE TO PLACE THE FRENCH IN CHARGE OF A FORWARD FLEET OPERATING BASE SUCH AS ORAN WHICH IS ALSO EXTENSIVELY USED FOR U.S. AND BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS. WE ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE CONTROL OF THE BASE DESPITE FACT IT IS IN FRENCH TERRITORY AND WE SHOULD BE UNWISE TO RELINQUISH THAT CONTROL.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** CCWD  
Jan 7, 1943  
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From: USFOR London  
To: War

No. 6232, January 6, 1943

Giraud has replied to General De Gulle re our  
six one one zero dated Jan zero one one nine four five  
Z proposing a meeting Algiers at the end of January.  
(For Marshall signed Hartle) He also suggests that  
their military representatives meet as soon as possible.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London USFOR

To: WAR

No. 6231, January 6, 1943

French Vice Consul at Laraiche who is constantly in touch with Comte De Paris and family has pointed out to HM Consul General Tangier that the Comte is greatly influenced by his wife and mother both entirely pro German and by his collaborationist staff. He considers none of the family except Princess Christopher (Pro Ally) should be allowed into French Morocco as many are in touch with Germans. Italians and others are doubtful. To Eisenhower signed Hartle. This is foreign office summary number three eight. State Department suggest that United States Government and ourselves should act as agents for Spain in purchasing surplus products in French North Africa. HM Embassy Madrid agree and would prefer that exchanges should be handled by UKCC and USCC. United States representatives at Madrid are however anxious to establish organization in Madrid which would represent French Administration of North Africa ostensibly as a trading corporation (since otherwise Spanish Government are unlikely to countenance it) but in fact to deal with French military fugitives and other work connected with France.

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To: Joint Staff Mission  
 From: Chiefs of Staff  
 Dated: 6th January, 1943

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Following is repetition of No. 1075 T.O.O. Jan.  
 052341Z to Algiers.

For General Eisenhower from British Chiefs of  
 Staff.

Reference your unnumbered telegram dated 3rd  
 January.

We agree that Northern Task Force shall be  
 kept in being for at least another month and that  
 position should be reviewed 31st January.

2. We are cancelling BACKBONE ONE.

T.O.O. 0030Z/6

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

From: Algiers  
To: War-USFOR London (Action)

No. 4368, January 6, 1943

Doubts of ours related primarily to the automatic sequestration provisions of the decree proposed by the French (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for information and Fiscal Division State and Treasury for action and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff and Ambassador Winant for information) NAF eighty six signed Eisenhower Freedom from Murphy from Bernstein. We have specifically recommended to the French that their decree should give the administrative authorities broad and flexible powers to enable them to exercise in their discretion a variety of forms of control over the business enterprises and property of persons and firms in this area found to be controlled by or acting for the benefit of the enemy. Reference your telegram six zero two December three one zero four two six Z. It is important to recognize that the fundamental problem here at present is not that of persuading the French to adopt a satisfactory decree but is that of getting a satisfactory administration of any such decree by those French officials here who would be currently charged with administering the decree. This same problem arises in connection with the communication matters referred to by you. All of continental France is enemy territory within the meaning of the trading with enemy ordinance adopted here and communication with continental France is legally prohibited. We have frequently stressed the importance of stopping indirect communication with continental France to the French censorship officials. As close a working arrangement with the French on these matters as is possible under existing circumstances is being worked out. Please arrange with London that the intercepts referred to in your telegram be immediately forwarded to us. We are requesting American Embassy in London to arrange for us

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No. 4368, January 6, 1943

to be supplied with all pertinent information received on London relating to financial and commercial activities on this area (our four zero eight four of zero three one seven two four Z to USFOR for Winant). On question of rate of exchange see our cable three five six one December three zero one seven zero nine Z. Letter as written by Giraud contained following paragraph in addition to that quoted on our three five six one "J'attire votre attention sur le fait que le taux de change accorde recemment a Madagascar aurait ete fixe a quarante et trois Francs quatorzevingts. Il me parait anormal que dans les circonstances actuelles un regime defavorable soit accorde a L'Afrique Francaise dont les troupes combattent en ce moment aux cotes des allies." We will keep Winant informed of future developments. Re rate for lira it is interesting to note that on talk with US and British Tron said he thought lira and franc should be given same value vis a vis dollar and sterling.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR USFOR

No 4377 January 6, 1943

General Giraud departed early this morning for Dakar. He intends to make a tour of inspection of the Armed (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) Forces in French West Africa returning to Algiers about January one two. He has wanted to make this tour of inspection for some time as he believed it would have a good effect on several of the French Army officers in West Africa whose ideas have not yet been fully adjusted to the newly created situation of French North and West Africa. (To AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower NAF eighty eight) General DeGaulles telegram to Giraud was handed the latter on January three on his return from the Tunisian front. Last evening he prepared the following reply which is being transmitted in translation by separate telegram to London "Because of urgent prior obligations and lack of definite free time before the end of the month I suggest that we meet in Algiers at the end of January. A meeting of our Military experts would nevertheless be desirable as soon as possible as suggested by me in my preceding telegram. Signed Giraud." General Giraud sent his personal aide to me early this morning to discuss the foregoing as well as General DeGaulles public statement of January two quoted in USFOR one zero two nine E January three in which DeGaulle made the point that "internal confusion is steadily growing in French North and West Africa" and suggesting a remedy for this situation by the establishment in French North and West Africa as in all French Territories overseas of a temporary and enlarged central power, founded on National Union inspired by the spirit of war and of liberation, with LATS which are the laws of the Republic, to last until such time as

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR USFOR

No 4377  
January 6, 1943

the nation has made known her will." General DeGaulle went on to draw the analogy between the current situation and that existing in one eight seven zero after the fall of the empire when the men of national defense provisionally took power in the name of the Republic. From here it would appear extremely doubtful that public statements by DeGaulle to the effect that internal confusion is steadily increasing in French North and West Africa can be helpful to anyone except the enemy. This statement in any event is not supported by the facts. The salient feature in the French North and West African situation is the military progress in the common large effort. Such progress is indisputable and the Allies are definitely benefitting from the cooperation and support of the civilian administration. Giraud has indicated to me that his purpose in suggesting to DeGaulle that conversations between the two be preceded by a visit of an emissary of DeGaulle such as Captain Billotte for the ostensible purpose of discussing military affairs would contemplate also preliminary talks regarding the political field, the personal visit of DeGaulle, Giraud believes this premature because of the attitude still manifested by a considerable number of French Army and Naval Officers. This is particularly true of French West Africa and Giraud plans as I understand it that his tour of inspection in that area will serve to improve this attitude. As I understand it from my conversations with Giraud and members of his staff he realized that we should temporarily have regard for certain susceptibilities and misunderstandings which are the inevitable results of over two years of hostile propaganda during the course of which the Republican form of Government was blamed for many of the ills which befell France.

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From: [redacted]  
To: WAR USFOR

January 7, 1943

Many elements are still impressed with the arguments that the weaknesses of the Front Populaire in one nine three six and three seven and the corruption which existed in Paris under the Third Republic are responsible for Frances temporary defeat. It is suggested also that there is a distinction between political conditions prevailing in French North and West Africa and those in metropolitan France. The statutory provisions and political setup in these four territories are radically different from the Republican Administration which existed in metropolitan France should not be forgotten that all laws of the Republic were never applied to these French African Territories. There is also a considerable difference between each of them and French Equatorial Africa or Somaliland. This has always been so and would not of course prevent a federation with the central authority which would operate with the laws existing in each territory subject to such changes as might be affected after study. The mass of laws decreed by the government of Vichy since the armistice some of which apply to these territories can be eliminated only after changes made with care to avoid administrative and economic shocks which might be harmful to the military operation. Giraud of course has not committed himself to an outline of the provisional French political structure which apparently is as much in his mind as in that of General De Gaulle but I gather that he may feel that it could well consist of a council or committee in the form of a super government which would cap all of French Overseas Territories. These provisionally would maintain their present administrative setup operating under the general supervision of such a council.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR USFOR

No. 4377  
January 7, 1943

The council would include DeGaulle, Giraud and such other Frenchmen as they might decide upon. I should emphasize that the foregoing does not represent a statement or suggestion from Giraud, it is merely my understanding of the ideas which I have heard discussed by him and his associates.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

No. 4430, January 6, 1943

The following message from Eisenhower to British Chiefs of Staff London is repeated for your information "The volume of reinforcement and supply now reaching the enemy through Tunisian ports is a matter for grave concern. Unless this can be materially and immediately reduced the situation both here and in Eighth Army area will deteriorate without doubt.

Naval action has taken its toll and has forced the enemy to do the crossing from Sicily by day. This in turn prevents Naval surface action owing to the scale and weight of enemy air attack except for such attrition as can be brought about by submarines and mining.

We are faced with the fact that this traffic must be stopped, and by day can be stopped by air action only.

Air situation in the area under review is such that striking forces must have fighter cover. This factor means that even when acting on good information the limitation of endurance renders offensive sweeps abortive unless singularly favored by luck and by weather.

It is an absolute essential that high performance reconnaissance aircraft of good endurance able to evade enemy fighters be provided for reconnaissance in the lower Tyrrhenian Sea and the Sicily-Tunisia channel. Without these our forces both sea and air are blindfolded and will achieve little or nothing.

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In addition ASV torpedo and reconnaissance aircraft are needed to maintain the pressure in the Brapani area by night.

Detection and shadowing must be almost continuous south of forty degrees zero minutes north to attain real success.

For best results all these aircraft should be based in close proximity in eastern Algeria and would be controlled from Algiers in close cooperation with Naval Commander.

Airdrome Hzace can be found.

Request it be treated as a matter of urgent priority to send at least one squadron of suitable day reconnaissance aircraft to Algeria now. Three weeks hence would be too late.

It is not considered that Beaufighters could (\*) by quickest available means. Suggest His Majesty's ship.

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Grave issues may hang upon the question whether or not this essential need can be filled in time.

This appreciation and urgent recommendation have been prepared by Admiral Cunningham, General Spaatz (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers), and Air Marshal Welch."

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From: Algiers  
To: War USFOR

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Five Jan SITREP sixty nine.

Para one Naval. No reports.

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Para two First Army. On south flank enemy patrol three armd cars three miles east Bou Arada. Sixth Arm Div patrols report Goubellat clear of enemy. In center enemy defensive screen from Heidous NW five miles thence north five miles. On north flank Thirty Six Brig attacked to gain high ground north main road. Djebel AXAG. J three eight seven six captured. Late afternoon fighting in progress for hill NE Djebel AXAG. Six Commando occupied hill Sidi Ahmed one mile north Djebel AXAG. Late afternoon minor enemy counter attack two thousand yards east Djebel AXAG. Locations: Four miles SW El Aroussa J forty Tenth Rifle Brigade. Teboursouk seventeen/twenty one Lancers. Area Teboursouk-Fouke El Khemis CC B less detachments. Area NW and six miles west Goubellat Thirty Eighth Inf Brig. SE Slougia Twenty Six Armored Brig less seventeen/twenty one Lancers. Four miles SE Medjez El Bab eighteenth RCT. Six miles west and SW Medjez El Bab

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first guards Brig less Eighth Argylland Sutherland Highlanders. Medjex El Bab eighth Argylland Sutherland Highlanders. Mued Zarga five six RCN Reg. Area Munchar J three four eleven Inf Brig less second Bn Lancashire Fusilier Munchar second Bn Hampshire Regt. Area north Beja first Parachute Brig less three parachute Bn. NE Nunchar one commando. Sidi Nsir second Bn Lancashire Fusiliers. Area station El Aouana three six Inf Brig with three parachute Bn and six Commando. Signed CINC.

Para three Movements. Dispatched from Bougie Hqs fifty second AA Brig for Constantine. From Algiers at Co one sixty eighth RCT for Biskra. From Casablanca four thirty second CA (AA) Bn less one Btry for Philippeville.

Para four Air. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sfax power station with thirty three tons of bombs. Hits observed on target which was left in flames. Hits claimed on two vessels. Entire dock area left in flames. No enemy encountered. Thirteen medium bombers from Malta attacked Sousse docks and shipping with twenty two tons of bombs starting fires on commercial Quay and phosphate warehouses. Other hits on railroad yards and dock area. Four medium bombers dispatched to Bizerta. Mission minimized due weather. Thirteen B dash twenty six aircraft attacked Kairouan Airdrome with nine tons of fragmentation bombs from eight thousand feet. Large fires and smoke. All planes returned. Heavy bombers and hurricanes attack-

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ed ground targets Matuer area throughout day. Five enemy aircraft destroyed. One probably destroyed. Two damaged without loss from enemy action. Two of our Pecnes destroyed through forced landings. Four Beau Fighter Sorties from Souk El Arba. One contact but no encounters. Additional report Biskra bombing three Jan. Three B dash twenty six aircraft badly damaged, one slightly damaged, two C dash four seven slightly damaged, Aighc B dash seventeen slightly damaged, ten hits on runway without interference to flying. No personnel casualties. Forty nine fighter Sorties Oran and Bone areas on harbor and airdrome patrol. Five P thirty eight weather and airdrome patrols. Gol targets except Sfax obscured by solid overcast. Fifteen antisubmarine and convoy escort Sorties. No sightings or combat. Forty six Transport Sorties.

Para five Fifth Army. Activated Jan zero five zero zero zero one Z with headquarters at Oudjda. Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast rptd Mais Eighth Army, Fifth Army.

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To: AGWAR USFOR

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In area Dje El Jebira (J five seven closed) enemy defense and minor counter attacks unable prevent taking of high ground vicinity (J three seven nine zero closed) dash J three eight seven eight dash J three seven seven six by our forces although mopping up continued isolated machine gun posts. High ground near J three eight seven seven remained in enemy possession as well as enemy machine guns on high ground near J three seven seven four. Action continues. German deserter from two company T three stated third Company T three also present in area as well as one Company parachutists under Major Witzig (possibly third battalion Barenti Regt) also stated heavy losses his company due our artillery fire. Part one land G dash two report for twenty four hours ending two four zero zero Z five January. Further south enemy outposts reported general line J five zero five seven dash five zero five zero dash five seven four four with enemy batteries near J five one five seven and J five six four eight. Goubellat reported clear of enemy zerozero zero one Z. Patrol activity continues Pont Du Fahs area. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. January third action Pichon area apparently centered Fonndouk which is occupied by Germans. Pichon remains French hands.

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From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

No. 4398 Jan 6, 1943

Bomber Recce, between Bone Algiers Recce flights by total of four JU eight eights (to AGWAR USFOR advanced Eastern Task Force CTF WTF Eastern Air Command Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) from Sicily and Sardinia over Coastal Area, later turning back towards coast one aircraft flew inland to Souk El Arba Area zero eight four five Z, over Seuthe N Tunisia one Sicilian based JU eight eight active during early afternoon, apparently all Recce aircraft by sixteen hundred air G two paraphrased report two four hours ending two four hundred Z five Jan, transport, early four Jan for Tunisia nine JU Filczthos departed Sicily. Part three Naval, submarine dispositions Lojac Z had landed, remainder shadowed eastbound allied convoy first sighted zero seven four five Z north of Bougie with successive aircraft over convoy until late afternoon, AGWAR USFOR Reptd Troopers Information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, Western Basin, Italian, with further six or seven between ten degs east and five degs east two between Oran and Algiers believed operating, German, in area three seven Degs north zero one Deg west one, in area three seven Degs north zero two Degs east one, probably between Algiers Albeppo Island all west of ten Degs east approx five. Part one will follow, probably antishipping patrol between ten thirty and sixteen hundred Z eleven Sicilian based JU eight eights active, convoy previously continuously shadowed during day unsuccessfully operated against off Cap Bougaron during early evening by few HE one one torpedo bombers Western Basin. Italian, with further six or seven between ten Degs east and

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From: Freedom, Algiers

To: WAR

No. 4430, January 6, 1943.

The following message from Eisenhower to British Chiefs of Staff London is repeated for your information "The volume of reinforcement and supply now reaching the enemy through Tunisian ports is a matter for grave concern. Unless this can be materially and immediately reduced the situation both here and in Eighth Army area will deteriorate without doubt.

2. Naval action has taken its toll and has forced the enemy to do the crossing from Sicily by day. This in turn prevents naval surface action owing to the scale and weight of enemy air attack except for such attrition as can be brought about by submarines and mining.

3. We are faced with the fact that this traffic must be stopped, and by day can be stopped by air action only.

4. Air situation in the area under review is such that striking forces must have fighter cover. This factor means that even when acting on good information the limitation of endurance renders offensive sweeps abortive unless singularly favored by luck and by weather.

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To: WAR

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5. It is an absolute essential that high performance reconnaissance aircraft of good endurance able to evade enemy fighters be provided for reconnaissance in the lower Tyrrhenian Sea and the Sicily dash Tunisia Channel. Without these our forces both sea and air are blindfolded and will achieve little or nothing.

6. In addition ASV torpedo and reconnaissance aircraft are needed to maintain the pressure in the Rrapani area by night.

7. Detection and shadowing must be almost continuous south of forty degrees zero minutes north to attain real success..

8. For best results all these aircraft should be based in close proximity in eastern Algeria and would be controlled from Algiers in close cooperation with naval commander.

9. Airdrome space can be found.

10. Request it be treated as a matter of urgent priority to send at least one squadron of suitable day reconnaissance aircraft to Algeria now. Three weeks hence would be too late.

11. It is not considered that Beaufighters could perform this task without disproportionate loss. Mosquitoes manned by experienced coastal trained crews are the only immediate solution. The mosquitoes can be maintained temporarily by servicing Commandos but maintenance personnel parts and spares should be sent by quickest available means. Suggest His Majestys Ship.

12. Even should be we obliged to the rather desperate step of naval action by day it would still be unavailing without reconnaissance.

13. Grave issues may hang upon the question whether or not this essential need can be filled in time.

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To: War-USFOR (Action)

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**From: Algiers**

**To:**

**No. 4319 January 5, 1943**

Action USFOR information AGWAR X Troopers X  
Mideast rptd Main Eighth Army Fifth Army X  
SITREP sixty eight Jan four X Para two First Army  
X On south flank Sixth Armd Div patrolled east of  
Sebkret El Kourzia J seven one three Jan without  
contact. Patrolling only front First Army four  
Jan. Para one Naval X Further casualties two Jan  
Bone raid; Merchant vessel St Merriel on fire X  
Merchant vessel Dalhanna damaged by near misses  
and fire X Minesweeper Alara beached. Force H  
sailed from Algiers for patrol near Balearics.  
Transports Ormonde and Empress of Australia in col-  
lision near Oran two Jan X signed CINC X Para  
three movements HQ and HQ CO Second Corps departed  
Oran three Jan for Constantine. Twenty two B  
seventeen aircraft dispatched to attack Bizerta X  
Mission abandoned due weather X No bombs dropped X  
All planes returned. Para four air X Eighteen B  
twenty five aircraft attacked railroad yards Kair-  
ouan with three tons incendiaries and HE bombs X  
Results unknown X All planes returned. Twenty  
two B seventeen aircraft dispatched against Bizerta  
abandoned mission weather X One B dash seventeen  
dropped three tons of bombs on buildings La Goulette  
Area X Five enemy aircraft encountered one of which  
probably destroyed. Ten medium bombers dispatched

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to bomb Bizerta released bombs by dead reckoning X  
Results unobserved X All planes returned. Eleven  
B dash twenty six aircraft to rendezvous with es-  
cort over Feriana arrived during bombing attack by  
enemy planes X Bombers turned back and were attack-  
ed by enemy escort two of which destroyed X One  
probably destroyed X One B dash twenty six slightly  
damaged X All planes returned. Four A twenty  
aircraft attacked Cherichera O dash eight two X  
In serial combats one of escort shot down X One  
crashed X Two missing. Patrols in Fondouk Area met  
five enemy aircraft without combat X Destroyed  
three tanks at Cherichera. Thirteen sea reconnais-  
sance and antisubmarine patrols flown Algiers Area  
without incident. Seventeen routine patrol sorties  
by Sptifires Oran Area. One hundred twenty troop  
carrier sorties flown. Seventy nine fighter recon-  
naissance sorties over forward area without incident  
X Thelepte Airfield attacked by eleven enemy planes  
X One P dash forty aircraft destroyed on ground X  
Five P forty aircraft took off X INTERcepted enemy X  
Destroyed two enemy planes X Damaged one. Twenty  
nine enemy aircraft beached Bone Area X Ten bombed  
airdrome X Four smaller raids approached base X  
All turned away X No contacts made X Two of our  
planes damaged landing. Three P thirty eight sorties  
from Biskra. Routine P thirty eight patrols from  
Youks Les Bains.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: War USFOR

No 4297 Jan 5, 1943

You are reading a paraphrased G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z four January. Part one Land. No new identifications reported nor other enemy offensive ground action. Showery weather and strong winds in northern Tunisia with no enemy ground offensive action except patrolling reported north Sebket El Kourzia (J seven one) Parts two and three will follow. AGWAR USFOR REPTED troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF from G two FREEDOM signed Eisenhower (?) During attack and subsequently as result antitank fire and air attacks enemy loss ten to fifteen tanks. Enemy later withdrew from Fondouk regrouped armor to east thereof. Situation Pichon area still unclarified though it appears Fondouk El Okbi occupied by enemy QFSER attack with force including about thirty tanks some lorried infantry.

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From: Algiers  
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No. 4297 Jan 5 1943

Enemy air activity.

Part two air. Bombers. During early afternoon sixteen Sicilian based JU eight eights operated. Bomber recce. Northern half western basin covered during afternoon by one JU eight eight based southern France. Transport. Dawn three January nine JU five twos from Tunisia landed Sicily also three FW two hundreds. During afternoon three January between Sicily Africa total of nineteen JU eight eights flew. G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred four January. AGWAR USFOR repted Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AE from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Recce westwards from Sicily carried out between dawn one five three five Z by four Sicilian and Sardinian based JU eight eights one of which at twelve thirty Z flew over Bone area. Tunisian area recce during early afternoon by one Sicilian based JU eight eight. Nothing to report in part three Naval. This paraphrased also.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers  
To: War (information)  
USFOR London  
No 0352 Jan 5, 1943

Daily intelligence cable from One Two Air Force covering operations as of four January. (From Doolittle signed Eisenhower Twelfth AF NR zero three five two to Baker and Brereton) Forty four B dash one seven escorted by five five fighters dispatched against Bizerte Harbor. Target completely obscured by overcast and no bombs dropped. Heavy flak fairly intense and accurate over Tunis and moderately intense over Bizerte. Five FW dash one nine zero encountered. One probably destroyed. All of our planes returned safely. Eleven B two five bombed Kairouan. Eleven B two six flying to rendezvous with fighters over fighter base arrived during an attack on the field. They were attacked by E/A. They destroyed two ME one zero nine and probably destroyed a third. Fighters taking off from the field destroyed a JU dash eight eight and one ME one zero nine in addition to those shot down by the bombers. There were none of our planes lost in this encounter. All other bombing missions during the day cancelled on account of weather.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

No. 4268 Jan 5, 1943

Eleven B (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) dash twenty sixes of seventeenth group, unescorted, were attacked by five ME dash one zero nines at four thousand feet. To Arnold from Spatz signed Eisenhower. Two ME dash one zero nines were destroyed and one probably destroyed. Only minor damage to one B dash twenty six. This is the first encounter by unescorted B dash twenty sixes with enemy fighters and first real test of defensive fire power.

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From: Algiers  
To: War

No. R 76/05 Jan 5, 1943

Aircraft over Casablanca on three one Dec estimated number as between nine and twelve. This is a paraphrase of a message from Patton in reply to cable received by him direct from Washington signed Arnold. These aircraft were over this area from zero three zero zero A to zero five three two A on date mentioned and dropped twenty dash four five zero kilogram bombs and fifty dash kilogram combination high explosive and incendiary bombs. Runs were made directly over central part of city at near three thousand feet in spite of being in glare of search lights by three four motor enemy craft estimated at time to be FW two zero zero K. Other aircraft of two motors was reported as HE one one one or JU eight eight. This identification was not confirmed and was probably incorrectly taken identification for HE one seven seven four motor aircraft with engines in tandem. Report of aircraft F eight J H S seeding position from Spanish Airdrome ECE Seville three one Dec at zero seven four five Z further bears out identification of aircraft as FW two zero zero K of eight group fortieth KG based Bordeaux. Latter plane is identified as being from a group of fortieth KG Bordeaux. This msg is a relay thru AFHQ Algiers.

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From: London USFOR

To: WAR

No. 6169, January 4, 1943

H M Ambassador is making (reference summary number three two) renewed representations to Spanish government regarding Axis Armistic Commissions, using further argument that as some used force of arms to escape capture by American troops, case for internment is clear. United States Ambassador is still without instructions. This is FO summary number three seven signed Hartle.

Minister Resident, Accra, states that French transmissions from Accra have been non-controversial since he instituted precensorship, and that they have evidently been confused with those from Brazzaville. In order, however, to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding he has given orders that all foreign broadcasts from Accra shall cease for time being on grounds of technical overhaul.

In reply to proposals contained in summary number three zero member of Governor Lehman's staff Gage following details of United States action in respect of refugees in North Africa.

State Department are sending two members from Lehman's staff to North Africa by air.

No private relief organization is being allowed to function in North Africa

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pending decisions by State Department based on recommendations of these officials.

While French citizens wishing to join the Colors will probably be allowed to enter North Africa, military authorities are not disposed to let in refugees generally, or to establish general refugee camps at present. State Department are informing us of their reactions.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR

No. 4199, January 4, 1943.

Own ships attacked. North east of Oran one one  
naught nine Z convoy unsuccessfully attacked by U/B.  
Submarine dispositions western basin. Two or three  
Italian between five deg east and Oran. (To AGWAR  
Washington from FREEDOM Algiers). Also six between  
ten deg east and five deg east. West of ten deg east  
estimated not more than seven German. Foregoing  
part three Naval G two report for twenty four hours  
ending twenty four hundred hours three January.  
Part one Land will follow. Part two enemy air activity.  
Bombers. Probably convoy escort duties two Sicilian  
based JU eight eights active during morning. At  
least one half being active Biskra area about eighteen  
Sicilian based JU eight eights during late afternoon  
early evening engaged offensive operations. No infor-  
mation yet available on transport. Results Allied air  
activity. In vicinity Fondouk El Okba some air activity  
directed during day against a number of enemy tanks  
moving westward. Sorties made included fifteen light  
bombers, thirty nine P fortys and forty P thirty eights.  
Two tanks reported destroyed and four set afire though  
damage difficult to estimate. Also shot up were many  
other vehicles and tanks. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers  
information Adv ATF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF from G two  
Freedom signed Eisenhower. P thirty eights also  
attacked fourteen tanks in afternoon heading NE for  
Kairouan. Our fighters attacked by three enemy air-  
craft. Bomber recce northern half western basin covered  
during afternoon by one JU eight eight based southern France.  
Active over Tunisian interior and east coast were three  
Sicilian based JU eight eights. With particular attention

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Bone to Algiers coastal area southern half western  
basin reced by two JU eight eights between dawn  
one four one five Z. At naught eight naught naught Z  
shipping vicinity Bone shadowed. Other enemy air  
activity not reported above included five to seven  
enemy aircraft which operated on night January  
second, third over Bone area attacking shipping in  
harbour.

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From : N.C.X.F.

Situation Report number 42.

1. BONE. Further casualties in air raids. 2nd. ST. MERRIEL on fire will be sunk. DAL ANNA damaged by near misses and fire. ALARM now beached.
2. Force sailed from Algiers for patrol near Balearics then Gibraltar.
3. ORAN. ORMONDE and EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA in collision at 2100/2 now arrived Mers El Kebir, Extent of damage not yet reported.
4. Quiet day at Bone Today 4th.

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Air Marshall  
Gen. Macready  
Admiral Kussel Willson (2)  
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Brig. Dykes (8)  
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From: London  
To: AGWAR

No. 280 Jan 4, 1943

Daily intelligence cable from Twelve Air Force covering operations on three January is as follows; all bombing missions were cancelled on account of weather. Fighters were active (Twelfth A F nr two eight zero to Baker to Brereton from Doolittle signed Eisenhower) in the vicinity of Fondouk El Aouareb. GSGS four two two seven shot eleven O dash eight three one seven. Activities were directed against approximately fifty enemy tanks in this area. Groups of three enemy tanks were located at many different spots west of Fondouk El Aouareb. All such concentrations were heavily bombed and strafed by our fighters. At least two tanks were reported destroyed and four left burning. Reports indicated that many other vehicles were shot up. P dash three eight and P dash forty are doing excellent job on this type of attack. Kairouan now being used by E/A. Photographic coverage as of two January discloses three eight E/A of all type on Sidi Ahmed A/D, one one nine E/A of all types on El Aouina A/D, four E/A on A/D at Mateur. Visual observation of the same date indicates approximately sixteen E/A at the Kairouan A/D. These aircraft were predominately fighters. Photographic report of three January shows seventeen E/A at Gabes A/D.

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From: Algiers  
To: War

No. 4214 January 4, 1943

Intend wiring regular intervals our estimate Axis future intentions Tunisia.

Following estimate one for period three January to fifteen January. To AGWAR repeated Troopers from G dash two Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Tunis dash Bizerta dash Sousse area. In north patrol activity. Main Axis effort likely to be Pichon area. Possible enemy may endeavor capture area Dj Ousselat dash Pichon dash Dj Cherichera. Maximum scale two battalions Infantry supported medium tanks but sustained attack unlikely owing supply position.

Sfax area. Unlikely any activity apart patrolling in direction Faïd.

Gabes area. Axis may attempt capture El Guettar. Do not believe attack on Gafsa will be made during period under review. Scale of attack unlikely exceed one battalion Infantry supported by few tanks. Axis obviously desirous increasing brighead Gabes area but supply position will not yet permit sustained attack.

Supply position will not permit sustained offensive on any part of front.

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To: AGWAR USFOR

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No 4066 January 4, 1943

One merchant vessel hit set on fire and one destroyer damaged by near miss. Results further daylight air raids Bone. Preceding part three Naval. G two report two four hours ending two four hundred Z Jan second. Meteoro recce over sea area Balearics to Sicily by one JU eight eight. Shipping recce between dawn seventeen fifteen Z by three Sardinian based JU eight eights between Bone Oran which continuously shadowed east allied convoy sighted during morning just west Algiers until sixteen fifteen Z part two air. Bomber recce. Recce northern half western basin by one JU eight eight during morning and another during afternoon both based southern France. Transport. Part one will follow. Between zero six hundred and zero eight hundred Z from Sicily for Tripoli nineteen JU eight eights departed. All for Tunisia six JU five twos departed Sicily between zero five hundred and zero six hundred Z with further four about zero eight thirty Z. AGWAR USFOR repted troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Two Jan allied bombers and fighters attacking La Goulette during morning engaged by forty to fifty ME one zero nines Amm Italian fighters. Sousse area patrolled during afternoon by three ME one zero nines, about midday taking off from Kjurouan Airdrome six to eight enemy aircraft reported. Bombs dropped by enemy aircraft near Tebessa zero six hundred Z while two additional aircraft at ten forty Z over Youks Les Bains and Tebessa.

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Allied fighters at zero eight hundred Z shot down one JU eight eight over Tobessa. Other enemy air activity one Jan, Bone Harbour attacked at ten three five Z by seven JU eight sevens plus twelve ME one zero nines which were followed by thirty JU eight sevens and eight FW one nine zero at eleven twenty Z. At fifteen three five Z additional sortie made by total of sixty FW one nine zeros and ME one zero nines. One Jan between twelve thirty and thirteen thirty Z ten JU eight eights left for Tripoli from Sicily with seven JU eight eights from Tripoli and eleven JU five twos from Tunisia landing Sicily between zero one hundred and zero two hundred Z.

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From: Algiers

To: WAR-USFOR (action)

No. 4199 January 4, 1943

Own ships attacked. North east of Oran one one naught nine Z convoy unsuccessfully attacked by U/B. Submarine dispositions Western Basin. Two or three Italian between five deg east and Oran. (To AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers). Also six between ten deg east and five deg east. West of ten deg east estimated not more than seven German. Foregoing part three Naval G 2 report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred hours three January. Part one land will follow. Part two enemy air activity. Bombers. Probably convoy escort duties two Sicilian based JU eight eights active during morning. At Krast one half being active Biskra area about eighteen Sicilian based JU eight eights during late afternoon early evening engaged offensive operations. No information yet available on transport. Results Allied air activity. In vicinity Fondouk el Okbi some air activity directed during day against a number of enemy tanks moving westward. Sorties made included fifteen light bombers, thirty nine P fortys and forty P thirty eights. Two tanks reported destroyed and four set afire though damage difficult to estimate. Also shot up were many other vehicles and tanks. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. P thirty eights

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also attacked fourteen tanks in afternoon heading NE for Kairouan. Our fighters attacked by three enemy aircraft. Bomber recce. Northern half Western Basin covered during afternoon by one JU eight eight based southern France. Active over Tunisian interior and east coast were three Sicilian based JU eight eights. With particular attention Bone to Algiers coastal area southern half Western Basin recce'd by two JU eight eights between dawn one four one five Z. At naught eight naught naught Z shipping vicinity Bone shadowed. Other enemy air activity not reported above included five UO seven enemy aircraft which operated on night January second, third over Bone area attacking shipping in harbour.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR-USFOR London (action)

#4141, January 4, 1943

1. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) a review of the military situation, as it now exists, quickly demonstrates that only intensity of effort, full and effective military cooperation by the French, and freedom from diversions and dispersions can give us any promise of victory in the reasonably proximate future. NAF number eighty four to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. The latest intelligence reports indicate that the enemy has in Tunisia some fifty six thousand troops with at least two hundred fifty tanks. His air activity of the past few days, which has included damaging attacks on Bone, whose safety is vitally important to us, indicates that he has achieved a considerable improvement in his air situation. Recently also he has been making a number of threatening raids and local attacks and some of these, against the French, have been very damaging. Although we have made maximum exertion during the past several weeks, the build up of our ground forces in Tunisia is extremely slow, resulting from two main reasons. The first of these reasons is the inadequacy of communications. Only one who has actually travelled the five hundred miles

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR USFOR

between here and the front, can fully appreciate the extraordinary slowness with which men and materials can traverse the region.

2. The second reason is that all formations brought in here originally were so low in their scale of motor transport that they have been practically immobile. This was not important so long as there was not the necessity of building up a strong battlefront far from our bases; but when we lost the original race for Tunisia, it immediately assumed a critical character. This has been so noticeable that we have been forced to defer the movement of needed combat units to this area in order to get the transportation to restore some effectiveness to troops already here.

The actual picture is as follows: in the north, there is one British corps of infantry and one Armored division, supported by one regimental combat team of US infantry. Unfortunately, the armored division has machines which are no match for the German tank and the usefulness of the division, except against infantry which is not thoroughly protected by antitank guns, is therefore reduced. It is, of course, available for counterattacking purposes against infantry in the event the German tries to erupt from any of his fixed positions. South of the British front lies the rough region which the French are trying to hold. They provide a useful screen and have been very effective in preventing small raids and patrols from penetrating that region. As soon as they are faced with tanks, and particularly when these are supported by some air force, they have little power of resistance. Apparently they suffered a rather bad defeat south of Pichon Saturday and Sunday morning. To cover this region we are pressing to the utmost the concentration of the First US Armored Division, reduced to three medium and one light battalions, initially around Souk Ahras, from where it will move southward to the Tebessa region. It will be supported by some infantry but it is extremely doubtful whether a force larger than this reduced armored division and

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From: Algiers

To: AQWAR USFOR

one regiment of infantry can be supported in the area.

3. Covering the southern front at the moment are some light French detachments with very small American units as far forward as Gafsa and Faid with one US infantry battalion in mobile reserve at Feriana. Back of this shell of troops, which from flank to flank is some two hundred miles, air line, there are no immediate combat reserves except for very small detachments on the line of communications. As fast as roads and transportation will permit, we are pushing the remainder of the First US Infantry Division up to the Constantine area, even without interruption, this will take at least two weeks to accomplish and the division will still have only a small degree of mobility. A portion of the Thirty Fourth Division has recently landed at Oran and will be retained there in lieu of the part of the First Division originally there. In the Casablanca area is the Second Armored and the Third and Ninth Infantry Divisions, less a regiment of the Ninth Division which is on the line of communications. All communications connecting these widely scattered and relatively weak forces are receiving some protection from the French, but we have no troops of our own to devote to this enormous task.

In the air, our situation is mainly critical because of lack of suitable landing fields. To provide one landing strip in the forward area requires two thousand tons of perforated plate. To transport this amount of materiel from Oran forward precludes the movement of other critically needed supplies and materiel. We are not sufficiently protected with light antiaircraft at our landing fields and the ground protection that we can give is, in many instances, useful only against light raids. This applies particularly to the landing fields near Tebessa and at Sbeitla and, some extent, Biskra. To all of these tasks all hands are devoting the maximum in unceasing effort and determination.

4. Personally, I do not consider the picture to be excessively dark, providing always of course that no great catastrophe overtakes us. Unfortunately, the blow-

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ing out of any one important bridge over our long and precarious line of communications would have an almost decisive effect; but if French vigilance and cooperation in this respect can be increased, the danger of such a prospect will gradually decrease. With the U S Grants (M 3) tanks now coming from England, we hope partially to re-equip the British Sixth Armored and so greatly increase its combat value under all conditions. In this way we may be able to release a few of the lighter British tanks for French use and, in turn, increase the effectiveness of the French forces in the central hilly area.

While there appears to be little hope within the near future of making our forward airfields suitable for all weather operations, I believe we can do something to increase their safety, particularly after the arrival of the next convoys due within a few days.

If we can conduct aggressive operations on our right flank that will upset the enemy and inflict losses on him with minimum expense of our own resources, we should be able-by the time good weather ensues-to build up a force in the north capable of delivering effective blows.

I have no slightest doubt of General Girauds desire to fight the Germans. We are definitely counting on this and on his complete cooperation in using such forces as he has to the maximum in helping protect our dispositions, cover our communications and assist us when the more critical stages arrive. If we can give him only a few tanks with some additional flak and antitank equipment, he may be able to do considerable for us at that time. It must be recognized that enthusiastic and effective cooperation of French forces is a vital factor in all our calculations.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR

No. 4200, January 4, 1943

Jan three SITREP sixty seven.

1. Navy. No reports.

2. First Army sixth Armd Div made rcn in force with forty five tanks supported by arty two Jan to line seven miles east Bou Aradm J sixty-Sebkret El Kourzia J seven one-road junction three miles NW Ksar Tyr-Grich El Oued. Little opposition. Enemy casualties unknown. Four Valentine tanks bogged. Liaison Officer reports: south boundard six Armd Div all inclusive El Aroussa J forty-Bou Aradao J sixty-road running east. North boundary all inclusive three miles Se Oued Zarga-Toukabour-J fifty three-Heidous. Eighteen rct four miles Se Medjex El Bab. Three Bn grenadier guards relieved by eight Argyll nd Sutherland Highlanders at Med-Jex El Bab. Three Parachute Bn with three six Brig.

3. Central Tunisia. French report Fondoul O eight one bombed then attacked by twenty five tanks nd infantry. Now in enemy hands. Signed Cinc.

4. Movements. Second Bn six Armd Infantry has reported to Col Raff at Feriana.

5. Western Task Force enemy air attack thirty one Dec between zero two zero five Z nd zero five one

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To: WAR

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five Z. About thirty bombs. Negligible military damage. Twelve military casualties. None serious. Civilian casualties about sixty dead, eleven wounded.

6. Air. Forty P thirty eight. Thirty nine P forty nd fifteen light bomber sorties to attack about fifty enemy tanks moving west vicinity Fondouk. Damage unknown. P thirty eight aircraft attacked fourteen enemy tanks moving NE on Kairouan. Attacked by three enemy planes. One P thirty eight crash landed. Pilot safe. Nine enemy aircraft bombed Biskra. Slight damage. Two enemy aircraft dropped several bombs on Tebessa without damage. About six enemy aircraft over Bone night two/three Jan. Beaufighters destroyed one. AA destroyed one. Thirteen sea rcn nd antisubmarine sorties flown Algiers area without incident. Twenty four fighters sorties flown. Eighteen patrol sorties flown in Oran area. Seventy eight troop carrier sorties flown.

7. Correction to SITREP sixty six. SS Empire Metal carried (to USFOR, AGWAR, trooper from Freedom Algiers) eighty octane fuel half of which unloaded.

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From: Algiers

To: WAR-USFOR (action)

No. 4199 January 4, 1943

Own ships attacked. North east of Oran one one naught nine Z convoy unsuccessfully attacked by U/B. Submarine dispositions Western Basin. Two or three Italian between five deg east and Oran. (To AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers). Also six between ten deg east and five deg east. West of ten deg east estimated not more than seven German. Foregoing part three Naval G 2 report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred hours three January. Part one land will follow. Part two enemy air activity. Bombers. Probably convoy escort duties two Sicilian based JU eight eights active during morning. At Krast one half being active Biskra area about eighteen Sicilian based JU eight eights during late afternoon early evening engaged offensive operations. No information yet available on transport. Results Allied air activity. In vicinity Fondouk el Okbi some air activity directed during day against a number of enemy tanks moving westward. Sorties made included fifteen light bombers, thirty nine P fortys and forty P thirty eights. Two tanks reported destroyed and four set afire though damage difficult to estimate. Also shot up were many other vehicles and tanks. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. P thirty eights

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also attacked fourteen tanks in afternoon heading NE for Kairouan. Our fighters attacked by three enemy aircraft. Bomber recce. Northern half Western Basin covered during afternoon by one JU eight eight based southern France. Active over Tunisian interior and east coast were three Sicilian based JU eight eights. With particular attention Bone to Algiers coastal area southern half Western Basin recce'd by two JU eight eights between dawn one four one five Z. At naught eight naught naught Z shipping vicinity Bone shadowed. Other enemy air activity not reported above included five UO seven enemy aircraft which operated on night January second, third over Bone area attacking shipping in harbour.

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From : NAVAL SIGNALS REGISTRY

CORRECTION: to N.C.X.F's 11574/3.

Subject: Situation Report No. 41.

Paragraph 2. for "S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON"

Read "U.S. Ship ARTHUR MIDDLETON"

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Air Marshall  
Gen. Macready  
Admiral Russell Willson (2)  
C.O.S.  
Plans  
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From : N.C.I.F.

Situation Report Number 41.

1. Bona 4 M.T.B.'s arrived 29th from Malta. 6 moored mines and 2 type R German mines on 29th and 30th. 3 Swordfish destroyed by fighter bombers on aerodrome 1st. Heavy air raids a.m. 1st by 30 JU.87 p.m. 1st by large number of fighter bombers escorted by FW 190. H.M.S. AJAX hit, A and B boiler rooms flooded. One officer and 4 ratings killed. S.S. NOVELIST machinery space flooded, being pumped out. S.S. VILLE DE STRASBOURG superficial damage. S.S. HARPALYCE forehold flooded. Naval oil fuel installation damaged. a.m. 2nd in further raids, H.M.S. ALARM damaged, believed back broken. S.S. EMPIRE METAL with 100 octane petrol total loss.
2. S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON of UGS 3 blew up in position 038° Cap Falcon 9 miles at 1447/1. 3 survivors landed Oran.
3. CAMERONIA arrived Algiers a.m. 1st; has half of enemy aircraft torpedo on board.
4. Force H due Algiers a.m. 3rd.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR - USFOR London (action)  
No 4029 January 3, 1943

Stories of arrests connection Darlan murder reported London and Washington. War, State (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) and Foreign Offices fully advised, as well as Chief Combined Staff (USFOR nine seven one, AGWAR R-four seven one one). From McClure signed Eisenhower. Story told by Giraud at press conference one nine one five A hours three zero December one nine four two is that Giraud has satisfied self assassin had accomplices and that there was negligence on part of police and security officials; has placed some people in protective custody to prevent reported further assassination plot. This reported plot includes Giraud and Murphy. Giraud thrice repeated desire "prevent rather than punish" his statement to press at our insistence and press was held substantially to Girauds quotes. Recent events have dictated releases be French and not date-lined this headquarters-latter highly undesirable. Conflicting opinion is to be expected due number and representation of press and fact no uniform public opinion should be expected from any country particularly French. Do not desire uniform, official opinion solely to emanate from this headquarters as expression of local opinion. Desire to explain with suitable balance the volcanic opinion obtainable here by any resident or correspondent. All fully appreciate military necessities of certain restrictions but urge sensible relaxation complete censorship political aspects. Correspondents feel suppressed and agitated by past imposed censorship. Every effort being made properly guide press including off record discussions

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Eisenhower Murphy and others. French authorities have been induced to explain situation. Too much importance should not be placed on stories citing other side picture since differences are known to exist and best publicity is airing of differences. This does not mean that censorship is not fully effective and that it may err from time to time, however it is felt locally that the press must balance their official releases with what they pick up in the street and use each in proper perspective. Please appreciate that French news of French actions must be initiated by French. This is not occupied country and French are allies with sovereign rights. Only in matters of international significance should we interfere with their freedom to announce matters considered of local significance. Therefore, forwarding of any broadcasts or local releases usually impracticable. If local London and States press can be guided to balanced and helpful explanatory news the local problem will fade. Present trouble too many correspondents with feet on Algiers desks and tenacles in local political cesspool during period of little military activity. Editors should be advised tactfully to have local representatives get balanced temperate stories which are available for asking plus a little effort.

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Six enemy aircraft destroyed. One probably destroyed, four damaged, our losses five Spitfires destroyed.

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three miles NW and Second Bn London Irish Rifles  
seven miles WSW X signed Cinc X

Para three Southern Tunisia X Gafsa twice dive  
bombed X railway station ga target. German road  
block at road junction twdnty five miles SE Gafsa  
on Gabes road with six tanks and at Bou Hamran Y  
three seven with three tanks. Patrol to Maknassy T  
seven zero reports about one hundred fifty Italians.  
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area SFAI-Sousse-Faid destroying two trucks and one  
half dash track vehicle. Twelve DB twenty six aircraft  
attacked railroad bridge five miles north El Djem with  
ten tons of bombs X no hits claimed. Eight DB seven  
aircraft attacked shipping and docks at Sousse with  
seven tons of bombs X many hits on dock and town X one  
direct hit large merchant vessel X all planes returned  
X second mission same target by five DB seven aircraft  
with five tons of bombs X all aircraft returned. Twelve  
P thirty eight aircraft on sweep Tunis-La Goulette-Sousse  
X all planes returned. Twenty B seventeen aircraft attacked

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No. 4066, January 3, 1943

One merchant vessel hit set on fire and one destroyer damaged by near miss, results further daylight air raids Bone. Preceding part three naval, G two report two four hours ending two four hundred Z Jan second. Meteorology recce over sea area Balearics to Sicily by one JU eight eight, shipping recce between dawn seventeen fifteen Z by three Sardinian based JU eight eights between Bone Oran which continuously shadowed Eastbound Allied convoy sighted during morning just west Algiers until sixteen fifteen Z.

Part two Air. Bomber recce, recce northern half Western Basin by one JU eight eight during morning and another during afternoon both based Southern France. Transport.

Part one will follow. Between zero six hundred and zero eight hundred Z from Sicily for Tripoli nineteen JU eight eights departed. All for Tunisia six JU five twos departed Sicily between zero five hundred and zero six hundred Z with further four about zero eight thirty Z. AGWAR USFOR repted Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Two Jan Allied bombers and fighters attacking La Goulette during morning engaged by forty to fifty ME one zero nines and Italian fighters. Sousse area patrolled during afternoon by three ME one zero nines. About midday taking off from Kairouan airdrome six to eight enemy aircraft reported. Bombs dropped by enemy aircraft near Tebessa zero six hundred Z while two additional aircraft at ten forty Z over Youks Les Bains and Tebessa. Allied fighters at zero eight (CM-IN-1503 1-4-43)

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hundred Z shot down one JU eight eight over Tebessa. Other enemy air activity one Jan. Bone Harbour attacked at ten three five Z by seven JU eight sevens plus twelve ME one zero nines which were followed by thirty JU eight sevens and eight FW one nine zeros at eleven twenty Z. At fifteen three five Z additional sortie made by total of sixty CW one nine zeros and ME one zero nines. One Jan between twelve thirty and thirteen thirty Z ten JU eight eights left for Tripoli from Sicily with seven JU eight eights from Tripoli and eleven JU five twos from Tunisia landing Sicily between zero one hundred and zero two hundred Z.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

From: Algiers  
To : AGWAR

No. 4043, January 3, 1943

The Comte de Paris called on me last evening at his request. He said that he was anxious about the current political situation in this area and felt that action should be taken under Allied influence to improve the conduct of local civil affairs. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy Freedom Algiers signed Eisenhower NAF eighty three. The Comte de Paris declared he had ~~broken completely~~ with Petain last August when the latter refused to support a monarchical form of government in France. He said that he wanted to make it quite clear that he did not believe that this is an opportune moment for the establishment of a French government but that it is necessary that a regime of stability and efficiency be established here pending the day when a liberated France would select whatever form of government the people desire. In essence the Comte de Paris asserts that Giraud is incapable by virtue of background and what he terms corporatism of conducting political affairs. He proposes that Giraud's associates combine to influence Giraud to accept the Comte de Paris as head of civil affairs in North Africa with some appropriate title. At the same time an invitation would be extended to General De Gaulle to act as the Comte de Paris second in such an organization leaving to Giraud command of the armed forces. He said that he had discussed this matter with Giraud who did not seem to favor it. Previously in the day during a conversation with Giraud he informed me that he was not interested at present in the Comte de Paris collaboration and that he felt that an assumption of power by the Comte de Paris might have have unfortunate implications. The Comte de Paris

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From: Algiers  
To : AGWAR

No. 4043, January 3, 1943

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pressed me to take a position but I informed him that this is a matter outside my jurisdiction. I have in mind among other things the Conte de Paris outspoken attitude against the Soviets and Communism. His advent here it is believed would arouse resentment and distrust in Moscow. It is true that he has some small support in this area as well as the advantage of youth. Training and a clean record. He contemplates remaining in Algiers to watch development and to remain in contact with a number of persons official and otherwise. I should be grateful for the department's guidance.

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January 3, 1943  
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From: USFOR London

To: WAR

No 6156 January 3, 1943

De Gaulle General told us January first, in response to our representations that radio Brazzaville should avoid attacking Boisson, that he was anxious to do everything possible to meet our wishes and had given personal instructions accordingly. Foreign Office summary number three six for Eisenhower signed Hartle.

Owing to Catroux hurried departure decision to hold elections in Syria has not yet been announced. Nevertheless H M Minister Beirut reports political leaders are beginning to prepare for election campaigns. Students strikes have occurred in Damascus and Homs, due probably to economic causes. Helleu has arrived Beirut.

Spanish Air Ministry have informed our Air Attache that ten interned British airmen (to be selected by Air Attache) will be released, also airmen picked up at sea and wrongly detained. Decision is confirmed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Consignment of tea for United States arrived Melilla mid-December. Packets bore English and American flags together with Arabic inscription "good quality China tea sent you by your friends of United Nations." H M Consul-General Tangier learns that Spanish officials were extremely annoyed, particularly

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From Madrid 0636Z January 3, 1943

as specials wrappings cost them some one two zero zero zero pesetas. After ten tons had been distributed they prohibited further distribution until wrappings had been removed.

In response to inquiry Spanish High Commissioner has told H M Consul-General Tangier.

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From: Maison Blanche Airdrome  
To: WAR (Action) USAWW (Information)

No 164 Jan 3, 1943

Daily intelligence cable from Twelve A F.  
(Twelfth AFNR one six four to Eaker, Brereton from  
Doolittle signed Eisenhower) operations one January  
as follows: Nine B dash two six bombed Tunis Marshalling  
yards from eight five zero zero feet. Many hits on  
target area. Intense, light and heavy accurate flak  
encountered over the target and N portion of the city.  
One B dash two six lost to flak over target. Intense  
heavy flak reported six miles E of Massicwult. Two  
encounters with four TE seven ME one zero nine near  
target. One P four zero missing. Eighteen B dash  
one seven bomber Tunis Harbor. Incomplete reports. Full  
report will follow tomorrow. Eleven B dash two five  
dispatched against La Goulette harbor. Heavy rains  
CMC no visibility forced bombers to return without  
dropping bombs. Our reports indicate intense heavy and  
light, accurate flak over Bizerte, Tunis, Sousse.  
Moderate heavy, intense light flak Gabes and SGAX.

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filed 2108Z/2  
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Jan 3  
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From: Algiers  
To: War USFOR

No. 3994 January 2, 1943

Giroud having replied to De Gaulles proposal for a meeting between the two either in North Africa or other French non occupied territory that he considered an immediate meeting premature but would be pleased to receive an Emissary to discuss military matters De Gaulle now telegraphs as follows X For combined Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower NAF eight zero "Your reply has been received and am happy that we have now had an initial and very frank exchange of views X However I do not believe that the effective reunion of the whole Empire and of all available French effort X Associated with resistance in France itself X should be delayed for a moment X I am sure you feel as I do that that is necessary and urgent in order that the liberation of our country can be realized under conditions appropriate to its interests and its dignity X I am convinced that only a provisional central French authority X based on a National Association for the prosecution of the war is capable of guaranteeing direction of French effort X X The maintenance

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From: Algiers  
To: War USFOR

No. 3994 January 2, 1943

intact of French Sovereignty and the just  
representation of France in foreign lands X  
In particular I hold that only such an author-  
ity can quickly terminate the present  
difficulties in French North and West Africa X X  
I must then resubmit to you the proposal I made  
you to meet me as soon as possible in order to  
study how this object might be attained X I  
do not overlook the complications of the  
situation at Algiers but we could meet without  
any disturbances either at Fort Lamy X  
Brazzaville or Beirut as you prefer " Giraud  
at present on Tunisian Front and question will  
be put to him on his return January four.

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Footnote: See CM-IN-1281 (1-3-43) CC/S for routing  
change of above message.

Action Copy: General Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers

To: WAR - USFOR London (action)

No 3940 January 2, 1943

1. Naval. No reports.
2. ETF. In the center patrols reached area five miles NNW Heidous where they came under fire from enemy positions to north and east. Sixty five.
3. Central Tunisia. Five French Bns supported by British at Arty now disposed high ground covering road net from reservoir de l'Oued Kebir O seven seven eight nine SE distance six miles and also main approach to Pont du Fahs from SW. Three French Bns in position high ground Djebel Chirich O eight seven.
4. Air. Nine B twenty six aircraft attacked Tunis railroad yards with eleven tons of bombs starting several fires. One B twenty six and one of escort shot down by antiaircraft fire. Two encounters with enemy aircraft one of which was damaged. Fifty one troop carrier sorties. RAF flew one hundred eleven fighter sorties. Three Beaufighter sorties. Two antisubmarine patrols and twelve medium bomber sorties. Bone attacked by nineteen enemy aircraft, two merchant ships and one Naval vessel damaged. Bone again attacked by eight enemy aircraft, total Bone casualties four enemy aircraft destroyed, nine damaged, one probably damaged. Our losses four Spitfires missing. Twenty three fighter sorties on patrol over Bone and Cran. Eleven B twenty five aircraft failed to reach  
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target due to weather. Eighteen B seventeen aircraft conducted successful mission against Tunis Harbor, all aircraft returned. Night one two Jan thirteen Wellingtons attacked Bizerta docks with seven tons of bombs of which one and half tons incendiary. CMW air distribution: Thelepte S eighty four, twenty two fighters. Youks les Bains, twenty five fighters, ten light bombers. Casablanc, ten fighters, eleven light bombers, four troop carriers. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Trooper) Oran including la Senia, Tafaroui and Relizane Q fifty nine, ninety fighters, thirty medium bombers, fourteen troop carriers. Oudjda, fourteen bomber rcn. Philippeville, eight fighters. Constantine, nine fighters, nine light bombers Telergma L seventy five, ten fighters, eighteen light bombers. Djidjelli, twenty five fighters. Biskra, forty eight fighters, forty one heavy bombers. Souk El Arba, thirty three fighters, four light bombers Bone thirty one fighters, one bomber rcn. Canrobert M thirty two, twenty one light bombers. Algiers including Maison Blanche and Blida, forty seven fighters, seventeen light bombers, five medium bombers, six photo rcn, thirty one troop carriers, thirty bomber rcn.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR  
USFOR London (Action)

No. 3924, January 2, 1943.

Transport. Three one Dec at least seventeen JU eight eights landed Catania from Tripoli about twelve fifteen Z. (to AGWAR USFOR adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) one Jan for Sicily two JU eight eights departed Tripoli zero four hundred Z. On three one Dec thirteen JU five twos and five ME three two threes landed Tunisia about one thousand Z departing about eleven hundred Z. G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z one Jan. Bombers. Bone Harbor attacked twice by dive bombers SE fighters and fighter bombers. No further details except see part three for damage sustained. Either based Sicily or Southern France eight JU eight eights active during early evening. AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WDN EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Bomber recce. Five JU eight eights based Sicily Sardinia thoroughly recce North African Coast between Bone Oran between dawn sixteen fifteen Z. One of these shadowed convoy thirteen hundred Z northwest Oran another fourteen hundred Z shipping off Bone. Meteoro recce by one Sicilian based JU eight eight during morning over sea area between Sicily two degrees east, making landfall about zero eight four five Z between Sfax Gabes after having flown along east coast Tunisia one Sicilian based JU eight eight continued inland toward Touggourt recrossing Tunisian coast twelve thirty Z landing Sicily thirteen thirty Z. During PM one JU eight eight based Southern France engaged on recce. Casablanca attack. Second raid during night three one

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Dec reported with about six by four engined aircraft taking part though further details lacking. Like previous night FW two hundreds based Bourdeaux almost certainly carried out raid. Preceding part two air. Part one follows. Part three naval. Attacks own ships. One cruiser two merchant vessels damaged during daylight air raids Bone. Though cause unknown at present US transport off Oran thirteen forty seven Z blown up. MM

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From: Freedom, Algiers

To: AGWAR-USFOR London (action)

No. 3955, January 2, 1943.

Activities our patrols generally confirm previously reported enemy forward dispositions northern sector with forward elements southern sector now reported along line Pont du Fahs dash east bank Oued Kebir Reservoir O seven nine dash Djebel Far Na O eight eight dash line of escarpment to Djebel Ousselat O seven three dash eastern outskirts Pichon. No new identifications contact also maintained southward through Fonndouk El Okbi O eight one and Djebel Hallouf O eight zero to Sidi Nasr Allah T nine nine. G two report for two four hours ending two four hundred Z Jan one part one land. (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower) Fine weather in plains area Northern Tunisia with ground improving though rain reported mountainous area north Djebel Jebira J four zero seven seven. No enemy offensive activity in Northern nor Southern Tunisia reported except for patrol activity and slight artillery activity in northernmost sector. This msg slightly rearranged for security reasons.

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TOR CODEROOM <b>2245/2216</b>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
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THIS FROM GLASSFORD PASS TO CCS, BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF LONDON, COMINCH, INFO EISENHOWER.

BOISSON ADVISES THAT GENERAL GIRAUD WILL BE HIS GUEST IN VARIOUS PLACES IN WEST AFRICA 5 TO 11 JANUARY BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE.

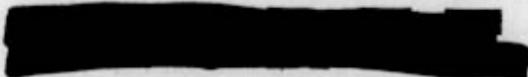
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From: Algiers  
To: Agwar USFOR

No. 3993 January 2, 1943

High Commissioner advises that services of Hoppenot would be welcome X To AGWAR for combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower NAF eighty one year four seven zero December two five X Both British civil adviser and I concur and feel that Hoppenots presence here is desirable.

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Action Copy: General Deane (CC/S)

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Jan 3, 1943  
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From: Algiers  
To: WAE - USFOR  
No. 3993 Jan 2, 1943

*French  
Minister to  
New York*

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BY RT, DATE **MAY 22 1974**

To: Joint Staff Mission  
From: Chiefs of Staff  
Dated: 2nd January, 1943

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For Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Following is a repetition of telegram No. 1014 (Jan. 022045Z) to General Eisenhower from Chiefs of Staff. Begins.

Reference your No. 3670 of December 31st.

The telegram from the Foreign Office which you quote is a short summary of Mr. MacMillan's directive, the full text of which he will show you. Perhaps we can make his position as regards yourself clearer to you if we put it as follows - Mr. MacMillan is the political representative of the British Government at the headquarters of the Allied Commander-in-Chief in North West Africa. His primary function is to report to the Prime Minister on the situation and future plans for North Africa and to represent to the Commander-in-Chief the views of H.M. Government on political matters. He is not a member of the Commander-in-Chief's staff but is attached to his headquarters. His functions are purely representative, and he has no responsibility for either military operations or civil administration. He will, we are sure, work in the closest liaison with Mr. Murphy. His presence in North Africa in no way affects the existing authority and responsibility of the Allied Commander-in-Chief. Please show this telegram to Mr. MacMillan. Ends.

T.O.O. 2320Z/2

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# OUTGOING MESSAGE

Combined Chiefs of Staff

January 2, 1943

FREEDOM ALGIERS--Number 714

USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, LONDON--Number R-4859

British Chiefs of Staff have submitted their comments on your outline plan for operation brimstone. These have been reviewed by Combined Chiefs of Staff who have requested that they be sent to you direct from London.

Combined Chiefs of Staff desire that you reexamine outline plan in light of comments from British Chiefs of Staff and those of the Combined Staff Planners which will be forwarded to you as soon as they have been prepared. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN number 56, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

While decision as to operation can not be made at this time Combined Chiefs of Staff desire that you press on as far as possible with the preparation of the detailed plan.

ORIGINATOR: General Deane (CC/S)

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YOUR 292Ø1Ø BOISSON RETURNED TODAY AT NIGHT ON 31 TECEMBER. MORNING OF 1 JANUARY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL INFORMED ME ORALLY THAT HE WAS HIGHLY GRATIFIED WITH SELECTION OF GIRAUD AND FELT CONFIDENT OF FRENCH UNITY WITH ALLIES IN PROSECUTION OF THE WAR HE FURTHER INFORMED ME IN WRITING WHEREOF FREE TRANSLATION FOLLOWS \* THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AGREES TO RECEIVE THE BRITISH LIAISON STAFF OFFICERS WHO ARE TO BE A PART OF THE MILITARY MISSION HEADED BY THE AMERICAN ADMIRAL. HE CONFERRED IN ALGIERS WITH ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM AND GENERAL EISENHOWER AND HE IS CONFIDENT THAT ALL PROPAGANDA FROM NOW ON WILL STOP.\* PEGRAN HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO SEND THE BRITISH LIAISON STAFF OFFICERS TO DAKAR TO ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (1Ø LETTERS GRRBLED) GOVERNOR GENERAL COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT MINISTER ACCRA TO GENERAL HYDE IN WHICH THE RESIDENT MINISTER ADVISED THE GENERAL OF STEPS HE IS TAKING WITH REGARD TO BROADCASTS FROM ACCRA AND REQUESTED THE GENERAL TO INFORM ME. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL STATED HE WOULD COMMENT ON THIS LETTER IN WRITING JANUARY 2ND.

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FOLLOWING IS REPETITION OF 1909/31<sup>VA</sup>, BEGINS (ADDRESSED) ADMIRALTY REPEATED COMINCH ~~MEM~~ GIBRALTAR, FOC W AFRICA FROM NCXF. RADIO WASHINGTON'S 0140/1 REFERS.

ADMIRAL MICHELIER HAS REQUESTED EARLY DESPATCH OF BRITISH NAVAL AIR AND SIGNAL STAFF OFFICERS TO FREETOWN TO DAKAR AND IS PREPARED TO SEND SIMILAR OFFICERS TO FREETOWN IMMEDIATELY. I AM WAITING FORMAL CONFIRMATION THAT BOISSON AGREES.

2. MICHELIER WISHES TO COVER ALL FORMS OF NAVAL CO-OPERATION INCLUDING AIR COVER FOR CONVOYS AND POSSIBILITY OF LARGER FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS JOINING OL AND SL CONVOYS IN AREA BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND FREETOWN IF THESE CONVOYS WERE ROUTED INSIDE CANARIES UNDER AIR COVER PROPOSED IN MY 0947/21 TO VA GIBRALTAR.

3. HE WISHES TO GET BRITISH U-BOAT SUMMARIES FOR HIS



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AREA. PROPOSE TO ARRANGE FOR SNO CASABLANCA TO PASS HIM DAILY EXTRACTS WEST ONWARD TRANSMISSION BY LANDLINE TO DAKAR.

4. HE IS VERY SHORT OF A/S ESCORTS BUT GENERALLY MOST WILLING TO CO-OPERATE.

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January 1, 1943

Combined Chiefs of Staff

COMMANDING GENERAL FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 684

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number R-4829

With regard to complaints reference French broadcasts from West Africa and the delay in release of French internees the following is a paraphrase of a message received by the British Staff Mission from the British Chiefs of Staff. "The following message sent to Resident Minister Accra this date:

The Free French are being advised that they should restrain from further attacks on French leaders in North and West Africa under the present circumstances and in their own interest. In view of our undertaking to Boisson it is important that such attacks not be made on Accra radio. It has been noted that you have already impressed this on Pechkoff and it is hoped he will receive similar instructions from the National Committee.

Reference French internees important as far as possible that they be released and repatriated pari passu with what Boisson is doing for Allied and British internees. Desire you to arrange for first batch of French internees to leave immediately without waiting until the last of our men have actually gotten back. This includes Poncelet crew. Request you inform Glassford and Boisson through US Consul Dakar what you are doing. Request a report on the position." For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 53, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The following is paraphrase of a message received from US Consul Accra by Secretary of State December 30:

"According to Lord Swinton arrangements are being made

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now for early release of French internees in British West Africa. Governor in Nigeria has already been given authorization for immediate repatriation of Poncelet crew.

Swinton further states it is anticipated French internees will be released without delay as soon as it has been possible to reconcile figures furnished by US Consul at Dakar with total number of released internees who have returned to British Territory."

It is desired that you report any further difficulties in this connection.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR

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No. 3785, January 1, 1943.

Paraphrased slightly is the message that follows X Italians Western Basin X South and west seven degrees east four X between seven and ten degrees east about eight, three of which between Cagliari Bizerte patrolling X Atlantic X within one two zero miles point forty degrees north sixteen degrees thirty minutes west two outward bound X between thirty five and thirty nine degrees north and east of fifteen degrees west approximately four X west of Canaries three outward bound X Naval part three X Italian fleet X one Cavour class battleship departed Taranto prior PRU thirty Dec also two six inch cruisers departed Naples according PRU same date X Dispositions sightings U/B's X One submerged fifteen ten Z course east off La Calle X West two degrees casting indications German subs X Part one follows X Part two air X Enemy activity X Bombers X possibly convoy escort between dawn eighteen twenty five Z at least seven Sicilian based JU eights active X during early evening in area Bone to Bougie eleven HE one one one torpedo bombers operated from Italy some of which apparently returned Sardinia and one at least to Sicily X G two report for twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred Z thirty one Dec X AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTP EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower X Oversea recce Atlantic normal employment X Based Bordeaux estimated about twenty FW two hundred of which possibly ten serviceable at one time which is insufficient to allow these aircraft to make sustained scale effort against land targets X Small scale raid on Casablanca made early hours thirty one

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From: Algiers

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Dec by FW two hundred from Bordeaux each carrying four by two fifty pound bombs estimated five or six aircraft participated X Except when few bombs dropped Iceland on rare occasions during summer nineteen forty two this first time this type used bombing land targets for about two years X Presumably ftr torpedo bombers reported below weather recce Algerian coast between Bone and Bougie made by one additional JU eight eight taking off Sardinia fifteen hundred Z five Sicilian based JU eight eights active Tunisian area between dawn seventeen hundred Z one of which apparently returned Sicily PM after landing Tunisia X During morning westwards from Sicily Metnoro recce by one JU eight eight X Recce North Africa Coast by three Sardinian based JU eight eights between Sardina and zero degrees probably landing Perpignan about fifteen hundred Z one these aircraft turned north along Spanish coast X Before that time other two apparently landed Sardinia X No information yet available transport X Bomber recce X Usual recce northern half western basin by one JU eight eight based Southern France X

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From: Cairo  
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 3610 Jan 1, 1943

Successful mission on buildings and quays of Sfax dock area has been reported by ninth Bomber Command night December thirtieth. Activity in enemy positions in Tripolitania reported decreasing in southwest sectors and increasing in the northeast on December three zero. Blasting and digging reported. Enemy air activity decreased on three one December. One bombing and one strafing attack over forward areas without casualties or damage reported. Enemy line reported thirty one December at one six zero zero Z as follows: S seven one one one, X five five nine five, X five five eight four, X four five seven eight. No enemy along Wadi Bei El Chebir as this line has been occupied by British fourth Light Armored Brigade. Six zero zero Italians and small detachment Germans occupying Hon is report. One two zero Italians was garrison that withdrew from Bu Ngem area.

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From: Algiers

To: WAR - USFOR London (action)

No 3801 January 1, 1943

In Pichon area reported intensive enemy patrol activity with some enemy artillery activity for first time. G two report for two four hours ending two four hours ending two four hundred Z Dec three one (AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower)

Part one Land Northern Tunisia: German patrols from area J three zero nine two reported operating to west with camp of approximately two hundred Italians reported in area J three three nine six. Throughout day enemy artillery active in Heidous area. Enemy battalion reported moving west in area north of O eight five four six Dec thirty apparently forced withdrawal and abandon pass at O eight three four nine due heavy accurate French artillery fire leaving much materiel forty dead. Clear weather is reported with improving ground conditions. Southern Tunisia: nine enemy tanks reported observed southeast El Guettar (Y two two seven three) on thirty Dec possibly confirming previous report of occupation road junction Y four one six four by German armored patrol reported occupation El Hamram (Y three seven seven seven) by German patrols three one Dec.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR - USFOR (Action)

No. 3829 January 1, 1943

In a conversation (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) with Chapman on December two four the Secretary of the Political Affairs Bureau of the French High Commission stated that orders had been given a few days before to all prison camp commanders and provincial authorities concerned to release all French political prisoners such as De Gaullists and those who had been imprisoned because of pro Allied Nations activities. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy signed Eisenhower MAY seventy seven your telegram five one seven December one eight. He stated that reports had been requested and were expected from the various prison camps indicating the action taken with exceptions if any. If there are any French political prisoners still being held they too will be released when their identity is known. As regards alien prisoners they comprise two groups. One. Prisoners of Allied and neutral nationalities including British Belgians Czechs Greeks Yugoslavs Poles Dutch Soviets and Spanish. Two. Axis. According to latest information supplied by French High Commission no American, British or Dutch prisoners are being held in Algeria. Prisoners of other nationalities are being held in French custody in Algeria are as follows. Three Belgians, one three Czechs, one Greek, one Yugoslav, approximately two

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hundred Poles or those claiming Polish nationality, one two three Soviet nationals, several hundred Spaniards, one Luxemburger, two two Austrians, and one Slovak. A report from the French High Commission concerning the prisoner situation in Morocco is expected shortly. Three five zero military Allied Nationals are scheduled to embark at a North African port early in January for transportation to the United Kingdom. The release and transportation out of North Africa of the Soviet prisoners would be agreeable to the French North African authorities but not their release locally. See our two four four two December one nine. The Spanish prisoners present a special problem as a large proportion of them are Spanish republicans who cannot be repatriated to Spain. Consideration is being given to the possibility of incorporating them into labor battalions or other disposition. Axis prisoners and those from countries under Axis domination will be dealt with after examination of individual cases. A commission consisting of American British and French members to consider and deal with the whole prisoner and refugee problem is being constituted and is expected to commence its work shortly. Its activities will include an investigation on the spot of the number. Identity and nationality of person in each internment camp and the making of arrangements in the meantime to ameliorate their living conditions and liberalize the restriction of their liberty.

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From: Maison Blanche Airdrome  
To: WAR (Information) USSAW (Action)

No 0056 Jan 1, 1943

Daily cable to the Eight Air Force. (to Eaker from Doolittle Twelfth Air Force Nr zero zero five six) Operations of three one December. The first daily intelligence cable from one two AF is as follows; SMCLN on three one December, planes of the one two AF flew three nine missions for a total of one nine four sorties. Four of our planes were lost as a result of the days operations. Nine DB dash seven attacked RR yards at Sousse dropping seven one half tons of HE with excellent results. Accurate, intense, heavy and light flak encountered over the target and one DB dash seven was lost. A second attack on Sousse by nine DB dash seven and three A dash two zero bomber the docks. Many hits reported directly on target area starting fires on both sides of the harbor. Two DB dash seven were lost to intense flak. Sixteen B dash one seven bombed the harbor installations at Sfax dropping four six tons of HE. Hits were scattered throughout target and two direct hits were reported on a medium sized vessel in the harbor. Twelve B dash two six attacked the AD and nearby troop barracks at Gabes with one one one one half tons of HE. Results were very satisfactory with many hits. Reported fires started at both targets one B dash two six was lost. It was first hit by flak and then destroyed by E/A. Five B dash two six attacked shipping and RR bridges between Tunis and Bizerte. Fighters were active on sweeps and patrols destroying one three enemy vehicles during the day. One patrol mission flown over Tripoli area. A crashed German glider, thought to have contained one zero men, found near Setif. This is the fourth glider found in our territory during the past four days.

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From: Maison Blanche Airdrome  
To: WAR (Information) USAWW (Action)

No 0056 Jan 1, 1943

Some German paratroopers captured. Casablanca bombed between zero four zero zero and zero five three zero hours. E/A believed to have been Ju Dauh eight eight of FW dash two zero zero. Approximately one nine bombs thought to be two five zero pounds each were dropped. Little damage done. No military casualties.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR - USFOR London (action)  
No 3777 January 1, 1943

Para one Naval. No reports. Thirty one Dec  
Sitrep sixty four.

Para two ETF. In the center eighteen RCT  
located Teboursouk with one Bn at Medjez El Bab nd  
one guard brigade at Medjez El Bab now under command  
Sixth Armd Div. Liaison officer reports: some  
vehicle activity road Tunis-Medjez El Bab. Enemy ten  
miles east and eight miles NNE Medjez El Bab. French  
holding high ground NW Heidous. On north flank artillery  
active all day. Liaison officer reports: enemy  
patrols nine miles ESE Cap Serrat J nineteen.

Para three central Tunisia. Liaison officer  
reports: eighteen crew members of gliders landed  
nights twenty nine/thirty and thirty/thirty one  
captured. One killed. Contact by patrols Pichon  
and Fondouk (signed CINC).

Para four air. P thirty eight aircraft on  
rcn to Tripoli destroyed four cars, four trucks,  
and one gasoline truck. One plane damaged by  
machine gun fire. Twelve B twenty six aircraft  
attacked Gabes Airdrome with eleven tons of bombs.  
General fires started, attacked by two enemy air-  
craft. One B twenty six shot down in flames due  
antiaircraft fire and fighters. P forty aircraft  
destroyed four gasoline trucks north Cekhira Z two  
seven. Sixteen B seventeen aircraft attacked Sfax  
Harbor with forty six tons of bombs. Hits observed  
on docks and vicinity power station. Two direct hits  
on vessel. Nine DB seven aircraft attacked Sousse  
railway yards with thirteen tons bombs. Much smoke

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from yards and dock area. Two bombers hit by anti-aircraft fires one crashed into harbor. Another light bomber attack on Sousse with nine tons of bombs. Many hits claimed on target. As result antiaircraft fire one bomber exploded in air. Another force landed near Kairouan. Seven tons of bombs dropped on railroad bridge between Tunis and Bizerta. No damage. Night operations by Wellingtons against Bizerta unsuccessful due to cloud condition over target; all planes returned, some with bombs. Twenty one Spitfires and eight Hurricanes bombed motor transport depot SE Pont du Fahs, results unobserved. Two lorries destroyed on return flight. Seven enemy aircraft attacked Souk El Arba Airfield. one Beaufighter destroyed, one killed one injured. Enemy aircraft bombed Bone Airfield, one enemy aircraft damaged, one of our planes missing. Forty nine troop carrier sorties. Thirty Dec RAF flew eight two fighter, five Beaufighters, one PRU and twelve reconnaissance sorties. One enemy aircraft damaged over Bone. Two Spitfires damaged on ground Souk El Arba due to enemy strafing. Thirty one Dec RAF flew ninety three fighter, four Beaufighter, and nine reconnaissance sorties; two enemy aircraft, one Spitfire and two Albacores destroyed; one Spitfire missing; one Albacore and one Swordfish damaged. Action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper from Freedom.

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From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London USFOR  
To: AGWAR

No 6110 January 1, 1943

I have received your answer and I rejoice that an initial exchange of views has taken place between us. However, I do not believe that the effective reunion of the whole empire and of all available French forces, in cooperation with the resistance in France, should be delayed the least bit. I am sure that the liberation of our country can be effected in a manner suited to its interests and dignity. It is my conviction that only a provisional Central French authority, based on the National Union for war, is able to guarantee the leadership of the French efforts, the absolute maintenance of French sovereignty and the just representation of France abroad. More specifically, I believe that only such an authority can quickly end the existing difficulties in French North Africa and French West Africa.

Hence I should like to renew the suggestion which I have already made to you of meeting me as soon as possible, in order to study the means of attaining this objective. The complexity of the situation in Algiers does not escape me. But we can meet without any difficulty either at Ft. Lamy, or at Brazzaville, or at Beyrouth, whichever you choose.

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By B. E. Pugh Date MAY 25 1973

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I await your answer with confidence. For Marshall this message sent from DeGaulle through Eisenhower for Giraud signed Hartle. The most absolute secrecy.

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