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MR 442 (1) RUSSIAN CONVOYS
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	HARRIMAN (ALUSNA MCCOON)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	29 DEC 43		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	3,56/29	CNC WSA WASHN	
DECODED BY	SCHNEIDER/ROLAND		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	HAMILTON	SECRETARY OF STATE	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME: DATE TIME GCT

ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

INFO SECSTATE FROM HARRIMAN NOTIC. KRUTIKOV
WSA SIGNED SPALDING

A MESSAGE I RECEIVED TODAY INDICATES THAT
DISCHARGING OF NORTHERN CONVOYS IS PROCEEDING
AT A RATE WHICH WILL REQUIRE THAT JN-56A BE
DELAYED ABOUT 10 DAYS IF CONGESTION OF SHIPS IN
PORT IS TO BE AVOIDED. I HAVE INFORMED
KRUTIKOV THAT THE SITUATION WILL BE CLARIFIED
WHEN JN-56B ARRIVES THE LAST OF THIS MONTH AND
THAT AT THAT TIME IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ME
TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE USA AS TO
WHETHER OR NOT JN-56A SHOULD BE DELAYED. THIS
WILL GIVE KRUTIKOV AN OPPORTUNITY TO
TAKE SUCH CORRECTIVE MEASURES AS ARE POSSIBLE AND

SECRET

Make original only.

Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

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EXTENSION NUMBER		ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY _____	DATE _____	FOR ACTION	PRIORITY 1
			ROUTINE 2
			DEFERRED 3
TOR CODEROOM _____		INFORMATION	PRIORITY 4
			ROUTINE 5
			DEFERRED 6
DECODED BY _____			PRIORITY 7
			ROUTINE 8
			DEFERRED 9
PARAPHRASED BY _____			PRIORITY 10
			ROUTINE 11
			DEFERRED 12
ROUTED BY _____			PRIORITY 13
			ROUTINE 14
			DEFERRED 15
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME: DATE TIME GCT

ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

I SHALL SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO YOU
ACCORDINGLY IN ABOUT A WEEK.

FA37(USA).....NOT
CULFISH..16...NAVYALE....GNC...15....STATE
DEPT.....

ACTION	GCT
F-0	21
F-01	22
F-02	23
F-05	24
F-07	25
F-1	26
F-2	27
F-20	28
F-3	29
F-30	30
F-31	31
F-32	32
F-33	33
F-34	34
F-4	35
FX01	36
FX30	37
FX37	38
FX40	39
IG-00	40
VCNO	41
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PART 1 231700 NCR 1983
 PART 2 231715 NCR 1836

(FOR WSA)

HAVE NEVER SUGGESTED DELAY JW55B BUT STILL SUGGEST
 POSTPONEMENT 56A MOSCOW 211516 MURMANSK 17/845.
 MURMANSK HAS 10 SHIPS OF 55A OF WHICH ONLY 4 ALONG
 SIDE TO DISCHARGE. ON ARRIVAL HERE OF AT LEAST 12
 AND POSSIBLY ALL OF 55B ON 28TH A CONSERVATIVE
 ESTIMATE OF 145,000 TONS MUST BE DISCHARGED BY 20
 JANUARY THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME 56A. THIS MEANS
 AVERAGE DISCHARGE MUST EXCEED 500 TONS COUNTING
 FROM ARRIVAL DATE EACH SHIP. SINCE HALF THESE
 LOADED SHIPS WILL WAIT AT ANCHOR SEVERAL DAYS AND TIME
 AND BERTHS ARE REQUIRED FOR LOADINGS OUT BOUND
 CARGO AND BALLAST CONSIDER THIS FIGURE UNATTAINABLE.

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COMMENTING ON OUTBOUND DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

A. DELAY OF 1 DAY IN SAILING ENABLED 3 SHIPS SAIL WHICH OTHERWISE NOT READY.

B. FOREIGN TRADE WILL NOT GIVE PORT CLEARANCE FIGURES BUT PLACES ATTAINABLE FIGURE AT

4,500 FOR INCOMING AND 1500 FOR OUTBOUND CARGO

C. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RATE ATTAINED AND THAT NECESSARY IS 50 PERCENT PLUS

D. AGREE NO REASON CHANGE SCHEDULE THIS GROUP

E. PREVIOUS ESTIMATE QUITE OPTIMISTIC

G. NO EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY.

CONSIDER MOST DESIRABLE CONTINUE LOADING PORT CAPABILITIES BY COMFORTABLE MARGIN BUT OBJECT TO

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POINTLESS CONGESTION / IN ARBOR AND THE VICE COM-
MISSAR CAN UNDERSTAND THE PERIOD OF RECOMMENDED
POSTPONEMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE RESULTS
ACHIEVED BY THE PORT.

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CCWINCH...16...39...CNO....NAVAIDE.....

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FROM	ALUSNA MOSCOW	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	25 DEC 1943	ASTALUSNA MURMANSK WSA WASHN	ROUTINE
DATE	1925/24	CNO LONDON	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	FISHER/YOUNG		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	SAMUEL	ROUTINE	DEFERRED
ROUTED BY	ROONEY		

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

PART 2 OF ALUSNA MOSCOW'S 211516 NCR 662.

BASED ON EXPERIENCE TODAY WSA BELIEVES A CONSIDERABLY SMALLER INCREASE WILL MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS. FURTHER STATES SOVIET AUTHORITIES ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL MEET SITUATION. (D) KRUTIKOV PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVOYS BE INFORMED THAT EVERYTHING NECESSARY WILL BE DONE INSURE PROMPT TURN AROUND JW 55A AND THAT JW 55B SHOULD COME INTO PORT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE HE SAID "I SEE NO REASON TO EVEN DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING JWB CONVOY"

(E) REGARDING NR SHIPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF WHITE SEAPORTS DURING ICE SEASON HE SAID NOT PREPARED REPLY AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD INVESTIGATE AND REPLY.

(F) VIEW FOREGOING AND NECESSITY BRINGING IN MAXIMUM CARGO TO NORTHERN PORTS IT IS RECOMMENDED NOTHING

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TOR CODEROOM			
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BE DONE DELAY JW 550 PENDING FURTHER CHECK WITH FRANKEL.

(G) OF INTEREST WAS KRUTIKOV'S REPLY TO MY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ADEQUATE STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT BOMBING OF PORTS SAID THAT SINCE LAST YEAR AA DEFENSE CAN SZURZD PY DECREASED FURTHER SAID GERMAN AIRFIELDS IN THIS RANGE HAVE BEEN BOMBED CONSISTENTLY TO MINIMIZE THEIR ACTIVITY AND THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN FAVORABLE WEATHER FOR BOMBING NO ATTACKS. 17 MADE

(H) FRANKEL SUBMIT COMMENTS CONFIDENTIAL.

FX37....ACT

COMINCH....16....CNO....NAVAIDE....

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FROM	ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	ASTALUSNA MURMANSK WSA WASHN	PRIORITY
DATE	23 DEC 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	221758			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	DIEBEL			
PARAPHRASED BY	SLUTZ	INFORMATION	CNO	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	SCRUGGS		LONDON	ROUTINE
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(FOR MCPHERSON WARSHIPPING ASTALUSNA MURMANSK ACTION
INFO CNO LONDON FROM SPALDING SIGNED DEANE)

A. SUBSTANCE MURMANSK 170845* REGARDING SITUATION
NORTHERN PORTS DISCUSSED WITH KRUTIKOV VICE COMMISSAR
FOREIGN TRADE WHO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.

AT MURMANSK SHIPS BOTH A AND B SECTIONS JW 54 HAVE BEEN
DISCHARGED AND RELOADED.

AT EKONOMIA ALL SHIPS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DISCHARGED
SOME NOW BEING RELOADED FOR RETURN TRIP AND WILL LEAVE
IN TIME MEET CONVOY REQUIREMENTS.

AT MOLOTOVSK SOME SHIPS HAVE BEEN DELAYED FOR SEVERAL
DAYS.

TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION ONLY A FEW SHIPS FROM JW 55 A
WILL BE SENT MOLOTOVSK REMAINDER GOING OTHER PORTS.

THERE WILL BE A BERTH FOR EVERY SHIP AND SHIPS WILL BE
DISCHARGED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL.

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				ROUTINE 2
				DEFERRED 3
	INFORMATION			PRIORITY 10
				ROUTINE 11
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B. AS FAR AS CLEARANCE DOCKS CONCERNED KRUTIKOV STATES AT FIRST CLEARING SLOW BUT DUE IMPROVING TEAMWORK AND

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL CLEARANCE NOW IMPROVING AND WILL CONTINUE IMPROVE. DOES NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH DIFFICULTY

CLEARING DOCKS. THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE SUPPLY EMPTY CARS.

C. KRUTIKOV AGREES DISCHARGE AND CLEARING MUST BE STEPPED UP SOMEWHAT BUT THINKS THE 50% INCREASE

MENTIONED AS BEING NECESSARY NEEDS FURTHER CHECKING.

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NOTE:

THIS IS PART ONE. PART 2 REQUESTED IN RDO WASHN 231500

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COMINCH...16...CNO...NAVAIDE...

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FROM <u>ASTALUSNA MURMANSK</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CNO.	PRIORITY
DATE <u>21 DEC 1943</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>202106</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>GIDEON/ARTHURS</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>SAMUEL</u>		INFORMATION ALUSNA LONDON ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>HARRINGTON</u>			ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
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RATE DISCHARGE AND ESPECIALLY CLEARANCE DESPITE FACT
SEASON STARTED WITH CLEAN DOCKS AND ABSENCE OF ENEMY ACTION
HAS BEEN SO LOW AS TO CAUSE EVENTUAL CONGESTION AND
ATTENDANT EXCESSIVE WAITING LOADED SHIPS AT ANCHOR.
CAUSE APPEARS LACK OF SUFFICIENT QUANTITY AND QUALITY
WORKERS PLUS INSUFFICIENT RAIL TRANSPORT. BELIEVE
CONGESTION WILL MAKE ITSELF SO EVIDENT IN HANDLING OF
CONVOY JW-55B AS TO REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT FOLLOWING CONVOY
UNLESS 50% IMPROVEMENT OBTAINED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
WITH PRESENT ICE BREAKER STRENGTH WHITE SEA ESTIMATE
SAFE HANDLING MAXIMUM 8 DRY CARGO SHIPS MONTHLY THAT AREA
LONDON INFORM MWT THAT MORE DETAILED SIGNAL FOLLOWS.
FX37....ACT.
COMINCH....16....CNO....~~NAVAL~~....

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FROM	ALUSNA MOURMANSK	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY RRRR
DATE	21 DEC 43		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	202106		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	GIDEON/ARTHURS	ALUSNA LONDON	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	DRUMMOND	ALUSNA MOSCOW	RRRR
ROUTED BY	HARRINGTON		DEFERRED

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SEASON STARTED WITH CLEAN DOCKS AND ABSENCE OF ENEMY				F-01
ACTION HAS BEEN SO LOW AS TO CAUSE EVENTUAL CONGESTION				F-02
AND ATTENDANT EXCESSIVE WAITING LOADED SHIPS AT ANCHOR				F-05
CAUSE APPEARS LACK OF SUFFICIENT QUANTITY AND QUALITY				F-07
WORKERS PLUS INSUFFICIENT RAIL TRANSPORT. BELIEVE				F-1
CONGESTION WILL MAKE ITSELF SO EVIDENT IN HANDLING OF				F-2
CONVOY JW 55 BAKER AS TO REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT FOLLOW-				F-20
ING CONVOY UNLESS 50% IMPROVEMENT OBTAINED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.				F-3
WITH PRESENT ICE BREAKER STRENGTH WHITE				F-30
SEA ESTIMATE SAFE HANDLING MAXIMUM 8 DRY CARGO SHIPS				F-31
MONTHLY THAT AREA. (30 MORE LETTERS RECEIVED GARBLED)				F-32
NOTE-RECEIVED SUBJECT TO CORRECTION, CONSEQUENTLY HAS				F-33
NOT BEEN SERVICED.				F-34
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FROM HARSHAW (ARKHANGELSK)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		CNO	2
DATE 6 DEC 43	FOR ACTION		3
TOR CODEROOM 061543			4
DECODED BY WINBORN	INFORMATION		5
PARAPHRASED BY THOMSON			6
ROUTED BY HILL			7
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RELIABLE INFO 2 ENEMY SUBS DEFINITELY
SUNK AND 2 MORE BELIEVED SUNK AT ENTRANCE
WHITE SEA BY SOVIET ESCORT WHILE ESCORTING
JW 54 A. 1 OF THEM DEFINITELY SUNK BY NEW
MINE SWEEPER NR 112 AND THE OTHER BY DESTROYER
GROZNIÉ.

Russian

COMINCH...ACT

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 26, 1943	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1943/1908			PRIORITY
DECODED BY NILES/NILES			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ACTION

ALUSNA LONDON 200731 AND 201914 AND ADMIRALTYS 232029B

TO BAD GIVE PRESENT SITUATION REGARDING NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOYS
AND PLANS FOR ON SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS EX-JW 54.

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ALUSNA LONDON		FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 20 APRIL 1943				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 200956		INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY NICHOLS / HATCH				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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(THIS IS HAL 28 TO DOUGLAS WSA FROM HARRIMAN FOR WESTERLUND FROM KERR)

REFERENCE VESSELS IN JW-50-3 NOW AWAITING RETURN CONVOY FROM NORTH RUSSIAN PORTS. FOLLOWING JOINT TELEGRAM FROM MWT AND HARRIMAN HAS BEEN SENT TO FRANKEL AND DALGLIESH.

" DECISION HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN ON HIGHEST LEVEL TO CANCEL CONVOYS JW-50-4, 50-5 AND 50-6. VESSELS READY FOR JW-50-4 ARE NOW BEING DISCHARGED IN UK.

IT MAY BE SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE ADMIRALTY CAN ARRANGE TO BRING BACK SHIPS NOW READY FOR RETURN FROM NORTH RUSSIA. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU TAKE STEPS IN CONSULTATION WITH SBNO TO MOVE SHIPS, IF NECESSARY, TO WHEREVER YOU CONSIDER THEY CAN BEST LIE IN SAFETY.

WE SHOULD LIKE YOU TO CONTINUE LOADING EXPORT CARGO

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No 1 ADMIRAL

No 2 FILE

No 3 F-1 OR CHARTROOM.

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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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WITH A VIEW TO VESSELS RETURNING WITH FULL CARGOS BUT THIS IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE COMPARED WITH SAFETY OF SHIPS.

ASSUMING HOMEWARD MOVEMENT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL (A) END JUNE OR (B) END AUGUST, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY YOUR ESTIMATE OF MERCHANT SHIP BUNKER POSITION BOTH FOR COAL AND OIL BURNERS, STATING WHETHER ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENABLE SHIPS TO UK. PRESUME SHIPS STORES POSITION SATISFACTORY."

F-37 (WSA)..... ACTION

FILE..... COMINCH ADDED.....

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No. 2 FILE

No. 3 F-I OR CHARTROOM

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DATE 21 APRIL 1943	INFORMATION		PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2336/20			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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TEXT

(TO DOUGLAS FROM HARRIMAN FOR WESTERLUND FROM KERR)

HAL 30

REFER MY HAL 28 REGARDING VESSELS NORTHERN RUSSIAN PORTS.
FOLLOWING REPLY RECEIVED FROM FRANKEL AND DALGLIESH
MURMANSK.

"IN CONJUNCTION WITH SBNO ARCHANGEL WE WILL MOVE ALL VESSELS
ROUND TO WHITE SEA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN ORDER TO LOAD FULL CARGOES CONSIDERABLE AND AWKWARD
RESTOWAGE MUST BE DONE ON SEVERAL VESSELS ON THEIR ARRIVAL
WHITE SEA. THIS WILL MEAN THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAIL
IN WEST BOUND CONVOY AT SHORT NOTICE AS AT PRESENT. NO
RESTOWAGE WILL BE ATTEMPTED HERE.

3. ALL CARGO AVAILABLE HERE WILL BE LOADED BUT VESSELS
WILL NOT BE HELD HERE MERELY TO LOAD

ACTION F42

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No 2 FILE

No 3 F-1 OR CHARTROOM

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4. TO REACH UK ESTIMATE OIL REQUIREMENTS FOR END JUNE SAILING FUEL 4500 TONS DIESEL 200 TONS. END AUGUST SAILING FUEL 7000 TONS DIESEL 400 TONS. WILL PURSUE POSITIONS OF LOCAL SUPPLIES AND SIGNAL LATER.
5. PROVIDED NO FURTHER SHIPS ARE SUNK FOOD POSITION SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT. KOLA SHIPS NOW HERE WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH 2 MONTHS SUPPLIES FROM SURVIVORS STORES MURMANSK. ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPLENISHING FROM UK SHOULD BE TAKEN.
6. REQUEST EARLY ADVISE IF INDEPENDENT WESTBOUND SAILINGS ARE CONTEMPLATED!

F37(DOUGLAS).....ACT

FILE.... ADD COMINCH......

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DATE 30 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1911/30	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY ECKHARDT/COFFMAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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(PERSONAL TO DOUGLAS WSA FROM HARRIMAN)

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION**HAL 15.**

- A. REFER MY HAL 6 AND SABLO 200. JW 55 WILL NOT SAIL.
- B. THE 2 VESSELS WHICH YOU HAVE RECENTLY NOMINATED SHOULD BE DISCHARGED UNLESS THEY CAN BE DIVERTED TO THE PERSIAN GULF. IF THEY HAVE ALREADY SAILED THEY SHOULD BE RECALLED IF POSSIBLE.
- C. IF YOU WANT FURTHER INFORMATION CONSULT HOPKINS.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRR
DATE <u>18 MARCH 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2032/18</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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CONVOY JW. 53 CONSISTING OF 25 SHIPS SAILED FROM LOCH EWE ON 15TH FEBRUARY AND A FURTHER 3 SHIPS SAILED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. 6 OF THE CONVOY HAD TO RETURN OWING TO WEATHER DAMAGE.

2. ESCORT AND COVER WERE SIMILAR TO JW 52 WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ESCORT CARRIER WITH THE CONVOY AND 7 MORE DESTROYERS

IN THE STRIKING FORCE. THE ESCORT CARRIER HAD TO RETURN TO UK FROM THE VICINITY OF ICELAND OWING TO WEATHER DAMAGE.

3. THE CONVOY WAS ATTACKED AT NOON ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY BY 14 JU 88 AND AGAIN AT 1220 ON THE 26TH BY A HIGH LEVEL

ATTACK BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT. NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED FROM THESE ATTACKS. U-BOATS SHADOWED THE CONVOY

FROM 25 DEGREES E BUT NO ATTACKS DEVELOPED.

4. THE CONVOY AND ESCORT ARRIVED SAFELY ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY.

5. THE RETURN CONVOY RA 53 SAILED KOLA INLET ON THE 1ST MARCH, CONSISTING OF 30 SHIPS WHICH INCLUDED 4 TANKERS.

CLOSE ESCORT AND COVER WERE AS FOR JW 53.

6. ON THE 5TH MARCH, IN VICINITY OF 72-30 N. 11-30 E. THE CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY U-BOATS, THE AMERICAN SHIPS

"EXECUTIVE" BEING SUNK, AND "RICHARD BLAND" DAMAGED, BUT ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE CONVOY LATER THE SAME DAY,

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VCNO

12 JU 88'S MADE A MEDIUM LEVEL BOMBING ATTACK-NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED.

7. ON THE 8TH MARCH, AMERICAN SHIP "J.T.L.M. CURRY" WAS ABANDONED SINKING OWING TO WEATHER DAMAGE. "J.H.B.

LATROBE" STEERING GEAR WAS DAMAGED AND SHE FINALLY HAD TO BE TOWED TO SEIDISFJORD.

8. ON THE 9TH MARCH IN THE VICINITY OF 66 45 N. 10 W. AMERICAN SHIP "PUERTO RICAN" WAS TORPEDOED AND SUNK,

9. ON THE 10TH MARCH, "RICHARD BLAND" WAS TORPEDOED AGAIN AND ON THE 11TH SHE BROKE IN TWO.

10. VERY HEAVY WEATHER WAS EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT THE AND THE CONVOY WAS WIDELY DISPERSED, BUT ON THE 14TH MARCH, 22 SHIPS ARRIVED AT LOCH GWE, 4 HAVING PROCEEDED TO ICELAND.

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FURTHER TO MYDIS 031616 SEE AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON 1728 MARCH 10 TO STATE DEPARTMENT. AVIATION MATERIAL AT MURMANSK HAS BEEN UNLOADED UNDER LOCAL AGREEMENT THAT IT MAY BE RELOADED AND RETURNED TO UNITED KINGDOM. LOADING OF VESSELS FOR JW 54 INCLUDING REMAINDER OF AVIATION MATERIAL HAS BEEN RESUMED. PROBABLE THAT AGREEMENT WILL ULTIMATELY BE REACHED AND GUESS IS THAT RUSSIANS WILL GET THE MATERIAL. JW55 WILL PROBABLY BE DESPATCHED. JW56 WILL PROBABLY NOT BE DESPATCHED. HARRIMAN MISSION THEREFORE ORDERING FORWARD FOR JW55 ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF SHIPS SO AS TO AVOID LONG LAYOVERS IN UNITED KINGDOM WAITING FOR SUMMER CONVOYS.

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TEXT HI COM.

PLEASE SEE AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON CABLES TO STATE DEPARTMENT 1426 OF 25 FEB. AND 1530 OF 2 MARCH. LATTER COVERS CASE FULLY EXCEPT THAT IT NATURALLY DOES NOT PORTRAY THE STRAIN AND TENSION AS CLEARLY AS DO THE CABLES FROM BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN RUSSIA ON WHICH IT IS MAINLY BASED.

REFERRING TO THE MAIL AND CUSTOMS INCIDENTS SBNO NORTH RUSSIA REPORTED ON 28 FEB. THAT RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES HAD METICULOUSLY SEARCHED PERSONS, LUGGAGE AND MAIL OF OUTGOING DRAFT AND FORBADE EXPORTATION OF ALL PERSONAL, BRITISH AND RUSSIAN MONIES. OFFICIAL MAIL CLEARING SATISFACTORILY BOTH DIRECTIONS BUT PERSONAL MAIL SUBJECT CLOSE CENSORSHIP LOCAL POST OFFICES AND POSSIBILITY DIVERSION INCOMING PERSONAL MAIL TO MOSCOW FOR EXAMINATION STILL

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EXISTS. SBNO NORTH RUSSIA APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES MAY ENDEAVOR FORCE UNLOADING OF RAF EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED IN SIX SHIPS OF JW-53. BRITISH HAVE DEFERRED UNLOADING THIS EQUIPMENT PENDING DECISION RE OPERATIONAL CONTROL. SBNO HAS STATED THAT HE WILL NOT PERMIT EQUIPMENT TO BE UNLOADED. MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT HAS SUSPENDED LOADING OF SHIPS FOR JW-54.

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No. 3 F-1 OR CHARTERED

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(PASS TO DOUGLAS (WSA))

REFER WMDIS 011616 REFERENCE JW53 FOLLOWING 7 SHIPS DES-
TINED WHITE SEA ARRIVED GORLO AT 10 HOURS MARCH 1ST.
RUSSIAN PETROVSKI, TBILISI, NORWEGIAN TANKER MARATHON,
PANAMANIAN TANKER BEACONHILL, AMERICAN BERING,
ISRAEL PUTNAM, CITY OF OMAHA. ALUSNA MURMANSK NOW RE-
PORTS CASUALTIES EN EL ORIENTE NAVAL RATINGS INSTEAD
OF MERCHANT SEAMEN AS FOLLOWS: ROY A. ROBINSON S1/C
USNR KILLED. SERIOUSLY INJURED JOHN R. MACONTELIE S1/C
USN AND EUGENE R. VULCASTLE S1/C USN AND JOHN GIBBONS
ORDINARY SEAMAN APPARENTLY MERCHANT SEAMAN. MURMANSK
SUFFERED ADDITIONAL HEAVY AIR RAID YESTERDAY CAUSING
DAMAGE TO PIER SHEDS AND RAIL FACILITIES. 2 RUSSIAN
SHIPS, MOSSOVET AND ANDRE MARTI, BOTH HEAVILY HIT.

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NO REPORT FROM RA 53 SINCE SAILING. WILL FORWARD
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

16 . ACT

COMINCH . F37 (FOR DOUGLAS) . 39 . 23 . BUPERS . BUMED
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TOR CODEROOM			ROUTINE DEFERRED
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PASS TO DOUGLAS WSA.

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REFER HYDIS 241057 MURMANSK SECTION JW 53 AND ESCORT
ARRIVED 0600/27 FEBRUARY. WHITE SEA SECTION PROCEEDING
AND NOW IN NARROWS. MURMANSK BOMBED AND BRITISH
Casualty Report 2/8/43
EMPIRE PORTIA HIT HARD PROBABLY TOTAL LOSS.

PANAMANIAN EL ORIENTE HIT AFTER DECK BY SMALL BOMB
KILLING 1 MERCHANT SEAMAN AND SERIOUSLY INJURING
2 OTHER MERCHANT SEAMAN. EL OREINTE NOT SERIOUSLY
DAMAGED AND EXPECTED TO PROCEED WITH RA 53 AT 1300/
TODAY TOTAL 30 SHIPS. WILL ADVISE SAILING LATER.

F37. (FOR DEL. TO DOUGLAS WSA).....ACT

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VCNO

JW 53 COMPRISING 25 SHIPS SAILED FROM LOCH EWE 15TH FEB.

AS FOLLOWS - EMPIRE SCOTT EMPIRE GALLIARD EMPIRE FORTUNE
EMPIRE BAEFFIN EMPIRE KINSMAN ATLANTIC LLANDAFF OCEAN
FREEDOM DOVER HILL BRITISH GOVERNOR(T) MOBILE CITY
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BERING MILES PETROVSKI TBILISI
PIETER DE HOOCH TOBRUK JOSEPH E JOHNSTON ISRAEL PUTNAM
THOMAS HARTLEY ARTICAS BEACON HILL(T) MARATHON(T)
AND CITY OF OMAHA.

2. JW 53B COMPRISING 3 SHIPS SAILED TO OVERTAKE 17TH FEB.

AS FOLLOWS - EXPLORER JOHN LAWRENCE AND JAMES BOWIE.

3. 6 SHIPS RETURNED OWING TO HEAVY WEATHER DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS
KOMILES EMPIRE DAFFIN JOSEPH E JOHNSTON JAMES BOWIE
JOHN LAWRENCE AND EXPLORER.

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RELEASED BY			WSA
DATE 21 FEB 43	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM Ø137			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WHISNANT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY ESTERLY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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REFER MY DESPATCH ^{date here} 171659 JW 53 ENCOUNTERING EXTREMELY HEAVY WEATHER WIND FORCE 12. SS JAMES BOWIE REPORTED SPLIT IN DECK PUMPING NECESSARY RUNNING BEFORE WIND AND UNABLE TO PROCEED WITH CONVOY. WIND HAS NOW SHIFTED TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED AND VESSEL BEING RETURNED TO LOCH EWE EXPECTED ARRIVE LATE MONDAY. RUSSIAN KAMILES DECK CARGO SHIFTED AND PUT IN TO FAROES ARRIVING 17TH.

DECK CARGO RESTOWED AND VESSEL AWAITING ORDERS SINCE NOON 19TH FEBRUARY. THIS SHIP WILL ALSO RETURN TO LOCH EWE. OTHER SHIPS JW 53 PROCEEDING AND NO ADVERSE REPORTS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DATE 18 FEBRUARY 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0053/18	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROBERTS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GERMAN			DEFERRED

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REFER MYLIS 171659.

JW-53 WILL HAVE CLOSE ESCORT 1 CRUISER, 14 DESTROYERS,
7 CORVETTES AND 1 ACV.

SUBSTANTIAL COVERING FORCE CONSISTING 2 BATTLESHIPS,
CRUISER FORCE, PLANE CARRIER AND DESTROYERS TO 15
EAST.

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UNLOADING OF JW 51 B AND LOADING OF JW 51 A EXTREMELY SLOW AND UNSATISFACTORY, PLUS RELUCTANCE SOVIETS TO REPAIR RICHARD BLAND AND RICHARD BASSETT PROPELLORS WHICH WERE DAMAGED IN ICE AT EKONOMIA. THESE REPAIRS ESSENTIAL BEFORE SHIPS CAN PROCEED. AUTHORITIES HERE NOT FULFILLING THEIR PROMISES. IF THIS CONDITION CONTINUES, AND IT IS LIKELY TO DO SO, RECOMMEND NO MORE SHIPS BE SENT INTO WHITE SEA THIS WINTER UNLESS CARGO LOADING AND REPAIRS GREATLY IMPROVE. ICE CONDITIONS NOW BAD. SOVIETS STILL INTERESTED IN LOADED SHIPS, NOT EMPTY ONES.

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TOR CODEROOM 2323/2315	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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 MYDIS 121512 HMS SHEFFIELD WITH HMS JAMAICA IN COMPANY
 ENGAGED ENEMY SHIP PRESUMED TO BE THE ^{XL} LUTZOW 1135 DECEMBER
 31ST AND ESTIMATED SCORING HITS WITH FIVE SALVOES. CONTACT
 THEN LOST, BUT AT 1227 SHEFFIELD REPORTED BEING ENGAGED
 WITH ENEMY DESTROYER AND LATER WITH A CRUISER THOUGHT TO
 BE THE NURNBERG. RESULTS OF ATTACK ON CONVOY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 HMS ACHATES SUNK. HM MINESWEEPER BRAMBLE UNACCOUNTED FOR
 PRESUMED SUNK PROBABLY BY ENEMY CRUISER. HMS ONSLOW
 DAMAGED. HMS SHEFFIELD AND JAMAICA SUFFERED MINOR SPLINTER
 DAMAGE. ENEMY DESTROYER SUNK AND PROBABLY ENEMY CRUISER
 OR ARMoured SHIP DAMAGED.

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TOR CODEROOM 1731/1704	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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TEXT

SBNO NORTH RUSSIA SIGNALS FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REPORT ON COMPOSITION AND TACTICS OF ENEMY FORCES WHICH ATTACKED JW 51B.

3 GERMAN DESTROYERS SIGHTED CONVOY AND RETIRED AFTER MAKING CONTACT. ENEMY SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED IN AT LEAST 2 GROUPS. FIRST GROUP COMPOSED OF 8-INCH CRUISER AND 2 DESTROYERS. SECOND GROUP WAS 8-INCH CRUISER OR HEAVIER BUT NOT KNOWN IF ACCOMPANIED BY DESTROYER. A THIRD GROUP OF ONE 5.9-INCH CRUISER MAY HAVE BEEN NEARBY SINCE DESTROYER OF CLOSE ESCORT ENGAGED ONE 8-INCH CRUISER WHILE OVER HORIZON TWO OTHER ENGAGEMENTS WERE IN PROGRESS.

INTENTION APPARENTLY WAS FOR 1 GROUP TO DRAW OFF AND DESTROY ESCORTING DESTROYERS WHILE OTHER GROUP OR GROUPS ATTACKED CONVOY. NO PART WAS TAKEN BY GERMAN

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DESTROYERS IN ANY OF ACTIONS WITH BRITISH DESTROYERS
AND ON ONE ACTION FOLLOWED ENGAGED CRUISER IN SINGLE
LINE.

UNDOUBTEDLY ENEMY HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF FORCE
ROCNR COMPOSED OF 2 BRITISH CRUISERS AND 2 DESTROYERS.
AT 0930/31 HMS ACHATES WAS ON CONVOYS PORT QUARTER WHEN
GUN FLASHES SIGHTED ASTERN. PROCEEDED TO SCREEN CONVOY
WITH SMOKE BUT CAME UNDER FIRE AND AT THIRD STRADDLE WAS
DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS. HMS ONSLOW THEN LED OTHER DESTROYERS
DOWN PORT SIDE OF CONVOY AND ENGAGED CRUISER. FIRING AT
ACHATES CEASED AND SHE REMAINED IN SCREENING POSITION BUT
BY 1100 THE MANY SPLINTER HOLES HAD CAUSED FORWARD LOWER
COMPARTMENTS TO FLOOD AND SHIP WAS DOWN AT HEAD BY 8 FEET.
AT 1115 SHE WAS HIT ON BRIDGE AND ON PORT SIDE AND WAS
BADLY DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS ABREAST NUMBER 2 ⁰BILER ROOM

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PORT SIDE. RESUMED JOURNEY LAYING NEAR CONVOY BUT AT 1315
 WAS SETTLING AND HAD 50 DEGREE LIST TO PORT. THEN 3
 MILES ASTERN CONVOY. SURVIVORS WERE PICKED UP AND AT
 1330 ACHATES TURNED OVER AND SANK.

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FROM	ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH C & R <i>WAL</i>	PRIORITY
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DATE	7 JANUARY 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2350/6	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	SMITH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	ALLENSWORTH			DEFERRED

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FUSSELMAN.

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TEXT (FROM HARRIMAN TO DOUGLAS INFO HOPKINS)

SECOND HALF OF JW 52 ABANDONED.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO SEND FIRST SECTION JW 52 WITH 20 SHIPS INCLUDING 2 TANKERS THIRD WEEK IN JANUARY.

FEBRUARY 11 JW 53 OF 30 SHIPS SCHEDULED, MINIMUM OF 7 SHIPS REQUIRED FROM U.S. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY.

20 SHIPS REQUIRED FROM U.S. FOR JW 54 ALSO OF 30 SHIPS, EARLIEST DATE TENTH MARCH. DATE OF APRIL CONVOY DEPENDENT ON FACTORS NOT YET DETERMINABLE BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE OF 30 SHIPS AGAIN, AT LEAST 20 FROM U.S.

BRITISH HERE CALCULATE THAT THEY WILL HAVE FULFILLED THEIR PROTOCOL COMMITMENTS IF THEY CAN LOAD BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE BETWEEN 8 AND 10 SHIPS A MONTH.

IN SHIPS PROCEEDING FEBRUARY CONVOY, BRITISH WILL COMPLETE LOADING OF ALL AVAILABLE U.S. CARGOES PREVIOUSLY UNLOADED

IN UNITED KINGDOM. THEREFORE IN THE MARCH CONVOY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ABOUT 20,000 TONS OF WEIGHT AND FILLER CARGO FROM U.S. ALSO A SIMILAR TONNAGE IN APRIL.

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No. 2 FILE

No. 3 F-I OR CHARTROOM.

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TEXT

WILL 20 U.S. SHIPS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MARCH AND APRIL
CONVOYS EACH? PLEASE ADVISE. WILL YOU UNDERTAKE TO DISPATCH
TO U.K. FOR TRANSSHIPMENT THE 20,000 TONS A MONTH? PLEASE
ADVISE. IF SO MORE EXACT DETAILS OF TONNAGE AND CHARACTER
OF THIS CARGO WILL BE FURNISHED BY ME.

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F37 (DOUGLAS).....ACTION

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No. 2 FILE

No. 3 F-1 OR CHARTROOM.

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TOR CODEROM 1903	INFORMATION	OPNAV COMINCH C AND R	PRIORITY
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REFERENCE MY DISPATCH 291653 TO OPNAV. SCREENING FORCE OF JW51B IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY UNITS TODAY. ONE ENEMY CRUISER HIT, ONE ENEMY DESTROYER HIT AND LEFT IN SINKING CONDITION. ONE BRITISH DESTROYER HIT AND RETIRED UNDER SMOKE SCREEN TO APPROXIMATE CONVOY POSITION. DISPATCH TO ADMIRALTY REPORTED 13 GERMAN TORPEDO PLANES CROSSING NORWEGIAN COAST THIS AFTERNOON. 6 RUSSIAN TORPEDO PLANES ORDERED TO SCENE BUT LATER CANCELLED AND WILL NOW PROCEED DAWN TOMORROW. CONVOY NOON POSITION TODAY APPROXIMATELY 73-30 NORTH 30-00 EAST. RA 51 SAILED 13 HOURS DECEMBER 30 AND 8 HOURS POSITION TODAY 71-30 NORTH 36-10 EAST. NO REPORT OF BEING SIGHTED

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AD YET. 6 RUSSIAN WESTBOUND INDEPENDENTS ARRIVED
AKUREYRI. NO REPORT OF ATTACK OR SIGHTING ON 4
ADDITIONAL RUSSIAN INDEPENDENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
TO YOU AND 2 ADDITIONAL RUSSIAN INDEPENDENTS
HAVE SAILED FOR AKUREYRI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

CAPTAIN McCREA:

A North Russian convoy, JW 51 A, (this apparently is a new designation for PQ), sailed from Loch Ewe on the 15th of December. It was composed of 16 ships, 10 of which were to go to Kola Inlet (Murmansk), and 6 to Archangel.

All of these ships have now arrived at their destinations undamaged, and so far as we know at present, unattacked.

A second section of the above convoy, JW 51 B, was scheduled to sail from Loch Ewe on the 22nd with 15 additional ships. This convoy is at present approaching Bear Island, and so far as we know, has not been attacked.

At about the same time that JW 51 A sailed (15 December), 6 ships were sailed independently by the Russians from Kola Inlet westbound. Nothing has been heard from these ships, but that does not necessarily mean that they have come to grief.

Convoy RA 51 (a new designation for QP) is scheduled to sail from Kola Inlet tomorrow, 29 December, and it includes all ships available in the North Russian area.

Very respectfully,

W. C. Mott

W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 17 DEC 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1800	INFORMATION	COMINCH CBR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY HUTCHINSON/JEPHAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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REFER MYDIS 161611 JWS1A ESCORTED BY SIX DESTROYERS 2
CORVETTES AND 2 TRAWLERS. WILL HAVE COVERING FORCE WHILE
EAST OF 15 DEGREES EAST. COMPLETE SUBMARINE PATROL ESTABLISHED
JWS1B WILL HAVE SAME ESCORT.

COMINCH.....ACT.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 16 DECEMBER 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2026/16	INFORMATION	COMINCH CAR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY CRISWELL			ROUTINE RRRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY DEMEYER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOY JW 51 A SAILED FROM LOCHEWE 1600 15TH DECEMBER FOLLOWING 16 SHIPS: BRITISH BRIARWOOD, EMPIRE METEOR, TANKERS SAN CIPRIANO, OLIGARCH, UNITED STATES RICHARD BLAND, BEAURIGARD, EL ALMIRANTE, GREYLOCK, GATEWAY CITY, RICHARD BASSET, J L M CURRY, DYNASTIC, OREMAR, WEST GOTOSKA, WINYCUSH, PANAMANIAN EL OCEANO. CONVOY SCHEDULED SPLIT 10 SHIPS TO KOLA AND 6 SHIPS TO WHITE SEA ARRIVING 25 DECEMBER. 3 RUSSIAN ICE BREAKERS LENTIN, KAGANOPROCH AND KRABUILLI WILL BE ON DUTY WHITE SEA. RUSSIANS ARE SAILING INDEPENDENTLY ABOUT 6 SHIPS WESTBOUND FROM KOLA ROUTED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH JW 51 A.

RA 51 SCHEDULED SAIL FROM KOLA INLET 29 DECEMBER INCLUDING ALL SHIPS AVAILABLE. JWB1B DEFINITELY SCHEDULED TO SAIL FROM LOCHEWE 22 DECEMBER WITH 16 ADDITIONAL SHIPS.

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TOR CODEROOM #155	INFORMATION	NAVCOM OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROTH/KEARNEY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ACTION COMINCH. INFO OPNAV, PASS TO DOUGLAS (WSA)

REFER MYDIS ^{not here} #21652. JW 51 WILL SAIL IN 2 SECTIONS
 16 SHIPS EACH AS FOLLOWS: SECTION A 10 KNOTS LEAVES LOCH
 EWE DECEMBER 15 BRITISH EMPIRE CLARION, DAIDORCH, EMPIRE
 ARCHER, BRIARWOOD; TANKERS EMPIRE EMERALD AND OLIGARCH.
 AMERICAN RICHARD BLAND, BEAUREGARD, EL AMIRANTE, GREYLOCK
 GATEWAY CITY, ELYQCEANO, DYNASTIC, RICHARD BASSETT, J L M
 CURRY AND OREMAR.

SECTION B 9 KNOTS LEAVES LOCH EWE DECEMBER 2; 2 BRITISH
 DOVER HILL, EMPIRE METEOR, TANKERS SAN CIPRIANO AND PONT-
 FIELD, AMERICAN EXECUTIVE, WEST GOTOMSKA, JEFFERSON MYERS,
 VERMONT, YORKMAR, WINDRUSH, BALLOTT, CALOBRE, PUERTO RICAN,
 CHESTER VALLEY, RALPH WALDO EMERSON AND DELSUD. 5 BRITISH
 SHIPS NOW ICELAND WILL ENJOIN ENROUTE, SECTION A TO ARRIVE
KOLA DECEMBER 26 AND ESCORT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KOLA

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DECEMBER 29 AS RA 51A WITH 4 TANKERS AND ALL OTHER
MERCHANT SHIPS READY TO SAIL.

~~COMMON~~-----ACT

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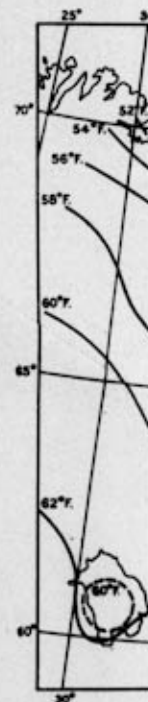
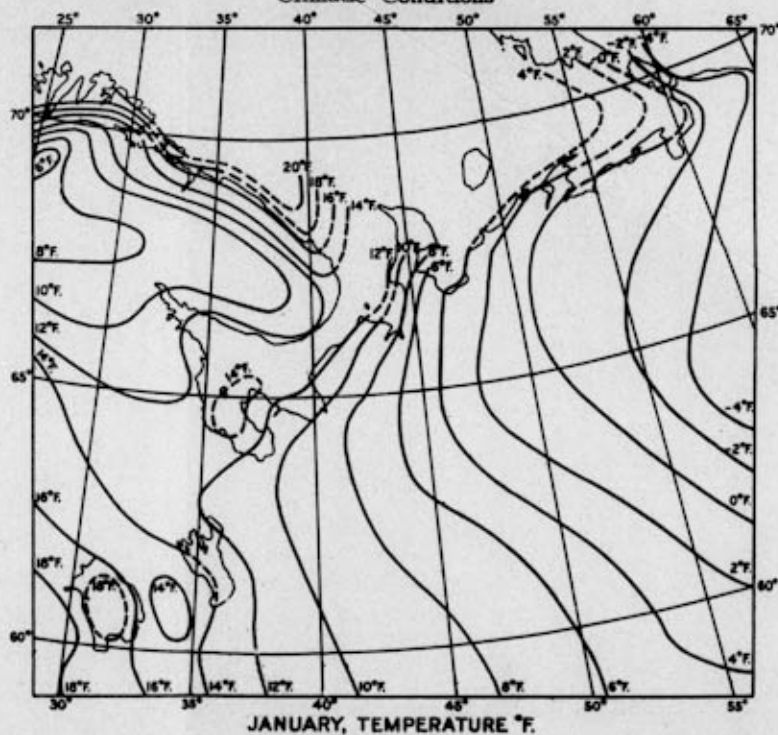
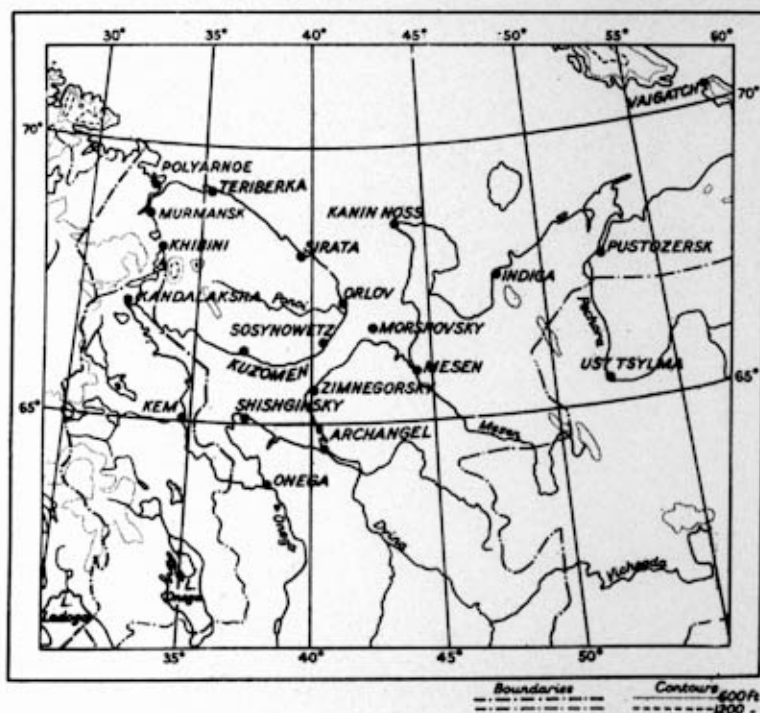
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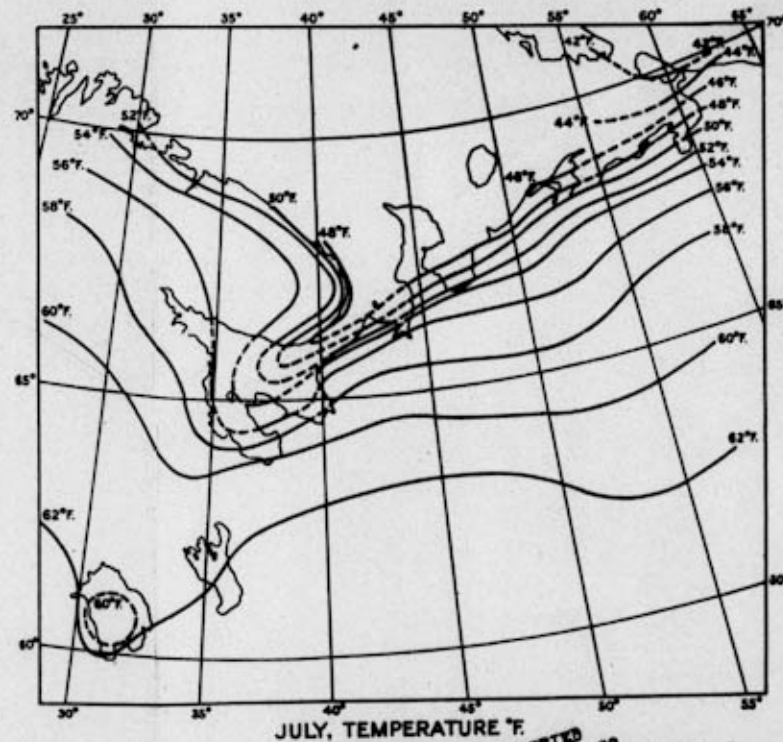
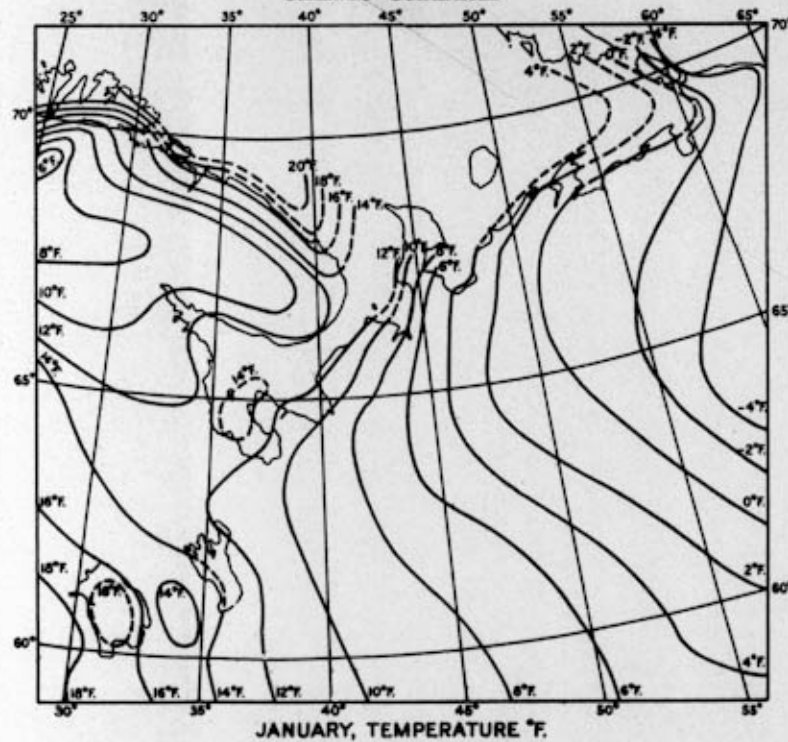
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Climatic Conditions



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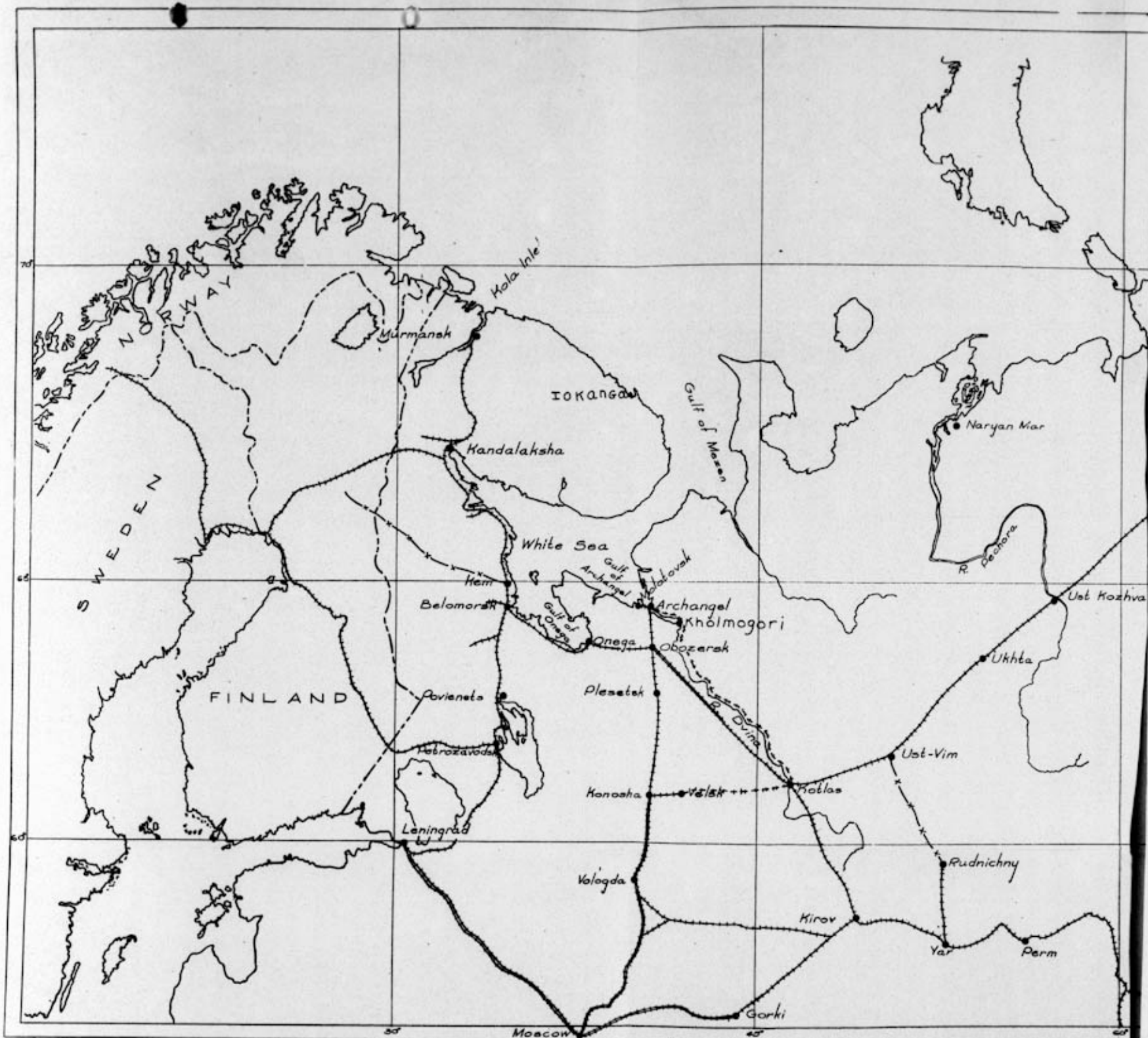
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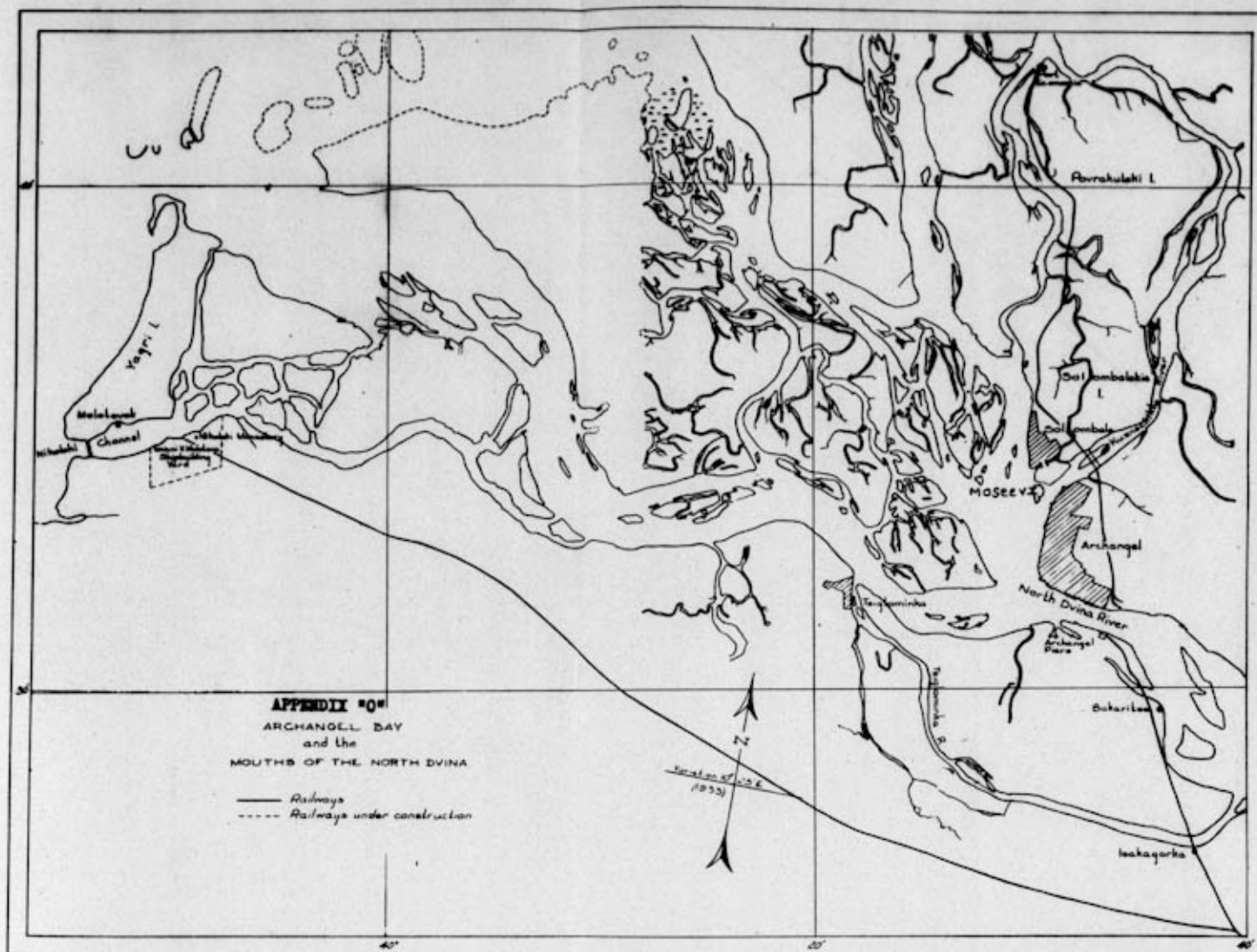


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Lt. Ommeroy gave following
on ships in N. Russ. ports
51 Ships

- 12 British - 2 damaged
(some to be turned over
to the Dutch)
- 8 U.S. (Panama)
- 8 Russian - 3 damaged -
4 mine sweepers
- 3 Miscellaneous

Most there since Feb. '43

Capt Frothingham wants to
see youse

No info on attacked by the
Backdoor route used
(R)

MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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VA 2		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		HMS SAVAGE	PRIORITY
DATE		SOM/S FLOTILLA 1	ROUTINE
		CAPT(S) 3 DFCSI	DEFERRED
		CIN CWA, RADHF, ACIC	
TOR CODEROOM	1746	COMINCH, CINCLANT	
DECODED BY	LANDIS		PPPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY	BENNETT	HOME FLEET OPERAT-	PRIORITY
		IONAL, COMNAVEU	ROUTINE
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(COMINCH CINCLANT FROM ADMIRALTY)

VA 2'S 122200 IS REPEATED HEREWITH.BEGIN:

ADDRESSED HMS SAVAGE SOM/S FLOTILLA 1 CAPT (S)

3 DFCSI CIN CWA, RADHF, ACIC (R) HOME FLEET OPER-

ATIONAL COMNAVEU FROM VA 2.

(ADMIRALTY PASS TO COMINCH AND CINCLANT. 11 SO

M/S 1 PASS TO HMS WESTCOTT AND N.S.EGLANTINE ON

ARRIVAL AT SEIDIS FJORD.)

INTEND FOLLOWING AS OPERATION ~~FR~~ OBJECT TO

PASS RUSSIAN ML'S AND MINESWEEPERS, BRITISH ESCORT

REQUIRED FOR ~~RA 54 A~~, AND RELIEF MINESWEEPERS TO

NORTH RUSSIA. ALL TIMES ZONE MINUS 1.

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2. FORCES INVOLVED. FORCES 3. HMS HARRIER^{AM}
 (S.O.M/S FLOTILLA 1). HMS SEAGULL^{AM} HMS WESTCOTT^{DE}
 NS EGLANTINE 5 RUSSIAN M/S SO IN AM 141 AND 6
 RUSSIAN ML ALL SAILING FROM SEIDIS FJORD. FORCE
 4 HMS MILNE^{DD} HMS MUSKETEER^{DD} HMS MAHRATTA^{DD} HMS MATCH-
 LESS HMS SAVAGE^{DD} HMS SCORPION^{DD} HMS SAUMAREZ^{DD} HMS
 SCOURGE SAILING FROM SCAPA. FORCE 5 HMS LONDON^{CA}
 (CS 1) U.S. CRUISER AUGUSTA AS COVERING FORCE
 SAILING FROM AKUREYI. AKUREYI, Iceland
 3. D DAY WILL BE THE DAY ON WHICH FORCE 3
 LEAVES SEIDIS FJORD AND WILL BE 21ST OCTOBER UN-
 LESS OTHERWISE ORDERED.
 4. RA (D) H.F. IS REQUESTED TO SAIL HMS MILNE^{Key Hand (Quintana) Home Port}
 HMS HARRIER AND HMS SEAGULL TO ARRIVE SEIDIS FJORD

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P.M. ON DAY MINUS 1 FOR FORCE 3 CONFERENCE A.M.
ON D DAY AND REFUEL. AFTER CONFERENCE HMS MILNE
TO PROCEED TO SKAALEFIORD. *Iceland*

5. RA (D) H.F. IS FURTHER REQUESTED TO SAIL
HMS SAVAGE (S.O.) HMS SCOURGE HMS SAUMAREZ HMS SCOR-
PION HMS MUSKETEER HMS MAHRATTA HMS MATCHLESS TO
ARRIVE SKAALEFIORD 1200 DAY PLUS (1) AND COMPLETE
WITH FUEL.

6. FORCE 3 IS TO SAIL FROM SEIDIS FJORD AT
1500 ON D DAY ROUTED AS FOLLOWS: SPEED OF ADVANCE
11 KNOTS.

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 DD. 074-58 N 021-10 E
 EE. 074-58 N 027-55 E
 FF. 073-27 N 037-30 E
 GG. 071-26 N 041-22 E
 THENCE TO ARCHANGEL AS ROUTED BY SBNO NORTH
 RUSSIA.

7. FORCE 4 IS TO SAIL FROM SKAALEFIORD AT
 0001 DAY PLUS 2 ROUTE:

HH. 071-02 N 000-30 W

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KK. 073-47 N 014-15 E

LL. 074-10 N 024-22 E

MM. 074-10 N 031-30 E

NN. 072-50 N 037-20 E

OO. 071-15 N 037-45 E

THENCE KOLA INLET AS ROUTED BY SBNO NORTH
 RUSSIA. S.O.A. 17 KNOTS TO LONGITUDE 014-20 E
 THENCE 20 KNOTS.

.8. CSI IS REQUESTED TO SAIL FROM AKUREYI
 WITH FORCE 5 AT 0900 ON DAY PLUS 2 TO COVER THE
 OPERATION. CRUISERS ARE TO PROCEED ^{DIRECT} TO POSITION

PP. 074-13 N 009-01 E

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TO ARRIVE 0800 DAY PLUS 4. SUBJECT TO OTHER ENEMY INFORMATION THEY ARE TO REMAIN IN THIS VICINITY UNTIL 1800 ON THAT DAY THEN RETURN HVALFIORD.

9. COMMUNICATIONS. NORMAL HF W/T ORGANIZATION IS TO BE USED. IN ADDITION A WIRELESS GUARD IN EACH FORCE IS TO BE KEPT ON ICELAND PORT WAVE (1570 KCS) WHEN WITHIN 300 MILES OF ICELAND AND ON NORTH RUSSIAN PORT WAVE 4172 KCS WHEN EAST OF 015-00 E. A GUARD IN EACH FORCE IS ALSO TO BE KEPT ON GA ROUTINE WHEN HD RECEPTION IS UNRELIABLE EAST OF 025-00 E. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO HWCO 13 PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 (S 2/43 PAGE 86) AND NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOY INSTRUCTIONS PART 12 PARAGRAPHS 142, 148, 150, 154, 155,

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TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED
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ON OUTGOING SHIPMENTS PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEST

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RELEASED BY 19 MARCH 1943			ROUTINE
DATE 0019			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM MONTGOMERY		COMINCH	ROUTINE PRIORITY
DECODED BY GEARHART		CINCLANT	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY LT. HILL

172318

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AT 0200Z/16 USS GEMINI ARRIVED REYKJAVIK FROM SEYDISFJORDUR WITH 149 SURVIVORS BROUGHT TO ICELAND BY BRITISH ESCORTS TO RA-53. 64 FROM SS J. L. M. CURRY. 1 FROM SS PUERTO RICAN. 53 FROM SS EXECUTIVE. 31 FROM RICHARD S. BLAND. BLABO TORPEDOED AT 0927/5 AT 72-45 NORTH 11-40 EAST. CONTINUED ON COURSE. TORPEDOED TWICE AT 1543 AND 1838Z/10 AT 66-53 NORTH 14-17 WEST AND 66-48 NORTH 14-15 WEST. AFT HALF SUNK. BOW TOWED IN REACHING HERADSFL01 ICELAND ON 16TH. CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS THROWN OVERBOARD IN WEIGHTED BAG. 24 MISSING. EXECUTIVE TORPEDOED AT 1028Z/5 AT 72-45 NORTH 11-40 EAST. SUNK BY GUNFIRE OF ESCORT. CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS WENT DOWN WITH SHIP. 9 MISSING. CURRY CRACKED OPEN AT 1220Z/7 AND SANK AT APPROXIMATELY 0830Z/8. CAUSE NOT KNOWN. CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS BROUGHT TO REYKJAVIK.

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ALL CREW RESCUED. NAMES SURVIVORS AND MISSING FROM
EXECUTIVE AND BLAND FOLLOW.

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COMINCH.....ACTION

10/11....16....F-37....39....00R....23....BADO....20G....

20S2....20S3....FILE....200P....

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 18 MAR 1943	INFORMATION	COMINCH C-R	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0014			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WALLACE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILBERT			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

(PASS TO DOUGLAS, WSA)

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F-37
IG-00
VCNO

REFER MYDIS 101704 FOLLOWING SHIPS RA-53 ARRIVED UNITED
KINGDOM MARCH 14TH:

BRITISH TEMPLE ARCH

DAN-Y-BRYN

OCEAN FAITH

EMPIRE SNOW

EMPIRE ARCHER

EMPIRE CLARION

EMPIRE TRISTRAM

OLIGARCH

SAN CIPRIANO

EMPIRE EMERALD

AMERICAN OREMAR

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

DEL SUD

NICHOLAS GILMAN

CORNELIUS HARNEST

JEFFERSON MYERS

CHESTER VALLEY

VERMONT

GULF WING

RICHARD BASSETT

WEST GOTOMSKA

PANAMANIAN EL ORIENTE

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ARRIVED ICELAND

RUSSIAN MOSSOVIET

AMERICAN YORKMARX

JOHN H.B. LATMOBE - LATTER DAMAGED STEERING

GEAR AND WILL BE TOWED TO UNITED KINGDOM.

RICHARD BLAND TORPEDOED 2ND TIME AND FINALLY BROKE IN TWO
AND SUNK.JW-54 CONSISTING OF 30 SHIPS NOW SCHEDULED SAIL FROM
UNITED KINGDOM 27TH MARCH.

F37....ACT (FOR DELIVERY DOUGLAS, WSA)

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TO: VCNO

DATE: 12 MARCH 1943

111659 NCR 260

* * * * *. RICHARD BLAND SERIAL 6 AGAIN TORPEDOED AT
1542Z MARCH 10 POSIT 66-53 NORTH 14-17 WEST REPORTED SINKING
SLOWLY 35 SURVIVORS IN ESCORT. * * * * *

RICHARD BLAND in Russian Convoy ^{RA} 53.
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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE 11 MARCH 43			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0515/11	INFORMATION	DOUGLAS W8A COMINCH C&R	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BENNETT			ROUTINE RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY HOMENADEL			DEFERRED

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HATCH **101704** **NCR 9809**
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REFER HYD18 ^{no there} 091706. RA53 PUERTO RICAN TORPEDOED BY
 SUBMARINE AND SUNK 21 HOURS MARCH 9TH IN APPROXIMATELY
 66-44 NORTH 10-41 WEST. AIRCRAFT SWEEPING AREA IN
 SEARCH OF SURVIVORS. JOHN M B LATROBE PROCEEDING
 AKUREYRI OR NEAREST PORT ACCOUNT DEFECTIVE STEERING
 GEAR.

COMINCH.....COG.

F-37 (AND FOR W8A).....16.....200.....39.....
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TO: VCNO

DATE: 7 MARCH 1943

081546 NCR 6204

DAILY SERIAL 6.

AMERICAN RICHARD BLAND IN CONVOY RA53 TORPEDOED POSIT 72-44 N

11-27 E 0830/5 MARCH BUT PROCEEDING. * * * * *

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FROM <u>COMNAVEU</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR ROUTINE
RELEASED BY <u>7 MAR 43</u>			DEFERRED
DATE <u>2316</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH C&R DOUGLAS WSA	PRIORITY RRRRRRR ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>STINER/SHCAF</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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HATCH

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NCR 6205

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don't have
REFER MYDIS #31712. ADMIRALTY ADVISES R A 53

ATTACKED BY SUBMARINES APPROXIMATE POSITION

72 DEGS NORTH 11 DEGS EAST AT 0930 MARCH 5TH.

AMERICAN EXECUTIVE SUNK AND RICHARD BLAND DAM-

AGED BUT PROCEEDING WITH CONVOY AT 7.5 KNOTS.

53 EXECUTIVE SURVIVORS RESCUED. AT 1400 CONVOY

UNDERWENT ATTACK BY 12 BOMBERS FROM MEDIUM LEVEL

NO HITS.

Richard Bland hit again + sunk.
later
COMINCH...ACT

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 FEB 1943	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0049			PRIORITY
DECODED BY MIKELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

HATCH**0126A/10****NCR 12647**

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CONVOY RA 52 CONSISTING OF 11 SHIPS SAILED FROM
As Russia (Murmansk)
 KOLA INLET ON 29TH JANUARY.

2. CLOSE ESCORT WAS PROVIDED BY 2 DESTROYERS,
4 CORVETTES, 4 TRAWLERS AND 2 MINESWEEPERS.
3. A STRIKING FORCE OF 7 FLEET DESTROYERS WAS IN
COMPANY AND CLOSE COVER CONSISTED OF 1 8-INCH AND 2
6-INCH CRUISERS.
4. DISTANT COVER WAS PROVIDED BY 1 BATTLESHIP,
1 6-INCH CRUISER AND 4 DESTROYERS.
5. THE CONVOY WAS SHADOWED BY U-BOATS AND ON
3RD FEBRUARY ONE AMERICAN SHIP, THE GREYLOCH WAS TOR-
PEDOED AND SUNK. (Reported 2/4/43 "Casualty Report")
6. THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS AND REMAINING
SHIPS OF CONVOY ARRIVED SAFELY AT LOCH EWE TODAY.

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 COMINCH 23

39 19 19C . FILE
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RELEASED BY 10 FEB 43			ROUTINE
DATE 0024			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM PARSONS	INFORMATION	COMINCH C & R WSA	DEFERRED
DECODED BY TUCKER			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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GERMAN

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NCR 5681

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F-37
IG-00
VCNO

REFER MY DISPATCH ^{Do not have} 011637 RA 52.(lost convey
from Russia)

ALL SHIPS EXCEPT GREYLOCK ARRIVED
LOCH EWE 0030/9 FEBRUARY. GREYLOCK
TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE AND APPARENTLY
SUNK NORTHEAST ICELAND. WESTBOUND
RUSSIAN BEREIA ARRIVED AKUREYRI SAFELY.

F37....ACTION(FOR DELIVERY TO DOUGLAS WSA)

COMINCH....20G....16....

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JCS MEMO 11773
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30th January, 1943.

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Dear Captain McCrea,

We have had the following particulars on the passage of Convoy JW 52 from the Admiralty. As you probably know, JW is the new name for convoys to Russia, and RA for convoys from Russia.

The convoy consisted of 13 ships and sailed from the United Kingdom on the 17th of January for Kola Inlet. At about noon on the 24th of January an attack was made on the convoy by 4 torpedo bombers in approximately 073° North, 026° East. The attack was unsuccessful and two of the bombers were shot down for certain.

There was some evidence that U-boats were in the vicinity of the convoy, but no attack developed. The convoy and escort arrived safely on the 27th of January.

Yours sincerely,

Captain, R.N.

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President,
Room 2078,
The White House.

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(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)Source Official Records Evaluation B-2
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INCREASE IN CARGO TONNAGE, 1943 - INCREASE IN MERSHIP TRANSFERS, 1943 - VESSELS
IN TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE - WAR CASUALTIES - MARINE CASUALTIES - JAP CONTROLS -
1944 PROSPECTS THIS ROUTE.

PACIFIC CARGO TONNAGE TREND:

1. U. S. aid to Soviets via Pacific route in 1943 increased greatly over aid furnished via this route in 1942. In 1943 cargo tonnage carried (exclusively in Russian bottoms) totalled 2,495,230 long tons as compared to 721,000 tons transported in 1942. 1943 tonnage exceeded 1942 by more than 300 percent, despite Japanese detentions and restrictions.

CARGO TONNAGE ARCTIC LISTED:

2. Excluded from above figures are supplies to Soviet Arctic. Thirty-two merchant ships in 1943 carried 117,000 long tons of cargo to Providence Bay and Soviet Arctic ports as compared to 67,000 tons carried in twenty-three ships in 1942.

44 TRANSFERS VIA LEND LEASE 1943:

3. To facilitate this vast flow, U. S. continued policy inaugurated in 1942 of transferring ships to Soviet registry for use in this trans-Pacific traffic. Thirty-four freighters (of which twenty-eight were Liberties) totaling 234,224 g.r.t. were transferred in 1943. Ten tankers totalling 64,408 g.r.t. were transferred in 1943. Transferred under the same procedure in 1942 were twenty freighters totalling 100,437 g.r.t. and two tankers aggregating 13,878 g.r.t.

33 TRANSITS FROM ATLANTIC 1943:

4. Soviets, to further implement trans-Pacific traffic, transferred thirty-two ships totalling 81,121 g.r.t. from the Atlantic to the Pacific via Panama Canal; one Soviet tanker of 6,114 g.r.t. also entered Pacific via same route.

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SOVIET VESSELS IN PACIFIC WATERS:

5. According to available information, year end situation study indicated 119 Soviet vessels in regular trans-Pacific trade, 67 vessels presumed in Soviet cabotage, or acting for fisheries, and twenty-one vessels presumed still in Arctic waters, having proceeded there in summer through Bering Straits (and did not return to U. S. ports).

CASUALTIES - WAR:

6. 17 February: KOLA 4894 (tons) and ILLEN (2369 g.r.t.) - torpedoed and sunk while bound from Vladivostok for U. S. after passing Tshushima Strait.

3 October: ODESSA (7176 g.r.t.) - damaged by mine explosion near Avacha Bay; being repaired in Petropavlovsk.

CASUALTIES - MARINE:

7. 1 April: UZBEKISTAN (3039 g.r.t.) - Total loss after grounding off Pachena Point, near Vancouver.

1 April: LALUT (2694 g.r.t.) - Total loss after grounding three miles south of Quellayute River.

3 July: WHERSON (7176 g.r.t.) - Grounded and broke in two at Kutnaya Bay off east coast of Kamchatka; both halves later towed to Petropavlovsk for scrap.

August: VOI'OV (7176 g.r.t.) - Grounded at Providence Bay; towed to Port Townsend; being repaired at estimated cost of \$500,000.

10 November: MARIUPOL, Tanker (7024 g.r.t.) - Grounded on coast of Shimushu, northernmost of Kurile group. No further word received as to status of vessel, whether cargo and ship salvaged.

14 December: VALERY CHEVALOV (7176 g.r.t.) - Broke in two in heavy weather at approximately N 53.35 W 170.40. Both halves towed to port and title reinvested at that port in USA.

Unconfirmed:

April: ELARA ZETKIN (5974 g.r.t.) - Reported wrecked at Plaston Bay; towed to Vladivostok and repaired. Soviets refused information as to cause of grounding, date, and extent of damage.

May: TIMLAT (2699 g.r.t.) - Grounded off east coast of Sakhalin Island; reported back in service. Soviets refused information as to cause of grounding, date, and extent of damage.

CONTROLS AND RETENTIONS:

8. Jap controls in 1943 operated with viewpoint of strictures on Soviet shipping that would slow down their ship movements and yet not become "causa belli". When, after seizure of Lend Lease vessels KAMPNETS PODOLSK and INGUL, Russian authorities protested on presumed basis that ships had been Soviet property prior to outbreak of hostilities between U. S. and Japan, - Tokyo Foreign Office released vessels. (Russians alleged no part of cargo appropriated by Japs.) Same procedure was followed in cases of NOGIN and IVINA. Soviets then rerouted ships of Lend Lease origin via Tartary. This route slowed down turn-arounds, operated to detriment of Soviet war effort, and thereby benefitted Germany. At year's end, Jap controls, according to Russian reports, remain quiescent, following the reopening of La Perouse to all Russian ships in October.

31 December 1945

1944 PROGNOSTICATION:

9. Expansion of this route in 1944 is limited by uncertainties of Russ-Jap relations and expected resumption of Atlantic routes to Russia.

10. With decline of German sea power and successful convoy coverage on Murmansk run, prospects are for increasing use of Murmansk during coming year.

11. Opening of Mediterranean and probable Russian recapture of Black Sea ports augurs well for use of ports with direct access to southern Russia.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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HARRIMAN SENDS DEANE SIGNS TO SECSTATE FOR KNOLLENBURG AND MCPHERSON. ASTALUSNA MURMANSK HAS FOR INFO BY OTHER MEANS.

IN THE ABSENCE OF GENERAL SPALDING WHO IS NOW IN LENINGRAD I CALLED ON MIKOYAN TODAY AS SUGGESTED IN YOUR STATE DEPT 1451/23 DEC 1943. THIS MESSAGE RECEIVED BY US 26 DECEMBER. MIKOYAN EXPRESSED THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE THAT THE UNLOADING IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO PERMIT ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF CONVOYS BEING CARRIED OUT. IN SUPPORT OF THIS HE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING TONNAGE FIGURES FOR THE PAST 7 DAYS OF DECEMBER:

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23. 4000
24. 5700

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25. 6700

26. 7700

27. 8600

28. 9500

THE AVERAGE DAILY UNLOADING PER VESSEL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD WAS 200 TO 250 TONS. HOWEVER IN THE LAST 2 DAYS THE AVERAGE WAS FROM 400 TO 500 TONS PER SHIP. KRUTIKOV IS NOW IN MURMANSK WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPEDITE UNLOADING. MIKOYAN STATES THAT RATE SHOWN FOR 28 DECEMBER WILL BE MAINTAINED AND PROBABLY INCREASED TO 10000 TONS. HE AGREED THAT SPALDING SHOULD GO TO THE NORTHERN PORTS IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM LENINGRAD WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONTINUE

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TO WORK ON ORIGINAL CONVOY SCHEDULE UNTIL SPALDING
HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SURVEY SITUATION AND CONSULT
WITH KRUTIKOV AND FRANKEL ON

*40 LETTERS GARBLED. HAS BEEN SERVICED.

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21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BROWN

Subj: North Russian Convoys.

1. Since the North Russian Convoys are considered a British operation, detailed information on them is not available in the Convoy and Routing Section of the Navy Department.
2. This much has been established:
 - JW 54 A consisting of 19 ships arrived at North Russian Ports on the 26th of November.
 - JW 54 B consisting of 17 ships arrived in North Russian Ports on the 4th of December.
 - JW 55 A consisting of 19 ships (9 of these U.S. Registry) left for Murmansk 12 December at 1700. They are due to arrive tomorrow.
 - JW 55 B has been designated as a convoy but no information as to sailing time has been received. It is assumed that this will leave within the next few days.
3. The Prime Minister, in his message to the President, (#429) quoted his message to Marshal Stalin in which he said that there would be four convoys sailing at intervals of approximately 20 days for North Russian Ports beginning in November. It would appear that these convoys are running in two sections; that both sections of the first convoy have arrived; that the first section of the second convoy ^{is about to arrive} has arrived; and that the second section of the second convoy is either under way or will be under way within a short time.
4. There are 59 ships exclusive of escorts in the North Russian Ports — if the 19 ships of JW 55 A are included. Nine are at Murmansk, three are at Archangel, ten at Molotovsk, and the remainder are scattered about in other North Russian Ports.

Respectfully,

Robert H. Myers

Robert H. Myers
Lieutenant (jg) USNR

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ACTION MOSCOW INFO CNO.

REQUEST INFO AS TO SOLUTION OFFERED BY RED NAVY MOSCOW CONNECTION SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTS. CONVOY OFFICER REFUS ALTER IN ANY WAY PRESENT SYSTEM OR GIVE AMPLE WARNING OF DEPARTURES. BEFORE ANY SHIP THIS COAST SAILS FOR USA HE STATES PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM HIS OFFICE HAVE THEREFORE REQUESTED BE INFORMED OF CONTEMPORATED DEPARTURES DAY HE GRANTS PERMISSION THUS GAINING 1 OR 2 DAYS. IF SAILING DELAYED FOR APPRECIABLE TIME DEPT CAN BE SO ADVISED. THIS HE STATES UNSATISFACTORY AND HAS THUS FAR FAILED OFFER OR CONSIDER ANY SOLUTION WHATSOEVER OR TO REASSURE WE MAY EXPECT ANYTHING BETTER THAN PAST PERFORMANCES.

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TODAY CONVOY OFFICER VERY ANGRILY INFORMED HE HAD BEEN REPRIMANDED BY MOSCOW FOR FAILING INFORM OF DEPARTURE 14 VESSELS WHICH ARRIVED AKUTAN UN-ANNOUNCED BETWEEN 20 SEPTEMBER AND 20 NOVEMBER FURTHER DEMANDED TO BE INFORMED OF THE NAMES OF SUBJECT VESSELS IN ORDER TAKE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND INTIMATED HIS OFFICE WAS AT FAULT AND RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS REPRIMAND. HE WAS INFORMED MY OFFICE HAD NO INFO ON UNANNOUNCED ARRIVALS OTHER THAN THAT WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN HIM FROM TIME TO TIME. SPECIFIC INSTANCES WERE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION. HE THEN ASKED THAT INFO BE OBTAINED FROM NAVY DEPT

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WASHINGTON IN ORDER STRAIGHTEN OUT WHOLE MATTER.
 IN VIEW ABOVE AND EXPECTED SUBSEQUENT REPERCUSSIONS
 REQUEST COMPLETE LIST BY DISPATCH NAMES OF 14
 SUBJECT SHIPS WITH DATES ARRIVAL AKUTAN AND DATES
 OF RECEIPT OF SAILING NOTIFICATION FROM MY OFFICE
 IF ANY. FOR SUBMISSION TO CONVOY OFFICER. HE IS
 NOW AND WILL MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOR THROW BLAME ON US
 WHITEWASHING HIS ORGANIZATION AS HE OPENLY STATES
 ASST NAVAL ATTACHE OFFICE HAS BEEN THORN IN HIS
 SIDE EVER SINCE ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR. HE IS NOT
 NOW PERSONALLY CONCERNED OVER SAFETY OF SHIPS AS
 SHOWN IN LAST FEW MOVEMENT REPORTS BUT IS PROTECT-
 ING HIS OWN POSITION AND CAREER WHICH CONSIDERED
 PRECARIOUS IN VIEW RECENT EVENTS. SINCE THIS POST

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ESTABLISHED IN MAY '42 IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY STRESSED BOTH WRITTEN AND ORALLY OF TIMELY ACCURATE DEPARTURE REPORTS SHIPS SAILING FROM SOVIET SIBERIAN PORTS FOR USA.

FOR DEPTS INFO CONVOY OFFICER MAINTAINS OFFICE HOURS ONLY FROM 10 TO 17 HOURS DAILY SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED WITH NO DUTY OFFICER AVAILABLE DURING FREE HOURS. USUALLY IT REQUIRES SEVERAL HOURS TO LOCATE HIM OR RESPONSIBLE CLERK WHO WILL ACCEPT INFO SUBMITTED BY MY OFFICE. SHIPS DEPARTING VLADIVOSTOK OFTEN DELAYED BECAUSE SKIPPERS UNABLE LOCATE CONVOY OFFICER FOR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. IN THE PAST DIPLOMATIC AGENT SOMETIMES FURNISHED CONGEN WITH TYPEWRITTEN LISTS OF SHIPS DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

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FROM <u>ALUSNA MOSCOW</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY
DATE <u>18 OCTOBER 1943</u>	FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>1701/18</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>STRICKLAND</u>	INFORMATION		
PARAPHRASED BY <u>RIEHL</u>			PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>WIDMAN</u>			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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A-1 REPORT MIKOYAN CONVERSATION NELSON STRONGLY URGED
 REOPENING NORTHERN CONVOY ROUTE. SAID CANNOT GET ENOUGH
 SUPPLIES IN THROUGH OTHER ROUTES.

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COMINCH....FX37....20G....CNO....NAVAIDE....20CP....
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FROM COMNAVEU (INDEF CALL)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
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DATE AUGUST 29 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1447	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY STRICKLAND/KOTEEN			ROUTINE
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(COMNAVEU SENDS COMINCH FOR ACTION)

URDIS 271620 HARRIMAN TO NOTMAN. ETA AUGUST 31
OF 2 DESTROYERS RECENTLY DISPATCHED NORTH RUSSIA
CARRYING ALL MAIL AND 35 TONS OF CIGARETTES, SWEETS,
GAMES, CLOTHING, AND COMFORTS IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE
MORALE AND CONDITION OF STRANDED SEAMEN. ADMIRALTY
IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
ACTIVELY STUDYING ENTIRE PROBLEM. ESCORT AND OTHER
REQUIRED SURFACE UNITS NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE MIDDLE
OCTOBER AT THE EARLIEST. INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT WOULD
NOT BE GOOD RISK BEFORE LATE NOVEMBER. ADMIRALTY
HOPEFUL THAT OCTOBER 1ST WILL PRODUCE A DEFINITE PLAN
WITH ALL ESSENTIALS FOR FULL RELIEF. 9 U S CONTROLLED

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TOR CODEROOM _____		DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____		
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ROUTED BY _____		ROUTINE
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SHIPS AND 12 BRITISH CONTROLLED SHIPS PLUS 2 BRITISH CRANE SHIPS ARE NOW IN NORTH RUSSIA. 1 BRITISH SHIP UNDERGOING REPAIRS. TOTAL 23 SHIPS.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>ALUSNA MOSCOW</u>	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		CNO	ROUTINE
DATE <u>24 AUGUST 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0731</u>			
DECODED BY <u>DIEBEL</u>	INFORMATION	HARRIMAN <i>WHL</i>	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>W. STRONG</u>			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY <u>ALLEN</u>			DEFERRED

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

COMNAVEU PASS TO HARRIMAN FOR INFO AND TO CNO FOR ACTION.

ADM. FISHER INFORMS ME ADMIRALTY HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION IF BRITISH AND AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS NORTH RUSSIA HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES TO LAST THEM TO NOVEMBER OR POSSIBLY JANUARY. I AM AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH NORTH RUSSIA CONVOYS BUT NATURALLY AM NOT COGNIZANT OF MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A DECISION TO KEEP OUR SHIPS HERE OVER SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD. AS BEARING UPON SUCH POSSIBLE DECISION I POINT OUT THE FOLLOWING:

I HAVE TALKED WITH THE CAPTAINS AND ARMED GUARD OFFICERS AND HAVE VISITED EACH AMERICAN SHIP NOW IN RUSSIA. FOOD SUPPLIES ARE EXTREMELY LOW AND SOVIETS ARE EITHER UNABLE OR INDISPOSED TO FURNISH NECESSITIES CLOTHES AND SHOES ARE WORN OUT AND MUST BE SUPPLIED.

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			DEFERRED
	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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ACTION

MORALE IS EXTREMELY LOW AND PERSONNEL DIFFICULTIES ARE INCREASING. THERE HAS BEEN ONE SUICIDE AND ONE CASE MENTAL DERANGEMENT IN AMERICAN SHIPS AND BRITISH HAVE HAD SOME EXTREMELY SERIOUS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. FURTHER DELAY WILL RESULT IN CERTAIN U. S. SHIPS BEING OUT OF U. S. FOR A YEAR OR MORE. TO DATE THEY HAVE RECEIVED MAIL ONLY ONCE. ADM. FISHER AND I ARE AGREED THAT SUPPLIES ARE ENTIRELY INADEQUATE AND THAT ANY FURTHER EXTENDED DELAY IN CLEARING SHIPS FROM RUSSIA WILL MOST PROBABLY RESULT IN VERY SERIOUS INCIDENTS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND SHIPS CREWS. ADM. STANDLEY CONCURS IN THE RECOMMENDATION THAT EXCEPT FOR COMPELLING REASONS MERCHANT SHIPS BE RETURNED HOME EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	ALUSNA MOSCOW	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	7 AUGUST 1943	CNO	RRRRRR
DATE	1448/7	FOR ACTION	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	STRONG	DEFERRED	
DECODED BY	MORRIS	COMNAVEU	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	SOBEL	ROUTINE	RRRR
ROUTED BY		DEFERRED	

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(COMNAVEU FOR INFO PASS ACTION CNO FROM MOSCOW)

MATERIAL CONDITION OUR MERSHIPS ARCHANGEL AREA
EXCELLENT. INSPECTION TOUR ADMIRAL DUNCAN NORTH USSR.

CARGO LOADINGS AND FUEL SITUATION SATISFACTORY.
RUSSIANS DOING THEIR BEST WITH LIMITED RESOURCES TO

AUGMENT SLENDER SMOKE OF FOOD. MINISTRY WAR TRANSPORT
MAKES OCCASIONAL SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS. MORALE ARMED

GUARDS AND THEIR APPEARANCE ASHORE EXCELLENT AND
GIVING NO TROUBLE WHATEVER. MORALE MERCHANT CREWS

IN GENERAL AS GOOD AS CAN BE EXPECTED UNDER CONDITIONS
PRACTICALLY NO RECREATION ANY SORTING NORMAL OUTSIDE

CONTACTS. INACTIVITY AND GRIM SURROUNDINGS. FEW IN-
DIVIDUAL CASES INSUBORDINATION OR MALINGERING BEING

WELL HANDLED BY FRANKEL OR HARSHAW IN VIEW OF FACT
HANDS OF SHIPS OFFICERS PRACTICALLY TIED BY UNION

REGULATIONS AND THREATS REPRISAL. ALL MASTERS AND
ARMED GUARD OFFICERS WHO DESIRED DO SO HAVE VISITED

MOSCOW FOR WEEK. BRITISH SO FAR UNABLE OBTAIN PER-
MISSION THEIR SHIPS PERSONNEL TO SAME. MASTER DUTCH

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
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TOR CODEROM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

SHIP UNDER BRIT CONTROL NOT ABLE OBTAIN
PERMISSION BY ENLISTING HARSHAW'S AID.BELIEVE POSITIVE ACTION IN SENDING MAIL
AND MAGAZINES TO CREWS WOULD BE GREATEST

SINGLE BENEFIT TO SAGGING MORALE.

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FROM	FRANKEL (MOURMANSK)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	CNO	ROUTINE
DATE	27 JULY 43			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1123			
DECODED BY	CONNORS	INFORMATION	LONDON MOSCOW	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	SHOAF			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	SOBEL			DEFERRED

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JYGE SERIAL 12.

BRITISH STEAMERS EMPIRE SCOTT EMPIRE FORTUNE
AND LLANPAFF ARRIVED MURMANSK FROM ARCHANGEL
2400 JULY WITH RUSSIAN CARGO. LAST NAMED
SHIP SUFFERED BOTH HIT AND FIRE NUMBER 4 HOLD
ENROUTE.

16....ACT

COMINCH...FX37...10/11...20G...NAVAIDE...BADO...
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
VLADIVOSTOK (ROULLARD)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
FROM		CNO	PRIORITY RRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY	13 JULY 1943		
DATE	2046/13		
TOR CODEROOM	CHAPMAN		
DECODED BY	MORRIS	ALUSNA MOSCOW ALUSNA FAYMCNVILLE	PRIORITY RRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	ROONEY		
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(ACTION CNO INFO ALUSNA MOSCOW AND FAYMONVILLE)

attached
 CNO 171942 APRIL. ACTUAL DISPOSAL TIME BETWEEN ARRIVAL FROM USA AND DEPARTURE FOR USA. AVERAGES

IN DAYS FOR 1ST 6 MONTHS THIS YEAR. FORMER US SHIPS 56. SOVIET VESSELS 33. TANKERS INCLUDING

BOTH OF THE ABOVE 38. IN COMPARING ABOVE ATTENTION INVITED THAT MANY SOVIET VESSELS ARE OF SMALL

TONNAGE ALSO THAT GREAT MAJORITY FREIGHTERS AND TANKERS SELDOM DISCHARGE COMPLETE CARGO IN 1 PORT.

AVERAGE CROSSING TIME IN PAST 3 MONTHS FOR ALL SHIPS ENROUTE (GROUP MISSING) QIND FROM USA TO FIRST

PORT OF CALL USSR 19 DAYS.

16....ACTION

COMINCH...FX37....39...NAVAIDE....FILE

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FROM	FRANKEL-MURMANSK	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY RRRRR
DATE	15 JUNE 1943		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	2012/15		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	HAMILTON	ALUSHAS	PRIORITY RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY	KNAPP	LONDON, MCSCOW	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	SHALL		DEFERRED

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WOUNDED MY 100900 MARCH DEPARTED 12TH ON
BRITISH DESTROYER. ALSO MENTAL CASE FROM
STEAMER THOMAS HARTLEY NAME AURELIO AUNIZ
DECK ENGINEER SEAMAN'S PASSPORT 4301. NO
PERSONNEL US VESSELS REMAIN MURMANSK
AREA.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	ALUSNA MOSCOW	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	9 JUNE 1943	CONRAVEU	ROUTINE
DATE	2344	FOR ACTION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	SCHETICK	FOR INFORMATION	ROUTINE
DECODED BY	GRAHAM	CNO	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SHALL		DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			

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CAPTAINS US FLAG SHIPS NOW NORTH RUSSIAN PORTS
 VISITING MOSCOW EXPRESS CONCERN MORALE SHIPS
 CREWS DUE LIVING CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED LACK
 OF RECREATION FOOD SITUATION MAIL OR OTHER
 COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES AND COMPLETE LACK INFOR-
 MATION AS TO FUTURE MOVEMENTS. AMBASSADOR AGREES
 WITH SUGGESTION ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY PROPERLY
 BE APPLIED THEM COULD BE HELPFUL ALSO THAT
 ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER MAIL AND ARRANGE THEY
 COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES SHOULD BE MADE.
 OUTGOING MAIL IS NOW FORWARDED CNO IN NAVY POUCH
 AFTER CENSORING BY ALUSNA MOSCOW.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	SHALL		DEFERRED

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>FURDANSK (FRANKEL)</u>	FOR ACTION	CNO	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRR INE
DATE <u>13 MAY 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM <u>1443</u>	INFORMATION	MOBCOM LONDON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>OBERHOLTER</u>			RRR INE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>LYNN</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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INCLUDING REPAIRS AND WHARVES CONVERTED TO HANDLING CARGO VESSELS THERE ARE NOW IN MAIN PORT 7 BERTHS 4 OF WHICH DEPTH 24 FEET 1 OF 25 AND 2 OF 26 PLUS 1 PARTIAL BERTH DEPTH 28 WHICH USED LIGHTER VESSELS. 2 ADDITIONAL BERTHS CLUTTERED BY SUNKEN SHIPS IN WHICH WORK PROGRESSING SLOWLY. IN FISH PORT 2 BERTHS DEPTH 22 FEET IN TIMBER PORT 2 OF 23 FEET WHICH CAN BE INCREASED TO 25 BY BREASTING OUT 6 FEET. 1 ADDITIONAL BERTH ABOUT 2 MILES NORTH MAIN PORT USED FOR DISCHARGE EXPLOSIVES AND LOADING PHOSPHATE ORE DEPTH 26 FEET. ALL BERTHS HAVE TRACKS ALONGSIDE. NO BARGES AVAILABLE OFF LOAD SHIPS AT ANCHOR AND 1 OF ABOVE BERTHS MUST BE USED FOR DISCHARGING CRANE SHIPS.

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DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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NO FLOATING CRANES REMAIN AFLOAT. 7 RAILWAY CRANES OF 7 TON AND 1 OF 45 TON CAPACITY BUT CANNOT PLUMB SHIPS HOLDS. 3 RECENTLY ACQUIRED TRACTOR CRANES CAPACITY ABOUT 6 TONS PLUS 8 ELECTRIC STEVEDORE TRUCKS CAPACITY 2 TONS WHOSE USE PROBLEMATICAL BECAUSE LACK PROPER FLOODING ON DOCKS. ESTIMATE PORT CAN OFF LOAD 5,000 TONS DAILY BUT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN INABILITY OF RAILROAD HANDLE THIS AMOUNT RESULTING IN CONGESTION DOCKS AND DECELERATION OF DISCHARGE. RAILWAY CLEARANCE CAPACITY NOT OVER 4,000 TONS DAILY UNDER FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES AND LATTER NOT EXPERIENCED THIS YEAR DUE SHORTAGE CARS BOMBING OF LINE AND LIKE CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES.

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UNITED STATES FLEET

HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Serial: 00895

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SECRETED 10/12/43

OB Letter, 6/12/43

MAY 7 1943

OFFICE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Naval Aide to the President.

Subject: Arctic Sea Route to Siberian Ports.

1. In response to request, our Naval Attache in Moscow advises that he has made several efforts to obtain the Soviet reaction to trial shipping operations during 1943 to Arctic Sea ports of Siberia via Bering Strait, but has been repeatedly put off, and now believes they have no intention of providing the information. He believes they might, however, authorize one of our attaches to make the passage on a Russian ship.

2. Information obtained from Captain Papanin, the Soviet Arctic Shipping Expert at Murmansk, indicates that Siberian ports are not prepared to receive war materials and advises that they be sent through to the White Sea. Passage time is 4-5 weeks from Bering Sea to White Sea, and 15-20 ships can be handled during this time. United States ships now in White Sea should not be sent back via Arctic because of their bronze screws. Steel screws are absolutely essential and Russian ships are so equipped. The Soviets expect to send 26 Soviet ships with United States lend-lease food and supplies to Arctic Siberian ports this season and probably one ice-breaker to the United States for repairs.

3. The United States Merchant Marine does not use or have available any steel propellers. This, with the Soviet adamant attitude seems to preclude our sending ships over the route this season. However, I have directed that arrangements be made, if possible, for an attache to make the passage with a Russian ship.

*watch officer
show Mr Hopkins
then file mcm*

E. J. King
Admiral, U. S. Navy.

See 2 P0435 Apr, mcm

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FROM	VLADIVOSTOCK (ROULLARD)	CNO	PRIORITY RRRRRR ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE	7 MAY 1943		
TOR CODER ROOM	1756	FAYMONVILLE ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY RRRRRR ROUTINE
DECODED BY	RISHIN/RARMENTER/BECKMAN		DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	EBLE/OVERHOLZER/PLOSKI		

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY

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PART 1 050315 NCR 306
 PART 2 050319 NCR 561
 PART 3 050410 NCR 565

ON MAY 4 WAS INVITED BY HARBOR DIRECTOR TO AT (DROPPED 14
 LETTERS) OWI REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR OLSON USA ON INSPECTION

TOUR OF PORT AREA IN COMPANY SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE
 REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTOR OF FAR EAST STEAMSHIP AGENCY

FOLLOWING INFO SECURED ANSWERING OPNAV 171942 OF APRIL.
 COMBINED PORTS OF VLAD AND NAHODKA CAN HANDLE TOTAL

OF 300000 TONS CARGO PER MONTH IN SUMMER REDUCED TO
 230000 TONS IN WINTER. AT PRESENT THESE TWO PORTS

HANDLING 200000 PERMONTH. PETRO PAVLOVSK AND AIKOL-
 AEVSK CAN HANDLE 50000 TONS PER MONTH EACH WHILE PORT

OF NAGAEVO CAN HANDLE 75000 TONS PERMONTH BETWEEN
 MIDDLE OF MAY TO MIDDLE OF DEC BUT THE SE LATTER PORTS

BADLY IN NEED OF CRANES. PORT OF VLAD CAN HANDLE
 MAXIMUM OF 35 SHIPS WITH DEPTHS OF WATER ALONG SIDE DOCKS

MAXIMUM 30 FEET MINIMUM 25.

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TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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AMPLE ROLLING STOCK THOUGH SCARCE IS MADE AVAILABLE AND PORT GETS FROM 150 TO 300 CARS PER DAY RAILWAY IS NO BOTTLENECK. NOW CLEARING 7000 TONS CARGO PER DAY BUT REDUCED SOME WHAT IN WINTER NOT OPERATING AT PRESENT MAXIMUM CAPABILITIES. RAIL SIDINGS AT ALL BERTHS. TOTAL 32 CRANES AVAILABLE OF CAPACITIES 3, 6, 10, AND 15 TONS 2 FLOATING CRANES CAPACITY 60 TONS AND 1 FLOAT CRANE CAPACITY 120 TONS. ALL FLOAT CRANES CAN PLUMP HOLDS PLUS 4 OF THE 15 TON RAILWAY CRANES. ADDITIONAL CRANES ENROUTE. WAREHOUSE STOWAGE AVAILABLE FOR COVERING 50000 TONS GENERAL CARGO WITH AMPLE OVERHEAD CONVEYORS AND HANDLING TRUCKS WITH ADDITIONAL FACILITIES ENROUTE. ^{OIL} BERTH CAN ACCOMMODATE 2 TANKERS IN COMMERCIAL PORT WITH MAX CAPACITY 60000 TONS PER MONTH. LABOR CONDITIONS GOOD WITH EXPERIENCED STEVEDORES FROM BLACK SEA PORTS AND FEW POLITICAL PRISONERS. FRESH WATER AVAILABLE AT ALL DOCKS REFUELING ACCOMPLISHED BY 2 250 TON SELF

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PROPELLED FUEL OIL BARGES. BUNKERING WHARF HAS MAX CAPACITY OF 5000 TONS COAL PER DAY. 45 CARGO BARGES OF VARIOUS CAPACITIES AVAILABLE. SOVIETS SAY THEY CAN EASILY HANDLE 100 MORE SHIPS ON PACIFIC RUN WITH AVERAGE TURN AROUND OF 16 DAYS HOWEVER SHIPS ARE QUITE OFTEN HELD UP IN VLAD FOR MANY DAYS AWAITING CLEARANCE BY JAPS AND OTHER MILITARY REASONS. MAJOR OLSON WHO HAS ALSO VISITED NORTHERN SOVIET PORTS CONFIRMS OPINION THAT ABOVE INFO FAIRLY ACCURATE AND THAT PORT OF VLAD IS UNDOUBTFULLY THE BEST EQUIPPED AND MOST EFFICIENTLY RUN SOVIET PORT NOW BEING USED FOR LENDLEASE MATERIAL (THE ~~BRIDGE~~) ~~BRIDGE~~ UP TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY. *it is not operating*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
VICE CNO		ALUSNA MOSCOW	
FROM	TRAIN		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	3 MAY 1943		DEFERRED
DATE	1458		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	STRONG		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOVIET FOR OFFICER
FROM YOUR STAFF TO MAKE PASSAGE ON RUSSIAN CONVOY.
attached
YOUR 28Ø435. FRANKEL MAY BE SENT AT ALUSNA'S
DISCRETION PROVIDED HE CAN BE SPARED FROM DUTIES
AS WAR SHIPPING REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTHERN PORTS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ROULLARD, VLADIVOSTOK		OPNAV MOSCOW	PRIORITY RRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
FROM	FOR ACTION		
RELEASED 9 MAY 1943			
DATE	INFORMATION		
TOR CODEROOM SMITH/STEWART/ROBERT			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ON THE FIRST OF MAY IN GOLDEN HORN HARBOR, BY
ACTUAL COUNT 26 MERSHIPS PRESENT, ALL COMFORTABLY
BERTHED AT DOCKS, ALL OF TONNAGE OVER 3,000, AMONG
THEM WERE 5 LIBERTY TYPES AND 3 TANKERS. CELEBRATION
WAS MARKED BY 2 DAY HOLIDAY WITH NONE OF SHIPS
WORKING CARGO AND ONLY LABOR IN PORT AREA PERFORMED
BY USUAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. ALTHOUGH
NO DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED SMALL MILITARY PARADE
TOOK PLACE. USUAL ARMED MILITARY MILITIA AND NAVAL
PATROLS CONSISTING OF ONE SQUAD IN COMMAND OF JUNIOR
OR PETTY OFFICER WERE DOUBLED. HUGE LIBERTY PARTIES
SENT ASHORE FROM WARSHIPS PRESENT AND NAVAL ESTABLISH-
MENTS BUT FEW SOLDIERS IN EVIDENCE AND NO PLANES IN AIR.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM HARSHAW (ARCHANGELSK)	FOR ACTION	CNO	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 2 MAY 43	INFORMATION	WESTERLUND HARRIS FAYMONVILLE	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1409			PRIORITY
DECODED BY MULDONIAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY KOHOUTEK			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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MOVE SERIAL 31 MOLOTOVSK ARRIVALS APR 28 AM
SHIPS BERINC, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, THOS. HARTLEY,
CITY OMAHA. OTHERS NOW MOLOTOVSK TANKERS
NORWEIGIAN MARATHON, PANAMIAL BEACON HILL,
SOVIETS MARINARASKOVA, DIKSOV, TBILISI, BETROVSKI,
TANKERS AND SOVIETS MOVING OTHER DVINA PORTS WHENOE
CLEAR SHORTLY. ISRAEL PUTNAM, UNIGAS AND MOBIL
CITY TO BERTHAEBAK HARITSA ON ARRIVAL HERE.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>28 APR 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2316</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>MACDONALD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PLOSKI</u>			DEFERRED

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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS PUT BY FRANKEL CAPT APANIN
GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

1. THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE WILL BE OPEN FOR MERCHANT SHIPPING ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JULY AND IF ANY UNITED STATES VESSELS MAKE THIS PASSAGE THEY SHOULD BE IN PROVIDENCIA BY THE 25TH OF JULY.
2. THERE IS NO PURPOSE IN SENDING ANY AMER SHIPS WITH WAR MATERIALS TO ARTIC SIBERIAN PORTS BUT ADVISABLE TO SEND THEM THROUGH TO WHITE SEA.
3. ESTIMATED TIME PASSAGE BETWEEN BERIN STRAITS AND WHITE SEA 4 WEEKS WITH MAXIMUM OF 5 WEEKS AND NUMBER OF SHIPS CAPABLE BEING HANDLED BETWEEN 15 AND 20.

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4. INADVISABLE SEND AMER SHIPS NOW MURMANSK ARCHANGEL AREA THAT ROUTE BECAUSE OF BRONZE SCREWS AND NOR REPAIR FACILITIES ALONG ROUTE.
5. STEEL SCREWS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ANY VESSELS MAKING THIS PASSAGE AND 3 SOVIET DESTROYERS WHICH DID LAST YEAR WERE SO EQUIPPED FOR THE PASSAGE.
6. SOVIETS EXPECT 26 SOVIET SHIPS TO LOAD IN UNITED STATES WITH FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO BE UNLOADED AT POINTS ALONG COAST OF YAKUTSK REPUBLIC.
7. THERE IS A PROBABILITY SENDING AT LEAST 1 ICEBREAKER TO AMERICA FOR REPAIRS.
- END OF STATEMENTS BY APANIN.
- IN CONNECTION POINTS 2, 6, AND 7 RECOMMEND FRANKEL MAKE THIS PASSAGE IF SOVIETS WILL AGREE.

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A. BY PROCEEDING WEST COAST UNITED STATES VIA SIBERIAN
ALASKAN AIR ROUTE AND JOIN EITHER AMERICAN CONVOY OR
RUSSIAN VESSEL MAKING PASSAGE.

B. BY MAKING WEST TO EAST ON ICEBREAKER NOW PRESENT
ARCHANGEL AREA. APPARENTLY SOVIETS HAVE NO INTENTION
GIVING INFORMATION REQUESTED REGARDING NORTHERN SEA
ROUTE BUT BELIEVE THEY MAY AUTHORIZE FRANKEL TO MAKE
TRIP.

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RELEASED BY TRAIN			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	ALUSNA, MOSCOW	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY MANSON			DEFERRED

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BECAUSE OF DESIRE TO REPLACE NORTH RUSSIAN ROUTE
WITH VLADIVOSTOK, WSA REQUESTS FOLLOWING:

LOG SHOWING DISPOSAL TIME BETWEEN ARRIVING FROM
U.S. AND DEPARTURE FOR U.S. OF ALL VESSELS IN
SOVIET-U.S. TRADE PARTICULARLY FORMER U.S. SHIPS.
PORTS OF CALL WESTBOUND WITH DATES ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE. REASONS LONG DELAY ENROUTE TO RUSSIA, IN
VLADIVOSTOK AND ELSEWHERE. TONNAGE DISCHARGED BY
EACH VESSEL IN EACH SOVIET PORT. MONTHLY TONNAGE OF
U.S. CARGO CLEARED BY RAILWAY AND TOTAL WESTBOUND
RAILWAY CAPACITY. EVIDENCE OF PORT AND RAILWAY
CONGESTION. OUTLINED LABOR CONDITIONS. DETAIL
INFORMATION CRANES, WAREHOUSES, WHARVES, DEPTH
ALONGSIDE, ESTIMATE TOTAL PORT CAPACITY,
RAILWAY SIDINGS, ROLLING STOCKS AVAILABLE. REPORT WHICH
OF ABOVE ITEMS NOT OBTAINABLE. ORIG: 16...39..

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DATE APRIL 16 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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COMMANDER IN CHIEF DESIRES REPLY BY DISPATCH WHETHER
 SOVIETS AGREEABLE UNDERTAKING TRIAL SHIPPING OPERATIONS
 DURING 1943 TO ARCTIC SEA PORTS OF SIBERIA VIA BERING
 STRAIT.

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TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
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CONVOYS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR REASONS FULLY COMMUNICATED TO THE HIGHEST
RUSSIAN AUTHORITY BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT X UR 061234

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FROM ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 16 APRIL 43			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1349	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY KOHOUTEK			DEFERRED

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(HALAIR 5 TO STETTINIUS OLLA AND DOUGLAS WSA FROM HARRIMAN)

REFERRING TO RUSSIAN CARGOES DISCHARGED AT UK PORTS, FOLLOWING SHIPMENTS FROM SS TINTAGEL AT LEITH HAVE BEEN LOADED ON BRITISH VESSELS FOR SHIPMENT TO NORTHERN RUSSIA. ?

ON SS EMPIRE CLAYMORE, 8 CASES OF DODGE CHASSIS, 4 CASES CABS AND 4 BUNDLES BODIES OF BILL OF LADING 3.

ON SS OCEAN VIGOUR, 8 CASES OF DODGE CHASSIS, 4 CASES CABS AND 4 BUNDLES BODIES OF BILL OF LADING 3. 506 REELS OF GALVANIZED BARBED WIRE OF BILL OF LADING 30.

F37(STETTINIUS, OLLA AND DOUGLAS, WSA).....ACT.

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March 29, 1943

TO: Admiral Wm. B. Leahy
Chief of Staff

FROM: Mr. Harry L. Hopkins

SUBJECT: Bering Sea and Lena River Route
to Russia

I asked Lew Douglas to find out whether ships were available if this route proves feasible and I have asked General Burns to find out directly from the Russians whether they will agree to the use of this route.

I think this matter ought to be settled with finality within a few days and I will send to you any answer they give me.

Harry L. Hopkins
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Subject: Feasibility of Transporting Supplies to
EUROPEAN RUSSIA via BERING SEA and LENA RIVER.

1. Little information as to the present, or the possible, development of transportation capacity on the LENA RIVER to EUROPEAN RUSSIA is available to us.
2. From the information available, the following facts are indicated. Some facilities exist at TEKSI BAY near the mouth of the LENA RIVER. Transportation up the river to VITIM, about 1,928 miles, is accomplished by river steamers and self-propelled barges. No accurate information is available as to the number now in use. Other means of transportation would be necessary from VITIM to the railhead at USK KUT, about 440 miles.
3. Ship movements from ALASKA to the mouth of the LENA RIVER can be carried on for a period of about three months each year - from late July to early October. Soviet ships operate annually over this route to supply NORTH SIBERIA. These movements are facilitated by ice breakers and air reconnaissance of ice conditions.
4. Shipping can also pass through VILKITSKY STRAIT during August, unload at ARCHANGEL, and return to the UNITED STATES via the Atlantic.

E. J. King
E. J. KING,
Admiral, U. S. Navy.

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DATE MARCH 27, 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1624	INFORMATION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY LAFLAMME			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY POWERS			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT.KNIGHT**270023****NCR 2718**

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(INFO OPNAV)*Attached***262117 FEB TWICE REQUESTED WITH NO ANSWER YET****FORTHCOMING. SOVIETS ARE STILL STUDYING. I AM****JUST INFORMED SOVIETS THROUGH EMBASSY DISPATCH****NO 181 OF 19 MARCH REQUESTED VISA FOR NIKOLA STEPANOV****FOR OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE VISITING UNITED STATES CONNECTION****OBTAINING EQUIPMENT FOR NORTHERN SEA ROUTE. RECOMMEND****STATE REQUIRE EVIDENCE EXACT PURPOSE THIS VISIT AND****EXACT INFORMATION AS TO WHOM STEPANOV WILL CONTACT IN****UNITED STATES AND WHAT SUPPLIES ARE REQUIRED. ALSO****RECOMMEND NO VISA BE GIVEN UNTIL SOME DEFINITE ACTION****IS TAKEN BY SOVIETS IN REPLY TO REFERENCED DISPATCH.****16: ACT....****COMMCH....F37.... FILE****CONFIDENTIAL**

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FROM HARSHAW ARCHANGELSK	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 7 APRIL 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1956/1	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY LEWIS			DEFERRED

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(FOR HARRIMAN INFO CUSHING GARABLE FAYMONVILLE FRANKEL)

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REFER HALARC 2 AND 3 AND HALUL 1. REQUEST INFO SOONEST
 WHETHER TIMBER DESIRED FOR UK IN PREFERENCE ORE NEXT
 OUTBOUND AME SHIPS FROM MOLOTOVSK. DUE INACCESSIBILITY
 TIMBER PORTS NOW DUE ICE. NECESSITY TRANSPORT TIMBER
 VIA RAIL ACROSS RIVER TO MOLOTOVSK AND PRESENT THAWING
 WEATHER TRANSPORTATION ACROSS ICE MAY BE STOPPED SHORTLY
 WISH TO START MOVEMENT TIMBER NOW IF TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY.
 DUE IRREGULAR LOADING AND NECESSITY TO DEPART WITH CONVOY
 CITY OF OMAHA RECEIVED ONLY 3000 TONS ORE. THIS IS
 HALUL 3.

DELAY DUE TO SERVICE.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE UNDER SECRETARY
LIAISON OFFICE

March 19, 1943.

Commander Freesman:

The attached paraphrase
is transmitted at the request
of the Division of European
Affairs of this Department
for the attention of
Admiral Leahy.

N. Lancaster, Jr.

N. Lancaster, Jr.,
Assistant to the Liaison
Officer

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Admiral Leahy

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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 1799

Dated: March 13, 1943.

From: London

Rec'd: March 14, 1943.

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Dept. of State letter, Aug. 10, 1972

Reference Embassy's telegram no. 1728 of March 10, 9 p.m., and previous on same subject.

Last night the Minister of War Transport told me that he was not certain that the British should have pressed the issue of their air squadrons' being based in Russia. Lord Leathers said his view that the British may have made a mistake in this regard was based on the general assumption that the May convoy only will be involved, in as much as plans to take care of allied urgent needs for shipping in the area of active operations will preclude the dispatch of later convoys during the period of long northern daylight.

Matthews

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FROM FRANKEL (MOURMANSK)	FOR ACTION	LONDON	PRIORITY
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DATE 21 MARCH 1943	INFORMATION	OPNAV MOSCOW	DEFERRED
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THIS IS OUR SERIAL "FRAMU #1".

REPEAT FRAMU NUMBER 1 WHICH LETTERS WILL BE USED
FOR ALL MESSAGES INTENDED HARRIMAN.

REGARDING OUTBOUND CARGO BOTH HERE AND ARCHANGEL
THE QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN NOT OF CARGO AVAILABLE
IN SOVIET UNION BUT OF CARGO AT THE SHIPS SIDE READY
TO BE LOADED AND THE LATTER FALLS SHORT OF MOSCOW
ASSURANCES BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE RAIL TRANSPORT,
IMPROPER PLANNING AND LOSS BY ENEMY ACTION. THIS
OFFICE CONSIDERS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE LOAD OR BALLAST
SHIPS WITH WHATEVER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR SAFE
RETURN VOYAGE IN AMPLE TIME LEAVE WITH NEXT OUT-
BOUND CONVOY.

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TOR CODEROOM 1640/20	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY YANOVER			ROUTINE
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TO CHANGE PLANS NOW OR AWAIT TRANSPORT TIMBER FROM EKONOMIA TO MOLOTOVSK OR TO SEND OUR SHIPS TO EKONOMIA

FOR TIMBER WOULD DELAY DEPARTURE WITH A POSSIBLE FURTHER DELAY DUE TO ICE. PETROVSK HAS JUST TAKEN SEVERAL DAYS

TO MAKE PASSAGE MOLOTOVSK TO EKONOMIA. IN VIEW ABOVE WILL CONTINUE LOADINGS RE THREE AME SHIPS UNLESS OTHERWISE

DIRECTED. SOVIETS STATED WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO LOAD SHIPS OF NEXT CONVOY WITH TIMBER PER DESIRES BOTH

PARTIES. WEST GATOMSKA AND R BASSETT SAILED WITH LESS THAN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DUE SLOW LOADING AND NECESS-

ITY JOIN OUTBOUND CONVOY IN THE NORTH. PRESENT SHIPS LOADING ORE AS FOLLOWS. CITY OMAHA 4000. I PUTNAM

3000 AND BERING 2000. AMOUNTS REQUESTED FOR SAFE PASSAGE.

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DATE 17 MARCH 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 2242	INFORMATION	SEE BELOW	DEFERRED
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(FOR HARRIMAN INFO CUSHING GARABLE FAYMON-
VILLE FRANKEL)**PART 1 OF HALUL 1.**

URDIS 082102 MY 032223 AND HALARC 2.

IN VIEW OUR DEMAND MINIMUM 1500 STDS

TIMBER AND DIFICULTY TRANSPORT SAME TO

MOLOTOVSK AND SOVIETS DESIRE SEND THE

SHIP TBILISI TO UNITED KINGDOM WITH

SOME MIXED CARGO AND DUE DELAY RECEIPT

URDIS OF 8TH SOVIETS ALREADY LOADING

TBILISI WITH AVAILABLE TIMBER AT MOLOTO-

VSK THAT WAS INTENDED FOR BERING. 3

AMERICAN SHIPS NOW BEING LOADED WITH DE-

SIRED AMOUNT DRE FOR UNITED STATES.**F37(WSA) . . ACT****NAVAIDE . . FILE**

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DATE 16 MARCH 43			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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(OPNAV FROM MOSCOW)

FOREIGN OFFICE DELIVERED NOTE TO AMBASSADOR IN KUIBISHEV IN WHICH SOVIETS ASK OUR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THEM FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION OF COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL

SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES AND INFORMATION AS TO NAVYS CONTROL THEREOF. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OUR LATEST BATTLESHIP CARRIER CRUISER DESTROYER SUBMARINE, DETAILED

PLANS AND DRAWINGS SURFACE AERIAL AND ELECTRIC TORPEDO, SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RADIO, DETAILS OUR SECRET CIPHERING DEVICES. NAVY HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ANY OF

ABOVE FROM ME NOR HAVE THEY SINCE MADE REFERENCE TO FACT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE.

AMBASSADOR DELAYED FORWARDING PENDING DISCUSSION WITH ME AND QUESTIONING OF MOLOTOV IN MOSCOW AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH UNPRECEDENTED REQUEST. MOLOTOV

STATED IT WAS SIMPLE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION THEY DESIRED. FOLLOWING IS MY ANALYSIS

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OF SOVIET REASONS FOR MAKING REQUEST AND SUBMITTING THROUGH STATE. IN LEND LEASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MAJORITY OF OUR ARMS MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FORCED TO REPAY IN INFORMATION REGARDING RED ARMY EQUIPMENT NOR WILL THEY REPAY UNLESS FORCED. IN OBTAINING OUR EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE DEALT WITH UNITED STATES CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT WITH ARMY. THEY REALIZE NAVY WILL NOT GIVE ANOTHER NATION FRUITS OF LONG TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE WITHOUTRECIPROCAL TREATMENT. SOVIETS HAVE NOTHING OF COMPARABLE NAVAL VALUE TO WHAT THEY ASK BUT DO NOT PLAN GIVE WHAT THEY DO HAVE NOR DO THEY PROPOSE IN NOTE ANY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, THEY HOPE BY SUBMITTING THROUGH STATE REQUEST WILL MEET EYES OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE WHO BECAUSE OF THEIR SYMPATHY FOR THE SOVIETS ANDDESIRE TO MOLLIFY AND PLACATE THEM WILL FORCE NAVY TO DIVULGE INFORMATION WHICH NAVY WOULD NOT OTHERWISE GIVE. I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT DEARTH OF ADEQUATE SOVIET BUILDING FACILITIES MAKE INFORMATION THEY REQUEST OF NO POSSIBLE VALUE TO THEM IN PRESENT WAR, THEY HOPE THAT SENTIMENT OR PLAIN STUPIDITY

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ON OUR PART WILL RESULT IN OUR GIVING THEM INFORMATION THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AGAINST US LATER. THE SOVIETS HAVE THE EFFRONTERY TO MAKE THIS REQUEST WHILE DENYING OR DELAYING REPLY TO OUR QUESTIONS THE ANSWERS TO WHICH WOULD GIVE US INFO WHICH WE COULD USE NOW AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY.

I RECOMMEND NO ANSWER BE MADE TO THIS NOTE. IF SOVIETS BRING UP QUESTION AGAIN I RECOMMEND WE REPLY THAT WE ARE QUOTE STUDYING UNQUOTE. THIS IS SOVIET METHOD AND IS ANSWER I HAVE FREQUENTLY RECEIVED.

I AM IN FULL SYMPATHY WITH THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND HEARTILY ENDORSE ASSISTING THEM IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY IN THIS WAR AND LATER. I FURTHER REALIZE HOW VITAL IS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN POST WAR SETTLEMENTS. MY RELUCTANT CONCLUSION IS THAT THIS CAN ONLY BE ATTAINED BY DEALING WITH THEM ON A HARD BOILED HORSETRADING BASIS, IT IS THEIR METHOD OF DEALING AND THE ONLY METHOD THEY RESPECT IN OTHERS, OUR CHARITABLE METHOD IS SUSPECT EITHER OF WEAKNESS OR AS A CLOAK FOR SOME HIDDEN NEFARIOUS SCHEME.

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MY FURTHER OPINION IS THAT WE WILL OBTAIN NO COOPERATION UNLESS WE NOW REPEAT NOW USE STRONG MEASURES TO FORCE IT FROM THEM. IN LEND LEASE AND IN US PUBLIC OPINION WE HAVE TWO WEAPONS WHICH THE SOVIETS RESPECT AND FEAR. I BELIEVE THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES THE SOVIETS AND THE WORLD AT LARGE WILL BEST BE SERVED BY USING THESE WEAPONS TO SMOKETHEM OUT AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD SEEM BETTER THAT WE MEET THE ISSUE NOW RATHER THAN TO WAIT FOR THE SECOND FRONT TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE SOVIET FRONT ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE. I THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE NAVY IN ITS SEPARATE DEALINGS OPERATE ON THIS BASIS AND THAT IN HIGHER COUNCILS OUR REPRESENTATIVES URGE LIKE ACTION BY OTHERS.

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LAST CONVOY BROUGHT IN BRITISH GROUND CREWS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH BRITISH WERE HOPING TO INSTALL PREPARATORY TO SENDING AIR CONTINGENT NORTH RUSSIA FOR CONVOY PROTECTION. SOVIETS WOULD NOT PERMIT LANDING MEN AND EQUIPMENT. ARE NOW RETURNING UNITED KINGDOM.

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FROM HARRIMAN ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA ARCHANGEL	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 9-19-43	INFORMATION	OPNAV FAYMONVILLE MOSCOW CUSHING WSA WASH FRANKEL ARCHANGEL	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM 1337			DEFERRED
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(HALARG TWO* ACTION ALUSNA ARCHANGEL INFO FAYMONVILLE MOSCOW CUSHING WSA WASH FRANKEL MURMANSK. FROM HARRIMAN.)

REFERRING YOUR ^{attached} 032223 AND MY ^{attached} 082102 REGARDING OUTWARD CARGO FOR STEAMSHIPS BERING OMAHA AND PUTNAM. SAWN LUMBER URGENTLY REQUIRED IN UK THEREFORE PLEASE ARRANGE TO LOAD ON SS BERING AS MUCH LUMBER FOR DISCHARGE UK AS VESSEL CAN REASONABLY STOW UNDER AND ON DECK II. MASTERS JUDGEMENT ADVISING US WHAT QUANTITY IS LOADED. AGREEABLE ALSO TO LOADING LUMBER ON STEAMSHIPS CITY OF OMAHA AND ISRAEL PUTNAM FOR DISCHARGE UNITED STATES IN ADDITION TO CHROME ORE FOR US RELATIVE QUANTITIES OF EACH TO BE DETERMINED IN MASTERS JUDGMENT. ADVISE US WHAT QUANTITIES CHROME ORE AND LUMBER YOU CAN ARRANGE. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED IN QUANTITIES OF LUMBER LOADED ON STEAMSHIPS WEST GOTOMSKA AND

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RICHARD BASSETT E 854 AND 759 STANDARDS RESPECTIVELY. IN VIEW OF QUANTITY OF LUMBER WHICH SOVIETS ADVISE IS AVAILABLE PLEASE ADVISE REASONS WHY MINIMUM OF 1500 STANDARDS WERE NOT OBTAINED FOR UK DISCHARGE.

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WASHINGTON

March 10, 1943.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Another convoy (JW-53), the fourth since their resumption early last December, has successfully reached North Russia. No losses were sustained outward bound. On March 5, ²one ship homeward bound was sunk and one ^{later sunk. 2nd}torpedoed but still proceeding. JW-53 sailed from Loch Ewe on February 15, 1943, with twenty-six American and British cargo ships and two tankers. Five of these ships had to return to the United Kingdom account heavy weather, but the balance of twenty-three reached their destination.

In February, we sailed from the U. S. as our quota for North Russia (JW-54) a total of twenty dry cargo ships and two tankers. One tanker contained a cargo of high octane gas and the other a cargo of blending agents. These twenty-two ships lifted a total of 163,813 long tons, of which over a third was foodstuffs.

Our March contribution probably will be fifteen ships for North Russia but we are awaiting advices from London to determine the actual number.

The Southern supply route is still handicapped by port congestion in the Persian Gulf, where we have never had control over operations. There is attached a graphic report disclosing the extended ship delays in port and the sheer waste of ship time due to idleness. Progress toward alleviating this condition continues slowly and present indications point to June before the backlog of cargo now there or enroute can be discharged. Because of this costly congestion, which at best will not be cleared up for

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some time, no effort was made to prevent severe slippages in ships' positions. Accordingly, we only sailed in February seven ships to the Persian Gulf with cargo totalling 48,737 long tons. (See Exhibit A attached.)

In March, however, we should sail at least twenty-five ships, including those of the Army, with cargo approximating 200,000 tons (see Exhibit B attached); so there will be ample ships and cargo in reserve should the June prediction of port normalcy at that time prove accurate. As a safeguard, we have asked our representative in Basra to keep us posted at short intervals during March on the progress made toward stepping up the rate of discharge and clearance.

On the Pacific Coast, February was an improvement over January by approximately 28,000 long tons. Twenty-seven ships carrying 126,030 long tons cleared during the month and, of this amount, practically half represented foodstuffs.

Today we are delivering at Portland, Oregon, another Liberty ship to the Russians, i.e., the E. H. HARRIMAN, renamed DEKAERIST, which makes the sixth Liberty and the thirty-seventh ship we have given them. The acquisition of these larger ships should enable the Soviet Government to step up their cargo clearances from the Pacific Coast in the ensuing months and reach the target of 200,000 tons per month that much earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Land
E. S. Land,
Administrator.

L. W. Douglas
L. W. Douglas,
Deputy Administrator.

cc: Major General J. H. Burns.

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PERSIAN GULF - RUSSIAN - FEBRUARY 1943

	<u>Deadweight</u>	<u>Cubic</u>	<u>Loaded</u>	<u>Sailed</u>
* 1. WOODBRIDGE FERRIS	10,500	500,245	7,950	February 2
* 2. LOOKOUT	8,663	498,250	6,652	February 4
3. THOMAS J. RUSK	10,500	500,245	7,737	February 5
4. JOHN A. SUTTER	10,500	500,245	7,800	February 9
5. PHILIP SCHUYLER	10,500	500,245	7,800	February 22
6. CAPE PORPOISE	7,416	446,100	5,398	February 24
7. MORMACDALE	<u>7,416</u>	<u>446,100</u>	<u>5,400</u>	February 28
	65,495	3,391,430	48,737	

* January Assignments.

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PERSIAN GULF - RUSSIAN - MARCH 1945

	<u>Deadweight</u>	<u>Cubic</u>	<u>Loaded</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. WILLIAM ELLERY	10,500	500,245	7,260	Sailed March 1
2. THOMAS SIM LEE	10,500	500,245	7,658	Sailed March 2
3. HORACE GRAY	10,500	500,245	8,446	Sailed March 2
4. GEORGE E. BADGER	10,500	500,245	7,178	Sailed March 3
5. MALCON PITNEY	10,500	500,245 (est.)	7,500	Expected to sail March 11
6. WILLIAM R. DAY	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to sail March 15/16
7. WILLIE JONES	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to sail March 11
8. BANTAM	12,023	559,280 "	8,000	Arrives Phila. March 11
9. KANSAN	9,500	435,620 "	7,000	Sails March 10
10. SAMUEL BLATCHFORD	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Sails March 10
11. DAVY CROCKETT	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to sail March 15
12. HENRY L. BENNING	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 12
13. JAMES W. DENVER	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 14
14. HOWARD A. KELLEY	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 30
15. CLIFFORD MALLORY	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 22
16. JOHNS HOPKINS	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 17
17. HENRY GILBERT COSTIN	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 22
18. HENRY KNOX	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 10
19. SAMUEL CHASE	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 17
20. ZOELIA LYKES	7,416	446,100 "	6,000	Expected to sail March 14
21. CAPE CORWIN	7,416	446,100 "	6,000	Expected to load March 20
22. JOSEPH N. TEAL	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 17
23. THOMAS CREASAP	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 18
24. JOHN GALLUP	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 18
25. WILLIAM OSIER	10,500	500,245 "	7,500	Expected to load March 20
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* Army ships not included in this total.

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U.S. Controlled Merchant Vessels

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London

Dated March 10, 1943

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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1728, March 10, 9 p.m.

My telegram No. 1665, March 8, 9 p.m.

The text of the Soviet memorandum which Sargent has just sent me reads as follows:

"Secret. - The Soviet Government, after taking cognizance of the memorandum delivered by the British Government on the 26th February, 1943, and giving careful consideration to all the questions contained therein, deems it necessary to state as follows:

(One) The Soviet Government has already informed the British Government that in view of the extreme difficulties of accommodating the personnel of British air squadrons in the Murmansk area, where air raids are unceasing, it considers the sending of the British air squadrons to this area unpracticable, inasmuch as the Soviet Government is able and ready itself to provide aerial protection of convoys with all the means at its disposal. The Soviet Government deems it necessary to confirm once more its former statement on the subject,

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avoiding any polemics on this question in a tone incompatible with our common interests.

With regard to the statement in the British memorandum that it is necessary to secure full coordination between the naval and air forces taking part in the operations, it is sufficient to mention that this task has so far been successfully carried out by the Soviet air forces, and its adequate fulfillment in the future can be fully secured. It cannot be again said that the Soviet air force has had great experience in operations for the protection of British convoys and all relative technical questions (methods of reporting the discovery of the enemy, signalling, et cetera) can be satisfactorily settled by the respective Soviet military authorities together with the British representatives.

It should be pointed out that the British air force in question would have to operate from Soviet territory and, in the first place, in Soviet zones. Consequently, the British air force first of all would have to combine its activities with the Soviet system of air protection and with the Soviet naval vessels and submarines which happened to be within the region of its operations. It is

obvious

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obvious also that the operations of the British air force in question would require, in a certain degree, protection from Soviet fighter planes, with which there would have to be the closest possible cooperation in combined operations. This task, of course, would be much more successfully fulfilled if all the aircraft were manned by Soviet personnel.

It goes without saying that if the British Government would find it possible to put at the disposal of the Soviet naval command, which has now no lack of pilots, aircraft specially earmarked for transfer to Murmansk, without British personnel, then the question of the protection of convoys would be settled still more satisfactorily.

(Two) The Soviet Government cannot agree with the statement made in the memorandum that the Soviet authorities are taking certain measures which would create a serious threat to the safe passage of convoys. On the contrary, the Soviet authorities have been taking and are taking all possible measures for facilitating the arrival of convoys to the northern ports of the USSR.

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Set, it should be pointed out that this set, which was brought at the beginning of last summer and has been in use ever since, was imported into the USSR in infringement of the existing customs rules of the USSR. A respective act was made on the 18th February, 1943, by the Chief of the Murmansk Customs House, and the British representatives were officially informed of it.

A warning must be given that the Soviet authorities cannot overlook the infringement of the established rules. However, desiring to meet half-way the request of the British Government and in order to help the successful protection of the convoys, the Soviet Government gave instructions to reconsider this question and grant to the British naval authorities permission to use the Measuring Set, condition of the coordination of its work with the Soviet naval authorities in the north.

In regard to the British radio stations in the Soviet northern ports, it has been established that, in accordance with the request of the representative of the British naval mission, Commodore Courtenay, the Soviet naval authorities on the 7th March, 1942, gave permission to install eight British radio transmitters

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transmitters in Murmansk, Polazmaya and Archangel. Hereby~~was~~ exactly stated the limits of power for every transmitter. The British naval mission, however, without the consent of the Soviet authorities, increased the power of its transmitters, and in certain cases multiplied the original power several times. In connection with this, on the 22nd of February, 1943, the People's Commissariat of the Navy gave instructions to the respective authorities to propose to the British representatives of the naval mission in the north to reduce the power of its radio transmitters, i.e., to bring them into conformity with the power - strength agreed upon at the beginning. The Naval Commissariat, however, has not yet given instructions to close down these transmitters. Simultaneously, it was pointed out that, if the British representatives considered it necessary to increase the power of their radio transmitters, they should apply on this question to the Soviet Naval Command for the necessary permission.

The Soviet Government would like to bring to the knowledge of the British Government that the above decisions of the Soviet naval authorities are based on -

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based on the rules in operation in the Soviet Union, according to which not a single foreign radio station can be opened on the territory of the USSR without special permission of the competent authorities.

Taking into account the request of the British Government, the Soviet Government gave instructions that the desire of the British naval mission for a certain increase of power for the registered British radio transmitters necessary for the operation of the convoy system should, as far as possible, receive consideration on the part of the Soviet naval authorities.

Three. On the vexatious formalities mentioned in the memorandum concerning the method of disembarkation, control of British Government goods, mail, et cetera, the Soviet Government is not quite clear what is meant by the memorandum. If on this question certain concrete facts could be submitted confirming the existence of certain vexatious formalities, the Soviet Government is prepared to give instructions to remove them or possibly to modify the established rules.

Insofar as in the British memorandum are also mentioned

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mentioned formalities concerning the control of official and ordinary post passing through the northern ports, the Soviet Government would like to call the attention of the British Government to the following infringements on the part of British personnel:

For instance, in August 1942, on the British boat TRUMBLE there were brought into the U.S.S.R. 22 postal packages; on the 26th August, 1942, on the boat L-30, 23 packages; on the 18th November, 1942, 70 packages—all without the necessary permit of the Soviet authorities. The British Embassy was duly informed about these infringements of the Soviet rules and in certain cases, desiring to meet the request of the Embassy, exceptions were made and the post was allowed to go through without the necessary documents. On this question the Foreign Commissariat sent to the British Embassy letters on the 31st August, 1942, the 7th September, 1942, 8th December, 1942 and the 19th, December, 1942. The Soviet Government, therefore, is entitled to expect that the British Government will give the necessary instructions to the respective British authorities to adhere to the existing rules of the

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of the U.S.S.R. on this matter and not to infringe them.

The Soviet Government is of the opinion that in the practice of collaboration and joint work of the Soviet and British military authorities it is desirable and unavoidable that certain mutual concessions and exceptions should be made, whether on the question of visas, or receipt and despatch of post, or customs regulations, etc. The Soviet Government, however, believes that both governments must accept as a fundamental principle to honour the rules and regulations established in the other's country and correspondingly instruct its subjects, including representatives of military authorities, to comply strictly with this principle. Moscow, March 3, 1943".

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HARRIMAN TO ALUSNA ARCHANGEL)

IN VIEW OF URGENT NEED OF SAWN TIMBER IN UNITED KINGDOM
AND INASMUCH AS THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE BRITISH VESSELS
IN WHITE SEA TO LOAD, WE ARE AGREEABLE TO THE SS BERING
LOADING SAWN LUMBER FOR UNITED KINGDOM, QUANTITY NOT
EXCEEDING MASTERS REQUIREMENTS, BUT WITH MINIMUM OF
ABOUT 1500 STANDARD8. THIS IN REFERENCE TO YOUR 032223?
PLEASE ADVISE. WE ARE GLAD TO NOTE THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES
WILL PROVIDE RETURN CARGOES OF CHROME ORE FOR ISRAEL
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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

FEASIBILITY OF DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA
VIA BERING STRAIT AND ARCTIC RIVERS

Note by the Secretary

The enclosure was prepared in response to a request from the Munitions Assignments Board. That request was distributed as J.I.C. 73/M.

A. SIDNEY BUFORD III,
Secretary.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. It is believed that by prompt and vigorous action on the part of the Soviet Government and assistance from the United States Government, the Lena River route (via Tiksi Bay - long. 129° E) could be developed to a point which would enable it during the summer of 1943 to handle around 200,000 tons of cargo. Additional essential information is needed in regard to many important features of the routes which lead inland East of Vilkitsky Strait (long. 103° E).
2. The capacity of the route leading west to the Yenisei and Ob Rivers and to Archangel and Murmansk is limited by the shortness of the navigation season at Vilkitsky Strait (five to eight weeks from about August first). It would also be influenced by the number of suitable icebreakers which the Soviet Government might make available.
3. Complete cooperation and considerable assistance from the Soviet Government are essential to use of these routes. The assistance required includes forecasts and aerial observations of ice conditions and the services of Soviet ice-breakers (all of which are believed to be available), as well as the furnishing of additional information regarding many related matters.
4. Vilkitsky Strait is the point on the Arctic routes at which the navigation season is shortest. The open season at that strait therefore fixes the period during which passage is possible between the Bering Sea in the east and ports on the Kara, White, or Barents seas (Yenisei River, Ob River, Archangel, Murmansk, etc.) in the west. De Long Strait (long. 179° E), usually open from late July to early October, is the point on the Arctic routes which has the next shortest season. The open season at that strait therefore fixes the period during which passage is possible between the Bering Sea and ports in the area between De Long and Vilkitsky Straits (Kolyma and Lena Rivers.)

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5. In view of the vulnerability to attack of shipping using the Iceland route to North Russian ports during the summer months, the route through Bering and Vilkitsky Straits could profitably be used during its open period for the homeward voyage of shipping which earlier reached these ports from the westward, and for the voyage to these North Russian ports of shipping which is later to make its homeward voyage by the Iceland route. It is questionable whether there would be time for a vessel passing west through Vilkitsky Strait to unload and return through that strait before it closed. To the extent practicable, the use of the Yenisei and Ob Rivers in preference to Archangel or Murmansk would have an advantage of security (avoiding the possibility of attack from bases in northern Norway or Finland).

6. If access to the Sea of Okhotsk and the Sea of Japan is prevented by enemy action, the Lena and Kolyma River routes will assume considerable importance as possible supply routes for eastern Siberia.

ARGUMENT

General

7. The points on the Arctic Coasts of the U.S.S.R. which have already been used for the transshipment of cargo to be moved inland, and the points not known to have been so used which appear most worthy of consideration for future use in that manner, together with their approximate distances from Seattle and from Providence Bay (on the Siberian Coast just south of Bering Strait), are as follows:

	<u>Distance in nautical miles from</u>	
	<u>Seattle</u>	<u>Providence Bay</u> (64° - 25' N., 173° - 15' W.)
Ambarchik, at Kolyma River Mouth (long. 162° E)	3,230 3,100	870
Tiksi Bay, near Lena River Mouth (long. 129° E)	3,860 3,730	1,500
Port Dickson, At Yenisei River Mouth (long. 80° E)	4,890 5,130	2,530 2,900

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	Distance in nautical miles from	
	<u>Seattle</u>	<u>Providence Bay</u> (64° - 25' N., 173° - 15' W.)
Igarka (480 mi. up Yenisei River)	<u>5,360</u> 5,610	<u>3,000</u> 3,380
Novy Port, Gulf of Ob (67°-42'N, 75°-57'E)	<u>5,420</u> 5,660	<u>3,060</u> 3,430
Archangel, White Sea (64°-32'N, 40°-33'E)	<u>5,900</u> 6,130	<u>3,540</u> 3,900
Murmansk, Kola Inlet (long. 34°E)	<u>5,820</u> 6,130	<u>3,400</u> 3,900

The distance from Seattle to ~~Unimak~~ ^{akutan} Pass in the Aleutians (long. 164°W) is ¹⁷⁰⁰ ~~1600~~ miles. The distance from ~~Unimak~~ ^{akutan} Pass to Providence Bay is ⁶⁶⁰ ~~630~~ miles.

In comparison with the distances shown above, the distance from New York to Archangel via Iceland is ^{4,400} ~~4,470~~ miles ^{1,500} (2,470 from New York to Iceland, and ^{1,900} ~~2,000~~ from Iceland to Archangel).

8. The information now available regarding the Arctic routes to the U.S.S.R. which pass through the waters lying between Bering Strait on the east and Novaya Zemlya on the west is incomplete or in need of verification with respect to numerous matters bearing on ocean navigation, transshipment of cargo at terminals, or subsequent inland shipment of cargo by river, rail, or highway. The rough outline of the capacities and potentialities of those routes which can be constructed from the information now available is, however, believed to be reasonably accurate and to be probably adequate for the immediate purpose.

9. Little or no tonnage can be moved over any of these Arctic supply routes without complete cooperation and considerable assistance from the Government of the U.S.S.R.

10. Arctic navigation and the use for transportation purposes of routes passing along the Arctic Coast and leading inland from it have been developed with some degree of activity by the Soviet Government during recent years, and considerable

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use has been made of these routes. The development has, however, been directed chiefly toward serving local areas by providing means for shipping out local products and shipping in supplies for local use.

Limiting Factors and Areas

11. The principal factors which limit the extent to which the Arctic routes can be used for shipments to the U.S.S.R. are ice, inadequate ports and port facilities, and inadequate facilities for moving cargo to its destination from the point at which it is unloaded from the ocean carrier. The ice and the inadequate ports and port facilities may, among other things, impose such limits on the draft of the ocean vessels which it is practicable to use on some of the Arctic routes that great difficulty would be encountered in finding tonnage which would be suitable and available for such use. Bunkering provisions (about which little is known) might also prove to be to some degree a limiting factor. Coal mined locally is believed to be available at a number of points along the most important of these routes; there is however, no local production of oil.

12. It is reported that a draft of 30 feet can safely be carried between the Bering Sea and the Kara Sea, but there are indications that about 24 or 25 feet may be the limit. Shallow draft is desirable for a vessel operating in Arctic Waters to enable it to use the lane which under bad ice conditions is sometimes open between the shore ice and thick ice grounded off shore in the shallow waters which border most of the coasts, but no definite information in terms of drafts in feet is available on this point. As regards types of ships for this service, the U.S.S.R. has apparently been using successfully a heterogeneous collection of ordinary cargo vessels, mostly of considerable age and small or moderate size.

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13. Fog and overcast are frequent during the navigation season in most of the waters off the Arctic coasts of the U.S.S.R., but gales are apparently infrequent, rocks or reefs are apparently few, and soundings can in most areas probably be relied upon for navigational purposes. Ice is much the most serious navigational hazard, but it is believed that with proper assistance from the Soviet Meteorological Service and sufficient use of icebreakers and aircraft (both of which are said to be locally available) it should be possible to avoid losses of shipping from this cause. In the Bering Sea, fog, mist, rain, and low overcast are prevalent during the Arctic navigation season.

14. In scheduling voyages in the waters between the Bering and Kara Seas, generous allowances must be made for the delays and reductions in speed, often unpredictable, which are likely to be caused by ice conditions. It is probable that vessels should proceed through these waters in convoys accompanied by icebreakers rather than singly. It is not necessary for vessels passing through Bering Strait to proceed via Providence Bay (which, however, has a good harbor).

Ice

15. Ice conditions in Arctic Waters differ considerably from year to year. These differences result in considerable variations in the periods during which navigation is possible in each area and in the extent to which the services of icebreakers are required. The Soviet Authorities claim that their Meteorological Service, with its network of observation stations, radio communications and aerial observation facilities, is able, about March, to forecast in general terms the severity of the ice conditions which will be experienced during the coming summer and about a month in advance to forecast local ice conditions with considerable accuracy. They also claim that military priorities have not been permitted to interfere with the personnel or operation of that part of their Meteorological Service which observes and forecasts Arctic weather and ice conditions.

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16. From the standpoint of ice, the worst point on the Arctic Coasts of the U.S.S.R. is usually Boris Vilkitsky Strait (long. 103° E.), through which all shipping between the Laptev (Nordenskjold) and Kara Seas must pass; the next worst point is De Long Strait (long. 179° E.), through which all shipping between the Chukotsk and East Siberian Seas must pass. It will be noted that shipping between Bering Strait and Ambarchik (Kolyma River) or Tiksi Bay (Lena River) must pass through De Long Strait but does not pass through Vilkitsky Strait, and that shipping between Bering Strait and all the other points named in paragraph 7 must pass through both De Long and Vilkitsky Straits. The periods during which these straits are navigable usually fix the periods during which navigation between Bering Strait and the points named in paragraph 7 is practicable. While Bering Strait is likely to open nearly a month before the opening of De Long Strait, it is likely to close only a short time after the closing of De Long Strait. Navigation of the western half of the Kara Sea and the waters to the westward of it is usually open for a considerable time before and after the navigation season in Vilkitsky Strait. To the westward of some point between Novaya Zemlya and Kola Inlet, navigation is open the year round.

With the assistance of icebreakers (which may not, however, be needed at all times) Vilkitsky Strait is, in an average year, navigable for much of the time during a period of about five to eight weeks beginning about August first. During this period northwesterly winds are likely, however, from time to time to bring in enough ice to make it temporarily impossible to navigate the strait even with the assistance of an icebreaker.

With the assistance of an icebreaker (which may not, however, be needed at all times) De Long Strait is, in an average year, navigable for about eight to ten weeks beginning the latter part of July. Ice interference here during August and September is usually considerably less than in Vilkitsky Strait.

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17. Throughout most of the navigation season, the assistance of icebreakers is likely to be needed at various places, in addition to Vilkitsky and De Long Straits, between Bering Straits and the Kara Sea. The Soviet Government is believed to have six large icebreakers (three of them very large) and over 20 small ones which should be available for use in Arctic waters during the summer. The availability of each of these icebreakers for use elsewhere than in Vilkitsky Strait will depend largely on its location before the opening of navigation in that strait and where it is to be needed after the close of navigation in the strait. During other seasons, some of these icebreakers are usually employed in the White Sea or the vicinity and some in East Siberian waters, but they are not needed in those areas during the Arctic navigation season.

There is not available reliable information concerning the relation between the number and types of icebreakers required and the numbers, types, construction, speeds, and drafts of the vessels which might be convoyed between Bering Strait and points on the Arctic Coasts of the U.S.S.R.

Area West of Vilkitsky Strait

18. Inland shipment facilities are better on the Yenisei and Ob Rivers than on any of the other Arctic rivers. The Yenisei and Ob are usually open to navigation from about July first to late October and during that period could probably carry a considerable tonnage. But since they lie to the west of Vilkitsky Strait they are no more accessible to shipping passing through Bering Strait than are Archangel or other White Sea ports. The limiting factor is the amount of shipping which can be passed through Vilkitsky Strait and the waters to the east of it, rather than the port and inland shipment capacities to the west of the strait. The increased security (avoidance of attack from bases in northern Norway or Finland) might justify the use of the Yenisei and Ob Rivers in preference to

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Archangel or Murmansk during the period in which their use is possible. There is need for more complete information concerning the facilities, capacities, and depths of water involved.

19. Since the Arctic route between the Kara and Bering Seas is navigable during the period in which shipping between Iceland and the White Sea is most vulnerable to attack from bases in northern Norway and Finland, there would apparently be advantages in using this route, to such extent as is possible, for shipments to and from ports on the Kara, White, or Barents Seas. The navigational restrictions and hazards which result from ice conditions and shoal water make it appear improbable, though not impossible, that enemy submarines or surface raiders would attempt to operate in the waters between Vilkitsky and De Long Straits. While ships coming west through Vilkitsky Strait might not be able to unload and start the return voyage in time to return through that strait, ships which had reached the Kara, White, or Barents Seas from the westward before the opening of Vilkitsky Strait might make their return voyage through that strait and the waters to the eastward; and ships reaching the Kara, White, or Barents Seas through Vilkitsky Strait might later make their return voyage to the westward. It might be possible by such an interchange of vessels to avoid upsetting any desired balance between the numbers of vessels in the Atlantic and in the Pacific, as might otherwise result from the passage of shipping through Vilkitsky Strait.

Area East of Vilkitsky Strait

20. Of the possible freight routes which lead inland from the Arctic Coast at points east of Vilkitsky Strait, the Lena River route appears to be the most promising. Although there are serious gaps in the information available, it is believed that by prompt and vigorous action this route could be developed to a point which would enable it during the summer of

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1943 to handle around 200,000 tons of cargo. The depths in Tiksi Bay, where cargo would be transshipped from the ocean carrier to the river carrier, may limit to 25 feet or possibly even less the draft of the ocean carriers which could be used. There are reported to be, in Tiksi Bay, wharfs with sufficient depth of water for an ocean vessel and some cargo handling equipment, but little is definitely known about the equipment of that nature which is at present available in the vicinity.

From Tiksi Bay, shipments would be transported by river craft 14 miles along the coast to the entrance to the Lena Delta and thence through the delta and up the river to Vitim (1,914 miles). There is some uncertainty as to the means by which freight would be transported for the 440 miles between Vitim and the railhead at Ust Kut on the Lena. From Ust Kut, freight could travel by rail to its destination. Variations, such as branching off on the Aldan River below Yakutsk and shipping by that route to a railhead at Tommot, or such as transporting by road from Yakutsk to Tommot, are possible. It is most unlikely that river craft of sufficient capacity are now available, but it might be possible by early and vigorous action in the local construction of wooden river craft and the provision of motive power from other sources to overcome that difficulty by the summer of 1943. Suitable action by the Soviet Government is obviously the most essential factor. The ability of this route to handle freight - except relatively small packages and possibly wheeled vehicles - would probably be very limited at best.

21. Next to the Lena River route, the Kolyma River route appears to be the most promising of the possible freight routes which lead inland from the Arctic Coast at points east of Vilkitsky Strait. By this route freight would be shipped by river to Verkhne-Kolymsk, thence by road or by river and road to Nagaevo on the Sea of Okhotsk, thence by ship to Nikolaevsk.

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on the Amur River and up that river to the railhead at Komsomolsk, and thence by rail to destination. If this route should be used, cargo would have to be transshipped from the ocean to the river carrier in an open roadstead. Of the road which might be needed for that purpose there apparently is lacking a section between Verkhne-Kolymsk and Seimchan. It is reported, however, that under favorable conditions the Kolyma River is navigable as far as Seimchan for vessels of very shallow draft.

22. If access to the Sea of Okhotsk and the Sea of Japan is prevented by enemy action, the Lena and Kolyma River routes will assume considerable importance as possible supply routes for eastern Siberia.

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J.I.C. 73/1

1. All holders of J.I.C. 73/1 are requested to substitute the enclosure for the table and last two subparagraphs of Paragraph 7.

2. This substitution does not affect any other part of J.I.C. 73/1 and involves only changes in the distances given and in the name of the pass through the Aleutian Islands mentioned in the subparagraph immediately following the tabulation.

A. SIDNEY BUFORD III,
Secretary.

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OF PARAGRAPH 7, J.I.C. 73/1.

	<u>Distance in nautical miles from</u>	
	<u>Seattle</u>	<u>Providence Bay</u> (64° - 25' N., 173° - 15' W.)
Ambarchik, at Kolyma River Mouth (long. 162° E)	3,230	870
Tiksi Bay, near Lena River Mouth (long. 129° E)	3,860	1,500
Port Dickson, at Yenisei River Mouth (long. 80° E)	4,890	2,530
Igarka (470 mi. up Yenisei River)	5,360	3,000
Novy Port, Gulf of Ob (67°-42' N, 75°-57' E)	5,420	3,060
Archangel, White Sea (64°-32' N, 40°-33' E)	5,900	3,540
Murmansk, Kola Inlet (long. 34° E)	5,820	3,460

The distance from Seattle to Akutan Pass in the Aleutians (long. 164° W) is 1700 miles. The distance from Akutan Pass to Providence Bay is 660 miles.

In comparison with the distances shown above, the distance from New York to Archangel via Iceland is 4,400 miles (2,500 from New York to Iceland, and 1,900 from Iceland to Archangel).

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FROM HARSHAW ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1424	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MARRON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY PATTERSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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**SOVIETS PROMISED PROVIDE REQUIRED
RETURN CARGO OF ORE FOR ISRAEL PUTNAM
AND CITY OF OMAHABUT REQUESTS PERMISSION
LOAD BERING WITH SAWN TIMBER FOR UK
ADVISE. SOVIET STATES AMPLE ORE AND
TIMBER BEING ASSEMBLED MOLOTOVSK.
THEY EXPECT SHIPS READY DEPART MOLOTOVSK
ABOUT MARCH 20.**

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DATE 3 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2158/2	INFORMATION	[Signature]	PRIORITY
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Russian exchange by post to Archangel
 FOLLOWING FROM CONVERSATION MOSCOW ROULLARD WITH CAPT. PAPANIN NOT FOR DISCLOSURE TO BRITISH, INDICATED

PAPANIN'S DISPLEASURE DALGLEISH AND BELIEF LATTER NOT COOPERATING TO BEST INTERESTS SOVIETS. SATISFIED

WITH CAPT MAUND BRI* BRITISH SNO ARCHANGEL. EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM OVER POSSIBILITY USE NORTHERN

SEA ROUTE FOR AMERICAN SHIPS COMING SUMMER AND STATED HE WOULD PERSONALLY LEAD ANY SUCH CONVOY. PLEASED

WITH COOPERATION AND HELP AMERICAN NAVAL PERSONNEL NORTH RUSSIA AND SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND

DESIRABLE MORE OFFICERS FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES THIS AREA. CONTINUES STRESS IMPORTANCE WHITE PORTS AS

LESS VULNERABLE THAN MURMANSK AND BELIEVES MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BRING AS MANY SHIPS THERE AS POSSIBLE.

(*) AS RECEIVED IN NCR.

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FROM FRANKEL WURMANSK	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 4 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0851	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY POWELL			ROUTINE
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SOVIET SHIP AGENTS "INFLOT" HAS PROVED INCOMPETENT PROPERLY HANDLE FOREIGN VESSELS DUE DEFICIENCIES IN ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT. ATTENTION COMMISSARIAT FOREIGN TRADE INVITED THESE DEFICIENCIES AND IT CONCURS WITH ASSURANCE OF EARLY REMEDY. WILL ADVISE IF SHORT COMINGS THIS AGENCY CONTINUE TO JEOPARDIZE READINESS OF VESSELS FOR RETURN VOYAGE OR WELFARE OF SHIPS IN PORT.

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FROM OPNAV	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY ADM TRAIN			ROUTINE
DATE 26 FEB 1943			DDDD DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2113	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY LAFLAMME/NOLL/MIKELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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JOINT STRATEGIC SURVEY COMMITTEE DESIRES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE BY DISPATCH. AMPLIFICATION BY AIRMAIL. ICE PROGNOSIS FOR 1943, COMPLETE INFORMATION ON PORTS ALONG ROUTE, FUEL STORAGE AVAILABLE, LIMITATIONS ON DRAFT AND TYPE OF VESSEL USED ALONG THE ROUTE, MOST SUITABLE SIZE FOR A CONVOY ESCORTED BY ICEBREAKERS, INFORMATION ON KOLYMA LENA YENISEI OB PECHORA RIVERS, DEPTH AND RIVER CRAFT AVAILABLE.

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FROM MOSCOW (COMNAVEU)	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 27 FEB 1943	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1529		COMNAVEU	PRIORITY
DECODED BY RISHIN/RINDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY MANSON			DEFERRED

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(ACTION OPNAV FROM MOSCOW INFO COMNAVEU LATTER PASS TO OPNAV)

Molotovsk on White Sea West of Archangle

ROULLARD TRIP 12 DAYS ICE BREAKER MIKOYAN TO PONOYE LIGHT AND RETURN. TOOK OUT 4 MERCHANT SHIPS FROM MOLOTOVSK WITH HELP BREAKER LENIN. SHIPS LOADED 1/3 CAPACITY PROPS 2 FEET UNDER. IN DAY NEAR MOLOTOVSK 18 INCHES NEW FLAT SOLID ICE. MADE SPEEDS IN CONVDY 6 TO 8 KNOTS. COMMENCING ENTRANCE GORLO AT MIKODIMSKI LIGHT ENCOUNTERED HUMMOCKY FLOES OF BLOCKS OF ICE 2 TO 2 1/2 FEET THICK FILED UP THROUGH ACTION WIND TIDE AND RESEMBLING HUGE BOULDERS. COVERED 2 TO 10 MILES DURING 9 HOURS DAYLIGHT EACH DAY. LAY TO DURING DARKNESS. ICE RECONNAISSANCE PLANES ASSISTED DROPPED NOTES INDICATING BEST COURSES. CONTD ON PAGE 2

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MILOYAN DRAWING ALMOST 29 FEET. POOR QUALITY COAL FROM
YORKUTA CONSIDERABLY REDUCED EFFICIENCY BREAKERS.

MAXIMUM 2 MERCHANTMEN TO EACH BREAKER. LATTER NOW UNDER
RED NAVY WITH MERCHANT CREWS AND NAVY ARMED GUARD.

DISCIPLINE INFORMAL BUT EXCELLENT. FOOD AMERICAN FIRST RATE
PLENTIFUL. LIQUOR FORBIDDEN. MIKOYAN OF BROOK BEAM

TENDS RIDE UP ON ICE WHICH DESIRABLE IN OPENING LEADS
SOLID FIELDS BUT WHEN IN BROKEN ICE LATTER PILES UP UNDER

BOX EVENTUALLY STOPPING SHIP. LENINGHARP WITH NARROWER
BEAM HAS ADDITIONAL PROPELLOR FORWARD AND IS TYPE WHICH

OPERATES WELL IN BROKEN PACK ICE SUCH AS FOUND CORLO.

INDICATED THAT WITH ICEBREAKER FLEET NOW IN WHITE SEA—

MIKOYAN, LENIN, KRASSIN, KAGANOVICH, LITKE, SEDOV—SHIPS CAN
BE BROUGHT IN AND OUT MOLOTOVSK REST OF ICE SEASON

ALTHOUGH GOING MIGHT BE SLOW AT TIMES AND ALWAYS POSSIBILITY
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SOME DAMAGE PROPS RUDDER. PREFERABLE SHIPS TONNAGE
 6,000 OR LESS BUT NOT LOW POWERED. LIBERTYS NOT
 RECOMMENDED DUE POOR MANEUVERABILITY LENGTH AND BEAM.
 NO DANGER SHIPS HULLS CAUGHT IN ICE DUE BROKEN
 CHARACTER SURROUNDING FIELD BUT PROP AND RUDDER
 VULNERABLE WHEN SHIP IN BALLAST OR BACKING.
 ESPECIALLY OTHER THAN STEEL PROP. OCCASIONAL GERMAN
 RECONNAISSANCE PLANES OVER.

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TOR CODEROOM 0947	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY RISHIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY MANSON			DEFERRED

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AFTER 8 DAY TRIP TO ICE EDGE WHITE SEA AND 4 DAYS
RETURNING ABOARD LARGEST NEWEST BREAKER MIKOYAN
COMPANY BREAKER LENIN AND 4 STEAMERS AND CONSIDERING
ALL PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS CONVINCED FURTHER USE
w. anchorage
MOLOTOVSK IMPRACTICAL UNLESS SOVIETS RADICALLY.
IMPROVE CARGO HANDLING PLUS USE ONLY SMALL *ships* WITH LIGHT
LIFTS AND LOADED ALMOST TO CAPACITY. OUTBOUND CONVOY
HELD UP IN ICE DUE SHALLOW DRAFT AND POOR MANEUVERABILITY
LARGE SHIPS PLUS POOR COAL AVAILABLE FOR BREAKERS.
BAD ICE IN *ENTRANCE TO WHITE SEA* GORLO EVEN TROUBLED MIKOYAN BUT WHITE SEA
BASIN AND MOLOTOVSK AREA COVERED ONLY WITH SMALL
ICE.

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