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April 13, 1942

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: MERCHANT VESSEL LOSSES

The attached table shows that during the week ending April 5, the United States and British governments received notification of the loss of 19 ships aggregating 186,244 deadweight tons. Of this total, 100,103 tons were tankers and 86,141 tons were cargo ships.

During the same week 12 new ships of 130,041 deadweight tons were put into operation. Two of these were tankers, of 32,250 tons.

The net loss of merchant vessels under United States and British control for the week ending April 5 was 56,203 deadweight tons.

You will note from the table that there was a net gain in cargo ships of 11,650 tons. The net loss of tankers (new construction minus sinkings) was 67,853 tons.

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GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
 UNDER AMERICAN AND BRITISH CONTROL
 NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
 WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	No.	DWT	No.	DWT	No.	DWT
<u>GAINS THROUGH NEW CONSTRUCTION</u>						
For U. S. Control	5	54,691	2	32,250	7	86,941
For British Control	5	43,100	-	-	5	43,100
of which:						
In United States	1	10,600	-	-	1	10,600
In United Kingdom	4	32,500	-	-	4	32,500
In Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GAINS	<u>10</u>	<u>97,791</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>32,250</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>130,041</u>
<u>LOSSES THROUGH SINKINGS, CAPTURES AND MARINE CASUALTIES</u>						
U. S. controlled vessels	7	52,441	2	18,003	9	70,444
British controlled vessels	3	33,700	7	82,100	10	115,800
TOTAL LOSSES	<u>10</u>	<u>86,141</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>100,103</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>186,244</u>
<u>NET INCREASE FOR WEEK</u>	-	11,650	-	-	-	-
<u>NET DECREASE FOR WEEK</u>	-	-	7	67,853	7	56,203

BASIS: Date of notification

SOURCES: U. S. controlled - U. S. Maritime Commission
 British Controlled vessels - Ministry of War Transport

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The attached chart shows the merchant vessel situation from March 1 to April 5.

It should be noted that the losses reported for the week ending April 5 were smaller than for any week in the 5-week period. On the other hand, new construction was higher than for any week in the period.

The total losses for the five weeks, as shown on the chart, amounted to 1,195,000 deadweight tons. This is an average loss of approximately 239,000 tons per week.

The total new construction in the United States, Great Britain and Canada for the five weeks was 456,000 tons, or an average of 91,000 tons per week.

The total net loss for the five weeks was 739,000 tons, or an average of approximately 148,000 tons per week.

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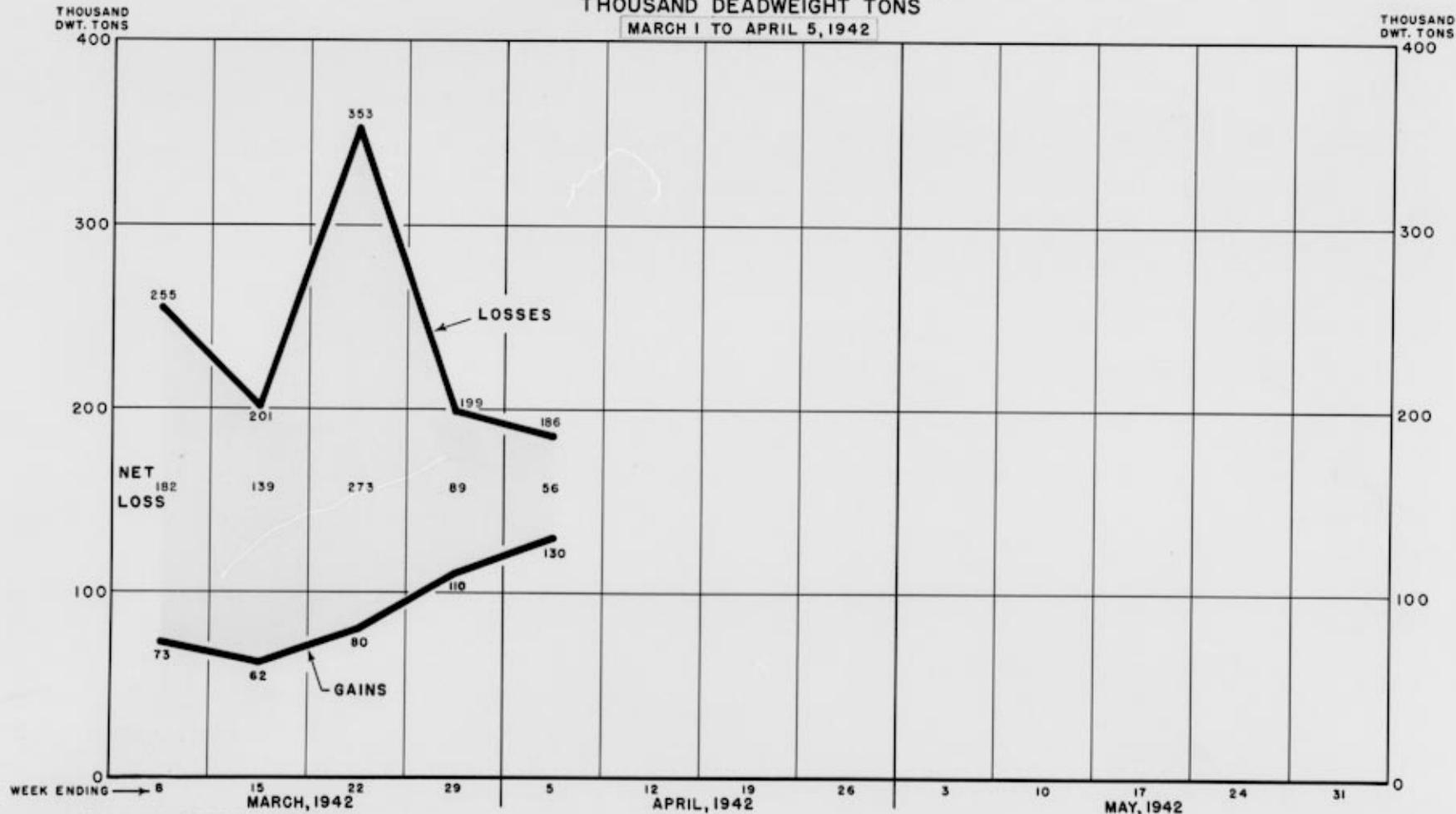
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MERCHANT VESSELS GAINS AND LOSSES - WEEKLY

U.S. AND U.K. CONTROLLED

THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS

MARCH 1 TO APRIL 5, 1942



SOURCES: { U.S. - U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION
 U.K. - MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

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MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: SHIPPING LOSSES

March, 1942

Losses of British and United States merchant vessels, on which notification was received during the month of March, reached an all-time monthly high record of 1,023,000 DWT tons. This figure exceeds February losses by almost 300,000 tons.

Of the ships lost, 564,000 tons were cargo and 458,000 tons were tankers.

During the month, U.S., U.K., and Canadian construction of new ships aggregated 350,200 tons. Of this total, only 28,000 DWT tons were tankers. This is equal to about 5 per cent of the total tanker tonnage lost during the month.

The net loss (losses minus new construction) for the month of March were 672,400 DWT tons. At the end of the month, the combined merchant fleets of both countries had declined by 242,000 tons of cargo ships and 430,000 tons of tankers. Table No. 1 attached shows the breakdown of the construction and losses by type of ship.

Losses for the Quarter Ending March 31

Gross losses of merchant shipping under U.S. and U.K. control for the first quarter aggregated 2,366,000 tons. If this rate were continued throughout the year, the gross loss for 1942 would amount to close to 10 million DWT tons.

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New construction for the first quarter amounted to 1,020,000 tons, leaving a net loss of 1,345,000 tons.

The loss figures refer to losses by sinking and capture, of which notification was received by the United States and British governments during the quarter. They do not refer precisely to the date on which the actual sinking or loss occurred.

The picture for the quarter is presented in the table below:

GAINS AND LOSSES
NEW CONSTRUCTION - SINKINGS & CAPTURES
U. S., U. K., CANADA
JANUARY 1, 1942 - MARCH 31, 1942

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sinkings & Captures	612,092	731,075	1,022,678	2,365,845
New Construction	308,378	361,449	350,232	1,020,059
NET DECREASE	303,714	369,626	672,446	1,345,786

A more detailed breakdown of the shipping situation for the first quarter of 1942 is shown in Table No. 2. The bottom of this table shows that 83 tankers of 921,800 DWT tons were lost in the quarter as compared with 15 new tankers of 222,195 tons which were put into operation during the period. For cargo ships, the losses for the quarter were 212, of 1,444,000 DWT tons. New construction of cargo ships for the quarter was 82 ships, of 797,864 tons.

In addition to these losses, it is estimated that the sinkings and captures of neutral vessels, not under the control of either the United States or the United Kingdom, aggregated 310,000 DWT tons during the quarter. This brings the total U.S., U.K., and neutral vessel gross losses up to 2,675,000 tons.

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Estimated Losses for the Week Ending April 12

According to preliminary estimates received from London, the combined losses for the week ending April 12 were 70 vessels, aggregating approximately 565,000 DWT tons. Twenty-two vessels of 229,000 tons were tankers.

The losses for the week exceeded the losses for the entire month of December and were only 50,000 tons under the total losses for the month of January. The losses during the week exceeded the previous weekly peak (March 15 - March 22) by more than 200,000 tons.

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Table No. 1

GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS*
UNDER AMERICAN OR BRITISH CONTROL
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
MARCH, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	No.	DWT	No.	DWT	No.	DWT
<u>GAINS</u>						
New Construction						
U. S.	17	179,332	2	28,000	19	207,332
British	15	142,900	-	--	15	142,900
In U.S.	5	53,000	-	--	5	53,000
In U.K.	9	79,400	-	--	9	79,400
In Canada	1	10,500	-	--	1	10,500
	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	32	322,232	2	28,000	34	350,232
<u>LOSSES</u>						
Sinkings & Captures						
U. S.	20	157,140	14	169,038	34	326,178
British	60	407,000	28	289,500	88	696,500
	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	80	564,140	42	458,538	122	1,022,678
<u>NET DECREASE</u>	48	241,908	40	430,538	88	672,446

*British figures on four week basis ending March 29, 1942

BASIS: Date of Notification

SOURCE: U.S. - U.S. Maritime Commission
British - Ministry of War Transport

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GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
UNDER AMERICAN OR BRITISH CONTROL
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	No.	DWT	No.	DWT	No.	DWT
JANUARY, 1942						
New Construction	20	191,793	8	116,585	28	308,378
Losses	70	463,712	12	148,380	82	612,092
Net Decrease	50	271,919	4	31,795	54	303,714
FEBRUARY, 1942						
New Construction	30	283,839	5	77,610	35	361,449
Losses	62	416,193	29	314,882	91	731,075
Net Decrease	32	132,354	24	237,272	56	369,626
MARCH, 1942						
New Construction	32	322,232	2	28,000	34	350,232
Losses	80	564,140	42	458,538	122	1,022,678
Net Decrease	48	241,908	40	430,538	88	672,446
JANUARY 1 to MARCH 31, 1942						
New Construction	82	797,864	15	222,195	97	1,020,059
Losses	212	1,444,045	83	921,800	295	2,365,845
Net Decrease	130	646,181	68	699,605	198	1,345,786

BASIS: Date of Notification

SOURCE: U.S. - U.S. Maritime Commission
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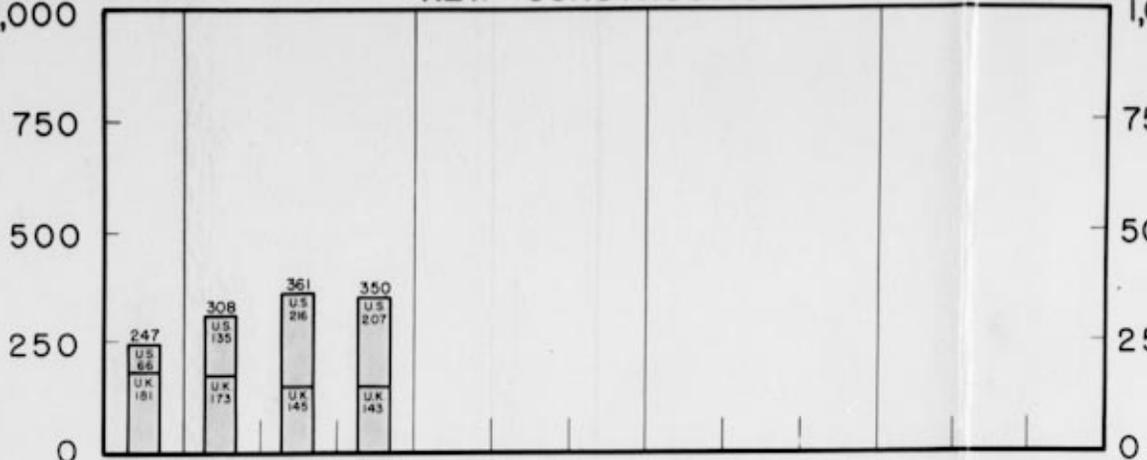
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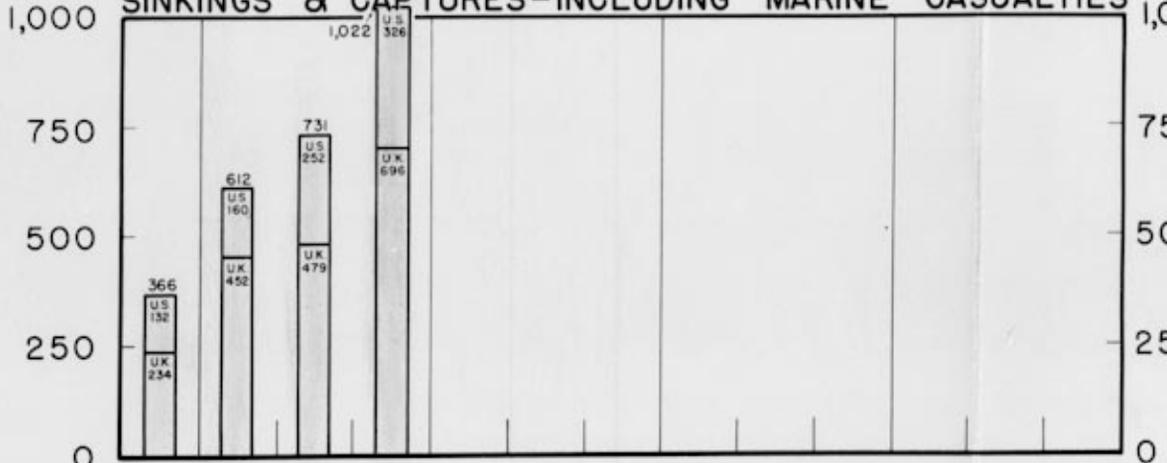
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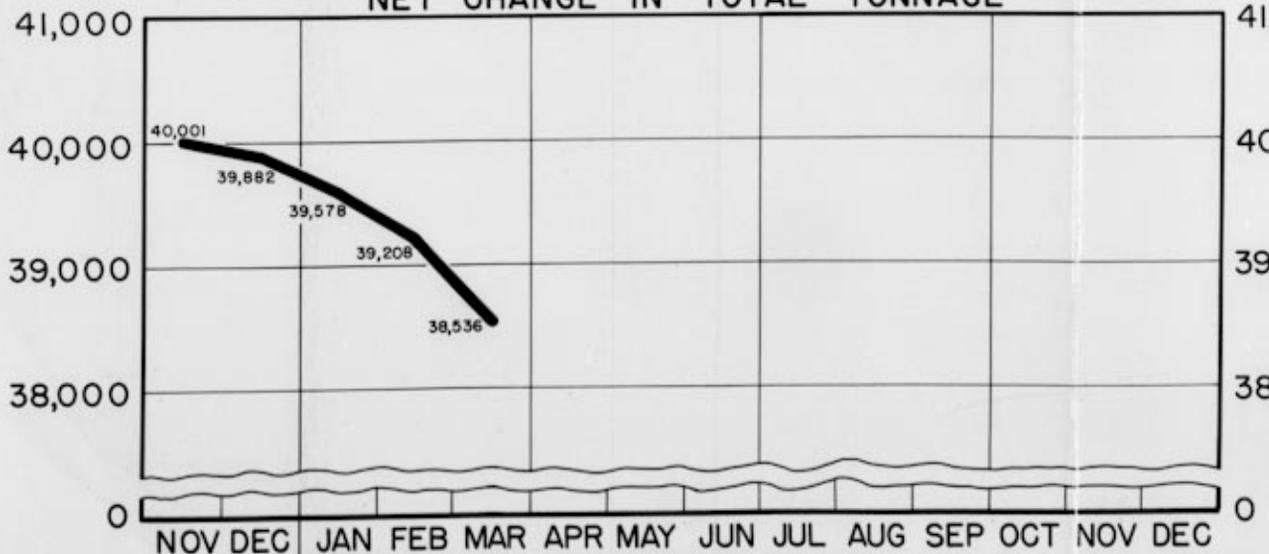


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NET CHANGE IN TOTAL TONNAGE



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MEMORANDUM

April 28, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: MERCHANT SHIPPING GAINS AND LOSSES
Week Ending April 19, 1942

Tankers

1. During the week ending April 19, United States and British controlled tanker losses continued at an exceedingly high rate. Total U. S. and U. K. losses were 150,000 DW tons.
2. New construction of tankers in the U.S., the U.K., and Canada for the month aggregated 28,000 tons.
3. Taking the first three weeks of April as a whole, 38 tankers of 441,000 tons were lost.
4. During the first three weeks of April, only five new tankers of 73,000 tons were put into operation.
5. From January 1 to April 19, 1942, total U.S. and U.K. tanker tonnage lost was 1,363,000 tons. During the same period 295,000 tons of new construction were put into commission, leaving a net decrease in available tonnage of 1,068,000 tons. This is about 10 per cent of the total tanker tonnage available to the United States and Great Britain on January 1.

Cargo Vessels

6. Losses of cargo vessels under American and British control during the week ending April 19 were 175,000 tons.
7. This loss was partially offset by new U.S., U.K., and Canadian construction during the week when 128,800 DW tons were put into commission.

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Combined Cargo and Tanker Losses

8. The combined cargo and tanker losses for the week ending April 19 were 325,000 tons. This is 159,000 tons less than during the previous week.

9. The net losses (sinkings minus new construction) for the week aggregated 169,700 tons. This is 221,000 tons less than during the week ending April 12.

10. The reported shipping losses for the three weeks ending April 19 aggregated 996,000 tons. This exceeded the losses for the month of December by 630,000 tons. It was 384,000 tons greater than the losses for the whole month of January, and 265,000 tons greater than the losses in February.

Location of Sinkings

11. Preliminary reports as to actual location of sinkings received by April 23 show that between April 1 and April 23, 307,000 tons of United States, British, Allied and Neutral shipping were lost in the Atlantic north of 30° N. and west of 45° W. Losses in the Atlantic Ocean south of 30° N. and west of 45° W. were 85,000 tons. Indian Ocean losses were 186,000 tons.

The attached table shows new construction and losses for cargo vessels and tankers under United States and British control for the week ending April 19.

The chart attached shows the changes in the shipping situation from March 1 to date.

A table and map showing sinkings by geographical areas from April 1-23 are also attached.

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THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS

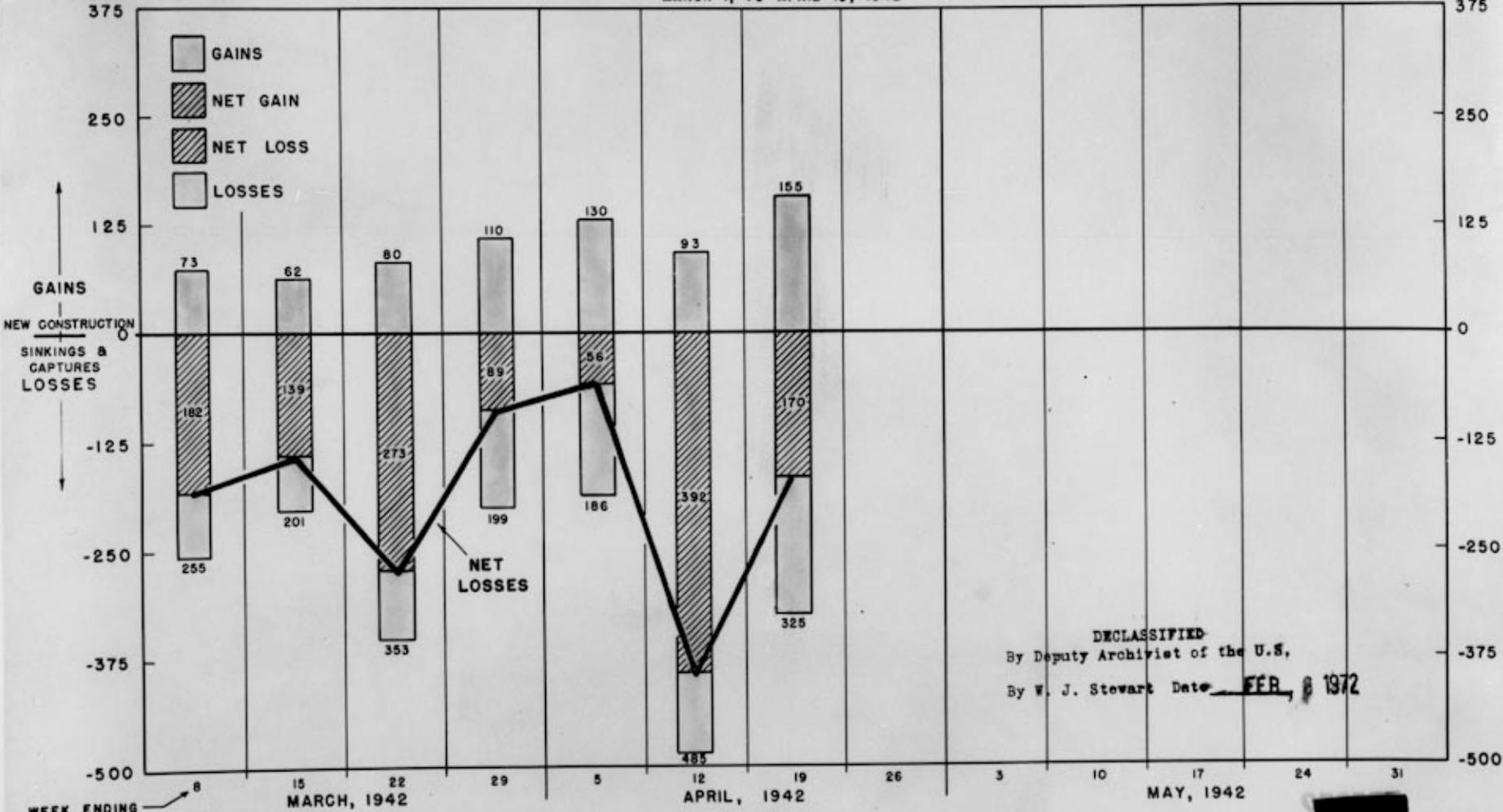
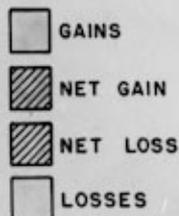
MARCH 1, TO APRIL 19, 1942

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GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
UNDER AMERICAN OR BRITISH CONTROL
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
<u>GAINS</u>						
New Construction						
U.S.	6	64,700	-	--	6	64,700
British	6	64,100	2	26,500	8	90,600
In U.S.	2	21,200	-	--	2	21,200
In U.K.	3	32,400	2	26,500	5	58,900
In Canada	1	10,500	-	--	1	10,500
	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL GAINS	12	128,800	2	26,500	14	155,300
<u>LOSSES</u>						
Sinkings & Captures						
U.S.	6	53,000	6	87,700	12	140,700
British	16	122,400	5	61,900	21	184,300
	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL LOSSES	22	175,400	11	149,600	33	325,000
<u>NET DECREASE FOR WEEK</u>	10	46,600	9	123,100	19	169,700

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SOURCE: U.S. - U.S. Maritime Commission
British - Ministry of War Transport

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U.S., BRITISH, ALLIED and NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSELS

SINKINGS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

APRIL 1-23, 1942

(Preliminary)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DWT</u>
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, West of 45°W.	307,000
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, East of 45°W.	56,000
British Coastal Waters	57,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, West of 45°W:	85,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, East of 45°W.	56,000
Mediterranean Sea	16,000
Pacific Ocean	2,000
Indian Ocean	186,000
Elsewhere or Area Unknown	64,000
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TOTAL	829,000

BASIS: Date of Occurrence

SOURCE: Office of Naval Intelligence

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UNITED STATES, BRITISH, ALLIED & NEUTRAL SINKINGS OF MERCHANT VESSELS, BY AREA
 APRIL 1 - 23, 1942 (PRELIMINARY)
 THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS



TOTAL 829

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MEMORANDUM

May 5, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: MERCHANT SHIPPING FOR THE WEEK
ENDING APRIL 26, 1942

Tankers

1. The immobilization of tankers was reflected in the shipping figures for the week. No United States tankers were reported as sunk during the week. It is interesting to note that no British tanker losses were reported.
2. During the week previous, tanker losses aggregated 150,000 DW tons.
3. One new tanker was added to the merchant fleet during the week.

Cargo Vessels

4. Although there was a reduction of 35,000 tons in cargo vessels lost during the week ending April 26 as compared with the week before, the total was 140,400 DW tons. This is at a rate of 7 million tons a year, despite the fact that some cargo vessels were immobilized in port.
5. The cargo vessel losses for the week were in large part offset by the new construction of 104,000 tons in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. This means that the net reduction in cargo vessels was approximately 35,000 tons.

Tanker and Cargo Vessels Combined

6. The combined net losses for tankers and cargo vessels (sinkings minus new construction) aggregated 26,200 tons for the

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week. This is the smallest net decrease for any week since March 1st. (See attached chart). During the week of April 19, net losses were 170,000 tons.

Summary for the Four Weeks Ending April 26

7. Total shipping losses for which notification was received during the four weeks ending April 26 aggregated 1,136,000 tons. This is at an annual rate of almost 14 million tons. The losses during the first four weeks in April were 113,000 tons greater than in March.

8. New construction during the four weeks ending April 26 (tankers and cargo vessels) was 142,000 tons greater than in March. The total for the four weeks was 492,000 tons.

9. The decline in tonnage available to the United States and the United Kingdom during the four weeks was 644,000 tons (losses minus new construction).

Tankers

During this 4-week period, tanker sinkings were 441,000 tons. Only 83,000 tons of new tankers were put into operation.

Cargo Vessels

Cargo sinkings for the four weeks were 695,000 tons. New construction amounted to 409,500 tons.

Location of Losses

10. Preliminary figures now on hand, based upon the actual date of sinking, account for 941,000 DW tons lost between April 1 and April 30. Of this total, 476,000 tons, or more than one-half of the total, were lost in the Atlantic Ocean west of 45°W. In the Indian Ocean losses were 186,000 tons. (See Table I and map).

Table II attached shows new construction and losses of cargo vessels and tankers for the week ending April 26.

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Table No. II.

GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
 AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
 NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
 WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
GAINS - New Construction						
U.S.	5	54,300	1	10,000	6	64,300
British	5	49,900	-	--	5	49,900
In U.S.	1	10,600	-	--	1	10,600
In U.K.	3	28,800	-	--	3	28,800
In Canada	<u>1</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10,500</u>
TOTAL GAINS	10	104,200	1	10,000	11	114,200
LOSSES - Sinkings, Captures & Marine Casualties						
U.S.	8	61,600	-	--	8	61,600
British	<u>11</u>	<u>78,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>78,800</u>
TOTAL LOSSES	19	140,400	-	--	19	140,400
<u>NET DECREASE FOR WEEK</u>	9	36,200	-	--	8	26,200
<u>NET INCREASE FOR WEEK</u>	-	--	1	10,000	-	--
LOSSES - Other vessels available to United Nations						
	<u>2</u>	<u>15,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>15,300</u>
TOTAL LOSSES OF UNITED NATIONS	21	155,700	-	--	21	155,700
TOTAL <u>NET</u> GAIN	-	--	1	10,000	-	--
TOTAL <u>NET</u> LOSS	11	51,500	-	--	10	41,500

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SOURCE: U.S. - U.S. Maritime Commission; British - Ministry of War Transport

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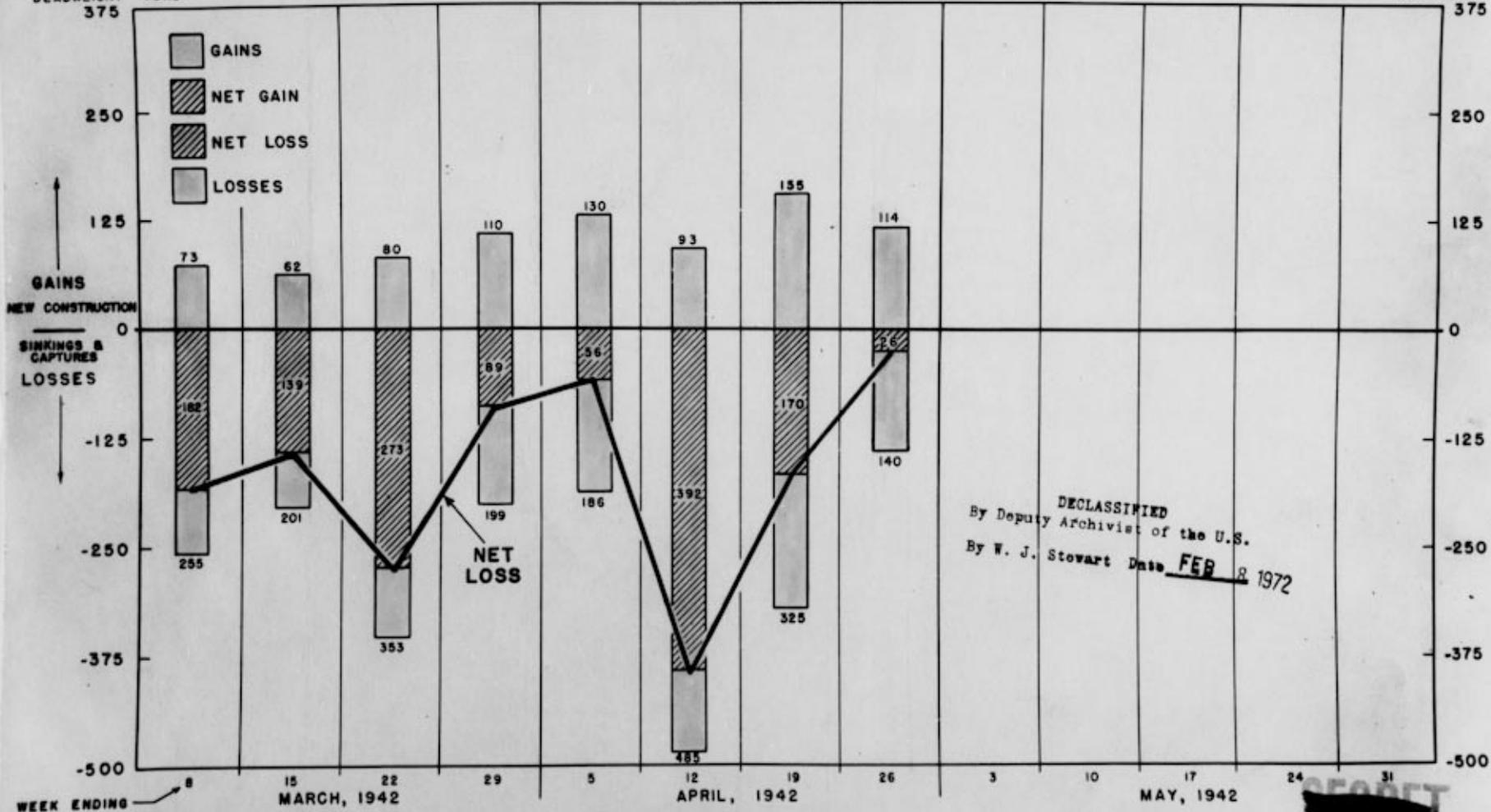
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MARCH 1, TO APRIL 26, 1942

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U.S., BRITISH, ALLIED and NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSELS

SINKINGS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

APRIL 1-30, 1942

(Preliminary)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DWT</u>
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, West of 45°W.	355,000
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, East of 45°W.	56,000
British Coastal Waters	57,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, West of 45°W.	121,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, East of 45°W.	56,000
Mediterranean Sea	34,000
Pacific Ocean	2,000
Indian Ocean	186,000
Elsewhere or Area Unknown	<u>74,000</u>
TOTAL	941,000

BASIS: Date of Occurrence

SOURCE: Office of Naval Intelligence

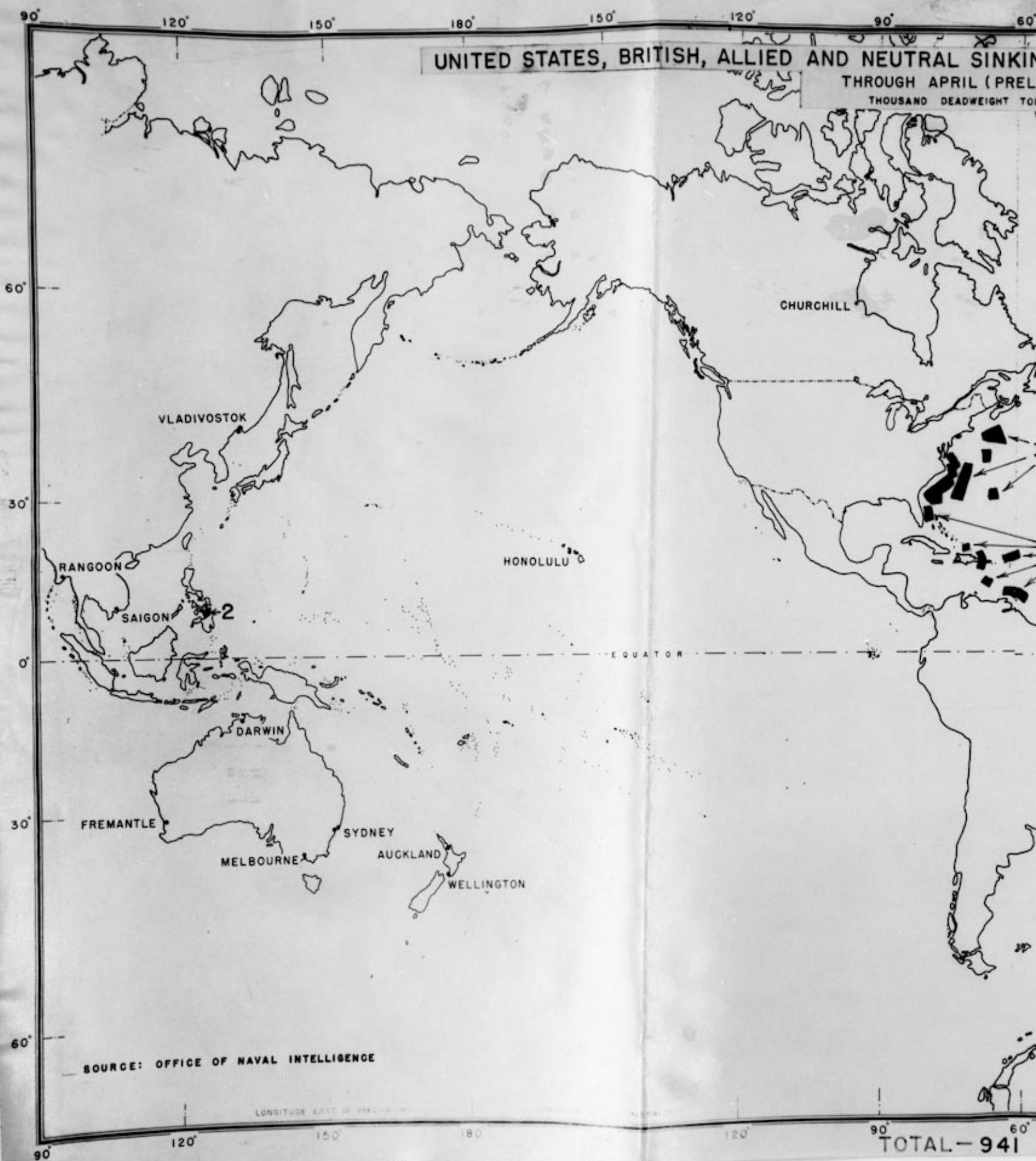
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UNITED STATES, BRITISH, ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SINKING
THROUGH APRIL (PREL
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SOURCE: OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

LONGITUDE EAST OF GREENWICH

TOTAL - 941

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May 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: SHIPPING SITUATION - WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 1942

For the first time since the U. S.-U.K. shipping statistics were combined (March 8, 1942), the figures show an actual increase in the amount of shipping available.

This is due to the fact that total losses for the week ending May 3 were 108,900 DWT. New construction for the period reached a new peak of 196,600 tons. The net increase in shipping available thus became 87,700 DWT. (See Chart I).

TANKERS

1. Despite the immobilization of tankers, three United States ships were lost, aggregating 37,300 tons during the week.

2. This loss was offset by the delivery of three new tankers totalling 44,800 DWT. This tanker production was 12,500 tons greater than that of the peak week of April 5.

3. The net tanker gain (new construction minus losses) was 7,500 tons. This is the second consecutive week showing a net gain in tanker tonnage.

CARGO VESSELS

1. For the first time since the week ending April 5, cargo ship construction exceeded losses. The net increase for the week was 80,200 tons.

2. New cargo ship construction reached a new weekly peak. There were 14 vessels of 152,000 tons delivered. This is 23,000

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tons more than the last peak, which was reached during the week ending April 19.

3. Losses during the week ending May 3 are the lowest recorded since early in March. Losses of U. S. and U. K. cargo vessels were 71,600 tons.

Table II shows new construction and losses for cargo vessels and tankers under U. S. and U. K. control for the week ending May 3.

LOCATION OF SINKINGS BY DATE OF OCCURRENCE

May 1 - 9, 1942

1. According to preliminary reports, 141,000 DWT were lost during the first nine days of May.
2. There was only one vessel (10,000 DWT) lost in the Atlantic Ocean, North of 30° North, and West of 45° West. In the South Atlantic (South of 30° North and West of 45° West) losses were 96,000 tons or 68% of the total reported.
3. Three vessels, aggregating 24,000 tons were lost off of Murmansk. One Russian vessel of 7,000 tons was sunk in the Pacific Ocean (See Table I).

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Table II

GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
GAINS - New Construction						
U.S.	10	110,000	2	32,800	12	142,800
British	4	41,800	1	12,000	5	53,800
In U.S.	1	10,600	-	--	1	10,600
In U.K.	1	10,200	1	12,000	2	22,200
In Canada	2	21,000	-	--	2	21,000
TOTAL GAINS	14	151,800	3	44,800	17	196,600
LOSSES - Sinkings, Captures & Marine Casualties						
U.S.	3	21,100	3	37,300	6	58,400
British	7	50,500	-	--	7	50,500
TOTAL LOSSES	10	71,600	3	37,300	13	108,900
<u>NET INCREASE FOR WEEK</u>	4	80,200	-	7,500	4	87,700
LOSSES - Other vessels available to United Nations						
	3	19,300	-	--	3	19,300
TOTAL LOSSES OF UNITED NATIONS	13	90,900	3	37,300	16	128,200
TOTAL <u>NET GAIN</u>	1	60,900	-	7,500	1	68,400

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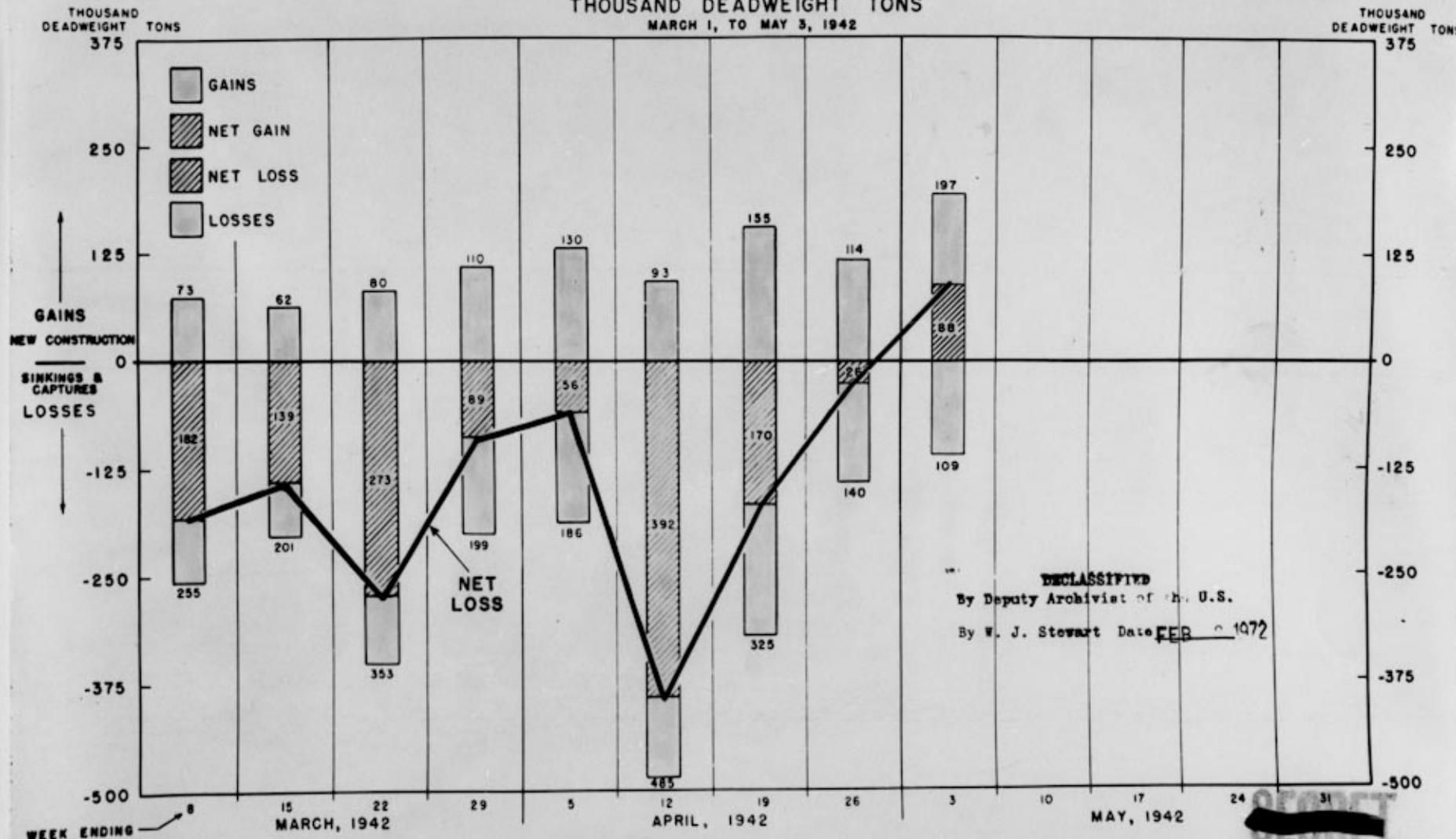
MERCHANT SHIPPING GAINS AND LOSSES — WEEKLY

U.S. AND U.K. CONTROLLED

THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS

MARCH 1, TO MAY 3, 1942

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Table I

U.S., BRITISH, ALLIED and NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSELS

SINKINGS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

MAY 1-9, 1942

(Preliminary)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DFT</u>
Atlantic Ocean North of 30° N, West of 45° W.	10,000
Atlantic Ocean North of 30° N, East of 45° W.	24,000
British Coastal Waters	
Atlantic Ocean South of 30° N, West of 45° W.	96,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30° N, East of 45° W.	
Mediterranean and Red Sea	4,000
Pacific Ocean	7,000
Indian Ocean	
Elsewhere or Area Unknown	—
TOTAL	141,000

BASIS: Date of Occurrence

SOURCE: Office of Naval Intelligence

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MAY 1-9, 1942 (P)

THOUSAND DEAD



SOURCE: OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

BASIS: DATE OF OCCURRENCE

LONGITUDE EAST OF GREENWICH

LONGITUDE WEST OF GREENWICH

TOTAL-

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May 19, 1942

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: SHIPPING GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE WEEK ENDING
MAY 10

LOSSES

1. United States and United Kingdom merchant shipping losses for the week ending May 10 were higher than those for any week with but three exceptions since March 1.
2. The total U. S. and U. K. losses amounted to 260,000 tons. In addition, 26,000 tons of neutral vessels were lost, making total losses of the United Nations 286,000 tons. (See Table I)
3. If this rate of sinkings should continue, the annual loss would be close to 14,000,000 tons.
4. Tanker losses aggregated 62,000 tons. Cargo losses were 198,000 tons.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5. New construction during the week was 145,500 tons. Of this amount, 116,500 tons were built in American yards. (See Table I.)
6. No new tankers were put into commission during the week.

NET CHANGE IN SHIPPING POSITION

7. The net loss for the week (sinkings minus new construction) was 140,700 tons. (See attached chart.)

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8. Since December 1, the net shipping under U.S.-U.K. control has declined by 2,136,000 tons, despite the fact that 2,100,000 tons of new ships have been put into commission during the period.

LOCATION OF SINKINGS

9. The bulk of the ships lost during the first thirteen days of May were sunk in the Atlantic Ocean South of 30° N, West of 45° West. (See attached map.) This area accounted for 68% of the losses for which definite information is available in the Office of Naval Intelligence. During this period, 28,000 tons were sunk in the Murmansk area.

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GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
GAINS - New Construction						
U.S.	9	95,300	-	--	9	95,300
British	5	50,200	-	--	5	50,200
In U.S.	2	21,200	-	--	2	21,200
In U.K.	3	29,000	-	--	3	29,000
In Canada	-	--	-	--	-	--
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TOTAL GAINS	14	145,500	-	--	14	145,500
LOSSES - Sinkings, Captures & Marine Casualties						
U.S.	9	63,500	2	25,100	11	88,600
British	<u>17</u>	<u>134,600</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>36,900</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>171,500</u>
TOTAL LOSSES	<u>26</u>	<u>198,100</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>62,000</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>260,100</u>
NET DECREASE FOR WEEK	12	52,600	5	62,000	17	114,600
LOSSES - Other vessels available to United Nations						
	<u>6</u>	<u>26,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>26,100</u>
TOTAL LOSSES OF UNITED NATIONS	32	224,200	5	62,000	37	286,200
TOTAL <u>NET</u> LOSS	18	78,700	5	62,000	23	140,700

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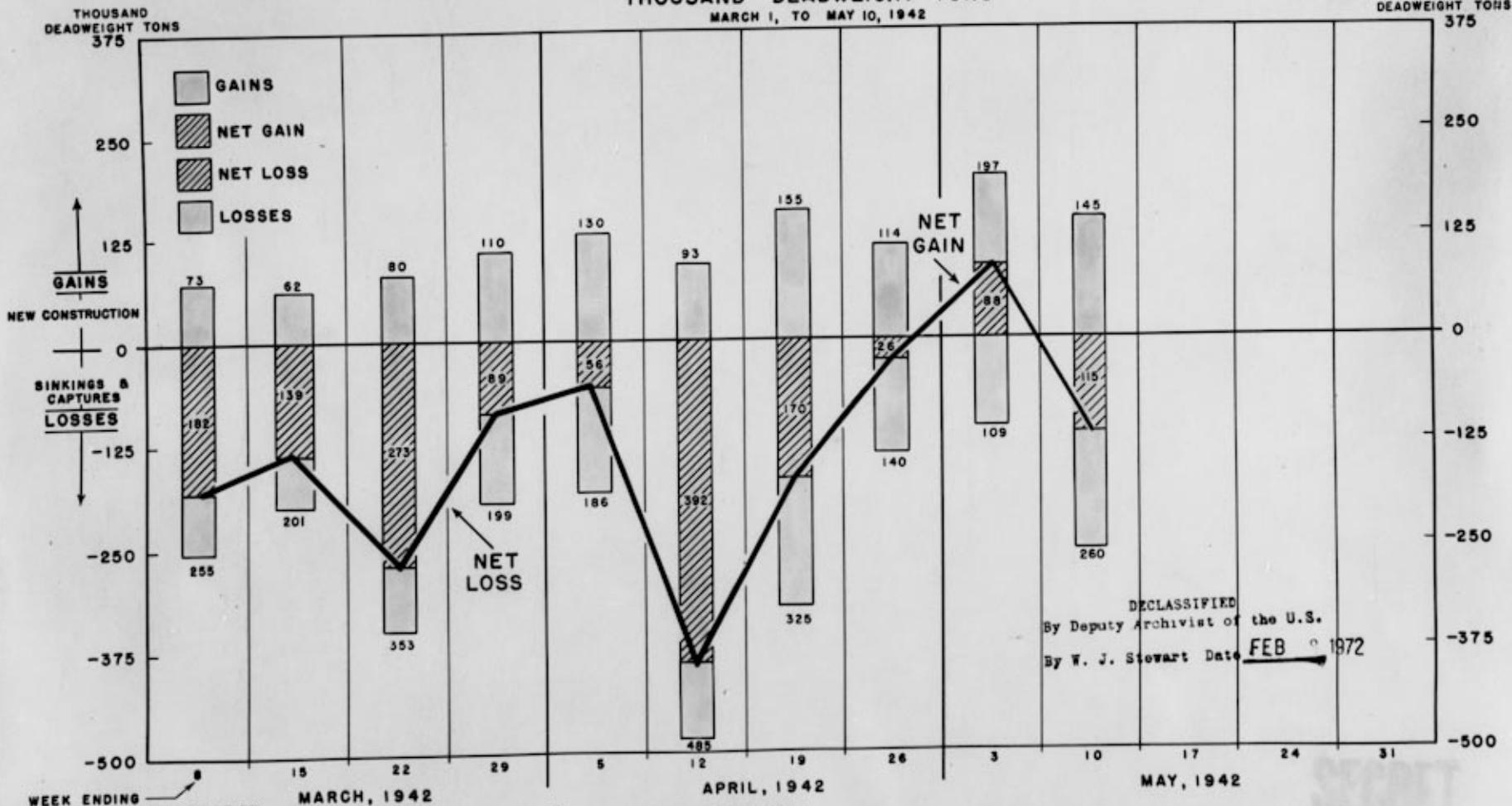
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THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS
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U.S., BRITISH, ALLIED and NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSELS

SINKINGS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

MAY 1-13, 1942

(Preliminary)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DWT</u>
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, West of 45°W.	30,000
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, East of 45°W.	28,000
British Coastal Waters	1,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, West of 45°W.	218,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, East of 45°W.	
Mediterranean and Red Sea	4,000
Pacific Ocean	25,000
Indian Ocean	
Elsewhere and Area Unknown	_____
TOTAL	306,000

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SOURCE: Office of Naval Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM

May 25, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: SHIPPING SITUATION - WEEK ENDING
MAY 17

1. Shipping losses totalled 36 vessels of 305,000 DWT tons during the week ending May 17.
2. There were 14 new U.S. and U.K. vessels, aggregating 152,600 DWT tons, put into commission.
3. The ratio of new vessels put into commission to the number of vessels lost was one to two-and-a-half. The ratio in tonnage was about one to two.
4. Sinkings during the week were at the annual rate of about 16 million tons, whereas U.S., U.K., and Canadian construction was at the annual rate of approximately 8 million tons.
5. In addition to the losses sustained by the U.S. and U.K. controlled merchant fleets, 14 vessels of 72,000 tons under Allied and Neutral control were lost, bringing the total losses for the week up to 50 vessels of 377,600 tons.
6. The net loss of U.S.-U.K. ships (sinkings minus new construction) was 153,000 tons. This is the highest net weekly loss since the week ending April 19. (See Chart No. 1.)

Tankers

7. Thirteen tankers, aggregating 148,000 tons were lost.
8. Only one new tanker was put into commission.

Cargo Ships

9. Twenty-three cargo vessels of 157,000 tons were lost. Offsetting this U.S.-U.K. loss were 13 new ships, aggregating 139,000 tons. (See Table No. 1.)

MERCHANT SHIPPING GAINS AND LOSSES - WEEKLY

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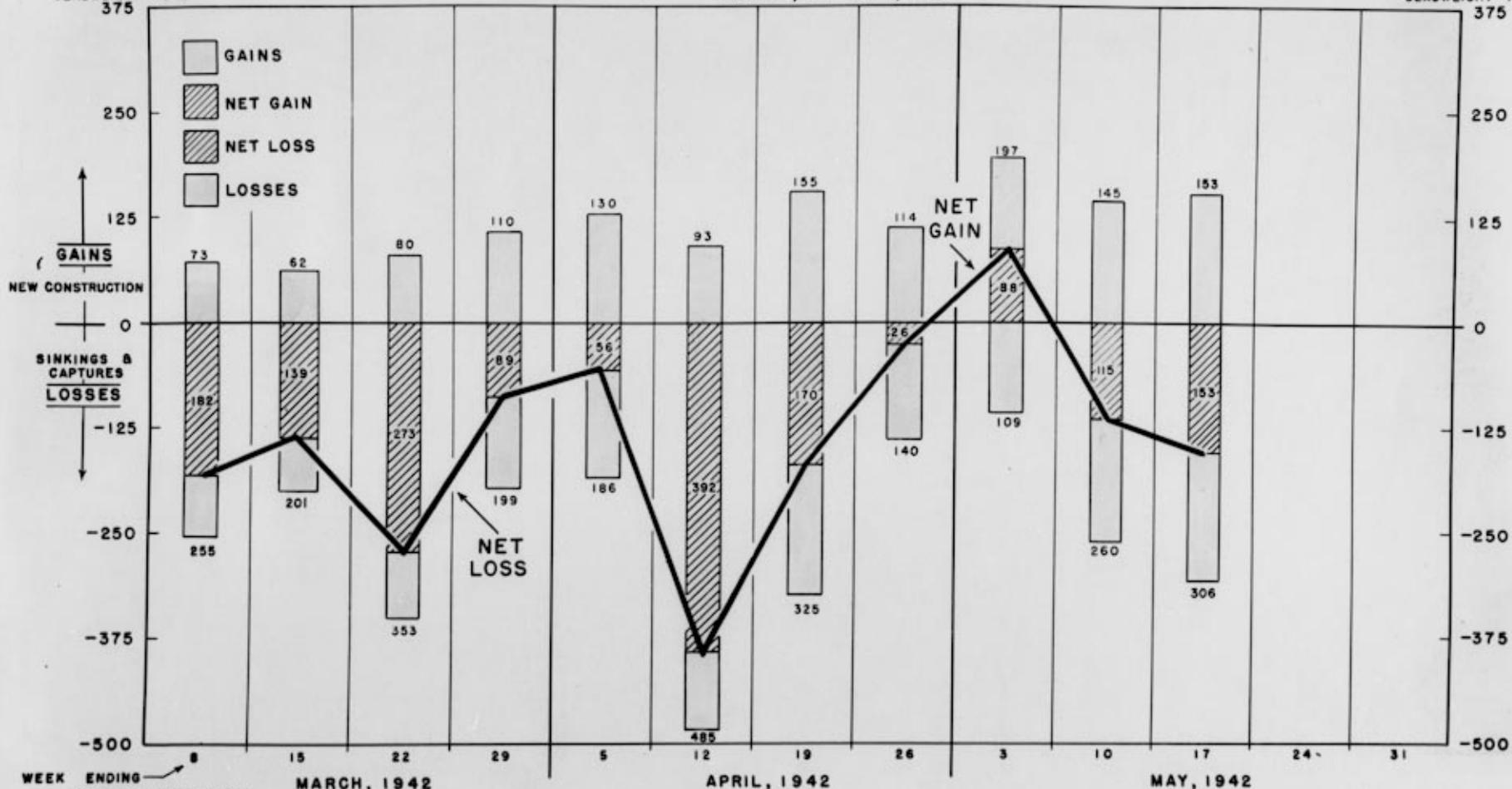
THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS

MARCH 1, TO MAY 17, 1942

Chart No. 1.

THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT TONS
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WEEK ENDING → MARCH, 1942

APRIL, 1942

MAY, 1942

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GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 1942

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	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
GAINS- New Construction						
U. S.	9	98,400	1	13,000	10	111,400
British	4	41,200	-	-	4	41,200
In U.S.	2	21,200	-	-	2	21,200
In U.K.	1	9,500	-	-	1	9,500
In Canada	1	10,500	-	-	1	10,500
TOTAL GAINS	13	139,600	1	13,000	14	152,600
LOSSES - Sinkings, Captures & Marine Casualties						
U. S.	6	31,300	7	83,800	13	115,100
British	17	126,200	6	64,200	23	190,400
TOTAL LOSSES	23	157,500	13	148,000	36	305,500
NET DECREASE FOR WEEK	10	17,900	12	135,000	22	152,900
LOSSES - Other vessels available to United Nations	13	62,100	1	10,000	14	72,100
TOTAL LOSSES OF UNITED NATIONS	36	219,600	14	158,000	50	377,600
TOTAL NET LOSS	23	80,000	13	145,000	36	225,000

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SOURCE: U.S. - War Shipping Administration
British - Ministry of War Transport

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MEMORANDUM

May 25, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MR. LUBIN *KL*

SUBJECT: SHIPPING GAINS AND LOSSES -
FINAL FIGURES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

1. An all-time high of 56 ships, aggregating 619,000 DWT tons, were put into commission in April by the United States and the United Kingdom.

2. Losses of U.S. and U.K. controlled vessels also reached an all-time high; the total loss for the month was 131 vessels aggregating 1,158,000 tons.

3. For every new vessel put into commission during April, 2-1/2 were lost. Tonnage losses were twice as high as new construction.

4. Losses in April were 13 per cent higher than in the previous peak month (March). (See Chart No. 2.)

5. In addition to losses of U.S. and U.K. controlled ships, the Allied and Neutral losses in April were 28 vessels of 158,000 tons.

6. The total U.S., U.K., Allied and Neutral loss in April was 159 ships of 1,316,000 tons.

7. New construction for the month was equal to about 46 per cent of these total losses.

(See attached Table No. 2.)

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Table No. 2.

GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS*
AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
APRIL, 1942

	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
GAINS						
New Construction						
U. S.	27	293,000	3	49,000	30	342,000
British	22	224,400	4	53,000	26	277,400
In U.S.	6	63,600	-	-	6	63,600
In U.K.	12	118,700	4	53,000	16	171,700
In Canada	4	42,100	-	-	4	42,100
TOTAL	49	517,400	7	102,000	56	619,400
LOSSES						
Sinkings & Captures						
U. S.	29	215,000	17	207,000	46	422,000
British	<u>65</u>	<u>518,000</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>218,000</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>736,000</u>
TOTAL	94	733,000	37	425,000	131	1,158,000
<u>NET DECREASE</u>	45	215,600	30	323,000	75	538,600
LOSSES - other vessels available to United Nations						
	<u>25</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>158,000</u>
TOTAL LOSSES OF UNITED NATIONS	119	855,000	40	461,000	159	1,316,000
TOTAL <u>NET DECREASE</u>	70	337,600	33	359,000	103	696,600

*British figures on five week basis ending May 3, 1942

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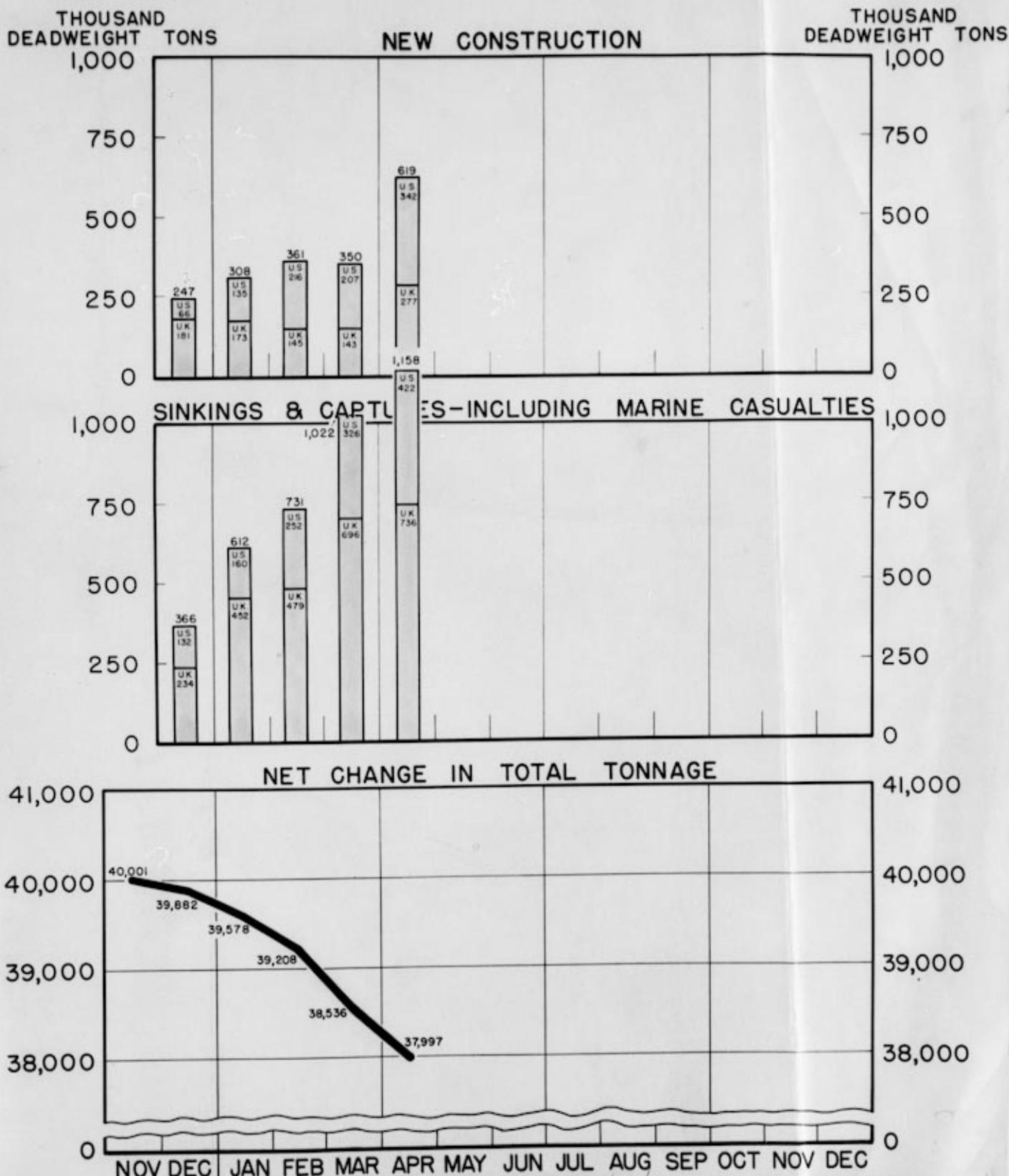
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GAINS AND LOSSES

MERCHANT VESSELS*—U.S. AND U.K. CONTROLLED



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MEMORANDUM

May 25, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MR. LUBIN

SUBJECT: SHIPPING LOSSES -
December, 1941 through April, 1942

1. During the five months since the United States entered the war, 3,890,000 DWT tons of United States and United Kingdom shipping have been lost.

2. Less than half of this loss has been offset by new construction.

3. Whereas the tonnage available to the United States and Great Britain on December 1 was 40,001,000 DWT tons, the net available on May 1, after new construction had been taken into consideration, had fallen to 37,997,000 DWT tons, making a net loss of 2,004,000 tons for the period.

(See table No. 3 and bottom of chart No. 2.)

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Table No. 3.

**GAINS AND LOSSES OF OCEAN GOING MERCHANT VESSELS
UNDER AMERICAN OR BRITISH CONTROL
NUMBER AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE
DECEMBER, 1941 - MAY, 1942**

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	CARGO		TANKER		TOTAL	
	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT	NO.	DWT
Total Merchant Vessels as of December 1, 1941	3,843	27,968,906	1,099	12,032,101	4,942	40,001,007
Total Gains, New Construction	19	182,575	5	64,700	24	247,275
Losses, Sinkings & Captures	37	281,138	8	85,498	45	366,636
<u>Net Decrease for December</u>	18	98,563	3	20,798	21	119,361
Total Merchant Vessels as of January 1, 1942	3,825	27,870,343	1,096	12,011,303	4,921	39,881,646
Total Gains, New Construction	20	191,793	8	116,585	28	308,378
Losses, Sinkings & Captures	70	463,712	12	148,380	82	612,092
<u>Net Decrease for January</u>	50	271,919	4	31,795	54	303,714
Total Merchant Vessels as of February 1, 1942	3,775	27,598,424	1,092	11,979,508	4,867	39,577,932
Total Gains, New Construction	30	283,839	5	77,610	35	361,449
Losses, Sinkings & Captures	62	416,193	29	314,882	91	731,075
<u>Net Decrease for February</u>	32	132,354	24	237,272	56	369,626
Total Merchant Vessels as of March 1, 1942	3,743	27,466,070	1,068	11,742,236	4,811	39,208,306
Total Gains, New Construction	32	322,232	2	28,000	34	350,232
Losses, Sinkings & Captures	80	564,140	42	458,538	122	1,022,678
<u>Net Decrease for March</u>	48	241,908	40	430,538	88	672,446
Total Merchant Vessels as of April 1, 1942	3,695	27,224,162	1,028	11,311,698	4,723	38,535,860
Total Gains, New Construction	49	517,400	7	102,000	56	619,400
Losses, Sinkings & Captures	94	733,000	37	425,000	131	1,158,000
<u>Net Decrease for April</u>	45	215,600	30	323,000	75	538,600
Total Merchant Vessels as of May 1, 1942	3,650	27,008,562	998	10,988,698	4,648	37,997,260

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M E M O R A N D U M

May 25, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN
SUBJECT: LOCATION OF SINKINGS BY DATE
OF OCCURRENCE

1. According to preliminary reports for the period May 1 - May 21st, 403,000 tons or 68 per cent of the tonnage sunk has been lost in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 30° North and west of 45° West.
2. Losses in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 30° North, west of 45° West, were 49,000 tons.
3. Locations for sinkings for which information by date of occurrence is available are shown on the attached map.

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U.S., BRITISH, ALLIED and NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSELS

SINKINGS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

MAY 1-21, 1942

(Preliminary)

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DWT</u>
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, West of 45°W.	49,000
Atlantic Ocean North of 30°N, East of 45°W.	53,000
British Coastal Waters	1,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, West of 45°W.	403,000
Atlantic Ocean South of 30°N, East of 45°W.	
Mediterranean and Red Sea	14,000
Pacific Ocean	25,000
Indian Ocean	11,000
Elsewhere or Area Unknown	30,000
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TOTAL	586,000

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SOURCE: Office of Naval Intelligence

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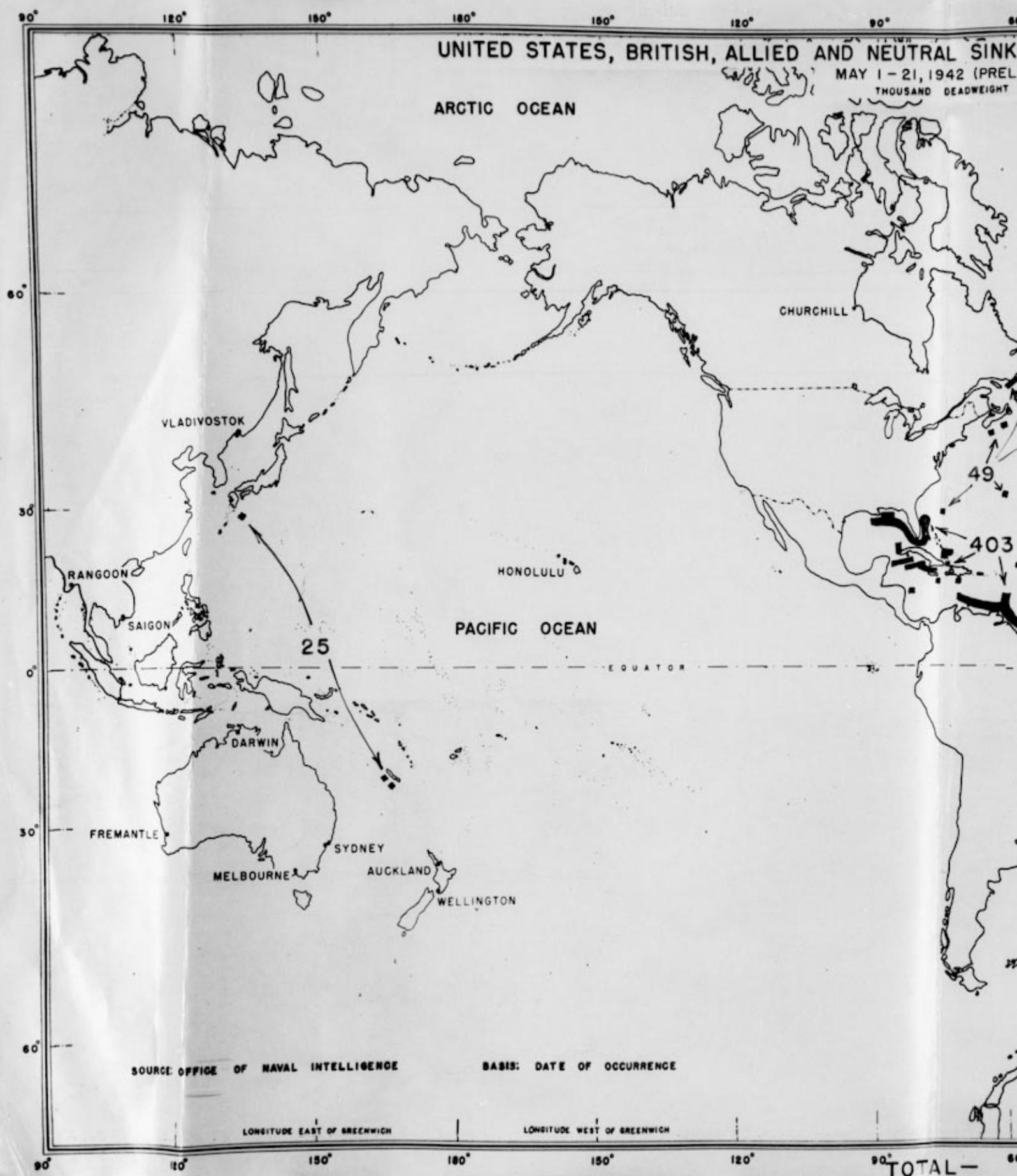
UNITED STATES, BRITISH, ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SINK

MAY 1-21, 1942 (PREL)
THOUSAND DEADWEIGHT

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PACIFIC OCEAN

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SOURCE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

BASIS: DATE OF OCCURRENCE

LONGITUDE EAST OF GREENWICH

LONGITUDE WEST OF GREENWICH

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MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1942

TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MR. LUBIN

We have just received some preliminary figures from London on shipping losses for the week ending last Sunday (July 12). These figures show a loss for the week of something in excess of half a million tons of shipping. Final figures for the week will not be available for three or four days. This is the highest loss for any week on record.

Twenty-two of the ships lost during the week were on the Murmansk-Archangel run. Seventeen were proceeding eastward and were loaded, and five were sailing west without cargo.

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