MR 491, Sec. 1 -- MINES, LAYING OF, LOCATION OF, FINDING OF.

1943-1945
RDO HONOLULU FOX INTERCEPT

(BOMCOM 21 SENDS. ACTION TO CTF 93 CTG 93.2 CTF 94 CTG 94.11 CTU 94.4.1 CTU 50.5.2 CTU 50.5.3 CINCPOA ADV HQ COMSUBPAC 25T (ALL TFC & TGC GUARDING PRIMARY FOX) CTU 94.11.3. RDO IWO PASS ACTION TO AIRCOM IWO BOMCOM 21 IWO AND ISCOM IWO.)

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X-Ø8-18. SUBJECT: BRIEF OF MINING OPERATIONS.

20 A/C WILL MINE SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AT 5ØØØ TO 8ØØØ FT.
TAKE OFF Ø9ØBØZ TARGET Ø916ØØZ BASE Ø923ØØZ.
ROUTE. BASE TO IWO TO 32-ØØ NORTH - 132-ØØ EAST TO TARGET TO 32-ØØ NORTH - 132-ØØ EAST TO IWO TO BASE.

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, STARVATION 4, STRIKE 53, 2 APRIL 45.

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10 B-29'S AIRBORNE TINIAN. NINE A/C LAID 48 MK 35 AND 30 MK 25 IN MINE FIELD 1 THROUGH 3/10 CLOUD FROM 6,000 TO 6,100 FEET.

MINES AIRBORNE 36 MK 25 AND 48 MK 25 OR 36. SIX MK 25 JETTISONED AT 29/41 N-135/01 E. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION 6 A/C NO ATTACKS.

FLAK MEAGER AND INACCURATE OVER TMOLET AREA. NO A/C LOST.
UNEVALUATED OBSERVATIONS: TOTAL OF 42 SHIPS OBSERVED BY RADAR

AS FOLLOWS: 3 IN POSITION SOUTH OF SUKOMO HARBOR; 3 IN HARBOR OF UWAJIMA; 3 IN HARBOR OF YASHIDA; 3 AT 33/18 N-132/30 E; 6

AT 33/15 N-132/15 E; 3 AT 33/26 N-132/00 E; 4 AT 33/20 N-131/55 E; 2 AT 34/15 N-132/17 E; 2 AT 33/55 N-132/35 E; 9 AT 34/00 N-132/25 E;

2 AT 33/17 N-132/23 E; 2 AT 32/45 N-132/39 E.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PLACING MINES IN AREAS LEFT.
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Vacant by mining a/c which aborted on starvation 2. Mine field 1 is now believed to form a relatively strong blockade of the Kure-Hiroshima area. All a/c landed home base safely.

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COMSUBPAC SENT 150324 ACTION COM 5TH FLEET INFO COMTASKFOR 52, 56 AND 51 COM TASKGROUP 52.2 CINCPAC ADV HQ WHO REENCYPhERs FOR INFO COMINCH DEPCOM 28TH AF COMNAVGRP CHINA ALL TF AND TG COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET.

*CINCPAC ADV HQ REENCYPHERED TO COMINCH AS 150648.

"THIS IS TOP SECRET. FOLLOWING TOP SECRET MESSAGE FROM TUNNY CONSIDERED OF VITAL INTEREST TO YOU:

ENTERED EXTENSIVE MINE FIELD AT LATITUDE 28-56.9 LONGITUDE 125-01.4. DURING NEXT 5-1/2 HOURS MADE DEFINITE TONE AND SIGHT CONTACT ON 219 MINES AT MAXIMUM RANGE OF 400 FEET.

LIMITS OF MINES SIGHTED, FIRST POINT ABOVE, 28-53 124-52, 28-57 124-49. FIELD EXTENDS ON AXIS 295-115 TRUE. WILL CHECK GEAR ON TARGET TOMORROW AND REPORT. ALL CONTACTS APPEAR VALID."

ACTION:F-30

WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS OR ADDITIONAL

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**INFORMATION ON THIS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN MINE FIELD. NOTE**
**THAT "SIGHT CONTACT" IN TUNNY DISPATCH REFERS TO SIGHTING**
**ON SCREEN OF HIS DETECTION GEAR AND NOT VISUAL SIGHTING OF**
**MINES."**

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URD18 221458. ADMIRALTY CONCUR IN LAYING PRESSURE MINES AS FROM 1 APRIL SUBJECT TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED CONDITIONS.

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PREVIOUS BRITISH-US AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR INTRODUCTION OF PRESSURE MINES IN CBI AND PACIFIC THEATERS WHEN THEY COULD BE LAYED IN QUANTITY AND SUBJECT TO USE OF RELIABLE STERILIZERS WITH DATE SET PROVISIONALLY 1 JUNE 1945. MYSE 202495 OF 1 SEPT AND BAD N.O. 28/43 OF 14 OCT REFER. COPIES FURNISHED ADMIRALTY BY BAD. EFFECTIVENESS OF JAPANESE COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST PRESENT MINES MAKES EARLIER INTRODUCTION HIGHLY DESIRABLE. RECENT PROGRESS OF US PRESSURE-MAGNETIC MINE HAS BEEN UNEXPECTEDLY RAPID AND DATE FOR LARGE SCALE LAYING CAN BE ANTICIPATED. BASED ON PRESENT PRODUCTION OF MINES AND AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT FOR PLANNED MINING OPERATIONS, US AIRCRAFT CAN LAY AT LEAST 50% PRESSURE MINES PER MONTH STARTING ABOUT 1 APRIL. REQUEST YOU OBTAIN ADMIRALTY CONCURRENCE THIS DATE SUBJECT TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED CONDITIONS. DISPATCH! REPLY REQUESTED.

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CINCPOA ADVANCE SENTS ACTION TO CHARLIENANAOBOE X INFO TO COMGEN AAFPOA COMGEN TWENTIETH AAF DEPCOM TWENTIETH AAF COMGEN TWENTYFIRST BOMCOM COMINPAC X

YOUR SERIAL 00028230 OF 20 JANUARY, 21ST BOMBER COMMAND PLANS TO COMMENCE LAYING MARK 25, MOD 2 MINES WITH A-6 MECHANISMS SOMETIME AFTER 15 MARCH AS 500 UNITS BECOME AVAILABLE

* RECEIVED GARbled AS "SUQHBAGRE".

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REF CINCPOA 102157. YOUR COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED RELATIVE READINESS FOR SHIPMENT DATE FLEET HOSPITAL NUMBER 117.

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From: Commander in Chief Pacific Ocean Areas
To: War Department
DTG: 121039Z 12 February 1945

CINCPAC Adv HQ sends action Com Seventh Fleet info Com AAF COMINPAC. This is TOP SECRET.

Concur in mine laying locations proposed in urdis 111051. Desire sterilization by 1st July.

End.

Referenced message has been requested by WDCMC

ACTION: OPD
INFO: GEN ARNOLD ADM KING C OF S

CM-IN-12534 (13 Feb 45) DTG 121039 mcs

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THIS IS FOR SECRET. COM 7TH FLT GIVES ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMAAF COMINPAC AORC RAFF BRISBANE COM SUBORDCOMD AUST (FOR MY OFFICER) RDO BRISBANE PASS.

REQUEST CONCURRENCE FOR MINELAYING OPERATIONS BY RAFF AT TAKAO AND TAINAN AND KEELUNG FORMOSA; BAKO PESCADORES; HONGKONG AND SWATOW AND AMOY CHINA; YULINKAN BAY HAINAN ISLAND AND NORTHERN PORTION OF HAINAN STRAIT. ADVISE STERILIZATION DATES FOR ABOVE LOCALITIES.

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MASTER USSR SS RION WAS VERY COOPERATIVE. URDIS 151615.

PRESENCE OF COMMANDER ZAPWROSCHEK SOVIET NAVAL OFFICER DID NOT
HINDER MASTERS ANSWERING STRICTLY ROUTINE QUESTIONS. MASTER
BELIEVES LA PEROUSE STRAIT NOT MINED HAVING PASSED THROUGH 4
TIMES DURING PAST YEAR WHILE ENGAGED COASTAL TRADE SIBERIAN
COAST. STATED UNINFORMED REGARDING TSUSHIMA OR TSUGARU STRAITS.
SAYS SIGHTED 2 MINES IN SOUTH CHANNEL LA PEROUSE STRAIT IN JAN 1944
WHEN BOUND FOR US. SEE DIO 12TH NAVDIST BOARDING REPORT SS RION

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SOVIET NAVY STATES THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION OF JAP MINE FIELDS. THEY HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RED MERSHIP CAPTAINS TO TRANSMIT TO RUSSIAN CONVOY OFFICERS IN U.S. WEST COAST PORTS ALL INFO ON JAP ACTIVITIES OBSERVED ENROUTE. THESE OFFICERS WILL FURTHER TRANSMIT THE INFO TO ALL NAVY AUTHORITIES IN THESE PORTS. MY LETTER CONFIRMING CONVERSATION OF TODAY IN WHICH REPLY WAS GIVEN TO MY REQUEST FOLLOWING YOUR DIRECTIVE 151617 ASKS FOR INFORMATION WHEN SOVIET NAVY RECEIVES IT.

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MASTERS SOVIET MERSHIPS FAIRLY COOPERATIVE BUT CURBED IN GIVING INFO BY PRESENCE OF SOVIET NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER AT SAN PEDRO. LA PEROUSE BELIEVED FREE OF MINES BY TWO MASTERS SPOKEN TO IN LAST WEEK.

UR 151615. NO INFO ON OTHER ENTRANCES.

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FROM CTF 93

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INFORMATION

CINC PAC ADVN

CG 7 AF

CTF 94 COM 3RD FLT COMMINPAC CONSUBPAC

CG AAFPOA

CINC PAC REAR ECH.

NAVY MINE DEPOT NUMBER 5

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YOUR 151615.

Most Soviet shipmasters believe La Perouze Waters Free from mines possible exception vicinity Wakkainai and Otomari Harbor entrances. Tsugagu Strait mined where feasible. Several reliable Russian merchant marine officers think main channels Tsushima Clear. So far cooperation fair not willing to give exact detailed information on Jap activities West of Kuriles Chain.

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URGENTLY DESIRE DETAILED LATEST CONTINUING INFORMATION REGARDING MINES SMALL ENTRANCES JAPAN SEA. REQUEST THIS FROM CENTRAL SOVIET NAVAL AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST THEM IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT THEIR SHIPPING CONTROL OFFICERS U.S. WEST COAST PORTS TO PERMIT MERCHANT MASTERS TO SUPPLY ALL SUCH INFORMATION TO U.S. BOARDING OFFICERS. REPORT PROGRESS.

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ALL LATEST INFORMATION MINING FIELDS ENTRANCES TO JAPAN SEA URGENTLY DESIRED. INCREASE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BY SOVIET VESSEL BOARDING OFFICERS AND REPORT SOVIET REACTIONS AND DEGREE OF COOPERATION.

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REQUIREING CONSIDERATION BEFORE CLEARING ANY PLANS FOR
LAYING BRITISH MINES BY BPF OR OTHERS IN WATERS WHERE
IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY FOR THE US TO ACCOMPLISH
CLEARANCE IS FACT THAT US PROCEDURE AND EQUIPMENT
FOR SWEeping BRITISH MINES ARE NEITHER AS WELL DEVELOPED
NOR AS SAFE AS FOR US MINES. CNO HAS DIRECTIONAlY
CHECK AND STANDARDIZE SWEeping PROCEDURES FOR BRITISH
MINES AND KEEP ADDRESSES ADVISED. CNO SECRET SERIAL
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL. URDIS 112120 MYDIS 121325.

ADMIRALTY PROPOSALS AT JAMAICA.

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**ACTION. FY-01**
CHANGE ARTICLE 1225 IN ENCLOSURE (A) TO COMINCH TOP SECRET
SERIAL No. 3156 OF 31 OCTOBER 1944. DELETE FIRST SENTENCE AND
SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING: "THE MINE SHALL NOT BE RELEASED IN WATER
OF LESS THAN 30 FATHOMS EXCEPT WHEN OUTSIDE 6 MILES OF COAST
LINE AND THEN ONLY WHEN ATTACK CAN BE MADE UNDER SPECIFIC
CONDITIONS LISTED IN SECTION 1230."

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**COMCARIB SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH.**

**YOUR TOP SECRET 112129.**

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL PROPOSAL CONTAINED YOUR SERIAL M-21 OF 3 JANUARY EXCEPT THAT 6 MIL'S AND CREWS BE RETAINED OR RELIEVED BY 6 OTHER CRAFT AND CREWS. THESE CRAFT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF LOOP INDICATORS IN BOCAS. CAN HANDLE MINESweepING WITH CRAFT REMAINING. LETTER IN MAIL. WILL ADVISE ON JAMAICA WHEN COMMANDER GTMO SECTOR COMMENTS.**

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XXI T 0284, TO HARMON, INFO CNO ATTN OP30M, COMINPAC COMFWDAREA FROM HANSELL)

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS COMMAND RECEIVE COPIES OF ALL MESSAGES REGARDING AERIAL MINE EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE UTILIZED IN PLANNING THE AERIAL MINE LAYING OPERATIONS OF THIS COMMAND.

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24 MINING Sorties WERE made ON Manilia BAY PHILLIPINES BY RAAF CATALINAS 14 DECEMBER BETWEEN 14-23 AND 14-34 NORTH. 24 MK 25 WITH 36 DAY STABILIZERS. 30 MK 26 MOB AND WITH 51 DAY STABILIZERS. STERILIZATION DATE 4 FEBRUARY 1945. 1 AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN MISSION SUCCESSFUL.
HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTF 77 ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS INFO TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT AND COM 7TH FLT)

REPORT GRADED B-3 INDICATES JAP MINING IN WATERS OFF SOUTH AND EAST COASTS L1 WAPACAN ISLAND 11-30 N 119-50 E. DANGER AREA EXTENDS 4 MILES OFF SHORE. ALSO MINES FROM CALPKANG ISLAND TO 4 MILES WEST AND FROM DAROCOTAN POINT NORTHEAST POYGWA* TO POINT 11-23 N 119-43 E.

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(CINCSWPA SENDS ACTION TO COMAAF INFO FOR COM ALLIED NAVFOR COM 3RD FLT)

ATTENTION INVITED LATENESS OF ADVICE AND LACK OF POSITIVE INFORMATION GIVEN THIRD FLEET RELATIVE MINELAYING ACTIVITIES MANILA BAY NIGHT 14/15, SEE MY CX 54574 TIME GROUP 0905562 RELATIVE (CX 54866) COORDINATION AIR OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN AAF CROSS DIVIDING LINE OF RESPONSIBILITIES SWPA AND 3RD FLT AIR FORCES. MACARTHUR

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This is Top Secret. CTF 73 sends action COM 3RD FLEET COMAAF CTF 38 CINCPAC CTF 77.

Mining of entrances Manila Bay conducted by 24 RAAF Catalinas based Leyte 1338Z to 1400Z 14 December. Radar countermeasures plane provided radar jamming. Allied Air Forces diversionary night strike was scheduled. Returning Catalinas orbiting to east outside Leyte Gulf until daylight prior landing Leyte. Mining operation this harbor completed on this one flight.

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(SIGNED S CMAAF) TO COM 3RD FLT, CTF 38, COM 3RD FLT PASS FOR ACTION (COMAF 5, FOR INFORMATION) (CITE AX95626)

PREVIOUS PLAN TO CONDUCT CATALINA MINING OPERATIONS MANILA BAY IS BEING CARRIED OUT TONIGHT, 14/15 DECEMBER DECISION TO CONDUCT THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN MADE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR OPERATIONS BUT PRESUMED NOT TO INTERFERE. THIS IS FURNISHED FOR INFORMATIONS REFERENCE OHQ CX51574

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CONSENSUS OF OPINION BY ALL MINING PERSONNEL HERE IS STRONGLY AGAINST DEFENSIVE MINING EXCEPT FOR GROUND MINES. EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH PACIFIC HAS BEEN THAT THEY OFFER LITTLE SAFEGUARD FOR SHIPPING THAT THEY GIVE FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY THAT MINES BREAK LOOSE AND MAY ENDANGER OWN SHIPS AND THAT NO APPRECIABLE REDUCTION IN PATROLS IS WARRANTED. EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST MIDGET SUBMARINES IS VERY SMALL UNLESS EXCESSIVE NUMBER MINES IS USED. IN VIEW FOREGOING BELIEVE RISKS FROM PLANTING FIELDS MENTIONED YOUR 11644B IS NOT AT ALL COMMENSURATE WITH DOUBTFUL GAINS. STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST THE PROPOSAL.

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ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY A PORTION OF THE MINES AND MINING VESSELS REQUESTED I SHALL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS DISPATCH.

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CINCPOA INFO COM 7TH FLEET CINCSPWA COM
MINCNRFAC PACIFIC COMINCH CONSERV 7TH CTF 75.

IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD LARGE VOLUME SHIPPING AND REDUCE PATHOLOGICAL VESSEL
REQUIREMENTS PROPOSE TO LAY ANTI-SUBMARINE PROTECTIVE MINELANDS
IN LINGAYEN GULF AND NORTH ENTRANCE TO LEYTE GULF. FORMER TO BE
LAID AFTER S PLUS 4 DAY M 1 LATTER WHEN PRACTICABLE. REQUEST IF
AVAILABLE SERVICES SUNGAY PLUS (A) 2 DIVISIONS 2220 TON DM OR (B)
COM SALEM AND WEHAWKEN. FOR M 1 VESSELS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
KRESSOLD ROADS RFS BY 6 JANUARY. MINES REQUIRED 1600 M 6 PLUS 42
AUTOMATIC MARK 6 OR 16 TYPE NAVIGATIONAL BUOYS FOR APPROACHES AND
ENTRANCE CHANNELS FOR LINGAYEN. 1400 MARK 6 MINES NO BUOYS FOR
LEYTE. CHARACTERISTICS. MINE CASE DEPTHS 30 FEET ANTENNA FLOAT

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DEPTHS 10 FEET. ALL MINES WITH LOWER ANTENNAS. DEPTHS OF WATER
LINGAYEN 50 FATHOMS. LEYTE 15 FATHOMS. OVERLAYS OF MINEFIELDS BY
AIR COURIER. CINCSWPA CONCURS.

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FOLLOWING IN ADDITIONBY 081831.

A. PROHIBITED AREAS FROM JAP NOTICES TO MARINERS TRANSLATED TO DATE. INCLUDES EMPIRE WATERS NOT COVERED BY CINCPAC CHARTS

1. AREA ENCLOSED BY FOLLOWING LINES PROHIBITED FROM 1 JULY 1943.

(A) KINRIN SHIRI NO HANA (34-19.61 N, 132-29)
(B) BEARING 270 DISTANCE 1060 METERS FROM (A)
(C) NORTH TIP TOGE ISLAND (34-18.84N, 132-27.91E)
(D) BEARING 94.5 DISTANCE 2650 METERS FROM (C)
(E) BEARING 231 DISTANCE 1020 METERS FROM 34-20.46N, 132-30.16E
(F) BEARING 270 DISTANCE 460 METERS FROM (E)
2. Navigation and underwater operations prohibited since 1 January 1943 in area enclosed by following lines:

(A) 35°01'N, 139°30'E
(B) 34°56'N, 139°30'E
(C) 34°56'N, 139°40'E
(D) 35°01'N, 139°40'E

3. Navigation prohibited in following 5 areas:

(A) (1) 90 distance 1900 meters from Myojin Saki (Uraga Kd)
    (2) 90 distance 4660 meters from (1)
    (3) 80 distance 4400 meters from Kannon Saki Light
    (4) 55 distance 1400 meters from Kannon Saki Light
    (5) 90 distance 1100 meters from Kannon Saki Light
C) (1) DISSATISFACTORY CUSTOMS DUE TO OUTWARD TRAFFIC

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(B) (1) ASHIIKA SHIMA LIGHT

(2) 180 DISTANCE 4600 METERS FROM (1)
(3) 90 DISTANCE 4270 METERS FROM (2)
(4) 97 DISTANCE 6200 METERS FROM (3)
(5) 351.5 DISTANCE 3150 METERS FROM (4)
(6) 270 DISTANCE 5200 METERS FROM (5)

(C) (1) 90 DISTANCE 1000 METERS FROM NE TIP OF AMI SAKI ON KANEDA WAN, S SHORE

(2) 90 DISTANCE 4150 METERS FROM (1)
(3) 180 DISTANCE 8900 METERS FROM (2)
(4) 200 DISTANCE 6100 METERS FROM TSURUGI SAKI LIGHT
(5) 90 DISTANCE 800 METERS FROM TSURUGI SAKI LIGHT

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(0) (1) SHINDEN AT KANEDA WAN S SHORE

(2) 180 DISTANCE 5950 METERS FROM (1)
(3) 90 DISTANCE 5350 METERS FROM (2)

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(3) 160 DISTANCE 2.2 MILES FROM SUGA SHIMA LIGHT

(4) SUGA SHIMA LIGHT

(B) (1) 90 DISTANCE 4 MILES FROM KAMI SHIMA LIGHT

(2) 90 DISTANCE 4 MILES FROM (1)

(3) 180 DISTANCE 5 MILES FROM SUMMIT OF OYAMA ON S. COAST OF ATSUMI HANTO

(4) 52 DISTANCE 4 MILES FROM ANORI SAKI LIGHT

(5) 160 DISTANCE 2.2 MILES FROM SUGA SHIMA LIGHT

(C) (1) SUMMIT OF OYAMA

(2) 130 DISTANCE 3 MILES FROM (1)

(3) 29.5 DISTANCE 3 MILES FROM (2)

TWO FAIRWAY LIGHT BUOYS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

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(B) 120 DISTANCE 15,900 METERS FROM SUMMIT OF OYAMA

5. DUE TO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE ANCHORAGE PROHIBITED IN FOLLOWING 3 AREAS

(A) (1) 102 DISTANCE 9000 METERS FROM MOUNTAIN AT 50-32.8N 156-01.9E

(2) 102 DISTANCE 8300 METERS FROM (1)

(3) 210 DISTANCE 500 METERS FROM MOUNTAIN AT 50-36.5N 156-23.7E

(4) 90 DISTANCE 1300 METERS FROM (3)

(5) 156 DISTANCE 11,500 METERS FROM (4)

(6) 213 DISTANCE 7800 METERS FROM (5)

(7) 271 DISTANCE 20400 METERS FROM (6)

(B) (1) 343 DISTANCE 5400 METERS FROM MOUNTAIN AT 50-43.2N 156-02.8E

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(2) 343 DISTANCE 6000 METERS FROM (1)
(3) 63 DISTANCE 8100 METERS FROM (2)
(4) 195 DISTANCE 10,600 METERS FROM (3)
(c) (1) TIP OF IMAI SAKI, W COAST SHIMUSHU
(2) 323 DISTANCE 11,400 METERS FROM (1)
(3) 62 DISTANCE 8100 METERS FROM (2)
(4) 170.3 DISTANCE 13000 METERS FROM (3)

6. ANCHORAGE PROHIBITED DUE TO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IN FAN
SHAPED AREA EXTENDING FROM 160 DEGS TO 240 DEGS RADIUS
6000 METERS FROM SUMMIT AT 42-56.7N 144-52.2E.

7. UNDERWATER OPERATIONS PROHIBITED IN FOLLOWING 3 AREAS.
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**COMPLETE COPIES OF THESE NOTICES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED.**

**B. CHARTS REQUESTED YOUR 080100 HAVE BEEN FORWARDED.**

**C. FOLLOWING ARE 2 SAFE PASSAGES NOT SHOWN ON CINCPAC CHARTS.**

**SOURCE COMINCH COMBAT INTELLIGENCE.**

1. **MARCH 1944,** VESSELS ENTERING ZONE IN TAKAO OUTER HARBOR IN WHICH NAVIGATION WAS FORBIDDEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP TO E OF BUOY BEARING 337 DISTANCE 17,400 METERS FROM TAKAO LIGHT.

2. **JAP CONVOYS HAVE BEEN NOTED USING TAPIANTANA CHANNEL (S OF BASILAN ISLAND).**

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Following in addition to Hydro 051800. Your 030309. Check of Mine Warfare Section records indicates:

A. Emendations to Data on CINCPAC Charts


   (A) 25-43 N 121-48 E
   (B) 25-48 N 122-05 E
   (C) 25-35 N 122-35 E
   (D) 25-25 N 122-36 E
   (E) 25-25 N 122-28 E
   (F) 25-30 N 122-27 E
   (G) 25-41 N 122-05 E
   (H) 25-37 N 121-51 E


3. Chart No 4. Mine Line No 5. Alternative Positions on
**LINE BEARING 117 FOR A DISTANCE 4720 METERS FROM BASE POINT BEARING 194 DISTANCE 12.5 KM FROM TAKAO LIGHTHOUSE.**

**B. MINEFIELDS NOT INDICATED ON CINCPAC CHARTS.**

1. **CHART NO 1. AS OF 8 OCT TYPE A MINES BEING LAID IN SAEKI AREA. MINES REPORTED RENEWED IN BUNGO CHANNEL. ONI REPORT STATES MINES AND NETS REPORTED LAID KII STRAIT APRIL 1940. FW REPORTS CHANNEL BETWEEN KOGA POINT AND KOMPIRA POINT AT MOUTH OF SASEBO BAY HAS BOOMS AND MINES. AS OF 7 JULY MINES LAID OUTSIDE WOOSUNG. AS OF 8 SEPT SEA AREAS ENCLOSED BY LINES JOINING FOLLOWING POINTS PROBABLY MINED**

   **(A) TOOIZAKI (31-22N 131-21E)**
   **(B) 28-50 N 131-00 E**
   **(C) 25-30 N 128-00 E**

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2. CHART NO. 2. FOLLOWING IN TSUGARU STRAIT. PW REPORTS

TRIANGLE BETWEEN SHIRIYA AND CHIKYU AND ERIMO CAPES
HEAVILY MINED. ONI REPORT STATES MINES IN TAPPI SAKI
AND S1 SAKI AND HAKODATE AND ONI SAKI AREAS.

3. CHART NO. 3A. COM 7TH FLT REPORT STATES JAP MINES AT

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**ODONGAPO. COMNAVORCHINA REPORT OF 23 NOV STATES MINES LAID FROM LAGONAY GULF AROUND SOUTHERN LUZON TO RAGAY GULF RATED C3. LUZON STRAITS REPORTED PROBABLY MINED IN AREA ENCLOSED BY LINES JOINING FOLLOWING POINTS**

(A) KANNON HANA (TAIWAN S COAST)
(B) NE TIP KOOTOOSH (22-04 N 121-32 E)
(C) 20-30 N 122-20 E
(D) CAPE ENGANO (LUZON NE POINT)
(E) MAYRAIRA POINT
(F) BYOOBITO (TAIWAN S TIP)

WEST COAST LUZON PROBABLY MINED IN SEA AREA SOUTH OF MAYRAIRA POINT AND NORTH OF CAPE SANTIAGO FROM 2 MILES OFF COAST OUT TO 25 MILES OFF COAST. MINDANAO PROBABLY MINED ALONG COAST SOUTH OF CAUIT POINT (NE MINDANAO)

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NORTH OF CAPE SAN AGUSTIN (SE MINDANAO) AND WITHIN 25
MILES OF SOUTH COAST OF MINDANAO WEST OF CAPE SAN AGUSTIN
AND EAST OF ZAMBOANGA.

4. CHART NO 4. FOLLOWING IN PESCADORES. AS OF 26 OCT UNDER
WATER OBSTACLES LAID WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY LINES CONNECT-
ING FOLLOWING POINTS. BASE POINT KITSUSHI LIGHT.

(A) BEARING 270 DISTANCE 9200 METERS
(B) BEARING 138 DISTANCE 12700 METERS
(C) BEARING 228 DISTANCE 3000 METERS.

FOLLOWING AT TAKAO. NAVIGATION PROHIBITED IN AREA
INCLUDED BY LINES CONNECTING FOLLOWING POINTS. BASE
POINT TAKAO.

(A) BEARING 337 DISTANCE 17400 METERS

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**FOLLOWING AT RYUKYU SHOO LINE BEARING 112 FOR A DISTANCE 3920 METERS FROM BASE POINT BEARING 23 DISTANCE 14.5 KM FROM RYUKYU SHOO LIGHT.**

**MINE BARRIERS LAID OUT TO DISTANCE OF 10 MILES ON BEARING 106 FROM RYUKYU SHOO AND FOR 5000 METERS ALONG LINE BEARING 120 FROM POINT BEARING 346 DISTANT 16 KM FROM RYUKYU SHOO LIGHT.**

**ALL ABOVE INFO OBTAINED FROM COMINCH COMBAT INTELLIGENCE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. ADDITIONAL INFO DERIVED FROM TRANSLATIONS.**

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OF JAPANESE NOTICES TO MARINERS NOW IN PREPARATION WILL BE
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AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN CINCPAC CHARTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY
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PRELIMINARY INSPECTION JAP. NOTICES TO MARINERS REFERENCE
YOUR O30309 ESTIMATE TWO HUNDRED PARAGRAPHS Referring
UNDERWATER OBSTRUCTIONS OF DIFFERENT CLASSES INDICATING
MINED AREAS, SAFE COURSES BEING INVESTIGATED, FIRST
SHIPMENT OF TRANSLATIONS AFFECTING EAST COAST OF HONSHU
WILL BE MADE IN THREE DAYS. COMPLETED TRANSLATIONS OF
TWO HUNDRED PARAGRAPHS EXPECTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. TRANSLATIONS BEING DONE BY ONE. NO INDICATIONS OF SAFE COURSES
ON CAPTURED UNCLASSIFIED CHARTS EXCEPT ENTRANCE TO TOKYO
BAY IN PENCIL. THIS CHART FURNISHED TO MINES WARFARE
SECTION OF OP-30 AND CAN BE SENT YOU IF DESIRED. ALL
RESTRICTED AREAS WITH APPLICABLE NOTES FROM CLASSIFIED

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**JAP CHARTS ARE REPRODUCED WITH TRANSLATION ON HO 6000 SERIES WHICH YOU HOLD. THOSE NOT YET REPRODUCED ARE SHOWN IN FACSIMILE ON HO MISCELLANEOUS 11300 SERIES.**

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RESEARCH IN CAPTURED JAP NOTICES TO MARINERS UNCOVERED NO NUMBER 181943 WHICH PROHIBITED AREA PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN OFF INUBO SAKI. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES PROHIBITED AREAS NOT OBVIOUSLY FIRING AREA OR FISHING AREAS CONTAIN DEFENSIVE MINE-FIELDS. HYDRO HOLDS SOME CAPTURED NOTICES TO MARINERS NOT HELD HERE. RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED CINCPAC ENEMY MINEFIELD CHARTS SUMMARIZES OUR INFORMATION ON MINE-FIELDS. DESIRE OP-30 CHECK WITH HYDRO TO FIND ANY OTHER SUSPICIOUS PROHIBITED AREAS. REQUEST ANY SUCH BE REPORTED.

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BY DESPATCH. ALSO DESIRE HYDRO EXAMINE ALL CAPTURED JAP
CHARTS FOR INDICATIONS OF SAFE COURSES FOLLOWED BY ENEMY
SHIPS THROUGH MINEABLE WATERS. IN PARTICULAR DESIRE ANY
INFORMATION OF SAFE COURSES FOLLOWED THROUGH THE THREE
STRAITS ENTERING JAPAN SEA.

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OSD Letter, May 4, 1972
By SLR Date MAR 6 1974

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LIAISON READILY STATED AS FOLLOWS CONCERNING PROBABLE JAPANESE MINES IN LAPEROUSE STRAIT BORDERING REGULAR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CHANNELS. LIAISON AND RED NAVY STAFF OFFICERS PLACE LITTLE CREDENCE IN REPORTS BECAUSE STRAIT HAS STRONG CURRENTS. FURTHER STATES ANIWAYAN AND ALL KURILE STRAINS EXCEPT WATERS NEAR PARAMUSHIRO AND SHUMUSHU KNOWN TO BE FREE OF MINES. NO INFORMATION FOR TSUGARU AND TRUSHIMA STRAINS AND EAST COAST KARAFTU AND NOTHING KNOWN.
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BRISBANE

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MINE WARFARE OFFICER BRISBANE SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COM 7TH FLEET CINCSPWA CNO SACSEA CTG 71.9 HAS INFO BY HAND.

REPORT FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL RAAF AERIAL MINING OPERATIONS.

SUARABAYA JAVA. IN RECTANGLE 06-50 SOUTH, 06-54 SOUTH, 112-45 EAST AND 112-55 EAST ALSO IN EAST CHANNEL IN AREA PREVIOUSLY MINED. 15 OCTOBER. 16 MK 26 MOD 1 AND 10A4 ASSEMBLY 8712.

PULO LAUT ISLAND BORNEO. IN CIRCLE RADIUS 5 MILES CENTER 04-10 SOUTH 116-06 EAST. 19 OCTOBER. 6A MK 5 ASSEMBLE B200 AND 8 MK 26 MOD 1. THE FOLLOWING IN AREAS PREVIOUSLY MINED.

KENDARI CELEBES. 25 OCTOBER. 8 MK 25.

WOWONI STRAIT CELEBES. 30 OCTOBER. 12 MK 25.

LYORO STRAIT CELEBES. 4A MK 4 ASSEMBLY B200 AND 4 MK 25.

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BUTON STRAIT CELEBES. 31 OCTOBER. 12 MK 25
POMELAA CELEBES. 25 OCTOBER. 24 MK 26 MOD 1. 71 DAY

STERILIZERS IN MK 25 ONLY. JETTISONED MINES AS FOLLOWS.
ARMS 2 MK 26 MOD 1 PDM 1 DAM 0 AT 12-16 SOUTH AND 120-41
EAST. 1 MK 26 MOD 1 ARMED AT 14-30 SOUTH 126-22 EAST
ON LANO.

COMINCH . . ACT
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SUBMARINE GUITARRO RETURNED FROM PATROL REPORTS HAVING
SIGHTED ABOUT 40 FLOATING MINES NIGHT OF 22 OCTOBER
IN APO WEST PASS BETWEEN 12-37 N 120-20 E AND 12-40 N
120-20 E. THEY WERE IN 3 GENERAL GROUPS COVERING
DISTANCE OF ABOUT 3 MILES. OVERPASSED AT DISTANCE
100 FEET APPEARED CYLINDRICAL WITH DOME SHAPED TOP.
DIAMETER ABOUT 3 FEET. ABOUT 2 FEET OF MINE OUT OF
WATER. NO HOMES SEEN. MINES WERE PICKED UP ON SJ
RADAR AT RANGES 800 TO 1000 YARDS IN A CALM SEA, DUE
MOON SET AND EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN SIGHTING MINES
GUITARRO PROCEEDED UNDER FIELD SUBMERGED.

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7 Catalinas mined Brunei Bay night of 9 November.

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This reenciphers ALUSNA MOSCOW's 091240.*

Following received from FEOL EL as result conversation with Admiral Golovo:

Many enemy and Russian mines swept by US built sweepers PETSAMO and KIRKENES area. PETSAMO not badly damaged but KIRKENES levelled and some casualties by time bombs. Norwegians in occupied territory being furnished food by Russians but not given arms as they requested. Combined sea and land operations planned for Vardo in which Battleship Archangel may take part.

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YOUR 221159 DESIRE THE PORTION OF YOUR MINING PLAN INVOLVING
B-29'S BE SUBMITTED BY YOU TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL 20TH AIR
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NAVY DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO INITIATE PROCUREMENT OF MINES FOR CARRYING OUT B-29 MINING MISSION OUTLINED YOUR SERIAL 02091 dated 20 OCTOBER 1944 CONFIGURING ABOUT 3 MONTHS AFTER SUCH INITIATION AND RISING TO A POSSIBLE SCALE OF ABOUT 600 SORTIES PER MONTH WITHIN ANOTHER 5 MONTHS PERIOD AT A RATE DEPENDING UPON PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY. ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT PRESSURE AND LOW FREQUENCY MECHANISMS FOR FURTHER PHASES OF MISSION CANNOT BE ADEQUATE AVAILABLE IN FIELD UNTIL 1 APRIL 1945 AND 1 MAY RESPECTIVELY. PROGRAM OF PROCUREMENT WILL NOT BE STARTED UNTIL 28TH AIR FORCE IS COMMITTED TO PLAN WHICH IT IS PRESUMED YOU WILL INITIATE THROUGH THE DEPUTY COMMANDER AT PEARL HARBOR. INFORMATION ON NUMBERS B-29 MARIANAS SORTIES PER MONTH THAT CAN BE ALLOCATED AND ALSO NUMBERS OF MINE AND MINE TYPES PER MONTH FOR INITIAL PHASE AND MAXIMUM NUMBERS FOR LATER PHASES REQUESTED.

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REPORT FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL AIRCRAFT MINELAYING OPERATIONS IN CELEBS BORNEO AND JAVA. LEMPEN STRAIT, CELEBS 16 SEPT. 4 MARK

26 MOD 1 MINES PDM SETTINGS 5 SHIPS 1 MINE AND 3 SHIPS 1 MINE.

IN CIRCLE RADIUS 1/2 MILE CENTER 01-28 N 125-14 E. BANKA STRAIT

CELEBS 20 SEPT. 16A MARK 5 ASSEMBLY B 200. 12 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES PDM SETTINGS 2 SHIPS 1 MINES, 3 SHIPS 1 MINE AND 5 SHIPS 1 MINE.

IN CIRCLE RADIUS 5 MILES CENTER 01-46-35 N 125-26-3 E. MACASSAR

CELEBS 16 SEPT. 8 A MARK 4 ASSEMBLY GEORGE 718 AND 6 MARK 13 MOD

INSIDE BREAKWATER AND IN SOUTH CHANNEL. LAUT STRAIT CELEBS 17 SEPT. 10 A MARK 5 ASSEMBLY B 202 MINES PDM SETTINGS 2 SHIPS 3 MINES, 4 SHIPS 3 MINES AND 6 SHIPS 4 MINES. 6 MK 26 MOD 1 MINES. 8 MK 13 MOD 5 MINES. IN NORTH APPROACH SHOREWARD OF 116-23 E.

SOUTH APPROACH NORTH OF 03-36 N. AREA EAST OF SEBUKU ISLAND BORNEO. 17 SEPT. 2 MARK 13 MOD 5 MINES. 6 MK 26 MOD 1 MINES PDM SETTINGS

7 SHIPS 1 MINES. SHOREWARD OF 116-36 E BETWEEN 03-35 S AND 03-39 S. SURABAYA JAVA 20 SEPT. 12 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. ALONG SURABAYA

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| STRAIGHT BETWEEN 06-51 S AND 07-13 S, TIORO STRAIT CELEBES 27 SEPT. 8 MARK 5 ASSEMBLY B 26% PDM SETTINGS 5 SHIPS-2 MINES. 4 A MARK |
| 4 ASSEMBLY G 712. 4 MARK 12 MOD 1 MINE PDM SETTINGS 3 SHIPS-1 MINE AND 5 SHIPS-1 MINE. 1 AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN. ENGINE TROUBLE. |
| CREW RESCUED AND PLANE DESTROYED. PANARUKAN ROAD JAVA 28 SEPT. 8 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. SHOREWARD EAST AND SOUTH OF 113-54 E AND 07-39 S, PROBOILINGGO ROAD JAVA 28 SEPT. 6 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. SHOREWARD OF 07-41 S BETWEEN 113-16 E AND 113-12 E. PASURUAN ROAD |
| JAVA 28 SEPT. 6 MARK 13 AND 2 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. SHOREWARD OF 07-34 S BETWEEN 112-56 E AND 112-54 E. TANA KEKE CELEBES 5 OCTOBER. |
| 19 A MARK 4 ASSEMBLY G 712, 6 A MARK 4 ASSEMBLY B 26%, 12 MARK 12 MOD 1, 4 MARK 13 MOD 5 AND 2 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. SHOREWARD OF 119-19 E BETWEEN 05-24 S AND 05-36 S. BUTON STRAIT CELEBES 30 SEPT. 4 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES PDM SETTINGS 3 SHIPS 1 MINE AND 5 SHIPS-1 MINE. 4 MARK 12 MOD 1 MINES PDM SETTINGS 3 SHIPS-1 MINE AND 5 SHIPS-1 MINE. NOHONI STRAIT CELEBES 1 OCT. 6 A MARK 4 ASSEMBLY G 700 AND 6 MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES. IN NOHONI STRAIT BETWEEN 04-08 SOUTH AND 04-08 NORTH. |
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ON 13 S. LAIKANG AND MALASORO BAYS CELEBS 5 OCT. 17 A MARK 5 ASSEMBLY 6 200. SHOREWARD OF 05-40 S BETWEEN 119-36 E AND 119-40 E.

JETTISONED MINES AS FOLLOWS. 2 MARK 13 MOD 5 AT 05-33-30 S AND 119-12 E. 2 MARK 12 MOD 1 MINES AT 07-56 S 128-45 E. 1 MARK 26 MOD 1 IN CIRCLE RADIUS 1/2 MILE CENTER 10-05-29 S 123-35-14 E. ALL MINES OTHER THAN THOSE INDICATED HAD PDM SETTINGS OF 1. MARK 26 MOD 1 MINES USED DURING THIS PERIOD HAD 51 DAY STERILIZERS. ALL MARK 12 MOD 1 MINES CONTAINED U-3 MOD 2 MECHANISMS, SENSITIVITY 10 MILLIGAUSS, NORTH AND SOUTH POLARITY IN EQUAL NUMBERS

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GK BEACH MINES LAID END SEP FROM KATLAND LIGHT. LIST NR 385 TO STEINODDEN. WEST TIP LISRA.-SPECIAL FITTED LAN CRAFT SO WING 4 ROWS 25 YARDS APART IN TWO FATHOMS. GERMANS PLAN COMPLETE BY DEC SIMILAR OPERATIONS ALL POSSIBLE LAN BEACHES NORWAY. MINE LAYING UNITS 4 BOATS EACH BASED OSCARS BORG, FARSUND, AALESK, DAND PROBABLY NAMS. SIX MINE BEING PRODUCED FARSUND AND EGRESSUND. MINE TORPEDOES STORED HAAKNIBEN SOWEST OF FARSUND

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Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Versailles, France
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater
US Army, Paris, France

Nr: 464

15 Oct 1944

Number 464 Part 2 Para 4 COSINTREP addressess
from C in C Med. 1. in COSINTREP. COSINTREP No. VAN 65
part two signed Wilson site PHIIA.

A French destroyer (two D A thick minefield off Cape
Turlo has delayed the arrival of Naval forces at Piraeus. A
destroyer was mined and a minesweeper mined and sunk today
15th October in this field.

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
COMINCH ACTION FROM COM7THFLT INFO CINCPAC COM3RDLFT CHQ.

UNDERSTAND SEAPLANES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DETECTED MINE FIELDS AND SMALL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL MINES BY MAGNETIC DEVICES.

IN VIEW LARGE AREA MINEABLE WATER IN GULF AT ACCUMULATION AND NECESSITY MINIMIZE MINE SWEEPING TIME USE OF THIS METHOD WOULD ASSIST MATERIALLY IN RAPIDLY DETERMINING PRESENCE AND LOCATION OF FIELDS OR GROUPS AND IN INDICATING CLEAR AREAS. VALUABLE ALSO IN LATER EXPLORATION OF ADJACENT WATERS.

VP PLANES COULD OPERATE FROM KOSSOL PASSAGE OR MOROTAI AND FROM TENDER IN ACCUMULATION AREA ON ARRIVAL. MINE-SWEEPING
BEGINNS 17 OCTOBER EAST LONGITUDE DATE.

IF AVAILABLE REQUEST THESE SEAPLANES SO FITTED BE SUPPLIED TO ARRIVE MANUS BY 15 OCTOBER. IF PLANES NOT AVAILABLE BUT EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND CAPABLE OF QUICK INSTALLATION REQUEST 3 SETS WITH NECESSARY SKILLED PERSONNEL TO INSTALL AND OPERATE BE SENT MANUS BY AIR TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN AS MANY DAYS PRIOR 15 AS MUST BE ALLOWED TO MAKE INSTALLATION.

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**PERSONAL FOR EAKER FROM HEWITT. AS EMERGENCY MEASURE AM DIRECTING 3 FRENCH CATALINAS TO IMPORT TO VAN FOR TEMPORARY DUTY IN MINE-SPOOTTING. THESE PLANES ARE RELIEFS FOR 3 SIMILARLY EMPLOYED PREVIOUSLY. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CINCHED ON THIS MATTER. ASSUME VAN WILL ARRANGE NECESSARY AIR-SURFACE COORDINATION AND THAT ADEQUATE FIGHTER COVER WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE NECESSARY**

**ACTION: F-30**

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ConvoY Officer says has received no reports from masters any changes in La Perouse Channel because Jap mines after discreet inquiry. No info during past year on Tsugaru or Tsushima.

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COM 17 SENDS FOLLOWING CONSENSUS USSR CAPTAINS FROM BOARDING REPORTS. SEE MY 26205.1. LA PERROUSE PROBABLY MINED. TSUGARU NOT USED BY USSR VESSELS. FOLLOWING FROM COM 13 FROM SIMILAR SOURCES PLUS SOVIET NAVAL OFFICERS. LA PERROUSE CLEAR. TSUGARU MINED BUT CHANNELS UNKNOWN. TSUSHIMA WEST CHANNEL GENERALLY FREE EXCEPT ENTRANCES IMPORTANT KOREAN PORTS. CERTAIN AREAS IN EAST PASSAGE MINED INCLUDING ENTRANCE SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT. COM 12 INFO INDICATES POSSIBLE BUT IMPROBABLE LA PERROUSE MINED. (SEE PARAGRAPH 22 COMINCH SERIAL 002785 ENCLOSURE A DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1944.) TSUGARU AND TSUSHIMA NOT USED BY SOVIET SHIPS. IMPROBABLE SOVIET SHIP LANES IN JAPAN SEA MINED. USS BARB 21 MAY TO 9 JULY PATROL MENTIONS LA PERROUSE MINED. USS HERRING MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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SOVIET NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER AND MASTER HS SAKHALIN
TODAY CIRCULATED PARAGRAPH 9 DID 12TH ND REPORT HS SAKHALIN 14 AUG. URINS 231622. POSSIBLE BUT IMPOSSIBLE.
LA PERouse MINED. TSUGARO TSUSHIMA NOT USED. IMPOSSIBLE.
SOVIET SHIP LINES JAPAN SEA MINED.

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ACTION F-2

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COM 13 ANSWERS CHO 231622. CONSENSUS SOVIET NAVAL OFFICERS AND SHIPMasters LA PEROUSE CLEAR TSUGARU MINED BUT COURSES THROUGH FIELDS UNKNOWN TSUSHIMA WEST CHANNEL GENERALLY FREE EXCEPT ENTRANCE IMPORTANT KOREAN PORTS EAST PASSAGE PLANTED IN CERTAIN AREAS INCLUDING ENTRANCE SHIKOKU STRAIT CHISIMA RETTO CHANNELS NAVIGABLE EXCEPT POSSIBLY CLOSE NORTH SHIMUSHI TO.

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COM 13 SENDS ACTION CHO INFO COMS 11, 12 AND 17.

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COM 13 ANSWERS CHO 231622. CONSENSUS SOVIET NAVAL OFFICERS AND SHIPMasters LA PEROUSE CLEAR TSUGARU MINED BUT COURSES THROUGH FIELDS UNKNOWN TSUSHIMA WEST CHANNEL GENERALLY FREE EXCEPT ENTRANCE IMPORTANT KOREAN PORTS EAST PASSAGE PLANTED IN CERTAIN AREAS INCLUDING ENTRANCE SHIKOKU STRAIT CHISIMA RETTO CHANNELS NAVIGABLE EXCEPT POSSIBLY CLOSE NORTH SHIMUSHI TO.
HYDIS 111511 JAN STATES 2 SOVIET MINES ARE CARRIED PER PLANE. LATER INFO INDICATES USUAL PRACTICE IS 1 PER PLANE CARRIED UNDER FUSELAGE USING BOMB SUSPENSIONS AND RELEASE MECHANISMS.

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ANTI SUBMARINE NET RIO HARBOR BUILT AND INSTALLED BY BRAZILIAN NAVY READY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THEY HAVE NO ADEQUATE VESSELS TO OPERATE NET OR ACT AS GATE VESSEL. WILL REQUEST 1 VESSEL OF EACH TYPE UNDER LEASE. IF EACH VESSEL AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER, REQUEST INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY. I CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE.

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MINING PLAN SIMPSON HARBOR, YOUR 112158, APPROVED.

PREFER PLAN ON LINE EAST WESLEYAN MISSION. KAVIENG PLAN NOT APPROVED FOR PRESENT.

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**TEXT**

HAVE AUTHORIZED 14TH A F LAY 2Ø MARK 13 MINES YANGTZE RIVER APPROACHES SHANGHAI BETWEEN 311Ø NORTH 1215Ø EAST AND 3128 NORTH 12127 EAST X

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
Only for the eyes of Stilwell from Marshall. Minor offensive mine warfare operations, Admiral King believes will force Jap shipping off East Asia Continental Shelf into deep water where our submarines can destroy it. 14th Air Force is only Allied force in position to effectively undertake this task. It is appreciated that other tasks 14th AF preclude devoting large per cent operational flights to mining however the proposed offensive against Jap shipping in cooperation with submarines might fit in well with Crelsults objectives.

Importance of close liaison between mining and naval operations and of effective cooperation between aerial mining and operations of submarines required employment Senior Naval Officer as Liaison Officer for mining operations on coasts of China and Indochina. Admiral King recommends Capt E E Miles perform this service in addition to his other duties. C in C Pacific Ocean areas and Cdr SW Pacific Force concur in Miles as representing them for this purpose. Also recommend that Lieut (JG) DuBois USNR now in Washington and such other assistants for Miles as necessary be assigned as Technical Assistants for mine warfare whenever you desire. Miles has facilities for handling any part of mine warfare liaison coordination traffic with C in C Pacific Fleet and Cdr SW Pacific Force.

Please let me have your reaction to all of the above.

As regards Bay of Bengal, has British Navy furnished liaison personnel required? Adequate technical assistance to Bissec should be provided by Lieut Impellizzeri now with 10th AF and Lieut Forbes about to be detailed.

Originator: OOD

Information: ADM. KING, GEN. ARNOLD, LOG

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