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BELIEVE PRESENT SUB TACTICS REMAIN SUBMERGED DURING DAYLIGHT EXCEPT ON PASSAGE. AT NIGHT TRAIL AND CONCENTRATE ON BOWS CVE TASK GROUPS FOR NIGHT ATTACKS. IF SURPRISED ON SURFACE STILL FIGHT BACK AGAINST PLANES. RADAR NOT YET ON ALL SUBS. UNIDENTIFIED RADAR INDICATIONS ON 24TH 1770 MEGACYCLES 275 MEGACYCLES AND 172 MEGACYCLES ON 25TH. BELIEVE RED ROCKETS USED WARN SUBS IN VICINITY PRESENCE CVEs OR AIR CRAFT. MY CURRENT NIGHT PROCEDURE HEAD FORMAT FOR HF/DF INDICATION AND MF/DF FIXES IN VICINITY UNTIL SUBS PICKED UP ON RADARS THEN ORDERING DESTROYERS TO ATTACK. SUBMIT NEW OLIERD MORE ESCORTS WOULD BE PROFITABLE.
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**DECODED BY**: WRIGHT/MELTON

**PARA PHRASED BY**: STEEN

**ROUTED BY**: ROBINSON

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**PART 1**: 2320352
**PART 2**: 2320352

**ACTION**

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- FX37
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- VCN0

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**U 841 RATINGS SURVIVING ARE:**

- OBERMASCHINIST GERHARD SCHWENK UN 1249/34 T.
- MASCH MAAT HEINZ DEMUS UN 3896/39 T.
- MASCH MAAT BERTHOLD ELKE UN 3294/39T.
- BOOTSMAT WILLIE TRAUENS UN 9673/48S.
- BOOTSMAT HEINZ SCHMARE UN 12981/41S.
- MATR. OB. GEFREITER RUDOLF SCHWENGBAUER UN 29487/41S.
- MATR. GEFREITER HEINZ TAUBERT UN 15938/42S.
- MATR. GEFREITER ALEIS BOCHENEK UN--
- QYTRE. GEFREITER PETER VOS UN 402673/42S.
SECRET

MAJ. GEFREITER WILHELM LIEBTKE UN 18164/428.
MAJ. OB. GEFREITER MICH HELFICH UO 13/22/418.
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MASCH. OB. GEFREITER RUDOLF THOR AUSDH UO 49972/41T.
MASCH. GEFREITER HERMANN PLAUCHEK UN 24134/42T.
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MASCH. GEFREITER HEINZ ROTHENBURG UN 15484/42T.
MASCH GEFREITER BERNARD RATIUS UN 24136/42T.
MASCH. GEFREITER GUSTAV KOETTING UN 8664/42T.
FUNK OB. GEFREITER HEINZ GEBHLE UN 3392/41T.
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 11/15/44
MATR. GEFREITER ALBIN SMARZ UN 12509/42 S.
MASCH. OB. GEFREITER WALTER STICHLING UN 19308/41 T.
MASCH. GEFREITER RICHARD EDER UN....

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NAVADE...COMINCH....24G......

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(FOR CNI FROM SO(1))

MY 231944 PARTICULARS OBTAINED BY BYARD FROM PRISONERS U841 OF 75Z. TON CLASS KAPITKEN LIEUTENANT BENDER AGE 27 ONLY SURVIVING OFFICER LIEUTENANT SURZEE HERMANN KNUP. WAS ON SECOND WAR CRUISE 14 DAYS AT SEA FROM NORWAY PASSING BETWEEN FAEROE ISLAND AND SHETLANDS. WAS ATTACKED BY SURFACE VESSEL NIGHT OF SATURDAY OCTOBER 16 AND AIRCRAFT SUNDAY MORNING WITHOUT DAMAGE.

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FOR DN1 FRD SO(1)

CAPTURED NOTEBOOK INDICATES U 841 ATTACHED 2ND
FLOTILLA BUILT DESKRAKG BREMEN, WORKS NO. W 1947.
LAUNCHED 21 OCTOBER 1942 COMPLETING 31 DECEMBER UNTIL
COMMISSIONING 16TH FEBRUARY 1943 TO BALTIc ATTACHED
4TH FLOTILLA AFTER 13TH FEBRUARY. ADJUSTMENTS
DANZIGER WERFT 24 APRIL. AT STETTIN 29 MAY
SAILED FROM KIEL 26 AUGUST AT BERGEN 8TH SEPTEMBER.
SAILED FROM TRONDHEIM 14 OCTOBER 14TH

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SPAN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS CONFIRMED DECISION TO INTERN GERMAN SUBMARINE IN VIGO BY 24-1633. SPAN MINISTRY PUTTING INTERNMENT INTO EFFECT. ALSO CONFIRMS THAT CREW OF GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED KERT ESTUARY SPANISH MOROCCO BY 221155 HAS BEEN INTERNED

16...ACT
CHO...COMING...26...NAVAIDE...13...SHIP3...
NAVAL MESSAGE

**FROM:** ALUGNA CHUN KING

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 23 SEP 1943

**TOR CODE ROOM:** 1542

**DECODED BY:** VOSBURGH

**PARAPHRASED BY:** SMITH

**ROUTED BY:** ALLEN

**ADDRSEES:** CNO

**ADDRESS:** COMSOWESTPAC

**PRECEDENCE:**

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**INFORMATION:**

**FOR ACTION:**

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/4/44

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MINISTRY MARINE INFORMS SPANISH FOREIGN OFFICE MISUSED WORD INTERRED AND MEANT TO SAY IMMobilized IN COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO IN MY 171942. GERMAN SUBMARINE AT VIGO NOT INTERRED BUT UNDER GUARD PENDING DECISION AS TO TIME ALLOWED FOR REPAIRS

16;...ACT
CNO...COMMCH...2G...NAV_IDE...13...
PART B

PLAN SEEMS TO BE FOR JAP SUBS TO OPERATE EAST OF 76 DEGREES (E) AND GERMAN SUBS WEST OF 76 DEGREES (E). OPERATIONAL FOCAL AREA FOR JAPS THOUGHT TO BE BAY OF BENGAL. PERSIAN GULF AND ADEN FOR GERMANS. BOGATA THOUGHT TO BE GERMAN SUPPLY SHIP NOW AT SINGAPORE. POSSIBLY QUITO ALSO. WHILE AT SINGAPORE ITALIAN SUBS TORELLI AND GIULIANI GIVEN DEPTH CARGES FOR SCUTTLE. ORDERS GIVEN TO CAPELLINI TO ESCAPE FROM SABANG OR TO SCUTTLE. ALL THREE SUBS HAD ALL OFFENSIVE WEAPONS STRIPPED OFF EXCEPT MACHINE GUNS AND WERE BLOCKADE RUNNERS. ERITREA WAS USED AS ESCORT BETWEEN 87 MILES OF SABANG TO SINGAPORE FOR ITALIAN BLOCK-
ADE RUNNERS BOTH WAYS. JAP CV DID NOT TRANSPORT PLANES TO SABANG DURING AUGUST

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CHIEF OF STAFF SPAN MINHAN HAS INFORMED ME SPAN COMMISSION ESTIMATED FIVE WEEKS EFFECT REPAIRS SUBMARINE VIGO. MY 111411. MINISTRY MARINE KNEW THAT GERMANS CONSIDERED 17 DAYS SUFFICIENT AND SO REPORTED TO SPAN FOREIGN OFFICE. LATTER WILL DECIDE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOWED AND NO WORK HAS BEEN DONE OR WILL BE DONE UNTIL DECISION IS FORWARDED. CAM SHAFTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. BATTERY BEING MAINTAINED BUT NOT CHARGED. DAMAGE TO BOTH ENGINES CAUSED BY DEPTH CHARGES CHIEFLY EXHAUST LINES AND VALVES BROKEN CYLINDER HEADS CRACKED MISALIGNMENT.

16......ACTION

CNO...COMM...INC...AOC...NAVA...13...FILE.
IN COOPERATION WITH BRITISH NA I VISITED SPANISH MIN MINI NAIR THIS DATE. MADE REPRESENTATIONS THAT GERMAN SUBMARINE IN JIGO REFER MY 81335 BE INTERNED OR THAT WE BE INFORMED WITHOUT DELAY LENGTH OF TIME EFFECT REPAIRS FOR SURFACE CRUISING. CALLED ATTENTION TO PREVIOUSLY ATTITUDE SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN SIMILAR CASES. RECEIVED IN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. THEY STATED SUBMARINE UNDER CLOSE GUARD AND COULD NOT ESCAPE DUE COMPLETELY DISABLED ENGINES REQUIRING LONG PERIOD REPAIR AND DISCHARGED BATTERY. INDICATED SUBMARINE WOULD BE INTERNED IF REPAIRS COULD NOT BE EFFECTED WITHIN REASONABLE TIME WITH FACILITIES AND SPARE PARTS ON HAND.

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GERMAN SUB LENGTH ABOUT 220 FEET DISPLACEMENT
700 TONS UNABLE NAVIGATE ON SURFACE OR SUBMERGED
WAS TOWED INTO VIGO AT 0815Z TODAY BY 3 SPANISH
FISHING BOATS. AS BOATS HAD BEEN OUT ONLY 3
HOURS ASSUME SUB WAS DISABLED NEAR VIGO. NOW
MOORED AT INNER DOCK NEAR CRUISER NAVARRA.
SUBMARINE HAS ORDERED COMMISSION TO DETERMINE
LENGTH OF TIME TO EFFECT REPAIRS NECESSARY FOR
SURFACE NAVIGATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMINCH
RELEASED BY SMITH-HUTTON
DATE 29 AUGUST 1943
TOR CODEROOM 1522/29
DECODED BY
PARAPHRASED BY SMITH
ROUTED BY ALLEN

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES
ALUSNA LIMA PERU

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DATE 291545
TIME NCR 14357

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YOUR 281730° NEGATIVE.

AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE WHALES REPORTED AS SUBS ALTHO PILOT DISAGREES BUT HOPES REPORT FALSE ETC (SIGHTING 3 SUBS 27 AUG 21-30'S 70-20'W)

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ALUBNA LIMA PERU

RELEASED BY

DATE 29 AUG 43

TOR CODEROOM 29R27

DECODED BY LOBB/COURTNEY

PARAPHRASED BY THOMSON

ROUTED BY HATCH

ACT CNO INFO COMSOPAC FOR COM 15 TALARA ALUBNA STGO.

AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE WHALES REPORTED AS SUBS

ALTHO PILOT AGREES BUT HOPES REPORT FALSE

HE 10 MILES OFF COAST AND THEY 15 BUT STILL RE-

PORTS WAKE WHICH COULD NOT BE SEEN IF WHALES HAVE

ADVISED IN REPORTS NOT TO HOLD UP SHIPPING UNLESS

FURTHER DIRECTED HAS CNO ANY INFO INDICATING POSSI-

BILITY SUBS BEING IN REPORTED POSITION IF IN SEARCH

TO COP ATTACK SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE PRIOR THIS

OTHERWISE OFF SHIPPING LANES OUTBOUND PANAGRA

PLANE ASKED TO TAKE LOOK ENROUTE STGO TODAY.

* USED FOR SANTIAGO.

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### Naval Message

**Drafter:** RDO BALBOA  
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**TOPIC:**

- PILOT ARRIVAL LIMA STATED WOULD NOT SEND MESSAGE IF NOT CONVINCED HE SAW SUBS AS REPORTED MY 271715 STARDS HAS SEEN MANY SUBS BALBOA WAS FLYING FIVE THOUSAND FEET AFRAID TO CIRCLE BUT BANKED FOR LOOK SUBS IN LINE 10 LENGTHS APART 15 MILES OFFSHORE. PILOT WAS ALSO AWARE THAT WHALING VESSEL WITH TENDERS WAS OPERATING OFF COAST

( PASSED BY RDO BALBOA TO CNO AS 281210 )

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**PART 3**

312224 (NCR 14545)

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COMINCH U BOAT TRENDS X BIWEEKLY NUMBER 19 X ANTICIPATE EARLY SHIFTS IN U BOAT DISPOSITIONS FOLLOWING RECENT ALLIED SUCCESSES IN NORTH ATLANTIC A/S WARFARE AS ENEMY CANNOT AFFORD CURRENT U BOAT LOSSES WITHOUT PROPORTIONATE SINKINGS OF MERCHANT SHIPS X U BOAT WITHDRAWALS FROM NORTH ATLANTIC ALREADY APPARENT WITH PRESENT AVERAGE OF 40 U BOATS IN THIS AREA AS COMPARED WITH TWICE THIS NUMBER EARLY MAY X UP TO 15 U BOATS NOT RECENTLY LOCATED NOW ESTIMATED TO BE PATROLLING US-AFRICAN CONVOY LANES WITHIN 300 MILES OF 35N 45W X ABOUT FOUR IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER OF WHICH ONE POSSIBLE MINELAYER X SEVERAL MORE MOVING INTO CARIBBEAN NOW ESTIMATED WITHIN 200 MILES 24N 67W X SEVERAL EXPECTED.

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TO OPERATE OFF BRAZILIAN COAST X FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES
BY 151736 JANUARY EFFECTIVE X AVERAGE U BOATS WEST OF
26W 49 X TOTAL OPERATING ATLANTIC 90. THERE SEEMS
LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT UNNECESSARY EMISSIONS FROM 240
MEGACYCLE BAND RADARS ARE HELPFUL TO U BOATS X THERE
IS ALSO STRONG EVIDENCE THAT AIR COVERAGE SHOULD EXTEND
NOT LESS THAN 50 MILES ON EITHER FLANK OF CONVOYS TO
PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF U BOATS GAINING POSITIONS AHEAD X
EVASIVE TURNS BY SC 130 ON 2 SUCCESSIVE MORNINGS WITH
U BOATS IN CONTACT PROVED SUCCESSFUL AS ENEMY SUB
LATER FOUND SUBMERGED ON ORIGINAL LINE OF ADVANCE
AWAITING DAYLIGHT ATTACK X

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OSD Letter, 6-8-42
COMINCH U BOAT TRENDS
BIWEEKLY NUMBER 18

NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINUES TO BE MAIN U BOAT CONCENTRATION WITH ABOUT 90% NOW OPERATING IN THIS AREA. WHILE LONG PATROL LINES ARE STILL APPARENT RECENT TRENDS FAVOR SMALLER AND MORE MOBILE GROUPS OF 5 TO 10 SUBS. NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF CONCENTRATIONS ON U.S.-AFRICAN CONVOY LINES. LIGHT ACTIVITY IN EASTERN AND CARIBBEAN FRONTIERS AND OFF BRAZIL WITH ONE NOW OPERATING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS. NOTE FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY. AVERAGE U BOATS WEST OF 26 W 35. TOTAL ATLANTIC 125. REPORT OF ONS-5 INDICATES U BOATS ATTACKED AT NIGHT IN PAIRS AND THREES USING REGULAR TACTICS. DURING DAY ATTACKS U BOATS APPROACHED FROM AHEAD OF CONVOY CENTER AND FIRED BETWEEN THE COLUMNS. P/W CONFIRMS PREVIOUS
REPORTS THAT GERMANS ARE USING AIR-DRIVEN ZIG-ZAG TORPEDOES AGAINST CONVOYS. APPARENTLY THIS TORPEDO RUNS STRAIGHT FOR A PREDETERMINED RANGE THEN COMMENCES CIRCULAR RUN WITH POSSIBILITY OF ACOUSTICAL CONTROL.

STUDY OF RECENT NORTH ATLANTIC CONVOY ATTACKS INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF DECISIVE ACTION BY ESCORTS DURING INITIAL PERIOD OF ATTACK TO DISCOURAGE BOLD ENEMY TACTICS. ALERT DEFENSES HAVE PROVEN INVALUABLE AGAINST WOLF PACK TACTICS BY PERMITTING INITIATIVE TO REMAIN WITH THE ESCORT.

COMINCH......ORIG
BAD0......F37......16......39......24G......
200P......CNO......NAVSPACE......FILE.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: K.A. KNOWLES
RELEASED BY: 1 MAY 1943
DRAFTER: COMINCH
ADDRESS: CDRS ALL TFS LANT CDRS ALL SEAFRON LANT
PRIORITY: PRRRPPPPPP

FOR ACTION: CDRS ALL TFS LANT
ADDRESS: NOB BERMUDA
PRIORITY: ROUTINE

ADDRESS: NOB TRINIDAD
ADDRESS: NOB GTMO
PRIORITY: DEFERRED

TOR CODERROOM: STONE/SCRUGGS/MCCHESENY
INFORMATION: Ø±Ø5

PARAPHRASED BY: LT HILL
INFORMATION: Ø122Ø5

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME
DATE: 29 APRIL
TIME: ABOUT 400 MILES
GCT: EAST OF BERMUDA REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED.

TEXT: COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. B1WEEKLY NO. 17. HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS IN NORTH ATLANTIC WITH AN ESTIMATED 60 U-BOATS NORTH OF 50N AND WEST OF 30W. MAIN GROUP STILL REMAINS NORTHEAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND. 11 U-BOATS INCLUDING A POSSIBLE REFULLER REPORTED ON 29 APRIL ABOUT 400 MILES EAST OF BERMUDA REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED. ALTERNATIVE MOVEMENTS OF THIS GROUP FIRST PATROL OF AFRICAN CONVOY LANKS GENERAL AREA 34 TO 36N, 54 TO 57W, SECOND MOVEMENT OF ENTIRE GROUP INTO THE HATTERAS-BERMUDA-WINDWARD PASSAGE AREA WITH NC-CN CONVOYS MAIN OBJECTIVE THIRD DISPERSION OF GROUP TO VULNERABLE AREAS ALONG COAST FROM NOVA SCOTIA TO CARIBBEAN. 4 U-BOATS ARE NOW ESTIMATED WITHIN 50 MILES OF ST. PAUL ROCKS TO ATTACK INDEPENDENT SHIPPING. IT IS PROBABLE SOME OF THEM MAY MOVE INTO BRAZIL COASTAL AREAS. FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES OF MY 151736

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JANUARY APPLY. AVERAGE U-BOATS WEST OF 26° 73. TOTAL
ATLANTIC 118, WITH FURTHER INCREASE ANTICIPATED.

RECENT NORTH ATLANTIC EXPERIENCE INDICATES U-BOATS
ARE BEING WORKED IN PAIRS IN DAY ATTACKS FOR MUTUAL
SUPPORT AND IN NIGHT ATTACKS WITH 1 DRAWING OFF ES-
CORTS WHILE SECOND ATTACKS CONVOY AS REPORTED IN
BU-WEEKLY NO. 3. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE INCREASING
TENDENCY OF U-BOATS TO REMAIN SURFACED AND FIGHT IT
OUT WITH ATTACKING AIRCRAFT.