NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: NAVCON SAN JUAN
RELEASED BY:
DATE: MAY 19 43
TOR CODEROOM: 1435
DECODED BY: MULLIGAN
PARAPHRASED BY: HAMILTON
ROUTED BY: WIDNER

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EUROPOSTAL NUMBER
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NCR 9481

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

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DEAR MRS. DILLON ROADS FOR SAFETY THIS MORNING

16...CG
CONTACT...2/G...13...
NAVAL...2F02...CNO..FILE
Note: Rec'd in personal system of Admiral Martinique.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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**TEXT**

(For COMINCH)

RELIABLY REPORTED THAT GODFROY TODAY PUBLISHED MEMO TO HIS PERSONNEL SETTING FORTH HIS DECISION TO JOIN WITH FORCES ADMIRAL MICHELIER NORTH AFRICA STATING THAT REENFORCEMENT CREWS WOULD BE ARRIVING SHORTLY. NO PUBLICITY DESIRED.
From: Amcn Embassy London
To: MILID

No. 4798, May 18, 1943

Repeated incidents of French sailors deserting ships on arrival London at instigation Free French Naval Forces, together with refusal of General De Gaulle to permit military or naval observers to be stationed at Teneriffe, is making De Gaulle situation here most acute. (Sgd Peabody) Naval authorities now contacting Admiralty with demand that ship desertion activities on part of incoming French sailors cease. Will forward more as information becomes available.

No Sig

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INFORMATION: OPD
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OSD Letter, 5-3-72

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The following is a paraphrase of message No. 4798, from the American Embassy, London, dated May 18, 1943:

De Gaulle situation here most acute because of the refusal of General De Gaulle to allow naval or military observers to be stationed at Isenriffes, together with continued incidents of the desertions of ships by French sailors on arrival at London, at the instigation of Free French Naval Forces.

Admiralty now being contacted by naval authorities who demand that ship desertion activities by the arriving French sailors stop. As soon as more information becomes available, I will send it along.

Peabody
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ALUSTO LEVANT
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: MAY 18, 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 2020/2003
DECODED BY: ALTENHOFF/ROWLAND
PARAPHRASED BY: 

FOR COMINCH.

NOW APPEARS THAT GODFROYS DECISION TO JOIN FRENCH NAVY NORTH AFRICA IS CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTABLE REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS PUT TO GIRAUD. THE LATTER'S REPRESENTATIVE NOW IN ALGIERS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ANSWERS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM ALEX. DOCKING OF FRENCH SHIPS PROCEEDING AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS PERMIT. DURESNE AND TOURVILLE COMPLETED. TWO DD'S ENTERING ON 18TH AND OTHERS TO FOLLOW AFTER SHORT INTERVAL. A PRECIS ON THE MARTINIQUE SITUATION WOULD BE HELPFUL HERE.

* UNDERLINED WORDS POSSIBLY SHOULD READ "A DECISION."

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VICE CNO HAS FOR ACTION. CINCAF FOR INFO. FROM COMNAVUEU.

FRENCH STEAMSHIP FORT DE DOUAUMONT AFTER REPAIRS IN MIDDLESBROUGH SAILLED FOR OBAN MAY 4TH. PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE 7 NAVAL GUNNERS AND 6 MERCHANT SEAMEN OF FRENCH CREW DESERTED. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION ARRANGED MERCHANT CREW REPLACEMENTS FROM BRITISH POOL. ADMIRALTY PLACED MILITARY GUNNERS ON BOARD FOR VOYAGE TO OBAN FOR PURPOSES OF PROTECTION AND TRAINING OF MERCHANT CREW IN HANDLING THEIR 4 INCH GUN. AM INFORMED ADMIRALTY IMMIGRATION SECURITY AND POLICE ARE ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE DESERTERS AND PERSUADE NAVAL GUNNERS REJOIN THEIR SHIP AT OBAN. SOME OF THESE MEN HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN FIGHTING FRENCH NAVAL RECEPTION BARRACKS NEAR LONDON.
COMBINED SHIPPING ADJUSTMENT BOARD LONDON ON 6 MAY REQUESTED THEIR NORTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN SHIPPING AUTHORITIES ARRANGE REPLACEMENTS FROM SS MONT VISO WHICH HAD JUST ARRIVED IN UNITED KINGDOM. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM NORTH AFRICA. IF GUNNERS DO NOT RETURN TO THEIR SHIP MASTER HAS BEEN DIREC TED TO SAIL WITH SHORThANDED GUN CREW. WE HAVE ASKED ADMIRALTY FOR INDIVIDUAL POSITION IN CONVOY. PRESENT BRITISH POLICY WAS DEFINED IN COMNAVEU LETTERS SERIAL Ø87 OF MARCH 22 AND SERIAL Ø127 OF APRIL 17TH. THIS POLICY IS BASED ON DIRECTIVE OF HIGHEST BRITISH AUTHORITIES ISSUED END FEBRUARY AFTER EXCHANGE OF DESPATCHES WITH LORD HALIFAX. APPREHENSION OF DESERTERS, THEIR RETURN BY FORCE TO THEIR SHIPS, OR THEIR DEPORTATION TO NORTH AFRICA

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WOULD BE CONTRARY TO PRESENT BRITISH POLICY. THEREFORE IF ANY MEN OF FORT DOUAUMONT CREW FAIL TO REJOIN THEIR SHIP PRIOR TO ITS SAILING ON MAY 17TH THERE APPEARS TO BE NOTHING FURTHER I CAN DO ABOUT IT UNLESS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO HAVE THE QUESTION OF THIS POLICY DISCUSSED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE END THAT THE BRITISH SHALL APPREHEND SUCH MEN AND RETURN THEM TO NORTH AFRICA. AMBASSADOR WINANT CONCURS AND SUGGEST DESPATCH BE SHOWN STATE DEPARTMENT. IF FRENCH SHIPS OPERATED BY US. ARE TO VISIT REGULARLY U.K. PORT AND IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REACH AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT ABOUT THESE CHANGES FROM PRESENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES WE MAY FREQUENTLY FIND OURSELVES SHY OF REPLACEMENTS FOR CREWS AND NAVAL GUNNERS WITH CONSEQUENT SAILING DELAYS.

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BARFLEUR RETURNED MARTINIQUE TODAY.

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Ships Z unconfirmed: rumor Baufleur may proceed. Guadaloupe tomorrow will report if confirmed.

SISWAE

Note: As received.
THE PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT GENERAL GIRAUD HAS VIRTUALLY ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMIRAL GODFREY'S SQUADRON. HE HAS SENT A PAYMASTER CAPTAIN TO ALEXANDRIA AS LIAISON OFFICER TO DEAL WITH MATTERS OF PAY AND SUPPLY. A LINE OFFICER WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. GODFREY HAS AGREED TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND IS PREPARING HIS OFFICERS AND MEN FOR A MOVE. AS A GESTURE THE CRUISER TOURVILLE IS BEING DOCKED ON 5 MAY AND CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD BETWEEN STAFFS OF CINCLEVANT AND GODFREY TO DISCUSS DOCKING AND REPAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR A POSSIBLE OCEAN VOYAGE. CINCLEVANT HAD LONG TALK WITH GODFREY ON MAY 2 DURING WHICH THE LATTER STATED THAT LAST WEEK HE HAD ADDRESSED HIS OFFICERS AND GAVE THEM (PART OF MESSAGE OMITTED HERE, HAS BEEN SERVICED).
HE TOLD ADMIRAL LEATHAM THAT HE WOULD TAKE HIS SHIPS TO JOIN GIRAUD AS SOON AS THE PASSAGE OF THE SICILIAN CHANNEL WAS PRACTICABLE PROVIDED DEGAULLE DID NOT BECOME HEAD OF ANY PROVINCIAL FRENCH ADMINISTRATION AND SECONDLY THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT AS OPPOSED TO AN ADMINISTRATION IN NORTH AFRICA. HE CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS ALL BUT A FEW OFFICERS WITH LOCAL INTEREST BEHIND HIM AND IS CONFIDENT THAT WHEN HE GIVES THE ORDER TO MOVE HE WILL BE OBEYED. ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND TO BRING HIS CREWS TO SUFFICIENT STRENGTH FROM NORTH AFRICAN SOURCES. CINCLEVANT INTENDS AFTER SEEING GIRAUDS NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCEED WITH THE DOCKING PROGRAMME WITH AS LITTLE INTERFERENCE AS POSSIBLE WITH HIS OWN HEAVY COMMITMENTS. THIS NOT TO BE GIVEN TO PRESS.
Rome INR despatch states Italian specialists have been engaged for 5 months in raising French vessels sunk at Toulon using equipment from Pola. Vichy despatch cites following description ascribed editor pariser Zeitung: 60 large and small vessels scuttled in November are hopelessly lost and good only for retaining as scrap iron. Battleship STRASBOURG which has been refloated appears undamaged from exterior but so much damaged otherwise that technical experts believe salvage difficult. Battleship DUNKERQUE is in process dismantling with hull now being cut to pieces. LORRAINE COMMANDANT TESTE and CONDORCET have been refloated but are of no value. Cruising FOCH and DUPLEEx were blown up and appear heaps of rusted scrap iron. 20 destroyers and other ships still at bottom but 2 large submarines which have been refloated resemble burnt-out cigar. POPOLI DI ROMA published likewise report on condition ships but is unavailable here. Publication this information by Axis press obviously inspired for some undisclosed purpose.
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 APRIL 26, 1943

TOR NCR 2223

FROM: STATE
TO: OPNAV\nSD19

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MARTINIQUE DATED APRIL 18, 1943 11 AM

A-97 THE BARFLEUR WILL SORTIE IN MARTINIQUE WATERS APRIL 20TH TO 23RD ADMIRAL ROBERT HAS ADVISED THAT HE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OCCASION TO VISIT GUADELOUPE DEPARTING ON THE 21ST AND RETURNING ON THE 23RD. NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED.

SIGNED SITTON

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State Dept. Letter, 111-72
By J. Schaal Date JUN 4-1974

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OFFICER ABOARD JEANNE D'ARC REPORTS
DISAPPOINTMENT NOT RECEIVED FURTHER
WORD FROM ADMIRAL BATTET HAS SET
APRIL 30 AS DEADLINE. IF NOT HEARD
FROM BATTET WILL INFORM CREW THEY
ARE AT LIBERTY TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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**TEXT**

(RECEIVED BY B/D BY HAND)

WEEKLY STATE 17TH APRIL.

CRUISER FRENCH CLOIRE DAKAR AVAILABLE.

FRENCH CRUISER GEORGES LEYGUES DAKAR REPAIRS.

ESCORT VESSELS - FRENCH SLOOP DUMONT DURVILLE

FRENCH S1 M/S COMMANDANT BORY, FRENCH S1 M/S LA GRACIEUX GRANDEUR MOUCHEZ ASPIRANT BRUM

CASABLANCA AREA.

VICTORIA FRENCH DESPATCH VESSEL CALAIS DAKAR AREA.

S/M (?ARGO) DAKAR FRENCH S/M LE CENTAURE ON PASSAGE TO FREETOWN.

COMINCH...COG

16...20G...23...40...CNG...NAVALLE...13...FILE

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REF YOUR 142111. DOMINICAN MILITARY BOARDED FRENCH ST. DOMINGUE AT PUERTA PLATA NIGHT OF APRIL 11. OFFICERS AND CREW REMOVED TO MILITARY BARRACKS AND DETAINED. CAPT. CODET DURING INTERROGATION AFTERNON APRIL 11 ADMITTED TO AUTHORITIES BOMB ON BOARD. THIS BOMB REMOVED. DOMINICAN SKELETON CREW PUT ON BOARD. PRESIDENT TRUJILLO GAVE ORDERS 13 APRIL TO DISCHARGE CARGO RETURN FRENCH CREW ON BOARD PERMIT VESSEL TO SAIL ST. DOMINGUE DEPARTED PUERTA PLATA 193/2/14 APRIL FOR FT. DE FRANCE.

16...ORIG

COW/NCH....10/11....F37....21G....13....16(FOR STATE)....

NAVATADE FILE
ADMIRALTY TODAY REQUESTED REASONS WHY ST. DOMINGUE HELD PUERTO PLATA. ALUSMOB REPLIED U.S. HAD NOT INTERFERED VESSELS' MOVEMENTS THAT DOMINICAN GOVT. CONCERNED. ADMIRALTY WRITING DOMINICAN CONSUL THAT SUBJECT. REQUEST FURTHER INFO.

16......ACTION

COMINCH......13......16/11......24G......STATE......

17......NAVAIDE.......240P.......FILE.
BY 112349.*

President Trujillo has given orders to discharge cargo until definitive return French crew on board permit vessel to sail reaffirming will to cooperate fully with United States.

*SHOULD BE 112349.

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COUNTRY...1/11...13...16...2/C...CG....
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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMAR DAKAR
RELEASED BY
DATE APRIL 14, 1943
TOR CODEROOM 2109/
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PARAPHRASED BY

ADMIRALTY
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NOIC CASABLANCA
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TEXT

RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAD.

WEEKLY STATE, 10TH APRIL.
CRUISERS - GEORGES LEYGUES ON PATROL. GLOIRE DAKAR.
SUBMARINES - LE CENTAURE DAKAR. ARGO FREETOWN.
ESCORT VESSELS - DUMONT D'URVILLE, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT
BORY, MOUCHEZ, ASPIRANT, BRUN CASABLANCA AREA.
LA GRACIEUSE, CALAIS VICTORIA DAKAR AREA.

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DOMINICAN MILITARY BOARDED FRENCH SHIP SAINT DOMINIQUE AT PUERTO ELATA LATE SATURDAY NIGHT AND REMOVED OFFICERS AND CREW TO MILITARY BARRACKS, WHERE THEY ARE NOW DETAINED. CAPTAIN CODET ADMITTED TO AUTHORITIES DURING INTERROGATION AFTERNOON 11 APRIL THAT BOMB WAS ON BOARD. THIS BOMB HAS BEEN REMOVED. DOMINICAN SKELETON CREW ON BOARD. SHIP IS ALONG SIDE PIER IN OPEN HARBOR WHERE IT WILL REMAIN PENDING FINAL DECISION. DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES REQUEST HARBOR PATROL.

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(PASS BY CONCARIBSEAFRON TO OPNAV FOR INFORMATION)

American Legation

STATE DEPT HAS INFORMED AM LEG THAT WHILE NO PRESENT INTENTION EXISTS OF INTERFERING WITH MOVEMENTS OF ADMIRAL ROBERTS MERCHANT SHIPS THAT NO CARGO COULD BE LOADED IN US FOR MARTINIQUE AND THAT IT IS HOPED DOMINICAN GOVT WILL TAKE WHATEVER STEPS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SUCH VESSELS OBTAINING CARGO IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. DOMINICAN GOVT IS INFORMED. PRESIDENT TRUJILLO HAS ORDERED THAT SAINT DOMINIQUE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SAIL FROM PUERTO PLATA.

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FROM :
ALUSNA MADRID

RELEASED BY:

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9 APR 1943

TOR CODEROOM:
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PARAPHRASED BY:
PLOSKI

ADDRESSEES:
OPNAV

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RRRRRR

PRECEDENCE:
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WASHINGTON

ROONEY
081536
NCR 2528

APPAREAS AS IF NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRANSFER SUB IRIS TO SPAIN NEARING COMPLETION. REF MY 1421 OF DEC 28/18 AND 021612 OF FEB. PRELIMINARY STEPS PRESUMABLY ALREADY REPORTED BY STATE DEPT AGENCIES. APPEARS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON FRENCH AIDE BEING CONDUCTED BY EX COMMANDER OF SUB LETONNANT WHO AFTER SCUTTLING HIS COMMAND OFF CADIZ (MY 2818/4 NOV) WAS IMPRISONED IN SPAIN AND LATER RELEASED AND ASSIGNED TO FRENCH EMBASSY MADRID. IF IRIS TRANSFERRED SPAN GOVERNMENT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THOUGH IN MY OPINION NOT INEVITABLE IT WILL GO TO AXIS. EMBASSY INFORMED. IRIS STILL IN CARTAGENA.

COMINCH..ACT

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PART 2 OF 2 PARTS RECEIVED AS 061854 NCR 660

HANDLE THIS WITH UTMOST SECRECY.

REFER MYDIS 011701. FULL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF
FIGHTING FRENCH AND CREW OF THE FRENCH SS JAMAIQUE ARE
BEING FORWARDED IN CARE OF COLONEL SUMNER WAITE,
UNITED STATES ARMY, PASSENGER ON BOARD PAN AMERICAN
AIRWAYS FLIGHT 9048 FOR DELIVERY TO OFFICE OF COMINCH.
COLONEL WAITE HAS BEEN ASKED TO ACQUAINT GENERAL
MARSHALL AND ADMIRAL HORNE OF PRESENT STATUS GIRAUD
DE GAULLE NEGOTIATIONS. I BELIEVE THE MASTERS OF THE
JAMAIQUE IS THOROUGHLY LOYAL TO HIS DUTIES AND FULLY
OBEYING TO UNITED STATES CONTROL. HOWEVER HE STATED
THAT HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO COMPROMISE WITH THE

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GAULLIST ELEMENTS ON BOARD THE VESSEL IN ORDER TO INSURE THEIR SAILING WITH THE SHIP. HE THEREFORE PERMITTED A GAULLIST PENNANT TO BE HOSITED (TEMPORARILY) AT THE YARDARM DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE SHIP'S STAY IN PORT AND ALSO PERMITTED ORDERS FROM DE GAULLE TO THE CREW DIRECTING THEM TO SAIL THE VESSEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO BE POSTED ON THE GANGWAY BULLETIN BOARD.

EFFORTS MAY BE MADE BY GAULLIST MEMBERS OF THIS CREW TO REHOIST THE PENNANT ON ARRIVAL IN A UNITED STATES PORT AND TO SEEK ORDERS FROM THE DE GAULLE GROUPS THERE AND TO GIVE SUCH PUBLICITY AS THEY CAN TO WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE CLYDE AND WHAT THEY CAN DO ALONG THE SAME LINES IN THE UNITED STATES.
GAULLIST WEEKLY PAPER MARSEILLAISE PUBLISHED A STORY IN APRIL 4TH ISSUE CRITICISING US POLICY AND ACTION UNDER HEADING "SHIP WHOSE COMPLEMENT JOINED DE GAULLE OCCUPIED BY AMERICANS". THIS STORY QUOTED IN FULL IN EMBASSY DESPATCH 2396 STATE DEPT. APRIL 5 INCLUDED TEXTS OF LETTER OF PROTEST AGAINST POSTING US MILITARY GANGWAY WATCH SIGNED BY 16 MEMBERS OF CREW AS WELL AS ORDER OF DE GAULLE FOR MEN TO REMAIN ON SHIP.

I RECOMMEND THAT UPON THE VESSELS ARRIVAL AT QUARANTINE SHE BE FIRST BOARDED BY NAVAL AUTHORITIES WHO SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE CREW THAT THE MASTER IS IN ABSOLUTE COMMAND. I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PLACING AN ARMED GUARD ON BOARD THE VESSEL TO INSURE THE MASTERS CONTROL OVER PERSONS BOARDING OR LEAVING THE SHIP.
WHETHER OR NOT PUBLICITY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH OCCURRED HERE COULD BE AVOIDED I DO NOT KNOW BUT I WOULD REGARD SUCH AVOIDANCE AS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IT APPEARS THAT DR DUMETZ AND THE RADIO OPERATOR KERDONCUFF COOPERATED WITH LANGLAIS THE FRENCH RESIDENT OFFICER AT THE CLYDE IN ATTEMPTING TO TRANSFER AUTHORITY OVER THE CREW OF THE SHIP TO DE GAULLE. IT MAY THEREFORE BE ADVISABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THEM TO BE REMOVED TEMPORARILY FROM THE SHIP AND TURNED OVER TO APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES FOR THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR OP 13 FOR ACTION
75D FROM STATE DEPT FOR OPMH
CONFIDENTIAL FOLLOWING FROM FORT DE FRANCE
DATED APRIL 3, 4 PM RECD APRIL 3, 5:49 O. TELEGRAM
NO. 154.

URGENT.
I AM INFORMED BY ADMIRAL ROBERT THAT SINCE THE GENTLE-
MENTS AGREEMENT WITH ITS FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CLAUSE
REMAINS IN VIGOR, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY TO HIS
INQUIRIES CONTAINED IN MY TELEGRAMS OF MARCH 19, NO. 126,
AND MARCH 25, NO. 135, THE SAINT DOMINGUE WILL DEPART
FROM HERE LATE ON APRIL 5 AS INDICATED IN MY TELEGRAM
NO. 126. PLEASE REFIL TO MY NO. 16 OF JANUARY 16.
HIS NOTICE THEREOF TO VICHY IS THREE DAYS SHORT OF
THE REQUIRED SIX DAYS.

(SIGNED) MALICE AMERICAN CONSUL
TJD 455 AM APRIL 4 1943

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Fighting French, Allied French Fleet - Summary

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(b) Includes damaged JEAN BART at Casablanca.
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(a) Status of LAMOTTE-PICQUET in French Indochina unknown.
(b) Includes L'AUDACIEUX at Bizerte.
(c) 3 DD's reported having departed Bizerte, presumably for Italy.
(d) Includes interned IRIS in Spain, and 9 SS's at Bizerte, reportedly without batteries.

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FROM: CAIRO (COOPER)
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 24 MARCH 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 2295
DECODED BY: PATTERSON
PARAPHRASED BY: MORRI

OPNAV

INFORMATION

PRIORITY

FOR ACTION

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GODFROY ADVISED FORCE X THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT PETAIN PRISONER OF LAVAL AND THAT GIRAUD IS ACTING IN ACCORDANCE PETAINS WISHES. THAT GODFROY WITH FORCE X REQUIRE CERTAIN AMOUNT DELAY TO CONTACT NECESSARY PRELIMINARIES BUT WHEN TIME APPROPRIATE WILL JOIN ALLIES. RESULT THAT PRO VICHY PERSONNEL NOW PRO GIRAUD ONLY REMAINING DISSENTERS FEW PRO NAZI. ALL CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBI-LITY BEING CHARGE WITH COMING IN DUE TO PRESSURE OF WITHHOLDING MONEY AND DESIRE SOME FACE SAVING ARRANGEMENT BE MADE

SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO ALEXANDRIA ABOUT 18TH CHIEFOFOF STAFF VICE ADM GODFROY FROM VISIT WITH GIRAUD IN ALGIERS

16...ACTION

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A CONCITE YOUR 191816 IS UNDER BRITISH OPERATIONAL CONTROL

 THEREFORE QUESTIONS AS TO WHERE SHE GOES AND WHAT INFORMATION IS MADE PUBLIC ARE FOR ADMIRALITY DECISION. IF FIRST SEA LORD WISHES TO SEND THE VESSEL TO UNITED STATES WE WOULD OF COURSE BE GLAD TO RECEIVE HER BUT PLEASE SAY TO ADMIRAL POUND THAT IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO DEFER THE VISIT UNTIL FRENCH Factions HAVE RECONCILED THEIR DIFFERENCES.
### ADMIRALTY REPORTS THAT PLANES ATTACKED FRENCH GUNBOAT GOVERNOR MOUTET EN ROUTE FROM FRENCH GUIANA TO MARTINIQUE MARCH 27. DISPATCH FROM COMMANDING OFFICER TO ADMIRALTY TIED 0930 GCT MARCH 21 STATES ...QUOTE...I HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING UNTIL NOW ATTACKS OF INTIMIDATION BY BURSTS OF MACHINE GUNS AND LAUNCHING OF DEPTH CHARGES...UNQUOTE...NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY PLANES HAVE ASKED ADMIRALTY ADDITIONAL DATA.

### ACTION

- 16...20G...13...BUAER...40...NAVALE...CNO...280P...

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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from: CONCARIBSEACTION |  |  | ALUSNOB MARTINIQUE | PRIORITY
released by:  |  |  |  | routine
Date: 21 March 1943 |  |  |  | deferred
tor coderoom: 2310/M157 |  |  | COMINCH NOB TRINIDAD | PRIORITY
Decoded by: RINDZ/RINDZ |  |  |  | routine
Paraphrased by:  |  |  |  | deferred

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**NAVR 7591**

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**originator fill in date and time**

| **text**
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| (action ALUSNOB MARTINIQUE info COMINCH AND NOB TRINIDAD)

THIS IS MY 21S117 ACTION ALUSNOB MARTINIQUE INFORMATION COMINCH AND NOB TRINIDAD.

POSITION MOUTTET 170225 56-47 N 56-14 W COURSE 325 SPEED 6 KNOTS. NO OBJECTION BARFLEUR PROCEEDING TO EXCORT MOUTTET IN ACCORDANCE YOUR 251441

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FROM COMCARI BSEAFRON
RELEASED BY
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MY 201821. AT 17002 MOUTTET POSITION 08-47 NORTH
56-14 WEST COURSE 325 SPEED 8. EXCEPT FOR ACTUAL
FIRING ON HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TURN
HER WITH PLANE. SHE CONTINUES TOWARD MARTINIQUE.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM
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FROM CONCARIBSEAFRON
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SMALL VICHY GUNBOAT MOUTTET LEFT SAINT LAURENT 19 MARCH FOR MARTINIQUE. I GAVE NOB TRINIDAD ORDERS TO REQUIRE HER TO RETURN TO PORT. ROBERT NOW STATES HE IS sending BARFLEUR ON ACCOUNT OF WEATHER TO ESCORT HER TO MARTINIQUE. ADVISE IF ANY CHANGE DESIRED MY PROCEDURE.

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REQUEST ROBERT HOLD BARFLEUR. BELIEVE MOUTTET HAS BEEN TURNED BACK. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
ADMIRALTY REPORTS RETURN OF GUNBOAT GOVERNOR VOUTET WHICH LEFT GUAIRA EVENING MARCH 19 FOR FORT DE FRANCE. DUE TO HEAVY WEATHER AND SMALLNESS OF VESSEL ADMIRALTY SENDING BARFLEUR FROM MARTINIQUE AT 2115 GCT MARCH 21 TO MEET HER AND CONVY BALANCE OF VOYAGE.

COMMACH ACTION
16 19 19C 23 2 G F-37 FILE.
REAR ADMIRAL ABOYNEAU COMMANDER FIGHTING FRENCH NAVAL
FORCES REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FOR VISIT BY FRENCH CORVETTE
TO U.S. PORT AT END OF PERIOD OF ESCORTING ATLANTIC CONVOY
SAILING MARCH 20. FRENCH CORVETTES HAVE RECENTLY ATTACKED
SUBMARINES SUCCESSFULLY NOTABLY THE ACONITE WHICH SANK 2
TAKING PRISONERS FROM EACH. ABOYNEAU PROPOSES VISIT TO
BOSTON OR OTHER CONVENIENT PORT ABOUT APRIL 20 WITH PER-
MISSION BY U.S. AUTHORITIES WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING PUBLIC
RECOGNITION OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE SINCE 1940 OF FREE
FRENCH NAVAL UNITS IN CONVOY ESCORT DUTIES. DURATION OR
VISIT ABOUT 3 DAYS.
ADMIRAL COLLINET COMAR DAKAR WISHES
DETERMINE POSSIBILITY REFUELING FRENCH
CRUISERS AT RECIFE.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
March 14, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 3909

Policies with regard to rearmament materials for French Naval activities (for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff report 3729 March 1st, 1943) is being studied.

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VICHY DESTROYERS TROMBE, PANTHERE DAMAGED TOULON REPORTED READY FOR SEA.

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 3729, March 1, 1943.

The rearrangement and reconditioning of the ships of the French fleet is going forward in accordance with previously approved plans.

In addition to this program the French have handed me a completed list of all rearrangement materials required for other naval activities. This list dated 20 January 1943 is being forwarded by airmail to CCS and Admiralty. Fenard Mission has several copies. Following is a summary of the action taken or the recommended policy on the main items of these requests insofar as pertains to Torch area. Recommend all Dakar naval commitments except fuel be handled separately since Dakar is in British naval strategic zone controlled by FOCAF and is not part of Torch naval area. Categories below correspond to chapters in French list.

Approval of recommended policies is requested.

First category A: New construction. Final request is for 12 destroyers 30 escorts and 12 tugs. This is a long term matter which should be taken up by Fenard Mission.

First category B: Planes and equipment for Naval Air Force requested as follows: Seaplanes 33 PBY Amphibians and 18 single engine 2 seater seagulls. Landplanes 105 B-25 fitted for sea patrol 110 P-40 pursuit and 38 miscellaneous. Equipment complete for each plane plus 1276 miscellaneous vehicles.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR
No. 3729, March 1, 1943

Recommend as early priority that French Naval Air Force be equipped to conduct anti submarine convoy escort and patrols. The PBY Amphibians are excellent planes for this type of work and recommend provision of some or all of 33 requested with necessary armament spares and operational and maintenance equipment.

The 18 Seagulls should be provided subject to equipment of richelieu and cruisers with catapults for this type. British have already offered 20 Walrus for inshore patrols.

The landplane requirements are closely paralleled by similar requests made by French Air Force. All landplane and land equipment and vehicles supplied to Torch area will be turned over to the French as a single allocation. These naval requests should therefore be considered in conjunction with French Air Force requirements and the French should determine what percentages of all landplanes will be operated by Army and Navy.

Second category:
Ordnance (1) Recommend shipboard installations be completely refitted and equipped during USA overhaul. Recommend gradual building up reserve stocks for shipboard batteries as material becomes available 1st priority small caliber and A, A, (2) Coast defense in French set up is Naval including harbor defense and A, A, guns. Requirements for guns and ammunition for these services will be considered with Army requests.

Third category:
Armament. Starr torpedoes should be provided. Standard depth charges are being issued from local stocks. Recommend all special equipment be fitted during USA overhaul. British are providing asdic and close range AA armament for local North African escorts and AA for coastal merchant ships not provided with guns removed from French war vessels. British and American degaussing ranges when established will be available for all French ships.

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Fourth category:
The fuel and petroleum requirements of the French Navy have been included in the estimates submitted by the petroleum division AFHQ. French are being requested to coordinate Dakar requirements through FOCWAF.

Fifth category:
Clothing. List states requirements for 30,000 men which is considered excessive. British providing emergency requirements for 500 men. Recommend 1st priority for shipboard personnel remainder on basis availability material and regular shipments each convoy for a total of 18,000 men.

Sixth category:
Foodstuffs. Requirements for bulk supplies of all foodstuffs will be referred to the Haut Commissariat of the French Civil Government.

Seventh category:
Berthing and messing equipment and miscellaneous stores. Recommend regular shipments each convoy as materials become available on basis of 18,000 men.

Eighth category:
Medical material. Recommend as for category 7.

Ninth category:
Recommend books and pamphlets be provided as available.

Tenth category:
Ship repair materials. French requests cover all of North Africa. In lieu of meeting this bulk requirements it is recommended that ship repair materials necessary for navy yards and all local ship repair establishments be requested by the local British or American Naval Commanders from their respective governments on the basis of 6 months stock for maximum repair capacity French to draw on these allied pools as practicable.
Eleventh category:
Electric equipment. Same as 10th except special items of non standard stock to be requested separately through local USA or British Naval Commander.

Twelfth category:
Construction materials. Same as 10th subject to maximum use of local materials.

Thirteenth category:
Machine tools and vehicles. Due to the scarcity of machine tools each requirement will be subject special request to be resubmitted by French which request will be forwarded by the British for American Naval Commander in locality where tools are to be set up to his government direct with recommendation. Recommend all vehicle requirements by French Navy be considered with French Army requirements.

Shipments to Allied Pools under 10th, 11th and 12th categories will be requested and controlled by senior British or American Naval authority in the area in which material are to be used and French requirements included insofar as practicable. Shipment of all materials for French Navy in all other categories will be included in tonnage allocation established by Commander in Chief Allied Force for French rearmament. Recommend the filling of Naval rearmament tonnage allocations in each convoy and full loading returning Naval vessels be arranged by French Naval authorities through Renard Mission and Munitions Assignment Board in Washington subject to any operational priorities which may be established by Commander in Chief Allied Force. Signed Eisenhower cite FHAGM.

French requests do not adequately cover harbor and local defense requirements. My proposed policy

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR
No. 3729, March 1, 1943

is to equip the French so that they can eventually
take over defense of their own territory. Naval
aspect of this has been dealt with in UNAF Signal
1600 1930 January 1943 to Admiralty and COMINCH
and arrangements are proceeding.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION:

OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
SEC. GEN. STAFF
ADM. KING
LOG

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RADIO WASHINGTON 21117/22 JAN.

FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE OGLE, GUS 4 PRESIDENT EDWIN RARKHAM NATHANIEL HAVE EACH 1 15 INCH GUN FRENCH BATT. JEAN BART FOR FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU ETA NEW YORK 14 MAR. PLAN SEND 3RD GUN SHIP FOR GUS 5

COMINCH...GOO.

JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF....3USHS...SUORD...23...GNO...

11C...12...13...16...F-37...FILE

ADD: COS....(PER CNO)

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RESULT CONFERENCES VADM GODFROY WITH NAHAS PASHA EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER INFORMED GODFROY THAT IF FORCE X-1/2 SHIPS WERE SCUTTLED IN EGYPTIAN HARBOR THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WOULD BE PROSECUTED AND CONFINED. FURTHER CONFERENCES PROCEEDING WITH GODFROY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GEN GIRAUD.

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16....ACTION
20G....COMINCH....FILE....NAVAIDE....CNO....FILE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
FROM STATE DEPT FOR CPNAV
FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MARTINIQUE F/WI DATED FEB 23 1943 RCD 3PM MARCH 1ST.
A-50 FEBRUARY 23, 12 NOON.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PASSAGE IN THE DEPARTMENTS 33, FEBRUARY 11, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GUADALOUPESE MEN, THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSARIAT IS REPORTED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE WAS CURRENT HERE A RUMOR THAT WE HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE MEN'S TAKING THE ACTION CONCERNED:

"IN ORDER TO CUIT SHORT ALL DEFORMED VERSIONS OF AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT, THE ADMIRAL-HIGH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

"THE ADMIRAL WAS INFORMED THAT THE MASTER AND CREW OF THE SS GUADALOUPE, WHOSE DEPARTURE FROM NEW ORLEANS HE WAS EXPECTING SOON, WOULD HAVE TAKEN SPONTANEOUSLY THE DECISION NOT TO SAIL FOR THE ANTILLES BEFORE CERTAIN DEMANDS REGARDING POLITICAL, NAVIGATION AND WAGE MATTERS WERE ACCEPTED.

"IT IS DEEPLY REGRETABLE THAT THIS INITIATIVE, SUSCEPTIBLE OF HAVING IMPORTANT REPERCUSSIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF THE ANTILLES, COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY OFFICERS AND A FRENCH CREW WHO ARE FULLY AWARE OF OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE ADMIRAL HAS HAD TO OVERCOME IN ORDER TO"

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By J. Schauble  Date  JUN 4 1974

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IN SURE FULL SAFETY OF NAVIGATION TO THIS SHIP.

"EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SETTLE FAVORABLY THE SITUATION THUS CREATED.

"THIS STRICTLY PARTICULARIZED ACTION DOES NOT MODIFY THE SCHEDULE OF MOVEMENTS ALREADY FIXED FOR THE OTHER SHIPS, WHICH CONTINUE TO FULFILL THEIR MISSION OF SUPPLY."

MALIGE

744P MAR 2.

16...ACT
10/11...F37...13...39...NAVAID...NCR 3021/HILL
10 DAYS TRAINING AND PRACTICE PERIOD GRANTED BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET. FROM NOW ON REPORT FOR MOVEMENT ORDERS TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC FLEET AND NO LONGER TO WASHINGTON.

SIGNED CAPTAIN J. G. GAYRAL.
Mr. Morin de Linclys, manager of the French Lines in the United States and who has represented Admiral Robert's shipping interest in the United States, is on his way to Martinique to discuss the case of the Guadeloupe and general commercial shipping matters including further use of the ships now at Martinique.
MAJORITY FORCE XRAY PERSONNEL RALLYING SUPPORT GODFROY. ADMIRAL HARWOOD BELIEVES GODFROY WILL SCUTTLE WHEN FINANCIAL PRESSURE BECOMES TOO GREAT. FROM RELIABLE UNCONFIRMED SOURCE GODFROY ON 15TH CONFERRED NAHASHA EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER IN CAIRO ALSO REPORTED SCHEDULED TO COME HERE TODAY TO 17TH CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS.

13...ACTION.
16...COMINCH...NAVAIDE....FILE.
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OPD 336 Africa (2-15-43) CBF
Operations Division, WDGS European Section, WDOPD
February 15, 1943

CG, NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, FREEDOM

Number 2329

Previous activities of Emile Collin in serious
doubt your no 6632 dated 3 February (Narshall and
Secretary Hull for Eisenhower and Murphy) cite FNCIV.
Desire further information on purpose for which he is
desired in North Africa.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: NOC-CG
GEN. STRONG (STATE DEPT)
GEN. DEANE (CCS)
GEN. ARNOLD
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BRITISH INFORMED VICE ADM GODFREY THAT LAST PAYMENT MONEYS TO FORCES MADE YESTERDAY FEB 13. FOOD SUPPLIES NOT YET AFFECTED. REACTIONS NOT APPARENT TO DATE.

ACTION: 13.....
16......COMINCH......NAVAID......FILL.....

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MY 101522 ADMIRAL ROBERT HOSPITAL CONDITION EXCELLENT. WHEN INFORMED INCIDENT NEW ORLEANS BY FRENCH LINE NOTIFIED CONSULATE GUADELOUPE FRENCH PROPERTY IF STRIKE CONTINUES RESERVE BRIGHT SEND ANOTHER CREW DOES NOT DESIRE RETURN OF PRESENT MASTER MALICE NOTIFYING STATE.

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13...COMM...INCH...
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When the Prime Minister passed thru Cairo recently he told Casey, (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) information AGWAR Combined Chiefs of Staff and Bull USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy, NAP 141, that the British Government could no longer justify funds supplied to Admiral Godfroy for the pay and maintenance of French Naval Personnel on the French units now in Alexandria unless Godfroy was prepared actively to cooperate in the prosecution of the war. At Casey's suggestion Giraud sent Godfroy a message on January 31 asking the later to rally to his support. When Godfroy replied in the negative stating that he would remain faithful to the legitimate authority in France and be governed by the Armistice until such a time as a new political and military situation might render action on his part in the true interest of France, it was then suggested from Cairo that Giraud or Michelier should order the ships into service. Neither are prepared to issue such orders at present as they consider that to make similar advance to that so recently made by Giraud would merely insure a further rebuff. Further consultation with the Prime Minister here has led to the decision on the part of the British authorities to cut off the pay of both officers and men. The French authorities have been informed and have raised no objection except to request that no publicity be given to this action. Admiral Cunningham who made the original agreement with Godfroy has accepted this proposal.
OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH, COMSOLANT FOR, CINCLANT. COMDESDIV 18 ORIGINATOR.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU
ARRIVED NEW YORK 11 FEBRUARY.

* NCR HAS PASSED TO COMSOLANT AND CINCLANT.

COMINCH...ACTION
23...21G...16...19...19C...13...

FILE: 20OP NAVALDE

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UNDERSTAND THAT CREW OF THE GUIADELOUPE ARE NOT LOADING THE VESSEL AND WILL NOT LEAVE NEW ORLEANS UNTIL ADMIRAL ROBERT JOINS THE ALLIES. THE FRENCH LINE MANAGER HANDLING MARTINIQUE AFFAIRS IS Wiring THIS INFORMATION TO ADMIRAL ROBERT. STATE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMING MALIGE AND HICKEY AND IS DIRECTING MALIGE THAT IF ANY INQUIRY IS RECEIVED ON THE SUBJECT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT UNITED STATES HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THIS ACTION.

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RECOP:COMING....NAVAL AIDE.... -16....FILE
Naval Message

FROM: USS SOMERS
RELEASED BY: 12 FEB 1943
TOR CODE ROOM: 0112
DECODED BY: BRACKEN
PARAPHRASED BY: ESPY

TO: VOPNAV
INFORMATION: COMINCH
FOR ACTION: CINCLANT
COMSOLANT

ADDRESSEES: PRPP
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(OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH CINCLANT* COMSOLANT*).

FRENCH CRUISER MONTCALM AND SOMERS ORIGINATOR ARRIVED NYD PHILADELPHIA 1900Q.

CODE PASSED TO CINCLANT AND COMSOLANT

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PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF FRENCH CRUISER NOT CONSIDERED DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME

Copy to: Op-13 Originator (State Department has concurred).
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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM NOB BERMUDA
RELEASED BY
DATE FEBRUARY 11, 1943
TOR CODEROOM 442/442
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16239 NCR 6614

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FOWAF 14217/3 VP SIGHTED MONTCAHM AND 1 DD
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ALSO RICHELIEU 3 DD'S 29/31 9TH LAT 33-55 LONG 65-31. VP
SIGHTED RICHELIEU 3 DD'S AT 1646 11TH LAT 36-44
LONG 69-43 AND COVERED 3 HOURS. COMDESDIV 1E GIVES
ETA NEW YORK 11TH.

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**INAUGURAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** ADM GLASSFORD  
**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 11 FEB 43  
**TOR CODE ROOM:** 2049  
**DECODED BY:** YANOVER/ROSS  

**ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY:**
- COMINCH
- SOP BERMUDA
- CINCLANT
- COMEASTSEAFRON
- NYPHIL
- FOCWAF
- SBNOWAT
- ADMTY
- BAD WASHN
- FOS COMAR DAKAR
- NCXF

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY:**

**HILL 91919 NCR 6451**

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(FROM GLASSFORD PASS TO COMINCH SOP BERMUDA CINCLANT COMEASTSEAFRON AND NYPHIL. FOCWAF AND SBNOWAT ADMTY BAD WASHN FOS AND NCXF INFORMED BY BRITISH System. COMAR DAKAR HAS)

**REF** MY 81444 AND 61076. FRENCH SUBMARINES AMAZONE AND ARCHIMEDE SAILED 1830Z FEBRUARY 9TH.

DELAY WAS DUE TO US DESIRABILITY OF IMPOSING RESTRICTED BOMBING AREA IN APPROACHES TO DAKAR AS ENEMY SUBMARINE WAS REPORTED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PROPOSED TRACT OF FRENCH SUBMARINES.

**RE-ENCYCLOPHERED AND PASSED**

**COMINCH......ACT**

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**COMEASTSEAFRON**

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**OB BERMUDA**

**SNOWAT, FOCWAF, GLASSFORD**

**COM 4, ADMIRALTY, COMAR, DAKAR**

**NYD PHILADELPHIA**

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**INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.**

**LT (JG) HILL**

**91612**

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**CINCLANT** DIRECT NOB BERMUDA ROUTE FRENCH SUBMARINES ARCHIMEDES AND AMAZONE ONWARD TO PHILADELPHIA WITH ESCORT FOR ABOUT 100 MILES FROM COMPLETION LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS BERMUDA. PLACE LIAISON OFFICER ON BOARD WITH CURRENT RECOGNITION SIGNALS AND CRYPTOCHANNELS 135 AND 171. ADVISE TIME OF SAILING SPEED AND ROUTE. ISSUE NECESSARY SUBMARINE NOTICE AND BOMBING RESTRICTIONS. ADVISE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND WHEN UNESCORTED INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FOR REPORTING TO US AUTHORITIES WHEN MORE THAN 30 MILES AHEAD 100 MILES BEHIND PREDICTED POSITION OR MORE THAN 15 MILES OFF TRACK. COMEASTSEAFRON DESIGNATE RENDEZVOUS ABOUT 200 MILES FROM DELAWARE CAPES AT WHICH POINT FURNISH SUITABLE ESCORT TO DESTINATION.

**COMINCH**......ORIG

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**FOR OPNAV, THIS IS SECRET** (THIS IS FROM GLASSFORD)

ON RECEIPT OF YOUR 161637 I HAD A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF SECURITY OF FRENCH SHIPS WITH VICE ADMIRAL COLLINET. THE RESULT HAS BEEN TO CONFIRM MY OWN IMPRESSIONS AS RESULT OF RECENT SHORT BUT CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH FRENCH NAVY IN WEST AND NORTH AFRICA. COLLINET ASSURES ME WITH CONVICTON THAT THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE IN FRENCH SHIPS EITHER WITH OFFICERS OR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE MEN. AMONG THE OFFICERS ESPECIALLY THERE MAY BE EXPECTED DIFFERENCES OF POLITICAL OPINION AND IN DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM BUT IN NO CASE CAN THESE BE REGARDED AS EFFECTING LOYALTY TO SHIP THE NAVY AND TO THEIR PRESENT ORDERS. BEFORE DEPARTURE OF SHIPS BAD CONDUCT MEN WERE WEeded OUT BUT IN NO CASE FOR POLITICAL REASONS. NO RUMORS IN REGARD TO MONTCALM HAVL REACHED ME OR COLLINET. BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE JAMES WAS REFERRING TO A RUMOR THAT AN OFFICER IN THE RICHLIEU WAS A GERMAN AGENT WHICH IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION WHATEVER. THERE MAY REMAIN IN ANY FRENCH SHIP ENLISTED...
**Navy Department**

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** squadron, for which mail delivery is satisfactory:**

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**ALLENSWORTH** 971845

**NCR 4153**

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WHO MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE SUCH AS WILLFUL SABOTAGE BUT IF SO IT IS CONFIDENTLY BELIEVED THEY ARE NOT IN FRENCH SHIPS MORE THAN IN SOME OTHERS. COLLINET HAS INSTRUCTED ALL SHIPS PROCEEDING TO USA TO KEEP STRICT GUARD AGAINST SABOTAGE WHICH HE IS CONFIDENT WILL OCCUR IF AT ALL FROM OUTSIDE THE SHIP NOT INSIDE.

I WOULD RECOMMEND THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE WATCH ON THE FRENCH SHIPS TO ASSIST THEM IN GUARDING AGAINST SABOTAGE ESPECIALLY FROM SOURCES NOT WITHIN THE SHIPS. IT IS BELIEVED WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN TRUSTING THE FRENCH NAVY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44
GLASSFORD ORIGINATOR. PASSED TO COMINCH FOR ACTION. SOP BERMUDA, CINCLANT, COMEASTSEAFRON, NAVY YARD Philadephia for INFORMATION. This MESSAGE PASSED by BRITISH SYSTEM TO FOCWAF and SBNOWA FOR ACTION and to ADMIRALTY, BAD WASHINGTON, COS and NCXF FOR INFORMATION. COMAR DAKAR HAS COPY)

REFERENCE COMINCH Ø42044.

FRENCH SUBMARINES AMAZONE AND ARCHIMEDES SAIL INDEPENDENTLY FROM DAKAR FOR BERMUDA 1830 8 FEBRUARY 8TH PROCEEDING NORMALLY ON SURFACE DAY AND NIGHT EXCEPT TO AVOID CONTACTS. SPEED OF ADVANCE AMAZONE 7 KNOTS ARCHIMEDES 12.5 KNOTS.

BOTH SAIL SAME ROUTE THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS:  
(A) 13-35 NORTH 24-2ø WEST  (B) 18-4ø NORTH 35-Ø Ø WEST  
(C) 35-Ø Ø NORTH 61-1ø WEST  

NN COURSE 297 DEGREES TRUE FROM POINT "A". NO LIAISON PAGE 1
OFFICERS EMBARKED.

RADIO CALLS AMAZONE 5QKY, ARCHIMEDES 50QM. VISUAL CALLS AMAZONE KY, ARCHIMEDES QM.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS SIGNALS WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMAR DAKAR DISPATCH 1057Z/4/2 TO FOOWAF REPEATED TO COMINCH. PT2 SHIP TO SHORE FREQUENCIES EMPLOYED 6300 KILOCYCLES AND 8290 KILOCYCLES.

SUBMARINES HAVE LXXD AND ANGLO-FRENCH CYPER AND WILL EMPLOY BRITISH SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL ARRIVAL BERMUDA TO AVOID ERRORS AS THOSE BRITISH SIGNAL BOOK BUT NO LIAISON PERSONNEL ARE ON BOARD. COMMUNICATIONS FROM AMERICAN AUTHORITIES VIA RADIO whitehall.

NO ESCORT FOR EITHER SUBMARINE. BOTH SUBMARINES WILL MAINTAIN TRACK AND RESPECTIVE SPEEDS OF ADVANCE THROUGH
POINTS "A" "B" AND "C" AND WILL REPORT ONLY IF NECESSARY TO ALTER PROGRESSIVE BOMBING RESTRICTED AREA. EACH SUBMARINE WILL EXPECT ESCORT AT POINT "C" FAILING WHICH THEY WILL CONTINUE FOR 100 MILES TOWARD BERMUDA AND THEN REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

COMMANDING OFFICER OF AMAZONE IS LIEUTENANT VERDAVAINGX, CODING OFFICER OF ARCHIMEDES IS LIEUTENANT PETIT. BOTH WILL EXECUTE ORDERS FROM ALLIED NAVAL COMMANDERS IN AREAS THROUGH WHICH THEY PASS AND FROM HIGHER ALLIED AUTHORITY.

AMAZONE SHOULD ARRIVE BERMUDA WITH FUEL REMAINING FOR 500 MILES. ARCHIMEDES SHOULD NOT REQUIRE FUEL AT BERMUDA.

REQUEST THAT BOTH SUBMARINES RECEIVE COMPLETE RE-Routing AND COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS AND LIAISON

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**STAFF WITH NECESSARY PUBLICATIONS BERMUDA TO PHILADELPHIA.**

**PASSED TO SOP BERMUDA (VIA NOB), CINCLANT COMEAST-SEAFRON, NY PHILA. AS NSS O71046 NCR 3371 PART 1-O71046 NCR 3370 PART 2-O71048 NCR 3371.**

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From: Dakar
To: War

No. SOS 216 B February 3, 1943

Urgently required for completion French Navy fuel storage installation, for Nauvasha semi-deisel engine type H model WBFH serial 451719 equipping ingersoll and compressor; 8 spark plugs 18 millimeter long neck also 15 feet especially insulated ignition wire for Bosch magneto MJA 4 from Postisux to Merrick for Ingersoll R and number 3 D sand blaster 8 jets 1000 hour service.

Todd

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: SOS-TAG
GEN DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-2080 (4 Feb 43) 2210Z mcs

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February 4, 1943

From: London USFOR
To: WAR
No 8632 Feb 3, 1943

Jean Schneider, Director General of Air France,
(AGWAR action Bull information Combined Chiefs of Staff
and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhowe-
cite FB/CIV Murphy) NAF 131. Would appreciate our author-
isation for the voyage from Buenos Aires of Emile Collin
to Algiers for urgent consultation in connection affairs of
Schneider OPD Co., Creusot. Jean Schneider is son of Eugene
Schneider recently deceased head of Schneider and Co., I
recommend approval and understand that Armour concurs.

No Sig.

ACTION: GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
INFO: OPD
GENERAL STRONG (S D)
SGS
ADMIRAL KING
GENERAL ARNOLD

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\JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHF, NLR, Date

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT Rooney $21732 NCR 9560

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CONFERENCE HELD UNDER AUSPICES MINISTER OF STATE WITH VICE ADMIRAL GODFROY JAN 31 WITHOUT ANY DEFINITE RESULTS. BRITISH HAVE NOW DECIDED TO APPLY PRESSURE PROGRESSIVELY.

16....ACTION
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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FROM: ADMIRAL GLASSFORD
FOR ACTION: COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
Number 011207 NCR 8771

FROM GLASSFORD PASS TO CCS WASHINGTON BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, LONDON

Refer to OPNAV 222100 and radio Washington 222111 in 3 parts.

Asdic information requested will be forwarded by letter when compiled.

Armament. 2 complete sample rounds ammunition as requested will be in French Naval ships when they proceed United States. Ammunition on hand and estimated requirements will be forwarded by letter. All anti aircraft batteries except that of Richelieu were removed prior departure Dakar, lack of time preventing removal.

Operations. Submarines are expected to leave within 10 days.

NOTE: NCR has passed to British Chiefs of Staff as 020451
NCR 1379

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FOOTNOTE: Reference not identified in WDCMC

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INFORMATION: OPD, LOG

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
ADMIRALTY REPORTS AUXILIARY T CRUISER BARFLEUR NOW AT MARTINIQUE WILL START 1½ DAY TRAINING CRUISE 1 FEBRUARY CONDUCTING EXERCISES BETWEEN POINTE APITRE AND LES SAINTES ISLANDS SOUTH OF GUADELOUPE. RETURNS TO FORT DE FRANCE 1½ FEBRUARY. CONSUL GENERAL REQUESTS NAVY INFORM STAE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** NCXF  
**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 29 JANUARY 1943  
**TOR CODEROOM:** 638/630  
**DECODED BY:** KEELER/PARSONS  
**PARAPHRASED BY:**  

**ADDRESSEES**  
**COMINCH**  
**SNOCA**  
**V A GIBRALTAR**  

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**TEXT**

COMINCH REPTD SNOCA V A GIB FROM NCXF. MY 1954 TEOSSLRRP NOT TO FCC GIB.

FRENCH REPORT NAVAL TANKER NIVOSE READY TO SAIL FROM CASABLANCA AFTER FEBRUARY 5TH. SPEED 1½ KNOTS SHIP REQUIRES DOCKING AND FRENCH REQUEST EFFECTS INCLUDING RETUBING REQUIRED IN 2 BOILERS MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN USA.
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DATE 29 JAN 43

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TEXT

PASS TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, LONDON, CINCLANT, CONSOLANT, AND COMINCH FROM GLASSFORD.

THE FRENCH CRUISER GEORGES LEYGUES SAILED 1809/26 FROM DAKAR TO OPERATE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC IN ANTI RAIDER PATROL UNDER INITIAL DIRECTION OF ROCAF.

NOTE: NCR HAS PASSED TO BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, LONDON AS 2720619 NCR 0036 AND TO CINCLANT AND CONSOLANT ACTION... COMINCH... CCS (COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF)...

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER
FROM: JOHNSON
RELEASED BY: DYER
DATE: 27 JAN 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1859

ADDRESSES:
- CINCLANT
- CINCPAC
- COMSOUTHEASTPAC
- COMSOWESPAC
- ALL SEAFRONTIER COMMANDS

PRECEDENCE:
- PRIORITY
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

FOR ACTION:
- PRIORITY
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INFORMATION:
- COMNAVEU
- VDCNO

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GERMAN

271604 NCR 9386

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TREATMENT OF FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS AND FRENCH WARSHIPS:

(A) SURFACE SHIPS

(1) IN ATLANTIC NORTH OF EQUATOR WILL BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY UNLESS HOSTILE ACTS ARE COMMITTED, OR UNLESS THEY ANSWER DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE BLOCKADE RUNNERS, IF THEY ARE MET IN BISCAY AREA EAST OF 14° W AND NORTH OF 42° 15' N THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER ENEMY CONTROL.

(2) IN MEDITERRANEAN IN SIGHT AREAS, THEY WILL BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAID AREA, AND IN FREE AREAS IN THE WESTERN BASIN THEY WILL BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NGXF ORDERS.

(3) IN OTHER AREAS WHEN NOT UNDER CONTROL OF BRITISH, US, FREE FRENCH OR FRENCH NORTH OR WEST AFRICA AUTHORITIES THEY WILL BE REGARD WITH SUSPICION AND MERCHANTS SENT INTO NEAREST ALLIED PORT ESCORTED OR UNDER ARMED GUARD.

(B) SUBMARINES. FRENCH SUBMARINES ARE TO BE TREATED AS ENEMY UNLESS COVERED BY A SUBMARINE NOTICE.
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1909Z/26th
ccg

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 7433 Jan 26, 1943

Priorities on rearmament replying to your 1123
(to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) for Marshall signed
C in C cite PHELIA involve tactical considerations
and must be determined here. I have a joint committee
here as stated in my message 3664 on which French have
adequate representation. All requests for equipment
on rearmament pass through this committee whose recommenda-
tions must have approval of G-3 and G-4 and for con-
squential items approval of C of B. Consideration of
immediate needs has delayed formation of long range
program. This committee must be advised of any advice
or suggestions made to Bethoud Mission. Please air-
mail summary of conversations.

Recommend it be made clear that addition of French
ships to convoys is an increase in shipping pool and
does not involve consideration of separate right to
tonnage.

Have necessarily assumed certain responsibilities
for equipping French now fighting and partial fulfill-
ment is being accomplished by taking equipment from our
troops in inactive sections but need is still urgent.

Essential for good relations that beyond urgent
needs for fighting troops start be made on our obligation
to rearm involving prototypes for training, and as
rapidly as possible complete equipment for 2 Infantry
Divisions, some Auxiliary Troops, and necessary ground
equipment for air delivered planes, as token deliveries.

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From: Algiers To: War No. 7433 Jan 26, 1943

All French Army equipment practically exhausted and current maintenance requires approximately 7,000 tons per month, before any shipments on actual rearmament. As the most satisfactory solution, I am approving unless serious change in situation approximately 25,000 tons per UG convoy for rearmament of Army, Air Force and Navy.

Answer to 1296 follows shortly.

No Sig.

Footnote: No. 1123 is CM-OUT-5401 (1-16-43) SOS-Materiel
No. 1296 is CM-OUT-7165 (1-21-43) OPD
No. 3664 is CM-IN-278 (1-3-43) SOS-TAG

Action: OPD

Information: SOS-TAG
General Deane (CC/S)
LOG

CM-IN-12711 (27 Jan 43) 1801 Z

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INCOMING MESSAGE
January 27, 1943
0605Z

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
WAR

No. 7420, January 26, 1943.

In addition to proposals for rearmament of
existing French ships as outlined in NAF 105 Ad-
miral Micheler has requested the provision from
Allied new construction of 30 Corvettes and 6
modern destroyers (This is NAF 122 to AGWAR for
Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British
Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower) to AGWAR for
Combined Chiefs of Staff USFOR for British Chiefs
of Staff from Freedom Algiers) similar to British
J class fitted for minesweeping, also 8 tugs.

2. I will make clear to him that this is a
long term matter, and that the possibilities of
providing any of this requirement must be taken
up with the Combined Chiefs of Staff by Admiral
Moreau on behalf of Micheler has represented that there
is an urgent need in the near future for 12 addi-
tional escorts of the Corvette type in the West
African area while their own ships are rearming and
Hqs asked for this number as a first installment.

No Sig.

Footnote: Reference NAF 105 is CM-IN-8506 (1-19-43) CCS
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The message from Cairo (Cooper) dated 27 January 1943 is decoded by Boyle/Ford and paraphrased by Monroe. The message states:

CINCMED AS RESULT OF CONFERENCE WITH ADMIRAL GODFROY HELD YESTERDAY 25TH EXPRESS OPINION GODFROY WITH FORCE X WILL JOIN IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST AXIS WHEN ALLIES CONQUEST TUNIS IS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTABLE GOVERNING BODY ESTABLISHED. THIS ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO CONFORM TO PREVIOUS POSITION TAKEN BY GODFROY. HE JUSTIFIES HIS PREVIOUS NONACTION BY STATING THAT HE WOULD NOW BE LEFT IN A MOST UNSATISFACTORY POSITION IF HE HAD JOINED WITH DARLAN WHEN PRESSED TO DO SO. STATED HE FELT DISADVANTAGE TAKING 9 MONTHS TO DEFIT HIS VESSELS IN US COMPARED TO CLEANING BOTTOMS AND INSTALLING FEW LIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED HERE IN SHORT PERIOD AFTER WHICH HE WILL BE IN POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THIS THEATRE.

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((A.G.M. (HOME AND ABROAD) 57 A))
Part 1 1509A/14 NCR 6907
Part 2 1510A/14 NCR 6906

Cancel C. B. 03091/42, para 4 only of C.A.F.O. 11 56/42
and all other special instructions for the treatment of French
merchant ships and warships which are now to be dealt with
as follows:

A. Surface ships

(1) Atlantic—North of the Equador they are to be treated
as friendly unless—
   (a) They commit hostile acts,
   (b) They are encountered in Bay of Biscay area north of
of 042-15 north and east of 014 Deg west, when they
are to be treated as under enemy control,
   (c) They answer the description of vessels notified as
possible blockade runners from the Far East.

(2) Mediterranean
   (a) In sighting at sight areas they are to be dealt with
in accordance with standing instructions for the area.
   (b) In free areas in Western Basin they are to be treated
in accordance with orders of NCXF.

(3) Other Areas
   If not sailing under control of H.M.G., the U. S. Gov-
ernment, the Free French or of the French authorities
in North or West Africa, they are to be regarded sus-
piciously and merchant ships are if possible to be
sent into the nearest Allied port under armed guard or
escort.

B. Submarines are to be treated in accordance with para 2 of C.A.
F.O. 11 (56?)/42.

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From: Algiers
To: AQWAR - USFOR

No. 5937, January 17, 1943.

After consultation with Admirals Cunningham and Glassford, and subsequent inspection of French Naval ships at Casablanca by Glassford, (recon 3928 and NAF 78) I recommend the following action and priorities for rearmament of the French Fleet. To AQWAR for CCOS, to USFOR for British COS, repeated to ANPA Casablanca for information signed Eisenhower Freedom. This is NAF 105.

Para 2. The most essential items from our viewpoint are: A to get convoy escort ships properly equipped with close range AA and ASDIC as soon as possible. B to make an immediate start on moving some of the larger units to USA for Navy Yard overhaul. This will have a considerable effect on French- Allies relations and assist cooperation generally. C Give active employment to the units which cannot be immediately taken off hand.

Para 3. Priority one A fit modern ASDIC and AA in 7 ocean convoy escorts Commandant Bory, La Gracieuse, La Boudeuse, La Grandiere, Annamite, Gazelle, and Commandant Delage. Recommend this be done in Dakar with equipment and technical assistance from USA or UK. Ships to be fully employed while waiting fitting. In addition the Dumont Durville and La Grandiere would make good fast escorts and Dumont Durville should be sent to USA for inspection and determination of practicability of re dash engine work as previously recommended. All these ships are capable of crossing Atlantic if necessary.

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Priority 1 B provide 21 sets ASDIC to be installed at Dakar or Casablanca on trawlers and inshore patrol vessels not capable of crossing Atlantic. Most of these ships can reach UK if necessary. British have commenced supplying Oerlikons to some of these ships in Mediterranean area.

Para 4. Second priority dispatch Richelieu, destroyers Fantasque and Terrible and one cruiser (to be designated later) with additional Allied escort to USA for overhaul as soon as possible. Remainder of cruisers to be employed immediately on antiraider work until USA yards can take them. All these ships want considerable stripping rearming and rewiring before they can go to an active theater. The present close in antiaircraft batteries to be removed at Dakar before proceeding to USA and to be reinstalled in trawlers and escorts.

Para 5. Third priority submarines 14 available. Almost all will require extensive overhaul to fit for service in active theater, including such items as relining torpedo tubes to take USA torpedoes, new batteries, soundproofing and ASDIC. Propose Archimede and Amazone to be sent immediately to USA for overhaul, others to follow. Employment of remainder meanwhile on training and such Atlantic patrols as F O C W A F may propose. If French wish Admiral Cunningham is prepared to employ a proportion from Algiers.

Para 6. Fourth priority destroyers Tempete, Simoun, Alcyon and Le Malin are damaged and require varying amounts of damage repairs at Casablanca, most serious of which will require about two months to complete. If ASDIC can be furnished immediately for Simoun and Tempete recommend it be installed locally while other repairs are in progress. Alcyon has sound gear. If sound gear can not be furnished immediately for Tempete and Simoun then these ships

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plus Alcyon should overhaul in USA following completion
ships above second priority. As ships do not have
cruising radius to reach West Indies should be
accompanied by one of Dakar cruisers to fuel at sea.
Le Malin has no sound gear and requires extensive
machinery repairs incident to action damage and
also alterations as previously recommended for
Fantasque. She should proceed to USA for overhaul
as soon as temporary repairs are completed. All
these ships will also require additional AA armament.

Para 7. These are various vessels such as AM
crusier Quercy, S/M depot ship Jules Verne and A/S
vessel Admiral Mouchez which can usefully be
employed in their present condition with alterations
to armament which can be done on the spot as prposed
by Admiral Glassford.

Para 8. Battleship Jean Bart is severely damaged,
has only one main battery turret and no secondary
battery turrets. Half of main power plant is com-
pleted. Remainder of power plant is installed but
not hooked up. No fire control is installed. In view
need for main battery guns of Jean Bart in Richelieu,
extensive damage repair work required, and unfinished
work remaining to complete, recommend decision as to
final disposition Jean Bart be deferred until completion
of damage repairs now in progress by French and final
determination of total damage repairs required. French
estimate final inspection can be made in approximately
two months and that ship will be ready to operate at
sea at speed of 12 knots in approximately 4 months.
Work has been started to remove main battery guns for
shipment to USA.

Para 9. It is essential that supplies already
requested for rehabilitation of French naval bases
at Dakar, Oran, Algiers and Casablanca be furnished

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as soon as practicable as they are essential to operations of above ships that are to be fitted out at these bases.

Para 10. The above has been discussed with and is concurred by Admiral Fennard, head of French Naval Mission to USA, all authority necessary to act on questions of alterations to French ships and scheduling movements thereof.

Para 11. While the above are recommendations with a view of getting French ships into action as soon as possible it is appreciated that the requirements must be considered in relation to the employment of shipyards for USA and British construction and repair priority for which is a matter for decision by USA and British authorities.

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CANCEL C.B. 3391/42, PARA 4 ONLY OF C.A.F.O. 11 56/42 AND ALL OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TREATMENT OF FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS AND WARSHIPS WHICH ARE NOW TO BE DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:

A. SURFACE SHIPS

(1) ATLANTIC-- NORTHERN THE EQUATOR THEY ARE TO BE TREATED AS FRIENDLY UNLESS-

(A) THEY COMMIT HOSTILE ACTS.

(B) THEY ARE ENCOUNTERED IN BAY OF BISCAY AREA NORTH OF 42-15 NORTH AND EAST OF 14 DEC WEST, WHEN THEY ARE TO BE TREATED AS UNDER ENEMY CONTROL.

(C) THEY ANSWER THE DESCRIPTION OF VESSELS NOTIFIED AS POSSIBLE BLOCKADE RUNNERS FROM THE FAR EAST.
(2) **MEDITERRANEAN**

(A) **IN SINKING AT SIGHT AREAS THEY ARE TO BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AREA.**

(B) **IN FREE AREAS IN WESTERN BASIN THEY ARE TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDERS OF NOXF.**

(3) **OTHER AREAS**

If not sailing under control of H.M.G., the U.S. Government, the Free French or of the French authorities in North or West Africa, they are to be regarded suspiciously and merchant ships are if possible to be sent into the nearest allied port under armed guard or escort.
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B. **SUBMARINES** ARE TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF C.A.F.O. 11 (56?)/42.

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**FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM ADMIRALTY QUOTE FREE FRENCH DL DD WISH TO TRANSFER LE TRICHIANT AND LEOPARD TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND HAVE APPARENTLY TAKEN PRELIMINARY STEPS WITH US NAVY DEPT. THERE IS NO RESERVE AMMUNITION FOR THEM AT ANY BRITISH BASE EXCEPT FOR THE LE TRICHIANT AT ALEXANDRIA. WE ARE PREPARED TO FALL IN WITH FREE FRENCH WISHES SUBJECT TO VIEWS OF NAVY DEPT WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN 1351A/11. UNQUOTE HEARTILY CONCUR, ADVISE.**

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By RT, DATE JUN

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AGREED FOR FRENCH NAVAL MANNED TANKERS NIVOSE, LOT AND ELORN NOW AT DAKAR TO SAIL TO USA TO LOAD OIL FUEL FOR DAKAR. MINOR REPAIRS MAY BE REQUIRED IN USA.

SAILING OF NIVOSE IS ARRANGED VIDE MY 1645/8. REQUEST SAILING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMAINDER MAY BE SETTLED THROUGH LIASON OFFICERS. ELORN 11.5 KNOTS REPORTED TO BE READY ON 15TH JANUARY.

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FOLLOWING FROM DAKAR DATED JAN 9, NO. 4

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EMBARGOED BRITISH STEAMSHIPS HAVE RETURNED TO DANISH
MASTERS DEC. 30. VITAL PARTS PROPULSING MACHINERY OF
THE FOUR NORWEGIAN MOTORSHIPS ALSO RETURNED BY FRENCH NAVAL
AUTHORITIES REPRESENTATIVE OF BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR
TRANSPORT IS PRESENTLY HERE WITH OCCUPYING HIMSELF
WITH AFFAIRS OF ALL ELEVEN EMBARGOED OR EMBARGOED
UNITED NATIONS VESSELS AT DAKAR

"SIE BARNES"

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Vichy informed Robert today that German safe permit granted for all his supply ships proceed ports Caribbean Gulf and Para effective 18th.
From: Admiral (on the) Bearn  
To: Navy Secretariate, Vichy  
1/081540/ 1943  
FN-31  

#106 (Message in Two-Parts)

I have duly received the instructions contained in your messages 131 to 137 of 6 January.

It is understood that I pledge myself formally, in my capacity as the representative of France in the Antilles and in French Guiana:

1. To take all measures so that, in any event, the warships and the planes immobilized in these possessions, the gold stock stored in Fort de France, the merchant ships, tankers and other (vessels) which are in the ports of these colonies or making a voyage in a foreign port, do not fall into the hands of powers at war with the Axis;

2. To refrain from all relations with the dissident authorities of North Africa.

(S) Admiral Robert

(French)

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From: Vichy
To: Admiral Angell
1/01/1943

1. The German Government receives this (agreement) as to use of the merchant vessels SOEUR AUSONIA, CHARLES, GUINEORGUE, and D'ARQUES, along with the tanker NAURBERG, for supplying the Antilles.

2. This agreement still stands, however, subject to the guarantee which the Government must give, taken into account a formal pledge made by you, on your (and responsibility, of the representative of France, that you will take all necessary measures in due time so that, in no case will the warships or the planes immobilized in the Antilles, or the gold, or stocks or the merchant ships, including the tankers, which are there or which may be making a trip or are in a foreign port, fall into the hands of powers hostile to the Axis, and that, Furthermore, you will refrain from all relations with the "dissident" authorities of North Africa.

3. This pledge which you must give me explicitly by message will be subjected to scrutiny by the proper German authorities, as well as the text of this message. This double communication, in due form, is the condition sine qua non of the facilities which we demand. There is, moreover, nothing in it which does not conform to the orders which you have already received from the French Government, and the German demand arises from the events in North Africa where essential parts (necessary to) the readiness of the warships had been deposited.

4. It must be understood that the ships shall not enter that is called the zone of operations. As long as they abide by this rule, the German Government, under the general condition specified above, will take all measures to see that they are not disturbed, without, however, accepting responsibility in case of distance.

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5. In the light of what precedes, you will
yourself determine the movements of the ships which are
to insure supplies for Martinique, Guadeloupe and
Guiana by means of commercial trading with North and
South America. You will telegraph detailed dates and
itineraries with six day's notice for preliminary com-
unication to the German authorities. These itineraries
could be those fixed by your message 55336, 55340, 55348
and 55354 whose contents have been transmitted to the
German authorities.

6. By exception, for the first departure, the
notice must be a ten-day one.

(French)

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Admiral Moreau this morning raised on behalf of General Giraud the question of the status of the French Naval vessels in Martinique (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) saying that it is desired to dispatch Admiral Battet a member of Girauds staff to Martinique with a message from Giraud to Admiral Robert with the announced purpose of inducing Admiral Robert to make a decision looking to a resumption of hostilities against the Axis by the French Forces in Martinique in collaboration with General Giraud from Eisenhower to Combined Chiefs of Staff for Secretary Hull from Murphy, USFOR pass to British Chiefs of Staff, Moreau suggests at the same time that we may now wish to reconsider the return of the machinery parts belonging to the Naval vessels in Martinique which are now stored in Casablanca, NAF eighty two, I shall be grateful for the departments guidance.

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Admiral Michelie has submitted draft of desired repairs and alterations to French naval ships in North and West African ports except Alexandria. NAF seventy eight to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Freedom signed Eisenhower.

Have asked Admiral Glassford come here to confer on this subject; meantime following outline is forwarded for information.

Broadly summarized French proposals involve:

A. Fitting eight escort vessels and six destroyers with modern antiaircraft armament, Asdic, Radar, and Degaussing.

B. Fitting three cruisers as in para A and considerable renewing of wiring and probably adoption of catapult to take aircraft in supply by United Nations. French particularly request that three cruisers may go to USA together as soon as possible largely for political effect.

C. Steaming Richelieu to USA via fair weather route for structural repairs to stow equipping main armament with three fifteen inch guns to be removed from Jean Bart at Dakar and shipped in returning US convoy. Provision of various auxiliary machinery items. Fitting Radar, Fire Control and Degaussing.

D. Fitting thirteen submarines with Asdic.

E. A considerable list of stores and supplies for naval shore establishments dockyards and naval aviation, details of which are not yet complete.
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Questions of provision of secret material will require early policy decision between London and Washington. I see no objection to provision of some form of Asdic since many French ships already have our models, but provision of modern Radar and Fire Control equipment must obviously be matters for Anglo-US policy decisions.

Most urgent item from our point of view is fitting Asdic to French convoy escorts, and early decision is requested whether it will be quicker to send them to USA or UK for fitting rather than ship material and skilled personnel here where dock congestion is acute.

Detailed proposals must await presence of Admiral Glassford but in meantime I intend working on following lines:

A. Formation of French West African Escort Group consisting of French vessels with some sort of Asdic. Dispatch as soon as possible if some French escort vessels with no Asdic to United States or United Kingdom for fitting. Arrangements to fit three destroyers repairing at Casablanca with Asdic during repairs.

B. Cruisers to go one at a time to United States as yards can accept them. Others to be employed in present condition on anti-raider work in South Atlantic.

C. Minor convoy escort vessels used for local North African traffic to be equipped with antiaircraft armament and possibly Asdic from British sources here.

D. French submarines which have not had much training to train for six weeks to two months in West Africa. We could then operate a flotilla from Algiers giving them a definite section of the Italian coast may Naples dash Spezia or submarines one or two at a time to go to United States for overhaul.

E. The rearment of Richelieu is largely a matter of French prestige but I feel it would be useful if this prospectively fine ship could be got

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working since it might enable United States to release a battleship from Atlantic.

The French here are ready and willing to start immediately on this general program. I urgently recommend that action be started by taking some escort vessels in hand now and giving the rest active employment while the many technicalities in the refits of the large ships are being settled.

Admiral Cunningham fully concurs in this telegram.

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FROM GLASSFORD PASS TO CCS AND BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF LONDON

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FOR ESCORTING AND ROUTING OF FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS THAT MAY BE ASSIGNED OVERHAUL IN UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND ARE ACCEPTABLE TO FRENCH WEST AFRICAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES. RICHELIEU PROCEED IN COMPANY WITH DESTROYERS FANTASQUE AND TERRIBLE AND SUCH ADDITIONAL ALLIED DESTROYERS AS CAN BE ASSIGNED EQUIPPED WITH ECHO RANGING DEVICES TO PROVIDE ANTI-SUBMARINE PROTECTION. FRENCH DESTROYERS NOT FITTED WITH ASDIC. MAXIMUM SPEED OF CONVOY 15 KNOTS BUT RICHELIEU AT 15 KNOTS, DESTROYERS RADIUS IS 2000 MILES THEREFORE WILL BE NECESSARY FOR CONVOY TO REFUEL AT TRINIDAD OR SAN JUAN. RICHELIEU CANNOT REFUEL DESTROYERS AT SEA. FOR CRUISERS PROPOSE THAT SHIPS PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY AT 20 KNOTS OR BETTER WITHOUT ESCORT. AT THIS SPEED THEIR RANGE IS APPROXIMATELY 4500 MILES THEREFORE CONSIDER SHIPS SHOULD REFUEL AT TRINIDAD OR SAN JUAN. RECOMMEND YOU DISCUSS WITH FRENCH NAVAL HIGH COMMAND AT EARLY DATE AS ALL SHIPS CAN DEPART IMMEDIATELY.

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