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FROM <u>ALUSHA HAVANA</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY _____		CONGULFSEAFRON	OP OP OP PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>10 OCT 44</u>			
TOR CODEROM <u>132</u>			
DECODED BY <u>VISCHER</u>		COMINCH	OP OP OP PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TYPED BY <u>JOHNSON/ SCHWICK</u>			
ROUTED BY <u>READY</u>			
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
392104		NCP 9809	

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RE CHIEF NAVMIS 392022 CUBAN DEFENSE MINISTER STATES GOLD BARS AND OR OTHER VALUABLES FROM CUBAN TREASURY BELIEVED ABOARD SENORITA 3RD. RECOMMEND VESSEL BE STOPPED FOR FAILURE TO SHOW IDENTIF WHEN CHALLENGED AND BOARDED ON SUSPICION OF CONTACTING SUBMARINES. ASCERTAIN PERSONNEL ABOARD AND NATURE OF CARGO. IF CREW AND OTHERS ARE SUFFICIENTLY FRIGHTENED THAT THEY MAY BE CHARGED WITH MAKING CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY THEY MIGHT BE INDUCED TO GIVE TRUE STORY WHICH WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR EMBASSY TO KNOW. ADVISE DIO 7 NO CONTENTS BOTH DISPATCHES.

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FROM ADMTY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
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DATE 29 FEB 1944			ROUTINE
FOR CODE ROOM 290259			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			PRIORITY
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ROUTED BY WILLIAMS			DEFERRED
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SOUTH ATLANTIC NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, WELLINGTON,
NSHQ NAVY OFFICE, BOMBAY FCGWA)

(REC'D BY HAND FROM BAD)

AM 071918 JANUARY*

PRISONERS FROM BLOCKADE RUNNERS REPORT THAT
RAIDER 'H' WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE OFF THE
COAST OF JAPAN ABOUT MID-OCTOBER. THIS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE ABSENCE OF RAIDER ACTIVITY SINCE
SUMMER OF 1943.

photo reconnaissance
2. PRU SHOWS RAIDER 'K' IN THE BALTIC HAS BEEN
CONVERTED FOR OTHER DUTIES.

3. NO ACTIVE GERMAN RAIDERS THEREFORE BELIEVED
TO BE IN EXISTENCE AT PRESENT.

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*REPORT OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS.

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DATE 16 FEB 44	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1557/15			
DECODED BY MONROE			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY TELSHOW			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY MORRIS			DEFERRED
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(FROM ERCK FOR OP 16)

FOLLOWING UNCONFIRMED FROM RELIABLE PRISONERS. RIO GRANDE FORMERLY ON RAIDER 28. NEW JAP RAIDER LEFT YOKOHAMA ON 1ST PATROL ABOUT 1 OCTOBER 1943. DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS: REFER ONI MANUAL 209 TYPE 15. MODERN CARGO PASSENGER VESSEL OF ABOUT 8000 TONS. APPEARED BRAND NEW. COMPOSITE SUPERSTRUCTURE ROUNDED FORWARD. RAISED FORECASTLE. RAKED BOW. CRUISER STERN. MAST FUNNEL MAST. SHORT THICK FUNNEL SET AFT OF CENTER OF SUPERSTRUCTURE. MASTS VERY TALL AND SLENDER BELIEVED TELESCOPIC. CAMOUFLAGED DARK GREY. ARMAMENT AS FOLLOWS: BOW GUN 15 TO 18 CENTIMETERS. A LARGE GUN ON EACH SIDE OF FORWARD DECK UNDER BOX LIKE HOUSING. POOPGUN 10 TO 12 CENTIMETERS ON ROUND PLATFORM. A 4CM GUN ON EACH SIDE OF BRIDGE. TORPEDO TUBE VISIBLE ABOVE WATER LINE UNDER BRIDGE. LARGE

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH & CNO	PRIORITY
DATE 14 FEB 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1711/14			DDDDDDDD
DECODED BY MC COMB/			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY RIEHD			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY WIDMAN			DEFERRED
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EDOMERCK FOR OP-16.

FOLLOWING UNCONFIRMED FROM RELIABLE PRISONER EX RBURGEN AND FORMERLY ON RAIDER 28.
FIRST PATROL OF RAIDER 28 LEFT BRUNSBUTTEL 9TH MARCH, 1942, THROUGH CHANNEL TO GIRONDE. DEPARTED GIRONDE 20 MARCH, 1942. ARRIVED KOBE EARLY MARCH, 1943. SANK 14 SHIPS TOTALING 98,000 TONS ON THIS PATROL. USUAL TACTICS AS FOLLOWS: ATTACKED ONLY ON DAYS WHEN MOON ROSE AFTER MIDNIGHT. VICTIM SIGHTED BY DAY KEPT AT MAST TIP DISTANCE UNTIL DUSK. RAIDER MEANWHILE MANEUVERED TO POSITION ON DARKEST SECTOR OF HORIZON. AT DUSK RAIDER MEANWHILE TOOK POSITION ON VICTIM'S COURSE DIRECTLY AHEAD OR ASTERN KEEPING VICTIM AT MAST TIP DISTANCE UN-

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TIL DARKNESS. AT DARKNESS RAIDER CLOSED AT FULL SPEED ON RELATIVE COURSE 5 DEGREES TO PORT OR STARBOARD OF VICTIM. FIRE CONTROL CALCULATIONS COMMENCED AT 7000 METERS. ORDER TO FIRE GIVEN AT 3000 METERS DURING FIRST PART OF ATTACK AND AT 2000 METERS DURING LATTER PART. DECREASE OF RANGE DUE TO FAILURE OF VICTIMS TO SIGHT RAIDER. OPENING FIRE WAS USUALLY 4 SALVOS OF HE FROM 150 MM GUNS AND 1 SALVO OF INCENDIARY FROM 105 MM GUNS. MTB ATTACK SOMETIMES SUBSTITUTED FOR GUN FIRE. RAIDERS AIRCRAFT ENTIRELY WITHOUT SUCCESS IN SIGHTING VICTIMS U DOMMES ARRIVED PENANG EARLY FALL (SEPTEMBER) 1943. ON DOCK AT SINGAPORE FOR REFIT FIRST 2 WEEKS OCTOBER. SECOND REFIT SINGAPORE DURING FIRST HALF NOV. TRIALS OBSERVED FROM SHORE BY SRJE INFORMANT JUST PRIOR TO 18TH OF NOVEMBER 1943. U SCHNEEWIND ARRIVED JAPAN

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EARLY 1943. PRESENTED TO JAPS AFTER INSTRUCTIONAL TACTICAL EXERCISES LASTING SEVERAL MONTHS. SCHNEEWIND CREW FORMS NUCLEUS OF CREWS OF 3 ITALIAN CARGO SUBS AT SINGAPORE. THESE 3 CREWS COMPLETE BY GERMANS FROM UCKERNARK, RAIDER 10 AND RAIDER 28 TRAINED AT SINGAPORE AND A FEW ORIGINAL ITALIAN RATINGS. INFORMANT STATES SCHNEEWIND COMMANDS ONE OF THESE SUBS AND OBERLEUTANT STIEGLER ANOTHER. BELIEVES STIEGLER AND 3RD CO TO BE OFFICERS EX U SCHNEEWIND. TRIALS IN PROGRESS BY 18TH NOVEMBER 1943.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1944

NAVY DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE NO. 502

SOUTH ATLANTIC:

1. Within the space of 48 hours early in January, three German blockade runners, heavily laden with vital war materials, were sent to the bottom of the South Atlantic by surface forces of the United States Navy operating under the command of Vice Admiral Jonas Ingram, U.S.N.
2. The enemy ships sunk were the BURGENLAND, RIO GRANDE and WESERLAND, en route from Far Eastern Japanese-held ports. Their holds were filled with thousands of tons of rubber, tin, fats and strategic ores.
3. The blockade runners were sunk by the USS SOMERS, destroyer, and the light cruiser OMAHA and the destroyer JOUETT. A large number of prisoners were picked up following the sinkings. In two of the sinkings, Navy search planes found the enemy ships and called for the surface force to complete their destruction. The WESERLAND fell to the SOMERS alone while the other two were scuttled by their crews and their sinking hastened by gunfire from the OMAHA and the JOUETT.
4. Summoned by planes, the SOMERS found her target in the darkness of early morning and, on identifying the vessel as hostile, opened fire with her main battery of five-inch guns. The first salvo hit the WESERLAND, forcing the crew to abandon ship. The destroyer then sank the vessel after internal explosions were set off by the crew as they left. Survivors were picked up at daylight.
5. A scouting plane from the OMAHA and a lookout in the ship's foretop were the first to sight the RIO GRANDE. As the OMAHA and the JOUETT closed to investigate the stranger she burst into smoke and flame, the result of demolition charges placed by the crew. The two American warships fired six-inch and five-inch shells into the blockade runner and she soon sank.
6. On the following day the OMAHA and the JOUETT found the BURGENLAND. As the U. S. warships approached, a similar scene to that enacted by the RIO GRANDE took place. However, destruction was completed as in the former case by shell fire.
7. Hundreds of tons of baled rubber found floating amid the debris after the sinkings were recovered and are now on their way to the United States.

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FROM	ADMIN OFF COM 4TH FLT	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	PRIORITY RRRR
DATE	30 JAN 1944		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	301644		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	GOLDEN	CINCLANT	
PARAPHRASED BY	PARKER	CNO & COMINCH	PRIORITY RRRR
ROUTED BY	PIPP	COM 4TH FLT	ROUTINE
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CARIB AND SENECA RECOVERED 240 TONS RUBBER
AT SEA FROM CARRO EX GERMAN RIO GRANDE.
NO FURTHER RECOVERY PRACTICABLE DUE WIDE
DISPERSION PRODUCT. / ^{YOUR} 291911 MAY RECOVERY
OPERATION BE INCLUDED PRESS RELEASE.

*Rio Grande, 6062 Ton Rubber,
homebound, sunk 4 January
by Omaha & Jaws off
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DATE	29 JANUARY 1944		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1944		
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PARAPHRASED BY	SANDBERG	COMFOURTH FLEET	ROUTINE
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YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE INFORMATION AS
TO SINKING OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS RIO GRANDE AND
WESERLAND AT 1200/4 FEBRUARY.
NAVY DEPARTMENT WILL RELEASE STORY SIMULTANEOUSLY.

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FROM	CTG 21.13		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		
RELEASED BY	<i>(Croatian)</i>		FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DATE	27 JANUARY 1944				ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM	2156				DEFERRED
DECODED BY	KIRKBRIDE		INFORMATION	COMINCH COMNAVEU COMNAVZOR ADMIRALTY SBNO AZORES COMFAIR NORFOLK COMNAVNAV FOC GIB CTG 21.12 COMAIRLANT COMMORSEAFRON	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	DUMMIT				DEFERRED
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NSS (RADIO WASHINGTON) PASS ACTION CINCLANT. INFO COMINCH, COMNAVZOR, SBNO AZORES, COMNAVNAV, CTG 21.12, COMMORSEAFRON, COMNAVEU FOR ADMIRALTY. RADIO GIBRALTAR INFORM FOC GIB, COMAIRLANT, WHO PASS TO COMFAIR NORFOLK. ORIGINATOR CTG 21.13.

(CUE Croatian has been searching for blockade runner)

WEATHER HAS PREVENTED OPERATIONS SINCE MORNING 24TH

UNTIL TODAY. FROM 270800Z POSITION 45-22 23-37

SEARCH NEGATIVE FOR HOMEWARD BOUNDER NOW OUT OF

BOUNDS. FROM 44-33 22-06 AT 1900Z HEADING FOR

BETTER WEATHER VICINITY 40-00 N 20-00 W TO REFUEL

ESCORT AND TRY INTERCEPT SUBS ESTIMATED COMINCH

271602. WX WX 5370 2246.

SCR PASSED TO CINCLANT FOR ACTION AND TO COMNAVNAV, CTG 21.12, COMNAVEU, RADIO GIBRALTAR, COMAIRLANT, COMMORSEAFRON FOR INFO.

SCR PASSED TO COMNAVZOR AND SBNO AZORES AS 272248Z FOR INFO.

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Excerpt from BAD NAVAL MESSAGE

Early this morning Dover long range coastal batteries sank
blockade runner MUNSTERLAND 6,400 tons proceeding Eastwards in
Straits of Dover.

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FROM <u>ADMIN OFF COM 4TH FLEET</u>	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		CNO	PRIORITY
DATE <u>19 JAN 1944</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>2022</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>KIRKBRIDE</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>SAHUEL</u>			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY <u>HARRINGTON</u>			DEFERRED
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FROM GHERARDI FOR OP-16Z

FOLLOWING UNCONFIRMED FROM PRISONERS EX BURGENLAND
3 ITALIAN SUBMARINES CONVERTED TO RUNNERS WERE DUE
TO DEPART SINGAPORE FOR EUROPE ABOUT 15 DECEMBER 1943
TORPEDO TUBES REMOVED OFFICERS AND CREW GERMAN
1 CAPTAIN NAMED SCHNEEWIND, RAIDER 23 AGAIN STATED SUNK
ABOUT 18 OCTOBER 1943 BY 3 TORPEDOES.

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ADD: COMINCH (PER OP-16)....

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH & CNO	
DATE 8 JANUARY 1944	INFORMATION	COMINCH CINCLANT	PPPPPPPP PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2303			
DECODED BY BERNER			
PARAPHRASED DUMMIT			
ROUTED BY			
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HAVE PICKED UP 66 SURVIVORS FROM BURGENLAND
 INCLUDING 2 ITALIAN NAVAL OFFICERS AND 6 MEN.
 APPROXIMATELY 70 SURVIVORS FROM RIO GRANDE ALSO
 RECOVERED. ALL TO BE LANDED AT RECIFE. WILL
 FURTHER ADVISE.

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FROM COM 4TH FLEET		FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			COMINCH AND CNO	ROUTINE
DATE 8 JANUARY 1944				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1549				
DECODED BY FISHER		INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY FISHER				ROUTINE
ROUTED BY				DEFERRED
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PART 1 RECEIVED AS 081319 NCR 1228
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*1 AMPLIFYING MY 032045.

WESERLAND DEPARTED BATAVIA 22 NOV 1943. UNCONFIRMED STATEMENTS GIVE HER CARGO AS 4500 TONS RUBBER SAME AMOUNT OF TIN 300 CRATES ROSIN 100 BARRELS CITRONELLA OIL 45 BARRELS COCONUT OIL SOME TUNGSTEN. OTHER RUNNERS SAID TO HAVE GENERALLY SAME CARGO. 2 ITALIAN SUBS SEEN SINGAPORE ABOUT 20 NOV. 43. ONE INFORMANT SAID THESE WERE TO LEAVE FOR EUROPE AS CARGO SUBS ABOUT 30 NOV. ANOTHER STATED THESE GOING TO DRYDOCK FIRST. RAIDER NUMBER 10 REPORTED SUNK AT PIER IN YOKOHAMA LATE 42. RAIDER NUMBER 28 REPORTED SUNK 400 MILES OFF YOKOHAMA IN 1943. GERMAN TANKER BRAKE SEEN IN BATAVIA 22 NOV 1943 HAVING BEEN THERE ABOUT 4 WEEKS. INFORMANT STATES WESERLAND ARRIVED JAPAN DEC 42. SAILED FOR EUROPE JAN 1943. GOT AS FAR AS

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CAPETOWN WHEN ORDERED BACK TO JAPAN ARRIVING THERE APRIL 1943. AGAIN DEPARTED YOKOHAMA FOR EUROPE 26 OCT OF THAT YEAR CALLED AT SINGAPORE ABOUT 10 DEC, THERE EMBARKED 37 ITALIANS FROM ITALIAN SUB CAPPELLINI COMMANDED BY WALTER UGONI. ITALIAN SUBS TORRELLI AND GUILLIANI SAID TO HAVE ARRIVED FAR EAST (SINGAPORE POSSIBLY) MID AUGUST 43. INFORMANTS KNOW OF NO OTHER HOME BOUND RUNNERS OTHER THAN THE OSORNO ALSTERUFER RIO GRANDE ^{South} ^{South} ^{South} BURGENLAND AND WESERLAND. WESERLAND CARRIED 137 MEN.

COMFLEET 4 NOW HAS 133 MEN 12 MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS 46 MERCHANT MARINE SAILORS 6 GERMAN NAVY OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS 32 GERMAN NAVY ENLISTED MEN 35 ITALIANS 2 FINS.

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DATE 6 JANUARY 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0241			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SCHNEIDER		INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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AMPLIFYING PREVIOUS CONTACT REPORTS OF THIS DATE,
^{CL DD}
 THE OMAHA AND JOUETT AT 1853Z INTERCEPTED SHIP ON
 NORTHEASTERLY COURSE WHICH HAD BEEN REPORTED EAR-
 LIER BY MARINER PLANE FROM HP SQUADRON 243. SHIP
 SHOWED NO COLORS AND FAILED TO REPLY TO CHALLENGE,
 BUT WAS DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED FROM CHARACTERISTICS
 AS RUNNER (BURGENLAND). ^{7320 GT} IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
 FIRING OF A WARNING SHOT, THE CREW SET FIRE TO AND
 ABANDONED SHIP AND OMAHA AND JOUETT TOOK THE RUNNER
 UNDER GUNFIRE. TIME OF SINKING AND POSITION PRE-
 VIOUSLY GIVEN. SIGHTED 4 BOATS OF SURVIVORS LATER.

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(PASS TO COMINCH, CINCLANT, CTF 44)

AMPLIFYING MY 041200 FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED TODAY BY EXAMINATION OF WRECKAGE FROM RUNNER SUNK BY OMAHA AND JOUETT ON 4 JANUARY. CARGO CONTAINED LARGE AMOUNT CRUDE RUBBER IN 245 KG BALES LABELED DAUTIENG FRENCH INDO CHINA OCTOBER 27 ALSO MARKED MITCHIN. MANY KEGS LARD, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF VEGETABLE OIL. 1 BOARD WITH NAME "BORNEO DAMAR NOMURA" AND 1 JUST MARKED "NOMURA". CONCLUDE VESSEL DEFINITELY NORTHBOUND. FROM KNOWLEDGE OF DISTINGUISHING FEATURES ENTIRELY SATISFIED THAT THIS WAS THE RUNNER "RIO GRANDE".

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FROM	COMINCH	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY	K A KNOWLES	ADMIRALTY	PPPP
DATE	5 JAN 1944		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	060054		DEFERRED
DECODED BY			
PARAPHRASED BY	SLUTZ		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	SCRUGGS		ROUTINE
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			DEFERRED
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PARA ABLE. CTF 41 REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED
BLOCKADE RUNNER SINKING 07-29S 25-37W ABOUT
051955Z. TRANSIENT B-17 SIGHTED SURFACED
SUB COURSE 175 62-02 N 30-30W 051050Z.
FROM COMINCH. ACTION TO ADMIRALTY FOR OIC.

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TOR CODEROOM 2259			DEFERRED
DECODED BY BERNER			
PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT			
ROUTED BY			
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RUNNER PICKED UP BY MARINER PLANE ON BRITISH SWEEP.
 ATTACKED AND SUNK BY GUNFIRE BY OMAHA AND JOUETT AT
 07-29 S 25-37 W AT 051955.

Burgenland 7320 GT

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RELEASED BY		COM 4TH FLEET CINCLANT COMINCH	URGENT
DATE 5 JANUARY 1943			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 052038			ROUTINE
DECODED BY HOLLENBACH			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY MONROE			
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SITUATION PRESENTS RECOVERY SURVIVERS

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DATE 5 JAN 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 052034			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MILLER			URGENT
PARAPHRASED BY KEENER			PRIORITY
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RUNNER SINKING POSITION 07-29 25-37.

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DATE 5 JAN 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2023			DEFERRED
DECODED BY HOLLENBACH			
PATAPHRASED BY SCHNEIDER			
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SHIP UNDER FIRE BY OMAHA AND JOUETT MORE FOLLOWS.

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FROM		ASTERN MAIL GRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY 5 JANUARY 1944		COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE 1059	FOR ACTION	SEE BELOW	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY RODGERS	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY WILLIAMS			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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 NAVAL SERVICE, HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA. NAVY OFFICE,
 BOMBAY. BOICWA, GINCLEVANT. FOS, CINC PLYMOUTH,
 GINGWA, FCGMA, BAD, COMINCH, COMNAVEU, SBNO AZORES
 HQCC.

1. MESERLAND EX ERMLAND ON PASSAGE FROM FAR EAST INTERCEPTED AND SUNK BY U.S. FORCES IN 14-55 S 100-39 W AT 0100A 3RD JANUARY.
2. SUSPICIOUS VESSEL PURPORTING TO BE BRITISH GLENBANK SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT IN 09-35 S 23-45 W AT 1530A 1ST JANUARY. GLENBANK WAS NOT IN THIS VICINITY AND VESSEL MAY BE ANOTHER HOMEWARD BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNER.
3. AM 251721 DECEMBER. HIMALAYA SEEN AT BREST ON

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
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DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
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1ST JANUARY THEREFORE NO LONGER ANY EVIDENCE OF
DEPARTURE OF BLOCKADE RUNNER FROM FRANCE.

4. CANCEL PARAGRAPH 2 OF A.M. 231208 DECEMBER.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 41		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		COM4THFLT COMINCH CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DATE 4 JAN 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 041906			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SCHMICK			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY JOHNSON			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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Read
(CTF 41 SENDS)

Sunk 4 Jan.

WHEN FIRST SIGHTED RUNNER WAS LYING TO. BEST
ESTIMATE IS THAT SHE WAS ^{6100 T}RIO GRANDE IF NORTH
BOUND AND ^{6100 T}ELSA ESSBERGER IF OUT BOUND. SUBSIT
THAT THE 4 BOATS OF SURVIVORS COULD ARRIVE
BRAZILLIAN COAST BY 12 JANUARY.

PASSED BY COM4THFLT TO CINCLANT AND COMINCH AS
041829

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CTF 41		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			COM 4TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE	JANUARY 4, 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM	1443			
DECODED BY	STRICKLAND		COMINCH CINCLANT TASK FORCE 41 TASK GROUP 41.3	PRIORITY
REPHRASED BY	STRICKLAND			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY				

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CTF 41 ORIGINATES.

AT 1126Z OMAHA AND JOUETT SANK UNIDENTIFIED BLOCKADE
 RUNNER BY GUN FIRE IN 06-41 SOUTH 25-36 WEST NO CALLS
 NOR IDENTIFICATION MADE BY RUNNER BUT SET OFF DEMOLITION
 CHARGES AND ABANDONED SHIP IN BOATS. SURVIVORS NOT
 RECOVERED.

575 mi east of Recife

*COM 4TH FLEET PASSED TO COMINCH CINCLANT TF 41 AND
 TG 41.3 FOR INFO AS 041314.

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FROM	CINCLANT (INDEFINITE)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		ALL CTF ATLANTIC	PRIORITY
DATE	3 JANUARY 1944	ALL CTG ATLANTIC	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	0154		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	SAPP		
PARAPHRASED BY	DUMIT MS	COMINCH	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	PARMENTER		ROUTINE
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FROM CINCLANT.

IN VIEW RECENT ACTIVITY AND ENCOUNTERS BLOCKADE RUNNERS, TAKE PRACTICABLE STEPS TO IDENTIFY POSITIVELY ALL UNESCORTED MERCHANT VESSELS SIGHTED BETWEEN LONGITUDES 50 AND 40 DEGREES WEST.

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PASSED BY COMINCH TO NCR.

FX37...COG.

16....13...~~NAVATIDE~~....200P....

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ADMIRALTY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		SHIPS NORTH 35 DEGS NORTH IN ATLANTIC CINC PLYMOUTH CINCWA FOC GIBRALTAR CINCCNA FONF	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 2 JANUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0504			
DECODED BY DECKMAN/SMITH		NSHQ AOCINCCC FOC SUBS CINC MED COMINCH NOIC WEST AFRICA	PRIORITY ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL			
ROUTED BY			
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		012200A	NCR 6950

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SHIPS NORTH 35 DEGREES NORTH IN ATLANTIC, CINC
PLYMOUTH, CINCWA, FOC GIBRALTAR, CINCCNA, FONF: INFO
NSHQ, AOCINCCC, FOC SUBS, CINC MED, NOIC WEST AFRICA,
COMINCH; FROM ADMIRALTY.

AFTER RECENT SINKING OF INWARD BOUND BLOCKADE
RUNNER AND BAY OF DISCAY ACTION ADMIRALTY APPRECIATES
THAT IT IS UNLIKELY FURTHER INWARD BOUND SHIPS WILL
BE IN AREA NORTH THE AZORES BEFORE THE NEXT DARK
PERIOD COMMENCING ABOUT JANUARY 15TH.

(2) ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 221945 DECEMBER NOT TO
COMINCH REFERS.

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