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June 1, 1942.

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PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ FOR THE MINISTER

Will you please deliver personally at the earliest moment the following message to Prime Minister Curtin from the President:

QUOTE Because we face so many mutual problems across the Pacific, I think it would be most helpful if we might have a talk on the war situation some time after Evatt has returned to Australia and you have had a chance to discuss his visit. Would it be possible for you in the next few months to visit Washington, in which case I should be very glad to put at your disposal such transportation facilities as might render your voyage possible? I should genuinely welcome an opportunity for such a discussion. Any time will suit me if you will give me about a week's notice.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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This telegram must be
closely paraphrased be-
fore being communicated
to anyone. (A)

Pretoria
Dated June 9, 1942
Rec'd 3:23 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

TRIPLE PRIORITY
91, June 9, 5 p.m.

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

In reference to the Department's telegram
no. 73 June 1, 5 p.m., the following message
is transmitted for the President from Field
Marshal Smuts.

"I thank you most sincerely for your invitation
and would greatly appreciate opportunity of personal
talk on the war situation. I also thank you for kind
offer of aviation facilities when called for. In
view of present war situation in North Africa and
Indian Ocean and vital importance of South Africa
as nodal point in our lines of communication I
~~could~~ not leave South Africa at an early date and shall
continue to watch for a suitable opportunity for a visit
later in regard to which I shall also consult you.

Please accept my cordial congratulations on most
recent success

-2- #91, June 9, 5 p.m., from Pretoria

recent success of your navy at Midway, both welcome
in itself and as prelude to decisive victories to
come."

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