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## NAVAL MESSAGE

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| DRAFTER                     | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES              | PRECEDENCE |
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| FROM CINCLANT               |                  | USS GUADALCANAL         | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY                 |                  | COMDESLANT FOC GIB      | DEFERRED   |
| DATE DEC 28 1943            |                  | CTF 62...CTF 29         |            |
| TOR CODEROOM 1243/28        |                  | COMMORROCCANSEAFRON     |            |
| DECODED BY LAFLAMME         |                  | COMINCH...COMAIRLANT    | PRIORITY   |
| PARAPHRASED BY LAFLAMME /JS |                  | COMDESRON 29            | ROUTINE    |
| ROUTED BY REEGAN            |                  | NOB BERMUDA...ADMIRALTY | DEFERRED   |
|                             |                  | COM 10TH FLT...CINCMED  |            |
|                             |                  | COMNAVEU...COM8THFLT    |            |
|                             |                  | US NAVAL COMMUNICATION  |            |
|                             |                  | LIAISON UNIT GIBALTAR   |            |

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(CINCLANT ORIGINATES. COMNAVEU INFORM ADMIRALTY.  
RDO ALGIERS INFORM COM 8TH FLEET AND CINCMED. (NYQ)  
US NAVAL COMMUNICATION/UNIT GIBALTAR DELIVER TO FOC  
GIB.) LIAISON

TASK GROUP 21.12 CAPTAIN GALLERY IN GUADALCANAL  
COMDESRON 29 IN WHIPPLE DESDIV 57 HEREBY ESTABLISHED.  
DEPART HAMPTON ROADS 4 JANUARY AND OPERATE AGAINST  
SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES GIVING PRIORITY TO THOSE THAT  
MIGHT MENACE UGS GUS CONVOYS. FUEL AT BERMUDA OR FROM  
UGS OR GUS TANKERS AS NECESSARY. FURTHER ORDERS LATER.  
COMDESRON 29 REPORT WITH HIS DIVISION TO GUADALCANAL BY  
NOON 3 JANUARY FOR THIS DUTY.

*This is a new CVE group. There will now  
be 5 such groups in the Atlantic.*

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

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| FROM <u>CINCWA</u>           |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES                             | OP OP OP OPOP |
| RELEASED BY _____            |                  | USS BLOCK ISLAND                                             | PRIORITY      |
| DATE <u>26 DECEMBER 1943</u> |                  |                                                              | ROUTINE       |
| TON CODEROM <u>1459</u>      |                  |                                                              | DEFERRED      |
| DECODED BY <u>SAPP</u>       |                  | ADMIRALTY<br>COMINCH<br>CINCLANT<br>FO GIBRALTAR<br>COMNAVEU | OP OP OP OP   |
| PARAPHRASED BY <u>SAPP</u>   |                  |                                                              | PRIORITY      |
| ROUTED BY _____              |                  |                                                              | ROUTINE       |
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USS BLOCK ISLAND INFO ADMIRALTY COMINCH CINCLANT  
FO GIBRALTAR COMNAVEU FROM CINCWA.

CONSEQUENT ON AIRCRAFT SIGHTING OF U-BOAT NEAR OS 62  
IT IS PRESUMED U-BOATS ARE LIKELY TO ATTEMPT TO CLOSE  
CONVOY. ESTIMATED POSITION COURSE AND SPEED OF OS 62  
STROKE KMS 36 AT 1100 Z 44-20 NORTH 25-45 WEST  
180 DEGREES 6 KNOTS ALTERING ON CROSSING 43-00 NORTH  
TO 125 DEGREES.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: War

Nr: No #

22nd December, 1943

Freedom CRYPTO paraphrase of COSITINTREP no 163 part 2 signed Eisenhower cite FHRNA from CINC Med 11 dtg 221937A Dec.

As result of attack by aircraft on GUS 25, 120 miles southeast of Malta 1 M/V was near missed and later sank PM 21st December. Covering convoy 2 Mosquitoes attacked JU 88 and claim damage. There were no casualties.

No Sig.

*Alphinet 35.18 x 16.5E  
(Intel)*

*Cargo 5,759 GT 12/21  
air*

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CGAAF  
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)  
Adm King  
LOG

CM-IN-14205 (23 Dec 43) 0046Z jb

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*GUS-24*  
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| DRAFTER                                                                                                      | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES                      | PRECEDENCE                 |
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| FROM <b>ALUSLO BOMBAY</b>                                                                                    | FOR ACTION       | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE | PRIORITY                   |
| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  | CNO                             | ROUTINE <b>RRRR</b>        |
| DATE <b>15 DEC 43</b>                                                                                        |                  |                                 | DEFERRED                   |
| TOR CODER ROOM <b>152053</b>                                                                                 |                  |                                 |                            |
| DECODED BY <b>FISHER</b>                                                                                     | INFORMATION      | JICNAV<br>RIN                   | PRIORITY                   |
| PARAPHRASED BY <b>DRUMMOND</b>                                                                               |                  |                                 | ROUTINE <b>RRRR</b>        |
| ROUTED BY <b>HILL</b>                                                                                        |                  |                                 | DEFERRED                   |
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| <b>151005 NCR 6615</b>                                                                                       |                  |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

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INFO JICNAV. RIN

TELL OPNAV EFFECTIVE 13TH CONVOYS TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED BETWEEN BOMBAY AND PERSIAN GULF. ESCORT CMDR SAYS MEASURE DUE WITHDRAWAL SUBS FOR UNDERSTOOD CONCENTRATION IN ANOTHER AREA.

FX37...ACT

16...COMINCH...20G...NAVAIDE...

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| FROM <b>CINCMED</b>                                                                                          |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE                                                                                     | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  | <b>ADMIRALTY</b>                                                                                                    | PRIORITY                   |
| DATE <b>15 DECEMBER 1943</b>                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                     | ROUTINE                    |
| TOR CODEROM <b>152041</b>                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                     | DEFERRED                   |
| DECODED BY <b>C STRONG</b>                                                                                   |                  |                                                                                                                     |                            |
| PARAPHRASED BY <b>C STRONG</b>                                                                               |                  |                                                                                                                     | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
| ROUTED BY                                                                                                    |                  | <b>CINCLEVANT COMINCH<br/>COMNAVNAV CINCLANT<br/>CTF 81 CTF 82<br/>CTF 86 CTG 80.2<br/>COMDESRON 7<br/>CTG 89.1</b> | PRIORITY                   |
| UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE. |                  |                                                                                                                     | ROUTINE                    |
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| <b>PAGE 1</b>                                                                                                | <b>141818A</b>   | <b>NCR 6610</b>                                                                                                     |                            |

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(COMNAVNAV REENCYPHERS CINCMED 32 141818A TO COMINCH, CINCLANT, CTF 81, 82, 83, 86, COMDESRON 7, CTG 80.2, CTG 89.1 FOR INFO)

(QUOTE. ACTION ADMIRALTY, INFO CINCLEVANT COMNAVNAV)

PRELIMINARY REPORTS. YOUR 131633 NOT TO ALL REFERS.

CUCKMERE, ESCORTING KMS 34 IN POSITION A.

TORPEDOES BY A QNAT TORPEDO WHILE ATTACKING ASDIC

CONTACT. TORPEDO HIT FORWARD OF BRIDGE. U-BOAT

CONTACT AT TIME OF EXPLOSION WAS ON PORT BOW AT 1600

YARDS. NO HE FROM TORPEDO WHICH MAY HAVE MISSED

ASTERN AND THEN CIRCLED UNDER FULL PORT RUDDER TO HIT

FORWARD.

(2) TYNEDALE ESCORTING KMS 34 IN POSITION M. 12.5

KNOTS. ZIGZAGING 120 (R) 120 DEGS EVERY 5 MINUTES

BUT HAD PROLONGED LEG OF ZIG ZAG RATHER OVER 5 MINUTES

AT TIME OF ATTACK. ASDIC LISTENING WATCH ONLY BEING

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| DATE _____                                                                                                   |                  |                                 | 3          |
| TOR CODEROOM _____                                                                                           |                  |                                 | 4          |
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KEPT DURING TEMPORARY AJUSTMENT TO S/R KEY. NO HE  
HEARD FROM TORPEDO OR U-BOAT SHIP HIT PORT SIDE  
ABREAST FUNNEL AND BROKE IN HALF.

(2) HOLCOMBE. HUNTING U-BOAT IN COMPANY WITH  
HIBLACK. GAINED CONTACT 40 DEGS ON PORT BOW AT 1700  
YARDS AND TURNED TOWARDS TO ATTACK. GNAT HIT AFT  
U-BOAT CONTACT AT TIME OF EXPLOSION RIGHT AHEAD  
1400 YARDS. NO HE FROM TORPEDO.

(4) TYNEDALE AND HOLCOMBE BOTH SUNK BY U-593 WHICH  
WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUNK BY CALPE AND WAINWRIGHT IN  
SAME AREA. SURVIVORS OF U-593 STATE CO WAS  
MANOEUVERING TO FIRE GNAT AT CALPE BUT WAS FORCED  
DEEP BY DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS. WAINWRIGHT STREAMED  
DASHDASH UP FOXER GEAR DURING PART OF A/S HUNT.

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| FROM                                                                                                         | FOR ACTION       | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE | PRIORITY                   |
| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  |                                 | ROUTINE                    |
| DATE                                                                                                         |                  |                                 | DEFERRED                   |
| TOR CODEROOM                                                                                                 |                  |                                 |                            |
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(5) IT APPEARS GNATS WERE FIRED AT RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 2000 YARDS AND THAT IF THEY MISS ASTERN THEY SUBSEQUENTLY CIRCLE UNDER FULL RUDDER TO HIT TARGET ON DISENGAGED SIDE IF SPEED OF SHIP IS INSUFFICIENT TO DRAW CLEAR OF GNATS TURNING CIRCLE.

(6) FROM INSPECTION OF DAMAGE TO CUCKMERE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NO CONTACT PISTOL IS BEING USED.

(7) SUMMARY OF INTERROGATION REPORT WILL BE SIGNALLED. UNQUOTE.

\* CINCMED NR. 32 141818A RECEIVED FROM COMNAVNAV AS 151517A

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| FROM           | CINCLANT (INDEFINITE) | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES |                     |
| RELEASED BY    |                       | CTF 62                           | <del>DEFERRED</del> |
| DATE           | 9 DECEMBER 1943       | .....                            | ROUTINE             |
| TON CODER ROOM | 0208                  | COMEASTSEA FROM                  | DEFERRED            |
| DECODED BY     | DUMMIT                | COMDESLANT                       |                     |
| PARAPHRASED BY | DUMMIT                | NOB BERMUDA                      |                     |
| ROUTED BY      |                       | COMDESRON 31                     | PRIORITY            |
|                |                       | COMINCH                          | ROUTINE             |
|                |                       | NYD CHARLESTON                   | <del>DEFERRED</del> |
|                |                       | COM 10TH FLEET                   |                     |
|                |                       | COMS 3, 4, 5                     |                     |
|                |                       | CTF 69                           |                     |
|                |                       | CTG 23.1                         |                     |

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THIS FROM CINCLANT.

SPLIT GUS 22 WHEN APPROPRIATE AND ESCORT SECTIONS TO DESTINATIONS. TURN CHESAPEAKE SECTION OVER TO LOCAL ESCORT WHEN LAST SHIP HAS PASSED BUOY SAIL 11 SWEEP CHANNEL. ALL ESCORTS PROCEED NAVY YARD NEW YORK FOR AVAILABILITY WHEN TASKS COMPLETED. DESTINATION TARA-ZED, MATTAPOINI, HAMPTON ROADS IF COM TASK GROUP 23.1 DOES NOT EMPLOY LATTER. DETACH MAYRANT WHEN APPROPRIATE TO PROCEED NAVY YARD CHARLESTON FOR AVAILABILITY, STOPPING BERMUDA IF NECESSARY FOR FUEL. TASK FORCE DISSOLVED UPON ARRIVAL.

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| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  | <b>ADMIRALTY<br/>COMINCH</b>    | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
| DATE <b>NOV 29 1943</b>                                                                                      |                  | <b>COMMONSEA FROM</b>           | <b>ROUTINE</b>             |
| TOR CODER ROOM <b>262215A</b>                                                                                |                  | <b>NOIC ALGIERS</b>             | <b>DEFERRED</b>            |
| DECODED BY <b>MC CLELLAN</b>                                                                                 |                  | <b>NLO 8TH ARMY</b>             |                            |
| PARAPHRASED BY <b>GRUNER, ALD</b>                                                                            |                  | <b>NLO 15TH ARMY GROUP</b>      | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
| ROUTED BY                                                                                                    |                  | <b>FOTA FOC GIB</b>             | <b>ROUTINE</b>             |
|                                                                                                              |                  | <b>NOIC BIZERTE</b>             | <b>DEFERRED</b>            |
|                                                                                                              |                  | <b>FOPI COMNAVNAV</b>           |                            |
|                                                                                                              |                  | <b>CINCLANT COMCRURON 15</b>    |                            |
|                                                                                                              |                  | <b>NOIC MALTA</b>               |                            |
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| <b>262215A</b>                                                                                               |                  |                                 | <b>X</b>                   |
| <b>NCR 4962</b>                                                                                              |                  |                                 |                            |
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AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 236.

(1) DESTROYER PATROL IN THE ADRIATIC NIGHT 24TH/25TH SIGHTED NOTHING. MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS HAD TO TURN BACK DUE TO WEATHER.

(2) CONVOY KM F 26 ATTACKED BY 30 PLUS AIRCRAFT OFF BOUGIE 1700 26TH. SS ROHNA HIT BEING TAKEN IN TOW. DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE FIGHTERS CLAIM 8 SHOT DOWN.

DELIVERED 208.

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262215 440 KMF 26

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER                                                                                                      | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES                       | PRECEDENCE                 |
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| FROM RI.4/A                                                                                                  |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE  |                            |
| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  | 2VA<br>ALL SHIPS AND<br>STATIONS | PRIORITY                   |
| DATE 12 NOV 43                                                                                               |                  |                                  | URGENT                     |
| TOR CODEROM 1427                                                                                             |                  |                                  | ROUTINE                    |
| DECODED BY HOLLERBACH                                                                                        |                  |                                  | DEFERRED                   |
| PARAPHRASED BY MULLIGAN                                                                                      |                  |                                  | PRIORITY                   |
| ROUTED BY                                                                                                    |                  |                                  | ROUTINE                    |
|                                                                                                              |                  |                                  | DEFERRED                   |
|                                                                                                              |                  |                                  |                            |
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| INTERCEPT                                                                                                    | 121335Z*         | NCR 2251                         | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

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CONVOY ANCHOR 11 SHIP HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
TORPEDO MISS POSITION (12-50) 150-38

\* PASSED BY 2VA TO ALL SHIPS AND STATIONS AS 121350

1 CC TO 20-G

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers  
To: WAR

Nr.: Unnumbered 12th November 1943

Paraphrase by Freedom of COSINTINTREP No 124 part 2 signed  
Eisenhower cite PHERNA.

Off Oran afternoon of 11th November convoy KM331  
was attacked by approx 25 DO217's and HE111's with  
torpedoes and glider bombs. Torpedoes sunk SS Tirsch-  
bank, Nivos, Indian Prince and Carlier. 2 other ships  
were slightly damaged but continued with convoy. Ack Ack  
claims 2 aircraft shot down 1 probable and fighters claim  
1 damaged. COSITINTREP number 123 not issued. Supporting  
5th Army a successful bombardment by destroyers was executed  
during night of 8-9 November in the Gaeta Gulf.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2  
CG AAF  
Capt. Royal, USN CG/S  
Adm. King  
LOG

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER                                                                                                      | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES                       | PRECEDENCE                 |
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| FROM <b>CINCMED</b>                                                                                          |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE  |                            |
| RELEASED BY                                                                                                  |                  | <b>AIG 387</b><br><b>COMINCH</b> | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
| DATE <b>11 NOVEMBER 43</b>                                                                                   |                  |                                  | <b>ROUTINE</b>             |
| TOR CODEROOM <b>0445</b>                                                                                     |                  |                                  | <b>DEFERRED</b>            |
| DECODED BY <b>VALENTINE/WRIGHT</b>                                                                           |                  |                                  |                            |
| PARAPHRASED BY <b>MITCHELL</b>                                                                               |                  |                                  | <b>PRIORITY</b>            |
|                                                                                                              |                  |                                  | <b>ROUTINE</b>             |
|                                                                                                              |                  |                                  | <b>DEFERRED</b>            |
| ROUTED BY                                                                                                    |                  |                                  |                            |
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| <b>102145C</b>                                                                                               |                  |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <b>NCR 1132</b>                                                                                              |                  |                                  |                            |

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**AIG 387 FROM CINCMED.****SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 226.**

1. MY 072243 PARA 6. 5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIM DESTROYED BY A/A FIRE DURING ATTACK CONVOY KMF 25 A.
2. HMS QUILLAM AND HMS RAIDER ON PATROL SOUTH OF VALONA DURING NIGHT 9TH/10TH SANK A SIEBEL FERRY LOADED WITH PETROL AND AMMUNITION. OF 3 ESCORTING M.L. 1 WAS TAKEN IN TOW TO BRINDISI AND 1 WAS DESTROYED.
3. BETWEEN 1ST AND 8TH NOVEMBER 61 MINES WERE SWEEPED BY 14TH M/S FLOTILLA WHILE CLEARING THE APPROACH CHANNEL TO MADDELENA.
4. 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN DURING AN ATTACK 9 PLANES ON MADDELENA AT 0200/10TH.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM ADMIRALTY               |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES                 | OP OP OP<br>PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY                  |                  | FOR ACTION                                       | ROUTINE              |
| DATE 9 NOVEMBER 1943         |                  | COMINCH                                          | DEFERRED             |
| TOR CODEROOM 1309/9          |                  |                                                  |                      |
| DECODED BY MCCLELLAN/KNOWLES |                  | FOR INFORMATION                                  | OP OP OP<br>PRIORITY |
| PARAPHRASED BY T. STRONG     |                  | CINCLANT COMNAVEU<br>CINCWA, FOC GIB<br>AOCINCCO | ROUTINE              |
| ROUTED BY ALLEN              |                  |                                                  | DEFERRED             |

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091040Z

NCR 9908

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COMINCH INFO CINCLANT, COMNAVEU, CINCWA, FOC GIBRALTAR  
AOCINCCO FROM ADMIRALTY. COMINCH PASS TO CINCLANT.

CONVOY MKS 29 CONSISTING OF 34 SLOW SHIPS ESCORTED BY  
4 DESTROYERS, 4 CORVETTES S.O. CLOSE ESCORT HIGHLANDER  
IS IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 040-57 N 19-39 W AT 0800A  
COURSE 360 DEG 7 KNOTS.

CONVOY IS THREATENED AND U-BOATS HAVE BEEN  
SIGHTED BY ESCORT.

FORTRESS AIRCRAFT FROM AZORES ARE COVERING CONVOY  
(2) CINCLANT'S 081415\* REFERS.

\*NOT IN NCR; WILL BE REQUESTED IF REQUIRED.

\*\*NOTE: NCR HAS PASSED.

COMINCH.....ACTION

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| DRAFTER                           | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES                       | PRECEDENCE     |
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| FROM CINOWA LIVERPOOL             |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES |                |
| RELEASED BY                       |                  | HMS CHURCHILL                    | OP PRIORITY OP |
| DATE 8 NOVEMBER 1943              |                  |                                  | ROUTINE        |
| TOR CODEROOM 2101                 |                  |                                  | DEFERRED       |
| DECODED BY COURTNEY-JORDAN        |                  | COM TENTH FLT C&R<br>(SEE BELOW) | OP PRIORITY OP |
| PARAPHRASED BY JOHNSON-4 (PP) /JS |                  |                                  | ROUTINE        |
| ROUTED BY WALLS/REEGAN            |                  |                                  | DEFERRED       |

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((HMS CHURCHILL REPEATED SHIPS ESCORTING CONVOY  
ON 209 COM TENTH FLEET C&R CINOWA ADMIRALTY  
NSHQ FONE HQCC FOC ICELAND ACIC COMMANDER  
(D) ARGENTIA COMMODORE (D) WESTERN APPROACHES  
FROM CINOWA))

ON 209.

CONVOY IS THREATENED. STEER DIRECTLY TO  
INTERCEPT AT BEST SPEED

NOR PASSED TO FX-37 ..... COG  
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| FROM           | SO ESCORT GR B1  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES                                         | OP OP OP   |
| RELEASED BY    | 4 OCTOBER 1943   | CINCWA                                                                   | PRIORITY   |
| DATE           | 0059             |                                                                          | ROUTINE    |
| TOR CODEROOM   | RATLIFF/ANDERSON |                                                                          | DEFERRED   |
| DECODED BY     | THOMASSON        | CONTENTHFLT C&R                                                          |            |
| PARAPHRASED BY | KNIGHT           | CINCCNA, ADMIRALTY, NSHQ OTTAWA, FONE                                    | OP OP OP   |
| ROUTED BY      |                  | HQ COASTAL COMMAND, FOC ICELAND (C), COMMANDER (D) ARGENTIA, (SEE BELOW) | PRIORITY   |
|                |                  |                                                                          | ROUTINE    |
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ACTION

(SO ESCORT GR B1 ORIGINATES. ACTION CINCWA. INFO  
 CONTENTHFLT C&R, CINCCNA, ADMIRALTY, NSHQ OTTAWA, FONE  
 HQ COASTAL COMMAND, FOC ICELAND (C), COMMANDER (D)  
 ARGENTIA, COMMODORE (D) WESTERN APPROACHES, ACIC.)

ON 204

APPROACHING SCATTERED U-BOATS BY ASDIC CLOSE AHEAD OF

204 POSITION 62-31N 28-00W

(U) AT 1600Z. NO SIGHTING REPORT HEARD FROM IT BUT

ANOTHER U-BOAT IS WITHIN 50 MILES TO SOUTHWARD BY D/F

NENE CONDUCTING HUNT. CONVOY STEERING DIRECT TO

POSITION XF AT 10 KNOTS.

ONS 19 IS NORTHWEST.

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| FROM <b>CINCCNA</b>          |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES            |            |
| RELEASED BY                  |                  | CINCWA                                      | ROUTINE    |
| DATE <b>4 OCT 1943</b>       |                  |                                             | DEFERRED   |
| TOR CODEROOM <b>1419/4</b>   |                  |                                             |            |
| DECODED BY                   |                  | NSHQ<br>ADMIRALTY<br>FONF<br>BAD WASHINGTON | ROUTINE    |
| PARAPHRASED BY <b>MORRIS</b> |                  |                                             | DEFERRED   |
| ROUTED BY <b>RODNEY</b>      |                  |                                             |            |

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FOLLOWING IS A DIGEST OF CONCLUSIONS  
REACHED BY S.O. B3 GROUP IN REPORT OF

PROCEEDINGS ON ATTACKS ON ON 212 AND ONS 18.

A. IN A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON THE CONVOY SPREAD  
OVER 5 DAYS ONLY 3 SUBMARINES SUCCEEDED IN

FIRING TORPEDOES AT THE CONVOY WHICH WAS THEIR  
FIRST OBJECTIVE AND WHICH WAS CONSIDERABLY

SPREAD OUT. OF THESE ATTACKS 2 WERE LONG RANGE  
NIGHT AND 1 SUBMERGED DAY. 1 NIGHT ATTACK

WAS PROBABLY WITH ACOUSTIC TORPEDOES AND ATTACK  
ON STEEL VOYAGER WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY WITH NON-

CONTACT PISTOL.

B. NIGHT ATTACKS ON CONVOY POSSIBLY SHOWED SOME  
INCREASE IN PAIR SHIP COOPERATION BUT WERE GEN-

ERALLY STEREOTYPED. THESE ATTACKS WERE NOT

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| FROM CINCCNA   |                  | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES |            |
| RELEASED BY    | FOR ACTION       |                                  | PRIORITY   |
| DATE           |                  |                                  | ROUTINE    |
| TOR CODEROOM   |                  |                                  | DEFERRED   |
| DECODED BY     | INFORMATION      |                                  | PRIORITY   |
| PARAPHRASED BY |                  |                                  | ROUTINE    |
| ROUTED BY      |                  |                                  | DEFERRED   |

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PRESSED HOME.

C. NUMBER OF U-BOATS SURPRISED IN FOG INDICATES NO RADAR OR ELSE TEETHING TROUBLES WITH IT.

D. ONLY NEW TACTICAL FEATURE IS EVIDENCE OF CAREFULLY REHEARSED TACTICS AGAINST ESCORTS WHICH ARE HUNTING.

CONSIDERING NUMBER OF HUNTS CARRIED OUT IT CANNOT BE SAID HOWEVER THAT THESE TACTICS WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

E. S.O. B3 S.O. C2 AND C.O.S. ARE STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT BEST WAY TO DEFEAT THESE TACTICS IS TO SINK

OR SERIOUSLY INCOMMODE THE U-BOAT AND WHILE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE BORN IN MIND THE INITIATIVE WILL ONLY BE

GIVEN TO THE ENEMY IF ATTACKS ARE NOT PRESSED HOME WITH UTMOST VIGOUR.

COMINCH....COG

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