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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	DOMINGH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 27 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMDESLANT COMCARIBSEAFRON COM 8	DEFERRED
FOR CODE NO. 0428/0322			PRIORITY
DECODED BY CLUNT/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	QCT
TEXT	<u>27 APR 42</u>		

AT 261630 QUEEN USS STURTEVANT DEPARTING KEY WEST FOR
 NEW ORLEANS FOULED MINE AND SUNK APPROXIMATELY EIGHT
 MILES NORTH OF MARQUESAS KEY X ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN
 SURVIVORS LANDED KEY WEST X THREE DEAD X PRESENT BEST
 INFORMATION IS TEN MISSING X FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
 FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE

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FROM COM 7		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 27 1942			DEFERRED
TOB CODEBOOK 2220/2132		CINCLANT-COMDESLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL, BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

STURTEVANT NOW RESTING ON BOTTOM IN DANGER AREA WITH
ONLY CROWS NEST SHOWING X ALL CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS
STILL ON BOARD LOCKED IN SAFE X UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS
CONSIDER SALVAGE DANGEROUS. AND SLOWLY SINKING.

CAUTION DANGER AREA. SMALL FIRE
ON BOARD EXTINGUISHED BY CREW. EXPECT TO KEEP
ABOAT BY SHIP'S PUMP. GUNNERS MADE THREE
SAFETY TO SEA EVERYING FOUR HAY. INCREASING
DEPTH OF SEA DEPT UNKNOW TO SW YARD.

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FROM COMSIXTEEN	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 1942			DDDD DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1426 / 1342	INFORMATION	COMSOWESTPACFOR OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY CAMBRON/CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DDDD DEFERRED

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050222 CCR 2815

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

TANAGER OAHU AND LUZON DAMAGED BY HEAVY ENEMY
ARTILLERY FIRE FROM BATAAN FOUR MAY.

TANAGER ~~RSRTED~~ BLEW UP AND SANK AFTER NUMEROUS
HITS. OAHU HAS DECKS AWASH AND SLOWLY SINKING.
LUZONS DAMAGE MOSTLY UPPER DECKS. SMALL FIRE
ON BOARD EXTINGUISHED BY CREW. EXPECT TO KEEP
LUZON AFLOAT BY SHIPS PUMPS. QUAIL MADE THREE
SWEEPS TO SEA EVENING FOUR MAY, INCREASING
WIDTH OF NEW SWEEP CHANNEL TO 500 YARDS.

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FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMSOWESPACFOR	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 7 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0951 / 0945	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR 17 COMINCH COMTASKFOR 16	URGENT PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

HAVE INTERCEPTED ON SHIP SHORE SERIES IN PLAIN LANGUAGE
 UNDER CALL AFIRM THREE TWO THREE WHICH IS NEOSHO PLAIN
 LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS AT GREENWICH TIMES INDICATED.
 0418 SINKING. 0618 HEAVILY BOMBED SIXTEEN DASH FIFTEEN SOUTH
 ONE FIVE SEVEN EAST DRIFTING NORTHWEST SINKING SIMS
 SUNK. 0740 CAN HELP BE EXPECTED.

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FROM COMPATRON 31

1 MAY 1942

1828 / 1736

BUSH / BUSH

ACTION:

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COM 10

PRIORITY

INFO:

BUAER
COMPATWING 3

PRIORITY

011400 OOR 1875

PREP BAKER YOKE DASH FIVE BUREAU NUMBER 2400 WATER LOOPE
ON LANDING AT NAVAL AIR STATION ST LUCIA BAY. TIME 2216Z
30 APRIL. NO CASUALTIES. PLANE SUBMERGED IN 15 FEET OF
WATER. MAJOR OVERHAUL REQUIRED. SALVAGE OPERATIONS UNDER-
WAY.

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FROM <u>USS FALCON</u>	FOR ACTION	COM 5	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR
DATE <u>2 MAY 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>1245 / 1059</u>	INFORMATION	COMEASTSEAFRON COMINCH CINCLANT COMSUBLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PORTER / BUSH</u>			ROUTINE RRRR
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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020930 CCR 2112

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

THIRTY FOUR DIVES MADE THURSDAY FRIDAY. THOROUGH INSPECTION REVEALED NO APPARENT HULL DAMAGE SUB LISTED 80 DEGREES STARBOARD CONNING TOWER HATCH OPEN. ATTEMPTED ENTER SUB DIVER CAUGHT IN CONNING TOWER DUE LIST BUT NOTED LOWER HATCH PARTIALLY LOGGED. LOCATED MAIN BALLAST SALVAGE MANIFOLD FAILED LOCATE PROPER SUPPLY CONNECTION. IF SUPPLY LOCATED TODAY WILL ATTEMPT BLOWING TO REMOVE LIST IN ORDER ENTER CONTROL ROOM. IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING LIST BY 1600 QUEEN WILL ABANDON OPERATIONS UNLESS OTHER WISE DIRECTED.

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	USS FALCON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>EDWARDS</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MAY 2 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODENOO <u>246/2100</u>	INFORMATION	COM 5 COM EASTSEA FRON CINCLANT COMSUBLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>EDWARDS/FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

YOUR 020930 BASED ON PLANS OF UNIT 570 SALVAGE MANIFOLD TO MAIN BALLAST TANKS IS LOCATED ON CENTER LINE JUST FORWARD OF BRIDGE FAIRWATER. VALVE HANDLES ON THIS MANIFOLD ARE SQUARE FOR EVEN NUMBERED TANKS AND ROUND FOR ODD NUMBERED TANKS. HANDLES HAVE RAISED RINGS CORRESPONDING TO TANK NUMBER VALVE HANDLE TO NO. 5 TANK HAS ONE BROAD BAND. DIVERS HOSE CONNECTION IS BETWEEN TWO SALVAGE VALVES LOCATED LITTLE ABAFT CENTER OF BRIDGE FAIRWATER STARBOARD SIDE. THE AFTER VALVE CONNECTS TO SALVAGE MANIFOLD AND IS OPEN WHEN HANDLE IS IN DOWN POSITION. HOSE CONNECTION HAS 30MM THREADS. SALVAGE PLAN WILL BE FORWARDED IF DESIRED.

REF: LOCATED MAIN BALLAST SALVAGE MANIFOLD FAILED LOCATE PROPER SUPPLY CONNECTION, ETC.

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FROM SECNAV	FOR ACTION	COMGULFSEAFRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY WOODSON			ROUTINE
DATE 27 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1656/27TH	INFORMATION	COM 7 COM 3 CINCLANT COMCARIBSEAFRON COMDESLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY KALADJIAN			DEFERRED

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

COURT OF INQUIRY COMDR JAMES H MCKAY USN PRESIDENT LT COMDR ELLSWORTH DAVIS USN RET AND LT COMDR JOE W SOULWARE USN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND CAPT ARTHUR C BLIESENER USMC RET JUDGE ADVOCATE ORDERED CONVENED AT NAVAL STATION KEY WEST FLORIDA AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO INQUIRE INTO CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDANT ON THE LOSS OF THE USS STURTEVANT AND THE LOSS AND DEATH OF AND INJURIES TO PERSONNEL RESULTING THEREFROM. COURT WILL INCLUDE IN FINDING A FULL STATEMENT FACTS DEEMED ESTABLISHED WILL GIVE OPINION AS TO WHETHER OFFENSES COMMITTED OR SERIOUS BLAME INCURRED AND WILL RECOMMEND WHAT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE HAD. ATTENTION INVITED TO SEC 734 NAVAL COURTS AND BOARDS. COMDT NAVY YARD KEY WEST FLORIDA DIRECTED FURNISH CLERICAL ASSISTANCE. LT (JG) FRANCIS. CARMODY USN RET DIRECTED REPORT AS COUNSEL TO JUDGE ADVOCATE.

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FROM COMSOWESPAC	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TON CODEROM 956/6	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMANZACFOR *****	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELLEW			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT WEINSTOCK

060645 NCR 4881

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TEXT			

PERCH IS NOW TEN DAYS OVERDUE ORDERED ARRIVAL IN PORT.
 DEPARTED DARWIN ON PATROL FEB 3. LAST MESSAGE RECEIVED FEB
 27 FROM POSITION NEAR LAT 16-18 SOUTH LONG 116-34 EAST.
 BELIEVED LOST DURING BATTLE OF JAVA SEA BETWEEN ABOVE
 POSITION AND LONG 111-34. ON MARCH 11 WAS ORDERED REJOIN
 HOLLAND AT FREEMANTLE. SINCE MARCH 18 HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY
 DIRECTED REPORT POSITION

Lt. Cdr. D.A. Hart C'dg.

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FROM <u>COM 7</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>5 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	EASTSEAFRON COMDT CO WASHN	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM <u>2323/4</u>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>MALONE</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HILL</u>			

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LT WEINSTOCK

142800 NCR 4187

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TEXT			

FAILING TO ARRIVE AT SALEM, USCG SEAPLANE 5777(05203) DEPARTED FROM
US3 NORTH CAROLINA AT CASCO BAY 1645Q 3 APRIL FOR SALEM AIR BASE.

TRUE

AT 1750Q SAME DATE IN POSITION 119 DEG/FROM WHITE ISLAND LIGHT
DISTANCE 3 MILES UUS PUFFIN AMC 29 DISCOVERED A DAMAGED WING

PONTON WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FROM SUBJECT PLANE. THOROUGH
SEARCH ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3 AND CONTINUED ON APRIL 4 WAS

CONDUCTED BY AIR AND SURFACE CRAFT WITHOUT DISCOVERING OIL OR
OTHER WRECKAGE. PLANE MUST THEREFOR BE CONSIDERED LOST WITH

CREW OF TWO MEN. PILOT EDWARD THEODORE WERNER REPEAT WERNER
AVIATION MACHINIST MATE SECOND CLASS USCG. CECIL V BRATA

REPEAT BRATA RADLOMAN 3RD CLASS USCG.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMCARIBSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 15 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1323/15	INFORMATION	COMDT CG WASHN	PPPPPPP
DECODED BY ANELLO			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			DEFERRED

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151229 NCR 2180

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT *7 tender class cutter 172' armed with MGs*

CG ACACIA SUNK BY GUNFIRE LAT 16-17 LONG 63-44. SURVIVORS IN
BOATS LOCATED BY PLANE.

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FROM COMSOWESPACFOR	FOR ACTION	BUAER	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DDDDDDDD
DATE 13 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEROOM 0456/13			ROUTINE
DECODED BY ANELLC			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY TUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

R G COPELAND

120815 NCR 0738

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

ON 3 MARCH PBY PLANES SERIAL NUMBERS 1228 AND 1236 WERE DESTROYED BY BURNING ON THE WATER AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ATTACK AT BROOME AUSTRALIA. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THEY BE STRICKEN FROM THE NAVY LIST. THIS TO BUAER FROM COMSOWESPAC.

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FROM COM USNAV FORCES SW PAC		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUT ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 1 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1025/0022		OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL			ROUT ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY DELI			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

270606 CCR 3267

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

EE STEWART X MY 211855 X HULL BADLY RUPTURED IN NUMBER 2
 FIREROOM AND BOTH ENGINE ROOMS X ELSEWHERE ON PORT SIDE
 FRAMES BADLY BENT AND SEAMS OPEN X PORT ENGINE AND SHAFT
 COMPLETELY OUT OF COMMISSION AND DISTORTION OF HULL MAKES
 QUESTIONABLE OTHER STARBOARD ENGINE CAN RUN X SECRET AND
 CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS AMMUNITION STORES SPARE PARTS
 ETC HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO OTHER US SHIPS X FLOATING DOCK
 PIERCED BY SHIPS PORT PROPELLER AS SHE FELL X EVERY
 EFFORT BEING MADE TO REPAIR BOTH DOCK AND SHIP AND FLOAT
 LATTER BUT TWO WEEKS FORECAST FOR THIS X DEMOLITION
 PARTY STANDING BY TO INSURE ENEMY WILL NOT GET THIS
 SHIP XX

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FROM COMEASTSEAFLON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY PPPPPP
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE 29 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 0043 / 0017	INFORMATION	NOB NEWPORT COM 5, 4, 6, 1, 3	PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BUSH			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

282205 CCR 3225

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

KNOWN FACTS OF JACOBS JONES SINKING. SPEED FIFTEEN WHEN ATTACHED AT 0500 QUEEN FEB 28. NO SUBMARINE SEEN. NO TORPEDO SEEN. FIRST TORPEDO BLEW UP BOW. THREE MEN SAW LIGHT ON WATER MOVE AROUND BOW AFTER FIRST TORPEDO ONLY ONE DECK RATING SURVIVED. SOME TIME LATER SECOND TORPEDO HIT AFT. MID SECTION REMAINED AFLOAT ABOUT ONE HOUR. DEPTH CHARGES BLEW UP PROBABLY KILLED ABOUT THIRTY. ELEVEN SURVIVE AND ONE BODY. ALL IN SICK QUARTERS NAS CAPE MAY. ONE CASE SERIOUS GIVEN BLOOD TRANSFUSION. ONE MAN ENGINE ROOM ESCAPED REMAINDER SURVIVORS IN MIDSHIP SECTION. ALL POSSIBLE SEARCH MADE ^R BOTH ^{BOTH} AIR AND SURFACE CRAFT. BELIEVED NO OTHER SURVIVORS. COMFOUR REPORTING NAMES THOSE SAVED TO BUNAV.

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FROM <u>COM U.S. NAVAL FORCE SW PAC</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY PPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY _____			
DATE <u>3 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0118/3</u>			
DECODED BY <u>MITTENDORF</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PURDY</u>			

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TEXT			

SHARK IS NOW 10 DAYS OVERDUE ORDERED ARRIVAL IN PORT. HAVE RECEIVED NO MESSAGE FROM SHARK SINCE FEBRUARY 7TH. SINCE FEBRUARY 18TH SHE HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY DIRECTED TO REPORT POSITION WITHOUT RECEIVING ANSWER. LAST PATROL STATION WAS GENERAL VICINITY LAT 1 SOUTH LONG 127 EAST. ON FEBRUARY 8TH WAS ORDERED PROCEED TO JAVA VIA CELEBES SEA AND MAKASSAR STRAIT. THIS FROM COMSOWSPAC TO OPNAV INFO COMINCH.

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FROM	COM US FOR SW PAC	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	4 MARCH 42	INFORMATION	COMINCH COM ANZAC FOR	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM	0423/4TH			ROUTINE
DECODED BY	EDWARDS			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUCKER			

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LT. SHELLABARGER

#30503 NCR 5271

LT LOUD

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TEXT			

AT 0700Z MARCH 1ST, TANKER PECOS DIVE BOMBED AND SUNK LAT 14-27 SOUTH,
LONG 106-11 EAST. LANGLEY SURVIVORS WERE ABOARD. AT PRESENT 200
SURVIVORS ACCOUNTED FOR.

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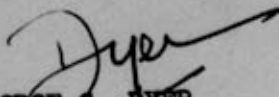
MEMORANDUM

Date March 7, 1942.

From: Intelligence Officer.
To: Captain Mc Crea.

A report is due today from the Commanding Officer, Antisubmarine Warfare Unit, Boston, on the attack by the JACOB JONES off New York. This is the only possibility.

Regarding TRITON - Her report is not yet in. The attack she participated in - has been evaluated as "Possible Damage". Lots of depth charges; lots of "big air bubbles"; some oil (always is); one report of the side of a submarine (the roll of the depth charge more likely).


GEORGE C. DYER.

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FROM COM US NAV FOR S W PAC		FOR ACTION		BUAER		PRIORITY	
RELEASED BY						ROUTINE	
DATE MARCH 4 1942						DEFERRED DDDDDD	
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION				PRIORITY	
DECODED BY						ROUTINE	
PARAPHRASED BY O'BRIEN						DEFERRED	

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TEXT

CONSOLIDATED CATALINA PLANES YOKE FORTY TWO AND FORTY FOUR RECEIVED BY
 PATRON ONE ZERO ONE FROM NETHERLANDS NAVY HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE
 TWENTY FOUR AND TWO FIVE FEB RESPECTIVELY X IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
 THESE BE STRICKEN FROM NAVY LIST

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For the President

2/27/42

MC-D
1030 pm

Langley carrying thirty seven P forties to Java
sunk by bombing attack one hundred
thirty miles south Tjilatjap x No ~~further~~
details as to casualties Comdg Officer known
to be survivor x Forty enemy transports
covered by nine cruisers and twenty
one destroyers attempting landing in
force north Java Coast x Dutch British
and US combined striking force of
two cruisers three light cruisers and
ten destroyers engaging in major battle
x Fragmentary reports indicate enemy
Mogami parenthesis Eightyfive hundred
ton cruiser unparenthesis and three
destroyers out of action x One Dutch
destroyer sunk Ester (British cruiser)
damaged x No reports regarding
Houston and our two destroyer
divisions x Battle continues x Will
keep you advised as information becomes
available

McAfee

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tel. message from Adm. Stark:

Jacob Jones was hit by 2 torpedoes, one bow, one stern; depth charges let go. This probably accounts ~~off~~ for heavy loss of life. Survivors are in hospital at Cope May, where they cannot talk to anyone. This should be kept quiet for the present. There has been no press release.

Received by Lange 1845/28

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
FROM	COM EASTSEA FRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				URGENT
DATE	20 FEBRUARY 1942	INFORMATION	CINCLANT NOB NEWPORT COM 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	1616/1607			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	CANNING			URGENT
PARAPHRASED BY	SLADE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

ABOUT LAT 38-37 NORTH LONG 74-32 WEST JACOB JONES
SUNK X TWELVE SURVIVORS PICKED UP FROM RAFT X SEARCHING
AREA BY AIR AND SURFACE VESSELS X TIME OF SINKING UN-
KNOWN X WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

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NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM SW PAC FORCE	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY P P P P P
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 22 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 0557 / 0513	INFORMATION	QPNV	PRIORITY P P P P P
DECODED BY PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BUSH			DEFERRED

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21055 CCR 250

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TEXT			

STEWART WHILE ON FLOATING DOCK SOURIBAYA UNDERGOING REPAIRS INCIDENT TO ENEMY GUNFIRE IN ACTION NIGHT OF NINETEEN TWENTY FELL FROM BLOCKS. DAMAGE CONSIDERABLE. SOURABAYA SUBJECTED HEAVY AIR RAID TODAY. FULL DETAILS NOT YET KNOWN. PARAGRAPH.

REFER MY 201005 FURTHER REPORTS INDICATE PROBABILITY TOTAL OF FOUR POSSIBLY FIVE ENEMY SHIPS DESTROYED INCLUDING TWO TRANSPORTS AND TWO CRUISERS ONE OF KATORI CLASS. PARA.

CONFIRM TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF PEARY AT DARWIN NINETEENTH. APPROXIMATELY 80 CASUALTIES. 56 SURVIVORS AT DARWIN. NO DETAILS YET.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	CH24	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMTASKFOR 4	FOR ACTION	SECNAV	PPPPPPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	26 FEBRUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2103/20	INFORMATION	COMINCH JUNAV OPNAV CINCLANT	PPPPPPPPPPPP
DECODED BY	HOWELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	V TUCKER			DEFERRED

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TEXT

FACTS CONCERNING GROUNDING OF WILKES AND LOSS OF TRUXTON AND POLLUX NOW BEING DETERMINED, BY COURT OF INQUIRY CAPTAIN GAIL MORGAN US NAVY

PRESIDENT. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE GENERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS FOLLOWS. POLLUX ESCORTED BY WILKES TRUXTON PROCEEDING TO ARGENTIA X

SENIOR OFFICER COMDR W W WEBB IN WILKES. SET OF CURRENT TO NORTHWEST NOT DETECTED. DANGEROUS PROXIMITY TO BEACH DISCOVERED TOO LATE TO

AVOID. WILKES GROUNDED AT 0400 18TH WITHOUT DAMAGING PROPELLERS OR RUDDER AND REFLOATED HERSELF 3 HOURS LATER. WILKES TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY

WARN POLLUX TRUXTON WHICH WERE BOTH GROUNDED HARD SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. POLLUX WILKES TRUXTON REPORTED GROUNDED BY RADIO BUT GEOGRAPHIC

LOCATION DOUBTFUL. COMTASKFOR 4 DETERMINED LOCATION BY RADIO DIRECTION FINDER HEARINGS SCOUTED SITUATION BY PLANE ORGANIZED CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE

AND SENT ALL AVAILABLE CRAFT FOR ASSISTANCE FROM SEA AND SHORE. DOCTORS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES RUSHED BY PLANE. TRUXTON HEELLED AND BROKE UP

QUICKLY WITH HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FROM EXPOSURE OIL STRANGULATION AND BATTERING IN SURF. NO RESCUE FROM SEA POSSIBLE. POLLUX SITUATION SERIOUS

AT TIME OF GROUNDING RESCUE FROM BOTH SEA AND SHORE DOUBTFUL. WILKES STOOD BY ATTEMPTING WITHOUT SUCCESS TO FLOAT RAFT TO POLLUX. SOME 50

POLLUX MEN ATTEMPTED SWIM ASHORE ALL BUT ABOUT 10 DROWNED. HEROIC EFFORTS TO SWIM LINES ASHORE FAILED OWING TO INABILITY TO HANDLE OIL SOAKED

LINES. ONE MAN REACHED TOP OF CLIFF AND WITH HELP OF NATIVES RIGGED

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FROM	COMTASKFOR 4	SECNAV		ROUTINE
RELEASED BY				DEFERRED
DATE	28 FEBRUARY 1942			
TOR CODEROM	2183/28	COMINCH BUNAV OPNAV CINCLANT		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HOWELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	V TUCKER			DEFERRED

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TEXT

BREKCHES BUOY. POLLUX BEGAN BREAK UP ABOUT NOON WEDNESDAY. REMAINDER SHIPS COMPANY REACHED SEA LEVEL LEDGE VIA BREKCHES BUOY BUT SOME WERE WASHED AWAY BEFORE ALL COULD BE DRAGGED TO TOP OF CLIFF. ROUGH COUNTRY LACK OF TRANSPORTATION AND CONDITION OF SURVIVORS NECESSITATED REMAINING BY CAMPFIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT. WILKES ARRIVED ARGENTIA SEAWORTHY FOR VOYAGE TO NAVY YARD. SHIPWRECKED SURVIVORS AND REMAINS OF VICTIMS BEING RETURNED TO ARGENTIA. MAJORITY SURVIVORS SUFFERING FROM EFFECTS OF IMMERSION AND COLD OTHERWISE CONDITION REASONABLY GOOD. BODIES GENERALLY NOT RECOGNIZABLE BY REASON FUEL OIL AND BATTERING IN ROCKS. USUAL COURAGE DISCIPLINE AND SELF SACRIFICE DISPLAYED BY OFFICERS AND MEN. FEW WOULD HAVE SURVIVED WRECK AND EXPOSURE EXCEPT FOR THE TIRELESS EFFECTIVE AND GENEROUS ASSISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEARBY TOWN OF ST LAWRENCE TO WHOM US NAVY OWES ETERNAL GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION. THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT AN OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT. OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH BUNAV.

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FROM COMTASKFOR 4 (LANT)	FOR ACTION	<i>Seaman</i> BYOMING	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 21 FEB 1942.	FOR INFORMATION	COMINCH OPNAV CINCLANT	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0218 / 0110			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY BUSH			

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THE RESCUE OF 80 MANY OFFICERS AND MEN FROM THE POLLUX AND TRUXTUN IS DUE IN MAJOR PART TO THE TIRELESS, EFFICIENT AND IN MANY CASES HEROIC CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE OF ST LAWRENCE NEWFOUNDLAND. THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WORKED WITHOUT CESSATION FOR 36 HOURS UNDER SUB FREEZING CONDITIONS IN HIGH WINDS AND SNOW. AFTER RESCUE THEY GAVE FREELY AND GENERAOUSLY FROM THEIR LIMITED POSSESSIONS FOR THE CARE AND COMFORT OF THE SURVIVORS STRIPPING THEMSELVES OF ARTICLES ~~OF~~ OF CLOTHING WHICH THEY NEED. WITHOUT THEIR PROMT AND CONTINUOUS EFFORT FEW WOULD HAVE BEEN RESCUED. IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE OF RESOURCEFULNESS STAMINA AND GENEROSITY WHICH DESERVES THE LASTING GRATITUDE OF OUR NAVY. I HAVE PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO THEM OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION. I SUGGEST THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PEOPLE OF ST LAWRENCE

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

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TEXT			

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE NAVY AND OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. I FEEL THAT IN ADDITION THERE SHOULD BE SOME LASTING PROOF OF AMERICAN APPRECIATION AND I WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THIS EFFECT.

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FROM US NAVFOR SW PAC	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		DOMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE FEBRUARY 20, 1942		INCPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 27/1546	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY DEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BELL			DEFERRED

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TEXT

ABOUT NOON 16TH HOUSTON PEARY TWO CORVETTES AND CONVOY
FOUR MERCHANTMEN WHILE ENROUTE DARWIN TO KOEPANG UNDER-
WENT SEVERE BOMBING ATTACK 44 PLANES X NO DIRECT HITS
SLIGHT DAMAGE TO MAUNA LOA X CONVOY THEN ORDERED RE-
TURN TO DARWIN HOUSTON PEARY TO FUEL AND PROCEED
WESTWARD X THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BUT FOR REASONS AS YET
UNDETERMINED PEARY RETURNED TO DARWIN ABOUT 12 HOURS
AFTER DEPARTURE AND WAS IN HARBOR DURING HEAVY AIR
RAID 27 PLANES X UNCONFIRMED REPORT PEARY TOTAL LOSS
AS WERE 4 MERCHANTMEN INCLUDING MAUNA LOA X PRESTON
SEVERELY DAMAGED AND PROCEEDING DERBY X ELEVEN KILLED
TWO INJURED ABOARD PRESTON XX DURING NIGHT OF 19-20
STEWART PARROTT EDWARDS PILSBURY FORD POPE WITH TROMP (cc)
JAVA (cc) DERUYTER (cc) AND DUTCH DDS ATTACKED ENEMY ENGAGED
LANDING SOUTH AND EAST COASTS OF ENLE X FULL REPORT RE-

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DATE			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

SULTS NOT YET AVAILABLE X COMDESDIV 58 REPORTS
TWO ENEMY SHIPS HIT BY TORPEDOES AND OUT OF
ACTION X NO MAJOR DAMAGE OUR DDS TROMP BADLY
DAMAGED ONE KILLED ONE INJURED STEWART 2 INJURED
PARROT XX BOMBING RAIDS THIS AREA PAST TWO DAYS.

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FROM <u>CGTF 7.4 LANT</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV CINCLANT COMINCH BUSHIPS	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>27 FEB 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMDESLANTFLT CONTRAINFLT (LANT)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0729/0447</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>TIERS</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>TIERS</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

BOTH POLLUX AND TRUXTON BROKEN UP AND TOTAL LOSS.
NO SALVAGE ANY KIND.

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FROM	COM 15	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY OP UP OP OP
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	19 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEBOOK	2112/2100	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	BERRY			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

YOUR 181849 SUB SURCOUF OVERDUE X MESSAGE FROM
 SS THOMPSON LYKES REPORTS ACCIDENTLY RAMMED AND SANK
 A CRAFT BELIEVED TO BE A SUB IN LAT 10-40 N LONG 79-31 W
 AT 0330Z NINETEEN FEB X AREA BEING SEARCHED BY AIR AND
 SURFACE CRAFT

Surcouf last reported 11 N 79 W.

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FROM COMEASTSEA FRON	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 18 FEBRUARY 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEROOM 1702/0656			ROUTINE
DECODED BY SLADE			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY SLADE			

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TEXT			

MINESWEEPER DETECTOR SUNK ACCOUNT COLLISION WITH
STANDARD OIL COMPANY TANKER OSWEGO AT ENTRANCE NORTH
CHANNEL THREE HUNDRED YARDS EAST NORTH EAST FINNS
LEDGE BUOY X NO CASUALTIES

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER		ADDRESSEES 13545 KCS		PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMTASKFOR 8 (PAC)	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY						ROUTINE
DATE	7 FEBRUARY 1942					DEFERRED DDDD
TOR CODEROOM	0237/7TH	INFORMATION				PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HEINE					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GRAYDON					DEFERRED

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TEXT			

YOUR 030628 TO CINCPAC. ATTACKS ON ENTERPRISE BY TWIN-ENGINED LANDPLANES NAVY TYPE 96VB. FIRST ATTACK FIVE PLANES CLOSE SHALLOW VEE COMMENCED APPROACH FROM TWENTY MILES ON BOW ABOUT FOURTEEN THOUSAND FEET APPROACH HIGH SPEED SHALLOW GLIDE SPEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY KNOTS RELEASE ABOUT TWO THOUSAND FEET. NO EFFORT MANEUVER TO EVADE AA FIRE OR VF. ATTACK PRESSED HOME WITH FEROCITY. ONE PLANE DAMAGED ATTEMPTED CRASH LANDING CARRIER DECK. STRUCK EDGE OF FLIGHT DECK. ONE OTHER SHOT DOWN AFTER ATTACK. BEST ESTIMATE FOUR BOMBS EACH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED POUND SIZE POSSIBLY INCENDIARIES ALSO. BOMBS MISSED CLOSE OVER QUARTER. EVIDENT EFFORT BOMB FROM AHEAD AS DESCRIBED PEARL HARBOR AND PRINCE WALES ATTACK TACTICS. SECOND ATTACK CONVENTIONAL HORIZONTAL FROM SUN STARTING FIFTEEN THOUSAND RELEASE THIRTEEN THOUSAND BY TWO SAME TYPE PLANES IN CLOSE FORMATION. NO EVASION MANEUVER. BOMBING VERY ACCURATE. RADICAL TURN BY CARRIER AVOIDED HITS. ONE PLANE HIT BY AA BUT CONTINUED ATTACK AND RETIREMENT. OTHER SHOT DOWN BY VF AFTER BOMB RELEASE. SHIPS AA FIRE LATE IN OPENING AND VERY ERRATIC FIRST ATTACK. VF GUNS HAD REPEATED STOPPAGES DUE BUNCHING AMMUNITION IN BOXES IN VIOLENT MANEUVER FUSE FAILURE MASTER GUN SWITCH AND JAMMING OF LINK CHUTES. JAP VICTOR FOX TYPES 96, 97 AND 40 WERE ENCOUNTERED BY OWN PLANES. JAP FIGHTERS VERY MANEUVERABLE AND MOSTLY ATTEMPT HEAD ON AND ABOVE REAR APPROACHES. IN ATTACKS AGAINST JAP VF OWN

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TOR CODEROM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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TEXT			

AIRCRAFT SHOULD MAKE ONE APPROACH THEN RETIRE FOR NEXT. IN CASE VSB OR VTB CANNOT AVOID ATTACK REAR GUNNER SHOULD BE GIVEN STEADY FIRING PLATFORM. OWN VF DESTROYED TEN VF AND THREE VB IN AIR WITH NO LOSSES. TO AVOID AMMUNITION BELT JAMS IN VF RECOMMEND SHELVES AND HINGED COVERS FOR AMMUNITION CONTAINERS. SHELVES SHOULD BE MADE OF THIN DURAL SHEET ONE INCH WIDE ALONG EACH SIDE OF CONTAINER. AGAINST SHORE OBJECTIVES RECOMMEND USE OF MARK NINETEEN INSTANTANEOUS NOSE FUZE WITH LOCALLY MANUFACTURED ADAPTER AND AUXILIARY BOOSTER FOR FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND POUND BOMBS. PRE DASH SETTING FUZES FIFTY TURNS TO PERMIT LOWER RELEASE ALTITUDE AND SAFETY WIRING ARMING WIRES TO BOMB RACKS GAVE 100% EFFECTIVE BOMB FUNCTIONING. THIS PROCEDURE NOT RECOMMENDED EXCEPT IN CASE OF LAUNCHING ATTACKS ON KNOWN OBJECTIVES. BY MAIL FOR INFO TO BUAER, COM CARDIV ONE AND THREE, WASP, HORNET, RANGER, CINCPAC, COMTASKFOR 17, SARATOGA.

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