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FROM	CTF 94	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
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DATE 20 NOV 1944			3
TOR CODEROOM 201312	4		
DECODED BY	MC CORMACK	PD ULITHI	5
TYPED		PD ENIWETOK	6
BY		PD KOSSOLS	7
ROUTED BY	MC CORMACK	SCOFA CINCPAC	8
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		CTF 96 COM 3RD FLT	10
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(PD AT ULITHI ENIWETOK AND KOSSOL GET ACTION FROM
CTF 94. INFO SCOFA CINCPAC PDS SAIPAN GUAM CTF 96
COM 3RD FLT)

CONVOYS ON ROUTES MATHW AND TIMOTHY ATTACKED BY
JAP AIRCRAFT NORTH TRUK. UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS ROUTE
ALL TRAFFIC ULITHI TO ENIWETOK DIRECT FROM ULITHI
TO ROUTES AGNES OR DIANA AT MERIDIAN 150 THENCE
THESE ROUTES TO DESTINATION: FROM ENIWETOK TO ULITHI
USE ROUTE EDITH OR MELISSA AS FAR AS MERIDEIN 150
THENCE DIRECT DESTINATION.

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FROM COM 12TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY _____		COMINCH AND CNO	PRIORITY 1
DATE OCTOBER 26 1944			ROUTINE 2
TOR CODEROO 1828			DEFERRED 3
DECODED BY KOTEEN			BASEGRAM 4
PARAPHRASED BY _____	CHECKED BY ROWLAND	COMINCH AND CNO	PRIORITY 5
ROUTED BY _____	DITTOED BY _____		ROUTINE 6
			DEFERRED 7
			BASEGRAM 8
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THIS IS TOPSECRET. FOR COMMODORE HAMILTON. COM 12TH FLT SENDS ACTION COMINCH AND CNO.

I PROPOSE SEND FOLLOWING TO CFAW 7: "COMINCH 111649 IF ACTIVATED WILL REQUIRE FAST ACTION. SURVEY OF BRITTANY BASES REVEALS IMPRACTICABLE ESTABLISH FULLY OPERATIONAL WING THERE SHORT OF 2 MONTHS LOGISTICS PREPARATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BASES. COMMAND FEELING ON FAR SHORE IS ADVERSE TO FURTHER LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS THERE. IF FORCES ARE BASED IN FRANCE WE WOULD NEED A COMPLETE WING ORGANIZATION THERE. ON CONTRARY IF FORCES BASED IN ENGLAND WE PROBABLY WILL NOT REQUIRE OR DESIRE ADDITIONAL WING SET UP BUT ONLY AUGMENTATION OF PRESENT WING WHICH ALREADY IS ESTABLISHED AT A MAIN BASE WITH WING HEADQUARTERS AND LIAISON OPERATIONAL, COMMUNICATIONS AND LOGISTICS CHANNELS WELL ESTABLISHED. CONSIDERING WE HAVE ADEQUATE BASE AT DUNKERQUE WHICH COULD BE AUGMENTED BY SATELLITE FIELDS, AND PRIMARY MISSION IS CONVOY COVERAGE, BELIEVE

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TO: CODEBOOK			DEFERRED 5
			BASEGRAM 6
DECODED BY		INFORMATION	PRIORITY 9
PARAPHASED	CHECKED		ROUTINE 10
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NOT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL WING AND MAIN BASE IN UKAY.
CONFER WITH CFAW 15 AND TAKE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS TO ME AS TO MOST
FEASIBLE AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO READJUST AVAILABLE FORCES FOR CONVOY
COVERAGE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL COASTAL COMMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTENT AND SPIRIT OF REFERENCE.* REQUEST YOUR COMMENT.
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RELEASED BY	ADMIRAL KING			COM 12TH FLEET	PRIORITY	2
DATE	9 OCTOBER 1944				ROUTINE	3
TOR CODEROM	1729				DDDDDDDD	4
DECODED BY			INFORMATION	COMNAVFOR FRANCE	PRIORITY	
PARAPHRASED BY	LAWRENCE	CHECKED BY		COM 8TH FLEET	ROUTINE	9
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MY 222144 SEPTEMBER NO SHIFTS CONTEMPLATED UNTIL AND
UNLESS U-BOAT SITUATION, WHICH APPEARS AT PRESENT TO

BE WELL IN HAND, SO REQUIRES, SHOULD I ASSIGN REIN-
FORCEMENTS IT IS AGREEABLE THAT THEY REPORT TO COM

12TH FLEET FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT TO OPERATIONAL CON-
TROL OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR FIRST COVERAGE OF CON-

VOYS AND SECOND OTHER ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN THE
APPROACHES TO THE WEST CHANNEL AND BISCAY PORTS AND TO

BE BASED IN SOUTHWEST ENGLAND AND/OR FRANCE.

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TOR CODEROOM 0414			4
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ROUTED BY GIBSON			7
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ONS 236.

IN VIEW OF C 4'S 202200 BEING PASSED. W 6 REMAINS IN VICINITY OF 46-15 NORTH 49-05 WEST MY 201939 REFERS AND ABANDON SEARCH AS REQUISITE TO JOIN ONS 236 IN WESTOMP AMENDED TO 1600Z 20TH.

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COMNAVNAV REENCIPHERS CINCMED DESPATCH 191700B. THIS REENCIPHERMENT INFO TO COMINCH, CINCLANT, COMDESLANT:

PRELIMINARY REPORTS ON AIR ATTACK ON UGS 40 INDICATE THAT ATTACK TOOK PLACE AT DUSK BY 40 TO 60 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT. DIVERSIONARY HIGH LEVEL BOMBING IS ALSO REPORTED. ESCORTS CLAIM 11 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND AIR FORCE 5. NO SHIPS WERE DAMAGED. (2) ADEQUATE WARNING WAS RECEIVED AND CONVOY WAS EFFECTIVELY COVERED BY SMOKE BY THE TIME ATTACK DEVELOPED. ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS WERE IDEAL FOR SMOKE. US ESCORTS USED TODD SMOKE PRODUCING APPARATUS WHICH WAS APPARENTLY EXTREMELY SATISFACTORY. (3) SCREEN CONSISTED OF 16 ESCORTS AND CALEDON FIRING ALL-ROUND PROTECTION AT 4000 YARDS FROM THE CONVOY. COMPREHENSIVE AIR DEFENSE PLAN HAD

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BEEN PREPARED USING SECTOR GUARDS AND SECTOR CONTROLLER SYSTEM. FIRE DISCIPLINE WAS GOOD IN ESCORTS AND MERCHANT SHIPS. (4) SOME RADAR INTERFERENCE WAS EXPERIENCED WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN "WINDOW". AMPLIFYING SIGNAL WILL BE SENT.

(5) ESCORTS COMPLAIN THAT MK 14 GYRO GUNSIGHTS ARE UNSATISFACTORY AT NIGHT. POSSIBLE DESIGN TO INCORPORATE EYE-SHOOTING IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY CINCMED.

// (6) LACK OF SUCCESS OF COMPARATIVELY LARGE ATTACK ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO EFFECTIVE SMOKE, GUNFIRE AND INTERCEPTION BY FIGHTERS.

*RECEIVED AS 201406.

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(6) 34 9 (7) Gibraltar.

To New York

(1) Gibraltar (2) 25 N 10 W (3) 25 18 (4) 34 24 (5) 35 35
(6) 35½ 55 (7) 34½ 64 (8) Norfolk.

To United Kingdom (Southern route)

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From United Kingdom

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To United Kingdom (Northern route)

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From: CG Hq Mediterranean Allied Air Forces Caserta Italy
To: War Department
No: A.332 9 May 1944

AAA AGWAR Washington (R) Hq MAAF Algiers from Hq MAAF
A.332 9th May.

The following facts on air attacks on shipping off North African coast may be of interest owing to the large amount of shipping between coast ports it is impossible for the Navy to give a total tonnage and percent loss figure as for the Atlantic. The best guide is the number of merchant ships sailing along the Northwest African Coast in major convoys. This has averaged 224 ships per day from October 1943 to April 1944, or 47, 712 ship days, each of these representing a chance for the enemy to attack. During this time 16 M/V's have been sunk, 11 M/V's damaged, 2 E/V's sunk, 1 damaged by air attacks. To achieve this, the enemy has put up an estimated 362 strike sorties, of which he has lost 41 destroyed by aircraft, 14 by anti-aircraft and other causes. 8 probable, 29 damaged or burned 15 of his force destroyed.

It should not be inferred from the foregoing that we are complacent about the situation although in our opinion it is better than could reasonably have been expected bearing in mind the difficulties of countering such attacks when Radar tracking is seldom available and is never adequate due to low approach of enemy aircraft and lack of shipborne Radar equipment. Every effort is being made to do everything possible to combat such attacks and new methods are constantly under consideration.

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TOR CODEROM <u>221322</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>KOHOUTEK</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>KNIGHT</u>			ROUTINE
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BY *pa*, DATE NOV 9 1973

From: CG Allied Force Headquarters Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department
No: B913-912/17 17 April 1944
COSITINTREP number 283 part 2 signed Wilson cite
FERNA dated 172116.

for Navy
Hunt for U boat in progress which attacked convoy
UGS 37 off Cyrenaica PM April 16. SS Meyer London sunk and
Thomasarna set on fire. At Anzio April 16 slight enemy air
activity no casualties. 2838 tons discharged, mine sweeping
operations continued.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
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Transportation Corps,
Movements Division
SPTOM/565.2 England DB 6880

April 15, 1944

Commanding General
U. S. Army Forces
European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number WAR 23836

Cite SPTOM 321 signed Somervell to Lee for Ross pass to
Troopers reference your SOSTC 5778 dated April 13, 1944.

Change over from UT to TCU convoys is proposed to start
from UT-12. This would make TCU 23 on May 3 absorb UT-12
at 54000 spaces and 12 vessels; TCU 24 on May 12 absorb UT-13
at 55000 spaces and 18 vessels; TCU 28 on June 17 absorb UT-14
at 44000 spaces and 9 vessels; TCU 30 on July 5 absorb UT-15
at 52000 spaces and 15 vessels; TCU 33 on August 1 absorb UT-16
at 48000 spaces and 10 vessels; TCU 35 on August 19 absorb
UT-17 at 48000 spaces and 15 vessels etc. We have requested
the British Army Staff to furnish a 9000 lift for TCU 24 in
addition to the Highland Chieftan. Thus the George Washington
and Cristobal, both badly in need of repairs, will be started
on their arrival and come into TCU-28 thus balancing out the 2
groups. This would make TCU-28, 11 vessels and 53000 troops,
TCU-30, 13 vessels and 43000 troops, TCU-33, 12 vessels and
57000 troops, and TCU-35, 13 vessels and 39000 troops. If
escorted British lift is to continue after TCU 24 the numbers
will be increased by that amount.

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FROM CINCLANT		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 29 MAR 1944		USS MARBLEHEAD COMBATDIV 5	RRRRR
TOR CODER000 1742		COMNAVEU / COMSERVANT	DEFERRED
DECODED BY GREENE		CESE	
PARAPHRASED BY MIHALAK		USS AUGUSTA	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY SCRUGGS		COMDESRON 31	ROUTINE
		COMDESLANT	DEFERRED
		COM 1 THFLT C&R	
		COMINCH	
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(CINCLANT SENDS. COMNAVEU PASS TO ADMIRALTY)

TF 69. REAR ADMIRAL BRYANT IN TEXAS AUGUSTA
(COVERED IN SEPARATE ORDERS.) COMDESDIV 30 INCOWIE DESDIV 30 COMCORTDIV 19 IN AMESBURY CORTDIV
19 COMCORTDIV 35 IN CATES BURROWS MATTAPONI WILLESCORT CONVOY UT 11 SCHEDULED DEPART NEW YORK AND
BOSTON 6-7 APRIL TO UKAY AND RETURN ESCORTING TO11 WHEN DIRECTED BY ADMIRALTY. COMDESLANT PROVIDE
4 SHIPS ESCORT BOSTON SECTION TO RENDEZVOUS DIR-ECTED BY PORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK COM 1 COM 3 DEL-
IVER PORT DIRECTORS. MARBLEHEAD DETACHED FROMTASK FORCE 69. COMBATDIV 5 DIRECT TEXAS BE AT
NEW YORK READY FOR THIS DUTY BY 5 APRIL COMDES-LANT PROVIDE ESCORT FROM CASCO. MY 222225 NOT
TO ALL MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

FX37...COC

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RELEASED BY		CTU 57.7.1	PRIORITY
DATE 29 MARCH 1944		CTU 57.7.3	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0006		CTU 57.7.4	DEFERRED
DECODED BY FISHER		CTF 57	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY FISHER			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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I N T E R C E P T

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT INCREASED PROTECTION BE GIVEN TO SHIPPING BOTH BY INCREASING NUMBER OF ESCORTS AND MAINTAINING MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY AND PROTECTION BY ESCORTS. IMPRESS VIGILANCE AND ON THEIR TOES TO EACH COMMANDING OFFICER BY BEING READY. CAUTION EVERY VESSEL IN YOUR UNIT TO MAKE SURE ALL ASW EQUIPMENT IS IN PERFECT ORDER.

To Counteract Jap Subs which are trying to intercept Hawaii - Eniwetok Shipping -

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FROM PD NEW YORK		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DATE 23 MARCH 1944			ROUTINE
FOR CODER ROOM 232121			DEFERRED
DECODED BY WALP			
PARAPHRASED BY TOUPASZ		CNO	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY SCRUGGS			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
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CONVOY UT 10 NEW YORK SECTION. 6 NAVAL VESSELS USS
CINCINNATI. ANNE ARUNDEL. THURSTON. DOROTHEA L DIX.
CHEMUNG ESCORT OILER. HMS HADOB. ONE USAT. 13
MERCHANTS 9 CARRYING TROOPS. 23 SHIPS SAILED. MARINE
EAGLE LAST OUT DATE 13220 23 MARCH.

(Now using light cruisers, formerly
in anti-raider operations in S. Atlantic
on Atlantic Troop Convoys.)

FX37....COG

COMINCH....19....190....231....39....C.O.....BADO....

ANPD...NAVAIDE....230P.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT 1

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMNAVEU		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY
DATE 11 MAR 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 111834			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MC COMB			
PARAPHRASED BY PARKER / THOMPSON		COM 10TH FLT C&R	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY ROLL		DOUGLAS	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			
111431		NCR 4695	IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
			☐
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ACT CNO, INFO COM 10TH FLT C&R
FROM COMNAVEU. PASS TO DOUGLAS

CONVOY RA 57 ARRIVED UKAY MARCH 10 TOTAL
30 SHIPS. MYDIS 031629. AND 071736 MARCH
REFER.

FX37(WSA)....ACT

COMINCH...19...19C...39...20M...ANPB...

NAVAIDE....

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F-34		35
F-4		36
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FX30		38
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FX40		40
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DISPATCH	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTG 21.16		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCLANT RDO WASHINGTON	PRIORITY
DATE 8 MARCH 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1520			DEFERRED
DECODED BY JOHNSON			
PARAPHRASED BY BORSEY			PRIORITY
ROUTED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
FISHER	281109	NCR 2634	☐
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ACTION

(ACTION CINCLANT. MSS (RDO WASHINGTON) PASS
FOR CTG 21.16 (ORIGINATOR).)

U.S. DB
DURING NIGHT 3 TO 4 MARCH CORY FIRED ON VESSEL OF ESCORT

GROUP C 2 IN 49-01 N 28-02 W. NO HITS DUE DEFLECTION ERROR.

AT 2255 ORDERED CORY INVESTIGATE RADAR CONTACT TO NORTH WEST. RADAR PIP MUCH SMALLER THAN THAT OF DE HARD TO HOLD GAVE ALL INDICATIONS OF SUBMARINE. INFORMED CORY ONLY FRIENDLY FORCE IN VICINITY CONVOY HX 287. AT 2328 CORY REPORTED CONTACT LOST. ORDERED CORY REJOIN FORMATION IF NO SOUND CONTACT OBTAINED BY MIDNIGHT. LATER CORY REGAINED RADAR CONTACT CLOSED AND OPENED FIRE. CHECKED FIRE AND ILLUMINATED WITH SEARCHLIGHT TO RAM. SHIP THEN TURNED ON RECOGNITION LIGHTS AND GAVE IFF RESPONSE ON RADAR. CONSIDER FIRING JUSTIFIED BECAUSE (1) ABSENCE IFF RESPONSE BY TARGETS RADAR (2) FAILURE TARGET TO CHALLENGE WHEN

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FROM	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
RELEASED BY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
DATE			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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081139		NCR 2634	☐

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LARGER VESSEL (CORY) CLOSED (3) LACK OF INFORMATION CONCERNING INDEPENDENT NIGHT OPERATIONS ESCORT GROUP IN AREA. LAST INFORMATION ON THIS GROUP SAILED NORTHWEST FROM HORTA ON 29TH FEB TO RENDEZVOUS WITH CONVOY HX 280. TARGET ONLY VESSEL DETECTED BY RADAR UNTIL AFTER FIRING WHEN HMCS CHAUDIAR APPEARED ON SCENE.

RDO WASHINGTON HAS PASSED CODE TO CINCLANT UNDER SAME DATE TIME GROUP.

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FROM <u>CTF 61</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPED FLT	PRIORITY
DATE <u>7 MARCH 44</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM <u>2890/7</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>HANSEN/MEYER/VISSCHER</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HUNTER</u>		FOGMA, COMINCH COM10THFLT C&R CINCLANT, ADMTY COMMORSEAFRON	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>MORRIS</u>			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
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(CINCPED FLT INFO FOGMA COMINCH COM10THFLT C&R CINCLANT
ADMTY COMMORSEAFRON FROM CTF 61) FOGMA PASS TO ALL ADDRESSEES

USS CAMPBELL AHEAD OF COLUMN 10 UGS 344 THOUSAND YARDS
DROPPED. PATTERN ON FIRM SOUND CONTACT 062105Z IN

34-32 21-28. COCKRILL ADJACENT TO PORT 3700 YARDS REPORT
SIGHTING PERISCOPE WAKE TRIED RAM 29850 FEET DROPPED.
PATTERN AT 2100Z AND 2ND
PATTERN ABOUT 10 MINUTES LATER ON SOUND CONTACT. NO
RESULTS SEEN. CONSIDERABLE M/F TRANSMISSION PRIOR THIS

ON 394 AND 424 KC. BEARINGS TAKEN (GARBLED GROUP)
AREA SEARCHED 2 HOURS NO RESULT. CONVOY COURSE 171 ADVANCE

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CODE PASSED TO CINCLANT

COMINCH...ACT

FX37...16...20G...BADO...CNO...NVAIDE...

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(Ship, fleet, unit, district, office, station, or person)Reference Op-16-FT Serial 89-43, NEUTRAL SHIP ROUTES - ATLANTIC (superseded)
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)Source Official Records Evaluation A-1
(As official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with—
Identify when practicable, etc.) (As reliable, doubtful, unverified, etc.)Subject REVISED NEUTRAL SHIP ROUTES - ATLANTIC - CHARTS OF
(Nation reported on) (Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

ATLANTIC CHART SHOWING COMPULSORY NEUTRAL ENTRY LANES AND ROUTINGS TO U. S. AND CANADIAN PORTS. OPTIONAL NEUTRAL TRADE ROUTES. REGULATIONS GOVERNING RADIO POSITION REPORTS BY NEUTRALS. SIMILAR CHART COVERING SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA.

THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES NT-89-43, 27 DECEMBER 1943, UPON RECEIPT.

1. The accompanying charts, as revised, show routes ordinarily used by neutral ships in the north and south Atlantic. (Note paragraph 4.)

2. Compulsory entry lanes and compulsory routes were established by Navy Department and Admiralty directives so that neutral ships would be kept within certain specific limits of operation, would be subject to prompt identification and also would not ordinarily encounter United Nations' convoys.

3. Conversely, these lanes and routes are also to facilitate neutral identifications by air and surface craft engaged in escort or patrol operations, in that neutral vessels located outside of the tracks and routes in ordinary use become subject to special attention and challenge.

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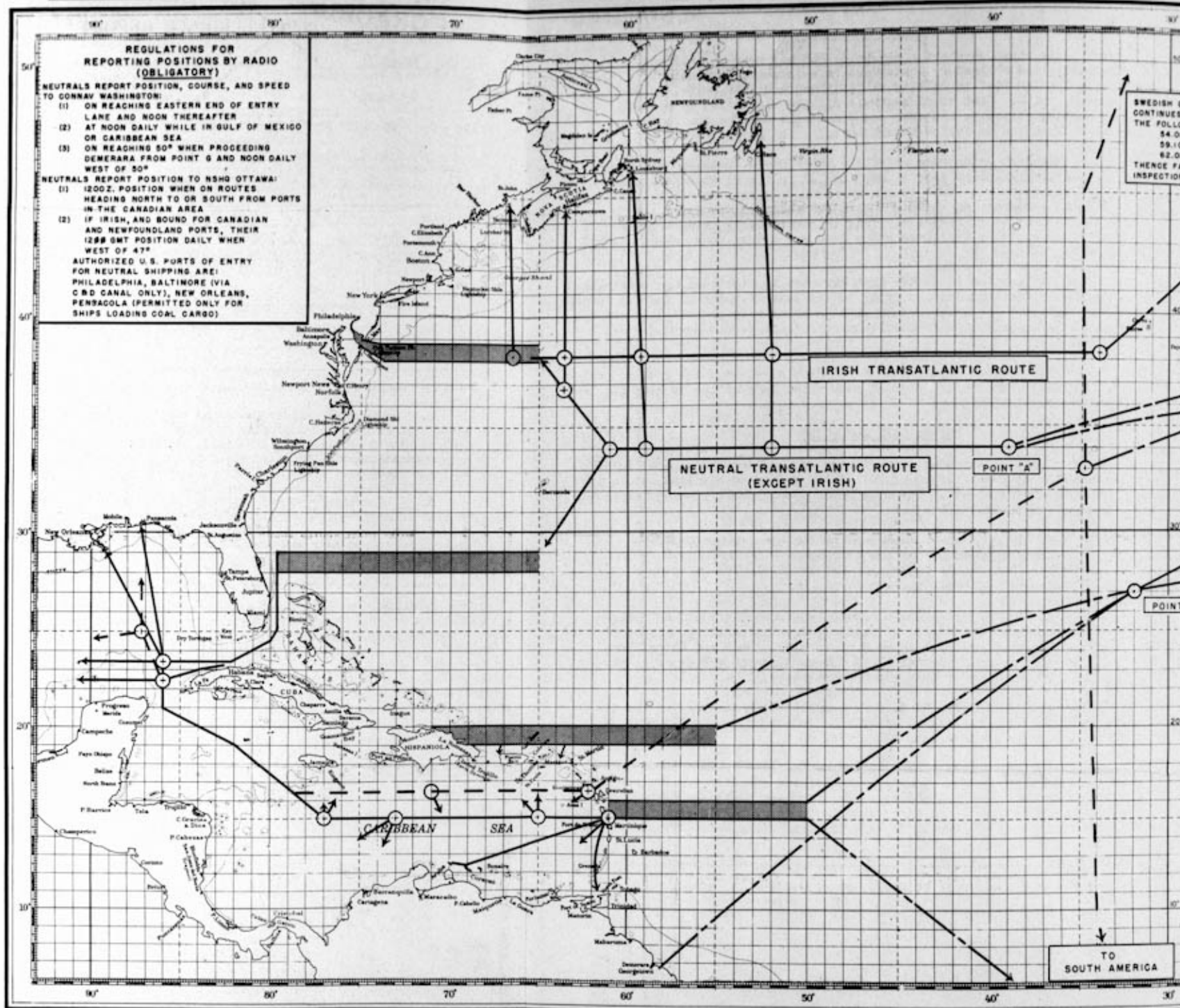
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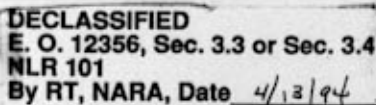
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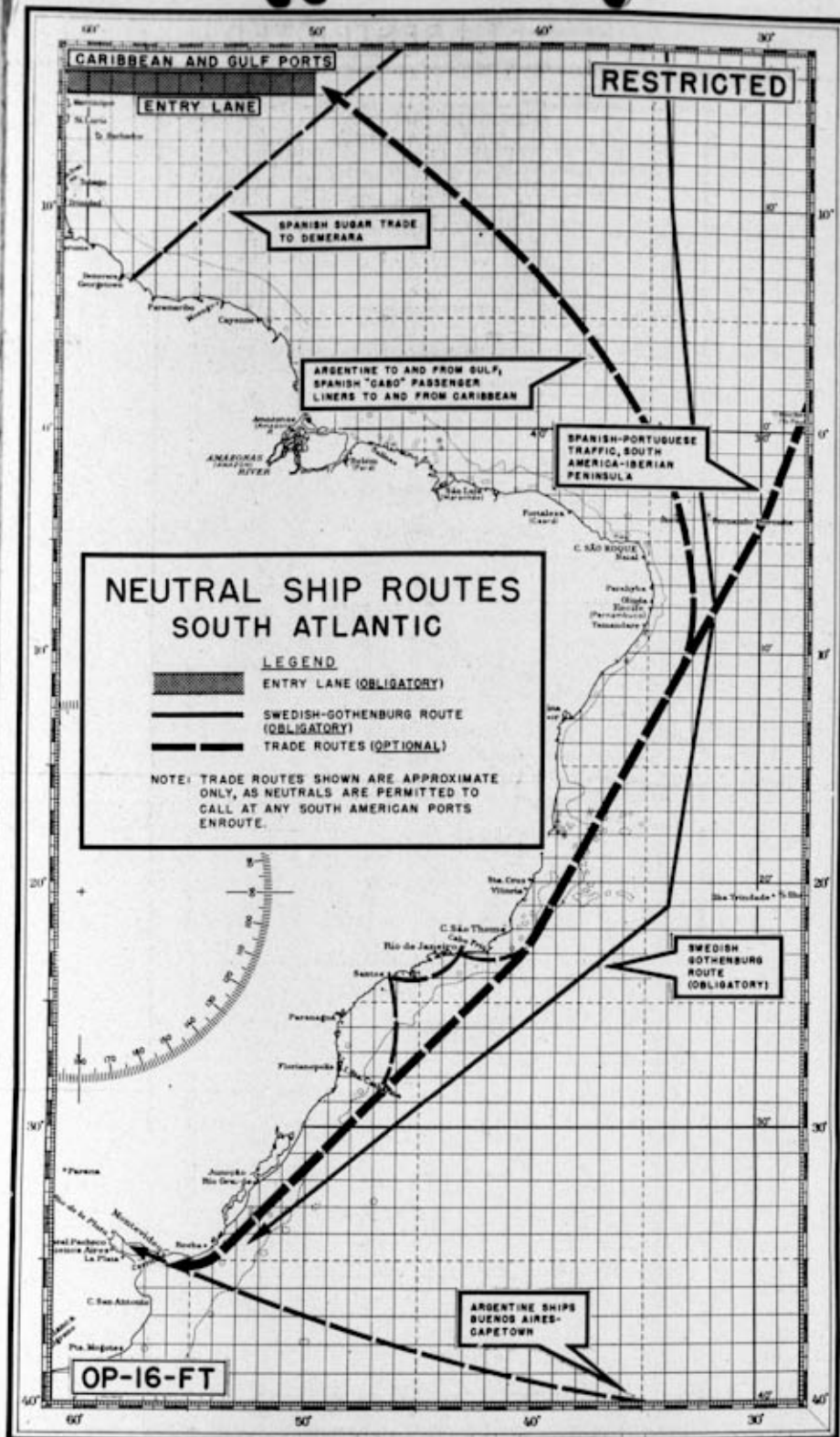
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4. As shown on chart a new point "Q" has been established. Consequently, new obligatory routes are in existence, particularly affecting Spanish traffic calling at Caribbean and Gulf ports, as well as Demerara, B. G. East bound neutrals will be instructed by United States Routing officers, and west bound neutrals will be instructed by British authorities to follow these routes.

5. Swedish Gothenburg vessels - those plying between Gothenburg and the Americas - follow special routings as indicated and operate under a special agreement with both the Germans and British. As can be seen from the the accompanying charts, the routes followed are different from those followed by other neutrals. This is particularly evident in regard to the compulsory Caribbean entry lane which Gothenburg ships are not required to follow.

6. Explanation is in the fact that the Swedish routings were ratified by the British and Germans prior to the establishment of the U.S. entry lane instructions, for which reason Swedish ships were permitted to use the old routes as an exception to Caribbean entry lane requirements for all other neutrals.

7. The Swedish Legation in Washington receives daily 2200 Z. positions from all "Gothenburg" ships at sea, which information is made available to the Navy Department.

U. S. SAFE CONDUCTS

8. U. S. safe conducts are issued by the State Department in instances such as repatriation of Nationals, relief to civilian population, and other humanitarian aid. The only United States safe conducts presently outstanding for neutral ships are:

a. Swedish ships under charter to the International Red Cross engaged in the transportation of relief supplies from St. John, N. B. to Greece; and the MANGALORE in service between Philadelphia and Marseille.

b. The Swiss CARITAS I owned by a subsidiary of the International Red Cross, which is engaged in carrying prisoner-of-war supplies between U. S. ports, Lisbon and Marseilles (See Op-16-FT Serial 83-43 for photographs and description of markings of this and Swedish ships.)

9. Application for U. S. safe conduct has been approved for the Swiss CARITAS II (Ex-Panamanian SPOKANE). This ship presumably will be in same service as in paragraph 8-b above.

10. Confusion concerning the use of the term "safe conduct" has been occasioned by the fact that prisoner-of-war supplies are frequently carried in ordinary neutral ships between American ports and Lisbon. These vessels do not require U. S. safe conducts but must obtain same from British authorities if they proceed on to Marseilles or other Mediterranean ports.

THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES FT-89-43, 27 DECEMBER 1943, UPON RECEIPT.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>SO ESCORT GROUP 35</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINOWA	PRIORITY
DATE <u>2 MARCH 1944</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0521</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>LAIRD-O'NEILL</u>		COM 10TH FLT C&R	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HERMAN-3 MJR (K)</u>		*SEE BELOW	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY <u>KNIGHT</u>			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
<u>020057Z</u>			☐
<u>NCR 28085</u>			
ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:	DATE	TIME	GCT

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

ACTION

*(CINOWA REPEATED CINOWA CONWAY ADMIRALTY AGIC
NSH OTTA A FONE COMMANDER (D) ARGENTIA
COMODORE (D) WA HOGG FROM SO ESCORT GROUP 35)

BY 012041.

HIS VINY IN AA GOT 104 FATHOM 30 MINUTE AND
96 FATHOM 5 MINUTE BEFORE 1ST EXPLOSION.

CONVOY WAS SOME WHAT DISPERSED AT THE TIME
DUE TO FOG AND ALTHOUGH NO EVIDENCE WAS SO
FAR BEEN OBTAINED IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SHIP WAS
TORPEDOED OR THAT A TORPEDO EXPLODED END OF RUN.
BROWLER SEARCHED FOR WRECKAGE IN ADDITION TO
HIS VINY AND NORTHERN REWARD.

FX-37.....COG, NCR PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTH. DIST.
NCR TOR 020618

COMINCH.....20G.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCCNA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION SHIPS ESCORTING CONVOY ON 225	PPPPPP
DATE 2 MARCH 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 020203		FOR INFORMATION COM10THFLT C&R; W9 ADMIRALTY: ACIC CINCPAC: HQCC NSHQ OTTAWA: FONF COMMANDER (D) ARGENTIA COMMODORE (D) WESTERN APPROACHES	PPPPPP
DECODED BY VISSCHER/TRUSSELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY MCKENNA			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY SCRUGGS			
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
012356Z		NCR 8404	
ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:	DATE	TIME	GCT

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(ACTION SHIPS ESCORTING CONVOY ON 225. FROM
CINCCNA INFO W9 COM10THFLT C&R ADMIRALTY
ACIC CINCPAC: HQCC NSHQ OTTAWA; FONF COMMANDER
(D) ARGENTIA COMMODORE (D) WESTERN APPROACHES)

AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES PROBABILITY
THAT EXPLOSIONS WERE CAUSED BY TORPEDOES
EXPLODING AT END OF RUN. YOUR 011420
AND 011241 REFER. (2) AFTER WESTOMP B5
GROUP IS TO REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF ON225
UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

FX37.....COG

COMINCH.....19.....19C.....BADO...16.....21G.....

NAVAIDE.....CNO.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM CINCCNA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OPOPOP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION SHIPS ESCORTING CONVOY ON 225	ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAR 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2032/01		FOR INFORMATION COM 10TH FLEET C&R ADMIRALTY: NSHQ FONF: AGIC; HQCC CINCCNA; COMMODORE D WA COMMANDER D ARGENTIA	OPOPOP
DECODED BY TRUSSELL/SCHUILLING			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY ZIMMERMAN <i>Baldwin</i>			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY REEGAN			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
011947Z NCR 8210			
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(SHIPS ESCORTING ON CONVOY 225 INFO COM 10TH
FLEET C&R ADMIRALTY AGIC CINCCNA NSHQ FONF
COMMANDER D ARGENTIA COMMODORE D WESTERN APPROACHES
HQCC FROM CINCCNA)

YOUR 011420 WERE SOUNDINGS OBTAINED AT TIMES
OF EXPLOSIONS IF SO REPORT DEPTH OF WATER.

FX37....COG

COMINCH...19...19C...BADO...16...20G...

NAVAIDE....CNO....

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	SO ESCORT GROUP B 5	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCCNA	PRIORITY
DATE	1 MARCH 1944		ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM	1957		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	GILDEA-SCHNEIDER	COM TENTH FLEET C&R (SEE BELOW)	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	JOHNSON-4 (K) /NZ		ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	WALLS /REEGAN		DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
011420Z			NCR 27806

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((CINCCNA REPEATED COM TENTH FLEET C&R ADMIRALTY
ACIC CINCCNA NSHQ FONF COM (D) ARGENTIA CDRE
(D) WA HQCC ESCORT GROUP B 5 FROM S.O. ESCORT
GROUP B 5))

MY 011425Z.

AT 1230Z 1 HEAVY UNDERWATER EXPLOSION WAS HEARD AND
FELT BUT NOT SEEN BY ESCORT AND SHIPS IN CONVOY.

NO CONTACT OBTAINED EITHER ASDIC OR RADAR. VISIBILITY
AT THIS TIME 1 CABLE. FURTHER UNDERWATER EXPLOSION
AT 1250Z. NO REPORT OF TORPEDOED MERCHANT SHIP EITHER
FROM CONVOY OR FROM HMS VIMY AND HMS NORTHERN REWARD
WHO SEARCHED ASTERN FOR 2 HOURS. HMS LAVENDER REPORTED
PROBABLE RECENT WRECKAGE SIGHTED AHEAD OF CONVOY BEFORE
1ST EXPLOSION. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION MINES, DEPTH OF
WATER

NCR PASSED TO FX-37.....COC

NCR PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

COMINCH....19....19C....BADO....16....20G....NAVAIDE....WNO

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM HMS PURSER

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

FOR ACTION

CINOWA

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE 14 FEBRUARY 1944TOR CODEROOM 1510DECODED BY COURTNEY/JORDAN/SOWERS

PARAPHRASED

BY SIRMAN (3) (K)

JOHNSON

CONTENTH FLEET C&R
FO CARRIER TRAINING
SO E.G. 39
*SEE BELOW

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

ROUTED BY HARRINGTON

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

IF OPERATIONAL
CHECK BELOW

141046Z

NCR 28692

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ACTION

PART 1 - 141042Z - NCR 28670
PART 2 - 141046Z - NCR 28692(CINOWA REPEATED CONTENTH FLEET C&R, FO CARRIER
TRAINING, SO E.G. 39, ADMIRALTY, NSHQ, FONF;
CINOWA, ACIC, COM (D) ARGENTIA, CDRE (D) WA;
HQCC, S&NO AZORES FROM HMS PURSER)400 MI. WEST OF PIN POSITION 042 56 NORTH 017 50 WEST SHIPS
PORTUGAL

ESCORTING OS 67/KMS 41 WERE ATTACKED MIXED FORCE
OF 7 HEINKEL 177 AND FOCKE-WOLF 200 AT 1210 12TH
FEBRUARY. ENEMY DETECTED BY RADAR AT 1852. 4
WILDCATS AIRBORNE BY 1902. SUNSET WAS AT 1838.
LAST FIGHTER PATROL HAD LANDED ON AT 1344.
9 10TH CLOUD, CLOUD BASE 2500. FIGHTERS
INTERCEPTED AND SHOT DOWN 1 HEINKEL 177, 1
FOCKE-WOLF 200 AND DAMAGED 1 FOCKE-WOLF 200.
NO BOMB IN CONVOY 1 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BOMB
1000 YARDS FROM HMS MIGNONETTE NO DAMAGE. V.H/E

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM HMS PURSER		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
DATE			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			
PARAPHRASED BY	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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TRANSMISSIONS WERE HEARD BY HMS ROCHESTER ON 48 AND 62 MCS 3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT REMAINED IN VICINITY UNTIL 2000. FIGHTERS WERE SWEEP FROM VECTOR GROUP BUT TOO DARK FOR INTERCEPTION. SQUADRONS ARE NOT TRAINED NIGHT FIGHTER AND ENEMY SAW THEM EASILY DUE TO EXHAUST FLAMES. ALL FIGHTERS LANDED ON BY 2040 WITHOUT DAMAGE IN COMPLETE DARKNESS STRONG LIGHTS HAD TO BE USED TO HOME THEM. WEATHER REPORT 5582 2885* POSITION TO NEAREST DEGREE 39 14.

*WEATHER PASSED AS 141845.

FX-37.....COG.
MCR PASSED TO MCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.
TOR NCR 1845/14

16...20G...BAD0...OP03...CNO/... NAVAIDE...

SECRET

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 69		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		ADMIRALTY	OP OP OP
DATE 6 FEBRUARY 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 060755			DEFERRED
DECODED BY WIGHT		COMINCH CINCWA	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY ROGERS			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY WILLIAMS			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
		060353	NCR 352
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(ADMIRALTY INFO COMINCH AND CINCWA FROM CTF 69)
 CONVOY TU 7 ATTACKED BY U-BOAT AT 060047Z WITHOUT
 RESULTS IN POSITION 47-03 NORTH 22-04.8 WEST.
 NUMBER INVOLVED UNKNOWN BUT 1 TORPEDO SIGHTED AND
 HEARD. CONVOY ON COURSE 193 AT TIME TORPEDO TRACK
 SIGHTED COMING FROM 237. USS GLENNON HUNTING.
 CONVOY SPEED OF ADVANCE 15.5 ON COURSE 212. WIND
 FROM 210 AT 18 KNOTS SKY CLEAR VISIBILITY
 EXCELLENT MODERATE SWELL. CONVOY WILL RESUME
 ZIGZAG AND CONVOY SPEED AT 0800Z SIXTH.
 WEATHER PASSED.
 COMINCH....ACT
 16....20G....FX37....BADO....CNO....NAVAIDE....

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCCNA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CINCPA	PRIORITY
DATE 22 JAN 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM 220316			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MOUNTAIN			
PARAPHRASED BY THOMSON			OP OP OP
ROUTED BY HILL			PRIORITY
		COM 10TH FLT C&R	ROUTINE
		ADMTY NSHQ FONF HQCC	DEFERRED
		COMDR(D) ARGENTIA	
		CDRE(D) WA	
		ACIC	
		SBNO AZORES	
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
220210Z NCR 9445			☐

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CINCPA INFO COM 10TH FLT C&R CINCCNA ADMTY NSHQ FONF HQCC COMDR(D) ARGENTIA CDRE(D) WA ACIC SBNO AZORES FROM CINCCNA.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED IN PART FROM CTF 24:

"FOLLOWING SOS INTERCEPTED BY NOB GREENLAND

FROM KGZE* SAMUEL DEXTER: "AT 2150 CRACKED

BOTH SIDES ACROSS NUMBER 4 HATCH"

T00 212325."

*KGZE - WAR CALL FOR SAMUEL DEXTER.

COMINCH...COG

FX37...16...20G...CNO...23...39...BUPERS...NAVAI DE...

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>C4</u>	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CINOWA	PRIORITY
DATE <u>22 JAN 44</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>220353</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>BICKEL/KARABINUS</u>	INFORMATION	COM 10TH FLT C&R	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY <u>THOMSON</u>		CINOWA ADMTY	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>HILL</u>		NSHQ FONF HQCC	ROUTINE
		COMDR(D) ARGENTIA	DEFERRED
		CDRE(D) WA	
		ACIC SBNO AZORES	
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CINOWA INFO COM 10TH FLT C&R CINOWA ADMTY NSHQ FONF HQCC COMDR(D) ARGENTIA CDRE(D) WA ACIC SBNO AZORES FROM FROM C4.

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ON 220 54-07N 23-45W 235 4 KNOTS (S)
 SAPPER ASSIDUOUS DETACHED TO ASSIST SAMUEL
 DEXTER CALL SIGN KGZE IN DISTRESS 54-48N
 22-45W* REQUEST SHIP BE INFORMED.
 ABOUT 50 SHIPS IN COMPANY
 WEATHER 4458 9568.

*COULD ALSO BE 22-48W.

WEATHER PASSED AS 220353.

COMINCH...COG

FX37...16...20G...CHO...NAVAIDE....23...39...

GUPERS....

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
CTU 02.9.8			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
FROM		FOR ACTION	COMGULFSEA FROM	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	17 JANUARY, 1944		ROUTINE	
DATE	333		DEFERRED	
TOR CODER ROOM	E ROBERTS		OP OP D	
DECODED BY	FORCE	INFORMATION	COM TENTHFLT C NDR	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	ROLL		COM EASTSEA FROM	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			COM 7	DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.				IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
170226 NCR 6494				☐

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SHIP NUMBER 32 OF KN 289 REPORTED TORPEDO WAKE
ACROSS ROM 2100Q 29-36 79-35. SOUND AND RADAR
SEARCH NEGATIVE.

off St. Augustine

COMINCH...COG

FX37...16...CNO...NAVAIDE...200...BADO....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMNAVEU		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CNO	RRRRR PRIORITY
DATE 16 JAN 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 161032			DEFERRED
DECODED BY EYER		COMINCH	RRRRR PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH /GZ			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY SCRUGGS			DEFERRED
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
151728			☐
NCF 6-87			

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(COMNAVEU TO CNO INFO COMINCH)

DAILY SERIAL 15.

AMERICAN JOSEPH SMITH CONVOY ON 21st SUNK (MARINE CASUALTY) IN POSIT 44-24 N 43-00 W 11 JANUARY. ENTIRE CREW LANDED AT ST JOHNS. FRENCH STE MAXIME IN COLLISION OFF CAPE RONE SUNK (MARINE CASUALTY) 13/14 JANUARY.

16....ACT

COMINCH...CNO...FX37...21G...BADO...00...

NAVAIDE...23.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM ALUSNA MADRID	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		CNO COMNAVEU	PRIORITY 2
DATE 14 JAN 1944			RRRRR 3
TOR CODEROOM 140359			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY GIDEON	DEFERRED 5		
PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH/RB	INFORMATION	PRIORITY 6	7
ROUTED BY REEGAN		ROUTINE 8	9
		DEFERRED 10	11
		DEFERRED 12	13
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			14
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(ALUSNA MADRID TO CNO AND COMNAVEU)

AFTER ATTACK ON CONVOY 10 JANUARY 3 GERMAN PLANES
 LANDED IN SPAIN. FIRST ON BEACH NEAR DENIA.
 SECOND AT VALENCIA. THIRD AT ALICANTE.

16....ACT

CNO....NAVAIDE...210P...COMINCH...13...FILE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCLANT (INDEF. CALL)</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CTG 21.16	PRIORITY
DATE <u>10 JAN 1944</u>		CTG 21.11	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>1634</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>REA</u>		COMNAVEU	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY <u>ROWLAND</u>		COMINCH	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		COM 10TH FLT	ROUTINE
		COMMORSEAFRON	DEFERRED
		US NAVAL COMMUNICATION	
		LIAISON OFFICER GIB	
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
<u>101607</u>			<u>XX</u>
<u>NCR 2426</u>			

ORIGINATOR: FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE

TIME

GCT

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

ACTION

ORIGINATOR CINCLANT. RDO ALGIERS GIVE CINCMED. COMNAVEU
PASS TO ADMIRALTY.

CONVOYS. MY 092012.

NOW EXPECTED PASS IN ABOUT 42 DEGREES NORTH.

HMS STRIKER IS WITH SL-144.

HMS FENCER SAILS JANUARY 14 WITH 08-65.

F-0	22
F-01	23
F-02	24
F-05	25
F-07	26
F-1	27
F-2	28
F-20	29
F-3	30
F-30	31
F-31	32
F-32	33
F-33	34
F-34	35
F-4	36
FX01	37
FX30	38
FX37	39
FX40	40
IG-00	41
VCNO	42
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(To correspond with SUBJECT given below. See O. N. I. Index Guide. Make separate report for each main title.)

From Op-16-FT at Washington, D. C. Date 3 December, 1943
(Ship, fleet, unit, district, office, station, or person)

Reference _____
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

Source Official Records Evaluation A-2
(As official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with—
Identify when practicable, etc.) (As reliable, doubtful, unverified, etc.)

Subject NEUTRAL SHIP LANES, VICINITY OF GIBRALTAR.
(Previous reporting on) (Main title as per index guide) (Synopsis) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish and Swiss merchant ships are likely to be encountered in the Atlantic approaches to Gibraltar.

First and last pages of this report give characteristic markings of these neutrals. Center spread shows shipping lanes used and approximate monthly volume of traffic for each flag.

IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS



SPANISH: Ship's name and Spanish flag painted on side amidships, with additional flags painted on bow and quarter; all illuminated except in heavy weather when high seas prevent lighting of bow and quarter flags. Flags on side bordered by white band 1/3 width of red stripe of flags. Usually have lighted vertical wooden flag on poop.



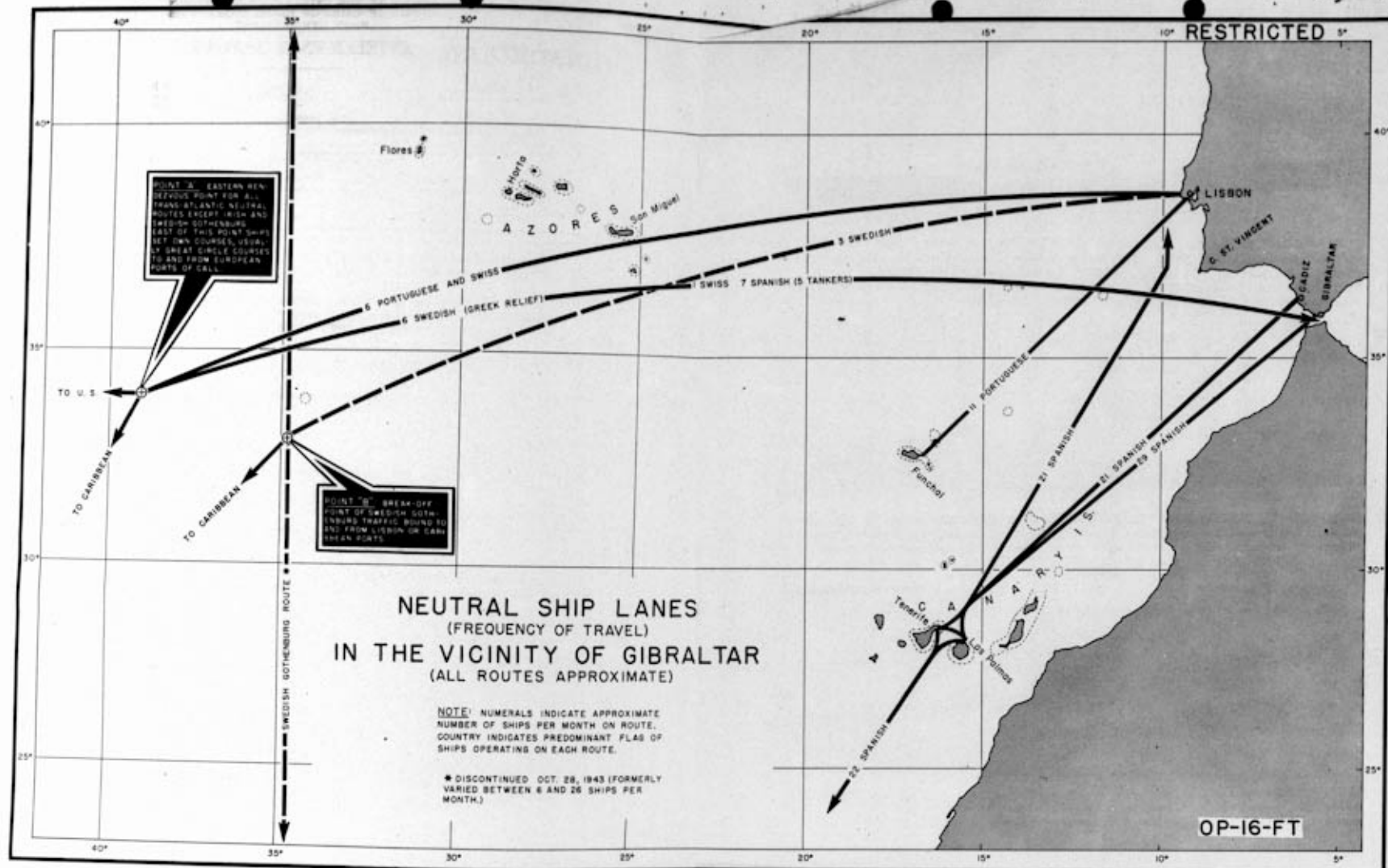
PORTUGUESE: Hull: Black with Portuguese flag amidships in white rectangle bordered by ship's name and "Portugal" in large white letters. Funnel: Bright red with black stripe 20 centimeters wide around top edge. Green stripe (not less than 1/2 height of funnel above upper deck) around center of funnel. Superstructure: White. Masts, ventilators, etc.: Yellow, (ochre).

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Volume of traffic on route from Point "A" to Gibraltar would be greater if west-bound Spanish tankers actually used this route in accordance with Admiralty routing instructions. In practice, however, these ships sail a Great Circle course to 15 N. 50 W., the eastern limit of the Caribbean neutral entry lane.

NOTE: Commanding officers are requested to report all sightings of neutral ships not adhering to these charted lanes - giving date, position, flag, and description.

COMMENT: For purposes of clarity, the above chart shows main routes only. Among other subsidiary routes in this area are: the Ponta Delgada - Funchal traffic of six ships per month; the occasional Point "A" - Funchal, Mediterranean - Funchal, and Tenerife - Funchal trades; the local traffic along the Iberian Peninsula, especially that which flows past Cape St. Vincent into the Strait of Gibraltar; and the northwest African coastal trade into the Spanish possessions, and French Morocco.

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SWISS SHIPS



- (A) SWISS OWNED: "SWITZERLAND" painted on sides bordered by Swiss flags. Lighted vertical wooden flag on poop. May have additional Swiss flags on side at bow and quarter. Swiss flag painted on funnel. Flies Swiss flag at stern.
- (B) GREEK CHARTERED: Same markings as above except fly GREEK flag at stern and funnel painted according to owner's design. (Not illustrated)



- (C) RED CROSS: "C. INTERNATIONAL" in black letters on white background on side amidships. Red Cross flag on bow and quarter. Vertical wooden Red Cross flag atop bridge or on poop. Fly Swiss flag at stern. Swiss flag painted on funnel.

SWEDISH SHIPS



- (A) GREEK RELIEF: Name of ship and "SVERIGE" in dark letters on light colored hull amidships, separated by a Swedish flag. Red Cross in circle bordering the above names. Vertical wooden Swedish flag on poop. Swedish flag flown at stern.



- (B) GOTHENBURG: On sides amidships "SVERIGE" followed by Swedish flag and name of vessel. Above lettering bordered by vertical stripes of blue yellow blue. Similar stripes also appear on prow, bow, and quarter. Vertical Swedish flag painted on wood, atop poop house. Numerous Swedish flags painted on roof of navigation house, alternate hatches and decks, so as to be visible from the air. Horizontal blue yellow blue stripes on forward side of midship deck house, Swedish flag on sides. Name of vessel painted on forward side of bridge rail.