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DRAFTER	EXT.	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW RUSSIA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION COMINCH CNO	PRIORITY
DATE 28 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1837			DEFERRED
DECODED BY KIMBRELL			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY LYNN	CHECKED BY DIEBEL	INFORMATION	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY LYNN		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
			BASEGRAM
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281536Z			NCR 7717
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STILL COMING [REDACTED] FOR COMINCH FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW.

RED NAVY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET REQUEST SEND SMOLNY
UR 272102 AND HAS REQUESTED INFO FROM FOREIGN OFFICE.
MEANWHILE EMBASSY REQUEST TO FOREIGN OFFICE FOR SAME
INFO REMAINS UNANSWERED SO AMBASSADOR SAYS WE WILL TAKE
NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL THEY COME TO US. WILL ADVISE
ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH CNO*	PRIORITY
DATE 25 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1425			DEFERRED
DECODED BY ROWLAND			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY	COM 8TH FLEET	PRIORITY
BY	DITTOED BY		ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	BY		DEFERRED
			BASEGRAM
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NCR 5227			

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HERE IS [REDACTED] FOR COMINCH FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW AND INFO COM 8TH FLT. COMINCH PLEASE PASS.

RUSSIAN MERCHANT TO
SAN FRANCISCO.

ALAFUZOV JUST INFORMED ME VOYAGE OF TAXI CANCELLED AND EXPRESSES THANKS FOR STEPS TAKEN TO ASSURE SUCCESSFUL VOYAGE.

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SCR HAS DELIVERED TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION TO COM 8TH FLT FOR INFO AS 251453, NCR 41204.

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FROM	COM 8TH FLT	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY	24 MARCH 1945	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PPPP
DATE	0121		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	D SMITH		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	D SMITH	COMINCH	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	D SMITH		
CHECKED BY	LENIHAN		
DITTOED BY	D SMITH		
ROUTED BY			
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(COM 8TH FLT SENDS ACTION ALUSNA MOSCOW INFO COMINCH)

THIS IS

ASSUME ROUTE FROM ODESSA TO WESTERN END OF DARDANELLES WILL BE OBTAINED FROM RUSSIANS. MY 230720 REFERS. ROUTE WESTWARD OF MALTA WILL BE FURNISHED PRIOR DEPARTURE OF SHIP FROM MALTA.

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FROM	COM 8TH FLT	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		ALUSNA MOSCOW	2 PRIORITY
DATE	23 MAR 1945		3 ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	1431		4 DEFERRED
DECODED BY	BENNETT		5 BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	D SMITH		6
ROUTED BY	CHECKED BY LENIHAN	COMINCH	7
	DITTOED BY D SMITH		8
			9 PRIORITY
			10 ROUTINE
			11 DEFERRED
			12 BASEGRAM
			13
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230720			16 CHECK BELOW
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(COM 8TH FLT SENDS ACTION ALUSNA MOSCOW INFO COMINCH)

THIS IS [REDACTED]
COMINCH 211854.

ROUTE FURNISHED FROM WESTERN END OF DARDANELLES TO
MALTA. MSC1 APPENDIX II ROUTE 0 TO POSITION 704
THENCE ROUTE RB TO MALTA.

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SCR HAS PASSED CODE TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION TO
ALUSNA MOSCOW UNDER SAME D/T GROUP TOR NAVCOM 1828
CORRECTION ON CODE TRANSMITTED AT 2121 PER F-341.

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ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM		COMINCH*	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	22 MARCH 1945		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM	1729		BASEGRAM
DECODED BY	BENNETT	INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED	BENNETT		ROUTINE
CHECKED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>		DEFERRED
DITTOED BY			BASEGRAM
ROUTED BY			

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MORE DOPE [REDACTED] FROM ALUSNA FOR COMINCH-WHO
PASS TO COM 8TH FLEET AND OTHERS INTERESTED.

BESSARABIA MY 171612Z HAS BEEN RENAMED UKRAINA WITH
INTERNATIONAL CALL SIGN UURS. BRITISH COMMERCIAL CALL
SIGN BSYP TO BE USED IF IN CONVOY. SHIP BEING EQUIPPED
WITH SIX 37 MM AUTOMATIC AND 12 ORLIKONS MANNED BY 20
NAVAL RATINGS AND ONE OFFICER. SOVIETS WILL WANT ATLANTIC
CHARTS AT GIBRALTAR AND PACIFIC CHARTS AT PANAMA AS
APPARENTLY SHE WILL BE UNABLE GET SAME BEFORE DEPARTING
ON 25. HAVE REQUESTED FREQUENCIES RADIO SCHEDULES ETC.
DESIRED ENROUTE, AND AT FRISCO BUT NO ANSWER. RADIO EQUIP-
MENT IS NOW BEING INSTALLED. FUEL WILL BE REQUIRED AT
PANAMA. SOVIETS REQUEST BE INFORMED SHIPS ARRIVAL AND

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY 2
DATE			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED 4
			BASEGRAM 5
			6
DECODED BY		INFORMATION	7
PARAPHRASED BY	CHECKED BY		PRIORITY 9
			ROUTINE 10
	DITTOED BY		DEFERRED 11
ROUTED BY			BASEGRAM 12
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AND DEPARTURE EACH POINT ENROUTE. HAVE ADVISED THEM AGAINST PAINTING TRANSPACIFIC RECOGNITION MARKS ON SHIP.

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FROM COMINCH		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY C M COOKE		FOR ACTION ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY 1
DATE 21 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE 2
TOR CODEROOM 2154			ROUTINE 3
			BASEGRAM 4
DECODED BY		INFORMATION CINCLANT COMWESSEAFRON COM 8TH FLT COMPASEAFRON COMCARIBSEAFRON	PRIORITY 5
PARAPHRASED BY	CHECKED BY GREENE		ROUTINE 6
ROUTED BY DIEBEL	DITTOED BY		ROUTINE 7
			BASEGRAM 8
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211857Z			☐
NCR 41139			

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YOUR 190820 REFERS. HEAVY WORK LOAD IN ALL YARDS RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION, BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRS AND REQUIRED OVERHAULS PRECLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ANY BUT URGENT VOYAGE REPAIRS. SHOULD SOVIETS REQUEST ADDITIONAL WORK, USE THIS INFORMATION TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO DISCOURAGE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR OTHER ITEMS AND SIMILAR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE.

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DRAFTER F-31P		EXT.	ADDRESSEES		PRECEDENCE	
FROM COMINCH		FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		1	
RELEASED BY C M COOKE			COM 8TH FLT		PRIORITY 2	
DATE 21 MARCH 1945					ROUTINE 3	
TOR CODEROOM 2153					ROUTINE 4	
DECODED BY		INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMPASEAFRON COMWESSEAFRON ALUSNA MOSCOW COMCARIBSEAFRON		BASEGRAM 5	
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL					CHECKED BY GREENE	PRIORITY 9
ROUTED BY					DITTOED BY	ROUTINE 10
						ROUTINE 11
					BASEGRAM 12	
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ALUSNA MOSCOW 171612 AND 171626 REFERS. NO OBJECTION TO
 MOVEMENT TAXI. WHEN DESIRED INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM
 CINCMED INFORM ALUSNA MOSCOW. REQUEST FOGMA ROUTE TAXI
 GIBRALTAR TO CANAL ZONE. COMPASEAFRON WILL ONWARD ROUTE TO
 SAN FRANCISCO. KEEP ME INFORMED.

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FROM COMINCH		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY C H COOKE		CODE ROOM	ROUTINE
DATE 21 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2153			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY LYNN	CHECKED BY JOHNSON	FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
		INFORMATION	BASEGRAM
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PASS ALUSNA MOSCOW 171612, 171626, 201010 AND 190820 TO COM 8TH FLT, COMPASEAFRON, COMCARIBSEAFRON, COMMESSEAFRON, AND CINCLANT FOR INFORMATION.

REF: 171612 SOVIET NAVAL STAFF TODAY REQUESTS ROUTING VIA GIBRALTAR AND PANAMA FOR CIVILIAN MANNED MERSHIP BESSARABIA.....

171626 REFERRING MY 171612.....

201010 REVISED DISPLACEMENT OF TAXI.....

190820 UNDERSTAND SHIP MY 171612, HAS NO ARMAMENT WHATSOEVER.....

SCR HAS DELIVERED TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION TO COM 8TH FLT, COMPASEAFRON, COMCARIBSEAFRON, COMMESSEAFRON, AND CINCLANT FOR INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

171612 PASSED AS COMINCH 211850 (NCR 41132)
171626 PASSED AS COMINCH 211910 (NCR 41129)
201010 PASSED AS COMINCH 211935 (NCR 41131)
190820 PASSED AS COMINCH 212040 (NCR 41130)

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FROM COMINCH		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY HEWLETT THEBAUD		FOR ACTION COMESSEAFRON COMNAVEU COM 8TH FLEET COMPASAFRON	PRIORITY
DATE 29 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY		FOR INFORMATION <i>W</i>	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY GREENE	CHECKED BY HARTIGAN		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
			BASEGRAM
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NCR 41102			

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THIS IS PART 2 MY 192021 AND [REDACTED]

**VOYAGE OF CIVILIAN MANNED RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIP BESSARABIA
FROM ODESSA TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA PANAMA CANAL IN CONNECTION
WITH FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.**

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FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	PRIORITY 2
DATE 28 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE 3
FOR CODEROOM 1148			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY VISSCHER	CHECKED BY LENIHAN		BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH	DITTOED BY		BASEGRAM 6
ROUTED BY D SMITH			7
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			PRIORITY 9
			ROUTINE 10
			DEFERRED 11
			BASEGRAM 12
			BASEGRAM 13
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REVISED DISPLACEMENT OF TAXI 7200 TONS. MAX ECONOMICAL SPEED 17 KTS. PASSENGER CAPACITY 320. AUTOMATIC AND MACHINE GUNS NOW BEING INSTALLED. RE MY 190820Z.

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FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE 19 MARCH 1945			RRRRRRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM 191133			DEFERRED
DECODED BY BICKEL			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED MONROE	CHECKED BY YORK	INFORMATION	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY MONROE		ROUTINE
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190820 NCR 9630			BASEGRAM
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(A [REDACTED] FOR COMINCH FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW)

UNDERSTAND SHIP MY 171612, HAS NO ARMAMENT WHATSOEVER.
 SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED SHE BE DRYDOCKED AT MALTA.
 BELIEVE REASONABLE TO EXPECT REQUESTS FOR OVERHAUL.
 ARMING AND COMPLETE MODERNIZATION AT FRISCO.

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RELEASED BY			FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE 18 MARCH 1945					ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2120					DEFERRED
DECODED BY MC CLELLAN			INFORMATION	<i>WJZ</i>	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH		CHECKED BY LENIHAN			PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		DITTOED BY D SMITH			ROUTINE
					DEFERRED
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SOVIET NAVAL STAFF TODAY REQUESTS ROUTING VIA GIBRALTAR AND PANAMA FOR CIVILIAN MANNED MERSHIP BESSARABIA WHICH THEY DESIRE

SAIL 25 MARCH FROM ODESSA TO ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO NOT LATER THAN 25 APRIL AS AN ACCOMODATION SHIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN

FRANCISCO CONFERENCE. MAIN DELEGATION WILL GO BY AIR. SHIP WILL HAVE ON BOARD INTERPRETERS MERSIGS WIMS Q CODE AND A SRS.

DISPLACEMENT 6672 TONS LENGTH 123 METERS BEAM 17.5 METERS DRAFT 5.6 METERS. SHE IS DIESEL DRIVE WITH CRUISING SPEED

16-18 KNOTS MAX SPEED 22 BUT CANNOT SUSTAIN (10 GROUPS MISSING*) ROUTING ADVISING THEM DETAIL ROUTE NAVIGATION COMMUNICATION

RECOGNITION DATA AND WHETHER OR NOT IN CONVOY. CODE NAME FOR MOVEMENT AGREED UPON BY BRITISH AND SOVIETS AND AMER APPEARS

MY NEXT DESPATCH. ADMIRAL ARCHER HAS SAME INFO WHICH HE PASSING TO ADMIRALTY. EMBASSY HERE NOT INFORMED ON SUBJECT UNTIL THIS

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FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY 2
DATE _____			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM _____			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY _____			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY _____	INFORMATION		6
CHECKED BY _____			PRIORITY 9
DITTOED BY _____			ROUTINE 10
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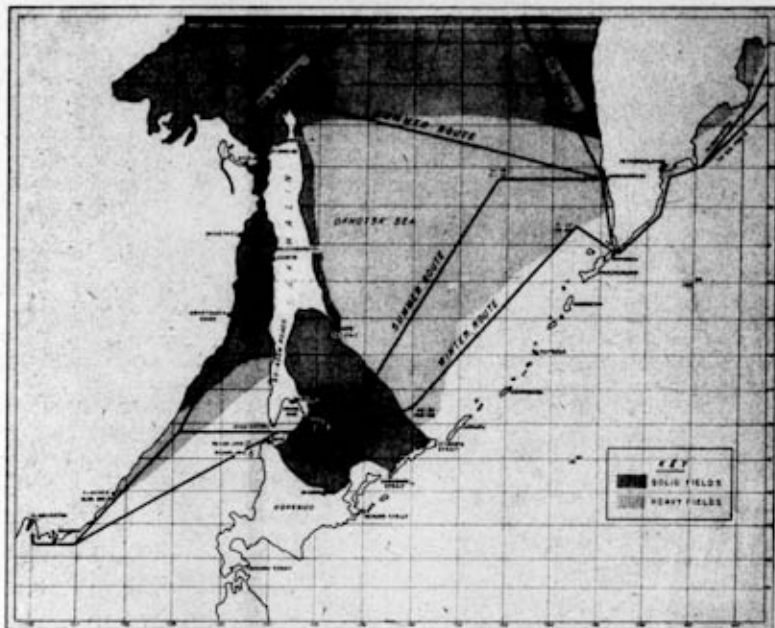
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ICE TIE UP IN OKHOTSK SEA

1. At the end of February, ice conditions in Okhotsk Sea indicated one of worst years on record for this area. At La Perouse Strait, on the west side a solid field 16 to 20 inches thick extended from Cape Siretoku

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(Naka Shiretoko Misaki), on Karafuto, to Soya Misaki. Eastern edge reached from Cape Patience (Kita Shiretoko Misaki) to Etorofu Strait. Except for area close to Kurils (bounded on north and west by line from Etorofu Strait to 49N - 150E, thence to 52N on west coast of Kamchatka), Okhotsk Sea was 70% covered by ice. As early as 1 February, entire Sea north of 54° was frozen solid.

2. Conditions were worsening as February ended, with little promise for successful resumption of traffic in immediate future. In spite of suspension of traffic from late January until after 15 March in 1944, plans had been projected to keep shipping moving uninterruptedly during present winter. In view of developments, the undertaking to maintain large volume of traffic now appears hopeless, even with additional icebreaker assistance which will be available upon transfer of two more U. S. icebreakers. (See paragraph 15 below.)

3. Tartary Strait was frozen solid north of 48° in mid-February. In Tartary Gulf heavy ice fields stretched to line from Notasam Road on Sakhalin southwest to Vladimir Bay.

4. Caught in ice jam near end of month were 13 known Soviet vessels, as well as two icebreakers working the area. Ice floes threatened to force two of these ships (TEREK and LITKE) southward into Pacific through Nemuro Strait. In such event vessels were instructed, in accordance with Soviet agreement with Japan, to return to Okhotsk Sea by way of nearest ice-free strait to northward, probably Etorofu. On 27 February the icebreaker KAGANOVICH reached the two ships at a point near 44.30N - 145.32E. Upon completion of fueling by icebreaker, the small caravan was expected to clear ice fields without passing into Pacific. The URAL, last reported at position 45.56N - 144.16E on 19 February, had been freed and was proceeding to Petropavlovsk. Other vessels were making slow progress near regular winter route.

DISRUPTION OF VLADIVOSTOK PORT OPERATIONS

5. In addition to ice interference, port operations at Vladivostok, which continued normally efficient until first of December, came to a virtual standstill at this time for a 10-day period, with occurrence of heavy snowstorm and gales.

6. Feverish efforts during last days of December to unload as many ships as possible and clear them from docks succeeded in capturing Red Banner decoration for fulfillment of annual quota of cargo discharge. Intensity of effort during this brief period may be gauged by fact that only at this time have more than 2 or 3 of the 18 cranes available been employed.

7. The first day of January, however, found port in state of chaos. Huge piles of material littered dock area. Aluminum ingots, heaped together with automobile tires, and crated items lay idle despite presence of 100 railroad cars in Vladivostok yards across the city. During latter half of month the arrival at dock area of several hundred railroad cars every few days relieved congestion slightly by removing sizable lots of tires and some aluminum. Early in February an average of 100 cars a day was reaching dock area, but there were none in out-lying yards. Gondolas from U. S. were being reloaded on flat cars and hauled to shops north of Vladivostok for assembly. Number of tank cars was again inadequate. Local newspapers were denouncing marshalling yards for shortage of cars.

8. Other causes of congestion were lack of labor, weather interruptions, insufficient storage space, critical shortage of fuel oil and good coal. According to rumor, manpower shortage at port resulted from mobilization of dock workers and ships' crews to handle extraordinarily heavy catch of fish about to spoil in Vladivostok canneries. Stevedoring slowed perceptibly when temperatures dropped below 15° Fahrenheit. In December and January Vladivostok was 10° to 15° colder than usual. Ice in harbor, no hindrance to freighters, delayed tankers, which proceeded

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to Pervaya Rechka for discharge only with aid of icebreakers. Too few icebreakers were available for harbor service. As a result, 3 tankers remained at Pervaya Rechka oil docks for 3 weeks. After prolonged attempt, they finally cleared Amur Bay aided by small tug.

MASSING OF SHIPS IN PORT

9. Disordered port conditions produced inevitable effect on ship turn-around. In mid-February, 43 vessels were in port, with docking space available for about 20. One EC-2, ODESSA, which arrived 4 December, was only partially unloaded. On 10 February, before ice conditions prevented sailings from Vladivostok, 16 EC-2's and other Lend-Lease vessels which had arrived before 1 January were still delayed. Toward end of February, of 110 vessels regularly operating in transpacific trade, 38 were tied up in Vladivostok. With more judicious planning, some of these vessels might have left before ice stoppage of traffic, in order to have returned to U. S., to have loaded, and been readied for sailing in early spring or at least upon restoration of normal traffic. Trapping of excessive number of merchant ships in Vladivostok, which has occurred regularly in winter time but which was to have been avoided by every effort this year, has again taken place.

PETROPAVLOVSK AGAIN ACTIVE

10. It is estimated that at least 22 westbound vessels in regular transpacific trade are presently at Petropavlovsk awaiting relief in ice situation east of La Perouse. Seven out of 29 Akutan departures during the month of February unloaded at Petropavlovsk and are currently en route back to U. S. ports.

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES MEAGER

11. Siberian departures of Soviet vessels during February total 11, 9 of which sailed Petropavlovsk and 2 sailed Vladivostok. It is assumed that these latter 2 vessels are now caught in the ice. Ships arriving Akutan from Petropavlovsk average 4 days late.

AKUTAN COAL BUNKERS EXHAUSTED

12. In addition to ice difficulty, serious shortage of coal bunkers at Akutan retarded Soviet ship operation in Pacific. Two vessels, the U. S. STANLEY GRIFFITHS and the Soviet ELNA II, departed Port Townsend with full cargoes of coal to replenish the exhausted Akutan stocks. Many of the smaller Soviet vessels arriving Akutan eastbound were in dire need of coal, as their eastbound sailing time from Siberia was lengthened due to heavy winter weather. It became necessary on the KARAGA to take up the wooden deckings in the holds, using wood as bunkers to enable vessel to reach Akutan. The USSURI, en route to the U. S. for repairs, took 17 days to reach Akutan from Petropavlovsk, averaging a speed of 3.3 knots per hour. At the present time, there are 2 eastbound vessels still awaiting coal at Akutan.

NEW SHIP TRANSFERS

13. WSA has agreed to Lend-Lease to the Russians another T-2 tanker, the MUIR WOODS, which will be ready latter part of March. Transfer anticipates that the TUAPSE, the VARLAAM AVANESOV, and the SOVIETSKAYA NEFT, now in Soviet transpacific trade, will revert back to WSA. With the transfer of the MUIR WOODS, Soviets now have 5 T-2 tankers totalling approximately 52,000 grt.

14. Other transfer of U. S. tonnage to Soviet registry during month of February includes the following vessels, with ex-U.S. name and gross tonnage:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EX-NAME</u>	<u>G.R.T.</u>
ISMAIL	VERMONT	5670
KAPITAN VISLOBOKOV	TEXAS	5638
KARAGANDA	VERMAR	5568
KAVKAZ	WINDRUSH	5586
PETER CHAIKOVSKY	KOHALA	5833
RIGA	EXILONA	4971
UZBEKISTAN	FLOMAR	5551

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ICEBREAKER TRANSFER

15. Arrangements have been made to transfer 2 U. S. icebreakers, the EASTWIND and the WESTWIND, to the Soviets for use in Siberian waters, to assist the MIKOYAN and KAGANOVICH now on duty in southern Okhotsk waters. The SEVERNY POLYUS (ex-WESTWIND), delivered to the Soviets at Tacoma on 21 February, will take approximately two weeks to outfit, supply, etc. EASTWIND is now en route Boston to Tacoma, where the Soviets will take delivery during the latter part of March.

LOADINGS ON WEST COAST

16. West coast sailings of Soviet vessels fell off sharply during first two months of 1945, although Lend-Lease tonnage shipped during these two months bettered shipments in corresponding months of 1944:

	<u>NO. SAILINGS</u>	<u>DRY CARGO</u>	<u>PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</u>
January 1945	31	179,500	15,500
February 1945	26	144,600	37,200
January 1944	29	175,000	65,000
February 1944	20	90,000	10,000

SOVIET ACTIVITY LOS ANGELES AREA 1944

17. During the year 1944, Soviet vessels loading in the Los Angeles harbor area took delivery of 345,000 long tons of cargo, consisting mainly of petroleum products worth \$28,500,000. Almost 1/3 of the cargo consisted of alkylate worth approximately \$9,000,000. Other types of cargo loaded consisted of 100 octane gasoline, toluene, 62-93 octane gasoline, vegetable oil, lubricating oil, PT boats and equipment, and miscellaneous cargo.

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LA PEROUSE UNCERTAIN...USE OF AKUTAN DISCONTINUED...REPAIR PRO-
GRAM...CASUALTIES...NEW ACQUISITIONS...

LEND-LEASE TALLY

1. December shipments of 268,750 tons of Lend-Lease materials on 42 vessels departing U. S. and Canadian west coast ports, added to 314,000 tons on 43 vessels during November and 309,300 tons on 38 vessels during October, brought the total to 1,869,550 tons for the current protocol year. At the half-way mark in time, 69% of the 2,700,000 tons originally scheduled for delivery over the Pacific route had been dispatched. Last year, at the end of the first half of the protocol year, only 1,481,240 tons had been shipped.

Present advance is attributable to general improvement in Soviet merchant fleet in Pacific: (a) enlargement of average cargo-carrying capacity, and (b) more efficient operation because of extensive repairs made in U. S. Full exploitation of potentialities of four T-2 tankers (TAGANROG, DONBASS, EMBA, KRASNAYA ARMIYA), with their vast carrying capacity, has contributed conspicuously to step-up in cargo total. Swifter handling of tankers in general on Siberian run during present protocol year has also had marked effect.

ICE CONDITIONS NECESSITATE CHANGE OF ROUTE

2. Throughout December summer shipping routes in Sea of Okhotsk remained free of ice. Regular reconnaissance flights begun 10 December to survey ice conditions in area resulted in Soviet order to resume winter route 10 January. Course is same as that followed last year: from first Kuril Strait to 51.30N - 155.00E, thence to 46.30N - 148.00E, and on westward according to instructions of icebreaker on duty at La Perouse Strait. (For variations from summer route, see Op-16-FT serial 59-44, dated 6 September 1944.)

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On 8 January, ice drifting from Tartary Strait covered La Perouse. Some drift ice had appeared in Aniwa Wan and along southeast coast of Sakhalin, as well as from Aniwa Wan to Kuril Straits from Etorofu southward.

By 20 January ice in La Perouse was still moderate, although ice fields had developed in Aniwa and Taraika Bays. Heavy fields began about 50 miles east of La Perouse, extended to Etorofu. In this area the icebreakers KAGANOVICH, on station at La Perouse 10 January, and MIKOLAN, on duty 20 January, were working.

Sea of Okhotsk north of 54° was, on 8 January, rapidly freezing solid, although there was no ice in waters adjacent to southern Kamchatka and Kurils. By 20 January Okhotsk ice fields extended from 53rd parallel southwestward to southeast Sakhalin. The east coast of Sakhalin, clear on 8 January, was frozen solid. Kuril Straits, north of Etorofu, were still clear.

In general, more severe ice conditions were expected during present winter than in 1944 because of recent periods of intense cold.

SIBERIAN PORT ACTIVITY

3. Improvement in port operations expected as result of investigation and reorganization of entire Far Eastern shipping situation by Vice Commissar for Foreign Trade was not in evidence during last months of year.

Average turnaround time at all Siberian ports lengthened considerably, particularly in case of tankers:

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Freighters	22 Days	20 Days	24.5 Days
EC-2's only	28 Days	23.7 Days	30 Days
Tankers	6 Days	5.7 Days	19.2 Days

NOTE: Poor EC-2 turnaround in Siberian ports during last few months was partly due to fact that these vessels were used for side trips.

Traffic in Siberian ports during October, November, and December was as follows:

	<u>SAILINGS</u>			<u>ARRIVALS</u>		
	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Vladivostok - Nahodka	33	27	26	34	28	38
Nagaev	4	3	4	2	4	3
Sovietskaya Gavan	1	1				
Petropavlovsk	1	5	4	2	5	4
Moskalvo				2		
Rybnovsk	1					
Providence	10	1		1		
	<u>50</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>45</u>

Vladivostok

4. Toward end of year congestion of port area of Vladivostok retarded turnaround of transpacific vessels, although it was not considered to have reached alarming proportions. Explanation offered for excessive accumulation of freight was that administrative difficulties had hampered port operations. During November MORSKOI FLOT, weekly shipping paper, continued its criticism of port management, sighting negligent organization of labor battalions

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and improper utilization of stevedores. Supply of labor and railway facilities were apparently adequate.

Coastwise shipments of 1944 season fish catch from northern ports, arriving in large volume from mid-October on, caused further congestion which continued through December.

During closing months of 1944, many veteran shipmasters, together with other experienced merchant vessel officers and navigators, were transferred from Soviet Far East to Black Sea Area in preparation for opening of this shipping route.

Petropavlovsk

5. Number of vessels calling at Petropavlovsk decreased almost 70%, with consequent drop in amount of cargo discharged at this port. Transshipment of cargo from Petropavlovsk to Vladivostok during latter part of 1944 apparently presented few difficulties. Cargo thus handled in many cases consisted of PT boats, carried from U. S. as deck cargo and moved onward through Tartary Strait by coastal vessels. For offloading PT boats, a heavy lift crane of 50 ton capacity has recently been reported in operation at Petropavlovsk. In the past, tankers with PT's on deck have been forced to wait for arrival of other ships equipped with jumbo boom in order to unload cargo of this weight.

Sakhalin

6. The port of Moskalvo assumed new importance, in view of the number of vessels dispatched here to discharge oil pipe for use both in improvement and development of present facilities on northern Sakhalin and in connection with Moskalvo-Nikolaevsk-Komsomolsk pipeline. Moskalvo is comparatively new port being developed on Baikal Bay. Cargo discharge is still slowly and crudely handled, only small piers being available and strong tides and winds hampering operations.

IMPROVED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

7. Long-continued efforts toward improvement in markings of Soviet merchant ships for sake of ready determination of nationality by U. S. forces culminated in revision of identification system, effective 15 December 1944. For description, see Op-16-FT serial 69-44, dated 5 December 1944.

DUPLICATION OF NAMES

8. In an effort to clear up discrepancies arising out of duplication of ship names, Soviets are renaming a number of these ships. The FUGACHEV has been renamed S.MOIED, the SAKHILINNEFT, 2674 tons, has been renamed MOSKALVO, and the SAKHILIN, 3554 ton freighter, has been renamed KRASNOYARSK.

JAPANESE PATROL IN LA PEROUSE UNCERTAIN

9. After many months of untroubled relations between Jap patrol vessels and Soviet ships transiting La Perouse, routine challenge and questioning being conducted in most amicable fashion, it has recently been reported that the Japs are stopping and searching Soviet ships in passage. Report may not presage any serious threat to Soviet use of the Strait. Such rumors, spread by Soviet sailors, are rife in Vladivostok at all times.

USE OF AKUTAN DISCONTINUED

10. Effective 1 April 1945 the use of Akutan Naval Fueling Station will be discontinued by Soviet merchant ships in run between Siberian ports and U. S. west coast. After this date all vessels will clear Dutch Harbor, where they will also be serviced in future.

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REPAIR PROGRAM

11. An extensive repair program is being carried out by VSA during the winter months of 1944-45 at west coast ports. As was the case last year, a good portion of the vessels operating in Siberian coastwise trade will have major repairs before departing for Siberia in the spring. At the present time the icebreaker KRASSIN is in Port Angeles, where repairs estimated at \$1,500,000 are being undertaken.

CASUALTIES

12. Soviet ship mortality during the final quarter of 1944 through January 1945 has been surprisingly light. No reports have been received of total losses, although the SHELON, 2251 tons, is reported hard aground off Sovietskaya Gavan.

The KUZBASS, grounded during latter part of September 1944 near the entrance to Providence Bay, is still reported high and dry on the beach. It is reported that further attempts will be made to salvage the vessel in the early spring, since unfavorable ice conditions in that area make salvage impossible.

The EMELIAN FUGACHEV, 7176 tons, was reported on 31 December to have grounded on western approaches to La Perouse Straits. Vessel was later towed to Soviet port by the MIKOP and VOIKOV and is now in Victoria, B. C.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

13. During recent months, 11 U. S. vessels aggregating 65,723 g.r.t. have been transferred to Soviet flag. Included in the above figures is the KRASNAYA ARMIYA, 10,448 g.r.t. T-2 tanker (ex-U.S. PIONEER VALLEY). Other vessels included in above are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EX NAME</u>	<u>G.R.T.</u>
BELORUSSIA	LILOK	5523
KAPITAN SMIRNOV	COLUMBIAN	4954
KHARKOV	JANE CHRISTENSEN	6095
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DIVERSION OF SOVIET TANKERS TO SEATTLE FOR LOADING

1. A reduction of more than six days in round-trip time between Siberian and U. S. ports has been effected by shift of many Soviet tankers from Los Angeles area to Seattle for loading petroleum products. Although main purpose was to free railroad facilities in Los Angeles area for requirements of U. S. Navy, the transfer serves also to speed the flow of high-priority petroleum cargo to the Soviets.

TANKER OPERATION AT SOVIET FAR EASTERN PORTS

2. In spite of intensive effort on part of Soviets to expedite petroleum shipping, average turnaround time for tankers increased somewhat to 6.1 days during September, against record low of 4 days in August. Maintenance of generally satisfactory tanker performance during month was due in part to performance of BATUMI, which discharged her cargo in two days at Port Rybnovsk, and of new T2 tanker TAGAJROG, which established a record for round trip from U. S. to Vladivostok in 33 days, including 5 spent discharging in Vladivostok.

SLOWDOWN OF DRY CARGO DISCHARGE

3. Handling of dry cargo ships during September was less efficient. Numerous delays in berthing have again been reported. Liberty vessels, kept in port for average of 30.4 days during the month, are not realizing their potentialities as cargo carriers in this run. The latest issue of Soviet shipping paper MORSKOI FLOT criticizes poor port operation at Vladivostok, citing case of NOVOROSSISK (EC-2), which waited 12 days before opening hatches and then required 16 days for discharge. Vladivostok port officials countered that there was a shortage of large cranes and that berths in that area were overloaded. Heavy industrial cargo still crowds port to same extent as in recent months. Congestion is expected to continue through October, due partly to close of shipping activity in Arctic and the routing to Vladivostok of vessels engaged in northern area during season.

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VLADIVOSTOK OUTLOOK

4. Vladivostok is now receiving 200 freight cars daily, which should be sufficient to move incoming freight. Reorganization of the entire Far Eastern shipping situation has caused Soviets in Vladivostok to work under considerable pressure, and public criticism such as made by MORSKOI FLOT is one of usual preliminary steps to drastic measures. (See FT Serial 62-44, dated 7 September 1944, paragraph 1.)

GENERAL INCREASE IN SIBERIAN TURNAROUND TIME

5. Turnaround time, computed on basis of all Siberian ports used as termini of U. S. run, shows the following increase over period of last four months:

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
Cargo	11.4 days	14 days	21.5 days	24.6 days
EC-2's (only):	9.9 "	20 "	24.1 "	30.4 "
Tankers:	5.1 "	6.8 "	4 "	6.1 "

VOLUME OF TRAFFIC DROPS

6. As anticipated, September showed a decrease in Lend-Lease supplies shipped from U. S. west coast, comparing with two preceding months as follows:

	<u>No. Sailings</u>	<u>Total Tons Cargo</u>
July	54	339,500
August	49	337,000
September	40	301,000

7. With two-thirds of Liberty and other Lend-Lease vessels at present in Siberian ports or westbound, cargo during October may also be expected to follow the falling curve.

NEW ACQUISITIONS AND CONVERSIONS

8. WSA has decided to replace the Soviet ILICH, ex-EMPEROR NICHOLAS II, 4166 g.r.t., capsized in Portland Harbor, with the OTSEGO, formerly operated by Alaska Packers. Replacement vessel is the ex-PRINCE EITEL FREDERICK, built in Hamburg in 1902, 4638 g.r.t., capable of accommodating 18 officers and 783 men. Vessel will average 11 knots loaded, 12 knots light.

9. PIONEER VALLEY, T2 tanker to be lend-leased to Soviets in October, will be renamed KRASNAYA ARMIYA. Soviets are still undecided as to which of their present tankers will be given to WSA in exchange.

10. ALMA ATA, CHERNYSHEVSKI, and MENJINSKI are all presently in U. S. ports, where they are being converted into crab-canning vessels, as previously reported in FT Serial 43-44, dated 8 June 1944, Soviet Shipping - Pacific - May 1944.

ARCTIC SEASON NEARS CLOSE

11. Only one vessel departed from U. S. during month destined for Providence. About one-third of the ships routed to this area during the season have already completed discharge at northern ports and departed Providence for U. S.

12. No confirmation has been received during month of transfer of vessels from Pacific to Atlantic area via Arctic route (see FT Serial 62-44, dated 7 September 1944). Contrary to expectation of shipmasters, three Liberties routed to Arctic ports during summer season have already returned to U. S. ports instead of proceeding on to White Sea.

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SHIPPING TRANSFER FROM PACIFIC TO ATLANTIC....1944 ARCTIC
PROGRAM NEARS END....TARTARY STRAIT IN LIMITED USE.....
SIBERIAN PORT OPERATIONS....WEST COAST ACTIVITY.....

SHIPPING TRANSFER FROM PACIFIC TO ATLANTIC

1. After peak summer operations at Soviet Far East ports, U.S. - Siberian shipping route may be expected to decrease in importance as the flow of traffic is accelerated elsewhere. Recent reports indicate that Soviets have begun gradually to transfer shipping from Pacific to Atlantic area. Customs and Foreign Trade personnel leaving Vladivostok and other stations in eastern Siberia for Leningrad, Archangel, and Murmansk are being replaced from Moscow by inexperienced graduates of schools for these organizations.

2. No announcement has been made on routes to be followed by vessels shifted from transpacific run to Atlantic service; whether via northern sea route, or from U. S. west coast through Panama Canal.

3. However, numerous shipmasters of Soviet vessels touching at Akutan en route for Arctic (including three Liberties) have believed their final destination to be Archangel or Murmansk. As usual in the case of ships proceeding as far west as the danger area of Kara Sea, these vessels carried excess military equipment and were stocked with food supplies for five or six months against possibility of immobilization in Arctic ice during winter.

Note: In 1943 season two vessels westbound from Providence Bay were lost, possibly due to enemy action, in Kara Sea area, as well as two from European U.S.S.R. ports. Several ships, unheard of since departure from Providence during last season, are reported to have spent winter frozen in ice off the north coast of Siberia

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4. In view of future emphasis on northern ports in European U.S.S.R., some of the icebreakers which left Vladivostok early in July to assist vessels along Arctic passage may be expected to proceed on to Murmansk - Archangel area for winter operation.

5. Although at present all signs point to the Arctic routing, logical reasons would favor use of Panama Canal:

a) Run from Siberia to U. S. west coast, comparatively free from navigational hazards and comparatively easy for vessels in ballast would bring ships to source of Lend-Lease supply, ready to operate in Atlantic, after passage through Canal.

b) Vessels proceeding in ballast from Far Eastern ports to Murmansk-Archangel area, after long and difficult passage, would arrive "light" and be faced with another voyage to loading port on U. S. east coast before cargo-carrying value could be realized.

1944 ARCTIC PROGRAM NEARS END

6. During August, 8 vessels loaded with 31,000 tons of dry cargo and petroleum departed U. S. for Arctic ports, making total of 30 to date and leaving only 1 or 2 more sailings scheduled this season. The KUZBASS, which departed U. S. late in August and the IJORA, slated for early September sailing, are both making their second Arctic trip this year.

7. Vessels departing toward end of August and early in September, late in Arctic shipping season, will discharge all cargo in Anadyr region, Soviets planning to deliver to final destination overland or by air.

8. For the most part, vessels traversing Arctic route for any considerable distance are strengthened for ice navigation. The hulls of two EC-2's believed bound for White Sea ports (VITEBSK and DEKABRIST) have been especially "stiffened".

TARTARY STRAIT IN LIMITED USE

9. Hard on the heels of conclusion that Soviets were using La Perouse almost exclusively, in preference to Tartary Strait, for all types of vessels loaded with all types of cargo (see Op-16-FT serial 55-44, dated 9 August 1944) come reports that a number of vessels have transited Tartary en route Vladivostok. Whereas last year "strategic" nature of deck cargo determined choice of routes, Liberties carrying war material being sent via Tartary, this year greatest concern is displayed over foodstuffs. Majority of ships using Tartary for safety reasons have carried cargoes of "high priority" foodstuffs. Other cargo sent by this route consisted of refinery equipment. Vessels in Nagaivo - Vladivostok run normally use La Perouse Strait if there is no question about nature of cargo.

10. In addition to somewhat relaxed Soviet attitude in relation to Japanese patrol activities in La Perouse, one possible reason for avoidance of Tartary is unsuccessful outcome of dredging efforts. Maximum draft possible in Strait at present is reported to vary from 18 to 20 feet, with constant dredging required at mouth of Amur to remove large quantities of silt brought down by the river.

SIBERIAN PORT OPERATIONS

11. A total of 44 Soviet warships sailed from Siberia for U. S. and Canadian ports during month of August. Fifty-one Soviet ships arrived at Siberian ports during the month, sharply contrasted with July figure of 73 arrivals.

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Summary of arrivals and departures is shown below:

<u>PORTS</u>	<u>SAILINGS</u>	<u>ARRIVALS</u>
Vlad - Nahodka	33	29
Nikolaevsk	2	2
Petropavlovsk	2	3
Nagaev	2	1
Port Rytnovsk	2	4
Providence Bay	3	10
Moskalvo	-	2
TOTAL	44	51

12. Turnaround time for dry cargo vessels lengthened to 21.5 days, compared with 14 days in July, probably due in part to large number of arrivals during preceding month. EO-2 turnaround time, still greater, averaged 24.1 days. Tankers, however, discharged and sailed in record time. Exclusive of the VARLAAM AVANESOV, which for unknown reasons required 23 days at Nagaev, tankers turned around in 4 days, against 6.8 in July.

VLADIVOSTOK PORT CONDITIONS

13. Considerable pressure is being brought to bear by Soviet officials at Vladivostok for speedy tanker discharge. Upon arrival here, as well as at U. S. west coast ports, tankers are given a turnaround deadline which can seldom be met. In the words of one master, tankers are being handled "like a ball" between Siberian and U. S. west coast ports. Such efforts, however, have resulted in two-day turnaround at Vladivostok for the MAIKOP, for instance, and in the general "low" established for the month. One tanker, on the other hand, reported a two-day delay before discharge, until railroad tank cars could sufficiently empty storage tanks, all of which had been filled to capacity.

14. Dry cargo vessels spent longer and longer time in port, waiting for berth in many cases.

LOADINGS ON U. S. WEST COAST

15. During August the Soviet merchant fleet in transpacific run maintained a fast pace of loadings and departures at U. S. west coast ports. Forty-nine vessels, loaded with 337,000 tons of Lend-Lease cargo, departed during month (figure includes shipping to Arctic).

16. In view of unfavorable Siberian conditions, however, it still remains highly doubtful whether sufficient deep-water vessels will arrive U. S. during the early part of September to realize another "peak" shipping month. (300,000 tons of Lend-Lease cargo is considered to be the standard set for summer and fall months.)

WSA ACTIVITY

17. Tanker DONBASS (ex-U.S. ST. JAMES), turned over to Soviets on U. S. east coast on 27 April of this year, will revert to WSA without having made a trip to U.S.S.R. Considered unsatisfactory, she will be exchanged, along with MOSKVA, for new T2-SE-41 tanker BEACON ROCK renamed DONBASS.

18. Old RODINA was delivered to WSA during the month. Old BRLANSK, another of the 9 vessels to have been returned for 6 new Liberties in deal arranged in April, is still in Soviet service on last trip permitted to Siberia before reversion.

SINKING

19. A master of a Soviet vessel arriving Akutan (evaluation F-3) reports that both Russian and Japanese officials examined at Ozernoe a torpedo reported to have been fired at USSR CB, missed and gone ashore. It was determined to have been of Italian make and design. (See serial 55-144, dated 9 August 1944, for details of sinking.)

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ROUTING IN SIBERIAN WATERS...CHART OF SOVIET MERSHIP ROUTES.....

THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES:

- Op-16-FT Serial 88-43, Soviet Mership Identification and Routes, Okhotsk - Bering - Japan Seas, dated 29 December, 1943
- Op-16-FT Serial 5-44, Soviet Mership Routes, Bering Sea - Change in, dated 17 January 1944.
- Op-16-FT Serial 8-44, Soviet Mership Routes, Okhotsk Sea - Change in, dated 26 January 1944.
- Op-16-FT Serial 50-44, Soviet Mership Identification and Routes, Okhotsk - Bering - Japan Seas, dated 8 July 1944.

IMPROVED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

1. Identification system for Soviet merships, effective 16 May 1944 and revised as of 15 August 1944, affords greater security to USSR merships in the transpacific run. New system is in force while vessels are traversing Japan, Okhotsk, and Bering Seas. Between Akutan and U. S. west coast ports or Canada, Soviet ships carry such features of the system as American Convoy and Routing authorities may direct.

MARKINGS ON SIDES AND DECK

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2. In order to improve visibility, standard proportions have been established for the identification device displayed on sides and deck, consisting of painted national merchant ensign (solid red field bearing yellow hammer and sickle topped by star), bordered in white. The ratio of ensign length to width is fixed at 2 to 1. White border, narrow at top and sides, forms a base equal in depth to width of ensign. On upper half of white base are painted, in black, the letters U S S R, tops of letters touching bottom edge of ensign. Lower half of base remains clear white. (See illustration page 2.)

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3. Dimensions of ensign have been officially reported as 3 meters by 1.5 meters. In practice, however, size of marking varies in accordance with space available on ship, maximum feasible size being used and specified proportions maintained with exception of top and side border, which remains constant at 10 centimeters.

4. Flags are sometimes painted directly on side of vessel, sometimes on demountable boards, which are not removed in waters east of Akutan. Flags on deck are usually painted on canvas over hatch cover.

TWO-FLAG HOIST NEW FEATURE

5. In addition to earlier identification features, all of which are retained with some modifications, USSR vessels now fly two-letter flag hoists, to be changed periodically, at zero hour, zone minus 3 time, as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Signal</u>
16 May	25 June	ZS
26 June	10 July	BB
11 July	15 August	UA
16 August	20 September	YS
21 September	30 October	PD
31 October	27 November	EE
28 November	22 December	ZT
23 December	18 January	BS
19 January	12 February	ZY
13 February	14 March	XR
15 March	19 April	WB

FLAG DISPLAY

6. The national merchant ensign is flown from the gaff day and night, as before. When approaching U. S. territory, the American flag is usually flown at fore.

NIGHT IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

7. At night, side and masthead lights of normal brightness are shown. In addition, a vertical row of three lights, identifying nationality, in sequence of green, red, green, visible through 360 degrees, for a distance of five miles on a clear, dark night, is carried on mainmast. As of 15 August, by Soviet request, these lights will be shown between Akutan and west coast as in Okhotsk, Bering, and Japan Seas, except within American territorial waters, where they will be extinguished.

8. Flags on sides of ship are kept continuously illuminated at night while in Okhotsk, Bering, and Japan Seas. Only upon meeting other ships will ensign at gaff be lighted.

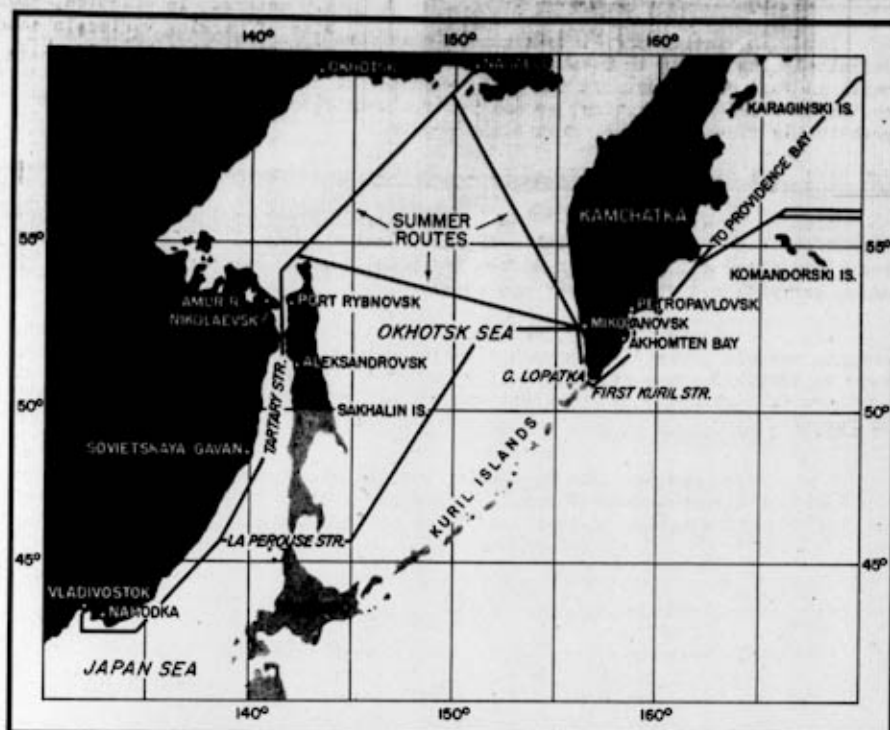
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ROUTING IN SIBERIAN WATERS (Exclusive of Northern Area)



9. Resumption of same summer routes as in 1943 was scheduled for 20 June, as follows:

a) Tartary Straits Route

Vessels proceed from Vladivostok through Sea of Japan and Tartary Straits to Okhotsk Buoy, thence through points 54.25N - 141.24E and 54.35N - 142.44E, to a point 2 miles off Mikoyanovski Light (52.40N - 156.14E), bearing 270 degrees; thence coastwise by territorial waters through First Kuril Strait to Akhomten Bay (south of Petropavlovsk). From Akhomten Bay or Petropavlovsk, ships follow regular Akutan route established 15 April 1943, via 56.00N - 165.00E, thence along 56th parallel to 180°, thence to 55N - 166.30W, from which point Akutan is approached. Eastbound vessels travel south of 56th parallel, westbound vessels, north.

b) La Perouse Route

From Vladivostok, ships proceed through La Perouse Strait, by either northern or southern channel, thence through points 45.40N - 145.00E and 52.40N - 151.35E, to Mikoyanovski Light, thence as above.

c) Nagaev Route

Vessels en route Nagaev either from Mikoyanovski Light or point 54.25N - 141.24E pass through point 59.00N - 150.00E, thence to Nagaev Bay.

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OBSERVANCE BY SOVIET SHIPMASTERS

10. Soviet officials announce that merchant masters have again been definitely instructed to keep to prescribed routes and to maintain identification marks in good condition. In the past, a number of deviations from standard routes in order to save time, as well as frequent failure to display largest practicable flags on sides, have been reported.

RED NAVY USES MERCHANT IDENTIFICATION AND ROUTES

11. Naval vessels of the Soviet Pacific Fleet have adopted the merchant identification system, in addition to naval ensign or naval auxiliary flags. Auxiliary flag, as distinguished from Red naval ensign, has blue field with white union carrying red star, hammer and sickle.

12. Since mid-July, warships and auxiliaries of Red Navy and hydrographic vessels proceeding through Siberian waters to Cape Lopatka vicinity have kept to standard route established for merchant vessels via Tartary Straits and northern Okhotsk Sea. Hydrographic vessels may in exceptional cases only use La Perouse.

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JM COMMORPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRIORITY RRRRRRRR ROUTINE
DATE 2 SEPTEMBER 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0615			
DECODED BY HOFNER		COMINCH COMFAIRWING 4 CTF 90	PRIORITY RRRRRRRR ROUTINE
TYPED BY HOFNER/SJOSTEN			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
020055		NCR 9481	
ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:	DATE	TIME	GCT

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ACTION

(RADIO HONOLULU PASS ACTION CINCPAC. RDO ANNAPOLIS PASS INFO COMINCH. COMFAIRWING 4 AND CTF 90 HAVE INFO BY HAND. FROM COMMORPAC)

COMMORPAC 302107 AUGUST.

FURTHER INDICATION THAT TANKER BOMBED WAS RUSSIAN. NAVAL FUELING STATION AKUTAN SAYS NEW VICTORY TANKER USSR EMBA CALL UOUS REPORTS BEING BOMBED AND STRAFED BY TWIN ENGINE TWIN TAIL PLANE WITH UNIDENTIFIED MARKINGS AT 51-06 N 157-18 E. TIME 2110Z 28 AUGUST EAST LONGITUDE DATE. 1 HIT WITH HUNDRED POUND INCENDIARY MINOR DAMAGE. 1 MAN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. VENTURA REPORTED MAKING ATTACKS AT 2100Z 28TH SCORING HIT WITH QUARTER TON INCENDIARY CLUSTER AND STRAFING DETAILS BY LETTER UPON COMPLETION INVESTIGATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMMORPAC	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC COMINCH	ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 31 AUGUST 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2349			
DECODED BY KIRKBRIDE	INFORMATION	CFAW 4 CTF 90	PRIORITY
TYPED			ROUTINE ROUTINE
BY KIRKBRIDE /HOFNER			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
302107		NCR 7820	

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE

TIME

GCT

ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

ACTION

(RDO HONO PASS ACTION CINCPAC, RDO ANNAPOLIS PASS ACTION COMINCH
COMMORPAC SENDS) (CFAW 4, CTF 90 HAVE BY HAND)

CINCPAC 292051.

LATEST ADVICE IS TANKER PROBABLY RUSSIAN AND THAT ATTACK
OCCURRED OFF COAST OF KAMCHATKA.

ASSIGNED TARGET WAS JAP SHIPPING ONEKOTAN.

PILOT BELIEVED HE WAS APPROACHING THAT ISLAND AND HIS CREW
IDENTIFIED TANKERS FLAG AS JAP.

ALL VESSELS FOUND IN SHIPPING LANES OFF EAST COAST KAMCHATKA
HAVE BEEN AND ARE PRESUMED FRIENDLY AND ARE SO TREATED.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINORPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 29 AUGUST 1944			RRRRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM 2322			ROUTINE
DECODED BY HOFNER		COMINCH COMSUBPAC	DEFERRED
TYPED BY HOFNER/SJOSTEN			
ROUTED BY			
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			
292051		NCR 7069	IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐

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(ACTION COMINORPAC FROM CINCPAC. INFO COMINCH COMSUBPAC)

YOUR 290111. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NO ATTACKS BE MADE ON
RUSSIAN SHIPS. PREFERABLE THAT OCCASIONAL ENEMY SHIP SHOULD
ESCAPE FROM ATTACK TO DAMAGING A RUSSIAN. UNDER EXISTING
CONDITIONS I CONSIDER SHIPS ON EAST COAST KAMCHATKA SHOULD
NORMALLY BE PRESUMED FRIENDLY UNTIL IDENTIFIED OTHERWISE.

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TOP SECRET DISPATCH

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FROM COMFAIRWING 4			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		1
RELEASED BY			FOR ACTION	COMMORPAC CINCPAC	RRRRPPPP
DATE 30 AUGUST 1944					ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 0839					DEFERRED
					BASEGRAM
DECODED BY MCKEEL			INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY ELY		CHECKED BY MCKEEL			PPPPPPPP
ROUTED BY		DITTOED BY			ROUTINE
					DEFERRED
					BASEGRAM
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.					IF OPERATIONAL
290111* NCR 7376					CHECK BELOW
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(COMFAIRWING 4 SENDS COMMORPAC)

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EVIDENCE FROM PHOTOGRAPHS INDICATES THAT TANKER REPORTED BOMBED BY FLEET AIR WING 4 VENTURA OFF EAST COAST ONEKOTAN 27 AUGUST WAS POSSIBLY RUSSIAN PROCEEDING ALONG EAST COAST KAMCHATKA. CREW MEMBERS POSITIVE THAT TANKER WAS FLYING JAPANESE FLAG BUT PHOTOS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH TO CONFIRM THIS. DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF NAVIGATION AND OTHER FEATURES OF THIS PLANES FLIGHT BEING CONDUCTED AND REPORT WILL FOLLOW. REQUEST ACTION ADEE INFORM HIGHER AUTHORITIES DEEMED ADVISABLE.

*PASSED BY RDO ADAK TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION AS 290917 AND THEN PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 300555.

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DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

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PRECEDENCE

FROM AMCON VLADIVOSTOK

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

DATE 29 AUGUST 1944TOR CODEROM 1512DECODED BY SCHWARTING

PARAPHRASED

BY SIRMAN / RogersROUTED BY WHITTINGTONFOR ACTION
INFORMATION

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MOSCOW

PRIORITY

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ACTION

(ACTION CNO INFO MOSCOW FROM AMCON VLAD)

NEW SOVIET CRUISER ARRIVED VLADIVOSTOK 27TH
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS PLUS NAME ON SAILORS' CAP
RIBBONS INDICATES PROBABLY KAGANOVITCH. KALIN ALSO
PRESENT BOMHNIROV CLASS SIMILAR TO VOROSHILOV
WITH STICK FOREMAST.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ALUSNA MURMANSK	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY		CNO	
DATE 29 AUGUST 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0530			
DECODED BY FISHER	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TYPED BY RASH / THOMPSON			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY ROLL			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
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HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY BORISOV OF FOREIGN TRADE
THAT 5 ICE BREAKERS WILL OPERATE WHITE SEA THIS
WINTER. STALIN, MIKOYUN, LENIN,
DITKE AND SEVERN IVETER THE LATTER U S BUILT.

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COMINCH...CNO...20G...200P...NAVAIDE...28...

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ORAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	AMCON VLADIVOSTOK	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY
DATE	27 AUG 1944		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	1853-27		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	KURTZ		
PARAPHRASED BY	TRUSSELL <i>McSorby</i>	MOSCOW	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	GIBSON		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

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(FOR CNO INFO MOSCOW FROM AMCON VLAD)

CONVOY OFFICER CONFIRMS KOMILES ATTACK FIRST REVEALED
 HERE BY CNO'S 221316 ^{NOT via H.R.} BUT STATES TWO TORPEDOES FIRED
 AND IS EXTREMELY SKEPTICAL ABOUT ENTIRE INCIDENT AS
 HIS INVESTIGATION REVEALED MANY UNUSUAL AND CONFLICTING
 STORIES. VOLUNTEERED INFO FOUR TORPEDOES FIRED AT
 SOVIETS KAYANEFT WHICH EXPLODED AT END OF RUN.
 ASKED FOR TIME PLACE AND IDENTITY REPLIED "ABOUT 6
 OR 7 DAYS AGO DOKHOTOSK SEA. SUB NOT SEEN"

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GOMINCH...200P...20G...NAVAIDE...CNO...MAY 29 1974

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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PRECEDENCE

FROM **ALUSNA MOSCOW**

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

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FAIRLY RELIABLE FOREIGN TRADE HOUSES SAY SOVIETS

STARTING GRADUAL TRANSFER SHIPS FROM PACIFIC TO

ATLANTIC RUN. MANY CUSTOMS AND FOREIGN TRADE

PEOPLE LEAVING FOR LENINGRAD, ARCHANGEL MURMANSK

BEING REPLACED BY MOSCOW INEXPERIENCED GRADUATES OF

SCHOOLS THESE ORGANIZATIONS. ALL INDICATIONS IMPORTANT

PORTS THIS COAST WILL GRADUALLY MINIMIZE AFTER SUMMER

PEAK.

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NO MORE DELIVERIES VIA NORTH ATLANTIC. RE KODIAK
 DELIVERY SOVIETS REQUEST THAT ALL THEIR CREWS BE
 USED TO EXPEDITE FERRYING INTO ANADIR. ADVISE.
 INFORMATION IN RUSSIA INDICATES PROSPECTIVE DELIVERY
 DURING AUGUST TO DECEMBER INCLUSIVE OF FROM 20 TO
 28 CATS AT SMALL MONTHLY RATE. THESE IN ADDITION
 TO 30 VIA ALASKA. THIS ACTIVATES MAJORITY OF FERRY
 CREWS. REDS REQUEST YOU MAKE ALL THIS YEAR'S DELIV-
 ERIES DURING SEPT AND OCTOBER. IF YOU GRANT THEY
 DESIRE THEIR 21 CREWS BE RETURNED ELIZABETH CITY TO
 FERRY SOUTH ATLANTIC ROUTE THEN BACK TO US VIA TEHRAN
 AT TIMES AND IN QUANTITIES NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S

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DELIVERIES. IF REQUEST IS NOT GRANTED THEY DESIRE YOU RETURN
ONLY 10 CREWS TO ELIZABETH FROM KODIAK THE REMAINDER GOING TO
DUTY IN RUSSIA UNTIL NEEDED IN LATE '44 OR NEXT YEAR. ADVISE.

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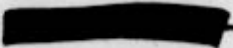
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To : War Department

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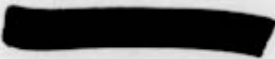
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OKHOTSK SUMMER ROUTING...VLAD TURNAROUNDS IMPROVE...NKVD PORT GUARDS...PETRO CONGESTION UNCONFIRMED...NAGAEVO PROGRAM... SIBERIA PORT TRAFFIC...ARCTIC SHIPMENTS...WEST COAST LOADINGS UP...WSA GIVES 4 MORE SHIPS...CASUALTIES...FAILURES IN SOVIET SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTS...GENERAL COMMENT.

OKHOTSK SUMMER ROUTE RESUMED

1. Effective 20 June, 1944, Soviet merships in the transpacific run resumed same routing through Okhotsk Sea as in summer 1943. This change marks discontinuance of temporary winter route closer to Kurile Islands, which, with consent of Japanese, was used during the period of severe ice conditions. Summer route, adding three-quarters of a day's run to the trip, lies safely clear of Japanese territorial waters, except for passage of La Perouse. (For detail, see Op-16-FT Serial 50-44, dated 8 July 1944.)

2. June departures gave no evidence of the use of Tartary Strait by Liberties, on which conflicting reports had earlier been received. Routing of these vessels via La Perouse or Tartary will, in final analysis, determine efficiency of operations in Pacific during the peak summer season.

VLADIVOSTOK TURNAROUNDS IMPROVE

3. Turnaround time at Vladivostok in June for all vessels sailing for U. S. and Canada was further reduced to an average of 9.7 days. Dry cargo ships required 11.4 days and tankers 5.1 days. Compares with 11.6 average turnaround in May.

4. Soviet shipmasters recently arrived in U. S. have without exception reported very rapid discharge at Vladivostok, no congestion and railroad keeping abreast of requirements.

5. More frequent use of Nahodka as fueling port for eastbound vessels, both for coal and oil bunkers, should tend to abate congestion in Vladivostok harbor, indicates growing importance of this port in relieving strain on Vladivostok facilities.

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NKVD GUARDS RELIEVE RED NAVY

6. As a corrective measure to safeguard unloading conditions, Red Navy security guards in the commercial port areas of Vladivostok have recently been replaced by NKVD troops. This move reflects some discredit upon Red Navy for failure to put an end to smuggling by sailors and pilferage by port workers, which had been increasing, in one case, at least, reaching as high as 33% of cargo. With the introduction of greater numbers of convict laborers among port workers, NKVD is regarded as the logical control agency.

PETROPAVLOVSK CONGESTION NOT CONFIRMED

7. Of 107 vessels which departed U.S. and Canada for Siberia from January through March, 92 (more than 90%) reached Vladivostok after a thirty-day average layover at Petropavlovsk awaiting favorable ice conditions in La Perouse area. Only 15, including 2 tankers, discharged their entire cargo at Petropavlovsk. Whatever amount of cargo was discharged by these latter ships could easily be transhipped by the fleet of 20 smaller vessels of the 2500 - 3000 ton class reported to be available for shuttle service, in ample time to avoid conflict with vital summer operations.

Note: This analysis disproves previous assumption that a transshipment cargo jam existed at Petropavlovsk, indicates that elaborate plans of Soviets to transship winter cargo at Petropavlovsk did not progress beyond paper stages.

8. Improvement of crane facilities should facilitate operations at Petropavlovsk. Throughout last season, the lack of cranes was a severe handicap. This year a large floating crane, reported capacity 100 tons, has been assembled in preparation for the summer season.

NAGAEVO PROGRAM UNCERTAIN.

9. Although it has been stated that use of Nagaevo as transshipment point is not contemplated this year and that all inbound shipping is for local use, considerable early-season activity has already occurred. Following discharge of aviation gasoline cargo from AZERBAIDJAN on 1 June, three dry cargo vessels arrived from U. S. mid-June. Another is now en route.

10. The VANZETTI (2,363 g.r.t.) converted into a crane ship while repairing at U.S. west coast shipyard, is at present working at Nagaevo. Four 50-ton steel cranes have been installed on deck, operated by 8 electrical winches. Later in the season it is likely that the VANZETTI may be transferred to Port Rybnovsk to assist in offloading if extensive use is made of Tartary Strait.

Note: So far this season only one westbound vessel, KRASNOC ZNANIYA, is known to have touched at Port Rybnovsk, where she arrived 23 June, at about time Tartary Strait was expected to be ice free.

SIBERIAN TRAFFIC - JUNE

11. Sailings and arrivals at Siberian ports during past month were distributed as follows:

	<u>SAILINGS</u>	<u>ARRIVALS</u>
Vlad	19	33
Petro	9	4
Nagaevo	1	3
Nahodka	1	2
Korfa Bay	1	
Tetyukhe Bay	1	
Port Rybnovsk		1
Total	32	43

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ARCTIC PROGRAM STARTS

12. The Soviet ISKRA, departing U. S. for Providence Bay 15 June with Lend-Lease supplies, initiated the 1944 Arctic program. The latter part of June, 5 other Soviet vessels and one EC-2, the STALINABAD, followed, all for same destination. Bulk of Arctic shipments will have left U. S. west coast by end of July unless projected program is later expanded. (For further info see Op-16-FT Serial 37-44, dated 12 May 1944; Soviet Shipping in Arctic Waters.)

WEST COAST LOADINGS UP

13. June performance in dispatching loaded Soviet merchant ships from west coast ports of U. S. and Canada established a new record. During this last month of the third Lend-Lease protocol period, fifty vessels sailed with a total cargo of 333,000 tons, highest monthly figures since inception of Soviet supply program in October, 1941. Compares with 245,000 tons in June 1943 on 51 ships.

Note: Larger proportion of Liberties in Soviet fleet accounts for advance. With 36 Soviet Liberties now in Pacific run, EC-2s alone could handle approximately 46% of Lend-Lease supplies to Siberia, if 14-day turn-arounds can be maintained at each end and if all vessels are routed through La Perouse.

14. June cargo tonnage, analyzed according to destination, was as follows:

For Siberian ports (Arctic excluded)

Dry cargo from U. S.	188,000 tons
Petroleum products from U.S.	60,000 tons
Dry cargo from Canada	57,000 tons
Total	305,000 tons

For Arctic ports

Dry cargo	28,000 tons
Total	333,000 tons

Note: ONI estimates Vladivostok can handle discharge of 300,000 tons of cargo per month (May through October) under ideal conditions.

NSA TRANSFERS 4 MORE SHIPS

15. A new T2-SE-A1 tanker (10,195 g.r.t.), U. S. built, was transferred to the Soviets on 28 June, in exchange for two Lend-Lease tankers which have been under Russian registry for more than a year. The new ship, formerly SHAWNEE TRAIL, has taken the name EMBA from one of those reverting to NSA, the ex-U.S. W. C. FAIRBANKS, 6353 gross. Although aggregate tonnage of two older vessels exceeds the 10,195 g.r.t. of new tanker, more efficient operation of new EMBA, making possible 6 trips a year instead of the maximum of 4 each for the old vessels, will in effect offset the apparent loss.

16. In response to Soviet insistence that a vessel similar in design to the SOYUZPUSHNINA (563 g.r.t) was urgently needed for work in the Arctic, NSA, after denying repairs to this vessel procured Army FP-161, 169 feet in length, and made delivery 23 May for use of Maritime Operations Office of Glavsevmorput (Chief Administration of Northern Sea Route).

17. Two new Liberties, named GENERAL VATUTIN (ex-BENJAMIN TARNER) and GENERAL PANFILOV (ex-GEORGE W. GOODFELLOW), were transferred to Soviets on 17 and 30 June respectively, in replacement of three ships withdrawn from transpacific service for conversion into crab canneries.

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CASUALTIES

18. The venerable ILICH (4166 g.r.t.) built 1895, once pleasure yacht of Tsar Nicholas II, capsized and sank 24 June alongside Portland pier, while undergoing repairs. Divers are examining hull in order to determine cause of sinking.

19. BELORUSSIA (see FT serials 30-44 of 8 April 1944 and 36-44 of 6 May 1944), last heard by radio 2 March at unstated position, probably about 46.05 N - 148.08 E, en route Petropavlovsk to Vladivostok, is unofficially reported to have been storm-driven into waters off west coast of Yutorufu Island, where she may have fallen into Japanese hands. If so, cargo of metals, tank transporters, chemicals, signal equipment, and so forth, may have proved of no mean value to Japs.

FAILURES IN SOVIET SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTS

20. Since 1 April, 20 Soviet ships eastbound in Bering have arrived Akuta unannounced in result of Soviet failures to properly notify departures for Alaskan Sea Frontier waters. Vessels leaving Petropavlovsk enter Sea Frontier waters at approximately 173 East within 3 days of departure. Vessels run however, measured in "calendar time" is only 2 days by virtue of crossing International Date Line. In result of failures of delayed advices, Soviet ships accept risk of possible attack in absence of advance identification.

Note: It was alleged last year that communications between Petropavlovsk and Vladivostok were unsatisfactory. Situation shows no signs of improvement this year, according to ANA Vladivostok. Possible solution of problem would be Soviet ship position reports by radio upon entering Frontier waters.

GENERAL COMMENT

21. July loadings are expected to exceed those of June by approximately 28,000 tons, based on capacity of Soviet vessels scheduled for July departure, now distributed as follows:

	No.	App. cargo cap.
Loading on west coast	17	124,000 tons
Loading on west coast for Arctic	6	43,000 tons
Repairing on west coast or en route to load	25	164,000 tons
Repairing on west coast or en route to load for Arctic	10	30,000 tons
	58	361,000 tons

22. During August and September, difficulties may crop up in shortage of bottoms to handle volume of cargo allocated. Nevertheless, unless these two ideal shipping months are utilized to the full, Pacific supply route will be able to meet slated demands only by an uncomfortably narrow margin, if at all. Soviet solution of problem may lie in transferring to transpacific run a number of vessels now engaged in cabotage, in which service approximately 60 Soviet ships aggregating 160,000 tons are known to be employed.

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INDEX OF SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS IN PACIFIC...TOTAL OF 207 VES-
SELS AGGREGATING 891,591 G.T....VESSEL CHARACTERISTICS -
CLASS - CALL LETTERS...7 ICEBREAKERS.

THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES FT-9-114 OF 1 FEBRUARY, UPON RECEIPT

1. As of 15 June 1944, Soviet merchant shipping fleet operating in transpacific and coastal service totalled 207 vessels aggregating 891,591 gross tons.
2. 70% of this tonnage is engaged in regular transpacific service carrying vital war supplies and foodstuffs under U. S. and Canadian Lend-Lease program to Siberian ports of discharge. Of the 627,649 gross tons of transpacific shipping, 68% (64 vessels, including 36 Liberties, 17 ex-U.S. dry cargo vessels and 11 tankers) have been transferred to Soviets by WSA under Lend-Lease.
3. 95 Soviet vessels totalling 263,942 gross tons are known to be serving in Siberian coastal track. Although carrying occasional dry cargo, 32 of these ships normally operate in conjunction with Soviets' fishing and crabbing industry.
4. Not included in above figures are 7 icebreakers, one of which, the SEVERNY VETER, was also transferred to Soviets under Lend-Lease during winter of 1943-44.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BUILT</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL</u>	<u>INT.CALL</u>	<u>SERVICE a/</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
A. ANDREEV	2847	MV Ftr	1936	10	Oil	UPOG	C	
ALDAN	2161	Ftr	1912	8	Coal	UOYZ	C	
ALEUT	5055	Wh.Fact.	1919	7	Coal	UOFX	C	Converted from ftr. to whale factory.
ALEXANDER NEVSKY**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUMH	T	
ALEXANDER SUVOROV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUMF	T	
ALMA ATA	3611	SS Ftr	1920	9	Coal	UPLI	C	Converted to crab cannery
AMUR	2917	SS Ftr	1923	8	Coal	UPLW	C	Timber carrier. Call may be UOIX
ANADIR	3544	SS Comb	1930	10	Coal	UOFX	C	
ANATOLI SEROV	2922	SS Ftr	1926	9	Coal	UVPJ	C	Crab-catching fleet
ANDRE MARTI	2352	Ftr	1918	8	Coal	UNZE	C	
ARCOS	2343	SS Ftr	1917	9	Coal	UNGH	C	
ARCTIKA	2900	SS Ftr	1936	9	Coal	UPOR	T	
ARGUN*	5690	SS Ftr	1919	9	Oil	UPOE	T	
ASHKHABAD*	3285	SS Ftr	1920	9	Oil	UPER	T	
ASKOLD**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUMR	T	
AZERBAIDJAN	6193	MV Tkr	1938	9	Oil	USDR	T	
BAKU**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUNV	T	
BALHASH*	6806	SS Comb	1913	13 1/2	Oil	UOYT	T	Equipped with refrig. space
BATUMI	6236	MV Tkr	1932	10	Oil	UOWP	T	
BELGOROD*	7243	MV Tkr	1943	12	Oil	UUQF	T	EC-2 converted to vegetable oil tkr.
BELOMORCANAL	2920	SS Ftr	1936	10 1/2	Coal	USXH	C	
BELORUSSIA	2920	SS Ftr	1936	10	Coal	UPOS	C	Believed casualty - unreported since 3/2/44
BRIANSK**	7176	SS Ftr	1944	11 1/2	Oil	UVMV	T	
BUDENNI	2482	SS Ftr	1923	8	Coal	UPIN	T	
BUREYA	2723	SS Ftr	1908	8	Coal	UPAR	C	
CHAPAEV	3566	SS Ftr	1919	8	Coal	UPEV	C	Crab-catching fleet
CHAVICHA	3021	SS Ftr	1923	8	Coal	UPKN	C	Crab-catching fleet

* Lend-Lease
** EC-2 Lend-Lease

a/ C - Coastal
T - Transpacific

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NAME	GRT	TYPE	BUILT	SPEED	FUEL	INT.CALL	SERVICE a/	REMARKS
CHERNYSHEVSKI	3588	SS Ftr	1919	10	Coal	UPLB	C	Converted to crab cannery
DALSTROI	6948	SS Comb	1918	11	Oil	UPLA	T	DALSTROI ownership
DEKABRIST**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UOML	T	
DEMA*	5804	SS Ftr	1920	10	Oil	UOYA	T	
DJURMA	6908	Ftr	1921	11	Oil	UPKZ	T	DALSTROI ownership
ONEPR	3071	SS Ftr	1914	9	Coal	UOTQ	C	In fishing industry service
ONEPROSTROI	4756	SS Ftr	1919	9	Coal	UOBH	T	
DON	1998	SS Ftr	1922	8	Coal	UPLG	C	
DONPASS*	7302	MT Tkr	1941	11 1/2	Oil	UPTS	T	
DVINA	1773	SS Ftr	1922	7	Coal	UQAM	C	
DVINA	6144	MV Ftr	1927	10	Oil	UUJR	T	
ELNA II	3195	SS Ftr	1903	9	Coal	USCL	C	
EMBA*	10195	SS Tkr	1944	15	Oil	UOUS	T	
EMELIAN FUGACHEV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UUMJ	T	
ERIVAN**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUNT	T	
ESKIMOS	3108	SS Ftr	1919	7 1/2	Coal	UOET	C	
FRBRITZIUS*	5687	SS Ftr	1920	11	Oil	UNJW	T	
FELIX DZERJINSKI	9179	SS Comb	1926	13	Oil	USCH	T	DALSTROI ownership
FRANZ MEHRING	1573	Ftr	1912	10	Oil	UONZ	C	
FRIEDRICH ENGELS	3972	MV Ftr	1939	10	Oil	UOBK	T	
GENERAL PANFILOV**	7176	SS Ftr	1944	11 1/2	Oil		T	
GENERAL VATUTIN**	7176	SS Ftr	1944	11 1/2	Oil	UOOL	T	
IGARKA	2920	SS Ftr	1936	10 1/2	Coal	UPON	C	
IJORA*	3665	SS Ftr	1919	8	Oil	UPEQ	T	
ILICH	4166	SS Comb	1895	11	Coal	UOLG	C	
INGUL**	7176	SS Ftr	1944	11 1/2	Oil	UOVV	T	
INYA	1348	SS Ftr	1920	9	Coal	UPLJ	C	In fishing industry
ISKRA	2513	SS Ftr	1926	8	Coal	UQAD	C	Timber carrier
ITEIMEN	4385	Comb	1918	9	Coal	UOPQ	C	

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JAN JORES**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11	Oil	UOBL	T	
JOSEF STALIN*	7061	SS Tkr	1921	9	Oil	UOXG	T	May revert to NSA in exchange for new tkr.
KAJAK	3234	SS Ftr	1902	6 1/2	Coal	UUNL	C	
KAMCHADAL	2598	SS Ftr	1919	9 1/2	Coal	UOGI	C	Hydrographic ship
KAMCHATKA	2701	SS Tkr	1919	7	Coal	UOEI	C	Crab-catching fleet
KAMCHATNEFT ROZVEDKA	2560	SS Ftr	1920	9 1/2	Oil	UVBL	T	
KAMENETS PODOLSK**	7176	SS Ftr	1944	12 1/2	Oil	UNZW	T	
KARA	2325	SS Ftr	1933	8	Coal	UPDP	C	
KARAGA	1943	SS Ftr	1922	8	Coal	UOJB	C	
KARL LIEBKNECHT	3341	SS Ftr	1900	8 1/2	Coal	UNYB	T	
KARL MARX	3503	SS Ftr	1899	9	Coal	UNYA	C	In fishing industry
KASHIRSTROI	4907	SS Ftr	1918	9	Coal	UOBG	T	
KHABAROVSK	3553	SS Ftr	1932	10	Coal	UOIA	C	
KIEV*	3283	SS Ftr	1920	10	Oil	UCWZ	T	
KIJUCH	1140	SS Ftr	1921	8	Coal	UPIO	C	Crab-catching fleet
KIM	5114	MV Ftr	1932	11	Oil	UPAN	T	
KINGISSEPP	2325	SS Ftr	1933	7	Coal	UOCN	C	
KIARA ZETKIN	3974	MV Ftr	1934	10	Oil	UOYI	T	Fitted to carry locomotives on deck
KOKKINAKI	2019	SS Ftr	1939				C	In fishing industry
KOLHOSNIK**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UPLI	T	
KOMILES	3962	MV Ftr	1932	9	Oil	UNLF	T	Timber carrier. Fitted to carry locomotives on deck.
KOMSOMOLETS ARCTIKI	3349	SS Ftr	1897	9	Coal	USBE	C	
KOMSOMOLSK	2900	SS Ftr	1936	10	Coal	UPOT	C	
KORYAK	4214	SS Ftr	1919	8	Coal	UOFL	C	Crab-catching fleet
KOTLIN	2545	SS Ftr	1921	8 1/2	Coal	UPFX	C	
KOVDA	1672	SS Ftr	1924	8	Coal	UOAN	C	

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KRABALOV A. MIKOYAN	4153	SS Ftr	1905	6	Coal	UPBF	C	Used as crab cannery
KRABALOV TRETII	5183	SS Ftr	1900	8 1/2	Coal	UOEQ	C	Used as crab cannery
KRABALOV VTOROI	4159	SS Ftr	1901	8	Coal	UOEM	C	Used as crab cannery
KRASNOARMESTS	2200	SS Ftr	1919	7 1/2	Coal	UPLY	C	
KRASNOE ZNAMYA	2271	SS Ftr	1900	8 1/2	Coal	UNYD	C	
KRASNOGVARDEETS**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UOIC	T	
KRASNY OKTYABR	3295	SS Ftr	1911	8	Coal	UNGJ	T	
KUBAN**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UCVY	T	
KULU	6492	SS Ftr	1917	12	Oil	UPMH	T	
KURA	2324	SS Ftr	1919	7 1/2	Coal	UCYD	C	
KUZBASS	3109	SS Ftr	1914	9 1/2	Coal	UPIZ	T	
KUZNETSESTROI	2981	SS Ftr	1936	9 1/2	Coal	UPOK	T	
LADOGA	2332	SS Ftr	1921	7	Coal	UCBN	C	
LENINGRAD**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UNYI	T	
LEONID KRASIN	1840	SS Ftr	1913	9	Coal	UNGT	C	
LIEUTENANT SCHMIDT	2493	SS Ftr	1913	8	Coal	UNYE	C	
LOKBATAN	1827	MV Tkr	1929	8	Oil	UCUT	C	
LOZOWSKI	3011	SS Rfr	1903	8	Coal	UNAP	C	
LUGA*	5591	SS Ftr	1919	10 1/2	Oil	UOBP	T	
LUNACHARSKY*	6066	SS Ftr	1920	11	Oil	UPLQ	T	
MAIKOP*	7244	MV Tkr	1943	11	Oil	UCUV	T	EC-2 converted to vegetable oil tkr.
MANICH	3122	SS Ftr	1920	9	Coal	UPOX	T	
MAXIM GORKI	1021	MV Tkr	1937	8	Oil	UVCL	T	
MAXIM GORKY	3974	MV Ftr	1932	11	Oil	UPCS	T	Fitted to carry locomotives on deck
MENJINSKI	3683	SS Ftr	1919	8 1/2	Coal	UPLO	C	Converted to crab cannery
MICHURIN	3908	MV Ftr	1923	12	Oil	UCXT	T	
MIKHAIL KUTUZOV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11	Oil	UUMG	T	
MINSK	6130	SS Ftr	1918	9	Coal	UCWY	T	

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MIRONYCH	2303	SS Ftr	1927	8	Coal	UNGS	T	Timber carrier
MOLOTOV	2332	SS Ftr	1930	7	Coal	UOBC	C	
MONGOL	2606	SS Ftr	1919	7	Coal	UOGH	C	
MOSSOVET	2981	SS Ftr	1936	10	Coal	UPOI	C	
MOSKVA*	7123	MV Tkr	1918	10	Oil	UOWE	T	May revert to WSA in return for new tkr.
NAHODKA**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12 1/2	Oil	UUMQ	T	
NENETS	1631	MV Tkr	1937	9	Oil	UTMY	T	
NEVA	3113	MV Rfr	1930	10	Oil	UOVX	T	Also operates in fishing industry
NEVASTROI	4837	SS Ftr	1918	9	Coal	UOBF	T	
NOGIN*	7001	SS Ftr	1919	9	Oil	UOWQ	T	
NOVOROSSISK**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11	Oil	UOJG	T	
OB	2198	SS Ftr	1917	9 1/2	Coal	UOYP	C	
ODESSA**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11	Oil	UUNL	T	
OKA	2274	SS Ftr	1918	7	Coal	UOBW	C	
OKHOTSK	3367	SS Ftr	1912	10	Coal	UOIP	C	
OKHTA	1357	SS Ftr	1918	8 1/2	Coal	UPFY	C	
OLA	1566	Ftr	1920	7	Coal	UOIW	C	
OREL**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UVMP	T	
OROCHEN	4584	SS Ftr	1917	8	Coal	UOFN	C	
OSMUSSAAR	2229	SS Ftr	1909	8	Coal	UUNZ	T	
PETROPAVLOVSK	1926	SS Ftr	1920	11	Oil	UVGU	C	In fishing industry
PINEGA	2325	SS Ftr	1938	8	Coal	UVFY	C	
PISCHEVAYA INDUSTRIYA	10079	SS Comb	1909	10	Coal	UPNW	C	In fishing industry
POLINA OSIPENKO*	3474	SS Ftr	1920	9	Oil	UVLV	T	
PRAVDA	2513	SS Ftr	1928	8	Coal	UQAF	C	
PSKOV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	10	Oil	UVMV	T	
REFRIGERATOR #1	1427	MV Rfr	1933	9	Oil	UOIU	C	In fishing industry
REFRIGERATOR #2	1427	MV Rfr	1933	8	Oil	UOIV	C	In fishing industry
REVOLUTIONER	2920	SS Ftr	1936	10	Coal	UPOQ	C	

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RION	3113	MV Ptr	1931	11	Oil	UOVZ	T		Also operates in fishing industry
RODINA**	7176	SS Ptr	1944	11½	Oil	UVGZ	T		
SACCO	2363	SS Ptr	1928	8	Coal	UOQA	C		
SAKHALIN	6124	MV Tkr	1936	9½	Oil	UOWO	T		
SAKHALIN	3554	SS Ptr	1930	8	Coal	UOFY	C		
SAKHALINNEFT	2674	SS Ptr	1919	9	Oil	UVBK	C		
SELENGA	2492	" Ptr	1919	10	Coal	UPAL	C		
SEVASTOPOL**	7176	SS Ptr	1943	11½	Oil	UOJE	T		
SEVZAPLES	3961	MV Ptr	1932	9½	Oil	UNLG	T		Fitted to carry locomotives on deck
SHATURSTROI	4905	SS Ptr	1918	9	Coal	UOVH	T		
SHCHORS	2690	Ptr	1920	9	Oil	UVBP	C		In fishing industry
SHCHORS	3770	SS Ptr	1921	9	Coal	UPEK	C		
SHEKSNA	2376	SS Ptr	1918	8	Coal	UOBZ	C		
SHELOH	2251	SS Ptr	1918	7	Coal	UOCA	T		
SHILKA	1388	SS Ptr	1916	8	Coal	UPAT	C		
SIMA	3048	SS Ptr	1923	8	Coal	UPKO	C		Supply ship in fishing industry
SKALA	6600	SS Ptr	1920	8½	Coal	UOIK	T		
SMOLNY	3767	MV Comb	1929	11½	Oil	UNJL	C		
SOROKA	1718	SS Ptr	1926	8	Coal	UNIQ	C		
SOVIETSKAYA GAVAN**	7176	SS Ptr	1943	12	Oil	UUMP	T		
SOVIETSKAYA LATVIA	4117	MV Ptr	1926	11	Oil	UUEQ	T		DALSTROI ownership
SOVIETSKAYA NEFT*	6964	MV Tkr	1919	9½	Oil	UOVG	T		
STALINABAD**	7176	SS Ptr	1943	11	Oil	UUNU	T		
STALINGRAD**	7176	SS Ptr	1944	11½	Oil	UOHV	T		
STARI BOLSHIEVIK	3974	MV Ptr	1933	10	Oil	UPAM	T		Fitted to carry locomotives on deck
STEPAN KHALTURIN	2498	SS Ptr	1921	8	Coal	UPMA	C		
STEPAN RASIN**	7176	SS Ptr	1943	12	Oil	UUMK	T		
SUKHONA**	7176	SS Ptr	1944	12	Oil	UPCW	T		

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SUTCHAN**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UOPZ	T		
SVIR	2329	SS Ftr	1922	7	Coal	UOBS	C		
TAGANROG*	10195	SS Tkr	1943	15	Oil	UULG	T		
TAIGANOS	2630	SS Ftr	1920	7 1/2	Coal	UOIZ	C		
TANKER #1	1016	MV Tkr	1937	8	Oil	UUNM	T		
TANKER #3	1079	MV Tkr	1937	8	Oil	UUNK	T		
TASHKENT*	5208	SS Ftr	1914	12	Oil	UQXC	T		
TEREK	2189	SS Ftr	1918	7	Coal	UOYC	C		
TERNEI	11470	SS Ftr	1921	8	Coal	UPIQ	C		Crab-catching fleet
TOBOL*	5493	SS Ftr	1919	10	Oil	UOYN	T		
TOWARISHCH KRLSIN	2411	SS Ftr	1927	8	Coal	UNZF	C		
TRANSBALT	11439	SS Comb	1899	10	Coal	UQJT	T		Training ship for Soviet merchant schools
TSIOLKOVSKY*	3475	SS Ftr	1920	10	Oil	UPOP	T		
TUMPE*	7162	SS Tkr	1921	9	Oil	UOWM	T		
TUNETS	1455	SS Ftr	1922	8	Coal	UPIS	C		Supply ship in fishing industry
TUNGUS**	7194	SS Ftr	1943	12	Oil	UOEU	T		
TURKMEN	2599	SS Ftr	1919	9	Oil	UOVI	T		
UDARNIK	3110	SS Ftr	1920	10	Coal	UPLD	T		
URAIMASH	2975	SS Ftr	1936	10	Coal	UPOJ	T		
URITSKI	2336	SS Ftr	1929	8	Coal	UQAX	T		
USSURI	2498	SS Ftr	1919	11	Coal	UPGD	C		
VALERIAN KUIBISHEV*	6915	SS Tkr	1918	10	Oil	UQON	T		
VALERY CHKALOV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUMI	T		
VANZETTI	2363	SS Ftr	1928	8	Coal	UQAS	C		Crane ship
VARIAM AVANESOV*	6878	SS Tkr	1920	9 1/2	Oil	UOWU	T		
VETLUGA	1717	SS Ftr	1918	9	Coal	UOYL	C		
VIBORG*	5983	SS Ftr	1919	12 1/2	Oil	UNPN	T		
VITEBSK**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	12 1/2	Oil	UUMN	T		
VLADIVOSTOK**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UUMO	T		
VLADIMIR MAYAKOVSKY	3972	MV Ftr	1931	10	Oil	UOBI	T		Also used in fish industry

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VOIKOV**	7176	SS Ftr	1943	11 1/2	Oil	UNBW	T	
VOLGA	3113	MV Ftr	1931	10 1/2	Oil	UOVW	C	Has refrig. equip. Used in fishing industry
VOLGA	2847	MV Ftr	1935	9	Oil	UOPH	C	Timber carrier
VOLKHOV	2290	SS Ftr	1923	8	Coal	UOSQ	C	
VOLKHOVSTROI	4943	SS Ftr	1918	9	Coal	UOVF	T	
VSEVELOID SIBIRTSSEV	6687	SS Ftr	1912	9	Coal	UOIO	C	Crab cannery
VTORAYA PYATILETKA*	5757	SS Ftr	1919	9	Oil	UOYH	T	
WELLEN	5135	SS Ftr	1913	10	Coal	UOIN	T	
YAKUT	2694	SS Ftr	1919	6	Coal	UOEY	C	
ZIRIANIN*	5220	SS Ftr	1912	12	Oil	UOVD	T	

ICEBREAKERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISPLACEMENT TONNAGE</u>	<u>BUILT</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL</u>	<u>INT.CALL</u>
DAVIDOV	1525	1898	11	Coal	UOIL
DOBRINA NIKITICH	1664	1916	14	Coal	UODW
KRASSIN	11000	1917	10	Coal	UNZM
LAZAR KAGANOVICH	11000	1937	10	Coal	UGLS
LITKE	2200	1909	17	Coal	UNYZ
MIKOYAN	11000	1941	10	Coal	UNJH
SEVERNY VETER*	5350	1943	16.8	Oil	UNNE

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BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)
VLADIVOSTOK TRAFFIC RESUMED WEEK OF 17 APRIL....FOUR MONTH DEPARTURE AND
ARRIVAL FIGURES....VANCOUVER ACTIVITY....LEND-LEASE PROGRAM....LOPATKA SHIP
REPORTS....CASUALTIES....NEW ACQUISITIONS....MAY FORECAST.

RESUMPTION OF VLADIVOSTOK TRAFFIC

1. Most important development in Soviet shipping for the month was the departure of 23 vessels from Vladivostok subsequent to 17 April, indicating reduction of ice blockade in waters east of La Perouse Straits. Uninterrupted flow of traffic in and out of Vladivostok is resumed after 3 month standstill.

2. Shortly after the mass movements of ships from Vladivostok the delayed appearance at Akutan of Soviet vessels which had departed in March (long overdue as a result of ice tie-ups) further indicated the break-out from ice pack in mid-April. See paragraph 4.

Note: Soviet forecasts of break in Okhotsk ice blockade earlier in month were extremely accurate.

3. Barring unforeseen developments, Soviet service of supply from U.S. ports should pick up rapidly from this point, aided primarily by the winter clean up of backlog cargo congestion in Vladivostok.

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL SUMMARY

4. Summary of April Siberian departures and arrivals by ports, is shown compared with figures for the first 3 months of 1944.

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES

Port	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Vladivostok - Nahodka	24	1	27	26
Petropavlovsk	18	10	13	13
Nagaev	2	0	0	0
Other	2	0	0	2

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SIBERIAN ARRIVALS *

<u>Port</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>
*Vladivostok - Nahodka	25	2	26	18
Petropavlovsk	14	26	19	11
Nagaev	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

*Above Vladivostok arrival figures may include some ships previously reported as arriving Petropavlovsk in earlier months.

VANCOUVER ACTIVITY REMAINS HIGH

5. The port of Vancouver promises to remain active during May with 4 vessels presently in port and 7 Soviet ships now en route. Vessels will load metals, rails, flour and sugar ex Canadian stocks. U. S. Lend-Lease continues to supply most of the "deck cargo" loaded at this port.

SLIGHT RISE IN WEST COAST SAILINGS OVER MARCH

6. April Lend-Lease cargo from Pacific west coast ports totalled approximately 134,000 tons, compared with 91,000 tons shipped in March, broken down as follows:

U. S. Lend-Lease dry cargo	...	60,000 (15 vessels)
Canadian dry cargo	...	55,000 (7 vessels)
Petroleum products in tankers	...	19,000 (3 vessels)

NAGAEVO OPEN ?

7. Unconfirmed reports received in DNI indicate the movement of the ARGUN and the VTORAYA PYATILETKA from Nagaev on 26 April en route to U. S. Last known movement from this port was on 14 January 1944 when the PSKOV and the INGUL sailed for U. S. ports assisted through Okhotsk ice by icebreaker KRASSIN.

SOVIETS ALERT TO SHIMUSHU BOMBINGS

8. Also unconfirmed is news that Soviets have established the First Kurile Strait as a reporting station for ships proceeding into and out of Okhotsk Sea. Possibility exists of either Soviet observation post located at Cape Lopatka or of Soviet instructions to shipmasters requiring radio report of safe passage through the Straits.

CASUALTY REPORT

9. PAVLIN VINOGRADOV (2864 g.r.t.) enroute Petropavlovsk from Portland, was lost in result of an explosion on 22 April at 53.12 N - 160.22 W, approximately 200 miles east of Akutan. No definite reports have been received as to cause of explosion. Cargo consisted of heavy machinery in addition to 397 tons of highly inflammable acetone. Out of a crew of 42, 29 were reported to have abandoned ship. Nine survivors were picked up on 27 April by Russian OLA west-bound for Petropavlovsk, and were landed at Akutan.

10. BELORUSSIA (2920 g.r.t.), unreported since 5 February (FT serial 30-44 of 8 April), has not yet been given up by Soviets. Air search for vessel has not been made because of possible interference by Jap aircraft and resulting unpleasantness. Possibility still remains ship may have been icebound, beached, or detained in Jap area.

11. Fifth ship to be forced into Japanese territorial waters near Etorofu was FELIX DZERJINSKY which sailed Nahodka 4 February for Portland. (Story on PINEGA, LOZOVSKI, ANADIR and MANICH reported in FT serial 20-44 of 6 March.) Vessel remained in ice floes from 5 February to 1 April, thence forced by ice (Over)

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through Kunashiri Suido into Pacific Ocean. Return to Okhotsk route was made through Etorofu Kaikyo on 2 April and from there proceeded on to Petropavlovsk and Portland, according to 13 ND reports.

FIVE MORE SHIPS TO USSR

12. Actual transfers of 5 U. S. ships to the Soviets during the month were made by WSA. Liberty vessels transferred during the month were: -

KAMENETS PODOLSK, ex ROBERT S. ABBOTT, at San Francisco 20 April. Cancels out old KAMENETS PODOLSK, 5568 g.r.t., ex VERMAR,

STALINGRAD, ex THOMAS F. FLAHERTY, at San Francisco 19 April. Cancels out old STALINGRAD, 6095 g.r.t., ex JANE CHRISTENSON.

SUKHONA, ex GEORGE COGGESHALL, at San Francisco 15 April. Cancels out old SUKHONA, 6572 g.r.t., ex NEBRASKAN.

Tankers transferred to Soviets in April in exchange for DONBASS (U.S. CALICHE), TAGANROG (U.S. LA PURISIMA), and APSHERON (U.S. TEXAS) are new: -

DONBASS, 7302 g.r.t., ex ST. JAMES*, at New York 27 April. Is presently loading at Philadelphia and will proceed via Panama Canal to Pacific.

TAGANROG, 10,195 g.r.t., ex CEDAR CREEK, at New York 30 April.

13. Soviets will take delivery of Liberties RODINA, BRIANSK and INGUL during May, which will complete the "6 for 9" deal with WSA and Lend-Lease.

MAY FORECAST OF WEST COAST MOVEMENTS

14. With the movement of Soviet ships in April eastbound from Siberia, west coast loadings and sailings during May should continue normal seasonal upswing. Furthermore, vessels which have been in shipyards for repairs during winter months are, for the most part, expected to depart in May. While departures of these smaller ships will not appreciably advance Lend-Lease supply program because of limited cargo carrying capacity, sailings will at least partially relieve congested situation at west coast shipyards.

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OKHOTSK ICE STILL HOLDS UP SHIPPING...PORT CONDITIONS...
SOVIET ACQUISITIONS OF NEW LIBERTIES AND TANKERS...MARCH
CASUALTY SUMMARY...PERSONNEL CHANGES...LEND-LEASE CARGO
FIGURES...COMMENT.

RESUMPTION OF TRANSPACIFIC TRAFFIC AGAIN HALTED

1. Soviet shipping, while temporarily resumed in mid-March, has again been halted due to Okhotsk ice conditions. During 7 days between 16-22 March, 21 vessels from Vladivostok departed for U. S., 5 having safely transited ice beyond La Perouse. Failure of remaining 16 ships to arrive Akutan substantiates recent report that ice has again set in and that about 20 inbound and outbound ships are caught near La Perouse.

2. Prior to 16 March, when first outward ship movement occurred, between 45 and 50 merchant ships were reported idle at Vladivostok. It is to be noted that eastbound traffic through Straits had been at a standstill since 22 January.

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES PICK UP

3. Temporary easing of ice blockade beyond La Perouse made possible the departure of 28 vessels for west coast ports from Vladivostok latter part of March, after having been laid up in port for nearly two months. Whether these ships get through Okhotsk ice area without further delay is open to question. Only one vessel got away from Vladivostok in February. Two others started and returned. One ship was caught in La Perouse ice. Summary of sailings from the first of the year by ports is shown below.

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES

Ports	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Vlad - Nahodka	24	1	28
Petro	16	10	13
Nagaev	2	0	0
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VLADIVOSTOK CLEARS FREIGHT

4. Soviets have been active during winter months in moving backlog of cargo at Vladivostok. Port is now reported clear and in excellent condition to handle maximum inflow of cargo. Conditions are reported better than at this last year. Dispatch of remaining vessels will probably continue as rapidly as conditions at La Perouse permit.

Note: Between 30 and 40 Lend-Lease ships (including EC-2s) have been laid up in Siberian ports during January, February and March. At least 15 are reported to have been in Vladivostok harbor. Presumption is that these ships were used as "floating storage", contrary to earlier statements by Soviets on transpacific winter traffic.

RUSSIA'S NEED FOR PETROLEUM REFLECTED IN TANKER MOVES

5. Only one westbound convoy is reported to have transited La Perouse after stoppage of traffic in January. This one arrived Vladivostok 2 March and included three tankers - BATUMI, BELGOROD and AZERBAIDJAN, which were promptly discharged and departed again on the 16th and 18th.

PETROPAVLOVSK BELIEVED CONGESTED

6. Inasmuch as Petropavlovsk has been the only point at which Soviets have been able to discharge cargo during past two months, the port is believed to be congested. Soviet masters have recently reported up to 20 vessels anchored at Petropavlovsk awaiting berthing space or improvement in ice conditions that would permit passage to Vladivostok. During March, 20 vessels were reported as arriving at Petropavlovsk.

NEW LIBERTY ACQUISITIONS

7. WSA in conjunction with Foreign Economic Administration will transfer 6 new Liberty vessels to the Soviets in return for 9 ex-U.S. ships previously given the Soviets under Lend-Lease. Liberties will be transferred in April, May and June. Nine Soviet ships will be repaired by WSA and used in U.S. in "soft trade". List follows:

•RODINA	•BRIANSK	•STALINGRAD
VISHERA	•VOSTOK	SUKHONA
•KAMENETS PODOLSK	INGUL	JAN TOMP

Aggregate g.r.t. 47,541 - Aggregate d.w.t. 76,039

* Indicates "Hog Island" type vessel built during First World War.

PENDING TANKER TRANSFERS

8. Soviets are reported dissatisfied with the TAGANROG, 5091 g.t., (ex-LA PURISIMA) and APSHERON, 6368 g.t., (ex-TEXAS), and have requested two tankers in exchange. Latest report indicates that they will be exchanged together with the DONBASS, 4767 g.t., for two larger tankers in a 3 for 2 deal. The U.S. DAYLIGHT, 9180 g.t. has already been designated; the second has not yet been made known.

CASUALTY REPORTS REFLECT SEASONAL OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES

9. The BELORUSSIA, 2920 g.t., unreported since departure from Petropavlovsk 5 February, was believed lost en route to Vladivostok. Reports received to date indicate that vessel was last heard about 2 March from ice field in Okhotsk Sea near La Perouse Strait. Coal supply was nearly exhausted and ship had been instructed to proceed west to meet eastbound coal ship.

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10. The FELIX DZERJINSKY (Dalstroil), 9179 g.t., left Nahodka 3 February for U. S. It was later announced that this vessel was long delayed in Okhotsk ice, subsequently arriving Petropavlovsk, date not given.

11. Four other vessels were reported damaged in February while in La Perouse ice fields en route from Vladivostok to Petropavlovsk. The ALBION sustained a broken rudder and KOMIN received a large hole in forepeak tank. Both were assisted by the KAGANOVICH. The KURA had a hole stove in No. 3 hold; vessel attempted temporary repairs after sending out SOS. Bunkers were later discharged to KAGANOVICH to lighten ship. The MOLOTOV broke two blades off propeller while in the ice and was towed out by KAGANOVICH.

CHANGES IN SHIPPING PERSONNEL AT VLADIVOSTOK

12. Certain key members of such Soviet organizations as Inflat, Intourist, Customs, Foreign Trade, and Port have recently been transferred from Vladivostok to Leningrad to help organize respective agencies at that port. Others are reported to have been ordered to prepare for transfer to Odessa.

WEST COAST SAILING CONTINUE AT LOW FEBRUARY LEVEL

13. There were 20 departures from U. S. and Canadian ports in March, which is equal to the seasonal low reached in February. Lend-Lease loadings for the month were reported as follows (figures approximate):

U. S. Lend-Lease goods to Russia	65,000 tons
Canadian Lend-Lease goods to Russia	15,500 tons
2 Tankers with petroleum products	10,500 tons
Total	91,000 tons

CONVERSIONS

14. Upon arrival at U. S. ports the STARI BOLSHIEV (3974 g.t.) and the KOMILES (3962 g.t.) will be converted to carry locomotives. Both are presently on route.

GENERAL COMMENT

15. Under usual winter conditions, Soviet shipping to and from Vladivostok seems to have been paralyzed from late January to mid-March, despite improved icebreaker force, with no evidence of advance planning to cope with the situation. Immobilization of fifteen Lend-Lease vessels in Vladivostok this winter means a belated start on transpacific supply line service. This could have been anticipated. Okhotsk ice blockade conditions remained the controlling factor as in past years. Project of keeping Nagaevo open failed, as anticipated.

16. Whether the failure to plan properly winter shipping dispositions results in individual penalties is not yet apparent, with no evidence of any connection with report in paragraph 12.

17. On the positive side, completion of the Sakhalin negotiations with Japan, apparently to Soviet advantage, may indicate the finish of Japanese detentions of Russian ships at La Perouse, which so successfully bottle-necked the flow of Soviet supplies last summer, when Lend-Lease bottoms were forced to use Tartary Straits inside routing. Proof of this conjecture should be evidenced by Lend-Lease routings in May, in advance of the usual ice clearance of Tartary Straits in June.

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FISHING CRAFT. (MY 180005 DEC.). HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

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SHIPS PRESENT VLADI 1 KIROV CLASS CRUISER ARRIVED 24. RED STRIPE ON FORWARD STACK.

1 LENINGRAD CLASS LEADER. 7 GORDI OR STREMITELNY CLASS. 10 SUBS OF L14 OR SHCHA 137 CLASS. RED OFFICER JUST MET NORTH WHO SERVED 1 1/2 YEARS FAR EAST SUBS SAY SOVOMAN EXCELLENT HARBOR ALL TYPES SHIPS. SAYS KIROV CLASS CRUISER FAR EAST IS KALININ BUILT KONSOLSK. NAME CONFIRMED BY ROULLARD WHO SAYS SHE WAS AT VLADI SPRING F LAST YEAR. ROULLARD ESTIMATE PACIFIC FLEET 3 KIROVS. 2 DEFINITE. 1 WITH BLUE STRIPE ON STACK. 2ND WITH RED. 4 LENINGRAD CLASS LEADERS. 1 IDENTIFIED AS TIVILISI. STACK MARKINGS SINGLE BLUE DOUBLE RED DOUBLE BLUE STRIPES. 16 GORDI OR STREMITELNY CLASS MARKED AS ABOVE. 24 SHORM CLASS CLASS TORPEDO BOATS. 1 DIV OF WHICH MARKED WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON STACKS. 72 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS NUMBERED ON BOW. 81 ASSORTED MINELAYERS AND SWEEPERS. 2 TANKERS. 16 LARGE AND 32 SMALL SUBS. 6 OLD PUSHER TYPE NAVAL FLYING BOATS AT VLADI & FLEET EQUALLY

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 PAPER RED FLEET STATES RADM ALAFUZOV PROMOTED
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SOVIETS TOOK ME ABOARD SS SEVASTOPOL TO INSPECT CRACK IN BOAT DECK WHICH OCCURRED NIGHT 7TH WHILE SHIP ANCHORED VLADIVOSTOK HARBOR AWAITING BERTH. CRACK LOCATED STARBOARD SIDE BETWEEN FRAMES 99 AND 101 ABOUT 8 INCHES FROM WELD SLAM EXTENDING WIDTH 1 PLATE AND 4 INCHES UP DECK HOUSE FULKHEAD. SHIP LOADED VANCOUVER WITH 9231 TONS FLOUR INCLUDING 400 TONS IN DEEP TANK SAND 311 TONS DECK CARGO AUTOMOBILES. MASTER STATES QUANTITY CARGO LOADED AT HIS DISCRETION. SHIP BUILT KAISER YARD PORTLAND. SOVIETS UNNATURALLY SILENT ABOUT RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE NOT YET CRITICISED CONSTRUCTION. SOVIET COMMISSION INVESTIGATING KUDAN AND WILL CONTINUE WITH SEVASTOPOL.

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GIVEN TEMPORARY ORDERS INSTRUCTING CREW MIKOYAN BY
REQUEST OF NAVY BECAUSE GUNS WERE ARMY TYPE ABOUT
3 JANUARY DISCOVERED DEFECTS AND VOLUNTEERED SERV-
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THAT TIME AND REQUIRES 7 DAYS TO CORRECT AND ORIENT
OTHERS. VESSEL URGENTLY NEEDED IN RUSSIA AND SOVIETS
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WATERS. IF APPROVED CAN PLACE PERSONNEL ON BOARD
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PARAPHRASED BY	SANDBERG		PRIORITY
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REF RDO ANNAPOLIS 112136.

AKUTAN SAYS. CONFIRMED REPORTS PLACE ICE BREAKERS
KRASSIN, MIKOYAN AND KAGANOVICH IN VICINITY OF
VLADIVOSTOK.

J. STALIN REPORTED IN ARCHANGEL. DAVIDOV AT AKUTAN
ENROUTE VLADIVOSTOK FOR HARBOR DUTIES.

NEW SUBJECT.

2 SHIPS REPORT SMALL AMOUNT ICE LA PEROUSE DECEMBER 25TH.

VLADIVOSTOK RADIO REPORTS FLOATING ICE LA PEROUSE.

RUSSIAN MASTERS BELIEVE FIRST 3 ICE BREAKERS WILL KEEP

LA PEROUSE OPEN.

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CNO....COMING...NAVAIDE,...FX37....28....CG

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Note: Nagaev is ordinarily frozen up from December to May or June. The reported Soviet decision to send the heavy KRASSIN for duty in that area is a new departure. Ordinarily KRASSIN would be expected to work the ice area east and north of LaPerouse. Whether practicable to keep Nagaev open remains to be seen. Action may indicate an attempt to keep port open for tanker traffic, should LaPerouse route become ice blocked.

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES

3. Departures of 47 vessels from Siberian ports to U. S. in December (compared with 41 in October and 41 in November) is not conclusive evidence as to Soviet policy on getting ships out of Siberian harbors before winter ice season. Included in this group of sailings are 9 Soviet ships which have been in coastwise trade and which will be laid up for repair at west coast shipyards.

Note: Excluded from this list of vessels inbound to U. S. are 5 small ships of fishery class (300 - 500 g.r.t.) also for repair.

WEST COAST DEPARTURES ACCELERATED

4. 39 Soviet ships departed from U. S. and Canadian ports in December for Siberia, compared with 29 in November and 28 in October. Loadings totalled 260,000 tons of Lend-lease cargo, compared to 226,000 tons in November.

LOSS OF VALERY CHKALOV

5. VALERY CHKALOV (Ex-ALEXANDER BARANOFF) 7176 g.t. Liberty type, broke apart 12 December at 54-22N 169-49W. Vessel was eastbound in ballast for Portland, on second round trip since transferred to Russian registry. Navy tugs eventually salvaged both sections of the ship which were towed into Adak, after extremely heavy weather had prevented salvage by Soviet freighters standing by.

6. In replacement for this ship WSA will transfer another EC-2 vessel presently under construction (GRANT P. MARSH) early in January. Final disposition of the two salvaged sections at Adak will be left to WSA. Replacement ship will carry the old name, when transferred.

TANKER MARIUPOL UNSALVAGED

7. Latest reports indicate that tanker MARIUPOL is still aground on north-east coast of Shimushu with compartments flooded and pumps unable to function. Japanese patrol craft standing by in immediate vicinity, according to observations of Soviet ship masters transiting the First Strait. Official sources say Japs have thus far refused permission for salvage of ship or of cargo of gasoline blending agent by Soviets.

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8. 14 Soviet ships (including 5 small whalers) which have been in Siberian coastwise operation have departed Siberian ports, to be hauled out of west coast shipyards for repair. Names follow:

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS</u>	<u>REPAIR PORTS</u>
ISKRA	2513	UOAD	Portland
KLARAZETKIN	3974	UOXI	
REFRIGERATOR NO. 1	1427	UOIU	Seattle
REFRIGERATOR NO. 2	1427	UOIV	San Francisco
OLA	1566	UOIX	San Francisco
GILIAK	3148	UOFH	
DNEPR	3071	UOTQ	
TANKER NO. 1	1016	UUNH	San Francisco
YAKUT	2694	UOEY	
TRUDFRONT	260	UOIH	Seattle
ENTHUSIAST	369	UOIG	Seattle
AVANGARD	260	UOIF	Seattle
KAPITAN VORONIN	558	UNLU	
KAPITAN POSPELOV		UUAU	

9. 5 Soviet vessels are scheduled for alteration at west coast shipyards in order to handle locomotives and tenders. Structural changes will permit ships in question to carry 18 locomotives compared with 6 at present time. Ships on this schedule are: KLARAZETKIN, KOMILES, MAXIM GORKI (Ftr.), SEVZAPLES, STARI BOISHEVIK.

10. Icebreaker DAVIDOV. After having been under repair on west coast since June, 1943, the old time icebreaker DAVIDOV (1525 tons displacement) departed Esquimalt on 11 December for Petropavlovsk via Akutan. Special inshore routing was granted in view of age and tonnage.

Note: Okhotsk ice chart and description of Soviet icebreakers in Siberian waters is available in serial PT 86-43 of 27 December. Should be read in connection with references above to winter situation at Siberian ports.

11. SCHORS (3770 g.r.t.). Master of Soviet FELIX DZERJINSKY advises having sighted the SCHORS at Akhomten Bay in October, according to 13 ND boarding report. Last previous news on this ship from London was report of having been mined in Kara Sea on 17 October, 1942.

12. VANZETTI (2363 g.r.t.). Soviets report will be converted into crane ship, following arrival Portland, 22 December. This cancels previous report by Soviets that KRASHNY PARTIZAN was to be made over into a crane ship.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	HARSHAW MOSCOW	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CNO	RRRRRR
DATE	10 DEC 1943		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	092245		
DECODED BY	SHOAF	MOSCOW, VLADIVOSTOK	PRIORITY
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ROUTED BY	ROLL		DEFERRED
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ACTION CNO. INFO MOSCOW VLADIVOSTOCK.

RE CNO 241901 OF NOV. SOVIETS ADVISES FOLLOWING SOVIET SHIPS SUNK. KARASEA. FEBILISI. DIXO. SERGIKIROV. ARKHANGELSK. THEY STATE PETROVSKI NOT SUNK.

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COMINCH...CNO...2000...NAVAIDE...2000....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

18 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Via: Op-16-1-7.

SUBJECT: MARIUPOL, Soviet Tanker - Grounded in Jap Waters.

1. Combined Sea Force confidential dispatch 171711 gives 50.49 N 156.30 E as position of grounding of Soviet tanker MARIUPOL en route from U. S. to Vladivostok first trip.

2. If this position is correct, the MARIUPOL is aground on the northeast coast of Shikashu.

3. This 7024 g.t. Leak Lease tanker is reported to have carried a full cargo of high value gasoline blending agent.

4. First report from Vladivostok indicated that ship "grounded in vicinity First Strait".

5. If tanker is ashore on Shikashu as indicated, probabilities are that the distory detention tactics by Japanese will ensue, with particular reference to nature of cargo involved, U. S. registry of ship, and unfortunate fact that ship is in prescribed area.

6. Soviet tanker TUPSE reported standing by is also Leak Lease, ex U. S. registry, en route to Pacific coast from Vladivostok, and on the 13th could have been in the vicinity of the First Strait.

D. Frothingham

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FROM <u>STOROJEVSKY</u> (NOB DUTCH HARBOR)	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY RRRR DEFERRED
RELEASED BY _____		ADMIRAL AKULIN (SOVIET NAVAL MISSION)	
DATE <u>23 JULY 43</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>1632</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>MC CORMACK</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PERRY</u>			
ROUTED BY <u>SOBEL</u>			

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(PLEASE PASS TO ADMIRAL AKULIN WASHN)
(STOROJEVSKY SENDS.)

CREW SEINER NUMBER 20 SUNK 9 JULY
ARRIVED AKUTAN 17TH. ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION ON DNEPROSTRLI TO VLADIVOSTOK.
2 MEN LOST.

(Russian Trawler sunk by Permit.)

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RELEASED BY			FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 19 JULY 1943				COMINCH	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1328/1341			INFORMATION	COMSUBPAC	PPPPPPPPPP
DECODED BY JOHNSON/JOHNSON				COMNORPAC	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY				ROUTINE	
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COMNORPAC FOR INFO. CTG 16.5 ORIGINATES.

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MY 181100. ENGLISH VERSION VESSELS NAME QUOTE

SEINER NUMBER 20 UNQUOTE. GO PERMIT RECEIVED

FOLLOWING INFO FROM IVAN ROMANOV ENG OFFICER

WHO ALTHOUGH NOT CAPTAIN APPEARED HAVE MOST

CONTROL OVER CREW AND WAS BEST SOURCE INFO.

REQUESTED BUREAU FISHERIES VLADIVOSTOK BE

NOTIFIED OF SINKING BUT NOT COMPLIED BY

PERMIT. LA PEROUSE STRAIT IS SCOUTED BY RED

FISHING BOATS AND USED BY RUSS MERCHANTMEN WHO

REPORT OBSERVATIONS. THIS STRAIT NOT MINED

BUT HAS JAP GUN BATTERIES ON BOTH SIDES. TSUGARU

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TSUSHIMA STRAIT WHOSE WEST PASS IS MINED AND
EAST PASS NOT MINED USED BY RED MERCHANTMEN WHO
REPORT OBSERVATIONS. THIS STRAIT HEAVILY PATROLLED
KURILE STRAIT IS ONLY STRAIT USED BY REDS THIS
AREA AND HAS JAP GUN BATTERIES SOUTH SIDE RED
BATTERIES NORTH SIDE. MUCH NIP SHIPPING
BETWEEN KARAFUTO AND HOKKAIDO. DETAILED REPORT
FOLLOWS BY AIRMAIL.

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RELEASED BY	END		PRIORITY
DATE 11 JULY 1943	ALUSNA MOSCOW		ROUTINE
2237	50M 10TH FLEET C-R		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY LEFCOE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY TUCKER			DEFERRED
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ACTION COM 10TH FLEET C & P AND ALUSNA MOSCOW.

THREE LULYKHERSON GROUNDING EAST COAST KAMCHATKA

BETWEEN AKHOMTEN BAY AND CAPE POVEDOTNI. CARGO
BEING SALVAGED BUT FEARED SHIP WILL BE TOTAL
LOSS. SOVIETS BELIEVE BAD WEATHER AND COMPASS
TO BE REASON SINCE THEY ARE EXPERIENCING GREAT
DIFFICULTY WITH NAVY STAND / 1/2 INCH MAGNETIC
COMPASS BEING INSTALLED LIBERTY SHIPS.

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DECODED BY BECKMAN			PRIORITY
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FOLLOWING IS QUOTED TASS DESPATCH UNDER VLADIVOSTOCK
 DATE LINE PUBLISHED IN 22 MARCH PRAVDA:

"FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE FAR EASTERN STEAM
 NAVIGATION THE JAPANESE PAPERS HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON 17 FEB IN THE EAST CHINA SEA THE SOVIET SHIP
 KOLA WAS TORPEDGED. THE SHIP WAS ENROUTE FROM
 VLADIVOSTOCK TO KAMCHATKA. ONLY 4 MEMBERS OF THE
 CREW WHICH HAD CONSISTED OF 73 MEN WERE PICKED
 UP BY A JAPANESE WARSHIP. ON FEB 15 2 DAYS BEFORE
 THE SHIP WAS SUNK SHE WAS STOPPED AND INSPECTED
 BY THE JAPANESE IN THE TSUSHIMA STRAITS. THE
 SHIP HAD NO CARGO. THE JAPANESE PAPERS KORRU
 ASAHI AND NIPPON TIMES PUBLISHED ON MARCH 18 AN
 INTERVIEW WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN
 BY THE 4 SURVIVORS OF THE KOLA CREW. IN THIS
 INTERVIEW SOVIET SAILORS WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE
 SAID THAT THE KOLA WAS SUNK BY AN AMERICAN

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SUBMARINE. THE OFFICE OF THE FAR EAST NAVIGATION STATES THAT IN VIEW OF INFORMATION ALREADY RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KOLA SINKING THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE ARTICLE IN THE JAPANESE PRESS RELATIVE TO STATEMENTS SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE SURVIVORS.

SOVIETS FREQUENTLY USE METHOD EXEMPLIFIED BY QUOTED DESPATCH TO PROPAGANDIZE OR SUBTLY CONVEY THEIR IDEAS. SOVIETS HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME OF KOLA SINKING AND ALAFUZOY EXPRESSED TO BE THEIR DISBELIEF OF JAP STORY. BELIEVE ABOVE ARTICLE IS FOR PURPOSE OF TELLING JAPS SOVIETS ARE CONVINCED KOLA AND ILNEN WERE SUNK BY ORANGE.

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IN CASE ILMAN CONSIDER POSSIBLY SUNK BY U.S. IF REPORTED POSITION ERRONEOUS. SAWFISH REPORTS FOR 17 FEB IN 30-50 NORTH 135-42 EAST AT 0640 ITEM 1 HIT ON SHIP NO MARKS NOTED SAME LATITUDE 135-35 AT 2230 ITEM 2 HITS SHIP HAD MASTHEAD LIGHT AND DROPPED DEPTH CHARGES. IN CASE KOLA CONSIDER NOT SUNK BY U.S. ON 17 FEB SUNFISH IN CHINA SEA WELL TO SOUTHWARD OF RUSSIAN EAST BOUND TRAFFIC VIA TSUSHIMA AND MADE FIRST ATTACK ON 7 MARCH. NO OTHER SUBS THERE THEN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM DUNCAN MOSCOW	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY 19 MARCH 1943		TAECKER	RRRRRRRRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 1914			
TOR CODER ROOM BLUM/DELANNOY	INFORMATION		
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PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ALAFUZOV CORROBORATES KOLA SINKING AND INFORMS ME
JAPS RESCUED SOME SURVIVORS. SOVIETS PLACE NO WEIGHT
IN JAP CLAIM BUT BELIEVE SUNK BY JAPS. OPNAV 142455.
 SOVIETS STILL REFUSE DISCUSS ORANGE SITUATION BUT
 MANNER INDICATES REAL CONCERN. CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT
ALAFUZOV'S DETAIL AS CINC PACIFIC. HE DEPARTS MOSCOW
TODAY FOR NEW STATION.

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FROM OPNAV			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY RADM. TRAIN		COMNORWESTSEAFRON	ROUTINE
DATE 17 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2400		COMWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY		COMALSEC	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY WHITTINGTON		CTF 8	DEFERRED
		NOB DUTCH HARBOR	
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SOVIET CONFIRMS TORPEDOING OF KOLA AND ILMEN
 BY UNKNOWN SUB. STATE BOLSHOI TSCHANTAR LOST
 IN STORM NEAR KOMANDORSKI. REFERENCE DIO 13
 CONFIDENTIAL LET A4-3/EF61 MARCH 4.

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March 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

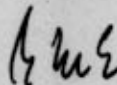
LT. COMMANDER MOTT

Commander Frothingham emphasized strongly that, if we did torpedo the ILMEN, (and he of course knows nothing about our own submarine activity) it would serve a useful purpose in forcing the Russians to cooperate more closely with us with respect to the routing of their merchant ships.

He believes that they have been lying deliberately to Tacker. For example, the ILMEN was stated to have sailed via La Perousse; whereas, actually, she sailed around the south end of Honshu.

See Opnav - confidential - 122201.

Very respectfully,



~~GEORGE H. ELSEN~~
Lieutenant (jg) U.S.N.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

LT. COMMANDER MOTT

The American observer at Vladivostok in his despatches 140130 and 140131 requested evaluation of a report that 5 Russian ships had been torpedoed by the Japs in the Pacific. ONI has supplied the following information on these ships:

1. DEKABRIST - torpedoed in North Atlantic, November 4, 1942, at 75.30N, 27.10E. (Trickle movement)
2. TURKSIB - grounded on Seal Cape, Unimak Island, Aleutians, November 21, 1942. Total loss.
3. VOLKHOVSTROI - arrived Port Angeles, Washington, March 6, 1943.
4. TRANSBALT - arrived San Francisco March 13.
5. ILMEN - previously reported torpedoed south of Japan, February 17, 1943.

The ILMEN was the first Russian ship reported as having been attacked by submarines since May of last year.

Very respectfully,

George M. Elsey

GEORGE M. ELSEY
Lieutenant (jg) U.S.N.R.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM.

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>OPNAV</u>	FOR ACTION	AMCON VLADIVOSTOK FOR TAECKER	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>REAR ADM H C TRAIN</u>			ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE <u>15 MARCH 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2122</u>	INFORMATION	ALUSNA LONDON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY <u>WELLINGTON</u>			DEFERRED

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REFER URDIS 140130 AND 140131 DEKABRIST TORPEDOED
 IN ATLANTIC AND REPORTED SINKING NOVEMBER 4 AT

LATITUDE 75-30 NORTH LONGITUDE 27-10 EAST. TURKSIB
 WAS MARINE CASUALTY, GROUNDED SEAL CAPE IN UNIMAK

ON NOVEMBER 21 NOW CONSIDERED TOTAL LOSS. VOLKHOVSTROI
 ARRIVED PORT ANGELES MARCH 6. TRANSBALT ARRIVED SAN

FRAN MARCH 13. NO TORPEDOING IN PACIFIC REPORTED
 SINCE ANGARSTROI MAY 1, 1942 UNTIL ILMEN FEBRUARY

17, 1943, REFER MY 122201.

Russ. Ship
This sets Taecker straight

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM TAECKER VLADIVOSTOK	FOR ACTION	COMINCH C&R OPNAV ALUSNA W08COW	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRRR
DATE 16 MARCH 1943	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0202/16			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BLUM			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY DEWEYER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ALLENSWORTH**150750****NCR 3317**

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VOPNAV 122201 INFORMATION RECEIVED BY CONSUL GENERAL

FROM CONFIDENTIAL UNOFFICIAL SOURCES INDICATES THAT
 LAPEROUSE BECAME ICEBOUND ON ABOUT JAN 15 AND WAS TRA-
 VERSED ONLY ONCE THEREAFTER BY BALHASH WHICH SAILED
 FROM VLAD JAN 24 ACCOMPANIED BY KUZNETSKSTROI. LATTER
 SHIP IS ONE OF SEVMORPUT VESSELS ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED
 FOR TRAVERSING LIGHT ICE FIELDS. SAME SOURCE STATES
 THAT VESSELS REPORTED BY MY 061040 FEBRUARY AND ALL
 VESSELS SINCE REPORTED AS HAVING DEPARTED FROM VLAD
 AND NAHODKA WERE ROUTED THRU ISUSHIMA. DESPITE MY
 REPEATED REQUESTS FOR INFO AS TO WHETHER VESSELS
 WERE BEING ROUTED THRU ISUSHIMA LOCAL LIAISON OFFICER
 CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH 3 TO REPORT ALL MOVEMENTS AS BEING
 THRU LAPEROUSE.

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FROM TRAIN	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY RRRRR
RELEASED BY 3-15-43			DEFERRED
DATE 2144	INFORMATION	AMCON VLADIVOSTOK CINCPAC	PRIORITY RRRRR
TOR CODER ROOM EN FISHER			ROUTINE
DECODED BY BURGAN			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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MY 122201. TOKIO BROADCAST ALLEGES KOLA TORPEDOED
FEB 17 IN EAST CHINA SEA BY AMERICAN SUBMARINE.
VESSEL SAILED VLAD FEB 13 FOR PORTLAND VIA LA PEROUSE.
NO REPORT OF TSUSHIMA ROUTING.

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CONINCH...11/11...F37...20G...FILE.

REF: 122201 ILMEN REPORTED TORPEDOED
FEB 17 AT 30.56 N 136.30 E. INYA
OVERDUE DUTCH HARBOR SINCE MAR 1.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRR
DATE 14 MARCH 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1430/14	INFORMATION	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
DECODED BY NILES			ROUTINE RRRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY DEMEYER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED FROM CONSUL GENERAL WARD VLADIVOSTOK. QUOTE ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM AN UNOFFICIAL SOURCE THE SOVIET MERCHANT VESSELS DEKABRIST. TURKSIN VOLKHOVSTROI ILMEN AND TRANSBALT HAVE BEEN SUNK BY JAPANESE MINES OR ACTION. IN ORDER THAT I MAY DETERMINE THE VALUE OF THIS SOURCE FOR USE IN APPRAISING THE RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FROM IT IN THE FUTURE WILL YOU GIVE ME SUCH ASSISTANCE AS MAY PROVE PRACTICABLE IN ASCERTAINING THE VERACITY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. APPARENTLY THE DEKABRIST WHICH VESSEL IS UNKNOWN TO ME WAS SUNK SOME MONTHS AGO SINCE MY INFORMANT STATES THAT THE FAMILIES OF THE LOST MEMBERS OF THE CREW HAVE ALREADY BEEN INDEMNIFIED. THE TURKISH SAILED FROM ASTORIA FOR VLADIVOSTOK ON NOV 11 AND ACCORDING TO

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INFORMATION RECEIVED BY YOU FROM THE LOCAL NAVY HEAD-
 QUARTERS IT WAS SUNK OFF THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED
 STATES AND SUBQUOTE THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET NAVAL
 AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED CINHOLOS SENDS UNQUOTE.
 THE VOLKHOVSTROI SAILED FROM VLADIVOSTOK ON JANUARY 14
 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT PORTLAND ON FEBRUARY 4.
 THE ILMEN SAILED.

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DATE <u>14 MAR 1943</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1419</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>MATZKA</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PLOSKI</u>			DEFERRED

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MY 144130 CONTINUED.

FROM NAHODKAON FEB 8 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT PORTLAND ON MAR 10. THE TRANSBALT SAILED FROM VLADIVOSTOK ON FEB 15 AND IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT PORTLAND ON MAR 15. INsofar AS I AM AWARE THE ONLY SOVIET VESSEL THUS FAR PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AS HAVING BEEN SUNK WHILE ENROUTE FROM THE SOVIET TO THE UNITED STATES OR VICE VERSA VIA TRANS PACIFIC IS THE ANGARSTROI, ALTHOUGH I WAS FORMALLY INFORMED SOME TIME AGO BY AN OFFICER OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN FLEET THAT SOVIET VESSELS (PLURAL NOT SINGULAR) PLYING TRANS PACIFIC TO AND FROM THE UNITED

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STATES HAVE BEEN SUNK IN JAPANESE AND ADJACENT
WATERS. UNQUOTE. IF FEASIBLE REQUEST OPNAV IN-
FORM THIS OFFICE WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS DEFINITE
KNOWLEDGE OF LOSS OF AFORE MENTIONED 5 SHIPS.

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FROM OPNAV	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY R. ADM. H.C. TRAIN			RRRR NE
DATE 13 MARCH 43			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2204/12	INFORMATION	AMCON VLAD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			RRR
PARAPHRASED BY ESTERLY			ROUTINE
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ILMEN REPORTED TORPEDOED FEB 17 AT LAT 30.56 N LONGITUDE 136.30 E WITH LOSS OF 7 LIVES. SURVIVORS ARRIVED AKUTAN ABOARD KASHIRSTROI. TAECKER WAS ADVISED ILMEN DEPARTED NAHODKA 8 FEB VIA LA PEROUSE. POSITION OF SINKING INDICATES EITHER DEPARTURE DATE OR SPEED OF 8 KNOTS ERRONEOUS. INYA REPORTED DEPARTED NAHODKA SAME DATE VIA LA PEROUSE OVERDUE DUTCH HARBOR SINCE 1 MARCH. WILL APPRECIATE FURTHER DETAIL OF SINKING ALSO REASON FOR SOVIET FAILURE NOTIFICATION TSUSHIMA ROUTING.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMDT 1ST NAVDIST	FOR ACTION	VICE OPNAV COMINCH C & R	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE OCT 17 1942	INFORMATION	COMEASTSEAFRON	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY O'BRIEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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MAILGRAM

SUBJECT: S/S WACOSTA, U.S., SINKING OF.

REFERENCE: (A) VCNO CONF. LTR., SERIAL 01011116, DATED JUNE 30, 1942.

1. SUBJECT ARMED U.S. 5433 GROSS TONS, CARGO SHIP WAS TORPEDOED IN AN ATTACK ON CONVOY BY GERMAN TORPEDO PLANES AT 1545 BRITISH SUMMER TIME, SEPTEMBER 13, 1942 IN 76.05 N, 10 E. THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS WERE LANDED AT SCAPA FLOW BY THE HMS

HARRIER AND THE HMS SCYLLA, AND BROUGHT TO THE U.S. ON THE S/S QUEEN MARY, LANDING IN BOSTON OCTOBER 15, 1942. SURVIVORS

COMPRISED 34 U.S. AND 1 SWEDE, ENTIRE COMPLEMENT OF SUBJECT VESSEL.

2. SUBJECT VESSEL WAS ENROUTE FROM PHILADELPHIA TO ARCHANGEL, USSR WITH GENERAL CARGO OF 7098 TONS WAR SUPPLIES. AT TIME OF

ATTACK SUBJECT VESSEL WAS ON COURSE 127, NOT ZIGZAGGING, SPEED 8 KNOTS, SEA MEDIUM SWELL, VISIBILITY GOOD, WIND VARIABLE

FORCE TWO.

3. ONE TORPEDO STRUCK ON STARBOARD SIDE ABOUT NUMBER TWO HOLD, AND VESSEL SANK BY HEAD IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES. NO AVOIDING ACTION

TAKEN, BUT ALL GUNS WERE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON ENEMY.

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TOR CODEROOM		COMEASTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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4. SURVIVORS ABANDONED VESSEL IN LIFEBOATS AND LIFERAFTS, AND WERE PICKED UP BY ESCORTS WITHIN AN HOUR. ATTACKING PLANE WAS DESCRIBED AS A HEINKEL 115.

5. CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS WENT DOWN ON THE VESSEL.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER COGNIZANT.

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PARAPHRASED BY O'BRIEN			DEFERRED

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M-A-I-L-G-R-A-M

SUBJECT: S/S MACBETH, PANAMANIAN, SINKING OF.

REFERENCE: (A)VCNO CONF. LTR., SERIAL 01011116 DATED JUNE 30, 1942

1. SUBJECT ARMED PANAMANIAN 4885 GROSS TONS, CARGO SHIP, WAS TORPEDOED IN ATTACK ON CONVOY BY GERMAN TORPEDO PLANES

SEPTEMBER 13, 1942 AT 1407 G.M.T. IN 76.05 N, 10 E. THIRTY SEVEN SURVIVORS WERE LANDED AT SCAPA FLOW BY HMS OFFA AND HMS

ST. KEENAN AND WERE BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES ON THE S/S QUEEN MARY LANDING AT BOSTON OCTOBER 15, 1942. SURVIVORS

COMPRISED TWO BELGIENS, ON U.S., ONE DANE, ONE NORWEGIAN, FIVE DUTCH, EIGHT CHINESE, TWO BRAZILIANS, TEN BRITISH, FOUR JUGO-

SLAVES, ONE FRENCH (FREE) AND TWO IRISH, THE ENTIRE COMPLEMENT OF SUBJECT VESSEL.

2. SUBJECT VESSEL WAS IN CONVOY ENROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO ARCHANGEL, USSR WITH GENERAL CARGO OF FOODSTUFFS, EQUIPMENT

AND EXPLOSIVES. AT TIME OF ATTACK VESSEL WAS ON COURSE 130, NOT ZIGZAGGING, SPEED 8 1/2 KNOTS, SEA SLIGHTLY CHOPPY,

VISIBILITY GOOD, WIND NNE FORCE 4.

3. TWO AERIAL TORPEDOES STRUCK VESSEL ON STARBOARD, ONE AT NUMBER 3 HOLD AND OTHER AT NUMBER 6 HOLD AND VESSEL SANK BY

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TOR CODEROOM		PRIORITY
DECODED BY		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY O'BRIEN		DEFERRED

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THE HEAD IN ABOUT THREE HOURS. ALL SUBJECT VESSEL'S GUNS WERE IN ACTION DURING ATTACK.

4. SURVIVORS ABANDONED VESSEL IN LIFEBOATS WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES. THE ATTACKING AIRPLANE WAS DESCRIBED AS A HEINKEL 115.

5. SURVIVORS WERE PICKED UP BY ESCORT VESSELS AT 1427 G.M.T SEPTEMBER 13, 1942.

6. CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS WERE THROWN OVERBOARD BY MASTER.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER COGNIZANT.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	FRANKEL ARKHANGELSK	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRR
RELEASED BY	30 AUGUST 1942		DEFERRED
DATE			
TOR CODEROOM	1634/30	MOSCOW	PRIORITY RRRRR
DECODED BY	LINSENMEYER		DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	LLOYD		

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB CAPABLE HANDLING 600 NOW OPERATING ARCH-
ANGEL NO BUILDINGS AVAILABLE SEAMAN'S CLUB BAKARITSAEKONOMIA
OR MOLOTOVSKAL THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CLUB PROJECTED LATTER
PLACE.

QUESTION 2: NONE NEEDED FOR PRESENT LIMITED FACILITIES NOR
WOULD THEIR PRESENCE BE ENCOURAGED BY SOVIETS. Q

QUESTION 3: AMERICAN MERCHANT SEAMAN 500 PLUS 315 SURVIVORS
AND 150 ARMED GUARD Q BRITISH 3,000 NAVY AND 400 MERCHANT.

QUESTION 4: NEGATIVE BRITISH NOW ATTEMPTING LAND HOSPITAL
UNIT OF 38 PERSONNEL TO WHICH SOVIETS ARE OPPOSED.

QUESTION 5: NEGATIVE ON MEDICAL SUPPLIES URGENTLY REQUIRE
SURVIVORS CLOTHING TOILET ARTICLES CIGARETTES TOBACCO CHOCO-
LATE BARS AND DESIREABLE HAVE BOOKSMAGAZINES GAMES AND ATH-
LETIC EQUIPMENT SINCE THESE ITEMS NOT PURCHASABLE HERE.

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QUESTION 6: WHAT OPERATING FUND.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

- (1) EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL SOVIETS WILL PERMIT FOREIGNERS ESTABLISH OR OPERATE CLUBS.
- (2) I HAVE OFFERED PRESENT CLUB AMERICAN MAGAZINES AND BOOKS AND THIS OFFER HAS BEEN CATEGORICALLY REFUSED WHICH IS INDICATIVE OF OBSTACLES WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED.
- (3) UNFORTUNATELY INFLATION OF THE RUBLE HAS REDUCED ITS PURCHASING POWER TO APPROXIMATELY 1 CENT WHEN APPLIED TO FOOD CLOTHING TOBACCO VODKA AND BEER WITH THE RESULT THAT CIGARETTES AND CLOTHING POSSESSED BY OR ISSUED TO MERCHANT SEAMEN HAVE BEEN TRADED QUITE OPENLY WITHOUT ANY REAL EFFORT ON THE PART OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CURTAIL SUCH ACTIVITY.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM FRANKEL-ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTED
DATE 28 AUG 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0559	INFORMATION	MOSCOW	PRIORITY
DECODED BY SHAW			ROUTED
PARAPHRASED BY HERSHEY			DEFERRED

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BASE UNIT FOR UNKNOWN NUMBER **BAMPDEN** TORPEDO BOMBERS ARRIVED KOLA INLET. THESE PLANES EXPECTED SOON AND WILL BE USED AGAINST GERMAN MEN OF WAR OPERATING ARTIC WATERS. SOVIETS REPORT 4 ENEMY SUBS OPERATING OFF NOVAYAZEMLYA HAVE SHELLED SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS THERE.

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FROM FRANKE ARKHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV WASH D C	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 26 JULY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1809	INFORMATION	MOSCOW	PRIORITY
DECODED BY MARQUARDT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLASSCOCK			DEFERRED

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AMERICAN STEAMER WASHINGTON SUNK BY BOMBS ON JULY 5TH.
SURVIVORS LANDED IN BOATS ON NOVAY AZEMALYA BROUGHT ARCH-
ANGEL BY EMPIRE TIDE ALL IN GOOD HEALTH AND ALL ACCOUNTED
FOR.

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FROM FRANKEL (ARCHANGEL)	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRR DEFERRED
DATE 19 JULY 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0307/19			ROUTINE
DECODED BY BARBER			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			

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**STEAMER PAN ATLANTIC SUNK BY BOMBING WHERE-BY 300 TONS
TNT EXPLODED IN NUMBER TWO HATCH. 23 SURVIVORS HERE IN GOOD
CONDITION. LAST SEEN AT FORECASTLE GUN STATION, JOHN RADDIGAN,
GEORGE WECKENHEISER, RICHARD SHEPHARD, MARSHALL EMANUEL,
ROBER COVINGTON AND SEAMAN USNR JOHN CATOLOGORE. LAST SEEN
ABOARD SHIP APPARENTLY STUNNED BY EXPLOSION, INITIALS
UNKNOWN MCKINLEY RADIO OFFICER, SAM HENDRY, LEROY WILLIAMS,
CALVIN FOOT, WOODWARD HUTSON, LEE HEADINGTON, LAST SEEN
IN WATER AFTER BOAT CAPSIZED BY SECOND EXPLOSION. INITIALS,
F H MILLER, WILLIAM TALLON, JOHN BOND AND NAVAL RESERVE
LIEUT (JG) CHARLES CARROLL. HUSTON HUNTER GUN CAPT, JOHN
MIKA SIGNALMAN FIRST, SEAMAN DONALD CLEMEN AND RALPH KLUK
AND JAMES DOBPE.**

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FROM COMNORWESTSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH C&R	PRIORITY RRRR ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 7 JULY 42			
TOR CODEROOM 0232/7	INFORMATION	COMWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY RRRR ROUTINE
DECODED BY HANDLEY			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			

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COMALSEC REPORTS SERGI KIROV RUSSIAN BOUND FOR PORTLAND VAA
AKUTAN PASS WAS ORDERED BY RADIO FROM CHIEF OF THE FAR EASTERN
STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION MASLOV TO PROCEED SAINT SAUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS
FOR ENTERING DUTCH HARBOR VESSEL BOMBED BY UNITED STATES
PATROL PLANE BLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY FOUR BOMB STRADDLE CALLED AT
AND DEPARTED FROM DUTCH HARBOR TWO HOURS ZED FIFTH. AMCON
VLADIVOSTOK HAS BEEN ADVISED TODAY OF APPROACH PROCEDURE TO
DUTCH HARBOR FROM WESTWARD AS FOLLOWS EASTBOUND SHIPS SHOULD
APPROACH FROM WEST ALONG LATITUDE 54-45 NORTH TO LONGITUDE
166-30 WEST THEN SOUTH TO LATITUDE 54-00 AND LAY TO UNTIL
INSTRUCTED BY PATROL BOAT TO PROCEED VIA AKUTAN PASS. SAME
TRACK AND PROCEDURE WESTBOUND.

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DATE 7 JULY 1942	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 1257/7			DEFERRED
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ACTION BUNAV INFO MOSCOW

SOVIET NAVAL OFFICER STATES AN AIRPLANE WITH AMERICAN
INSIGNIA FLEW OVER RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIP KIROV AND DROPPED

ABOUT 3 BOMBS WHICH FELL IN WATER. PLANE THEN DEPARTED.
KIBVY WAS NEAR ONE OF FRIBILOF ISLANDS ENROUTE DUTCH HARBOR.

NO INJURY OR DAMAGE REPORTED. TIME OF OCCURRENCE ABOUT 2030 GCT
JULY 3RD. HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANSWER QUESTIONS IN MY 271230.

JUNE REGARDING APPROACH TO DUTCH HARBOR. RUSSIANS URGENTLY
DESIRE THAT INFORMATION AND WHETHER OR NOT U. S. SHIPS WILL

MEET SOVIET SHIPS. FOR PRESENT AND UNTIL OTHERWISE INFORMED
ALL RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIPS ARE PROCEEDING NORTH OF KOMANDORSKI

ISLANDS THENCE VICINITY PRIBILOF ISLANDS THENCE DUTCH HARBOR.

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DATE JULY 3 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMGEN ALASKA DEFENSE	PPPP PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 2058/2021			ROUTINE
DECODED BY PORTER/FIELD			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

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THIS FROM COMTASKFORCE 8.

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL APPROACHED ST PAUL ISLAND, PRIBILOFS, EVENING 2 JULY. REPORTED AS TRANSPORT. ONE NAVY PATROL PLANE FROM DUTCH ORDERED ATTACK IF ENEMY. ATTACK MADE 2310W. MASTER SHIP REPORTED SS SERGEY KIROV RADIOED DUTCH "RUSSIAN VESSEL AT ST PAUL STOP BOMBING MASTER". ALL ORDERS TO BOMB CANCELLED. RUSSIAN SHIP REPORTED ENROUTE DUTCH, DAMAGE UNKNOWN.

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DATE 26 JUNE, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1911	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY WATERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HERSHEY/SMITH			DEFERRED

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2 TORPEDOES AND EXPLOSION OF CARGO ON 26 MAY SANK THE AMERICAN STEAMER SYROS IN LESS THAN 2 MINUTES. SURVIVORS WERE PICKED UP BY HMS HAZARD AND DELIVERED MURMANSK. 10 MEMBERS MISSING ALL LAST SEEN ABOARD SHIP, NAMELY: CHARLES HOLMES, PAUL RASMUSSEN, WILLIAM RIPLEY, HARRY VERMILLION, DAVID BACKSTEDO, JOHN BREWSTER, HENRY SHON, WILLIAM HAZEL, WILLIAM WOUCH, JOHN COERSE. DIED FROM EXPOSURE ABOARD HMS HAZARD AND BURIED AT SEA JOSEPH STEINBERG AND SEAMAN US NAVY MAURICE WINTON. 28 SURVIVORS ALL OF WHOM AMERICANS AND RETURNING ON STEAMER HERBERT EXCEPT AS NOTED. JAMES DAVIDSON, GOREZ NEILSON, ERLARO MILLER, WILLIAM PAZLES, OSCAR PEALEGRIN HOSPITAL SLIGHT INJURY, INITIAL R. HORUSYWITZ, RUSSEL REDDELL, SAMUEL BARNINGER, JAMES POWERS, FRANK RYAN HOSPITAL INJURED FINGER, CHARLES SEPETA, JAMES ROBEY, JAMES KIXIEN, STEPHEN PROZOWSKI, JOHN MATTHEWS, JEWEL STRICKLAND,

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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CLAUDE LANGWITH, LINUS WEICHAND, MILLARD JORDAN, MIKE VALERO,
 WILLIAM GIBBS HOSPITAL FRACTURED LEG CONDITION SATISFACTORY.
 CARL WICKS, EDWARD FIALA, HERBERT HEIFORT, JOSEPH BASCHIS,
 LAWRENCE ROSS, ARCHIE CANOON, SEAMAN U S NAVY HAROLD MCLOUGHLIN.

COMINCH.....ACTION

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 23....39....BUPERS....20-OP FILE...FILE.

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DATE	26 JUNE, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	18119	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	CARSWELL/MILIUS/YANT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SMITH			DEFERRED

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NEAR MISS BY AERIAL BOMB ON 27 MAY RUPTURED NUMBER 1 HOLD OF CITY OF JOLIET. WHEN PUMPS COULD NO LONGER COPE WITH WATER VESSEL WAS ABANDONED ON 28TH MAY ALL HANDS PICKED UP BY HMS STELSTAIN AND FREE FRENCH CORVETTE ROSELYS. CREW OF 37 ARRIVED MURMANSK AND PLACED ABOARD STEAMER CITY OF OMAHA FOR TRANSPORTATION NAMES, MEMBERS ALL AMERICAN AND UNINJURED EXCEPT AS NOTED. ALBERT MILLER, JOHN EVRENHOLM, MAX HOTOPP SLIGHT KNEE INJURY, FRANK JOHNSON, PETER DRUMMOND, ELMER BERGERON, PAUL GUSMAN, ERNEST Z CHILLES, ROY NELSON, JOHN KENN, DAN TENNISON, ARTHUR ATWOOD, CHARLES SUSULL, CLARENCE WILLIAM, FARMS ARNOLD, LOUIS KENDEL, JOSEPH HORVATH, ALBERT JOHLFELD, JOHN KENNEDY, BOYD DUNBAR, ENRIQUE ESTRADA, WILLIAM DECOURCY, FRANK JEFFERSON, FRANCIS GARLAND, LEE DOANLD, WILLIAM BOHLE, GEORGE Q VASNITZKY RUSSIAN, JOHN MONROE, WILLIAM HENGCHEN, SANTIAGO CASPILLO, NICK JOANNES, GEORGE SIMMONS, JOHN LINN, HOWARD CHASE, FELTON BUCHANAN, WILFRED GIROUX, MARTIN ANDERSON. ALL ARMED GUARD UNHURT PLACED ABOARD SHIP JOHN RANDOLPH. LT(JG) GEORGE GROTENRATH, INITIALS W S SHARP, INITIALS R W BEACH, J E BARBER, JJ BARBIER, L D MORALIS, R J HENRY, O R JAYTON, A G MEARS, J G

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DATE _____			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
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RELEASED BY			RRRRRR
DATE 6 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1332			PRIORITY
DECODED BY KAMEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY COURTNEY			DEFERRED

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WHILE PROCEEDING ANCHORAGE AMERICAN STEAMER STEEL WORKER
 SUNK BY UNDER WATER EXPLOSION AT 2000 JUNE 3 IN ABOUT
 FIFTEEN FATHOMS. ALL CREW ACCOUNTED FOR. SOME MINOR
 INJURIES. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND (3 GROUPS BEING
 SERVICED)* T DEGAUSSED. CHANNEL BEING CAREFULLY SWEEP
 FOR ALL TYPES OF MINES. RESULTS OF DIVERS INVESTIGATION
 WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN ASCERTAINED.

F-37.....ACTION

COMINCH...BUSHIPS...BUORD...16...200P...FILE.

* 3 GROUPS MISSING--BEING SERVICED--CORRECTION WILL BE
 ROUTED WHEN RECEIVED.

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