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PARAPHRASE

Telegram no. 1537  
From: CAIRO

Dated: 10/7/41 2 p.m.  
Rec'd: 10/8/41 3:28 p.m.

FROM ROBINSON FOR MARITIME COMMISSION FROM PIBURN  
FOR GENERAL BURNS.

One. Working at Attaka 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 Attaka discharge has  
occurred recently, due in part to the fact that there is  
now in use a section of the new lighter wharf and improve-  
ment in the handling of cases motor transport by Port  
Said labor.

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

Five. Attaka assembly plant has been able to clear up  
everything in arrears because of the recent falling off in  
the number of cases motor transport and at present the plant

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 eased 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.

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10/9/41.

Copies to:

Mr. Hopkins (3)  
General Spalding (2)  
General Burns (1)

(Sent to Maritime Commission by IN)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1942

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.

*A* Also to inspect during the next 30 days all outgoing ~~and incoming pouches~~ from our State Department to the Emb ~~assadates~~ legations 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.

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October 7, 1942.

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."

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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.