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Paraphrase

Telegram no. 1537

Dated: 10/7/41 2 p.m.

From: CAIRO

Rec'd: 10/8/41 3:28 p.m.

FROM ROBINSON FOR MARITIME COMMISSION FROM FIBURN FOR GENERAL BURNS.

One. Working at Ataka and Suez for 9 vessels with 40,000 tons cargo during September gives mean daily average (a) of 285 tons on actual time in port, (b) 294 tons on time occupied from commencement to completion of discharge.

Two. Owing to air raids, we lost 9 ship days during the month.

Three. Slight improvement in Ataka discharge has occurred recently, due in part to the fact that there is now in use a section of the new lighter wharf and improvement in the handling of case D motor transport by Fert Said labor.

Four. The improvement in discharge alongside the north quay was being maintained and daily discharge from the WEST KYSHA and ARKANSAN averaged respectively, 426 tons and 439 tons.

Five. Ataka assembly plant has been able to clear up everything in arrears because of the recent falling off in the number of case D motor transport and at present the plant is
is not operating at full capacity, due to the receipt of insufficient motor transport. Shuttle service is being used to reship for assembly at Attaka cases discharged from our vessels at Port Sudan. It is the desire of military authorities that all American vessels carrying casedD motor transport shall discharge at Suez in the future.

Six. September figures for Port Sudan show a daily average of 385 tons. There has been congestion at this port owing to diversion of steamers from Suez, the full arrival program as reported in my message of September 17 being beyond Suez's ability to handle.

KIRK.

SA/E DGB MBJ
10/9/41.
Copies to:
Mr. Hopkins (3)
General Spalding (2)
General Burns (1)

(Sent to Maritime Commission by IN)
SA/E 10/9/41.
To: The Secretary of the Treasury
    The Secretary of War
    The Secretary of the Navy

Please appoint one man to represent the Treasury, one man from G-2 to represent the Army, and one man from ONI to represent the Navy, to serve as a committee for the next 30 days to inspect for the President, as Commander-in-Chief, all outgoing and incoming diplomatic pouches of the Governments of Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, and France.

Also to inspect during the next 30 days all outgoing and incoming pouches from our State Department to the Embassies of the above-mentioned countries; also all outgoing and incoming diplomatic pouches addressed to those countries to which Ambassador Biddle at London is accredited.

There shall be no subordinate to represent any member of this committee of three, and no person shall be informed of any suspicious contents of said pouches except the President of the United States. All reports will be made to the Commander-in-Chief and only to the Commander-in-Chief.
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

The Secretary of the Treasury just telephoned to say that the Irish Legation here in Washington has six diplomatic pouches going to the Irish Legation in Vichy, France. Ireland was not included in the directive so he has no authority to act. He feels that it is rather unusual to have six going at once, and as it is a matter of seconds, can you O.K. this memo to go ahead and open them for inspection?

G.G.T.

(In Pres. handwriting

Yes. F.D.R.)
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Please read enclosed and
turn over to Gaston as part of his new
work.

F.D.R.

J.E.Hoover report to Hopkins Oct. 6
re one copy of "Ship Report" or "Ship
Table" consisting of 46 pages which were
compiled by members of Swedish Legation
also copy of Pres. letter to Sumner Welles
Oct. 6th re above subject.