THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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FILE MEMO:

This is Winston Churchill's order to General Alexander to undertake the advance which started at El Alamein and ended in Tunisia.

F.D.R.
Direct to General Alexander
Commander in Chief in the Middle East

1. Your primary and main duty will be to take or destroy at the earliest opportunity the Syrian, Turkish Army commanded by Field Marshal Rommel together with all its supplies and establishments in Egypt and Libya.

2. You will discharge or cause to be discharged such other duties as pertain to your command without prejudice to the task described in paragraph 1. All must be considered paramount in His Majesty’s interests.

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