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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTSKGROUP 17.9 (NYZY)	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFOR 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 7 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	COMSOUTHWESTPACFOR CINCPAC COMINCH (PASSED BY NPM FOR INFO)	DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 2128/2100			PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/HIGGINS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

070620 CCR3182

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SEVENTEEN POINT NINE SENT THIS

USED SIX PLANES IN COVERING NINETY TWO PERCENT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS X SUBMARINE TORPEDOED AND SUNK SS CHLOE REPEAT SS CHLOE 34 MILES SOUTHEAST AMEDEE REPEAT AMEDEE LIGHT 20001/6 X CAPTAIN OF CHLOE REPORTS SS JOHN ADAMS REPEAT JOHN ADAMS ON FIRE AND ABANDONED 20-30 SOUTH 164-35 EAST AT 1600Z/5

Sec. Army dispatch

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May 7, 1942
9:03 A. M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Necal
To: Agwar

No. 44, May 7th.

URGENT

Crew of SS "Chloe" report the SS "John Adams" abandoned and burning at sea 120 miles Southwest of Noumea. Marshall from Patch. "John Adams" left Noumea at 1500 L May 5th. This report received by radio from rescue vessel and no repeat no further details are available. Have advised MacArthur.

NoSig

U.S.
7180 gross
442 ft LOA
11 KTS
Liberty Ship
XAT

Action Copy: OPD

Info. Copies: G-2
SOS
SGS
TAG
FILE

CM-IN-1804 (5/7/42) 9:43 AM

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY CAPT LOW			ROUTINE
DATE 7 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2351/0012	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY SMITH/TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

072215 CCR 2357

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TEXT			

ARMY NEW CALEDONIA NUMBER 44 OF MAY 7 TO AGWAR IS
 PASSED FOR INFO, BEGINS THIS REPORT RECEIVED BY RADIO
 FROM RESCUE VESSEL AND NO REPEAT NO FURTHER DETAILS ARE
 AVAILABLE X CREW OF SS "CHLOE" REPORT THE SS "JOHN ~~ADAMS~~
ADAMS" ABANDONED AND BURNING AT SEA 120 MILES SOUTHWEST
 OF NOUMEA X MARSHALL FROM PATCH "JOHN ADAMS" LEFT NOUMEA
 AT 1500 L MAY 5TH X HAVE ADVISED MACARTHUR

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FROM COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE MAY 7 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BRINKLEY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SOBEL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT KELLY

062023 NCR 2282

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TEXT

OPNAV SERIAL 060751⁶ REFERENCE. AFIRM-SS JAVA ARROW. BAKER
 THE 5TH OF MAY 1942. CAST-AT 2345 Q. DOG- LAT 27.35 N LONG
 80.70 W. EASY-2TORPEDOES. FOX-XX 44 AMERICANS AND 1 BRITISH
 GEORGE-WERE THROWN OVERBOARD IN LOCKED AND WEIGHTED BOX.

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RXW31 39/38 IMP BG BERMUDA

ADMIRACIRC IMMEDIATE OPNAV

WASHINGTON

PRIORITY/JK

FOLLOWING READ AT 2145 GMT BEGINS SS AFOUNDRIA (KOMQ) TORPEDOED
OFF WEST END HAITI POSITION 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES CAPE STNICHOLAS
ENDS 2203P/5

NAVYCOM BERMUDA

1229P

2145 GMT SS AFOUNDRIA KOMQ 20 00 73 30/25 2203P/5

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG OOR 37 16 00A

20G 38 HYDRO FWO(1) CWO(2) BUSHIPS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>Q0MGULFSEAIRON</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>6 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM <u>1224/1152</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CANNING/CANNING</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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061049 CCR 2964

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SS*HALSEY TORPEDOED AT 0500Q MAY 6TH IN LAT 27-20 NORTH
LONG 80-03 WEST.

*HALSEY?

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 6, 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEBOOK	1326/1257			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	CAMBRON/CAMBRON			ROUTINE
PABAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

061203 CCR2970

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	UCT
TEXT			

061049
 MY DISPATCH 061049. SURVIVORS SS HALSEY STATE POSITIVELY
 SHIP STRUCK FROM OPPOSITE SIDES AND THAT THEY SAW TWO SUB-
 MARINES.

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FROM COMGULFSEAFRONTIER	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1341/46	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY XXXXX JONES			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BALL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ALLENSWORTH

060831

NCR 1916

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TEXT			

REFERENCE OPNAV SERIAL 2647516.

(A) AMERICAN SS FEDERAL.

(B) 30 APRIL 1942

(C) 1220 ZONE PLUS 4.

(D) LAT 21-14 N LONG 76-40 W.

(E) BY SHELLFIRE NO TORPEDO FIRED.

(F) 28 WHICH ENCLOSED 27 US CITIZENS 1 FILIPINO 5 PERISHED BY SHELLFIRE ALL US CITIZENS.

(G) STATUS NOT KNOWN BY SURVIVORS INTERVIEWED PRESUMABLY WENT DOWN WITH SHIP.

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16.....ACTION

COMUSCH....11/11.....37....200....2,P....201....FILE....

*Information already
has been received &
plotted.*

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM INDEFINITE CALL (PRESUMABLY ALUSLO NOUMEA)	FOR	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	INFORMATION		ROUTINE RR DEFERRED
DATE 7 MAY 1942			
TOR CODEROOM 071234			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HAMPTON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HUTCHINSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED-FULTON

050417 NCR 2382 -2447

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

PANAMA M/S SNARK AGROUND ON REED. BEARING 322 DEGREES
TRUE DISTANCE 3 MILES FROM ISLAND LIGHT ON EVEN KEEL IN QUIET
WATER, BROKEN IN 2. WATER IN ALL HOLDS. SHIP IS NOT
SALVAGEABLE WITH EQUIPMENT ON HAND. CARGO 1,750 TONS WOOL
WET WITH FUEL OIL AND SALT WATER BUT STILL SALVAGABLE. LOCAL
SALVAGE CONCERN HAS MADE OFFER FOR SALVAGING WOOL BUT AS YET
UNACCEPTED BY CARGO AGENTS WILHELMSSEN IN SYDNEY. EVERYTHING
ELSE PILLAGED UNDERSTAND BY FRENCH NAVAL MISSION. THE SHIP
IS NOW OWNED BY U S SALVAGE ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS CREW
SIGNED ON IN U.S. REPATRIATED U.S. MEMBERS CREW SIGNED
IN AUSTRALIA REPATRIATED AUSTRALIA.

PASSED BY TANGIER TO OPNAV.

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ACTIONL...COMINCH.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>OPNAV</u>	FOR ACTION	SPENAVO LONDON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>CAPT ALLEN</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>5 MAY 1942</u>			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM <u>2119/STH</u>	INFORMATION	NSHQ OTTAWA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>KALAJDJIAN</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.
GERMAN

052120 NCR 9822

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
		9933 <i>Time - XAO</i>	

TEXT

OPNAV SERIAL FIVE. ENTIRE CREW MOBILE LANDED SAN JUAN. JOSEPH
6949 ~~Time~~ - XAO
M CUDAHY AMERICAN TORPEDOED TODAY 65 MILES NW DRY TORTUGAS. MDKIH-
7460 ~~Time~~ - XAK
ANA AMERICAN TORPEDOED TODAY 16-40 N 65-12 W. EASTERN SWORD TORPED-
3475 ~~Time~~ - XAKC
 OED AND SUNK 4 MAY 8 MILES OFF GEORGETOWN BEACON ENROUTE DEMARARA.
 17 SURVIVORS 12 MISSING. DELISLE AMERICAN TORPEDOED 4 MAY 27-06 N
 80-03 W. 34 SURVIVORS. ATHEL EMPRESS SUNK BY TWO TORPEDOES AND THIRTY
 SHELLS 2354Z/29 APRIL AT 13-21 N 56-15 W ONE SURVIVOR LANDED
 TRINIDAD. TWENTY EIGHT LANDED AT ST LUCIA. SECRET DOCUMENTS SUNK
 WITH SHIP. ECLIPSE BRITISH TANKER TORPEDOED 1303 Z 26-30 N
 80-01 W. 44 BRITISH SURVIVORS. CONFIDENTIALS THROWN OVERBOARD IN
 WEIGHTED BAG IN SIX FATHOMS WATER. BRITISH WORKMAN NOW SUNK. NOR-
 WEGIAN SANDAR 7624 GT STRUCK BY THREE TORPEDOES MAY 2 AT 1645Q
 IN 11-42 N 61-10 W. THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS GREEK ONE DANISH
 ONE CANADIAN ONE BRITISH SIX NORGE TWENTY SIX. LOSSES NORGE TWO.
 CONFIDENTIALS LOST WITH SHIPS.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESS	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	5 AMY 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	0943/0910	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	PORTER/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050735

CCR-2784

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

3478 CT *Florida Cont Count*

SAIL SAIL DELISLE TORPEDOED OFF HOBE SOUND AT
 0300Z MAY 5 X SURVIVORS BEING PICKED UP

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FROM COM 10	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 4447 / 4342	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

042029 CCR 2548

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

✓
 SS MOBILE OIL SUNK 20 APRIL 1001 QUEEN 26-30 NORTH 66-00
 BEST TORPEDOED AND SHELLS NO CASUALTIES. SECRET AND
 CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS SUNK IN WEIGHTED BAG.

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OP PRIORITY/GO

FROM VAR

FROM VAR. ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK
BDQB NOT LISTED

FOLLOWING FROM THE SINKING TAKING TO BOATS 1200 GRY AR

YOB 1515:32

not listed

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG OOR 37 16 00A

20G 38 HYDRO FWD(1) CWD(2)

YOB 1519 1X 6 MAY 1942 / UB

not listed

-X A 006500 Tons

CH21 DP TO COMINCH

KDRB: GULFPRINCE

KDRB SHIP SINKING TWO MILES MOLASSES REEF LIGHT AT 16.10 GMT AR DE WAX

TDR 1618:30

*Florida
Strait*

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TOD 1620 MD MD UR

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37 16 00A

20G 38 HYDRO FWD(1) CWD(2)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPART

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMSIXTEEN		FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 6 MAY 1942			INFORMATION	ROUTINE
DATE 2346/2253 (5TH MAY)				DDDD
TOR CODER ROOM TIERS/SLADE		OPNAV		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			COM S W PAC	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DDDD

INDICATE BY ADDRESS ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

BLOOM

032210

CCR 2872

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TEXT			

PIGEON DAMAGED BY ENEMY BOMBERS 3 MAY AND SANK
IMMEDIATELY X NO CASUALTIES

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COG: 23.....

RECORD COPY: 38.....(NAVAIDE).....BUORD.....BUSHIPS.....
BUSANDA.....20P.....20P.....BUNAV.....20P.....20V.....FILE..
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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF NM 51	FOR ACTION	COMSWESPAC OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MAY 4 1942	INFORMATION	BUSHIPS	ROUTINE
FOR CODEROM 2147/43			PRIORITY
DECODED BY JONES			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BALL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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NCR 517

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TEXT

14 FOOT USN DIXIE NUMBER 11547 MANUFACTURED NYD BOSTON 1929
 CANOE PLAN 37442 WASHED UP ON BEACH WEST COAST AUSTRALIA.
 MARINE GROWTH INDICATES ABOUT 2 MONTHS IN WATER. REQUEST INFO
 FROM RECORDS BUSHIPS IF BOAT WAS CARRIED BY ASHEVILLE JD
 EDWARDS POPE PILLSBURY LANGLEY OR PECOS.

From USS Lark (now in Greenmantle)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	OPNAV 37	SPENAVO, LONDON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	ALLEN		ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE	1 MAY 1942		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2107/18T	NSHQ OTTAWA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY	YEAGER		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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NCR 0962

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

OPNAV SERIAL 1:

FEDERAL AMERICAN TANKER TORPEDOED AND SUNK 30 APRIL, 21-15 NORTH, 76-05 WEST. 14 KNOWN SURVIVORS. HARRY G. SEIDEL, AMERICAN TANKER, REPORTED 29TH, NOW CONFIRMED SUNK. 6 MILES EAST LOS TESTIGOS ISLANDS. LA PAZ, BRITISH, TORPEDOED, 1 MAY, 28-15 NORTH, 80-20 WEST.

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URGENT

SS LA PAZ 2815 N 8020W TORPEDOED

TOR -- 1 MAY

COMINCH ACTION

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HYDRO BUSHIPS OPDO FWO(1) CWO(2)

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT

~~1334~~ DATE 1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, SEVENTH NAVAL
DISTRICT

TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT --SS "LA PAZ"

LATER INFORMATION IS THAT DISTRESS CAUSED BY
TORPEDO BUT VESSEL BEING TOWED TO BEACH AND APPARENTLY
BEING PUMPED OUT.

COMINCH ACTION

05 12 19 20 20A 20K CG 20R 37 16

00A 20G 3B HYDRO FWO(1) CWO(2)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1817 DATE
1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL
DISTRICT

TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT SS "LAPAZ"

REFERENCE --DIO 7 TT 011050 AND 011250

SUBJECT IS BEING TOWED TOWARD BEACH BY WORDEN.

QUITE PROBABLE SUBJECT HIT SUNKEN "KORSHOLM".

COMINCH ACTION ✓

25 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 20R 37

10 00A 01A 20G 30 HYDRO

FWD(1) ✓ CWD(2) ✓ BUSHIPS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT
0858 DATE 1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL
DISTRICT

ACTION: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT SS LA PAZ

REFERENCE OUR TT 01/1050 OCT MAY 1 1942

SUBJECT VESSEL APPARENTLY BEING ABANDONED. CREW
IN LIFEBOATS. REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OFFICE NOW ON SCENE
IN NAVY PLANE ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT CREW IN BOATS. REPORT
OF TORPEDOING NOT ESTABLISHED BUT VESSEL EVIDENTLY IN
DISTRESS AND SLOWLY SETTLING BY THE STERN.

REFERENCE: TT01/1050, DIO 7ND ORIG: SUBJECT VESSEL
TORPEDOED OFF CAPE CANAVERAL. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SS LA
PAZ QUOTE "TORPEDOED AT 0947 OCT 1 MAY POSITION 28/15 N
84/20 W/" UNQUOTE. THIS POSITION TEN MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE
CANAVERAL, FLORIDA. ACTIONS AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED.
SIGNED FORTSON.

COMINCH ACTION

00A 00R 10 16 18 20 20G 20K

37 38 HYDRO CG CWO(3)

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NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NDS TWO CUBA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR COOROOM 1723	INFORMATION	CARIBSEAFRON COMINCH	PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY BRINKLEY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.
LT KELLY **011316 NCR 9163**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
 TEXT

STEAM VESSEL FEDERAL SUNK BY SHELL FIRE 1630Z IN LATITUDE 21-15N
 LONG 76-25W. 27 SURVIVORS ALL AMERICAN. CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS
 SAFE IN MASTERS POSSESSION. NY 302229 APRIL AND 010223.

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CH (CHELTENHAM 17)

FOR COMINCH OP PRIORITY

URGENT

SS WORDEN TORPEDOED 10 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

TOR 0955/1 DE

COMINCH ACTIO

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG OOR 37 16 00A 20G 38
HYDRO BUSHIPS FW0(1) CW0(2) OPDO

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NY 1-2990 NR7 51 WD

PRIORITY RT

COMMANDER IN CHIEF US FLEET NAVY DEPT WASH

RADIO

INTERCEPTED BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR APPROXIMATELY 1000 GMT
FROM 88 WORDEN SHIP TORPEDOED TEN MILES SOUTHEAST CAPE CANAVERAL
TIME 557 EWT NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BELIEVED THIS MAY HAVE
BEEN 88 LAPAZ TORPEDOED APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AND PLACE STOP
EASTERN SEA FRONTIER NOW BELIEVES THIS SEPARATE SINKING ALTHOUGH
NOT CONFIRMED SIGNED HARRIS G-2 EDC

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37
17 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO FNO CNO(2)

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 7:14 DATE 1
MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL
DISTRICT

TO : DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: TIME-DATE 01/1050 GCT MAY 1942

SUBJECT VESSEL TORPEDOED OFF CAPE CANAVERAL
REPORT RECEIVED FROM SS LA PAZ QUOTE

"TORPEDOED AT 0947 GCT 1 MAY POSITION 28/15 N 80.20 W

"UNQUOTE" THIS POSITION TEN MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE CANAVERAL,
FLORIDA. ACTIONS AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SIGNED FORTSON

TOD 011115 GCT MAY 1942 END JFR PLS. ACK

END DD
COPYFC

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	COMGULFSEAFRON	OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY RADM EDWARDS			ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1355/1409	INFORMATION	OPNAV-COMEASTSEAFRON	OP OP OP PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

TEN NORTHBOUND AND TEN SOUTHBOUND AMERICAN MERCHANT
VESSELS ARE EXPECTED TO PASS CAPE CANAVERAL WITHIN
NEXT TWENTYFOUR HOURS X THIS INFORMATION PASSED TO YOU
IN VIEW OF TWO ATTACKS THAT AREA LAST NIGHT XX

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OP 37.....

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FROM NOB TRINIDAD	FOR ACTION	OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 1 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	COMCARIBSEAFRON	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0817/0748			DEFERRED
DECODED BY NEWHOUSE/NEWHOUSE			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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291550 CCR 1817

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AFIRM SAIL SAIL HARRY GEORGE SEIDEL X
 BAKER TWENTY NINE APRIL X CAST TWELVE THIRTY 00000
 GEORGE CAST TARE X DOG ELEVEN FIFTY NORTH SIXTY TWO
 SEVENTEEN WEST X EASY TORPEDOED COMMA MAY STILL BE AFLOAT X
 FOX AND GEORGE UNKNOWN

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FROM ADMIRALTY	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRR
DATE APRIL 29, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1434	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY LYNCH/ORMOND			RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY CAMPBELL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY LT. FULTON

282050

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(BAD, CINC HOMEFLEET, CINC MEDIT, CINC MEDIT, CINC EAST, CINC FAR EAST, CINC A & W, CINC SOUTH ATLANTIC, FOCNA, NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE, NAVAL BOARD WELLINGTON, NSHQ, NAVY OFFICE SUNDAY, OPNAV, SPENAVO, REAR ADMIRAL WEST AFRICA, FROM ADMIRALTY)

ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 18268 21ST

(1) FOLLOWING SHIPS NOW OVERDUE. WELLPARK DUE CAPE TOWN APRIL 3, 1942 FROM ST. JOHN, N. B. WILLESSEN DUE IN CAPE TOWN APRIL 12, 1942 FROM ST. THOMAS. AUST DUE CAPE TOWN APRIL 12, 1942 FROM PERNAMBUCO. PAGASITIKOS DUE MONTEVIDEO APRIL 2, 1942 FROM DURBAN. KIRKPOOL DUE MONTEVIDEO APRIL 21ST, 1942, FROM DURBAN. MAY BE RAIDER CASUALTIES. NOT THOUGHT THAT RAIDER H COULD HAVE OPERATED SOUTH OF 11 DEGREES SOUTH BEFORE ABOUT APRIL 6.

(2) FURTHER AIRCRAFT SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE SUPPLY SHIP IN 02-47 NORTH, 018-37 WEST AT 2200 APRIL 22.

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FROM COMEASTSEA FROM	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 27 APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1743/1723	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY SLADE/RITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT

FOLLOWING BY PHONE FROM PAN AMER QUOTE TANKER
SINKING THREE FIVE DASH ZERO FIVE NORTH
SEVEN FIVE DASH ONE ZERO WEST ONE TWO ONE SIX
QUEEN UNQUOTE X PREVIOUS WRECK WITHIN SEVEN
MILES THIS POSITION

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FROM	COMDT 1ST NAVDIST	FOR ACTION INFORMATION	CHIEF OF NAVOP COMDR EASTSEAFLON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	26 APRIL 1942		COMDR-IN-CHIEF US FLT ANTI-SUB WARFARE OFF, ATL FLT	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	0006/26			PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	HARDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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240303 NCR 5974

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TEXT MAILGRAM

SUBJECT: SS WEST IMBODEN-REPORT OF INTERVIEW, WITH SURVIVORS OF.

1. SUBJECT VESSEL AMERICAN REGISTRY, 8200 TONS, TORPEDOED APRIL 21, 1942, AT 2248Q, LAT 41-14 N LONG 65-54 W, BOUND FROM PORT OF SPAIN TO BOSTON WITH ORES. THIRTY-SEVEN SURVIVORS, COMPRISING ENTIRE CREW, LANDED PORTLAND, MAINE, APRIL 23, 1942, BY U.S.S. BRISTOL.

2. SUBJECT VESSEL WAS ON COURSE 338 TRUE, SPEED 9 1/2 KNOTS, SEA SMOOTH, WIND FORCE 3, SKY OVERCAST, WHEN SINGLE TORPEDO STRUCK WELL FORWARD STARBOARD SIDE WITHOUT WARNING. CREW IMMEDIATELY TOOK TO BOATS.

3. SUBMARINE SURFACED AND FIRED 35 SHELLS INTO VESSEL WHICH SANK AT 0210Q. FOR SOME MINUTES PRIOR TO ATTACK SPARKS FROM STACK WERE NOTICED.

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DATE _____			ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM _____			DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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TEXT

4. DESCRIPTION OF SUBMARINE INADEQUATE OWING TO DARKNESS.
5. ALL CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS THROWN OVERBOARD IN WEIGHTED BOX BY MASTER.
6. PERTINENT INFORMATION GIVEN TO PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

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FROM <u>Com 5</u>	FOR ACTION	EASTSEA FRON COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 24 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0126/0004</u>	INFORMATION	EASTSEA FRON COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL/FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 562

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TEXT			

OPNAV PASS TO ONI.

AMERICAN SS STEELMAKER ATTACKED 33-52N 70-36W APRIL 19,
1942, 2230 EWT. STRUCK BY ONE TORPEDO NUMBER 5 HOLD
PORT SIDE. VESSEL SANK 2315 EWT. CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS
DOWN WITH SHIP. EIGHTEEN SURVIVORS LANDED NOB NORFOLK
DESTROYER ROWAN 1300 EWT.

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FROM	ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	23 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	1955			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	MALONE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	HILL			DEFERRED

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231518 NCR 4593

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TEXT

6617 TONS (DAILY SERIAL 23)

US WASHINGTONIAN BOUND FROM SUEZ FOR COLOMBO VIA CALCUTTA
 TORPEDOED ON APRIL 6TH IN ABOUT 07-25N AND 73-05E AND ABANDONED
 ON FIRE. BRITISH PAMPAS AND NORWEGIAN TALABOT DAILY SERIALS
 21 AND 14 HAVE BEEN SO SEVERLY DAMAGED BY BOMBS DURING AIR RAIDS
 ON MALTA HARBOR THAT THEY ARE CONSTRUED AS TOTAL LOSSES. ONE KG 40
 AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO BE ACTIVE FROM TRONDHEIM AND ONE FROM STAVANGER
 BUT NOTHING IS KNOWN AS TO THEIR AREAS OF OPERATIONS.

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FROM

ALUSLO BOMBAY, INDIA.

RELEASED BY

OPNAV

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DATE

23 APRIL 1942

TOR CODEROM

1232

DECODED BY

STANT-LALICAN

PARAPHRASED BY

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REGRET TO REPORT TORPEDO SUNK WASHINGTONIAN NEAR
LAGGIDIVE ISLANDS APRIL SIXTH. ALL MEMBERS OF CREW REPORTED
SAFE. APRIL 23 FROM MC CORMACK FORTY ONE, MINISTRY STATES
AT PRESENT UNABLE ESTIMATE WEEKLY RAIL TONNAGE FROM CALCUTTA
ADVISING SOON AS MEANWHILE COTTON AVAILABLE IF AUTHORIZED
OTHERWISE RECOMMEND LOAD PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE. REPORTED
RAILROADS ENDEAVORING TRANSPORT FROM CALCUTTA TWO THOUSAND
TONS WEEKLY ALSO AGENTS TRYING TO CHARTER SMALL COASTWISE
VESSELS WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WILL HELP POSITION GREATLY.
RECAPBLING POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ELONER CAN LIFT
FORTY FIVE HUNDRED DEAD WEIGHT THREE EIGHT EIGHT HUNDRED
CUBIC, EXHIBITOR DRY DOCKS APRIL TWENTY SECOND. KINGS FORTY
ACKNOWLEDGED KOTA BARU COMPLETING DISCHARGE KARACHI TWENTY
FOURTH. ONE BERTING BOMBAY BOOKED UNTIL EARLY MAY IF YOU CAN

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PRECEDENCE

FROM ALUSLO BOMBAY, INDIA.

OPNAV

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

RRRRR

DATE 23 APRIL 1942

DEFERRED

TON CODEROOM 1232

PRIORITY

DECODED BY STANT-LANIGAN

ADVISE

PARAPHRASED BY LANIGAN

DEFERRED

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TEXT

ARRANGE QUICK DESPATCH ELSEWHERE RECOMMEND YOU INSTRUCT
IMMEDIATELY OTHERWISE WILL DESPATCH BOMBAY APRIL TWENTY
FIFTH TO WAIT FOR BERTH POSSIBLY BE UNABLE SECURE OTHER
PRIORITIES IN WHICH WE ARRANGE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE. BY MAY
FIRST TAWAL! WILL BE COMPLETING DISCHARGE.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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April 20, 1942

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Ft Mills
To: Quartermaster General

No. 820, April 20th, 1942

Chartered transport Elcano and small motor launches
Nilad and Crown destroyed this date by enemy action.

Ward

ACTION: SOS (TRANS)

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JIC, A-2, MAJ. HAMMOND

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FROM OPNAV	FOR ACTION	SPENAVO LONDON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY CAPT ALLEN			RRRRR
DATE 23 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2104/20	INFORMATION	NSHQ OTTAWA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY BALL			DEFERRED

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NCR 6081

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SERIAL 19 AND 20 X EXMINISTER US OFF EASTERN END OF CAPE COD CANAL
 SUNK APRIL 23 IN COLLISION WITH ALGIC US CREW SAVED X CONFIDENTIALS
 DESTROYED X NOR KOLL STRUCK BY TWO TORPEDOES 1030 APRIL SIX AT 35-30 N
 68-24 W SECOND OFFICER NINE MEN PICKED UP BY SS ST CERGUE APRIL 15 AT 3
 68-24 W X CONFIDENTIALS OVERBOARD X ENTIRE PERSONNEL
 NOR GRENANGER LANDED ST THOMAS APRIL 19 X VESSEL REPORTED TORPEDGED
 SERIAL 12 AND 13.

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FROM <u>COAC</u>	FOR ACTION	ADMTY NSHQ OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE <i>RRRR</i>
DATE <u>20 APRIL 42</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2957/2954</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PITKIN/PITKIN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT

ADMIRALTY NSHQ 819 OPNAV COMINCH FROM COAC

OCANA TORPEDOED ON MARCH 25TH. SANK IN POSITION

43-24N 64-45W APRIL 16TH WHILST IN TOW

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>APRIL 17, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEROOM <u>1816</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>KALAJDJIAN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CAMBRON</u>			

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FULTON

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DAILY SERIAL 17.

BRITISH SHINKUANG AND AMERICAN EXMOOR SUNK BY JAPS IN THE
 BAY OF BENGAL. 3 CRAFT KC40 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE OVER
 NORTHERN WATERS YESTERDAY. CONVOYS QP10 AND QP14 PROBABLY
 SIGHTED AND SHADOWED.

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FROM FRANKEL-ALUSHOB MOURMANSK	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 19 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DDDDDDDDDD
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY FLYNN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY THOMPSON			DEFERRED

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LT KELLY**161730****NCR 2383**

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(ACTION OPNAV--INFO LONDON AND KIUBYSHEV)

PORT OF MURMANSK BOMBED TWICE YESTERDAY BY GROUPS OF APPROXIMATELY 20 BOMBERS AND SCREENING FIGHTERS. STEAMER LANCASTER CASTLE SUNK AT ANCHOR. STEAMER EMPIRE STARLIGHT HIT AND SIDE RUPTURED. WILL BE MOVED FROM DOCK AND REPAIRED. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRACKS NOW BEING REPAIRED. UR PORT IS NOW CLEARED OF WAR MATERIALS AND TEN BERTHS AVAILABLE INCOMING CONVOY.

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FROM FCC

INTERCEPTED FROM BALTIMORE UNIT FROM TUCKERTON N J RDO AT 1058/15

SUBMARINE SIGHTED SS W.S. FARISH AT 1030 GMT /15 6 MILES 100
DEGREES FROM CAPE FEAR LIGHT SIGHTED PERISCOPE

PHONED TOWDBYER 151100

COMINCH ACTION
05 10 19 20 20A 20G 20K CG 00R
00A 01A 37 16 38 BUSHIPS HYDRO
OPDO CWO(2) FWO(1)

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FROM FCC

INTERCEPTED BY BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS VIA RDO TUCKERTON NH AT 1058/15

SUBMARINE

C. O. STILLMAN 34 49 NORTH 75 45 WEST TANKER AFIRE AT 1035 GCT

PHONED TOWDBYER 151100

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COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20G 20K CG 00R
00A 00 01A 37 16 38 BUSHIPS OPDO
HYDRO CWO(2) FWO(1)

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FROM COM 14	FOR ACTION	OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 15 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODER ROOM 0556 / 0438			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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TEXT

7700
Tons → ESSO BOSTON TORPEDOED 12 APRIL 1320 QUEEN AT 21-45 NORTH
60-00 WEST. ONE TORPEDO. WHEN LAST SEEN BY SURVIVORS
VESSEL BURNING AND STILL AFLOAT. ENTIRE CREW 37 SAVED
ALL U S CITIZENS. ALL SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS
SAVED AND IN CUSTODY CAPTAIN USS BIDDLE.

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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY NSHQ CINCA&W	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY DYER			ROUTINE
DATE 14 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2302 / 1346	INFORMATION	CESF CGSF CCSF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY TIERS / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X TUG MENOMINEE SUNK BY SUB ABOUT
 200 FEET LONG X WAS MAKING 12 TO 15 KNOTS X 3 OR 4 INCH
 GUN FORWARD SMALLER GUN AFT X FIRED 30 OR 40 SHOTS X
 MARY SUNK BY SUB REPORTED ABOUT 125 FEET LONG X PAINTED
 LIGHT GRAY WITH 6 INCH BLUE STRIP FROM STEM TO STERN X
 CONNING TOWER 6 TO 8 FEET IN HEIGHT ABOVE DECK X 3 INCH
 GUN FWD X SMALL AA GUN AFT X ACTION TO ADMTY X NSHQ X
 CINCA&W X INFO TO CESF CGSF CCSF FROM COMINCH.

BAD.....

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 2030 DATE 13 APRIL 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
SUBJECT: AMERICAN SS LESLIE

Box SUBJECT VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SUNK AT 122230 APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES
EAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHT. VESSEL ENROUTE CUBA TO NEW YORK,
CARGO 2000 TONS SUGAR. TWENTY SEVEN SURVIVORS LANDED CAPE CANAVERAL
TODAY. ONE DEAD AND FOUR MISSING. ALL CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS
DISPOSED OF. RADIO DISABLED BY EXPLOSION OF TORPEDO AND NO MESSAGE
SENT.

ANOTHER SUBJECT --

SWEDISH MV "KORSHOLM" ENROUTE TAMPA TO HALIFAX CARGO PHOSPHATE
SHELLED AND SET AFIRE AT 130150 APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST CAPE
CANAVERAL LIGHT. SEVENTEEN SURVIVORS LANDED OF WHICH ONE WAS
WOUNDED. ALSO ONE DEAD MEMBER BROUGHT ASHORE. EIGHT MISSING,
CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS DESTROYED BY FIRE ALL UPPER WORKS
DESTROYED BY FIRE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR OF SHELLING.
VESSEL STILL AFLOAT AT 131720 EWT. VESSEL NOW 8 MILES EAST BANANA
RIVER AIR STATION DRIFTING SOUTH. SHE HAS SUBMERGED ABOUT 4
FEET SINCE DAYLIGHT TODAY

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM: <u>ALUSNOB NATAL</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPR
RELEASED BY		ALUSMA RIO ALUSNOB RECIFE COMTASKFOR 23	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE: <u>13 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEWORD: <u>5115</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY: <u>SELEY</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY: <u>HILL</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT KELLY

122136 NCR 9741

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

THIS IS MY 121624. CAPT OF PORT FOR TALARA REPORTS 13 MORE THAYER
SURVIVORS INCLUDING CAPT 4 OFFICERS HAVE LANDED ACARAU. PHYSICAL
CONDITION POOR ONE BAD. COMBATRON 52 INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY
LANDING ACARAU.

37.....ACTION

16.....COMINCH.....13.....17.....FILE.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NAVAL OBSERVER NATAL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV NAV. ATTACHE RIO NAV. ATTACHE RECIFE	PPPR PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 12 APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2215/12	INFORMATION	CTF 23	PPPR PRIORITY
DECODED BY WATSON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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121915 NCR 8721

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT (ACTION OPNAV ALUSNA RIO ALUSNOB RECIFE ADVISED INFO CTF 23
ORIGINATOR ALUSNOB NATAL)

CAPTAIN OF PORT FORT LEZA 13 MORE THAYER SURVIVORS INCLUDING
CAPTAIN 4 OFFICERS HAVE LANDED ACARAU. PHYSICAL CONDITION POOR
ONE BAD. COMBATRON 52 INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY LANDING EX ACARAU.

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16...ACTION

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMCARIBSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 12 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2054/12	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELLEW			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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122015 NCR 8693

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

7648 Gross tons

ESSO BOSTON TORPEDOED LAT 21-42 NORTH LONG 60 WEST. PLANES
REPORT SHIP ON FIRE. SURVIVORS IN BOATS. BIDDLE PROCEEDING.
PLANES LOCATED WRECKAGE OF GRENNANGER. NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS.

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REC FROM FOC AT 0655/11APR42

PRIORITY/SR

INTERCEPTED BY LAUREL UNIT FROM RDO CHARLESTON, S.C.
ON 500 KC AT 0645 GMT

~~000~~ DISTRESS SS HEBE SHIP SINKING POSITION 33 13 N
78 11 W AT 0639 GMT

plotted

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05	10	19	20	204	208	200	20K	C.G.	00R
37	16	00A	01A			38	HYDRO		
		BUSHIPS	OPDO			FWD(1)	CWO(2)		

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ALUSNOB BAHIA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE 11 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
FOR COORDROOM 1643			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SELBY-SMITH			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT KELLY 111643 NCR 8375

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME SET
 TEXT (ACTION OPNAV, ALUSNA RIO ALUSNOBS RECIFE NATAL ADVISED)

SS PIRINEUS BRAZILIAN REPORTS SS EUGENE THAYER AMERICAN TANKER
 SENT SOS FROM POSITION LAT 12-23S LONG 39-43W AT 2315 APRIL 9.
 SOS HEARD ONLY ONCE.

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16.....200.....37.....38.....BADO.....13/11.....FILE.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COM 6 ND.	FOR ACTION	COM EASTSEA FRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				RRRRRRRR
DATE	11 APRIL 42	INFORMATION	OPNAV	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1835/11TH			
DECODED BY	JERMAN			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	GLTUCKER			ROUTINE
				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

111602 NCR 8182

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

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AT 2220 3 APRIL, AMERICAN TANKER GULF AMERICA, ENROUTE TO PORT ARTHUR TO NEW YORK, WAS TORPEDOED TWICE AND HIT 5 TIMES BY SHELLS XX 27 MILES SOUTH BY EAST OF SAINT JOHNS LIGHTSHIP.

CODES AND CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS THROWN OVERBOARD BY CAPTAIN IN WEIGHTED BAG AND CAN BE REGARDED AS SAFE FROM ENEMY POSSESSION.

OF THE CREW OF 49, 28 ARE KNOWN SURVIVORS, 12 KNOWN DEAD AND 9 ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

37.....ACT.

29.....16.....20K.....COMINCH.....FILE.....

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TO DMC APRIL 10 102

PLS FORWARD TO PRESS RELATIONS WATCH OFFICER:

THE FLAG REC'D FROM FIELD CENSOR, BALTIMORE

QUOTE

THE FOLLOWING MSG WAS PICKED UP BY STATION UMH AT 0038 QUOTE THE
COTTMAN CO BALTIMORE TRUST BLDG, BALTIMORE, APRIL 10TH 3 AM ARRIVAL
TO CAPE HENRY WITH 28 SHIPWRECKED PERSONS THE SS MALCHACE MASTER
RAMON SANCHEZMEN UNQUOTE THE SHIP WHICH SENT THIS MSG IS THE SS FAJA
DE ORO (CALL LETTERS KCFS) A MEXICAN FLAG VESSEL X THIS MSG WAS
SENT BY THE FAJA DE ORO TO COASTAL STATION WSC AT TUCKERTOWN NJ X
JUDGING FROM THE MSG THE FAJA DE ORO IS PROCEEDING INTO BALTIMORE
WITH THESE SHIPWRECKED PEOPLE FROM THE SS MALCHACE AND WE HAVE
THEREFORE ADVISED ONI AT BALTIMORE X FCBA

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0053 FCBA 1139

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE FLWC MSG RECEIVED FROM FIELD CENSOR, BALTIMORE
QUOTE

RE OUR MSG NUMBER 1139: THE FOLLOWING MSG WAS PICKED UP BY STATION
WMH QUOTE XCFS (SS FAJA DE ORO) TO NAM (NAVY STATION NORFOLK VA)
MSG NR 1 CX 27 FLD 0445 GMT 10TH SS FAJA DE ORO (THIS STEAMER THEN
PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING CODE MSG) QUOTE WYMG A000B APPEJ NBCKB
UVYMX BVYPC UJZBN TREFV QBUOB KGVFW CHUUT KHLUB YXZFC VVEXZ XPLME
CCWNG DUTVZ KQWJM ZCFKW GMLJP BJYON XZDPC NJCMV BCBBJ FOFHK YBEFV
GBLKE UNQUOTE X THIS IS POSSIBLY MERCHANT MARINE CODE AND MAY DEALT
WITH THE LANDING OF THE 26 SHIPWRECKED PERSONS FROM THE SS MALCHACEX
IF SO, THE LOCAL CMI AT BALTIMORE MAY DESIRE A COPY OF THE MSG
DECODED IN THE EVENT THIS SHIP BRINGS THESE SHIPWRECKED PERSONS ON
INTO BALTIMORE X

0115 FCBA 1140

UNQUOTE

0335 CCC 27431

TOP: 0735

END

NR3 RECD TX 340AM

206 00R Act
10 16 20 37 39 Command

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FROM	COM 5	OPNAV GOMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	10 APRIL 1942		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	0338/0252		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BERRY/BERRY		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

AMERICAN TANKER ATLAS STRUCK BY TWO TORPEDOES POSITION
LAT 35 DEGREES 27 MINUTES NORTH LONG 76 DEGREES 16
MINUTES WEST X FIRST TORPEDO STRUCK 0250 ^{EAST} SAIL TARE
SECOND TORPEDO AT 0300 EST NINE APRIL 1942 X SHIP
ABANDONED AT 0257 COURSE 30 DEGREES TRUE SPEED TEN AND
ONE HALF KNOTS X TWO SEVEN SURVIVORS AT SECTION BASE
MOREHEAD CITY NEGAT/ ^{CAST} FIVE IN HOSPITAL MOREHEAD CITY X
ONE DEAD ONE MISSING X ALL CITIZENS EXCEPT ONE SWEDEN
AND ONE NORWEGIAN BOTH OF WHOM HAVE FIRST PAPERS X
CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS THROWN OVERBOARD IN
WEIGHTED BAG X OPNAV DELIVER TO ONI

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FROM ALUSNOB NATA L	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE 11 APRIL 1942			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM Ø142	INFORMATION	ALUSNA RIO ALUSNOB RECIFE COMTASKFOR 23	DEFERRED
DECODED BY YONOVITZ			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY O ALLEN			PRIORITY
			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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ROUTED BY FULTON

1Ø21ØØ NCR 7735

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TEXT			

7137 *Overstons*
 MY 1Ø131Ø. TANKER EUGENE V. THAYER ENROUTE IN BALLAST BUENOS AIRES TO CARPITO. 13 SURVIVORS IN GOOD CONDITION LANDED BY PLANE AT 15ØØ LOT. NAMES WILL BE LISTED IN FOLLOWING DISPATCH. 26 INCLUDING CAPTAIN MISSING. PLANE PILOT REPORTS SHIP ON EVEN KEEL 15 DEGREES LIST TO STARBOARD, SMALL SMOULDERING FIRE AFT. UNARMED, THAYER WAS ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING Ø2-12 SOUTH 39-35 WEST AT 213Ø YESTERDAY BY MACHINE AND DECK GUN FROM SHIP SHOWING LONG LOW FORM. NO TORPEDOES WERE USED. SHIP WAS ABANDONED AT 2245. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN ALL PERSONNEL GOT AWAY IN GOOD CONDITION. ATTACKER CONTINUED SHELLING UNTIL THAYER TOOK FIRE ABOUT Ø1ØØ. THERE WAS NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE THAYER AND HER ATTACKER. PLANE PILOT REPORTS SIGHTING ONE OTHER EMPTY LIFE BOAT IN VICINITY.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COM 5</u>	FOR ACTION	COMEASTSEAFRON	PRIORITY RRRRR
RELEASED BY _____			DEFERRED
DATE <u>10 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRR
FOR CODE ROOM <u>2214/2054</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>TIERS/SMITH</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

102044 OCR 8705

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

3500 tons X AKC

AMERICAN SS MALCHACE SUNK BY TWO TORPEDOES 0158 EDT APRIL
9, 1942 AT 000 34-28N 75-56W X CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS DESTROYED
X 28 SURVIVORS LANDED AT NOB NORFOLK 1350 TODAY X ONE MISS-
ING

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NSS V NAM P103

2 PLAT 102026 ABIR MUSK P GR~~103~~

FROM: COM 5

ACTION: EASTSEAFROM OPNAV

MALCHACE COASTWISE FREIGHTER TORPEDOED ~~PHIO~~ AT 0158 QUEEN APRIL
NINE POSITION 34 DASH 28N 75 DASH 56W TWENTY EIGHT SURVIVORS LANDED
AT NORFOLK AT 1030 QUEEN BY MEXICAN STEAMER FAJA DE ORO ONE MAN MISS-
ING VESSEL BELIEVED SUNK BUT MAY BE MENACE TO NAVIGATION TAMAULITAS
AMERICAN TANKER TORPEDOED AT 0029⁵⁹ APRIL TEN POSITION 34 DASH 25N
75 DASH 00 W THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS LANDED AT MOREHEAD CITY AT 0745
QUEEN APRIL 10 BY NORWICH CITY TWO MEN MISSING SHIP LAST SEEN AT 0245
BURNING AND IN SINKING CONDITION WITH BACK BROKEN PENDING LATER INFOR-
MATION BRITISH TANKER SAN DELFINO TORPEDOED VICINITY¹⁰⁹ WIMBLE SHOALS
NEAR MIDNIGHT APRIL NINE TWENTY ONE SURVIVORS ENROUTE MOREHEAD CITY
ABOARD COAST GUARD CUTTER

COMINCH ACTION

05 18 19 20 22A 22B 22G 22K CG 00R
00A 37 16 30 OPDO BUSHIPS HYDRO
CWO(3) FWO(2)

TOT 2038/10 APR KH

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NAVY DEPARTMENT.

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER		ADDRESSEES		PRECEDENCE	
COM 6				EASTSEAFRON			
FROM		FOR ACTION		OPNAV		PRIORITY RRRRR	
RELEASED BY						ROUTINE	
DATE 9 APRIL 42						DEFERRED	
TO CODE ROOM		INFORMATION				PRIORITY RRRRR	
DECODED BY						ROUTINE	
PARAPHRASED BY						DEFERRED	

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY
 LT JG HATCH 090051 NCR 06692

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

THE US FLAG TANKER ESSO BATON ROUGE OWNED BY STANDARD OIL CO OF NJ WAS SUNK 180315 OCT APRIL 15 MILES NORTHEAST OF ST SIMONS ISLAND GEORGIA. APPROXIMATE LATITUDE 31.22 NORTH 80.50 WEST. 34 OUT OF THE CREW OF 37 SAVED. SHIP SETTLED BY STERN IN ABOUT 7 FATHOMS OF WATER. SHIP HAD NO NAVY GUN CREW ABOARD. ALL CODES AND PUBLICATIONS SAVED.

7989 Gross ton

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 39.....COMINCH.....00.....200P.....
 FILE 090051

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DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM FROM COM 6	FOR ACTION	EASTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 9 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEROOM			ROUTINE
DECODED BY JERMAN			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY COOPER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

KELLY

090650 NCR 06677

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

926 4 30m Texs

US FLAG TANKER OKLAHOMA OWNED BY TEXAS OIL COMPANY ROUTED FROM PORT ARTHUR TEXAS TO PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND WAS TORPEDGED AT 081300 GGT APRIL 1942 TWENTY MILES EAST OF THE NORTH EAST END OF SEA ISLAND GEORGIA. CARGO WAS APPROXIMATELY 108,000 GALLONS OF KEROSENE AND GASOLENE. SHIP WAS NOT ZIGZACING. SPEED SIXTEEN KNOTS. UNARMED. SHIP SETTLED BY ST-EARN IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FATHOMS OF WATER. SHIPPED SHELL ED WITHABOUT ABOUT TWELVE ROUNDS OF WHICH FIVE WERE HITS FROMX APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED YARDS. SUBMARINE DESCRIBED GERMAN SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY TON. AFTER SHELLING SUB PRO-CEEDED EAST ON THE SURFACE. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE SUBMERS VORS OF A CREWXX OF THIRTY EIGHT. WILLIAM L HOWELL SECOND ENGINEER BROUGHT IN DEAD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE REMINING MEMBERS WERE LOST WHEN THEY JUMPED OVERBOARD OR WERE KILLED IN THE ENGINE ROOM. CODES AND PUBLICATIONS WERE ALL SAVED.

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NSS V NAH P26 Z ABIR 091154 STAR S4G P ZPQ GR49

FROM: EASTSEAFRON
ACTION: BUNAV ..COMINCH

PRIORITY

PRIORITY MC

FOLLOWING FROM JUNEAU SS MIDDLESEX AND ARGENTINE STEAMER BRAZIL IN
W COLLISION OFF SMITH POINT LIGHT CHESAPEAKE BAY X LATTER SHIP SANK
X DANGER TO NAVIGATION ONE AND A HALF MILES 132 T FROM SMITH POINT
LIGHT X NO IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED FOR MIDDLESEX X BRAZIL SURV VORS
APPARENTLY ON MIDDLESEX

TODDU1215/09

Concluded - act

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NSS V NAM P86

2 PLAT 091738 AFIR MUSK P GR6B

FROM: COMFIVE

ACTION: EASTSEAFRON..OPNAV

PRIORITY FC

posted
7130 Gross Tons
SECOND VACUUM TANKER ATLAS TORPEDOED ABOUT 0400 QUEEN APRIL
NINE APPROXIMATE POSITION THIRTYFOUR DASH THIRTYNINE NORTH
SEVENTYSIX DASH EIGHTEEN WEST X THIRTYTWO SURVIVORS LANDED
AT MOREHEAD CITY AT 1030 QUEEN BY COAST GUARD CUTTER X TWO
OF CREW MISSING X VESSEL SUNK X MIDDLESEX IN COLLISION WITH
BRAZILIAN STEAMER OFF (50) SMITH POINT IN CHESAPEAKE BAY X
BRAZILIAN SUNK X SURVIVORS TAKEN ABOARD MIDDLESEX X COAST
GUARD VESSELS ASSISTING

COMINCH ACTION

TOT 1752/9 APR KH

NAH
05 18 19 20 21A 22K CG 02R 37
16 01A 01A 24G 38 HYDRO FWD(1) 01(2)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM USS ZIRCON			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COM INSHORE NEWYORK	ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 8 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2125/2040		(PASSED BY CEEF TO COMINCH FOR INFO)	PRIORITY
DECODED BY FIELD BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

081810 CCR 8429

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	ECT
TEXT			

SSO THO US REGISTRY PROCEEDING ~~IAKORA DUBWA~~ TO PHILA-
 DELPHIA SUNK BY SUBMARINE 0555 QUEEN 3 APRIL LAT 36-25
 LONG 72-22.

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FROM <u>COMTEN</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		COMINCH	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>7 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		
FOR CODEROOM <u>0657/0553</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>SLADE/SLADE</u>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 8216

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

AMERICAN SS CATAHOULA SUNK 5 APRIL 1732 QUEEN
 19-16 NORTH 68-12 WEST TWO TORPEDOES PORT SIDE
 NUMBER 5 TANK 38 SURVIVORS 2 DANES ALL OTHER U S
 X CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS SUNK IN WEIGHTED SACKS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE	RADIO
FROM COM 10	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE	DEFERRED
DATE 6 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1112/6			ROUTINE	DEFERRED
DECODED BY BELLEN				
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY				

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT WEINSTOCK

06025 NCR 4774

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GET
TEXT			

S.S. CAUAHOULA TORPEDGED LAT 19-38 NORTH LONG 68-29 WEST
1727 Q. STURTEVANT PROCEEDING ASSISTANCE.

COMINCH...ACTION

10/11...38...16...20G...OPDO...

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NBA 346

RADIO SS ACADIA CK 23 GOVT NAVY SIXTH NPT

GOVT NAVY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON DC

NOON APRIL SIXTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 01.40 NORTH
LONG 71.00 WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

18090006APR163000

COMINCH - act
COMINCH-ACTION

10-13-37-39
10-13-37-39

Army (CAPT MEYER RM 3113)
ARMY (CAPT. MEYER ROOM 3113)

NBA 314 RADIO SS ACADIA CK24 GOVT SB FIFTH NPT

GOVT SB CHIEF OF NAVAL TRANSPORTATION WASHINGTON (DC)
SIX PM APRIL FIFTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 6:42
N LONG 79:47 W

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

2357BE5APR8920

COMINCH ACTION

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NBA 330

ZPN2 RADIO ACADIA (WHES) CK. 24 GOVT NAVY FIFTH NET

GOVT NAVY

CHIEF OF NAVAL TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON DC:-

NOON APRIL FIFTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 8.25 NORTH
LONG 73.30 WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

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NEA 315 PROUD 89 ACADIA CK24 GOVT SB FIFTH NPT

GOVT SB CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON (

6 PM APRIL FIFTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 6:42

N LONG 79:47 WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

23598E5APR8922

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INTERCEPTED AT BALTIMORE LAUREL MONITORING STATION AT 1641
AT 1639 GMT WSC TRANSMITTED AUTO ALARM SIGNAL

AT 1640 STOPPED TRANSMITTED AUTO ALARM 1341 SIGHTED ENEMY
SUBMARINE DE KGUX* (SS PETRO-FUEL) LAT 36.13 N LONG 75.37 WEST
HEADING 00 DEGREES MV PETROFUEL** SIGHTED VESSEL BURNING
EVIDENTLY TORPEDOED 36.06 N 75.32 WEST AT 1635 GMT
FROM WSC(TUCKERTOWN)

SSS ALLOP-SIGHTED ENEMY SUBMARINE
DE KGUX**- SS PETROFUEL
PHONED FROM FCC TO WPS 051700

COMINCH ACTION
05 10 18 19 20 20A 200 20K CG
00R 37 16 00A 200 30 HYDRO
OPDO FWO(2) CWO(3)

HBA 332

ADIO XXXXX ACADIA CK 24 GOVT NAVY SIXTH FRT
GOVT NAVY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON (DC.)

SIX AMAPRIL SIXTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT
3828 NORTH LONG 89.30 WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKINRIDGE

120300 APR 16388

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ALUSNA CAPETOWN	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRR
DATE 4 APRIL 1942	FOR INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODERSON 1707/04			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PULLEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT WEINSTOCK

041030 NCR 4075

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS REACH CAPETOWN THAT CITY OF NEW YORK
AMERICAN HAS BEEN SUNK. REQUEST INFORMATION IF THIS
REPORT IS CORRECT. ALUSNA HAD THREE POUCHES MAIL ON
BOARD.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>ALUSNA CAPE TOWN</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>4 APRIL 1942</u>			
TOR CODE ROOM <u>1727/04</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PULLEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARDEY</u>			DEFERRED

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LT WEINSTOCK - 041030 NCR 4075

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FROM COV 5	FOR ACTION	EASTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		OPNAV	ROUTINE
DATE 2 APRIL 1942		COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1136/2113	FOR INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY CLINT/FINKEL DEY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

WEINSTOCK

012353 CCR7567

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

AMERICAN TUG MENOMINEE AND BARGES ALLEGANX BARNEGAT
ONTARIO SUNK BY GUNFIRE AT 0210 EWT 31ST APPROXIMATELY
37 34 NORTH 75 25 WEST X DISPOSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL
PAPERS UNKNOWN X ALL CREW FROM BARGES TOTAL NINE LANDED
AT METOMKIN COAST GUARD STATION X CAPTAIN AND CHIEF
ENGINEER OF TUG LANDED FOUR ND X SIXTEEN UNACCOUNTED
FOR X DETAILED REPORT TO FOLLOW

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

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COM 4	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		ROUTINE DDDD DEFERRED
DATE 2 APRIL 42		PRIORITY
TOR CODEBOOK 2151/31		ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY HCNELL		
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER		

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	QCT
TEXT			

SS MENOMINNE XX A TUG BELONGING TO SOUTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY WAS SUNK BY SHELL FIRE ENEMY SUBMARINE ONE AND FIVE TENTHS MILES ONE TWO ONE DEGREES TRUE FROM PARROTTE BANK VIRGINIA AT 0000 MAR 31. THIS TUG HAD NO CODES OR CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS ABOARD. THE ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER UPON INTERVIEW OF SURVIVORS AT LEWES DELAWARE.

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FROM COM EAST SEA FRONTIER		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 1 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODENUMBER 4228/157			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WINTER/BELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

010045 CCR 7452

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

MY 311415 AND 311949 X SS NORTHERN SUN AT LEWES
DELAWARE WITH 2 SURVIVORS AND 1 DEAD FROM TUG
MENIMINEE AND BARGES.

*(Ten miles of Virginia Coast. Tug
torpedoed and 3 barges shelled.
all sunk.)* Details given Army
dispatch.

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FROM COM 5 ND	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 1 APRIL 42	FOR INFORMATION		
FOR CODEROOM 2035/1ST		COM EASTSEA FRON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY ESTES		COMINCH	ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY CLUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

010720 NCR 2202

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

AT 1345 GMT MARCH 29TH, AMERICAN M.S. CITY OF NEW YORK
TORPEDOED TWICE, POSIT APPROXIMATELY 35 NORTH 73 WEST AND
SANK WITHIN 15 MINUTES. ALL CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS BELIEVED
CERTAINLY DESTROYED. ABOARD WERE 83 CREW MEMBERS, 43 PASSENGERS
9 NAVY GUN CREW. AT 312345 GMT USS ROPER LANDED AT NOB
MORFOLK 70 SURVIVORS (70) 9 OF WHO ALIENS. USS ACUSHNET
EXPECTED MOMENTARILY WITH ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS INCLUDING MASTER
AND ARMED GUARD OFFICER.

COMINCH.....ACT.

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FROM, COM 15	FOR ACTION		COM 15 11	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 28 MARCH 1942				DEFERRED
TON CODEROM 1647	INFORMATION		PASSED BY COM 15 TO OPNAV FOR INFO	PRIORITY
DECODED BY HUTCHINSON				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY C AL LEN				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

272344 NCR 0180

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CREW OF MAYFLOWER REPORTED ASHORE IN SALVADOR ON 26TH.
 SEARCHING PLANE REPORTED ON 27TH UNABLE TO LOCATE AND
 PRESUMED TO BE SUNK.

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FROM	CINC A&W1	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	27 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	2133/27	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HEND/WILKINSON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	V TUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

(NSHQ INFO ADMIRALTY 454, OPNAV, SO(1) KINGSTON COAC FROM CINC A&W1)

YOUR 1350Z 20TH OAKMAR (US) SSSS (BEING ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE)
 RECEIVED 1847Z 22 POSITION 38-22 NORTH 68-50 WEST HANDLED BY WSL. ✓
 STAVROSE (GREEK) LANDED 30 SURVIVORS AT BERMUDA ON 24TH MARCH.

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FROM	COM 15	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	MARCH 26 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	0716/0635			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BELL/BELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

260487 CCR 5905

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TEXT			

MOTOR FISHING BOAT WAYFLOWER REPORTED IN SINKING
CONDITION AND ABANDONED BY CREW IN LAT 13° NORTH
LONG 98.28 WEST AT 0500 ZED X COM 11 REQUESTED TO NOTIFY
OWNERS.

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FROM NOB BERMUDA	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCLANT	RRRR ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 26 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1324/1145			PRIORITY
DECODED BY X. COWDEN/COWDEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

252351 CCR 5894

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TEXT VP TOOK OFF AT DAWN MARCH 25TH TO SEARCH VICINITY SSS FROM NARRAGANSETT 0410Z 34;40 NORTH 67-40 WEST. FOUND SHIP 34-30 NORTH 67-36 WEST BOTTOM UP AT 1200Z. SHIP SANK AT 1350Z. VP CONTINUED SEARCH DURING DAY WITH NO SIGN OF SURVIVORS.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>ALUSHA CAPETOWN</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>24 MARCH 42</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR COODROOM <u>5316/E4</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>SABEN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUCKER</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

231532 NCR 7232

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DETAILS, THAT SURVIVORS
OF SS MARY, AMERICAN, TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED IF RECEIVED LATER.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 5	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 23 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0905 / 1832/22	INFORMATION	OPNAV COM EAST SEA FRON COMINCH	PPPPPPP
DECODED BY EGGEMAN/EGGEMAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCY
TEXT			

EIGHT SURVIVORS ALL AMERICANS FROM SS ESSO NASHVILLE
 ✓ TORPEDOED 33-38N 77-20W 0010Q MARCH 21, 1942 LANDED NOB
 NORFOLK TODAY. SUBJECT SHIP BACK BROKEN FROM EXPLOSION
 STILL AFLOAT. STATUS OF SECRET PAPERS UNKNOWN HERE,
 SIXTH DISTRICT COGNIZANT.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COM EASTSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	22 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM	0953 / 0943			ROUTINE
DECODED BY	PORTER / BUSH			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY				

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

✓ SS ESSO NASHVILLE ATTACKED BY SHELL FIRE AND THEN TORPEDOED
ABOUT 0002 QUEEN MAR 21. VESSEL BROKE IN TWO. ALL OF
CREW EXCEPT ONE BELIEVED SAVED. NINE SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN
LANDED AT SOUTHPORT SC. 29 SURVIVORS ABOARD TWO OTHER
RESCUE VESSELS PROCEEDING TO PORT

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM S O (1) JAMAICA	FOR ACTION	MSHQ OTTAWA	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 23 MARCH 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 154/23			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	CINCAWI BAD WASHINGTON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY NEWHOUSE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO PASSES REPORT THAT 'BARBARA' (U.S.)
DUE SAN JUAN FROM BALTIMORE TORPEDOED OFF HAITI 8TH MARCH.

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DRAFTER	501 JAMAICA	FOR ACTION	REPORTING OFFICER CIUDAD (TRUJILLO)	PRIORITY
FROM				ROUTINE
RELEASED BY	23 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
DATE	1154/23RD	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY CINCA 01 8AD WASHINGTON NSHQ	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM	8AD			ROUTINE
DECODED BY	YEAGER			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY				

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT HAVANA REPORTS U.S. SHIP OLGA TORPEDOED NEAR SANTO DOMINGO.

CAN YOU CONFIRM?

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY NSHQ	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	DYER			ROUTINE
DATE	21 MARCH	INFORMATION	DIDD	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	2022/2159			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BERRY/SLADE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 1035

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TEXT			

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X W E HUTTON US TANKER HIT BY
 2 TORPEDOES AND SUNK 20 MILES SOUTH CAPE LOOKOUT
 GAS BUOY 02107/19 X SMOKE AT TIME OF TORPEDOING WAS
 GREENISH WHITE WITH SICKENING TASTE X SUBMARINE SINKING
 ARABUTAN 35-15N 73-55W U-45 TYPE PAINTED DARK GREY X
 ACTION TO ADMIRALTY X NSHQ X FROM COMINCH X

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FROM COM SIX	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRR
DATE 22 MAR 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TON CODEROM 3520			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WHITTAKER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

AMERICAN TANKER W E HUTTON TORPEDDED 20 MILES SOUTH CAPE
LOOKOUT GAS BUOY 18 MAR 2210 EASTERN WAR TIME X SANK FORTY
FIVE MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT X SHIP CARRIED BRITISH AND U S
CODES X BRITISH CODES IN SAFE AND SANK WITH SHIP X CAPTAIN
REPORTS U S CODES ON BRIDGE WERE PROBABLY BURNED UP WITH
VESSEL

16.....ACTION

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FROM <u>COULIN W</u>	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY NSHQ	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ER</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>21 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0426-2237</u>	INFORMATION	DDDD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/CLADE</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

202004 CCR 1000

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X AMERICAN LIBERATOR SUNK WITH
 ONE TORPEDO X AMERICAN PAPOOSE SUNK BY 2 TORPEDOES
 15 MILES SW CAPE LOOKOUT 0245Z/19 X SUB THAT SANK
 OLINDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS X VERY SMALL X PAINTED
 GREY METALLIC COLOR X 3 INCH GUN FORWARD X 2 SMALL
 AA GUNS ON CONNING TOWER X ANTENNA FROM AMIDSHIPS TO
 STERN X NO NET CUTTER X SUB THAT SANK OREGON HAD
 4 OR 5 INCH GUN FORWARD SMALLER GUN AFT X ABOUT 200
 ROUNDS FIRED INCLUDING TRACERS X PAINTED BLACK X SPEED
 ESTIMATED 17 TO 19 KNOTS X SUB APPEARED VERY LARGE X
 CONNING TOWER ESTIMATED EXTEND 15 FEET ABOVE WATERLINE X

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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY CAPT. BIERI			ROUTINE
DATE 19 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2343/1343	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY CINCARI	PRIORITY
DECODED BY SMITH/TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

15 MILES SOUTH WEST CAPE LOOKOUT SS PAPOOSE
TORPEDOED 2245Q/18

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FROM USS DICKENSON		SECBASE LITTLE CREEK	PRIORITY OPOPOPOPOP ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 16 MARCH 1942		OPNAV	OPOPOPOPOP
TOR CODEROOM 0121			ROUTINE
DECODED BY DISNEY			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

UNIDENTIFIED TANKER TORPEDOED OFF DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHTED WHISTLE
BUOY AT ~~XX~~ 1745 Q THIS DATE. SETTLING SLOWLY BY THE STERN, COAST
GUARD VESSEL STANDING BY, BELIEVE CREW AGANDONING SHIP. THIS VESSEL
CONDUCTING SEARCH IN AREA.

COG: COMINCH.....

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPNAV

THE FOLLOWING REC'D 10:01 P.M. FROM HABANA. DATED MARCH 13, 1942.

SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON. URGENT 94, MARCH 13, 2P.M.

VICE CONSUL AT NUEVITAS REPORTS THAT AMERICAN VESSEL TEXAN HIT BY TORPEDO AND 2 SHELLS WITHOUT WARNING AT 8:37 EVENING MARCH 11, 36 MILES NORTHEAST OF NUEVITAS LIGHT. MOORE AND MCCORMACK NEW YORK AGENTS. OF CREW OF 47 INCLUDING CAPTAIN ALL UNINJURED AND LANDED AT NUEVITAS THIS MORNING EXCEPT 9 MEMBERS OF CREW STILL MISSING. NO TRANSPORTATION TO THE UNITED STATES NOW IN PROSPECT FROM NUEVITAS AND SUGGEST THAT CREW COME TO HABANA AND THAT DEPARTMENT ARRANGE PAN AMERICAN PLANE TAKE THEM TO MIAMI MARCH 16TH. ALSO SUGGEST SIMILAR DISPOSITION CREW OF 39 FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY PANAMANIAN TANK STEAMER HANSEAT RECENTLY TORPEDOED WHO WILL ARRIVE HABANA MARCH 16. STANDARD OIL COMPANY AGREEABLE TO THIS. FOLLOWING ARE MISSING CREW MEMBERS OF TEXAN: PAUL M BOSCHENKE, CHARLES LOIT, F.J. RYAN, F.P. WARD, JOHN MAISONETTE, WIPERS WAKEFIELD AND MOMANUS; BOATSWAIN MORLAND AND PANTRYMAN CURLIEL. (SOD) TENELL

SENT TO DN 145PM 3/14/42 (HJ)

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FCC PHONE
0045/12

CORRECTED COPY OF NAME OF SHIP
CORRECT NAME UNDERLINED

INTERCEPTED DIRECT BY BALTIMORE X-1 UNIT ON 500 KCS 0045 GMT
12TH DISTRESS WACU*** SS TEXAN*** POSITION 2132 NORTH 7624.0
WEST TORPEDOED

TOR COMM OFF
0045/12 GCT
DE FROM DE

COMINCH ACTION

03 10 11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG 00R 37 16
00A 01A 200 38 HYDRO 00SHIPS 00PD0 FNO(2)
CWO(3)

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F-354 (CHL)			
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY COMDR DYER			ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 11 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1433/1719	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSH/COWDEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

111336 CCR 747

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X AMERICAN PASSENGER SS BARBARA
TORPEDOED AND SUNK OFF COAST CUBA IN 75-56W MARCH 7
X 21 RESCUED OUT OF 100. PANAMANIAN TANKER ESSO
BOLIVAR DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE AND TORPEDO TIME AND
PLACE UNKNOWN BUT IN CARIBBEAN. SHIP NOW IN GUANTANAMO.

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FROM	50 (1) JAMAICA	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY, CINC AMI	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			BAD, NSHQ	ROUTINE
DATE	8 MAR 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TO: CODE ROOM				PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

FULTON

071458NCR8172

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

RECEIVED IN NCR FROM BAD BY MESSENGER
R.O. CIUDAD TRUJILLO REPORTS 26 SURVIVORS OF U.S. SHIP OREGON
LANDED 3/3 NEAR PUERTO PLATA STATING SHIP SUNK 3 DAYS OUT OF
ARUBA. U.S. LEGATION INVESTIGATING. INCIDENT NOT REPORTED IN PRESS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINC A & WI	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY OPNAV BAG	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 7 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 2330/7	INFORMATION	NSHQ S.O. (1) JAMAICA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HAFDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

RODNEY

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NCR 7690

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

DELIVERED BY HAND TO NCR FROM BAG

NCSD GEORGETOWN, B.G. REPORTS ONE SURVIVOR FROM BAYOU (PAN)
RIO DE JANEIRO TO TRINIDAD PICKED UP ON RAFT IN POSITION
007-36 N 058-05 W AT NOON YESTERDAY 5TH MARCH. STATES SHIP
TORPEDDED DURING NIGHT OF 27TH FEBRUARY AND SANK IN HALF A
MINUTE, PROBABLE POSITION OF SINKING OFF PARAMARIBO.

BAG PASS TO OPNAV

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FROM ALUSNA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 5 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION	COM 10	PPPPPPPP
TOR CODEROM 0754/5			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY BIRNBAUM			
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY **050445 CR 5988**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

MY 042355 OREGON SUNK 1 MARCH 4 A.M. OFF CAKOENGAND. WHEREABOUTS
OF NINE MEN AND MASTER IN ANOTHER BOAT NOT YET KNOWN.

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FROM <u>ALUSNA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>5 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COM 10	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>6327/5</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BALL</u>			PPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARDEY</u>			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY 042355 NCR 5888

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

TWENTY SIX SURVIVORS TORPEDOED U S TANKER OREGON LANDED FOUR
MARCH ~~XXXX~~ PUERTO PLATA.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	B.O. I/O TRINIDAD PORT OF SPAIN	FOR ACTION	CINCARI	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	4 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOW COORDROOM	0127/4TH	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY BAD S.O. KINGSTON JAMAICA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	MAIL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. SHELLABARGER

021832Q NCR 5710

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT	RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM BAD.		

STEAMSHIP ESSO COPENHAGEN (PANAMA) SUNK 2255 Z 25TH FEBRUARY
 IN POSITION 1032 NORTH 53-20 WEST. TRAVELLING SURVIVORS ENTIRE
 CREW LANDED TRINIDAD.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NSHQ		0A-12	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		ADMIRALTY 826	ROUTINE
DATE 3 MARCH 1942		SO (1) JAMAICA	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0230		CINC A & WI	
DECODED BY LUNDBERG/LAKIN		OPNAV	
PARAPHRASED BY LUNDBERG			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

BLOVIN**0220/08****ICR4672**

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DATE

TIME

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TEXT

ADMIRALTY 826 SO (1) JAMAICA CINC A&WI OPNAV FROM NSHQ X
CONSULAR SHIPPING ADVISOR NEW ORLEANS REPORTS U.S. DIXIE
SHOARD WHICH SAILED FROM HALIFAX FEBRUARY 7TH DUE NEW ORLEANS
FEBRUARY 19TH WAS SUNK ABOUT FEB. 14TH. NO FURTHER
INFORMATION NSHQ.

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FROM CTF 4	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY MARCH 2, 1942			ROUTINE DDD
DATE 0025/2	INFORMATION	CINCLANT	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM EVANS			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BRUMFIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

WEINSTOCK**281247****NCR 4079**

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OPNAV 211530 X NO TRACE OF POLLUX NOW VISIBLE SALVAGE PLANS ABANDONED X
WILL CONTINUE WITH SALVAGE PLANS FOR TRUXTON

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FROM ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE ROUTINE
DATE 25 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1740/25	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LA FOLLETTE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

BLOVIN**251537****NCR 1535**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

DAILY SERIAL 25 X AMERICAN FLORENCE DOG BOMBED AND SUNK FEBRUARY
 NINETEEN POSIT 10-56 SOUTH 130-07 EAST X BRITISH ANGLO INDIAN
 BOMBED AND DAMAGED FEBRUARY 12 ARRIVED COLOMBO X NORWEGIAN TAN-KER
 EODA ON65 TORPEDOED AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED ARRIVED HALIFAX XX CONVOY
 SC68 ARRIVED 20 SHIPS XX NO ACTIVITY KB40 OBSERVED YESTERDAY XX ONE
 EIGHT INCH CRUISER PROBABLY PRINX EUGEN IN LO FIORD

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FROM ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	AX37 OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 20 FEBRUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1943	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY ALLEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SONLE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

DAILY SERIAL 19 XX YNGAREN SERIAL 5 IN CONVOY HX 168 TORPEDOED
AND SUNK AT 0400 JANUARY 12 POSIT APPROXIMATE 57-00 NORTH 26-00
WEST XX 3 CRAFT KG40 ACTIVE FROM BORDEAU X YESTERDAY OPERATING
OFF WEST COAST OF PORTUGAL AND EXTENDING SOUTH OF CAPE SAINT
VINCENT.

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FROM CD CARIBBEAN SEA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	0000PPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 10 FEB 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1654/19	INFORMATION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BIRN:AUM			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

191435 NCR 8100

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TEXT			

ORIGINATOR COMTASKGROUP 6.3, ACTION VAN KINSBERGEN.

REPORT RECEIVED VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SINKING OFF ENTRANCE ARUBA 1326 OCT

COMINCH....COG.

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FROM COM CARIBBEAN SEA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	0000PPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 19 FEB 42	INFORMATION	<i>OPNAV</i>	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1650/19			
DECODED BY BIRNBAUM			
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

ORIGINATOR COMTASKGROUP 6.3, ACTION VAN KINSBERGEN.

REPORT RECEIVED VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SINKING OFF ENTRANCE ARUBA 1326 GCT

COMINCH....C06.

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FROM <u>COM EASTERN SEA FRONTIER</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	OP OP OP OP	
RELEASED BY _____		OPNAV	PRIORITY	
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 17 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH	ROUTINE	
FOR CODEROOM <u>1841/1752</u>			DEFERRED	
DECODED BY <u>BELL</u>		NOB NEWPORT	OP OP OP	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>BELL</u>		COM 5	COM 3	ROUTINE
		COM 4		DEFERRED
		COM 6		
		COM 1		

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171636 CCR 2043

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TEXT			

US TANKER EH BLUM AT 2140 Q WHEN THREE MILES 52 DEGREES
FROM CAPE HENRY IN FOG FIRST HIT ARMY MINES WHICH
DID NOT EXPLODE THEN HIT NAVY MINESWHICH EXPLODED;
SANK IN 24 FEET OF WATER; CREW OF 40 ALL RESCUED
WITH TWO SLIGHTLY INJURED; SHIP RESTING ON BOTTOM;
TUG WITH NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR ON BOARD NOW PROCEEDING;
SHOULD BE ABLE TO SALVAGE; FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN
AVAILABLE.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODERBOM.

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Op-10-MD

February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF SHIPS

I have told Andrews that we wanted to use every possible means to get the ~~WASHEMER~~ up in the shortest possible space of time.

You will recall my recent directive to reexamine the proposition of making Her an aircraft carrier, one reason being our acute shortage in this type of ship; still another reason because of the great value she would have in the transport of aircraft because of her size and speed, not to mention our need for transportation of aircraft to the Southwest Pacific, which need will probably increase.

The President has just sent word to me that he wants to do this very thing; namely, convert her into an aircraft carrier. Here are his thoughts:-

Cut all the upper works off down to the main deck. Build a deck above this that can transport a large number of planes. Do not put an island on her, but put the bridge forward and underneath - as he put it - like the Japs do and, incidentally, we are, I believe, doing the same thing on our CLs. Put some fore and aft bulkheads in her. Install as many anti-aircraft guns as practicable.

Study should start on this immediately so that plans, material, and everything may proceed while getting the vessel righted.

Here is a nice problem. Let's make a record on it!

HRS.

H. R. STARK

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Commandant, Third Naval District
Director, Fleet Maintenance Division
The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation
The Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics
The Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
The Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance
The General Board
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