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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY:

Information received at 10:00 a. m. today from Customs states that a telephone call received from their agent at San Juan at 8:25 a. m. today that the German steamer FRIDA HORN called at San Juan at 6:00 a. m. today, Atlantic time; made preliminary entry at San Juan and started unloading her cargo. She sailed at 9:00 a. m. Atlantic time, without fully discharging the cargo. It is indicated that this vessel probably received a radio message from the German Embassy in Washington that all German vessels were to leave American ports at 8:00 a. m. today.

From New York this morning information is received that the German steamer HANSA, which was not due to sail until midnight today, September 28th, had already sailed at 9:00 a. m. this morning from New York for Germany without passengers. The German steamer ST. LOUIS is due to sail at 4:00 p. m. today and has already called for a pilot. She was normally due to sail October the 4th.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY:

At about midnight September 27th the Coast Guard Fort Hunt Monitoring Station intercepted messages emanating from the German shore station Norddeick (Call letters DAN) addressed to the German vessels ALTONA, BADEN, ISERLOHN, FULDA, KOLN, FALKENFELS and OSTMARK. The messages were in 5-letter code of 4 and 5 groups each. There was a marked similarity in the type of code used.

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