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THE SUBMARINE WAR
SEPTEMBER, 1943

The first 18 days of September, during which only 32,322 gross tons of shipping were lost from all causes, were the safest of the war for merchant ships. This period of enemy inactivity was abruptly broken with the initiation of the first attack on a North-Atlantic convoy since last May, but, even though the rate of attacks and sinkings rose sharply during the last 12 days of September, the total figures for the month will probably make September the best shipping month since August, 1939. The figures as of this date show the following ship losses:

Causes	Number	Gross Tons
Submarine	15	89,669
Aircraft	2	14,291
Mine	1	1,851
Total Enemy Action - 18	-----	105,811
Marine Casualties	11	19,364
GRAND TOTAL	29	125,175

There were no ships sunk during September in the Pacific, and only three were sunk in the Indian Ocean area- two of these in the approaches to the Gulf of Aden and one south of India. Of the remaining 15 ships, six were sunk in the Mediterranean and nine were sunk in the Atlantic. One of the Atlantic sinkings occurred off Portugal and two off Brazil; the remaining 6 were sunk in the attack on convoy ON-202 and ONS-18.

The attack on these two convoys, made simultaneously and lasting for four days, cost the United Nations three escort vessels in addition to the merchant ships, and introduced new German techniques. To open the path to the merchant ships, the submarines are concentrating upon the escort vessels and using a new acoustic homing torpedo. New doctrine has been issued to the escort vessels in an endeavor to counteract this new procedure by the Germans, but aircraft coverage to prevent the formation of the wolf-pack remains the most effective counter measure.

The final reports indicate that while no submarines were definitely sunk during the running battle two were probably sunk, two possibly sunk, and six damaged. The month's score of submarines sunk is very low: one was sunk in the Bay of Biscay, three in the Mediterranean, and two in the Pacific (Jap). Our information on some of these probably successful actions is scanty, and in final assessment the total score of subs sunk may be even lower than the six here listed. A long with the decrease in subs sunk, there were fewer submarine contacts during September, particularly during the first 18 days. Scarcity of targets undoubtedly contributed largely to this result, but the installation of effective radar equipment may also account for a proportion of the decrease in targets.

The prospect for October is uncertain. The few U-Boats which are operating in the Canadian-U.S. coastal waters, and off the South American coast, will probably continue for the purposes of nuisance value (their presence ties up aircraft etc.), the testing of new equipment, and the provision of shipping information. The Madagascar area, which has been active all summer, will probably continue to attract 4 or 5 units. The central Atlantic has been quiet, and there is no present indication that the submarines are reforming along our African convoy lanes. The most important change from the summer months is the return of the U-Boat to the north Atlantic convoy lanes, and their return in force is expected to cause October convoys considerable trouble.

*Robert W. Roque
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U-BOATS IN NORTH ATLANTIC HAVE ADOPTED THE POLICY OF ATTACKING A/S ESCORT VESSELS.			
(2) THERE IS A STRONG PROBABILITY THAT AN ACOUSTIC HOMING TORPEDO IS BEING USED WHICH IS PROBABLY ELECTRIC AND MAY BE INAUDIBLE ON ASDICS.			
(3) U-BOATS WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED SUCCESS WITH THIS WEAPON HAVE GENERALLY FIRED AT CHASING ESCORT VESSELS FROM ABOUT 3000 YARDS RANGE ON BEING PUT DOWN.			
(4) SPEED OF TORPEDO WHEN HOMING IS NOT LIKELY TO EXCEED 20 KNOTS BUT IT MAY BE 30 KNOTS FOR THE FIRST			
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PART OF ITS RUN BEFORE IT BEGINS TO HOME. HOMING RADIUS IS PROBABLY ABOUT 377 YARDS. TORPEDO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM BOTH BOWS AND STERN TUBES.

(5) WITH OBJECT OF AVOIDING THE DANGER AREA OF THIS TORPEDO WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ALLOWING THE A/S ESCORT VESSELS TO RETAIN INITIATIVE THE FOLLOWING TACTICS ARE RECOMMENDED.

(A) WHEN U-BOAT IS INITIALLY CONTACTED ON THE SURFACE

(I) MAXIMUM SPEED SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WHILE APPROACHING U-BOAT AND WHILE CARRYING OUT AVOIDING ACTION.

(II) U-BOAT MAY BE CLOSED IN NORMAL MANNER UNTIL RANGE IS 4000 YARDS. A POSITION DIRECTLY ASTERN OF U-BOAT BEING AVOIDED.

(III) ILLUMINANTS AND GUNFIRE SHOULD BE USED TO

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INDUCE U-BOAT TO DIVE.

(IV) TO CLEAR THE SHIP OF DANGER AREA AN ALTERATION OF COURSE SHOULD BE MADE TO BRING U-BOAT 160 DEGS ON BOW AS SOON AS THE U-BOAT DIVES IF RANGE IS UNDER 5000 YARDS AND IN ANY EVENT WHEN RANGE IS DOWN TO 4000 YARDS. WHEN U-BOAT IS INITIALLY ON ONE BOW PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TURNING SO AS TO PLACE IT ON OTHER BOW WHEN THE TURNING IS COMPLETED.

(V) AFTER PROCEEDING FOR ABOUT 2000 YARDS THE SHIP SHOULD TURN PARALLEL TO ESTIMATED TRUE BEARING OF U-BOAT ON FIRING AND PROCEED FOR FURTHER 2000 YARDS BEFORE CONTINUING THE HUNT.

(VI) AS IT WILL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE A/S VESSEL TO KNOW WHETHER STING HAS BEEN DRAWN

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OR NOT THE PREVIOUS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE REPEATED			ACTION
IF THERE IS ANY REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT U-BOAT			F-0
HAS FIRED AGAIN.			F-01
(B) WHEN SEARCHING FOR AND HUNTING A SUBMERGED U-BOAT			F-02
(I) SHIPS SHOULD PROCEED AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE			F-05
SPEED ZIG-ZAGGING UNTIL ARRIVAL IN ESTIMATED			F-07
VICINITY OF U-BOAT SPEED SHOULD THEN BE REDUCED			F-1
TO 7 KNOTS TO CARRY OUT AN ASDIC SEARCH.			F-2
(II) IF CONTACT IS OBTAINED SHIPS MAY SAFELY IN-			F-20
CREASE TO ATTACKING SPEED WHEN WITHIN 1000 YARDS			F-3
OF CONTACT. IF SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMARINE IS FOUND			F-30
TO BE BELOW 100 FEET SUITABLE HUNT PROCEEDURE			F-31
MAY BE ADOPTED.			F-32
(III) ESCORT VESSELS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO REMAIN			F-33
WITHIN 1000 YARDS OF CONTACT IF U-BOAT DEPTH IS			F-34
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UNCERTAIN.

(6) WHEN POSSIBLE ESCORT VESSEL SHOULD WORK IN PAIRS.

(7) A.G.W. 657A DATED 22 SEPT 1943 AND AGM 670A DATED 24TH SEPT ARE CANCELLED.

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PARA 1. STRONG CONFIRMATORY EVIDENCE THAT U-BOATS ARE CONCENTRATING ON ESCORTS USING ACOUSTIC HOMING TORPEDO WITH CONTACT AND POSSIBLY INFLUENCE FUSE. DETAILS UNKNOWN BUT RANGE AT LEAST 3000 YARDS HOMING SPEED NOT OVER 25 KNOTS HOMING RADIUS ON ESCORT AT HIGH SPEED ABOUT 300 YARDS. MOST SHOTS APPEAR TO BE FROM STERN TUBES AT CHASING ESCORT SHIPS RANGE ABOUT 2700 YARDS AS OR AFTER U-BOAT DIVES.

PARA 2. SUGGESTED TACTICS ON ASSUMPTION GREATEST DANGER AREA IS DIRECTLY ASTERN OR AHEAD OF U-BOAT:

- (A) INITIALLY AND AT HIGH SPEED CLOSE U-BOAT AS FOR NORMAL ATTACK UNTIL IT DIVES OR UNTIL RANGE IS ABOUT 3500 YARDS WHICHEVER IS FIRST.
- (B) AT THIS TIME IF NECESSARY TO CLEAR GREATEST DANGER AREA DEFINED ABOVE CHANGE COURSE AT LEAST 45 DEGREES

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AND WHEN DANGER AREA CLEARED RESUME ATTACK.

(C) IF NOT IN GREATEST DANGER AREA AT INITIAL CONTACT
MAKE NORMAL ATTACK.

(D) ATTACK BY 2 ESCORTS.

PARA 3. THESE COUNTER MEASURES TO TORPEDO ARE AVAILABLE:

(A) HEAVY UNINTERRUPTED MACHINE GUN FIRE WITH MINIMUM
PRACTICABLE RICOCHET OR RAPID FIRE OF LARGER CALIBERS
AT PLACE CHOSEN TO DIVERT TORPEDO FROM OWN SHIP AND ITS
FUTURE POSITIONS.

(B) PROJECT OR DROP SINGLE DEPTH CHARGE WITH SHALLOW SET-
TING EVERY 30 SECONDS. IN TWO WEEKS WILL BE ISSUED
ACOUSTIC GRENADE MARK 1 INTENDED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR
DEPTH CHARGES. THIS GRENADE SHOULD BE DROPPED EVERY
MINUTE.

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(C) TO BE ISSUED IN LIMITED QUANTITIES WITHIN A FEW DAYS
WILL BE TOWED PARALLEL ROD NOISE MAKER.

(D) MEANS MENTIONED IN (A) AND (B) SHOULD BE USED AT
BEGINNING OF ANY TURN AWAY. PARALLEL ROD TOWED AT 500
YARDS WILL HAVE TO BE USED THROUGHOUT ATTACK.

(E) KEEP DEGAUSSING EFFECTIVE.

PARA 4. KEEP COM10THFLEET INFORMED OF ANY OTHER TACTICS
AND COUNTER MEASURES DEVELOPED AND ESTIMATED EFFECTIVENESS OF
THOSE SUGGESTED HEREIN.

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AIRMAILGRAM

(A) MY 151815 AIRCRAFT TACTICS WHICH INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE INDICATE SHOULD BE ADOPTED NOW FOR USE AGAINST U-BOATS THAT USE RADAR.

(1) AIRCRAFT WITH MICROWAVE RADAR USE ALTITUDES BETWEEN 1000 AND 2000 FEET DAY AND NIGHT ANY VISIBILITY FOR PATROL OR ESCORT. IF RADAR CONTACT IS MADE AT RANGE EXCEEDING 5 MILES HOME ON TARGET LOSING ALTITUDE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO 200 FEET WITHOUT LOSING CONTACT THEN CONTINUE APPROACH AT THAT ALTITUDE IF RADAR CONTACT IS MADE AT LESS THAN 5 MILES ATTACK IMMEDIATELY.

(2) USE METER WAVE RADAR ONLY WHEN VISIBILITY IS LESS THAN 5 MILES AND AT NIGHT AND THEN FLY AT LOWEST SAFE ALTITUDE.

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(3) WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF RECEIPT				F-0
5 MILES FLY AT LOWEST SAFE ALTITUDE. WITH MORE THAN				F-01
5 MILES VISIBILITY FLY AT ALTITUDE BEST SUITED FOR				F-02
EARLIEST SIGHTING AND ATTACK.				F-05
(4) IT IS BELIEVED THAT AIRCRAFT CAN APPROACH				F-07
U-BOAT WITHIN 5 MILES UNDETECTED BY RADAR WHEN AT				F-1
ALTITUDE OF 200 FEET OR LESS.				F-2
(5) COMMENCING ABOUT 1 OCTOBER RADAR INTERCEPT				F-20
RECEIVERS LESS HOWING FEATURE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE				F-3
AND SHOULD BE INSTALLED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. ADDED				F-30
INFORMATION REGARDING NEW TACTICS WILL THEN BE ISSUED.				F-31
(6) IN CASE OF ANY RADAR OR VISUAL CONTACTS NOT				F-32
IDENTIFIED AS NON-SUB SUBMIT REPORT BY AIRMAIL,				F-33
SPECIFYING UNDER ITEMS D AND F WHETHER VISUAL OR RADAR,				F-34
GIVING (A) GCT AND DATE (B) POSITION (C) TYPE RADAR				F-4
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(D) ALTITUDE, RANGE, AND BEARING OF 1ST CONTACT
 (E) SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURE, BOTH RADAR AND TACTICAL
 (F) ALTITUDE AND RANGE OF LOSS OF CONTACT (G) VISIBILITY
 AND LIGHT CONDITIONS.

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DATE <u>23 SEPT 43</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>230320</u>			DEFERRED
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PARAPHRASED BY <u>JOHNSON</u>		DECL JCS MEMO. 1-17-73 BY <u>SR</u> DATE <u>JUN 19 1974</u>	PRIORITY
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U-BOATS IN NORTH ATLANTIC HAVE ADOPTED THE POLICY OF
ATTACKING A/S ESCORT VESSELS.

2) THERE IS STRONG PROBABILITY THAT AN ACOUSTIC HOMING
TORPEDO IS BEING USED WHICH IS PROBABLY ELECTRIC AND MAY
BE INAUDIBLE ON ASDICS.

3) SO FAR U-BOATS HAVE FIRED FROM THEIR STERN TUBES AT
CHASING ESCORT VESSELS FROM ABOUT 27700 YARDS RANGE ON
BEING PUT DOWN.

4) SPEED OF TORPEDO WHEN HOMING IS NOT LIKELY TO EXCEED
20 KNOTS, BUT IT MAY BE 30 KNOTS FOR THE FIRST PART OF
ITS RUN BEFORE IT BEGINS TO HOME. HOMING RADIUS IS
PROBABLY ABOUT 300 YARDS.

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5) FROM THEORY OF ACOUSTIC TORPEDOES IT IS NOT LIKELY THEY WOULD BE FIRED IF A SECOND U-BOAT WAS KNOWN TO BE IN NEAR VICINITY. WHEREVER _____ FOLLOWING TACTICS ARE RECOMMENDED:

(A) POSITION DIRECTLY ASTERN OF U-BOAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

(B) MAXIMUM SPEED SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

(C) U-BOAT MAY BE CLOSED IN NORMAL MANNER UNTIL IT DIVES OR UNTIL RANGE IS 3500 YARDS WHICHEVER IS THE SOONER.

(D) ILLUMINANTS AND GUNFIRE SHOULD BE USED TO INDUCE U-BOAT TO DIVE.

(E) AN ALTERATION OF COURSE OF 360 DEGREES SHOULD BE MADE SO AS TO PLACE U-BOAT ON OPPOSITE BOWS WHEN IT DIVES OR IF THE RANGE HAS CLOSED TO 3500 YARDS, TO TRANSFER SHIP CLEAR OF THE PROBABLY DANGER AREA.

(F) A DEPTH CHARGE AT SHALLOW SETTING SHOULD BE DROPPED EVERY HALF MINUTE AFTER ALTERING COURSE AS ABOVE.

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(G) AFTER PROCEEDING FOR ABOUT 2000 YARDS HUNT SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

(H) WHEN POSSIBLE ESCORT VESSELS SHOULD WORK IN PAIRS.

7) ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT NON-CONTACT PISTOLS MAY BE FITTED USE OF DEGAUSSING IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

8) ACTIVE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PRODUCE COUNTER MEASURES AT HIGHEST PRIORITY.

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH	PPPPRRR PRIORITY
DATE 22 SEPT 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2038			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SCHMONSEES		BUSHIPS BUORD	PPPPRRR PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY CLEVELAND			ROUTINE
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(COMNAVEU ORIGINATES. ACTION COMINCH INFO BUSHIPS BUORD)

RECENT EVENTS INDICATE ENEMY HAS ADOPTED ANTI ESCORT POLICY POSSIBLY USING UBOATS OPERATING IN PAIRS. ONE USED AS DECOY. OTHER FIRING SUBMERGED. HITS ON SHIPS INDICATE USE ACOUSTIC HOMING TORPEDO. TORPEDOES LAUNCHED STERN TUBE. POSSIBLE ELECTRIC PROPULSION AND NON CONTACT PISTOL. SPEED AND FREQUENCY NOT KNOWN. ADMIRALTY PRODUCING 400 PARALLEL ROD NOISE MAKERS. FOXERS. LIFE FOXER SHORT ABOVE 12 KNOTS. DEVELOPMENT SUITABLE DECOYS HIGHEST PRIORITY. LETTER REPORT BEING PREPARED. FOLLOWING SHIPS REPORTED ATTACKED. A HMS LAGAN TORPEDOED 0256/SEPTEMBER 20. 057 05 NORTH. 027 DEGREES 30 WEST. CHASING SUBMARINE ON SURFACE.

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RADAR CONTACT LOST 3200 YARDS. SHIPS AVERAGE SPEED 18 KNOTS. WHEN 1200 YARDS FROM LAST RADAR CONTACT EXPLOSION AFT. STERN GONE ABAFT FRAME 100. SHIP NOW IN TOW. B HMCS SAINT CROIX HIT BY 2 TORPEDOES NEAR PORT PROPELLER 1956/SEPTEMBER 21. SPEED 15 KNOTS. HIT AGAIN AT 2047. SUNK. C HMS POLYANTHUS TORPEDOED 2336 SEPTEMBER 21. HIT RIGHT AFT. D HMS ITCHEN CIRCLING SAINT CROIX AT 17 KNOTS. EXPLOSION 30 FEET FROM PORT QUARTER.

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RELEASED BY		WESTERN APPROACHES	PRIORITY
DATE 22 SEPTEMBER 1943		GENERAL MESSAGE	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 824		NO 763 N	DEFERRED
DECODED BY		RECEIVED	
PARAPHRASED BY TUCKER		E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(D) and 5(D) or (E)	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY WIDMAN		OSD letter, May, 3, 1972	ROUTINE
		By SLR Date JUN 10 1974	DEFERRED

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(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAD)
 WESTERN APPROACHES GENERAL MESSAGE NO 763 N. FROM
 CINCKA.

EXPERIENCE OF ESCORT GROUP NOW IN CONTACT WITH THE
 ENEMY GIVES STRONG INDICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS

(A) ENEMY HAS ADOPTED ANTI ESCORT POLICY.

(B) AN ACOUSTIC HOLLING TORPEDO IS BEING USED WHICH
 IS PROBABLY ELECTRIC AND MAY BE INADVERTENT ON ASDIC.

(C) U-BOATS ARE WORKING IN PAIRS, ONE ACTING AS DECOY
 WHILE THE OTHER FIRES SUBMERGED.

(2) THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT NON CONTACT PISTOLS
 ARE BEING USED.

(3) PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS
 FOR CONDUCT OF SEARCH AND HUNT CANNOT BE GIVEN.

POLICY OUTLINED IN MY 201550Z IS AT PRESENT CONSIDER-

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ED BEST POSSIBLE COUNTER TO U-BOATS NEW METHOD.
 ESCORT VESSELS SHOULD WORK IN PAIRS AS MUCH AS POS-
 SIBLE. DEGAUSSING SHOULD BE SWITCHED ON.

(4) U-BOATS CAN PROBABLY FIRE TORPEDOES FROM A
 DEPTH OF UP TO 100 FEET. TORPEDOES WILL TAKE ABOUT
 400 YARDS TO REACH THEIR DEPTH WHEN FIRED FROM 100
 FEET.

(5) ACTIVE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PRODUCE COUNTER
 MEASURE TO ACOUSTIC TORPEDO ON THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.

(6) FOR THE MOMENT ESCORT ARE TO ADOPT LESS OFFEN-
SIVE TACTICS CONFINING THE OBJECT TO IMMEDIATE
 DEFENSE OF THE CONVOY.

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TOR CODEROOM 0155			DEFERRED
DECODED BY LAIRD/SOWERS		ADMIRALTY ACIC NSHQ ACOS VA GIBRALTAR RAWAF COAC HALIFAX FONF CINC MED COM 10TH FLT C&R	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY MACFARLANE (2) (PP)			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY GERMAN			DEFERRED

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REPEATED ADMIRALTY ACIC NSHQ ACOS VA GIBRALTAR
RAWAF CINCCNA FONF CINC MED FROM CINCWA)

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IT IS PROBABLE THAT U-BOATS ARE NOW USING TORPEDO WHICH
HOMES BY ACOUSTIC. IN CONSEQUENCE THE FOLLOWING
MODIFICATIONS TO PRESENT TACTICS WHILE APPROACHING A
U-BOAT RADAR CONTACT AT NIGHT ARE TO BE ADOPTED.

(A) POSITION DIRECTLY ASTERN OF THE U-BOAT MUST BE
AVOIDED.

(B) A STEADY COURSE MUST NOT BE MAINTAINED FOR MORE
THAN 5 MINUTES WHEN ESCORT HAS BEEN DETECTED BY U-BOAT.
THIS MANOEUVRE BEING REPEATED THERE AFTER ON EVERY
ALTERATION OF COURSE BY THE U-BOAT WHICH TENDS TO BRING

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THE ESCORT VESSEL ASTERN. ANY CONSEQUENT OPENING OF RANGE MUST BE ACCEPTED.

(3) ILLUMINANTS AND GUNFIRE SHOULD BE USED TO INDUCE U-BOAT TO DIVE AND BROAD ZIG-ZAG MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR AT LEAST 5 MINUTES AFTER DIVE.

(C) MAXIMUM SPEED MUST BE MAINTAINED. (2) FOLLOWING TACTICS ARE RECOMMENDED. U-BOAT MAY BE CLOSE ON A STEADY BEARING UNTIL PLOT INDICATE THAT IT IS CHANGING COURSE. ESCORT SHOULD THEN ALTER TO PLACE U-BOAT AT LEAST 030 DEGS ON THE OPPOSITE BOW AND SUBSEQUENT TO MAINTAIN THIS RELATIVE BEARING.

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DATE 15 SEPTEMBER 1943.		LANT; CDRS ALL SEA	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2215/15.		FRON LANT; CAFAC;	DEFERRED
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 26.

GENERAL U-BOAT SITUATION CONTINUES QUIET WITH NO SHIPPING LOSSES REPORTED IN ATLANTIC DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS SEPTEMBER. RECENT DE ACTIVITY INDICATES MAJOR CONCENTRATION NOW FORMING IN GENERAL AREA NORTH OF AZORES BETWEEN 20W AND 35W. RENEWAL OF U-BOAT ATTACKS AGAINST CONVOYS THEREFORE LIKELY WITHIN NEXT FORTNIGHT IN NORTH ATLANTIC WHERE LONGER NIGHTS AND POOR FLYING WEATHER FAVOR SUCH ENEMY OPERATIONS. ANTICIPATE MODERATE ACTIVITY IN WESTERN ATLANTIC AND OFF SOUTH AMERICA WHERE ABOUT FIVE U-BOATS ARE PRESENTLY ESTIMATED. THEIR EVEN DISTRIBUTION IN COASTAL AREAS BETWEEN CANADA AND BRAZIL STRONGLY SUGGESTS THESE OPERATIONS WERE PREDICATED ON:

- (1) NUISANCE VALUE TO COASTAL SHIPPING AND
- (2) TEST OF NEW DETECTION GEAR WITH A VIEW TO

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DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF FUTURE AND MORE CONCENTRATED
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ICATE MAJORITY OF U-BOATS ARE NOW PROCEEDING OUT OF BAY
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FARTHER OFF SHORE WITH OCCASIONAL SURVEYS OF MAIN HARBOR
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IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT ALL OPERATING U-BOATS
ARE NOW EQUIPPED WITH IMPROVED RADAR AND RADAR DETECTING
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Subject Japan Navy Ships Submarines Ro-100 Class
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BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

Ro-100 Class

The Ro-100 class of Japanese submarine is the largest and fastest growing class of Japanese submarine.

At the end of the third quarter of 1943 there are approximately twenty of these craft afloat. This series was started with the 1941 ("fifth phase") submarine construction program, which called for 18 vessels of this type. Presumably the current ("sixth phase") sub-building program continues to emphasize this type which is economical of materials and can probably be built in 8 months to a year.

Ro-100 through Ro-107 are known to have been completed by the end of 1942, and possibly Ro-108. It is estimated that four more of this type have been completed in each of the first three quarters of 1943.

The Ro-100 class has a standard displacement of 500 tons and a length of approximately 180 feet. It has a maximum surface speed of 14.2 knots, submerged speed of 8 knots, cruising range at 12 knots of 2500 miles and a submerged range of 60 hours at 3 knots. It has 4 bow torpedo tubes and carries 8 torpedoes; it is armed with a twin 25 mm (.98") machine gun mount on forward deck. Its diving time is 45 seconds and it can submerge to a safe depth of 246 feet.

Photographs and sketches of vessels of this type are attached.

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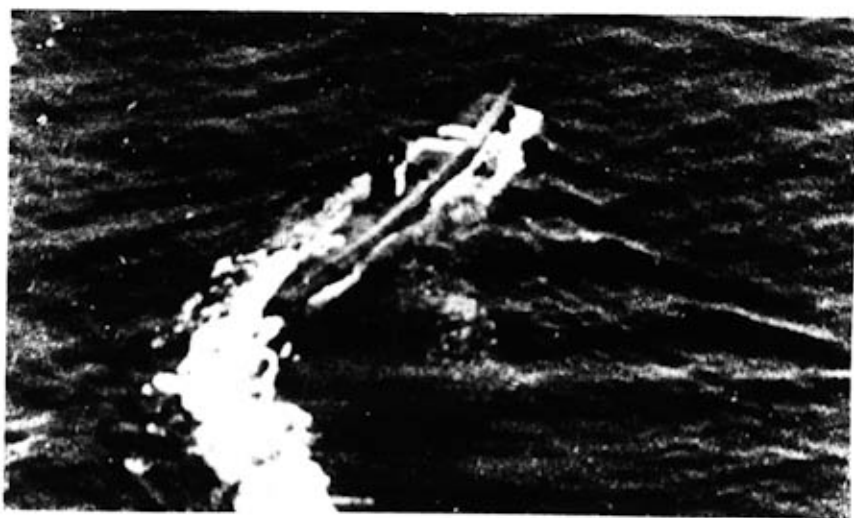
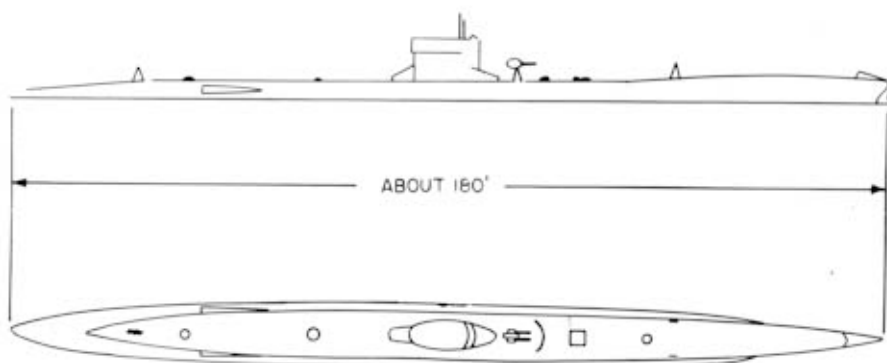
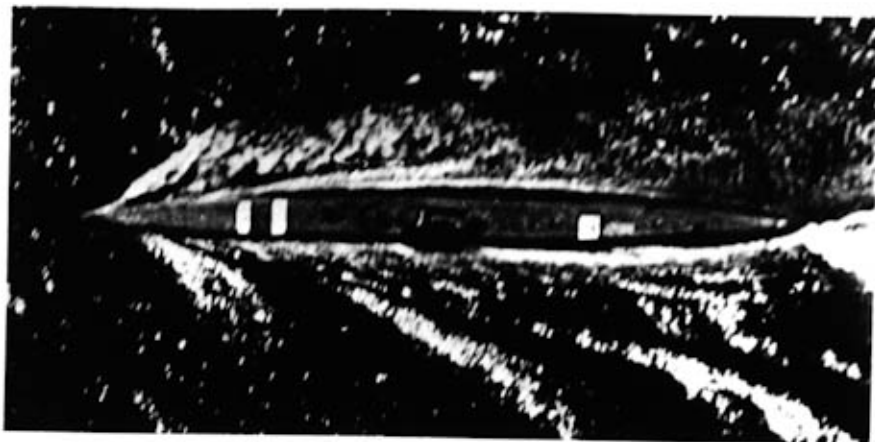
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 25. ENTIRE ATLANTIC CONTINUES QUIET WITH AUGUST SHIPPING LOSSES BY U-BOATS LOWEST OF ANY MONTH SINCE DECEMBER 1941. NO EXPECTATION OF MAJOR U-BOAT ACTIVITY IN NORTH ATLANTIC NEXT FORTNIGHT. ANTICIPATE NO NEW CONCENTRATIONS IN CENTRAL ATLANTIC DUE TO CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF CVE OPERATIONS THAT AREA. ONLY ONE U-BOAT CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN WESTERN ATLANTIC WITH NONE ESTIMATED CARIBBEAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS. RENEWAL OF ACTIVITY LATTER AREAS EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. AFRICAN AREA QUIET ALTHOUGH NEW ENEMY THRUSTS ANTICIPATED IN CAPE AREA. SEE FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 141905 AUGUST. RECENT CVE EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS U-BOATS ARE PLACING

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LESS RELIANCE ON THEIR A/A DEFENSE AND FREQUENTLY
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 NO LONGER USING CROUP FORMATIONS ENROUTE TO AND FROM
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THE SUBMARINE WAR - AUGUST 1943

The following table provides a breakdown for merchant shipping losses during August:

	<u>Submarine</u>		<u>Other Enemy</u>		<u>Marine</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Atlantic-----	3	19,484	2	6,089	8	22,599	13	48,172
Mediterranean--	3	20,441	5	30,584	1	7,134	9	58,159
Indian Ocean--	7	46,401	0		0		7	46,401
Pacific-----	0		1	2,526	0		1	2,526
TOTALS-----	13	86,326	8	39,199	9	29,733	30	155,258

Although the August losses from all causes are 14,160 tons greater than the June losses, August losses from U-Boats are the lowest of any month since December, 1941. In June, 1943, losses from U-Boat sinkings totalled 93,843 gross tons, contrasted with the 86,326 gross tons lost during August.

In another respect, also, August has been an outstandingly successful month, and more favorable than even June. During June, while the merchant shipping losses reached a new low, there were only ten enemy submarines sunk with five more probably sunk. During August, however, the merchant shipping losses were kept almost as low as during June and 21 enemy subs were sunk with four more probably sunk.

The downward trend of the number of enemy submarines on Atlantic patrols has continued during August. At the beginning of the month there were approximately 85 on patrol, but by the end of August this number had dropped to between 55 and 60. At this time there is only one submarine active in western Atlantic waters, and there is strong indication that the auxiliary aircraft carriers have again broken up concentrations in the middle Atlantic. While there are no subs in the Caribbean or South American coastal area, it is expected that the campaign against shipping in the Caribbean and off the coast of South America will be renewed in about two weeks. A resumption is also expected in the African Cape area, while the north Atlantic will probably continue quiet.

One result of the recent successes against the enemy submarines is a striking reduction in the use of their radios, and the consequent reduction in locating them by our radio direction finders. While this makes tracking more difficult, it illustrates the enemy's increasing respect for our defenses. Other recent trends include the apparent abandonment of group formations in and out of the Bay of Biscay in favor of staying submerged, and the suggestion that the submarines are refusing

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to rely upon antiaircraft to resist plane attacks and instead are
submerging at the first opportunity.

R. W. Bogue

ROBERT W. BOGUE,
Lieutenant (j.g.), U.S.N.R.

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BOMRON 103 WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN BAY AREA

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UNITED KINGDOM MAY BE RELIEVED

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 U-BOATS IN CARIBBEAN AND BRAZILIAN AREAS NOW HOMEBOUND WITH
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TOTAL ATLANTIC SIXTY-FIVE X RECENT CVE EXPERIENCE INDICATES U-BOATS ARE CRUISING IN PAIRS FOR MUTUAL PROTECTION WITH POSSIBILITY THEIR 20MM MULTIPLE A/A GUNES ARE DIRECTOR CONTROLLED X P/W STATES THAT IN SURFACE ATTACKS U-BOATS MANEUVER SO AS TO KEEP AIRCRAFT ASTERN IN ORDER TO DEVELOP MAXIMUM A/A FIRE X ELEM RADIO TRAFFIC CONTINUES VERY LIGHT WITH MAJORITY OF TRANSMISSIONS BY SHORT SIGNAL INDICATING GROWING APPRECIATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR HF/DF NET X IN THIS RESPECT IT IS PROBABLE WHEN U-BOATS TRANSMIT IN COASTAL AREAS THEY REMAIN SUBMERGED FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME THEREAFTER TO AVOID DETECTION BY SUBSEQUENT AIR SEARCH X IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOURCES INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW X

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The Submarine War, August 1-8.

The following table illustrates a comparison of merchant shipping losses from the 1st through the 8th of August with the losses of the corresponding period during July:

August(1-8)	July(1-8)
Atlantic-----3 Ships--- 12,380	9 Ships-----58,942
Mediterr. --- 1 Ship --- 2,708	2 Ships-----14,396
Indian ----- 3 Ships--- 20,199	1 Ship ---- 4,774
Pacific ----- 1 Ship --- 2,500	0 -----
TOTALS 8 Ships 37,787Tons	12 Ships 85,140 Tons

Of this total, the ship sunk in the Mediterranean and the ship sunk in the Pacific, totalling 5208 Tons were sunk by Air, and one of the ships sunk in the Atlantic, totalling 19 tons, was mined. This leaves 5 ships, totalling 32,560 gross tons, sunk by submarines.

Preliminary estimates indicate that during this same period more than twice as many submarines were sunk by our forces as merchant ships were sunk by enemy subs. 10, and probably 11, subs were sunk. This highly advantageous ratio becomes even more favorable when the submarines "probably" sunk, and the several additional damaging attacks, are added to the total. If the remainder of the month continues as auspiciously as the first week, August should be the best month of the war.

Submarine tracking trends: Nothing new in the way of enemy sub disposition is noted this week. Shipping losses continue in the Brazilian coastal waters, the Mozambique-Madagascar area; and submarines continue active (but with little success) in the Caribbean, off our east coast, and in the central Atlantic. It is highly probable that the successful air counter measures have pretty well dispersed the concentrations prevalent in the Azores area a month ago.

Enemy subs are having increasingly good fortune in fighting air attacks with anti-aircraft rather than evasion measures. Each week planes are being shot down while engaging enemy subs, and the number of such planes lost seems to be on the increase.

Robert W. Bogue
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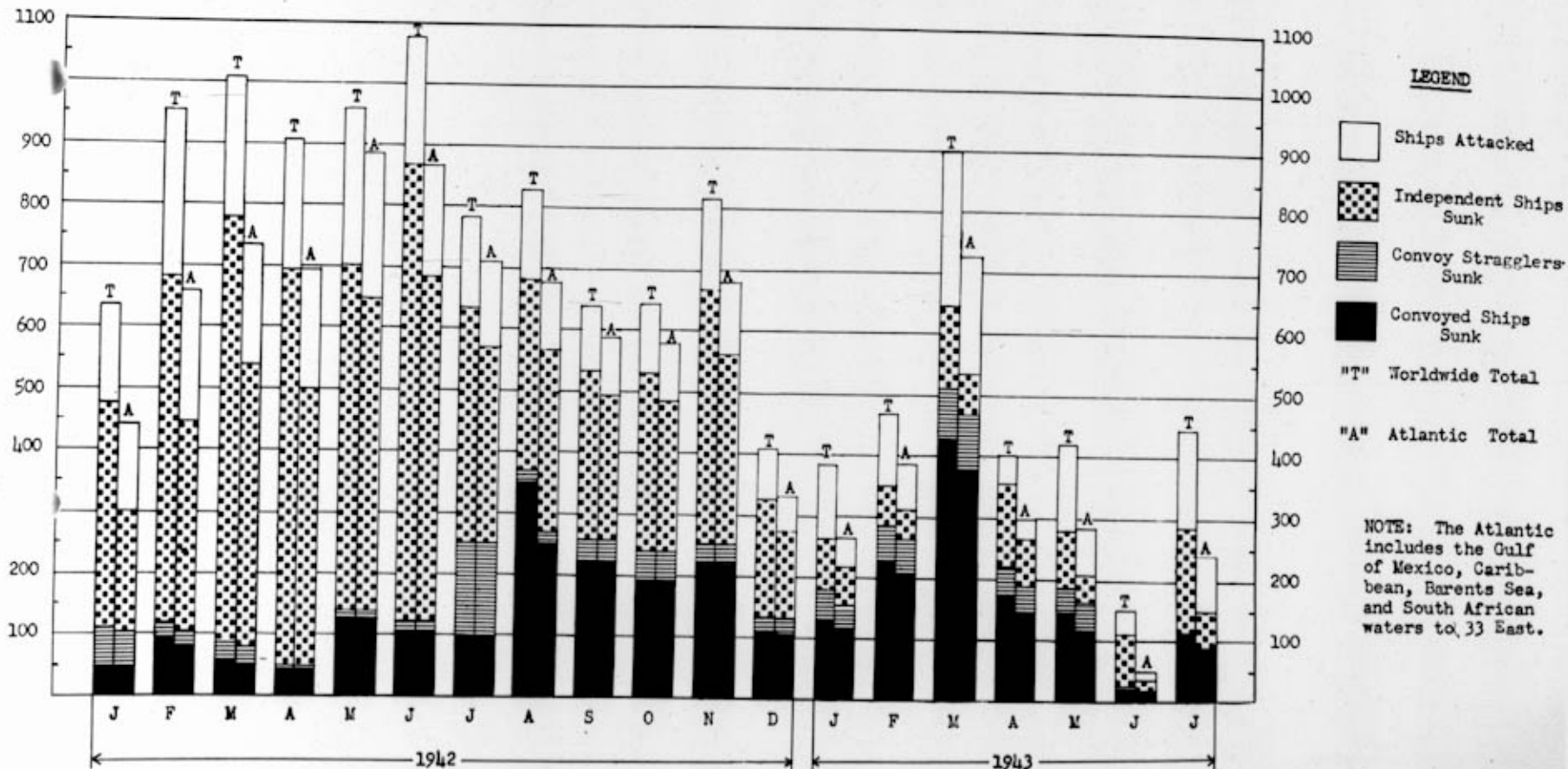
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TOR CODEROOM	GROSS		
DECODED BY	BLACK	CINCLANT COM 10TH FLT	PRIORITY RRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY	WIDMAN		ROUTINE
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RECOMMEND BUREAU PROCEED AT HIGHEST PRIORITY
WITH PROJECT OF FURNISHING SUITABLE ARMOR FOR
PROTECTION OF PILOTS AND CREW ENGAGED IN
ANTI SUBMARINE WARFARE IN PV1, PB2Y3, PB4Y1,
AND PBM3S AIRPLANES. AS TEMPORARY MEASURE
AVAILABLE ARMOR FOR PROTECTION AGAINST AIRCRAFT
BEING USED BUT CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY.

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By SLR

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FROM COMPATRON 205 COMPATRON 204		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY <i>(at Trinidad)</i>		COMAIRFORLANT	P PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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TOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY		COM 10TH FLT NOB TRINIDAD COMCARIBSEAFRON COMPATWING 11	P PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			
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ANTI SUBMARINE OPERATIONS THESE COMMANDS IN THIS AREA HAVE RESULTED IN 3 PLANES LOST. 2 PLANES OUT OF COMMISSION REQUIRING MAJOR OVERHAUL. 6 OTHERS DAMAGED. 10 OFFICERS AND 24 MEN MISSING. 2 OFFICERS KILLED. 2 OFFICERS AND 3 MEN WOUNDED. HIGH CASUALTIES INDICATE PBM-3S AIRPLANES POORLY SUITED FOR UNSUPPORTED ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE WITH SUBMARINE USING PRESENT ANTI-AIRCRAFT TACTICS. URGENTLY RECOMMEND REDESIGN TO INCORPORATE FUEL AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION AND STRONGER OFFENSIVE ARMAMENT. REQUEST HIGHEST PRIORITY REPLACEMENT PRESENT PBM-3S AIRPLANES ASSIGNED WITH REDESIGNED MODELS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE DDDD DEFERRED
DATE	7 AUGUST 1943	DECLASSIFIED	
TOR CODEROOM	2343	E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E) OSD letter, May, 1, 1972	
DECODED BY	GAINES	By SLR Date JUN 19 1974	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	SAJUEL	VICE CNO NAVAL MISSION BRAZIL	ROUTINE DDDD DEFERRED
ROUTED BY	J ALLEN		

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

BRAZILLIAN AIR FORCE HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE AND IS NOW OPERATING INTENSIVELY EFFECTIVENESS IN ACTUAL ATTACK SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY LACK OF INTERVALOMETERS PARTICULARLY SINCE A28'S HAVE BEEN MODIFIED BY BRAZILIANS TO CARRY FOUR STANDARD DEPTH BOMBS. I REQUEST THAT NECESSARY DIRECTIVES BE ISSUED AND STEPS TAKEN TO PROVIDE INTERVALOMETERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR FOLLOWING PLANES. 7 PBYSA, 24 A28, 4 B25, 2 B26. THIS PARTICULARLY URGENT FOR A28'S WHICH FURNISH MAJOR PART OF CONVOY COVERAGE SOUTH OF BAHIA.

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RELEASED BY		USS SANTEE	PRIORITY
DATE AUG 7 1943		USS BOGUE	ROUTINE
		USS CARD	DDDDDDDD
		USS CORE	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0338/07		USS BLOCK ISLAND	
		USS CROATAN	
DECODED BY KURTZ		COMFAIRSHIPWINGS 1,2,4,5	
PARAPHRASED BY LAFLAMME		ALLFAIRWINGCONSILANT EXCEPT	
ROUTED BY SHALL		COMFAIRWING 15	PRIORITY
		CINCLANT	ROUTINE
		COM 10TH FLEET	DEFERRED
		COMFAIRSHIPSLANT	
		AIRASDEVLAN	
		COMFAIRQUONSET PT.	

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(ACTION ADDRESSEES PASS TO SQUADRONS)

PRESENT U-BOAT TACTICS OF FIGHTING BACK ON THE SURFACE HAS CONFERRED ON US LONG SOUGHT ADVANTAGE AND OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER ACCURATE LETHAL ATTACKS. AS RESULT OF HEAVY BLOW DEALT ENEMY, DIVING TACTICS MAY SOON BE REFERRED TO. FULL ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT SITUATION MUST BE TAKEN BY PRESSING HOME ATTACKS. STRENUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING PURSUED AT HIGHEST PRIORITY TO PROVIDE INCREASED FORWARD FIRE POWER AND PROTECTION. CONTINUATION OF YOUR SUCCESSES WILL SPELL DEFEAT TO THE ENEMY.

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(CINCPAC ADDING CC CINC PLYMOUTH CINC ROSYTH
ACIC CINCMEDITERRANEAN(A) AND (M). VA GIBRALTAR
INFO COMINCH BAD CINCPAC NSHQ AIR MINISTRY FROM
ADMIRALTY.)

IN MAY U-BOATS SUFFERED A SEVERE DEFEAT
IN THEIR ENDEAVOUR TO ATTACK THE NORTH ATLANTIC
CONVOYS. THEIR LOSSES WERE SO HEAVY THAT THEY WERE
FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS ROUTE, ^{TO} OTHERS WHICH
THEY KNEW MUST BE LESS PRODUCTIVE BUT WHICH THEY
HOPED WOULD BE LESS DANGEROUS.

AT THE SAME TIME EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO
REARM THE U-BOATS WITH A/A WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO

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DRIVE OFF OUR AIRCRAFT.

2. DURING JUNE OUR SHIPPING LOSSES WERE ALMOST THE LOWEST ON RECORD. BUT THE U-BOAT SINKINGS THOUGH SUBSTANTIAL, WERE ALSO CONSIDERABLY REDUCED.

3. ALLIED COUNTER MEASURES TO ENEMY STRATEGY HAVE BORNE FRUIT IN JULY. AND THE ADMIRALTY CONGRATULATES ALL CONCERNED ON THE HEAVY PUNISHMENT INFLICTED ON THE U-BOATS. PARTICULAR CREDIT IS DUE TO COASTAL COMMAND AND TO ALLIED AIRCRAFT FROM THE GIBRALTAR AREA FOR THE VIGOUR OF THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST U-BOATS ON PASSAGE AND FOR THE DETERMINATION AND GALLANTRY SHOWN BY CAPTAINS OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR CREWS AGAINST THE POWERFUL ARMAMENT OF THE U-BOATS.

4. THE EFFECTIVE A/S MEASURES IN THE

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MEDITERRANEAN HAVE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AND ARE HIGHLY CREDIBLE TO THE COMMANDS CONCERNED AND TO THE SURFACE AND AIR FORCES.

5. ALL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM CONCERNED WITH PART 3 OF MY 021850B.

THE CONDUCT OF THE U-BOAT WAR HAVE NOTED WITH ADMIRATION THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE CARRIER-BORNE AIRCRAFT OF THE U.S. FLEET AND THE SUCCESSFUL MANNER IN WHICH U.S. FORCES HAVE TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST U-BOATS OPERATING IN AMERICAN WATER.

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DATE	1 AUGUST 1943			
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11 FIRST ENEMY SUB BLITZ IN SOUTH ATLANTIC HAS ENDED DISASTROUSLY FOR HUN. THE SCORE FOR JULY BEING 8 SURE SINKINGS AND A 9TH PROBABLE. DISPOSITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MEET SECOND ATTACK NOW IMMINENT. MY APPREHENSION OVER ASCENSION SITUATION PROMPTED MY 251512 AND 291413. ONE ARMY B 24 STILL AT ASCENSION. TO REINFORCE THAT OUTPOST IMMEDIATELY WILL WEAKEN COASTAL FORCES MORE THAN PRESENT SITUATION WARRANTS. 42 PRISONERS WILL BE SENT NORTH AFTER PRELIMINARY INTERROGATIONS. THE BRAZ AIR FORCE IS GETTING HOT.

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TOR CODEROOM <u>011329</u>		CDRS ALL SEA FROM LANT	ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>DRUCE</u>		NOB TRINIDAD CAFAC	DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY		NOB GUANTANAMO CINCLANT	RRRR
ROUTED BY <u>ROONEY</u>		NOB BERMUDA	
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 23. NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINUES QUIET WITH NO ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER

ACTIVITY NEXT 2 WEEKS EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL WEATHER OBSERVERS. RENEWAL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY EASTERN SEA FROM

TIER AND CANADIAN COASTAL AREA PROBABLE WITH ABOUT 6 U-BOATS INVOLVED. SITUATION CARIBBEAN REMAINS UNCHANGED

SINCE LAST TRENDS. ENEMY OPERATIONS LATTER AREA CHARACTERIZED BY MARKED LACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS WITH

SHIPPING LOSSES LIGHT. A DANGEROUS ENEMY THREAT OFF SOUTH AMERICA HAS BEEN AVERTED THROUGH OUTSTANDING

EFFORTS OF FOURTH FLEET DURING PAST FORTNIGHT. HOWEVER ABOUT 7 U-BOATS STILL REMAIN THIS AREA OF WHICH

4 ARE ESTIMATED TO BE PATROLLING OFF AMAZON. CONCENTRATION WITHIN 600 MILES SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST OF AZORES

INACTIVE AND POSSIBLY NOW DISSIPATED BY CVE OPERATIONS A NEW GROUP OF U-BOATS NOW ESTIMATED EAST OF ST. PAUL

ROCKS APPEARS TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE CAPE AREA WHERE ABOUT 6 HAVE RECENTLY BEEN OPERATING. 45 U-BOATS

ESTIMATED WEST 26W. TOTAL ATLANTIC 90. SEE FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY. RECENT P/W STATE-

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MENTS INDICATE U-BOATS ARE NOW USING A RADAR DECEPTION DEVICE CONSISTING OF A SMALL HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOON WITH METAL STRIPS OR WIRES ATTACHED WHICH REFLECT RADAR WAVES. ITS ACTION FOR RADAR DECEPTION APPEARS TO BE ANALAGOUS TO THE GERMAN SBT FOR SOUND DECEPTION. ENEMY CONTINUES TO RELY ON A/A DEFENSE TO REPEL SURPRISE ATTACKS BY AIRCRAFT.

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DATE 26 JULY 1943	FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2108			DEFERRED
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YOUR 152108 PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY HAS ACCORDED
 PERMISSION FOR DESIRED OPERATIONS AND OFFERS COMPLETE
 COOPERATION AND EVERY FACILITY.

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I ESTIMATE THAT THE JULY SUBMARINE BLITZ IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WAS INAUGURATED BY 12 ENEMY SUBS. MAGNIFICENT OFFENSIVE ACTION BY THE AIR ARM HAS DEFINITELY ACCOUNTED FOR 5 AND A PROBABLE 6TH. ENEMY POLICY IS TO FIGHT IT OUT ON THE SURFACE WHICH JUST SUITS OUR STYLE. MANY PLANES HAVE BEEN SHOT UP WITH LITTLE REAL DAMAGE. WE HOPE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE REMAINING 6. IN THE MEANTIME SHIPPING CONTINUES TO MOVE.

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TOR CODEROOM	1311/1241			
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THE INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT ENEMY
SUBMARINES ARE BEING EQUIPPED AND TRAINED FOR
DEFENSE AGAINST AIRCRAFT BY REMAINING ON THE
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INDICATES THAT REVIEW IS NECESSARY OF MACHINE GUN
INSTALLATIONS ON A/S AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS ARMOR
AND GASOLINE TANK PROTECTION.

**ANSWER TO COMINCH 290910 REQUEST.

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DATE 21 JULY 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION COM 10TH FLEET COMEASTSEAFRON COMGULFSEAFRON COMPASEAFRON COM 4TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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NUMEROUS RECENT ATTACKS INDICATE U BOATS HAVE
REOPENED CAMPAIGN THIS AREA EQUIPPED GREATLY
INCREASED ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS AND NEW TACTIC WHICH
IS TO ATTEMPT DRIVE OFF PLANES OR DESTROY ACCURACY
BOMBING WITH GUNFIRE. COMBAT INTENSIVELY ANY
TENDENCY FOR ENEMY GAIN THIS ADVANTAGE BY FAILURE TO
PRESS HOME AND DO ACCURATE BOMBING. FLY PLANES
IN PAIRS WHENEVER PRACTICABLE INSTRUCT AND PRACTICE
IN COORDINATED ACTION. GIVE THIS TO ALL PILOTS
AND WORK OUT DETAILS OF PROCEDURES PROMPTLY

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TOR CODEROOM 1350			DEFERRED
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IF SUBMARINE SITUATION DEVELOPS OFF RIO PLATTE
IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO SEND BARNEGAT AND
PLAYES FOR OPERATIONS OUT OF MONTEVIDEO.
REQUEST PRELIMINARY STEPS BE TAKEN SO THAT
URUGUAYAN PERMISSION WILL BE RAPIDLY
FORTHCOMING IF NECESSARY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Weekly Memorandum on the Submarine War: July 8-15.

Sinkings of merchant ships continued at an accelerated rate during the second week in July, raising the current month's total of merchant ships sunk by enemy action to 31 and the tonnage to 183,039 gross tons. Of this total 5 ships totalling 27,238 tons were sunk by aircraft, and the remainder, 155,801 tons, was sunk by submarine (The totals do not include the two large British transports which were sunk off Portugal). A comparison of this figure of 183,039 gross tons sunk for the first 15 days in July with the 35,451 gross tons sunk during the corresponding period in June illustrates the success of the renewed enemy campaign against shipping.

At this time 4 ships totalling 27,151 tons have been sunk by aircraft off Sicily, but the Sicilian campaign can account for the increased tonnage during the last two weeks. 5 other ships, totalling 26,054 gross tons, were sunk in other Mediterranean areas; 16 ships totalling 100,692 gross tons were sunk in the Atlantic; 6 ships totalling 29, 142 gross tons were sunk in the Indian Ocean.

It may be remembered that the last week ended with a successful attack on convoy BT-18 (Bahia to Trinidad). The final count of losses resulting from that attack was 4 ships, totalling 28,175 gross tons. The next day, in approximately the same area, another local convoy, TJ-1 (Trinidad to Buenos Aires), was attacked by submarine. Two ships, totalling 17,224 gross tons, were torpedoed and sunk. Since these two attacks the submarines have concentrated upon independent ships in the Atlantic. BT-22, a British Mediterranean convoy, was attacked and lost three ships torpedoed and sunk, and BT-71, a British South African convoy, was attacked and lost two ships torpedoed and sunk. The remainder of the week's attacks were on independents.

Although the second week in July showed more instead of fewer merchant ships sunk than did the first week, the anti-submarine measures were extremely more effective. During the first week in July only one submarine, found and attacked in the Bay of Biscay, was sunk. The present total for the month, however, is 14 subs sunk with 6 more probably sunk. Eight of the 14 were in the Mediterranean, and at least 2 of the eight have been positively identified as Italian with the likelihood existing of two or three more ultimately

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proving to be Italian. Hence, while it is impossible to gainsay the importance of sinking four or five submarines, the loss of those Subs probably won't be reflected in a corresponding decrease in merchant ship sinkings in the Atlantic.

Only two German submarines were sunk during western Atlantic patrols (in addition to the 8 sunk in the Mediterranean, one was sunk in the Canaries area, and three in the Biscay-Portugal area). One was sunk off the north coast of South America by aircraft after the attack had been made by the submarine on convoy TJ-1, and the other was sunk by planes from the USS Core while on "killer" patrol west of the Azores. During the week of 8-15 July there were 34 anti-submarine "contacts" (including sightings, sound contacts, and attacks on sightings and sound contacts) in the western Atlantic of reasonable reliability (Cominch class "C" or above), and 11 of those "contacts" were attacked by the plane or surface craft making the contact. Of these attacks, as stated above, two resulted in "kills".

The average of submarines operating at sea has increased markedly in the last two weeks, from an average of 85-90 to an average of 100-105. The grouping remains much the same as last week, except that the formerly large concentration west of the Azores has been decreased and the number operating in the Caribbean and off South America and the number in transit to and from those areas has increased. Cominch also expects a recurrence of activity in the Eastern sea frontier with one entering that area now and up to four or five headed in that direction. All evidence points to a continuation of the pattern of temporarily ignoring the north Atlantic and concentrating upon independents and local convoys in the various coastal areas.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TOR CODEROOM 2137		NCS TRINIDAD CAFAC	DEFERRED
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F-01	GENERAL TREND IN ATLANTIC FAVORS INDEPENDENT U-BOAT	F-01
F-02	OPERATIONS PRIMARILY ALONG COASTAL SHIPPING ROUTES.	F-02
F-015	ENEMY H/F RADIO TRAFFIC CONTINUES LIGHT THROUGHOUT	F-05
F-0115	ENTIRE ATLANTIC. ANTICIPATE AT LEAST 2, U-BOATS	F-07
F-05	WILL BE OPERATING WESTERN HEMISPHERE COASTAL WATERS	F-1
F-07	WITHIN NEXT 2 WEEKS. MAIN CONCENTRATION CENTERED IN	F-2
F-1	CARIBDEAN WHERE ABOUT 8 ARE NOW ESTIMATED PATROLLING	F-20
F-11	WITH FOCAL POINTS OFF GUANTANAMO AND TRINIDAD.	F-3
F-12	EXPECT CONTINUED ACTIVITY OFF SOUTH AMERICA WHERE	F-30
F-3A	UP TO 15 U-BOATS MAY BE OPERATING NEXT FORTNIGHT	F-31
F-30	PRINCIPALLY OFF AMAZON, VICINITY NATAL AND WITHIN	F-32
F-31	600 MILES RIO DE JANEIRO. CANADIAN AND EASTERN	F-33
F-32	SEAFRONS ARE LIKELY AREAS FOR NEXT ENEMY THRUST.	F-34
F-33	UP TO 15 U-BOATS PREVIOUSLY PATROLLING OFF AZORES	F-4
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ARE PROBABLY NOW HOMEBOUND BUT CONTINUED PATROL
 LINES ON U.S.-AFRICAN CONVOY ROUTES PROBABLE.
 NORTH ATLANTIC CALM WITH NO ATTACKS ON SHIPPING
 THIS MONTH. 60 U-BOATS ESTIMATED WEST 26 W. TOTAL
 OPERATING ATLANTIC 100. SEE FIRST AND LAST
 SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY. IN COASTAL AREAS U-
 BOATS MAY BE EXPECTED TO REPORT CONVOYS FOR BENEFIT
 OF OTHER U-BOATS ALONG ROUTE. AFTER BEING SIGHTED
 U-BOATS FREQUENTLY MOVE OFF THE COAST SEVERAL
 HUNDRED MILES RATHER THAN ALONG THE COAST TO AVOID
 DETECTION AND TO TRANSMIT REPORTS.

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SUBMARINE WAR.

In comparison with the rate of casualties during June the first week in July showed a sharp increase in the number of merchant ships attacked and sunk. Preliminary information indicates that through July 7th 10 ships, totalling 62,836 gross tons, have been sunk, all by submarine. Two of the ten were sunk in the Mediterranean, one in the Indian Ocean, one off Laurence Marques, one off Freetown, two off Santos, two just south of Guantanamo, and one to the southeast of Savannah. During the first week in June only 19,003 gross tons of shipping were sunk by enemy action. Highlighting the return of the U-Boat to activity, was an attack early on July 7 on convoy BT-18 (Bahia to Trinidad), occurring just north of the Brazilian "hump". Four ships were torpedoed, and two others damaged by collision with *torpedoed* ships in the melee which followed. None of the torpedoed ships has been reported sunk to date, and there is no evidence yet to determine whether one or more than one U-Boat was engaged. There were no U-Boats sunk during the period.

The number of U-Boats at sea is approximately 87, with about 45 west of 26 degrees west. This number is substantially smaller than the number which were operating during the early months of this year, and their disposition is markedly different. The northern convoy area, instead of providing the largest concentration, is almost free of units (there have been no attacks in the Atlantic north of 40 degrees north in either June or July). The few remaining are probably patrolling for purposes of general reconnaissance and weather data. Apparently the Germans, faced with larger surface escort forces, and growing air power (from both land bases and the auxiliary carriers), have abandoned the area at least until the season changes and the hours of daylight become fewer. The largest group of U-Boats is now operating principally between 25 degrees and 38 degrees north between the Azores and 50 degrees west. Our information on groupings within this area is scanty, but it seems likely that a patrol line maintained to intercept African convoys, and a refuelling area approximately 200 miles southwest of the Azores, provide the principal formations. Since only the French Naval tanker "Lot" has been sunk since the first of June, in any African convoy, the value of the patrol line (except as a training ground for new crews and new submarines) would seem slight, but the refuelling units are thought to permit units coming out on patrol to carry lighter fuel loads with resulting higher speeds across the Bay of Biscay. Although retention of the patrol line

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would seem unprofitable for the enemy in terms of ships sunk, it is too early to predict that it be abandoned since it is possible that the very successful action of the Bogue's aircraft so disrupted attack plans that some delay for replacement and regrouping was to be expected. The most recent positive trend of U-Boats in force is the movement into the Caribbean and patrol operations off the coast of South America. It is estimated that 13 are now patrolling in the Caribbean and off the South American coast, and these periphery operations will undoubtedly continue in some force until the ratio of merchant ships to subs sunk ceases to favor the Germans.

Robert W. Bogue
Lt (jg) USNR
Map Room Watch Officer

NAVAL MESSAGE

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DATE 30 JUNE 1943		CDRS ALL SEAFRON LANT	ROUTINE
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DECODED BY		NOB GUANTANAMO	
PARAPHRASED BY SHUGG		CINCLANT NOB BERMUDA	
ROUTED BY SOBEL		COM 4TH FLT	
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 21.

NORTH ATLANTIC AREA CONTINUES QUIET WITH NO AT-TACKS ON SHIPPING DURING JUNE NORTH OF 40N. UP TO 10 U-BOATS NOW ESTIMATED THIS AREA APARENTLY USED SOLELY FOR WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AND GENERAL RECONNAISSANCE. MAIN CONCENTRATION OF 30 TO 40 U-BOATS HAS DEVELOPED SOUTHWEST OF AZORES OF WHICH UP TO 15 ESTIMATED PATROLLING WITH 300 MILES OF 25N 45W. IT IS PROBABLE A SECOND PATROL LINE MAY BE FORMING WITHIN 600 MILES WEST OF AZORES TO INTERCEPT NORTHERLY ROUTED US-AFRICAN CONVOYS. A PROBABLE REFUELLING AREA IS LOCATED ABOUT 300 MILES SW OF AZORES FOR MAINTAINING LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS OF PATROL LINES. IT IS PROBABLE THAT OUTBOUND U-BOATS ARE PASSING BISCAY AT HIGHER SPEEDS TO AVOID

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ALLIED A/C AND TOP OFF FROM THIS REFUELLER EN-ROUTE TO OPERATIONAL AREAS. THREE U-BOATS FORMERLY PATROLLING EASTERN SEABOARD ARE NOW PRESUMED HOMEBOUND. IT IS POSSIBLE HOWEVER THAT UP TO 3 MORE MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF 60W MOVING INTO EASTERN AND GULF SEAFRONS. INCREASED ACTIVITY ANTICIPATED CARIBBEAN AND BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND AMAZON. AT LEAST 3 U-BOATS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ATTACKS ON INDEPENDENT SHIPPING OFF SOUTHERN BRAZIL WITH FOCAL POINT AT RIO DE JANEIRO. 33 U-BOATS NOW ESTIMATED WEST OF 26W. TOTAL OPERATING ATLANTIC 90. ATTACKS ON U-BOATS CONTINUE AT A GRATIFYING LEVEL BUT INCREASED A/A ARMAMENT AND BETTER DETECTION GEAR MAY BE EXPECTED TO STRENGTHEN ENEMY RESISTANCE.

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P/W STATEMENTS CONFIRM PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT
SOME ITALIAN U-BOATS ARE BEING USED FOR BLOCKADE
RUNNERS TO FAR EAST. FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY
151736 JANUARY APPLY.

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F-01	U-BOATS LEAVING BISCAY PORTS FOR SEA ARE MAKING PASSAGE
F-02	THROUGH BAY IN GROUPS OF 2 TO 5 ON SURFACE BY DAY AND
F-015	PROBABLY SUBMERGED BY NIGHT. APPARENT OBJECTS OF THESE
F-0115	NEW TACTICS ARE (A) TO PASS THROUGH AREA AS QUICKLY AS
F-05	POSSIBLE (B) TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FIGHTER COVER (C) TO
F-07	PROVIDE MUTUAL ANTIAIRCRAFT SUPPORT. <u>COASTAL COMMAND HAS</u>
F-1	<u>DESIGNATED 2 AREAS</u> (A) <u>MUSKETRY</u> 260 MILES NORTH AND SOUTH
F-11	AND 80 MILES EAST AND WEST WITH CENTER AT 45-30 NORTH
F-2	10-30 WEST AND (B) <u>SEASLUG</u> 210 MILES NORTH AND SOUTH AND
F-3A	75 MILES EAST AND WEST WITH CENTER AT 45-45 NORTH 14 WEST)
F-30	<u>FOR INTENSIVE AIRCRAFT ACTION AGAINST SUBMARINES. AIR-</u>
F-31	<u>CRAFT NORMALLY ALLOCATED TO BAY OFFENSIVE PLUS 9 BEAU-</u>
F-32	<u>FIGHTERS FITTED WITH RP WILL SWEEP AREA MUSKETRY 3 TIMES</u>
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DAILY IN GROUPS OF 7 AIRCRAFT. GROUPS WILL BE SUPPORT-
ED BY MOSQUITOES WHENEVER A FORMATION OF U-BOATS HAS
BEEN SIGHTED. WELLINGTONS WILL SEARCH BY NIGHT. AREA
SEASLUG WILL BE SWEEPED BY VERY LONG RANGE AND LONG RANGE
AIRCRAFT FROM CONVOY COVER GROUP (WESTERN APPROACH GROUP-
15 GROUP) WHENEVER CONVOY SITUATION PERMITS. CATALINAS
FITTED WITH ASV WILL SEARCH AREA BY NIGHT. COASTAL
COMMAND HAS SUGGESTED THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF OFFENSIVE
WOULD BE INCREASED IF CERTAIN NUMBER OF LIGHT SURFACE
FORCES WERE ASSIGNED TO COOPERATE. ADMIRALTY PLANNING
SEND ON SUPPORT GROUP INTO BAY.

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		NOB BERMUDA	DEFERRED
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 20. SITUATION
 IN NORTH ATLANTIC INDETERMINATE WITH NO ATTACKS ON

CONVOYS PAST FORTNIGHT AND RELATIVELY LIGHT OF ACTIVITY
 SUGGESTING TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT MAJOR OPERATIONS THIS

✓ AREA. HEAVY CONCENTRATION DEVELOPING WITHIN 1200 MILE
 SECTOR SOUTH TO WEST OF AZORES WITH APPROXIMATELY 30

U-BOATS OPERATING THIS AREA. ABOUT 6 ESTIMATED OPERAT-
 ING COASTAL AREAS WESTERN ATLANTIC AND BRAZIL. ANTICI-

PATE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE LATTER AREAS DURING SUMMER
 MONTHS PARTICULARLY IF PRESENT CONCENTRATION US-AFRICAN

CONVOY LINES IS UNSUCCESSFUL. SEE FIRST AND LAST
 SENTENCES BY 151736 JANUARY FOR SECURITY OF INFORMATION

IN BIWEEKLY TRENDS. AVERAGE U-BOATS WEST OF 26 W 50.
 TOTAL OPERATING ATLANTIC 92. ACCORDING TO RECENT OPERAT-

IONAL EXPERIENCE AND P/T REPORTS HEAVIER A/A ARMAMENT
 IS BEING FITTED TO U-BOATS CONSISTING POSSIBLE OF H.A.

QUADRUPEL TURRET OF UNKNOWN CALIBRE AND ADDITIONAL
 20 MM GUNS. AS A GENERAL RULE U-BOATS OPERATING ALONG

COASTAL AREAS REMAIN RELATIVELY QUIET OVER CONSIDERABLE

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PERIODS OF TIME WHILE RECONNOITERING THEN DELIVER
SUDDEN ATTACKS WHERE CONDITIONS ARE MOST FAVORABLE.

THEY MAY THEN BE EXPECTED TO SHIFT THEIR POSITIONS TO
AVOID BEING ATTACKED WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR RESP

PECTIVE OPERATIONAL AREAS.

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FOR INFORMATION OF NAVY DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING STATEMENT
 WILL BE MADE BY 1ST LORD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IN REPLY
 TO A QUESTION TOMORROW WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, AT 1115
 DOUBLE B.S.T. BEGINS:

"EARLY IN MARCH I TOLD HOUSE THAT SHIPPING LOSSES
 IN DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY HAD BEEN MUCH LOWER
 THAN A YEAR BEFORE. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS MARCH WAS
 A POOR MONTH THOUGH NOT WORST OF WAR. INDEED OWING TO
 HIGH OUTPUT OF NEW TONNAGE ACHIEVED IN U.S. THERE WAS
 A SUBSTANTIAL NET GAIN IN THAT MONTH.

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IN APRIL AND MAY LOSSES HAVE BEEN REDUCED AGAIN TO LEVELS OF THE 3 MONTHS, DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY, AND EVEN BELOW. IN EACH OF FIRST 5 MONTHS THIS YEAR THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION ON FIGURES OF CORRESPONDING PERIODS LAST YEAR AND A SAVING OF MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF LOSSES OVER WHOLE OF 5 MONTHS.

WITH AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPPING PROGRAMME NEAR ITS PEAK THIS IMPROVEMENT IN LEVEL OF LOSSES HAS RESULTED IN LARGE INCREASE TO TONNAGE AVAILABLE TO UNITED NATIONS.

THIS IMPROVEMENT OF SITUATION IN BATTLE OF ATLANTIC REFLECTS GROWTH OF SIZE OF OUR ESCORT FORCE - BOTH SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT - AND GROWTH OF DEADLINESS OF OUR NEW WEAPONS AND DEVICES. THE INCREASED ESCORTS AVAILABLE MAKE POSSIBLE NOT ONLY A HIGHER SCALE PROTECTION BUT ALSO A HIGHER GENERAL STANDARD OF TRAINING AND THIS

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IN TURN ENABLES OUR SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF COASTAL COMMAND AND U.S. AIR FORCE TO REAP BY HARMONY AND COOPERATION IN WHICH THEY WORK A HIGHER DIVIDEND FROM THEIR CONSTANTLY IMPROVED TACTICS.

THE ESCORT CARRIERS OF WHICH SEVERAL ARE NOW IN SERVICE HAVE ALREADY PROVED THEIR WORTH. BY THESE MEANS THE CURVE OF U-BOAT DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN KEPT STEADILY RISING. DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS THE NUMBER OF KILLS EXCEEDED THAT OF THE WHOLE PREVIOUS PERIOD OF WAR AND IN LAST 6 MONTHS THE RATE OF DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN 25% ABOVE THAT OF THE PREVIOUS 6 MONTHS. LARGE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN ADDITION. IN LAST 2 MONTHS THE NUMBER OF U-BOATS IN ATLANTIC BATTLE APPEAR TO HAVE DECREASED.

THIS HAS NO DOUBT BEEN DUE TO MORE THAN ONE CAUSE,

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BUT PRINCIPALLY TO THE RISING RATE OF "KILLS" AT SEA. FROM PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENTS IT LOOKS AS IF THE NUMBER OF U-BOATS DESTROYED IN MAY WILL EXCEED THE NUMBER WHICH THE ENEMY MAY PROBABLY HAVE BROUGHT INTO SERVICE.

CERTAINLY MAY IS THE BEST MONTH OF THE WAR FOR "KILLS" SO FAR. WHILE THE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION HAS THUS BEEN PRIMARILY DUE TO THE INCREASED RATE OF DESTRUCTION OF U-BOATS AT SEA, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THE NUMBER OF U-BOATS OPERATING HAS ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY BOMBING OF THE U-BOAT BUILDING YARDS AND OF THE OPERATIONAL BASES IN THE BAY OF BISCAY BY BOTH AMERICAN AND RAF BOMBERS. AS TIME GOES ON, THE BOMBING OF BUILDING YARDS AND COMPONENT FACTORIES SHOULD HAVE AN EVER INCREASING EFFECT.

WE MUST NO DOUBT STILL BE PREPARED TO ENCOUNTER

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SETBACKS AND PERIODS OF HEAVY LOSSES. THE ENEMY IS BOUND TO MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO ALTER THE PRESENT SITUATION. NEVERTHELESS, THE REPORT I HAVE JUST MADE DISCLOSES A NUMBER OF FAVOURABLE TENDENCIES, AND I CAN GIVE THE UNQUALIFIED ASSURANCE THAT ENEMY ARE QUITE WRONG IN ASSERTING, AS THEY HAVE DONE, THAT THE LOW RATE OF SINKINGS IN APRIL WAS DUE TO THE SMALL AMOUNT OF SHIPPING AT SEA. IN THAT MONTH OUR IMPORTS WERE THE HIGHEST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1942.

THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN SPITE OF THE TREMENDOUS U-BOAT EFFORT AGAINST US IS IN ITSELF A TRIBUTE TO ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY, THE F.A.A., THE R.C.N., AND MERCHANT NAVY; THE PILOTS AND CREWS OF THE COASTAL COMMAND AND BOMBER COMMAND OF R.A.F; AND OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ALLIED NAVIES AND

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AIR FORCES. I WOULD ALSO MENTION THE WORK OF THE TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS, THE TECHNICIANS, AND SCIENTISTS, AND STAFFS AND ALL SECTIONS OF WORKERS IN SHIPYARDS AND AEROPLANE FACTORIES.

I FEEL SURE THE HOUSE CAN RELY UPON ALL CONCERNED TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK WITHOUT ANY RELAXATION OF THEIR EFFORT IN ANY RESPECT UNTIL U-BOAT MENACE IS DRIVEN FROM THE SEA." ENDS.

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GROUP 15 INGLEFIELD
GROUP 19 ICARUS

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H.O.C.C.	A.C.I.C.
F.O.C. NEWFOUNDLAND	C.T.C. 24.7
CDR. (D) W.A.	N.S.F.C. CITTAWA
CAPTAIN (D) LIVERPOOL	CAPT. (D) GREENOCK
CAPTAIN (D) ANTRIM	C. IN C. H.F.
CAPTAIN (D) 1 FREETOWN	R.A.D.H.F.
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C. IN C. MED. AND CAPTAINS (D) PASS TO W.A. OCEAN
 ESCORTS. F.O.C. GIBRALTAR PASS TO AIR H.Q.'S
 GIBRALTAR AND TO W.A. OCEAN ESCORTS A.C.I.C. PASS
 TO R.A.F. ICELAND AND TO W.A. OCEAN ESCORTS
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THE BATTLE OF ATLANTIC HAS TAKEN A DEFINITE TURN
IN OUR FAVOUR DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND RETURNS
SHOW AN EVER INCREASING TOLL OF U-BOATS AND
DECREASING LOSSES IN CONVOYS.

ALL ESCORT GROUPS, SUPPORT GROUPS, ESCORT CARRIERS
AND THEIR AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT OF VARIOUS AIR COMMANDS
HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT WHICH IS
THE OUTCOME OF HARD WORK, HARD TRAINING AND
DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF
THE SURFACE FORCES AND AIR UNITS INVOLVED. QUITE
APART FROM SPECTACULAR KILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED
BY ESCORT GROUPS AND SUPPORT GROUPS MANY NOTABLE
VICTORIES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE SAFE AND TIMELY
ARRIVAL OF NUMBER OF CONVOYS IN FACE OF HEAVY ENEMY
ATTACKS.

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F-02	ABSENCE OF THEIR LEADER AIDED BY 3RD AND 1ST
F-015	SUPPORTING GROUPS (CAPTAIN MCCOY AND COMMANDER BREWER
F-0115	RESPECTIVELY), WHILE ESCORTING AND COVERING O.N.S. 5
F-05	WHICH RESULTED IN SUCH WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION OF
F-07	ENEMY; THE SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF H.X. NO. 237 ESCORTED
F-1	BY C 2 GROUP (LIEUT. CDR. CHEVASSE) AND THAT OF
F-11	S.C. 129 ESCORTED BY B 2 GROUP (COMMANDER MACINTYRE)
F-2	BOTH BEING SUPPORTED BY BITER AND 5TH SUPPORTING GROUP.
F-3A	ALSO OF H.X. NO. 234 ESCORTED BY B. 4 GROUP (COMMANDER
F-30	DAY) AND SUPPORTED BY 4TH SUPPORTING GROUP (CAPTAIN
F-31	SCOTT MONCRIEFF). MORE RECENTLY COMES THE HEAVY DEFEAT
F-32	OF ENEMY DURING PASSAGE OF S.C. 130 ESCORTED AND
F-33	SUPPORTED BY B 7 GROUP AND 1ST SUPPORT GROUP AND
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H.X. NO. 239 ESCORTED AND SUPPORTED BY B 3 GROUP (COMMANDER EVANS) AND ARCHER AND 4TH SUPPORTING GROUP WHICH RESULTED IN ENEMY QUICKLY GIVING UP THE BATTLE.

PARTICULARLY CRATIFYING IS THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF THE AIRCRAFT OF THE ESCORTING CARRIERS BOQUE, BITER AND ARCHER WHO HAVE GIVEN INVALUABLE SERVICE IN THE BATTLE. WE OWE MUCH ALSO TO THE HELP OF THE HOME FLEET DESTROYERS WHO CAME TO OUR AID AND ACQUITTED THEMSELVES SO BRILLIANTLY IN THIS UNACCUSTOMED TYPE OF WARFARE. MUCH STERLING WORK HAS ALSO BEEN DONE BY THE ESCORT ON THE GIBRALTAR-FREETOWN RUNS.

THE TIDE OF BATTLE FORMERLY CHECKED IF NOT TURNED AND THE ENEMY IS SHOWING SIGNS OF STRAIN IN THE FACE OF THE HEAVY ATTACK BY OUR SEA AND AIR FORCES. NOW IS

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THE TIME TO STRIKE AND STRIKE HARD BEARING IN MIND
ALWAYS THAT THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IS TRAINED
EFFICIENCY AND IMMEDIATE READINESS FOR EVERY
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JAPANESE MINELAYING SUBMARINES

A Japanese document recovered from I-1, sunk off Guadalcanal Island on January 29/30, 1943, reveals the minelaying characteristics of the 3 remaining boats of the I-121 type, characteristics of the mines and certain information on minelaying operations.

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The Japanese Navy has three minelaying submarines of the I-121 type (I-121, I-122, I-123).

Each of these boats has 2 minelaying tubes in each of which are fitted 3 mines.

A total of 42 mines are carried by each boat. These mines are of two types as follows:

Model 88 Mine (A contact type anchored mine)

Total Weight	- 937 kg. (2061.4 lbs.)
Weight of explosive	- 180 kg. (396 lbs.)
Mooring cables	- 250 meters of 25 mm. wire
	350 meters of 20 mm. wire

Type 3, Mark 6 Mine*

Total Weight	- 900 kg. (1980 lbs.)
Weight of explosive	- 200 kg. (440 lbs.)
Mooring cables	- 180 meters of 32 mm. wire
	300 meters of 24 mm. wire

Model 88 Mine:

The 6 mines may be loaded into the 2 tubes in 8 minutes, and a period of about 4 hours is required to lay the entire 42 mines.

Maximum depth at which mines may be laid is 250 meters, and they are laid from 0-20 meters below the surface of the water.

These mines are considered effective for a period of one year.

Minelaying can be carried out at a maximum surface speed of 6 knots, or a submerged speed of 4.5 knots.

This mine will crush at a depth exceeding 202 meters, and its horns will crush at a depth exceeding 150 meters.

On launching the mine assembly the mine itself becomes unmoored from its carriage at 100 meters.

The minimum spacing between mines is 50 meters. With any spacing less than this the explosion of one mine will detonate its neighbor.

*It is assumed that the Type 3, Mark 6 mine is an improvement of the Model 88 Mine, but no further information on it is known.

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COM 4, VICE CNO, TG 24.7, ADMIRALTY,
CINCWA, NSHQ, FONF, CINCCNA, NOB ICELAND, FROM
CTF 24, ACTION ALSO NOB LONDON DERRY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES FOLLOWING THE
PROVISIONS OF ACC 1 THIS COMMAND WILL STAND RELIEVED
OF DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH NORTH ATLANTIC TRADE
CONVOYS AT 1200Z/30 APRIL.

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DNI LTR APRIL 16. PROPOSED RELEASE UNSATISFACTORY TO COMINCH IN FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

PARAGRAPH 1 - THE STATEMENT THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASSUMED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC IS INCORRECT. THE ACTUAL AGREEMENT IS THAT GREAT BRITAIN AND CANADA ARE TO ASSUME COMPLETE CHARGE OF TRADE CONVOYS FROM THE NORTHWESTERN ATLANTIC PORTS TO ENGLAND. THE UNITED STATES RETAINS STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WESTERN ATLANTIC, INCLUDING ESCORT OPERATIONS NOT RELATED TO BRITISH TRADE CONVOYS AND LOCAL CANADIAN TRAFFIC.

PARAGRAPH 8 - THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE NOT ENTRUSTED TO THE CANADIAN NAVY FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR "THIS VITAL OPERATIONAL AREA."

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PARAGRAPH 11 - THE IMPLICATION THAT ALL UNITED STATES FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM NORTH ATLANTIC SUBMARINE WARFARE IS NOT CORRECT. WHILE THE PARTICIPATION OF UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT IS MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN THE ARTICLE, THE FACT THAT SOME UNITED STATES ESCORT VESSELS ARE TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE BRITISH FORCES APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED.

COMMENT BY AC OF S G-2 CALLS ATTENTION TO FACT THAT SCHEME OUTLINED INVOLVES THE UTILIZATION OF SOME 75 AMERICAN ARMY AIRPLANES, AN ADDITION OF 32 OVER NUMBER AT PRESENT ASSIGNED FOR DUTY WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY. IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE IN PARAGRAPH 16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS CONTRIBUTION PARTICULARLY AS UNITED STATES ARMY WILL FURNISH MATERIAL AND CREWS. HE NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH PARAGRAPHS 19 TO 21 INCLUSIVE THAT UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL LARSEN IS NOT INCLUDED AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

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A SCRUTINY OF RECENT MERCHANT SHIPS COULD NOT BY U-BOAT ATTACKS SHOW CLEARLY THAT MANY VALUABLE SHIPS AND IRREPLACEABLE LIVES ARE BEING LOST IN FOLLOWING AVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES:

(A) A GROWING NUMBER OF SHIPS ARE STRAGGLING, ROMPING OR DELIBERATELY BREAKING AWAY FROM CONVOYS. THE PERCENTAGE OF SUCH SHIPS THAT ARE SUNK SHOW A CONSIDERABLY INCREASE DUE TO THE MOUNTING NUMBER OF U-BOATS NOW OPERATING IN VICINITY OF OUR CONVOYS. IN A RECENT CONVOY THAT WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED A LARGE NUMBER U-BOATS

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ONLY 1 SHIP IN CONVOY WAS SUNK BUT SHIPS THAT STRAGGLED OR BROKE CONVOY WERE TORPEDOED.

IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT OCEAN CONVOYS ARE NOW NORMALLY ATTACKED NOT BY A SINGLE U-BOAT BUT BY A PACK OF U-BOATS THAT MAY NUMBER ANYTHING UP TO 20. THE CONVOY IS PROTECTED BY ITS CLOSE ESCORT AND

FREQUENTLY BY ADDITIONAL ESCORTS OPERATING OUT OF SIGHT OF CONVOY. AIR ESCORTS AND ANTI-SUB PATROL BY AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF CONVOY ARE ALSO PROVIDED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

THIS PROTECTION IS PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING IN STRENGTH BUT OBVIOUSLY IS MOST EFFECTIVE FOR SHIPS

WHICH ARE ACTUALLY IN THE CONVOY.

(B) IN SPITE OF DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT

(SEE ADMIRALTY'S MERCHANT SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS 184/43 AND 185/43) THERE IS AN INCREASING TENDENCY FOR SHIPS

TO BE ABANDONED PREMATURELY. IT IS THE PLAIN DUTY OF EVERY SEAMAN TO DO HIS UTMOST TOWARD BRINGING HIS

SHIP SAFELY TO PORT AND IF ATTACKED, NOT TO ABANDON

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HER UNTIL THERE IS NO LONGER THE SLIGHTEST HOPE OF KEEPING HER AFLOAT. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF MASTERS ARE FULLY ALIVE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER AND INDEED SOME OF THEM HAVE BROUGHT THEIR SHIPS TO PORTS IN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS NOT HOWEVER, POSSIBLE TO SINGLE OUT THE INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM IT IS NECESSARY TO IMPRESS THIS MATTER AND IT IS HOPED THEREFORE THAT MASTERS WILL NOT RESENT ABOVE REMARKS BEARING IN MIND THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF EACH ALLIED MERCHANT SHIP AT THIS CRUCIAL STAGE IN WAR
(2) NCSSO'S ARE TO INSURE THAT NO MASTER SAILS ON AN OCEAN VOYAGE INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT COURSE AND SPEED PARAGRAPH 1 (B) FIRMLY IMPRESSED ON HIS MIND. MASTERS OF SHIPS SAILING IN OCEAN CONVOYS ARE TO HAVE BOTH SUB PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) STRESSED TO THEM AS CLEARLY AND FORCIBLY AS POSSIBLE.

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COMINCH U BOAT TRENDS. 5 WEEKLY NUMBER 16. ABOUT 40
U BOATS OPERATING IN NORTH ATLANTIC WITH MAIN CON-CENTRATION ABOUT 500 MILES NORTHEAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND.
DECREASE SINCE LAST TRENDS CONSIDERED DUE TO LARGENUMBER RETURNING TO BASES FOLLOWING HIGH SPEED OPER-
ATIONS ON CONVOYS IN MARCH. U BOAT TACTICS REMAINSUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED WITH NIGHT ATTACKS FROM
FAVORABLE POSITIONS UTILIZING DAYLIGHT SURFACE RUNSTO GAIN POSITION AHEAD OF CONVOYS. 2 TO 3 U BOATS
ACTIVE IN EASTERN FRONTIER FOR RECONNAISSANCE ATTACKSON SHIPPING OR MINE LAYING. ANTICIPATE LITTLE ACTIVITY
GULF AND PANAMA WITH SEVERAL OPERATING IN CARIBBEAN.U BOATS NOW PATROLLING FREETOWN APPEAR TO BE MOVING
TOWARDS ST PAUL ROCKS AREA. 1ST AND LAST SENTENCESBY 151736 JANUARY APPLY. AVERAGE U BOATS WEST OF 26 W
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USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R 7643

Study of proposal regarding anti-submarine warfare in
Bay of Biscay reurad 8319 March 30 being made by Navy.
(Andrews from Marshall) CG AAF has recommended (1) no
reductions from heavy bomber commitments to 8th Air Force
(2) defer consideration of this proposal pending decision as
to organization to be responsible for US anti-sub Air
Operations and forces which can be made available to that
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COMINCH U-BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 15.

ABOUT 60 U-BOATS REMAIN IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOLLOWING RECENT ATTACKS ON EASTBOUND CONVOYS. ANTICIPATE EARLY FORMATION NEW PATROLS IN GENERAL AREA 56-62, 30-40 AND REENFORCEMENT OF GROUP NOW ESTIMATED NE NEWFOUNDLAND. SINCE ATTACK ON UGS-6 NO INDICATIONS OF FURTHER PATROLS TO INTERCEPT U.S.-AFRICAN CONVOYS. ABOUT 5 U-BOATS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE RECONNAISSANCE CARIBBEAN AND GULF AND PROBABLY PANAMA SEA FRONTIERS IN EFFORT TO FIND WEAK SPOTS IN DEFENSES. EARLY ACTIVITY EASTERN SEA FRONTIER LIKELY. EXCEPT FOR ITALIANS NO INDICATIONS OF U-BOAT ACTIVITY IN BRAZILIAN WATERS FOR NEXT FORTNIGHT. FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY APPLY. AVERAGE U-BOATS WEST 26W 56. TOTAL ATLANTIC 105 WITH PROBABILITY OF CONSIDERABLE INCREASE NEXT 90 DAYS. ENEMY TACTICS

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ON UGS-6 INDICATE U-BOATS GAINED POSITION AHEAD OF
CONVOY AND ATTACKED AT PERISCOPE DEPTH ABOUT
SUNSET TO AVOID RADAR DETECTION. IN ADDITION TO
USUAL SCUTTLING CHARGES P/W REPORTS INDICATE POSSI-
BILITY OF BOOBY TRAPS CONNECTED BETWEEN MAIN BILGE
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From: London USFOR
To: WAR

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On March 24, COMNAEU handed me paper titled "Antisubmarine Warfare-Air Effort necessary to paralyze U-boats in the Biscay Transit area-Great Britain-RAF-Antisubmarine Command of the United States Army Air Forces" which had already been submitted to various British agencies including Royal Air Force and Admiralty, and to Admiral King. Assume War Dept furnished copy (for Marshall from Andrews site ETTCG) this proposal contemplates use in Bay of Biscay of over 260 aircraft, 100 of which are already devoted to transit patrol in that area. Over 160 additional long range bombers would thus have to be diverted from present primary mission of bombardment of Germany unless obtained elsewhere. I consider such diversion unsound because diversion of over 160 long range bombers would nullify present United States power for bombardment of German targets, now severely strained due to lack of density of missions necessary to dis-rupt fighter protection; because the time required for preparation of equipment and training of personnel for this proposal would, in my opinion, not only prevent immediate full institution of program but would ex-tend diversion of aircraft into coming summer when wea-ther in this area is most favorable for bombardment of axis targets; because failure to maintain daylight bombing of Germany during next 4 months will adversely effect HUSKY by releasing enemy fighters to be pitted against that effort; because it would sacrifice already established offensive power, now paying positive and val-uable dividends, in exchange for a defensive mission the results of which are theoretical. The proposal does not in my opinion

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sufficiently evaluate possible German counter measures such as concentration of fighter aircraft, change in submarine routes, and use of nullifying listening devices on submarines. Bombing of axis targets in Germany and occupied territory constitutes I believe the only practicable means of applying and materially increasing pressure on the Axis in this theater until the spring of 1944. It is impossible with present air strength to make more than approximately 75 bomber plane sorties 10 times a month. Unless replacements are forthcoming even this small though effective effort must be curtailed. I feel that I cannot too strongly emphasize the advisability of permitting no diversions in the War Department Approved Air Program for ETO. In this connection please see my 8194 March 26. I would be opposed to any consideration of Biscay Bay proposal which would affect existing bombing policy or build up of Air Strength in this theater.

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MAR 22 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Submarine Warfare.

In reply to your memorandum of March 18, on the subject of submarine warfare, the following information is submitted.

With respect to the number of B-24's that can be operated at once from Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland, existing Army, Navy and Canadian air bases in this area can support B-24 aircraft as indicated below, without interfering with other activities:

Newfoundland	75
Greenland	6*
Iceland	40
Total	121

*For limited operations only.

Regarding how soon the maximum number will be operating from each of these bases, present plans do not provide for operating 121 B-24's in these areas. Present plans for anti-submarine warfare provide for operating ASV equipped B-24's in this area as follows:

Date	Newfoundland	Greenland	Iceland	Total
April 1			8(RAF)	8
May 1	12(USA)		12(RAF)	24
June 1	18(USA)	6(USA)	12(RAF)	48
	*12(USN)			
Total	42	6	32	80

The RAF will endeavor to increase the number of B-24's in Iceland to 36 prior to July 1, but no definite schedule is available as yet.

*The twelve Navy B-24's previously expected by May 1, will not be ready until June due to delays in equipping and training.

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In addition to the above listed ASV equipped B-24's (USA), it is estimated that aircraft of this type, similarly equipped, will be available for deployment by the Army Air Forces Anti-Submarine Command as follows:

	11 by April 15
	12 by May 1
	28 by June 1
	29 by July 1
Total	80

Twelve B-17's, equipped for anti-submarine operations, are in the United States and will depart for Newfoundland as soon as the weather becomes flyable. These airplanes, due to their shorter range, are not as efficient for protecting convoys against submarines as are the very long range B-24's. They were diverted to this duty in the Newfoundland area contrary to previous plans and in an effort to meet the growing need for additional cover for North Atlantic convoys.

With respect to ACVs now being used in the North Atlantic as anti-submarine weapons, only one United States ship of this type is at present so employed.

Regarding the rate at which air support of our convoys by ACVs will be increased, the British plan to put two ACV on the northern convoy route and two on the North Russian route in the near future, but dates are uncertain. The United States will put two ACV on the U.S.-U.K. oil and the U.S.-Mediterranean convoys in April. After April ACVs will become available about one a month. The method of using them will depend upon lessons now being learned from operations of the ACV now in service.

Note: Owing to weather conditions on the northern route it is planned that ACVs will not operate with convoys, but will be assigned to support groups, each to consist of one ACV and five destroyers. On other Atlantic lanes ACVs will be included in convoy escorts, which will require additional destroyers to protect the carriers when they leave the formation to launch and recover planes.

[Signature]
Chief of Staff.

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Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

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OPERATIONS OF JAPANESE

SUBMARINE I-1

Based on reference, an interrogation report of a prisoner-of-war from the I-1, destroyed near Guadalcanal Island by New Zealand Corvettes on January 29, 1943, it is possible to make an approximate estimate of her operations for a one year period.

From this information it is deduced that an average of from 40 to 50 percent of the total number of Japanese submarines are at any one time on station in the execution of assigned missions.

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SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS OF THE I-1 FOR THE YEAR 1942
(Partially Estimated)

Date	Location - Destination	Number of Days			Remarks
		En Route	On Station	In Port	
Jan. 1	Pearl Harbor		12		
Jan. 13	Departed for Japan	18		1	Refuelled at Marshalls
	Japan			2	
Feb. 2	Departed for Indian Ocean	13	45		
	Indian Ocean				
April 2	Departed for Japan	13		90	Complete Overhaul
	Japan				
July 14	Departed for Aleutians	7	36		
	Aleutians				
	Departed for Japan	7			
	Japan			8	
Sept. 10	Departed for Rabaul	10		1	
	Rabaul - Solomons area		42		
Nov. 1	Departed for Truk	4		5	
	Truk				
Nov. 10	Departed for Japan	9			
Nov. 20	Japan			42	Overhaul
	Total days	81	135	149	

Proportion of time on Station 37%
Proportion of time en route 22%
Proportion of time in Port 41%

Prior to January 1, 1942 the I-1 was operating in the Pearl Harbor area and subsequent to December 31, 1942 she was two days completing overhaul and then proceeded to the Solomons for transportation duty where she was destroyed on January 29, 1943.

It should be noted that exceptionally long cruises were taken by the I-1 from Pearl Harbor to Japan, from Japan to the Aleutians, from the Aleutians to the Indian Ocean, from the Indian Ocean to Japan, and from Japan to the Solomons and return - over 20,000 miles between stations. The average speed on these cruises appeared to be about 12 knots, or approximately 280 nautical miles per day.

It is believed that on the average Japanese submarines in the course of a year's operations will make shorter cruises between stations than those of the I-1 and that the time on station will be longer than the 37% estimated for the I-1. A study of Japanese submarine operations using pertinent figures from the I-1 schedule indicates that on the average from 40 to 50 percent of the total number of Japanese submarines are at any one time on station in the execution of assigned missions.

The above conclusion should be accepted with reserve as it is based, for the most part, on the operation of one submarine, the facts concerning which were supplied by a Prisoner-of-war.

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MEMORANDUM

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From: The President.
To : The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: Submarine Warfare.

1. Since the rate of sinking of our merchant ships in the North Atlantic during the past week has increased at a rate that threatens seriously the security of Great Britain, and therefore both "Husky" and "Bolero", it seems evident that every available weapon must be used at once to counteract the enemy submarine campaign.

2. It is my understanding that an increase in the number of long-range bombers operating from Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland and Great Britain, combined with the increasing use of ACVs, is the most positive step that can be taken at once.

3. Please inform me:-

- (a) How many B-24s can be operated at once from Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland?
- (b) How soon the maximum number will be operating from each of those bases?
- (c) How many ACVs are now being used in the North Atlantic as anti-submarine weapons?
- (d) At what rate the air support of our convoys ~~will be made?~~

by A.C.V.s will be increased

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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COMINCH U BOAT TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 14. HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS IN NORTH ATLANTIC WITH ESTIMATED 50 TO 60 U/BS OPERATING NORTH OF 50N. ENEMY TACTICS CONTINUE TO FAVOR LONG PATROL LINES COMPRISING 10 TO 20 U/BS. OUTBOUND U/BS APPARENTLY FORM INITIALLY IN GENERAL AREA 55N 25W THENCE SWEEP TO SOUTHWEST UNTIL CONVOY IS SIGHTED. ANOTHER PATROL IS NORMALLY MAINTAINED NORTHEAST NEWFOUNDLAND IN AREA 50/56N 40/50W. SECONDARY PATROLS ARE FREQUENTLY FOUND EAST OF CAPE FAREWELL BETWEEN 20 AND 40 WEST. ANTICIPATE FEWER U/BS WILL BE USED IN NORTH ATLANTIC DURING SPRING AND SUMMER WITH MORE OPERATING IN CANADIAN AND US FRONTIERS. PATROLS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE VICINITY AZORES TO ATTACK AFRICAN BOUND CONVOYS. RE-

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ERING AN AREA THEN DELIVER A SUDDEN ATTACK WHEN
CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE. REFER FIRST AND LAST
SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY. AVERAGE U/BS WEST 26W
55. TOTAL ATLANTIC 110. CURRENT LACK OF CONTACTS
BY ESCORTS BEFORE U/B ATTACKS SUGGEST ENEMY IS
FIRING TORPEDOES AT LONGER RANGES.

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SUBJECT: GREAT BRITAIN - VALUE OF ESCORT VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT
IN THE ANTI-SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

SUMMARY:

This report will be of interest to Cominch, especially
the A/S Warfare Unit, to BuAero, and to the Maritime Commission.Enclosure: (A) 4 copies of paper to Anti-U/boat committee of
War Cabinet; Progress of analysis of the value
of escort vessels and aircraft in the anti-U/boat
campaign.1. Enclosure (A) represents a statistical analysis of
all Atlantic Convoys which during 1941 and 1942 have sustained
attack by U-boats. The data were collected and analysed by
members of the operational Research Groups of the British Admiralty
and the U.S. Naval Attache.2. The essential data are presented in the tables. The
text attempts to convert all figures cited into terms of merchant
ships saved. The report will be clearest if the tables are read
first.3. Table 1 and figure 1 of appendix 1 show that the
number of ships sunk per U-boat operating decreases as the surface
escort increases.Table 2 shows that the number of escorts assigned to
a convoy has not been made to vary appreciably with the number
of ships in convoy. The formal rule is that if there are n ships
in the convoy there should be $3 + \frac{n}{10}$ in the escort. Evidently this
has not been adhered to in the Atlantic because of lack of
escorts.Table 3 indicates that as the U-boat packs get larger,
each U-boat sinks somewhat fewer ships. This brings out a real

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disadvantage of the pack system, although Admiral U-boats doubtless considers it offset by the other obvious advantages of the system.

4. Table 4 gives the surprising result that the number of ships sunk in an attacked convoy is, on an average, independent of the size of the convoy. The implications of this are of considerable interest. Thus if 100 ships are sent in 2 convoys of 50 each with, say, 5 escorts, we may expect to lose about 6 ships from each, or 12 ships. If sent in one convoy with the same 5 escorts we should lose on an average 6 ships. But since one convoy of 100 could have 10 escorts, we should lose only about 3 ships. In other words, if convoys could be doubled in size and thus halved in number the losses would be halved, and since the escorts per convoy would also be doubled the losses might be nearly halved again.

5. Turning to the offensive side, table 5 shows that the number of U-boats attacked per U-boat operating does not increase with escort size, suggesting that the surface escorts have in the past had mainly protective and defensive value.

Table 6 (a) and (b) and figure 2 give the "exchange value" between ships and U-boats; it improves with increasing escort strength.

6. Appendix II tabulates 20 convoys, known to be shadowed by U-boats and compares the number of ships sunk in the presence and in the absence of air cover. It is shown that it takes only 3 sorties, on shadowed convoys, to save an average of 1 ship, or as stated in 3.2, one a/c in its lifetime can save 13 ships. This result is perhaps the outstanding conclusion from the report.

7. Appendix III shows the difference between the casualties in fast and in slow convoys. Fast eastbound convoys are safer than slow ones, but, for some reason unexplained, this does not hold good for westbound convoys. The effect of speed will be dealt with in more detail in a later report. It is apparent, however, from analyses so far made that North Atlantic convoys should have a minimum speed of 9 knots and slower ships allocated to other less dangerous trade routes.

8. In the text, the arguments in paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, and 3.3 are based on the view that a U-boat sunk is not directly replaced. If sunk U-boats are simply replaced at once from a reserve, such as is known to exist at the present time in the Baltic, the conversion of "U-boats sunk" into "ships saved" becomes very uncertain. It may be safer for the present not to attempt to express both offensive and defensive action in terms of ships saved.

9. The second paragraph of 2.4 is extremely uncertain but, as is admitted, it is given merely for the purpose of having an estimate.

10. Paragraph 3 above, or 1.1(c) of enclosed report, suggests a possible direction in which action could be taken, without waiting for increased escort forces, to reduce the sinkings in convoy. The extent of the loss of trade which would be involved has not yet been considered in detail.

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11. As used in the report one "attack" is defined as the events occurring within one night when the number of U-boats and the number of escorts both remain essentially constant.

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COMINCH U/B TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 12. LARGE CONCENTRATIONS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE NORTH ATLANTIC WITH DISPOSITIONS AIMED PRINCIPALLY AT EASTBOUND CONVOYS. PATROL LINE NE NEWFOUNDLAND APPEARS TO BE LOCATED FROM NORTH TO EAST OF ST. JOHNS JUST BEYOND EFFECTIVE AIR COVERAGE. A SECOND CONCENTRATION COMPOSED OF 20 TO 30 U/BS IS BUILDING UP IN GENERAL AREA 50-00 TO 60-00 NORTH AND 20-00 TO 30-00 WEST. ABOUT 10 TO 15 REFORMING WEST OF AZORES BETWEEN 30-00 TO 40-00 NORTH TO INTERCEPT NORTH AFRICAN CONVOYS. ANTICIPATE FAIRLY LIGHT ACTIVITY SOUTH ATLANTIC WITH ONE U/B OPERATING SOUTH OF CAPE SAN ROQUE AND 2 OTHERS ARRIVING COASTAL AREA BETWEEN CAYENNE AND TRINIDAD. PROBABLE THESE LATTER WILL MOVE INTO CARIBBEAN WEST OF TRINIDAD DURING NEXT DARKENING

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FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 151736 JANUARY APPLY. RECENT
TREND NORTH ATLANTIC TOWARDS SEVERAL VERY LARGE U/B
CONCENTRATIONS IN CONTRAST TO LARGER NUMBER OF SMALL
CONCENTRATIONS PREVIOUSLY USED. ALMOST ALL ATTACKS
NOW AT NIGHT WITH U/BS GAINING POSITION AHEAD OF
CONVOYS DURING DAYLIGHT. ANTICIPATE MORE VIGOROUS U/B
OFFENSIVE DUE TO RECENT CHANGE OF GERMAN HIGH COMMAND
WITH SUBMARINES OPERATING CLOSER INSHORE AND OFF HARBORS
AVERAGE NUMBER U/BS OPERATING WEST OF 26W 45. TOTAL
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ADMIRALTY APPRECIATES WITH CHANGE IN THE HIGH
COMMAND IN GERMAN NAVY A MORE OFFENSIVE AND DARING
POLICY IS PROBABLE IN SUBMARINE WARFARE.

2. SUBMARINES MAY BE EXPECTED TO OPERATE CLOSE
IN SHORE ON CONVOY ROUTES AND OFF ENTRANCES TO HARBORS.

3. ESCORT VESSELS SHOULD BE WARNED ACCORDINGLY
AND ALL NECESSARY STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT ANTI-
SUBMARINE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL ARE EFFICIENT.

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F-00	COMINCH U/B TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 10. A FORECAST OF
F-01	ENEMY SUBMARINE TRENDS IN THE US STRATEGIC AREA. IT SHOULD
F-015	BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE:
F-0015	ANTICIPATE THAT THE TWO LARGE U/B CONCENTRATIONS IN NORTH
F-05	ATLANTIC LOCATED NORTHEAST NEWFOUNDLAND AND ALONG 30 WEST
F-07	BETWEEN 50N AND 50N HAVING FAILED TO INTERCEPT ANY CONVOYS
F-1	DURING PAST WEEK WILL EXTEND THEIR LINES. ANTICIPATE THAT
F-11	ANOTHER U/B PATROL AREA WILL BE ESTABLISHED NORTHEAST AZORES
F-2	TO SEARCH FOR CONVOYS TAKING SOUTHERLY TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE.
F-3	THE U/B PATROL SOUTH OF AZORES WHICH RECENTLY ATTACKED A
F-30	TIA CONVOY APPEARS TO BE REFORMING IN SAME AREA IN PREPARATION
F-31	FOR ATTACK ON OTHER CONVOYS TRAVERSING THIS ROUTE. ANTICIPATE
F-32	THAT THE U/B'S WHICH HAVE BEEN PATROLLING OFF BRAZIL WILL
F-33	MOVE WESTWARD AND PATROL THE TRINIDAD/BAHIA CONVOY LANES
F-34	FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE FIRST OF THESE CONVOYS
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OFF PARAMARIBO. UP TO 10 U/B'S MAY SHORTLY BE IN POSITION FOR SUCH ATTACKS. EASTERN AND GULF SEA FRONTIER AREAS EXPECTED TO REMAIN RELATIVELY INACTIVE. ANTICIPATE SEVERAL LARGE U/B'S OPERATING IN SOUTH ATLANTIC IN NEAR FUTURE. IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOURCES INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW. AVERAGE U/B'S OPERATING IN US STRATEGIC AREA 60. TOTAL ATLANTIC 102.

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DATE 15 OCTOBER 1942		CTF 90 91 92 93	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0003	INFORMATION	NOB TRINIDAD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY /WHISNANT		NOB GUANTANAMO	ROUTINE
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COMINCH U/B TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER 4. ENEMY ACTIVITY OFF TRINIDAD EXPECTED TO DECREASE IN INTENSITY WITH ONLY 4 TO 6 U/B'S CONTINUING TO OPERATE THAT AREA. ADDITIONAL U/B'S PATROLLING SHIPPING LANES TO FREETOWN AND CAPETOWN. SOME HOMEBOUND BOATS APPEAR NOW HEADING CAPE VERDE AREA FOR REFUELLING RATHER THAN RETURNING DIRECTLY TO FRENCH PORTS. U/B CONCENTRATION OCCURRING VICINITY WINDWARD PASSAGE WITH MOST PROBABLE AREA FOR ATTACKING NG-GM CONVOYS BETWEEN LAT 25 N TO 30 N. INCREASED U/B ACTIVITY IN CARIBBEAN APPEARS PROBABLE. WOLF PACKS TO CONTINUE ATTACKS IN NORTH ATLANTIC DURING PERIODS OF FAIR WEATHER. AN ESTIMATED 30 U/B'S OPERATING THAT AREA. FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES BIWEEKLY NUMBER 1 APPLY. REFUELING SUBS ARE NOT FITTED WITH TORPEDO TUBES. PROBABLE ARMAMENT TWO 37 MM GUNS LOCATED FORE AND AFT AND ONE 20 MM GUN MOUNTED ON CONNING TOWER. LENGTH OF BOAT 213 FEET.

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61 U/B'S NOW OPERATING US STRATEGIC AREA. TOTAL ATLANTIC
107. ESTIMATE 140 U/B'S ATLANTIC BY JANUARY.

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RELEASED BY <u>BELLINGER</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>30 SEPTEMBER 1942</u>	INFORMATION	NOB TRINIDAD NOB GUANTANAMO RECLASSIFIED E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E) OSD letter, May, 1, 1972	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0655/2201</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>ROSS/PURDY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS ~~BY AIR~~ BY AIR.Date JUN 19 1974

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COMINCH U/B TRENDS. BIWEEKLY NUMBER THREE. HEAVY ATTACKS IN
 NORTH ATLANTIC CONVOY LINES AND TRINIDAD AREA EXPECTED TO

CONTINUE. ALL OTHER SEA FRONTIERS AND CANADIAN AREAS EXPECTED
 TO REMAIN RELATIVELY QUIET EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL MINELAYING AND

TEST OF PATROLS. NEXT NEW POINT OF ATTACK ANTICIPATED TO BE ON
 NG-GN CONVOYS AS U/B'S ARE NOW INFORMED CONCERNING DISPOSITION

AND ROUTES FROM U/B PATROLLING THESE ROUTES. THE MID-ATLANTIC
 SUPPORT GROUP HAS ALREADY PAID DIVIDENDS BY FRUSTRATING WOLF

PACK ATTACK ON CONVOY ON-132. FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES BIWEEKLY
 NUMBER ONE APPLY. SEVERAL ONE TWO USAND TON MINELAYING U/B'S

ARE IN OPERATION IN ATLANTIC. REFUELING SUBS MENTIONED IN COMINCH
 DAILY ESTIMATE ARE SIXTEEN HUNDRED TO TWENTY HUNDRED TONS WITH

FUEL AND PROVISIONS FOR TEN U/B'S. MAXIMUM SPEED ABOUT THIRTEEN
 KNOTS. MAY CARRY AIRCRAFT. RECENTLY INSTITUTED PRACTICE OF TRANS-

FERRING AVIATORS TO U/B SERVICE EXPECTED MAKE U/B'S MORE ALERT
 AGAINST AIR ATTACK. U/B RUSE OF SENDING SOS MESSAGES BY MEANS

OF RADIO EQUIPMENT OBTAINED FROM LIFEBOATS CONFIRMED. RUSE OF
 ONE U/B TO DRAW OFF ESCORTS WHILE SECOND ONE ATTACKS CONVOY

REPORTED BY P/W. EACH ITALIAN SUB BEING EQUIPPED WITH TWO AIR
 DRIVEN TORPEDOES FOR CIRCULAR RUNS WHEN BEING ~~ENCOUNTERED~~ PURSUED.

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TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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FIFTEEN NEW U/B'S HAVE ENTERED SERVICE SINCE LAST ~~REPORT~~
 REPORT. TOTAL NOW OPERATING IN US STRATEGIC AREA FIFTY THREE

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DATE 15 SEPT 1942		CTF 90 91 92 93	DEFERRED DDDDD
TOR CODEROOM 1528	INFORMATION	NOB TRINIDAD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY / F. KNIGHT		NOB GUANTANAMO	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		DECLASSIFIED	DEFERRED
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COMINCH U/B TRENDS X BIWEEKLY NUMBER TWO X WOLF PACK ATTACKS ON CONVOYS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN FREQUENCY WITH A GREATER USE OF DAYLIGHT SUBMERGED ATTACKS IN ORDER TO REDUCE U/B LOSSES BY RAMMING EXPERIENCED DURING NIGHT SURFACE ATTACKS IN AUGUST X EXPECT THAT CONVOYS CARIBBEAN GUANTANAMO RUN WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRAILED REGULARLY SINCE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF STRAGGLERS ARE GETTING SUNK X SWEEPS ASTERN MAY PROVE FRUITFUL X LOOKOUT SUBMARINE AT TRINIDAD CONTINUES ACTIVE REPORTING ARRIVALS DEPARTURES AND ROUTES USED X EASTERN SEA FRONTIER LITTLE ACTIVITY WITH OCCASIONAL U/BS PASSING ALONG COAST TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR AND SURFACE PATROLS OR TO LAY MINES X U/BS RECENTLY GULF SAINT LAWRENCE MOVING SOUTH FOR THIS PURPOSE X MOUTH MISSISSIPPI AND APPROACHES PANAMA ARE DUE FOR ANOTHER ROUTINE U/B RECONNAISSANCE X ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF SINKINGS OCCURRED IN CONVOYS X ABOUT TWELVE NEW SUBS HAVE

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DATE 15 SEPT 1942		CTF 90 91 92 93	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1528		NOB TRINIDAD	DEFERRED
DECODED BY /F. KNIGHT		NOB GUANTANAMO	
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ENTERED ATLANTIC SERVICE X THE NUMBER OPERATING IN US STRATEGIC AREAS DECREASED TO FIFTYONE BOATS ON FOURTEEN SEPTEMBER RESULTING PRINCIPALLY FROM NEW BOATS RETURNING TO PORT AFTER SHORT CRUISES X EXPECTED ACTIVITY IN SOUTH ATLANTIC HAS NOT MATERIALIZED X SEVERAL SIXTEEN HUNDRED TON REFUELING SUBS ARE BEING USED IN MID ATLANTIC TO EXTEND U/B OPERATIONAL RADIUS X FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES MY 312145 AUGUST APPLY X

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TOR CODEROOM 0415/0306	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY NEWHOUSE/NEWHOUSE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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RECENT SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON CONVOYS IN CARRIBBEAN INDICATE THAT SUBMARINES ARE NOW AGGRESSIVELY ATTACKING ORGANIZED AND ESCORTED CONVOYS. AS RESULT OF EXPERIENCE WITH KING NEGAT AND KING SAIL COMEASTSEAFROM CONSIDERS THAT THEIR SECURITY HAS BEEN DEPENDENT UPON AIR AS WELL SURFACE ESCORT. IF GEORGE NEGAT AND NEGAT GEORGE CONVOYS ARE TO OPERATE WITH RELATIVE SAFETY IT IS VITAL THAT THERE BE SUFFICIENT PLANES BOTH FOR ESCORT AND FOR THOROUGH PATROL OF AREA GUANTANAMO THRU WINDWARD PASSAGE AND PASSAGES NORTH OF CUBA. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO FURNISH THIS PROTECTION BEFORE CONVOYS START.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM	CTF 23	FOR ACTION	VICE OPNAV	PRIORITY
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FOR CODEROOM	0015/20	INFORMATION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BARBER			ROUT ~~RRRR~~
PARAPHRASED BY	JONES			DEFERRED

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UNDETECTED SUBMARINE COMMENCED OPERATIONS IN BAHIA AREA BY SINKING BRAZILIAN SHIPS BAIPENDY ON 16 AUGUST FOLLOWED BY FOUR ADDITIONAL SHIPS ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY. FORCE COMMANDER WAS HANDICAPPED AND EMBARRASSED BY LACK OF DEFINITE INFORMATION FROM BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. PLANES AND KILLER GROUPS PROCEEDED AREA WITH ALL DISPATCH ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION. SUB FIRST SIGHTED AND ATTACK MADE BY OUR FORCES AUGUST 18. REACTION IN PROVINCES VERY BITTER TOWARDS AXIS NATIONALS. OFFICIAL ACTION BEING TAKEN TO ROUND UP AXIS NATIONALS. BRAZ GOVERNMENT ARMY AND NAVY THOROUGHLY AROUSED. ENEMY ACTION HAS THOROUGHLY SOLIDIFIED PUBLIC FEELING IN BRAZ AGAINST AXIS.

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DATE	17 AUG 1942			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM	1800	INFORMATION	ALUSNA RIO ADVISED	DEFERRED
DECODED BY	CASEY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	COURTNEY			ROUTINE
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GENERAL GOMEZ ADVISES BAIPENDY SUNK SATURDAY NIGHT 15 MILES OFF REAL RIVER BETWEEN BAHIA AND SERGIPE. FIRST WORD RECEIVED FROM SURVIVORS LANDED ON COAST. GENERAL FARIAS ADVISES SHIP CARRIED TWO OR THREE BATTERIES SEVENTY FIVE MM MOUNTAIN GUNS FOR RECIFE GARRISON AND THREE TO FIVE HUNDRED MEN. ALSO THAT HE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL BATTERY SEVENTY FIVE MM GUNS BY LT ALITE WHICH ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT. ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS IN POSITION AROUND PANAMIRIN AIR FIELD AND FIELD GUNS ON COAST BETWEEN POTENGY RIVER AND PONTA NEGRA. GENERAL FARIAS AND ADMIRAL PARREIRAS EXPECT DECLARATION OF WAR IN DAY OR TWO. SINKING HAS AROUSED STRONG LOCAL FEELING AGAINST AXIS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ALUSNOB VICTORIA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 18 AUGUST 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2241/17	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY HARRINGTON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY WIDMAN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

(OPNAV ALUSNA RIO ADVISED)

ACTION

F-00
F-01
F-01B
F-0010
F-05
F-07
F-1
F-11
F-2
F-3
F-30
F-31
F-32
F-33
F-34
F-35
F-37
IG-00
VCNO

CITY INFLAMED BY WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT BRAZILIAN SS BAEPENDY WAS SUNK OFF RIO REPLSERGIPE. SUPPOSEDLY ONLY 27 OF 400 PASSENGERS SAVED. 15 OF PASSENGERS FROM VICTORIA. RUMORS STARTED IN OFFICIAL AND SHIPPING CIRCLES. SOME HIGH STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FEEL WAR IS IMMINENT IF LOSS OF LIFE IS AS GREAT AS RUMORED. RIOTING HAS BROKEN OUT. DEMONSTRATION FIRST OPPOSED BY POLICE BUT CROWD RULED.

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FILE: NAVAIDE...200P.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	COMCARIBSEAFRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	VADM WILLSON			ROUTINE
DATE	23 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1902/0042	INFORMATION	NAVOBS MARTINIQUE	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	SHEA/BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT -

REPORT RECEIVED SUBMARINE WHICH SANK PRESIDENT TRUJILLO
 WAS THEN IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS X WHILE ROBERT NOT
 RESPONSIBLE THIS STRESSES NECESSITY OF SATISFACTORY AGREE-
 MENT INSURE FRENCH TERRITORY NOT USED AS BASE AXIS OPER-
 ATIONS X WHEN OPPORTUNE INFORM ROBERT HE CAN EXPECT US
 PATROL TERRITORIAL WATERS WHEN NECESSARY BY SHIPS OR
 PLANES X ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT BE ABLE AGREE IN WRITING WE
 EXPECT HIM OVERLOOK VIOLATIONS OR MAKE PROTESTS FOR THE
 RECORD WHICH WE TREAT AS ROUTINE X INFORM REBER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM.

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACT	ADMIRALTY	ROUTINE
RELEASED BY RADM EDWARDS			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 20 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	OPENAVO LONDON	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2230/0818			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY EDWARDS/BERRY			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT PERSONAL FOR FIRST SEA LORD X			

WITH THE ADVENT OF COASTAL CONVOYS AND YOUR RECENT ADDITION TO CARIB ESCORT I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE MAY GET MATTERS MORE IN HAND AND EXPAND THE SYSTEM AS FORCES BECOME AVAILABLE X PENDING THIS HOWEVER I AM CONCERNED THAT THE VITAL GULF OF MEXICO LINK IN OUR COMMON OIL CHAIN IS NOW UNDER SERIOUS THREAT AND THAT THERE ARE NO ESCORTS FOR THIS ROUTE X MAY I ASK THAT YOU EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN YOUR WATERS WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER 15 TO 20 CORVETTES COULD BE TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED FOR A FEW MONTHS TO BOLSTER OUR COASTAL ESCORTS X WERE THEY AVAILABLE WE SHOULD USE THEM ON THE EAST COAST THE ESCORTS THUS RELIEVED GOING TO THE GULF

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