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OSD Letter, 5-8-78

MR 442 (1) Sec. 1 - RUSSIAN CONVOYS

Includes:

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPART.

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ROULLARD, ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRR
DATE 2 DEC 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2112	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BOYLE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY TRAMPOSH			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

J ALLEN**(21410) NCR 1374**

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FOLLOWING NOT INTENDED FOR BRITISH INFORMATION.

ATTENTION FAYMONVILLE AND HARRIMAN.

BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT AND BRITISH NAVY IN ARCHANGEL HAVE BEEN DOING UTMOST ALONG WITH LONDON REPRE-

SENTATIVES TO LOAD AMERICAN BOTTOMS WITH CARGO DESTINED UNITED KINGDOM. THIS EMBARRASSES SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE

REPRESENTATIVES MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS OF PROTOCOL TO UNITED STATES WHICH THEY ARE

EAGER AND HONORBOUND TO CARRY OUT. IT IS ALSO LOWERING AMERICAN PRESTIGE IN SOVIET EYES AS THEY NOT ONLY LOOK

UPON AMERICA AS A BRITISH PAWN BUT BELIEVE BRITISH ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE BAD SOVIET AMERICAN FEELING BY KEEP-

ING RUSSIA FROM FULFILLING HER OBLIGATIONS. BRITISH SOVIET RELATIONS THIS AREA NOT GOOD.

F-37 (FOR HARRIMAN)....ACT

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ADMIRALTY	FOR ACTION	SEE LIST BELOW	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 1 DECEMBER 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH C&R	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1755			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GRAHAM			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROBINSON

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(ADDRESSED: CINC HOME FLEET, CINC WESTERN APPROACHES, CINC PLYMOUTH, CINC PORTSMOUTH, CINC MORE, CINC ROSYTH, F.O. ORKNEYS AND SHETLANDS, NOIC ICELAND, SBNO POLYANO, SBNO ARCHANGEL - REPEATED: ADMIRAL MILES, COMINCH C&R, BAD 946, NSHQ)

PASS TO FLAG OFFICERS IN CHARGE AND NCSSO'S DIRECTLY CONCERNED ONLY.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO ALLOCATE NEW DESCRIPTIVE LETTERS TO NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOYS. THE NEXT CONVOY WILL BE DESIGNATED: OUTWARD FROM ICELAND - J W 51 HOMEWARD FROM NORTH RUSSIA - R A 51 AND THEREAFTER IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

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MCR PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ROULLARD ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 10 NOV 42	INFORMATION	ALUSNA MOSCOW ALUSNA LONDON	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0856			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY MC MULLAN			
PARAPHRASED BY WIDMAN			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

J. ALLEN

090910 NCR 5616

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HAVE HAD TO RESORT TO UNDERHAND METHODS TO GET VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING CONVOY MOVEMENTS. WAS NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY THE BRITISH OF ANY PROSPECTIVE ARRIVALS UNTIL SOVIETS TELEPHONED THAT THE AMERICAN SS RICHARD ALVEY WAS AGROUND AT BAR AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. THE USEFULNESS OF THIS OFFICE IS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED IF INFORMATION HAS TO BE SECURED IN THIS MANNER ESPECIALLY WHERE U. S. SHIPS ARE CONCERNED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM FRANKEL-ARKHANGELSK	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 19 AUGUST 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1559			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY CONNOR			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY ROBINSON

181818 NCR 7840

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F-00	OWING TO ABSOLUTE UNAVAILABILITY SHIPS STORES IN THIS AREA
F-01	STRONGLY RECOMMEND SHIPS NOW ICELAND AWAITING NEXT CONVOY
F-015	BE SO INFORMED AND DIRECTED PROVISION TO CAPACITY BEFORE SAILING
F-0015	ALSO DESIRE 4 DRUMS STANDARD GASOLINE BE PLACED ABOARD ANY
F-05	SHIP NEXT CONVOY CONSIGNED NAVAL ATTACHE ARCHANGEL FOR USE
F-07	MOTOR TRANSPORT.
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F-33	ACTION: F37....
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 JULY 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1832/1812	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROBERTS/ROBERTS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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YOUR DESPATCH 281852. MERCHANT SHIPS MENTIONED IN THIS DESPATCH ARE LOADED WITH STORES FOR NORTH RUSSIA. TWENTY FIVE U.S. VESSELS NOW IN ICELAND (C) WILL SAIL FOR U.K. ON ARRIVAL WESTERN APPROACHES ESCORT ABOUT 3 AUGUST. ONE DAMAGED U.S. VESSEL WILL REMAIN ICELAND. THERE ARE NOW ELEVEN U.S. VESSELS, INCLUDING ONE DAMAGED AND NOW UNDER LENGTHY REPAIRS, IN U.K. FIVE ARE UNLOADING AND WILL RETURN DIRECT U.S. OF THE THIRTY SHIPS, NOT INCLUDING THE TWO DAMAGED, RUSSIAN BOUND TWENTY ARE SCHEDULED TO SAIL FROM U.K. IN LATE AUGUST TO JOIN THE SCHEDULED 1 SEPTEMBER CONVOY FROM ICELAND. THE REMAINING TEN MAY JOIN THE SCHEDULED LATE SEPTEMBER CONVOY FROM ICELAND OR SOME OR ALL OF THEM MAY BE UNLOADED DEPENDING UPON STUDY AND ARRANGEMENTS NOW IN PROGRESS.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ASTALUSNA ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 15 JULY 42			
TOR CODEROOM 1853/15	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY FERMIER/HARRINGTON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY KALAJDJIAN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

GERMAN**150630****NCR 3101**

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ABOUT 600 AMERICAN SURVIVORS FROM LAST CONVOY HERE.
 REQUEST ICELAND BE DIRECTED TO PLACE ON SHIPS NEXT CONVOY
 URGENTLY REQUIRED SUPPLIES NAMELY UNDERWARE, SHOES, SOCKS,
 SHIRTS, TROUSERS, CIGARETTES, TOILET ARTICLES, BEARING IN
 MIND THAT BRITISH SUPPLIES NORTH RUSSIA ALL READY ARE DE-
 PLETED PREVIOUS SURVIVORS.

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COMINCH REPORTS THE TIRPITZ, SCHEER, AND 8 DESTROYERS AT 7125 NORTH
2340 EAST, OFF NORTH CAPE NORWAY, RUSSIAN SUBMARINE CLAIMS 2 TORPE-
DO HITS ON TIRPITZ. COMINCH ALSO REPORTS CONVOY ATTACKED BY TORPEDO
PLANES, SUBMARINES, AND DIVE BOMBERS. POSITION NOT GIVEN. CONVOY
SCATTERED AFTER ATTACK. ONLY CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, UNLISTED, REPORTED
SUNK. EASTERN SEA FRONTIER ADDS THAT IT IS NOT DEFINITELY INDICATED
THAT THE ATTACKS ON THE CONVOY AND THE TIRPITZ ARE CONNECTED

COLONEL A R HARKIS, G-2 EDC

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DRAFTER (DUNCAN) MOSCOW	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 2 JULY 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 1436	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM SARNOFF			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PENNE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

FRANKELS MESSAGES HAVE INFORMED YOU SERIOUS SITUATION MURMANSK AND CONTINUAL ATTACKS HERE. PORT FACILITIES MAY SOON BE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AS GERMAN BASES ARE REPORTED ONLY 20 MINUTES FLYING TIME DISTANT. ADMIRAL MILES STATES HOWEVER, SOVIETS HAVE JUST INFORMED HIM ADDITIONAL BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS ARE NOW BEING SENT MURMANSK. OF NEXT CONVOY 8 SHIPS ARE SCHEDULED MURMANSK 27 WHITE SEA. MILES INFORMS ME SOVIETS ARCHANGEL THROUGH BRITISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE THERE REQUEST AUTHORITY UNLOAD CERTAIN AMERICAN SHIPS OF NEXT CONVOY AT PORTS ON WEST COAST OF WHITE SEA AND RELOAD WITH OUTGOING LUMBER CARGO. MILES HAS PREVIOUSLY TOLD RUSSIANS NO BRITISH SHIPS WOULD BE PERMITTED DISCHARGE OR LOAD THAT AREA DUE NEARNESS OF GERMAN AIR BASES COMPLETE LACK OF ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES OR OTHER PROTECTION NECESSITY OF LIGHTERING CARGO AND FACT THAT ONLY 10% AVAILABLE LUMBER

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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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CARGO IS IN THAT AREA. ASKED IF I WOULD AUTHORIZE THROUGH HIM SENDING SHIPS THESE PORTS I REPLIED THAT WHILE I WAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY IN THIS I CERTAINLY DID NOT EXPECT HIM, THE BRITISH ESCORT COMDR, OR OTHER BRITISH OFFICERS OR AGENCY TO SEND AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSELS TO PORTS CONSIDERED TOO DANGEROUS FOR BRITISH SHIPS... I CONSIDER US INTEREST IN RUSSIA SUFFER IN COMPARISON WITH BRITISH DUE TO FACT BRITISH MISSION HERE OBVIOUSLY TRY CREATE IMPRESSION WITH SOVIET THEY ARE BROKERS FOR AMERICAN SHIPS AND SUPPLIES. SOVIET NAVY INFORM ME THEY ARE EVEN KEPT INFORMED BY BRITISH OF MERCHANT SAILINGS IN PACIFIC.

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TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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LT ALLEN

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YOUR DISPATCH 211700 MAY. VESSELS EQUIPPED AS REQUESTED BUT ADMIRALTY WANTS THAT HYDROGEN CONTAINERS BE REMOVED FROM ALL US BOUND QP VESSELS AT ICELAND (C) DUE TO ACUTE SHORTAGE OF SUCH ITEMS IN U K. MASTERS OF US FLAG VESSELS HAVE BEEN INFORMED. REQUEST USNOB ICELAND (C) BE ADVISED TO INSURE CONTAINERS REMOVED THERE.

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DRAFTER COMINCH CBR		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES AMCON VLADIVOSTOK	PRECEDENCE PRIORITY
FROM RADM METCALF	FOR ACTION INFORMATION		ALUSNA MOSCOW COMNORWESTSEAFRON COMTASKFOR 8	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 24 JUNE 1942				ROUTINE
DATE 2210				DEFERRED
TO: CODEROOM				PRIORITY
DECODED BY PHILLIPS				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE PERIL ADDRESSSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS UNSATISFACTORY.

FULTON**241906****NCR 1254**

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TEXT PLEASE REQUEST SOVIET NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO ROUTE EASTBOUND SOVIET SHIPS NORTH OF ALEUTIANS WITH ORDERS TO CALL DUTCH HARBOR FOR FURTHER ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS. ESSENTIAL YOU OBTAIN AND FORWARD PROMPT REPORTS ALL SOVIET SHIP MOVEMENTS PACIFIC AREA. FOR TAECKER.

PASSED TO COMNORWESTSEAFRON AND CTF 8 AS 242258 NCR 1978
PASSED TO ALUSNA MOSCOW AS 241035

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FROM COMINCH	ACTION	DUNCAN, MOSCOW	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY CHAPIN			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 23 1942	ACTION	ALUSNA MURMANSK	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0018/1135			ROUTINE
DECODED BY SOMMERS/FIELD			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			
	OPNAV	BUORD	

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Attached
 YOUR 210817. PRESENT ALLOWANCE SHIPS PQ CONVOYS NOW IN
 ROUNDS PER GUN 20 MM 2400, 50 CALIBER 5000, 30 CALIBER
 3000, THREE INCH 100 AA PLUS 75 COMMON. WILL ESTABLISH
 POOL OF AMMUNITION AT MURMANSK BY SHIPMENT FROM ICELAND.
 REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR MAGAZINE STOWAGE FOR ROUNDS AS
 FOLLOWS: 800 THREE INCH AA, 25,000 20 MM, 50,000 EACH
 CALIBER 50 AND 30, PLUS REPLENISHMENT SHIPMENTS 200 THREE
 INCH AA, 10,000 ROUNDS EACH CALIBER MACHINE GUN PER MONTH.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM FOR BUORD, OP-12, OP-23

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FROM WD CHAPLINE	FOR ACTION	SEE BELOW**	PRIORITY ROUTINE
RELEASED BY 23 JUNE 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 1817/22	INFORMATION	SEE BELOW**	DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM DE LA MATYR			ROUTINE
DECODED BY HEINE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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don't have.
RE OUR 141504 JUNE INCREASE .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION FROM 2,000 ROUNDS TO 5,000 ROUNDS PER GUN SHIPS SAILING NORTH RUSSIA.

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MARITIME COMMISSION...BUPERS...BUORD...BUSHIPS...COMINCH...

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM VONO	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA, LONDON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY V. D. CHAPLINE			ROUTINE
DATE 22 JUNE, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1736	INFORMATION	MARITIME COMMISSION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SMITH			DEFERRED

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TEXT

YOUR 191542 VESSELS SAILING P. Q. CONVOYS ARE NOW DEGAUSSSED IN U. S. PRIOR TO SAILING. THERE ARE PROBABLY LESS THAN 30 SHIPS NOT DEGAUSSSED ON INCOMPLETED VOYAGES TO U. K. AND NORTH RUSSIA AND THESE WILL BE DEGAUSSSED UPON RETURN TO U. S. ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION VESSELS PERMANENTLY DEGAUSSSED PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

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FROM DUNCAN MCSCOTT	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 22 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0237			ROUTINE
DECODED BY IRWIN			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			

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REFERRING ADMIRAL STANDLEY'S MESSAGE VIA STATE TO ADM KING REGARDING SUPPLY AFIRM AFIRM AMMUNITION TO SOVIETS. YESTERDAY I REQUESTED ADDITIONAL AA AMMUNITION FOR 3 OUR MERCHANT SHIPS NOW IN ARCHANGEL. TODAY I WAS INFORMED MY REQUEST WAS BEING FULFILLED BUT WAS TOLD SUCH DRAINS ON THEIR SMALL RESERVE MAY SOON RESULT IN GERMAN PLANES FLYING OVER NORTHERN PORTS WITHOUT MEETING RUSSIAN AA FIRE. ADM STANDLEY DESIRES AGAIN URGE WE SUPPLY ADEQUATE AMMUNITION OUR SHIPS AND AUGMENT SUPPLY TO RUSSIA. REQUEST I BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

ACTION: **COMINCH.**.....
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FROM ALUSNOB MURMANSK	FOR ACTION	ALUSNA LONDON	PRIORITY RRRRRR
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 23 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	(PASSED BY ALUSNA LONDON TO VICE. OPNAV FOR ACTION)	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0436/23			RRRRRR
DECODED BY SHAW			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.
ROONEY 151630 NCR 9960

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TEXT

FROM BROACHED CARGO HAVE ALREADY REDISTRIBUTED MACHINE GUN AMUNITION ALL SHIPS MURMANSK AND IN ADDITION HAVE REQUESTED SOVIETS FURNISH VESSELS ARCHANGEL AMOUNT REQUIRED. AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES DISPATCHED FROM THIS PORT IMMEDIATELY UPON DISCHARGE* AND INCESSANT AIR RAIDS PLUS TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES MAKE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT AMMUNITION PROBLEMS BE MET WITH PRIOR ARRIVAL THIS AREA. RECOMMEND:

(A) ICELAND INSURE VESSELS HAVE SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION USING ANY MEANS INCLUDING BROACHING AND DISTRIBUTING THAT POINT.

(B) MASTERS OF VESSELS BE INSTRUCTED BROACH CARGOES ENROUTE IF CONSIDERED ADVISABLE AND DISTRIBUTE TO VESSELS NOT HAVING SUCH CARGO IF REQUESTED. THIS WAS DONE IN LAST CONVOY.

(C) A SUPPLY OF STANDARD AMMUNITION AND MACHINE GUN SPARE PARTS BE CONSIGNED HOME. I CAN ARRANGE SAFE STOWAGE OUTSIDE TOWN.

NOTE: SEE ALUSNA MURMANSK 151630 NCR 8134 WHICH IS THIS DISPATCH DOWN TO THE ASTERISK.

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DATE 6 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM BARNOFF	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HUTCHINSON			DEFERRED

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STRONGLY RECOMMEND INCREASE IN AA AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE IN SHIPS OF PQ CONVOYS. BRITISH HAVE INCREASED THEIR ALLOWANCES IN ROUNDS PER GUN AS FOLLOWS: BOFORS FROM 500 TO 1000. OERLIKON FROM 900 TO 1200. 30 CALIBER TO 2500. FIFTY CALIBER FROM 500 TO 1000. LARGER GUNS INCLUDING US 3 INCH TO 1000. ESCORTING SHIPS ALLOWANCES ALSO GREATLY INCREASED. OERLIKON TO 2400. OTHER GUNS TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY. REFER ADMIRALTY DISPATCH 23378/5 TO BAD STATING US SHIPS IN PQ 16 EXPENDED 97%, SOME USING AMMUNITION IN CARGO.

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FROM

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RELEASED BY

DATE

5 JUNE 1942

FOR CODEROOM

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PARTSONS

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TEXT

ACTION OPNAV INFO AMBASSADOR ALUSNA MURMANSK

DUE SERIOUS PERSONNEL SITUATION AS EVIDENCED FRANKEL'S
301130 MAY AND PREVIOUS REPORTS ALSO OBVIOUS LIMITATIONS AXEL
PEARSON'S AUTHORITY YOUR 011904 FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED.

1. THAT THERE BE AN ASTALUSNA BOTH MURMANSK AND ARCHANGEL WITH OFFICER AND ENLISTED ASSISTANT TO HANDLE OUR INTERESTS BOTH NAVAL AND COMMERCIAL.
2. THAT A STOCK OF FOOD CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES BE PROVIDED EACH REPRESENTATIVE TO CARE FOR OUR SHIP SURVIVORS.
3. THAT A MEDICAL OFFICER BE DETAILED EACH PORT.
4. THAT AN OPERATING FUND BE PROVIDED EACH PORT FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES SURVIVORS. WHILE ALL OF ABOVE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED NAVAL FUNCTION MY OPINION IS OUR NAVAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE MOST ACCEPTABLE AND WITH BOTH MILITARY AND SEMI-CONSULAR AUTHORITY CAN BEST PERFORM URGENTLY REQUIRED SERVICES.

SUGGEST POSSIBILITY RED CROSS DIVERTING MEDICAL AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES NOW BEING SHIPPED HERE TO PROVIDE PROPER CARE OUR OWN. AM CONCERNED THAT UNLESS EARLY ACTION IS TAKEN IMPROVE SITUATION NORTHERN PORTS THERE MAY BE DIFFICULTY MANNING

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RUSSIAN BOUND SHIPS AND AVOIDABLE HARDSHIPS AND SUFFERING BE
IMPOSED ON SURVIVORS. NO PERSONNEL AVAILABLE ITEM 4

YOUR REFERENCED DESPATCH.

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" CONF. - 011904

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FROM	WQS ICELAND	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE	4 JUNE, 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	032335	INFORMATION	BUORD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	ROSS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SMITH			DEFERRED

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LT KELLY

032221 NCR 9127

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TEXT			

MERCHANT VESSELS IN RUSSIAN CONVOYS INSUFFICIENTLY ARMED AND INADEQUATELY SUPPLIED WITH AMMUNITION. HAVE EXHAUSTED NOBI STOCK 30 CALIBER AMMUNITION IN AUGMENTING ALLOTMENTS AND ALL HAVE BORROWED FROM ARMY FOR THAT PURPOSE. REQUEST 200,000 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION BE SHIPPED NOB IMMEDIATELY.

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FROM <u>ALUSHA LONDON</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>3 JUNE 1942</u>			
FOR CODEROOM <u>1629/3</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>LLLOYD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>V TUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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BRITISH EMPIRE STARLIGHT BOMBED AND GROUNDED JUNE 1ST POSIT
MURMANSK. THREE CRAFT KG 40 FROM TRONDHEIM AND POSSIBLY SOME OTHER
CRAFT FROM BORDEAUX ACTIVE YESTERDAY BUT NO INFORMATION AS TO
MOVEMENTS AVAILABLE.

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DATE 3 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODERDOM 2151/3			ROUTINE
DECODED BY HEINZE/STATES			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			

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LT COPELAND**020030 HCR 9078**

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TEXT			

TEN ALERTS AND FOUR BOMBING ATTACKS LAST TWO DAYS. BRITISH
STEAMER EMPIRE STAR LIGHT SUNK IN SHALLOW WATER DAMAGED BEYOND
IMMEDIATE REPAIR AND ONE SMALL TUG SUNK. MINOR DAMAGE TO ONE
DOCK NOW BEING REPAIRED.

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FROM DUNCAN (MOSCOW)	FOR ACTION	OP AV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			R ROUTINE
DATE 1 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 2345	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY LAMMETTS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ADMIRAL MILES INFORMS ME THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY CHIEF NAVAL STAFF REGARDING NORTHERN CONVOY LOSSES HE STRONGLY URGED SOVIET-S TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION PROVIDE MORE AIR PROTECTION AND UNDERTAKE AIR ATTACKS ON GERMAN BASES FROM WHICH ATTACKS ARE BEING MADE. ALTHOUGH ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS MILES STATED TO RUSSIANS THAT SERIOUSNESS OF GROWING LOSSES MIGHT RESULT IN CURTAILMENT OR EVEN STOPPAGE AID THROUGH NORTHERN PORTS. MILES RECEIVED INDICATIONS NAVAL AUTHORITIES ARE MUCH CONCERNED OVER SITUATION AND HIS VEILED THREAT THAT CONVOYS MIGHT BE STOPPED ALSO HE WAS INFORMED QUESTION HAD RECENTLY BEEN DISCUSSED BE DEFENSE COMMITTEE. AS ONLY RED ARMY ARE EQUIPPED TO TAKE RECOMMENDED ACTION HELP MUST COME FROM THAT SOURCE. NAVY PROMISES TAKE STRONG ACTION TO FORCE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND HAS REASON BELIEVE DEFENSE COMMITTEE WILL SOON DIVERT NECESSARY FORCE TO NORTH.

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FROM FRANKEL MURMANSK (VIA MACKAY RDO)	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 MAY, 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1006			PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROSS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SMITH			DEFERRED

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LT KELLY

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(ACTION OPNAV INFO LONDON MOSCOW.)

HEAVY DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS PAST 3 DAYS ON SHIPS ANCHORED
OFF PORT NO DIRECT HITS AND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. WHITE SEA
STILL BLOCKED ICE AND PLAN BRINGING ALL SHIPS CONVOY MURMANSK.
BRITISH REPORT 6 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS OUT OF INCOMING 34 SHIP
CONVOY SUNK AND OTHERS DAMAGED. PORT WILL BE CROWDED TO AL-
MOST 3 TIMES CAPACITY AND ANTICIPATE HEAVY AIR ATTACKS.
PEADSON REMAINING MURMANSK.

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FROM MURMANSK/ FRANKEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 30 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 2321/29			PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY COLEMAN			DEFERRED

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CONVERSATION WITH PAPANOV ELICITS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

RIVER AT ARCHANGEL CLEAR OF ICE. CHANNELS AND ENTRANCE TO WHITE SEA EXPECTED TO BE SWEEPED FOR MINES NEXT FEW DAYS. VERIFIED DEPTH OF WATER OVER BAR 24 FEET. CONVOY OF 34 SHIPS EXPECTED END MONTH 20 TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ARCH-ANGEL. PLAN REMAIN MURMANSK INDEFINITELY SINCE MOST AMERICAN VESSELS TOO DEEP ENTER ARCHANGEL. PEARSON PROCEEDING ARCHANGEL BY NEXT TRAIN ABOUT 28TH.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1. In response to a question of The President, it is requested that information on the more important advantages and disadvantages be furnished relative to the carrying of war supplies (i.e., tanks, trucks, etc.) to Russia via the following route: North ^{PACIFIC} ~~Atlantic~~, Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, Nordenskjold Sea, Lena River (Russia), Irkutsk, and from there either east or west, depending on the particular needs of Russia at the time.

Chester Hammond
Major, J.A.G.D.
White House Map Room

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CHAPLINE	FOR ACTION		COMNAVEU LONDON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY MAY 21 1942				ROUTINE
DATE 1913/21	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM BRINKLEY				PPPPP
DECODED BY JONES				PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY LT KELLY				ROUTINE
				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT REQUEST YOU ARRANGE WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES EQUIP UNITED STATES FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS BOUND NORTH RUSSIA WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BALLON EQUIPMENT YOUR 190933. MARITIME COMMISSION BEING REQUESTED HEREAFTER TO EQUIP VESSELS BOUND NORTH RUSSIA WITH MAST HEAD FLYING OFF BLOCKS AND WINCHES PRIOR TO LEAVING UNITED STATES PORTS X UNTIL BALLOONS AND HYDROGEN CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE IN UNITED STATES REQUEST BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARRANGE SUPPLY THIS EQUIPMENT X IF SPECIAL WINCHES ARE REQUIRED IT WILL PROBABLY BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY CAN BE INSTALLED ON VESSELS IN UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE XNX: THIS ITEM X

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FROM	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRR
RELEASED BY 22 MAY 1942.			ROUTINE
DATE 2214/21.	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM STOKSTAD			PRIORITY
DECODED BY GERMAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

GERMAN**201105 NCR 1145**

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TEXT

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RUSSIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES THE DEFENDED AREA IN LAPEROUSE IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY LINE JOINING CAPE SOVIN AND CAPE MOSAMU ON THE EAST BY LINE JOINING CAPE TIEIYA, NIZYO ISLAND AND CAPE TOKIMAE. THERE ARE TWO CHANNELS:

SOUTHERN: POSITION OF ENDS MEAN LINE 18° FROM CAPE SENYAPOO-MISAKI LIGHT HOUSE DISTANCE 4.8 MILES AND 48° FROM SOYA LIGHT HOUSE DISTANCE 19.5 MILES.

NORTHERN: MEAN LINE EAST TO WEST 4 MILES SOUTH OF CAPE NISEI TORO EACH CHANNEL 2 MILES WIDE. LENGTH DETERMINED BY BOUNDERIES OF DEFENDED AREA NEITHER CHANNEL MARKED. PASSAGE PERMITTED ONLY SUNRISE TO SUNSET. ANCHORING IN APPROACHES FORBIDDEN.

ORANGE AUTHORITIES REQUIRE TEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE WITH NAME AND REGISTERED TONNAGE SHIP WHETHER ARMED OR NOT DESCRIPTION EXTERNAL APPEARANCE INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH IF POSSIBLE.

DEFENDED AREA IN TSHUSHIMA STRAITS ON NORTH SIDE LOCATED WEST AND NORTHWEST OF LINE JOINING KOTAN-KO LIGHT HOUSE POINT 35-00 NORTH 129-14 EAST POINT 34-32 NORTH 128-45 EAST

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SHIPS PROCEEDING FROM PETROPAYLOVSK OR AMERICAN WATERS THROUGH TSHUSHIMA STRAITS MUST ALSO RESPECT DEFENDED ZONE RUNNING FROM KIU-SIU AND KNONSIU ISLANDS TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

BOUNDARIES THIS AREA ARE CONTINUATION OF DEFENDED ZONE ON SOUTHERN SIDE FROM POINT 32-00 NORTH 128-00 EAST THROUGH SOUTHERN EXTREMITY YAKUSIMA ISLAND, TORISIMA ISLAND POINT 32-00 NORTH 144-00 EAST POINT 36-00 NORTH 147-00 EAST POINT 40-00 NORTH 148-00 EAST.

SHIPS MAY NAVIGATE ONLY IN PASSAGE WITHIN LIMITS ABOVE OUTLINED AND NO MARKERS OR BUOYS ARE PROVIDED. FIVE TO TEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO GETHER WITH SAME INFORMATION SPECIFIED FOR PASSAGE LAPEROUSE.

STRAITS ARE PATROLLED BOTH BY SURFACE AND AIR CRAFT BUT DETAILS PATROL NOT AVAILABLE. IN MAJORITY CASES SOVIET MERCHANT MEN HAVE ENCOUNTERED ORANGE PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN

APPROACHES TO TSHUSHIMA ISLAND. RUSSIANS STATE THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING MINEFIELDS IN THE STRAITS. SOVIETS HAVE NO COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION ORANGE MINES

BUT ARE ASSEMBLING FOR OUR BENEFIT SUCH PARTICULARS AS THEY POSSESS.

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ADMIRALTY HAS DIRECTED THAT BRITISH AND EUROPEAN ALLIED VESSELS ASSIGNED TO NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOYS SHALL BE SUPPLIED WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BALLONS IN BAGS FOR USE IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO AIR ATTACK. BALLOON DEFENSE CONSIDERED MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN A MAJORITY OF SHIPS IN CONVOY ARE FLYING THEM. COMNAVEU RECOMMENDS THAT HEREAFTER U.S. FLAG VESSELS DESTINED FOR THESE CONVOYS BE FITTED WITH MAST HEAD FLYING OFF BLOCKS AND WINCHES PRIOR TO LEAVING AMERICAN PORTS. IF DESIRED AND AS TEMPORARY MEASURE, ADMIRALTY WILL SUPPLY SUCH VESSELS WITH BALLOONS AND HYDROGEN CONTAINERS UNTIL A STANDARD AMERICAN SUPPLY IS ESTABLISHED. FULL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BALLOONS AND GEAR CONTAINED IN ALUSNA 606 OF 22 APRIL, 1941. IF DESIRED, WILL ARRANGE TO EQUIP THOSE U.S. FLAG VESSELS NOW AWAITING NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOYS IN BRITISH PORTS WHERE SAME CAN BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY. REQUEST DECISION AND INFORMATION AS TO ADOPTION OF GENERAL POLICY.

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TEXT NAVCOM 121835* MY 151040 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"MY MOVEMENT SERIAL 12. INFORMED BY BRITISH THAT STEAMERS EL OCCIDENTE AND KIEV AND EMPIRE COUPER SUNK BY ENEMY ACTION OFF NORWEGIAN COAST.

"SHIP MOVEMENT IN KOLA INLET STOPPED LAST 2 DAYS AND CHANNEL CAREFULLY SWEEPED. DAE REPORTED DROPPING OF MINES FROM AIR. THIS SUBSTANTIATED BY UNACCOUNTABLE EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED OPPOSITE SHORE YESTERDAY."

ALL REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION AND REPETITION HAVE BEEN ANSWERED ON DATES OF RECEIPT.

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ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS HAVE DISCUSSED SUMMER EXPEDITION VIA NORTHEAST PASSAGE . NO DEFINITE PLAN OR PLANS YET MADE GENERALLY CONSIDERING ROUTE MOST UNECONOMICAL COMPARED WITH PRESENT LINE OF SUPPLY. THEY DESIRE RESORT TO IT ONLY IF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS SHARPLY CURTAIL DELIVERIES PRESENT ROUTES. AM INFORMED THAT DELIVERIES VIA NORTHERN RIVER PORTS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. WILL WATCH FOR AND INFORM YOU OF FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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Captain
Russian Navy
1st of the
Archangel
Murmansk

DUE FACT ICE STILL IN WHITE SEA DISPOSITION OF NEXT CONVOY NOT DEFINITELY DECIDED.

40 miles SW *10 miles north*
PAPANIN STATES SUMMER PLAN HANDLE FORTY SHIPS SIMULTANEOUSLY

THIRTEEN AT DUKARITSA SIX AT EKONOMIA SIX AT MOLOTOVSK THREE

AT ARCHANGEL ROADS FOR BARGE TRANSHIPMENT TO KOTLAS AND TWELVE AT

MURMANSK.

up the Dvina
20 miles
BY OPINION MAXIMUM OF TWENTY WHITE SEA AND TEN MURMANSK PRACTICABLE IF CONVOYS ARE TO HAVE TEN DAY TURN AROUND.

NINE ALERTS AND ONE AIR RAID PAST TWO DAYS.

AMERICAN STEAMERS ZEBULON VANCE AND TOPA TOPA SUFFERED NEAR MISSES BUT NO DAMAGE. NO DAMAGE TO PORT AND NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE TO WAR MATERIALS.

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DEPUTY CHIEF NAVAL STAFF INFORMED MILES
SOVIETS PROPOSE TO ASK AGAIN FOR U. S.
AND BRITISH ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTION OF
CONVOYS IN NORTHERN ROUTE.

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DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BRING ALL 25 SHIPS OF NEXT CONVOY DUE SIX MAY INTO MURMANSK AND DISPOSE ALONG KOLA INLET UNLOADING IN GROUPS. 17 OF ~~XXXXXX~~ THESE ARE FROM US AND SEVERAL HAVE EXCESSIVE DRAFTS WHICH WILL PERMIT UNLOADING ONLY DURING FLOOD TIDES. ~~XX~~ CONDITIONS IN WHITE SEA STILL HAZARDOUS FROM VIEW POINT OF ICE WHICH ALSO PREVENTS PROPER SWEEPING FOR MINES. PORT NOW CLEARED AND DAMAGED SHIPS AWAY FROM BERTHS MAKING 11 AVAILABLE FOR INCOMING CONVOY. NO AIR ACTIVITY LAST WEEK. SOVIETS CLAIM HEAVY BOMBING ENEMY AIRDROMES.

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PORTS ALONG THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE INTERIOR BY RIVER (FROM EAST TO WEST)

MAP OF RUSSIAN ARCTIC SEA ROUTE, - Appendix "A"

1. Distances
2. Rivers from Arctic Ports
3. Main roads and railways
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BRIEF

(Note: Caution should be exercised in utilizing the information contained in this report; in fact, the only information contained herein which can be considered reliable is that on the Port of Igarka on the Yenisei River.)

This report contains a resume of all available information on the Northern Sea Route (from East to West), and river and motor transportation from that route to the railroad system of the U.S.S.R. The Kolima, Lena, Yenisei and Ob Rivers have been discussed at length, as well as the possible supply routes over the new Vorkuta-Ukhta-Kotlas Railroad, and the Pechora River System farther west.

The subject matter is divided into 4 general headings:

The Northern Sea Route in General.

Air Facilities Along the Northern Sea Route.

Siberian Rivers and their Ports.

Ports along the Northern Sea Route, not Connected with the South by Rivers.

A map showing the Northeastern Supply Routes of the U.S.S.R., is attached.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE ON SUPPLY ROUTES TO RUSSIA

If the Finns and Germans take the important rail junction of Sorokka (Belomorsk), at which place the connecting railroad running west from the Archangel-Vologda-Moscow line joins the Murmansk-Leningrad railroad, - then no supplies landed at Murmansk can be shipped inland.

Once in possession of the junction, Belomorsk, the Germans and Finns could quite easily cut the railway from Archangel by bombing, and thus make it impossible to ship supplies southward by railway from Russian White Sea Ports.

Then, too, increasing attacks on convoys bound for Murmansk and Archangel must be anticipated.

These three moves would prohibit any appreciable amount of supplies from reaching North Russia.

Due to the Japanese situation, and the desire of the Soviets not to provoke any Japanese action at this time, no war supplies are reaching Vladivostok.

The sea route to Persian Gulf ports is being increasingly menaced by the Japanese, and if they establish sea and air bases on Australia, this route would be in serious jeopardy.

It so happens that, at the time when icebreakers are needed on the Northern Sea Route in the summer, there will be no use for them in any part of the world.

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IN GENERAL

Because of the increasing urgency to supply Russia with war materials of all kinds, and because of the limited import capacity of the Soviet Union, which are being further restricted by the actions of the Axis nations, the advisability of using the Bering Strait - Arctic Ocean Route is becoming increasingly more apparent.

During the past few years, the problem of opening up the Arctic Ocean has become a matter of national importance to the Russian people. The Soviet Union possesses one half of the Arctic regions of the world; her Arctic boundary is about 18,750 miles in length. About 40% of this total area is situated in the Far North. Their goal is the establishment of a regular line of merchant ships which would navigate this area during the comparatively short navigable period of 3 months. Ships are aided by a network of airlines, Polar and Radio Stations, as well as by icebreakers.

Plans for this service have been developed to a remarkable degree; from 1933, when only 30 ships were engaged in this traffic to 1939, when 104 took part. Much work, however, must still be done especially in the east where harbor and discharge facilities all along the Northern Sea Route are in many places completely lacking and boats must wait for days to unload a small quantity of cargo. What are needed are small inexpensive ports, with simple unloading equipment, wharves and docks. The Russians claim that new ports are now being built at Port Dikson, Tiksi Bay and Providence Bay. At Dikson ships will be able to bunker and load water; at Tiksi Bay, goods will be distributed.

In 1939, the Soviet authorities said that all the 104 ships traversing this route were bunkered with Arctic coal from the mines near the Kolima, Lena and Yenesei Rivers, but remarked that supplies of other fuel should be established along this route.

Although the distances from Seattle to the northern ports of Russia are great, this is largely outweighed by the safety from enemy action. The only time when merchant ships might at all be subject to enemy action is for the comparatively short distance of 630 miles from Unimak Pass to Providence Bay in Bering Strait.

DISTANCES ALONG ARCTIC SEA ROUTE

Seattle - Ambarchik (Port for Kolima River traffic) - - 3,235 miles
" - Tiksi Bay (Port for Lena River traffic) - - - 4,085 "
" - Port Dikson (Port for Yenesei River traffic) - 5,317 "
" - Novy Port (Port for Ob River traffic) - - - - 5,849 "

Break-down of above:

Seattle	- Unimak Pass	- 1,605 miles
Unimak Pass	- Providence Bay	- 630 "
Providence Bay	- Ambarchik	- 1,000 "
Ambarchik	- Tiksi Bay	- 850 "
Tiksi Bay	- Port Dikson	- 1,232 "
Port Dikson	- Novy Port	- 532 "
		Total 5,849 miles.

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

In order to facilitate navigation of the Arctic Ocean, many landing fields for ice reconnaissance planes have been constructed, their locations are set forth in another portion of this report. In addition, various radio stations and Polar Stations have been constructed along the route. These Polar Stations are for the purpose of collecting meteorological and other scientific data as well as, in many instances being equipped with wireless sending and receiving sets, used to aid navigation. It has been reported that 105 radio stations and 59 Polar Stations have been built to date. The most important Radio Stations are:

Ankherino	Dikson	New Siberian Islands	Udskilen
Ankher	Dudinka	Nordvik Bay	Wrangel Island
Cape Billings	Igarika	Novy Port	Ust-Labret
Balkan	Kirensk	Providence Bay	Zhigansk
Cape Chaplin	Markovo	St. Lawrence Bay	Zyrtinsk
Doshnev	Cape Medvezhi	Cape Schmidt	

The most important Polar Stations are:

Ankherchik	Cape Chaliuskin	Cape Nordvik	Udskilen
Ankheran	Cape Doshnev	Novy Port	Ust-Labret
Big Diomede Island	Dikson Island	Cape Schmidt	Wrangel Island
Cape Billings	Cape Medvezhi	Tiksi Bay	

EVALUATION

The information contained in this part of the report would make it appear that it would not be feasible to use the Russian Arctic route for supplies going to the front; however, this is not the case. Soviet organization has greatly facilitated the navigability of this route. The establishment of numerous meteorological stations, radio stations, and air and landing fields along the coast of the various seas as well as the extensive use of aerial reconnaissance planes and icebreakers have made it navigable to such an extent that in 1939 over 100 ships traversed it. Because of these many safeguards the danger lies not in the dangers to navigation but in the brevity of the navigational season, which averages but 3 months out of the year.

SUMMARY

Because the season for navigating the eastern section of the Northern Sea Route is short, and its obstacles formidable, it may be found impossible for ships sailing from the east to return the same way that they came and they may have to continue their course westward after having unloaded their cargoes. This course has generally been followed heretofore, and vessels that continue westward encounter fewer natural obstacles than if they attempt to return eastward and will be favored by the longer navigational season of the more westerly waters, but would be subject to enemy action, and hence require escort.

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BERING STRAIT

Location. Bering Strait is situated between Cape Dezhnev on the Siberian coast and Cape Prince of Wales on the Alaskan coast.

Navigation Season. The strait is as a rule open to navigation from the middle of June until the middle of October but vessels should not remain north of Bering Sea later than October 10.

Ice Conditions. After the middle of October ice forms rapidly in the strait, being at times solid all the way across.

SEA OF CHUKHOTSK

Location. The Sea of Chukhotsk extends from Uellen on the Bering Straits to the DeLong Straits.

Navigation Season. The Sea of Chukhotsk is ordinarily navigable from the first of June to the first of September.

Ice Conditions. They vary from year to year; in some years ice does not disappear from the DeLong Straits during the entire summer.

Fog Conditions. There are especially heavy fogs during June and July.

EASTERN SIBERIAN SEA

Location. The Eastern Siberian Sea extends from the DeLong Straits which separate it from the Sea of Chukhotsk to the Dmitri Laptev Strait which separates it from the Laptev Sea.

Navigation Season. The Eastern Siberian Sea is usually navigable with the aid of icebreakers from the latter part of July until the middle of October.

Ice Conditions. While the western part of the Sea is free of ice during the summer months, the eastern part (from DeLong Strait to the mouth of the Kolima River) is almost never completely ice free. The break-up of the ice fields which cover this eastern portion in winter (sometimes extending 150 to 275 miles from the mainland) usually takes place during the last week in July. The freezing over of the off-shore zones begins around the middle of October, but in all probability isolated ice barriers remain throughout the summer, becoming more serious early in October.

Fog Conditions. No definite information is available on fog conditions in the Eastern Siberian Sea but it may be assumed that they constitute an important factor in the navigation of this Sea.

LAPTEV SEA (of Nordenskjold Sea)

Location. Laptev Sea extends from Laptev Strait to Boris Vilkitiski Strait which separates it from the Kara Sea. The Lena River empties into this Sea.

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Navigation Season of the Laptev Sea is approximately the same as that for the Eastern Siberian Sea (the last of July to the middle of October). In order to return westward the same year, vessels would have to leave during the first half of September to allow time for crossing the remainder of the Laptev Sea and the Kara Sea; however, if ships intend to return eastward to Seattle, they would have to leave considerably earlier.

Ice Conditions. Laptev Sea is frequently free of ice in September but in August ships may encounter small and large drift ice, as well as ice fields and hummocks.

Fog Conditions. No definite information is available on conditions of fog in the Laptev Sea.

KARA SEA

Location. Kara Sea extends from Boris Vilkitski Strait to the Kara Gateway Strait which separates it from Barents Sea. Cape Cheliuskin situated on Boris Vilkitski Strait constitutes the most northerly point on the mainland of Asia.

Navigation Season. The Kara Sea is ordinarily navigable with the aid of ice breakers from July until October.

Ice Conditions. The eastern half of Kara Sea offers more formidable ice obstacles than does the western half and has been the subject of much less investigation than the eastern part. These ice conditions usually make navigation, without the aid of ice breakers, very difficult even during the most favorable months of August and September. Only in one year since the beginning of navigation in this area, the extremely favorable year of 1932, was clear water encountered all the way across the Kara Sea. Some sections may be obstructed only by small and large drift ice, but other sections in the path of convoys may be covered with field ice, some of which is very hummocky; occasionally icebergs may be met in or near Boris Vilkitski Strait.

Fog Conditions. Fog in the Kara Sea constitutes an important factor in navigation. At Cape Cheliuskin it may appear for as much as 25 days a month during July and August, and for as many as 16 days a month during September. The probability of fog appearing on a given day in the Kara Sea is estimated at 40 per cent. Fog is far more prevalent in the eastern portion of the Sea than it is in the western. At Port Dikson, near the mouth of the Yenesei River, fog appears for 14 to 19 days a month during the period from June to August, but in September there are many more clear days, while in the far western part of the Sea there are only 8 or 9 foggy days a month during this same period.

NAVIGATION SEASON ON THE LENA-YENESEI -AND OB RIVERS

Lena River. The average date that the mouth of the Lena River opens is June 2, and over the period of 24 years the latest date was June 9. During this same period the earliest date when it began to freeze was October 14. This permits transportation up the river, before the freeze, of freight from vessels that unload at the river mouth in August or in the early part of September.

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Ob and Yenesei Rivers. Access to the Ob River is completely free after after July 1, and to the Yenesei River at an even earlier date. Freezing does not begin at the mouth of the Ob until after the first week in October and the Yenesei does not begin to freeze until an even later date. The rivers themselves begin to freeze during the second half of October or the first half of November, the freezing date being later as one travels southward.

AIR FACILITIES ALONG THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE

Khatanga	Igarka	Novy Iort	Surgut
Dikson Island	Turukhansk	Salokhard	
Dudinka	Podkamennaya-Tuguska	Samarovo	

Anadyr	Ambarchik	Verkhoyansk	Cape Cheliuskin
Providence Bay	Wrangel Island	Tiksi Bay	Anderma
Uellen	Cape Schmidt	Nordvik	

KOLIMA RIVER

Navigation. The Kolima River is about 1,000 miles long. Navigation begins at its mouth from the latter part of May to the latter part of June, depending upon weather conditions. It begins to freeze the first part of October, and in winter the ice is sometimes 6-8 feet thick.

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The Kolima River is reported to be navigable for ships of 5 feet draft as far as Sredne-Kolimsk. From there to Verkhne-Kolimsk only flat bottom boats can carry supplies.

Anchorage. There are three anchorages suitable for ocean going vessels; the first is 3 miles north of Cape Medvezhi, it has a depth of 5 fathoms. The second anchorage is located on the Kolima River 20 miles from Cape Medvezhi in a small sandy bay on the southern side of Shalurov Spit with a depth of 15 feet. The third is located 1 3/4 miles from Nizhne-Kolimsk; it has a depth of 14 feet. Despite the new importance of this river, no new anchorages have been dredged as yet.

Ports of Ambarchik and Krailos. At the present time, Ambarchik is the chief transfer point for goods carried on ocean going vessels. It is an open bay, 22 miles northeast of the river. A Polar Station is situated here. As it is not considered satisfactory, it may in time be replaced by the port of Krailos. Krailos is situated 56 miles up the river. In order to permit deep draft vessels to enter this port, a canal 24 miles long would have to be constructed.

Port of Zyrianka. Zyrianka is a new town which has been constructed 9 miles north of Verkhne-Kolimsk. It is the center for the most important coal region of this area. The coal is of a very good grade. Attempts are now being made at "ooking", but so far it is not believed that much progress has been made in this direction. Therefore, all ships carrying supplies to the Kolima River would, of necessity, have to have on board sufficient fuel for the return voyage.

LENA RIVER

General. The Lena River is about 3,115 miles long. It is the longest river in Russia, and the 6th longest in the world. It rises in the western slopes of the Baikal Mountains. Ice begins to melt from May 4 to June 7, depending on the latitude. The earliest reported freezing at its mouth was around the first of October.

Navigation. As the depth of the water at the mouth of the Lena River is only from 3 to 5 feet, all shipments using this route must be discharged from ocean going vessels at Port Tiksi on the Leptov Sec. The construction of a canal between Port Tiksi and the river has been discussed at great length, but so far little has been done in this direction.

From the mouth of the Lena River to Yakutsk there is sufficient water for "fairly" deep draft vessels, although an unstable, sandy bottom makes navigation most difficult; but from Olekminsk to Nolon there is a minimum depth of only 6 feet because of the many shoals in this area. At Ust-Kut, the Lena is 700 feet wide and less than 10 feet deep. At this point there are many sand bars, which make navigation extremely difficult; the exact location of these bars is not known to even the natives.

Once beyond the mouth, goods can be transported up the Lena River as follows: by river steamer to Yakutsk (1,030 miles); by raft or towed barges from Yakutsk to Ust-Kut (1218 miles). There is believed to have been constructed a railway connecting Ust-Kut with the Trans-Siberian Line at Taishet. If this is not so, supplies must go from Ust-Kut to Kachug by rail, a distance of 317 miles, where the depth of the river is sometimes no more than one foot

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and Kachug to Irkutsk by truck, a distance of 156 miles over a very bad motor road. From Irkutsk, goods can be transported by rail to Moscow, a distance of 3,125 miles. Therefore, supplies unloaded at Tiksi Bay would have to travel almost 6,000 miles before they reached the present Russo-German front, (March 8 '42), but if a Far Eastern front came into being against Japan, this supply route might be of much use.

Regular Steamship Service. In ordinary times, over 3,000 miles of the Lena River and its tributaries are served by regular steamship lines, the most important being from Tiksi Bay to Yakutsk, and from Yakutsk to Oleminsk on the Lena and from Ust-Aldan to Tommot on the Aldan River. The number and capacity of these river boats, however, are not known.

Tributary - Aldan River Route. A portion of the supplies sent up the Lena River could be diverted from the bad portions of the river by sending them along the Aldan River, which flows into the Lena River at Ust-Aldan. They could be taken as far as Tommot (1,022 miles from the Lena River). From Tommot, goods could be transported over a graded motor road to Never, a point on the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Ice Conditions. During the winter time, ice becomes 52 inches thick at Oleminsk, 84 inches at Yakutsk and 92 inches at the mouth. An average season on the Lena River may be cited as follows:

Town	Freeze up	Break up	Closed Season
Kachug	11/1	5/5	179 days
Yakutsk	10/30	5/5	210 days
Bulun	10/20	6/6	226 days

Port of Tiksi Bay. Tiksi Bay is situated at approximately 71°35' N., and 128°56' E., at approximately the same latitude as Point Barrow, Alaska. There is a Polar Station situated 4 miles from the port, and transportation with it is largely by cutter. The Polar Station has a radio and a weather observatory. It supplies the central weather bureau station at Leningrad with daily reports. It is one of the five major radio centers in Arctic Russia.

The Port of Tiksi Bay is the center of three air routes: from Yakutsk, Cape Cheliuskin and Cape Schmidt. It is a fuel and water supply point, but although coal deposits have been found in the neighborhood, so far all fuel is imported.

At the present time the port facilities of Tiksi Bay are practically non-existent, although in 1936 plans were made to build a 1,000 foot wharf with a stone foundation. In 1939, there were no docks nor cranes nor railway sidings. In 1940, it was reported that construction had begun on a gasoline wharf and a warehouse, but if these have been completed, it is not known. Lena Sound affords a good anchorage of 3 to 4 fathoms and as many as 18 ships have been seen in the harbor at one time.

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Port of Zhigansk. Zhigansk, a river port at approximately 66° 40' N. 123° 30' E, has recently been completed. It is equipped with a radio station and is the administrative center for the district of the same name. It has a population of about 200 people. There is a Seaplane Base on the left bank of the river close by. It has been reported that a large warehouse has been built at Zhigansk, which is used for cargo brought to it by ships, barges, or caravans.

Port of Yakutsk. Yakutsk is located on the left bank of the Lena River at approximately 62° 01' N and 129° 43' E. It is the capital of the Yakut A.S.S.R. In 1940, it was reported that it had a population of 40,000. It is a radio center and has radio telephone communication to Moscow and to Tiksi Bay. As the river is too shallow at this point for unloading, ships with supplies must be unloaded at a wharf at Karkylakh, 5 miles away. Seventy miles north of Yakutsk are found great iron deposits.

YENESEI RIVER

General. The Yenesei River starts from a small lake near the Soviet-Tannu Tuva Border and flows northward for about 2,619 miles, eventually emptying into the Kara Sea. At its mouth it is about 30 miles wide; north of Dudinka, 3½ miles wide; between Dudinka and Turukhansk, over 2 miles wide; more than 1 mile wide north of the point where the Angara River flows into the Yenesei, and south of that point, about 2/5 of a mile wide.

Navigation. The Yenesei River is navigable for sea going vessels, with a maximum of 23 feet draft almost to the conflux of the Angara River. Sand bars in the estuary near Ust-Port limit vessels to this draft. Instead of going farther south, vessels bringing supplies usually go to Igarka.

Because of numerous sand banks and islands on the river, and because of the constant changing of the channels, pilots who have special knowledge of these facts are necessary to navigate the Yenesei.

Ice Conditions. Ice breaks up on the Yenesei between May 9 and June 11, depending upon the latitude.

Yenesei River ports (from north to south). Port Dikson is located at the mouth of Yenesei Gulf and may be used for ships not desiring to go further south. It is situated at approximately 73° 05' N, and 80° 23' E. It has in recent years, become one of the most important ports in the Soviet Arctic. It possesses excellent anchorages, the most convenient one being amongst the Korsakovski Islands, off the west bank of the Yenesei River, between Capes Zvyerevba and Dorofyevski, where there are depths of from 5 to 7 fathoms. Although a new port is still under construction at this point, in 1939, 500 tons were loaded and 800 tons unloaded each day during the ice free season. Port Dikson is the chief coal base of the entire northern sea route and ships bunker here. The extent of the supplies of fuel available, however, are not known. Port Dikson has a first class radio station and maintains radio telephone connection with all parts of the Soviet Union. It is the terminus for the air route, which under ordinary circumstances runs along the Yenesei River from Krasnoyarsk.

Ust-Port. The first port worthy of note on the Yenesei River is Ust-Yeneseisk Port (commonly called Ust-Port). It is situated at approximately 69° 37'

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N. and 84° 21' E. It was established shortly before the First World War by the Imperial Government as a base for the trade of this region. It was again started up after the Revolution because it was thought to be the most southerly point on the Yenesei River to which ocean going steamers could go. As Igarka increased in importance, Ust-Port declined. In 1934 Ust-Port had a population of 2,000 but by 1937 it had dropped to 500. It has no port facilities. It may return to prominence, because recently much oil prospecting has been going on in the vicinity and unconfirmed report states that "extensive construction of well drilling towers, machine shops, dwellings is going on at Ust-Port".

Dudinka is the principal town north of Igarka, situated 76 miles south of Ust-Port at approximately 69° 24' N. and 86° E. It is the capital of the Taimyr National Territory, with a population in 1937 of 2,500. It is the port for the important nickel and coal mines situated at Norilsk, about 70 miles to the east and a railroad is believed to connect these two points. Water around Dudinka is about 12 fathoms deep and navigation is open from June until October, inclusive. It is a regular stop on the air line to Port Dikson. Ships may bunker here as well as at Port Dikson.

Igarka, is situated about 400 miles south of the mouth of the Yenesei River at approximately 67° 28' N. and 84° 24' E. This is the best N. Russian river port. It is the northern outlet for the export of lumber from the Great Soviet Basin. Construction started on this port in 1929; by 1940, it was reported that it had a permanent population of 20,000, and that a graphite factory, saw-mills, many public buildings, theatres, etc., had been constructed here. Lumber is its chief export. Igarka can accommodate ships with drafts of no more than 24 to 25 feet. There are four berths which permit 4 ships to be handled simultaneously; in addition, 5 to 7 additional ships can be unloaded in the stream at the same time. Weather conditions in the Kara Sea and in the river permit ocean going vessels to enter from the second half of May to the middle of October. No cranes are available. Pilotage is compulsory, and is available at Port Dikson. No fuel oil is available here, but it is reported that bunker coal can be had at Dudinka and Port Dikson. Supplies going to Russia proper are ordinarily unloaded at Igarka and trans-shipped on to barges and river steamers. These steamers, of which in 1940 there were reported to be 47, are about 225 feet long and draw around 8 feet of water. Igarka is open to navigation only two months out of the year.

OB RIVER

General. The Ob River rises in the Altai Mountains in Northwestern Mongolia and flows northward into the Kara Sea, a distance of about 2,400 miles. Both it and its tributaries are navigable for the most part. The Irtysh River, its chief tributary which conflues with the Ob at Ostyako-Vogulsk, is navigable for almost its entire length.

Navigation of the Gulf of Ob. The Gulf of Ob is entered between Capes Drovyanoi and Tara Sol, about 23 miles apart. Just within the entrance the gulf opens to 40 miles in width, but quickly narrows again to about 23 miles.

The Gulf of Ob, as far south as the point where the Gulf of Tazov, (approximately 69°E.) enters, appears to have a least depth in the channel of 36 feet; beyond this point the water begins to shoal where the Gulf of Ob becomes the estuary of the Ob and Nadym Rivers. There are many obstacles in this area; many shoals exist and the current over them is apt to be very strong but the exact location of them is not known, which makes navigation extremely difficult.

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Nakhodka Bay is the most southerly point to which ocean going vessels can go, but it is available only for ships of less than 15 feet draft. Both Nakhodka Bay and Novy Port harbors afford good anchorage for ships drawing up to 9 feet of water.

Navigation of the Ob River. The Ob River is navigable as far as Biisk. Its chief tributary is the Irtysh River, which flows into it at Ostyako-Vogulsk. It is navigable for 1,875 miles, almost to the Chinese border. Goods are carried on these rivers in modern steel barges of 3,500 ton dead weight, drawing 3 feet and are towed by powerful tugs. All the way to Omsk where the Irtysh River meets the railroad, there is a depth of at least 7 to 8 feet. Repair shops for river steamers are situated here. Ship building yards are also located at Tobolsk at the conflux of the Irtysh and Tobol Rivers. The number and capacity of river steamers on the Ob and its tributaries, however, are not known.

Anchorage. The only two places in the Gulf of Ob where trans-shipment of supplies may be made from ocean going vessels to river steamers are situated at Novy Port. One is in the Inner Road and has a depth of 15 to 20 feet and its approach has a least depth of 17 feet; the other is in the Outer Road and has a depth of 24 feet; its approach has a least depth of 21 feet. This anchorage is reported to be a safe one even in strong winds. In Novy Port, all supplies destined for the south must be transferred to shallow draft vessels.

Port of Novy Port. Novy Port is a new town. In 1933, it had a population of only 200; this is believed to have been greatly increased, and Novy Port is now described as the most thickly populated center of the Yamal Peninsula. It imports machinery and other steel products, and exports sawn timber and timber products. The water has a muddy yellowish color, but it is drinkable. Vessels can winter here, as the bay freezes solid and the ice breaks quietly. Novy Port is the fishing center of the region. It possesses a radio and Polar Station. It is situated at approximately 67° 42' N, and 72° 57' E. on the western shore of the Gulf of Ob. It is open to navigation for 2 - 2½ months out of the year.

Port of Salekhard. Salekhard is located on the right bank of the Polui River which joins the Ob about 3 miles below the town at approximately 60° 30' N. and 66° 37' E. It possesses a meteorological Station. The depth of the Ob river south of Salekhard is not known, but it is certainly not more than 10 feet.

PECHORA RIVER

General. In addition to the afore-mentioned four rivers, a word should be said about a fifth, the Pechora River, which also empties into the Barents Sea, in considering it either as a depot for supplies being sent along the Northern Sea Route or as a supplementary depot for Archangel.

Navigation. It has been said that a canal 6 miles long has been dredged through the mouth of the Pechora River. If this is true, sea going vessels may navigate the river for a distance of about 70 miles. If, on the other hand, this canal has not been built, navigation is far more difficult as the depth over the bar is not believed to be more than 10 - 12 feet.

The Pechora River is believed to be navigable for river craft for almost its entire length.

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The Kotlas-Vorkuta Railroad. It has been reliably reported that a railroad has been constructed from Kotlas, the rail head on the North Dvina River to Vorkuta, the chief depot for the very wealthy mineral deposits in this area, a distance of more than 600 miles. (It is estimated that in the neighborhood of Vorkuta there are deposits of 38½ billion tons of iron as well as oil, coal and other minerals). There are still about 100 miles more to be completed before this railroad reaches the sea. Eventually a branch line will connect Naryan-Mar, the port at the mouth of the Pechora River with this railroad.

It is not known at what point the railroad crosses the Pechora River or what the eastern terminus of the railroad will eventually be. However, goods could be floated up the Pechora River to the rail head and from there transported to the Russo-German front via Kotlas. In addition, a motor road might be rapidly constructed from Vorkuta to the sea so that supplies could be sent over the whole length of the railroad during the coming season.

It is believed that the railroad will be extended to the sea at Amerda, Kara Bay, or Novy Port.

1. Amerda, is one of the most important Polar Stations of the entire Russian Arctic Sea Route. It is situated on the river of the same name at approximately 69° 45' N. and 61° 40' E. It is the depot for the nearby fluorite mines. The Polar Station possesses one of the 5 most powerful radio stations along the route which serves the whole western sector of the Soviet Arctic. No information is available on depths or port facilities at Amerda.

2. Kara Bay, is situated on the western shore of Baydaratski Bay at approximately 69° 15' N. and 65° 21' E. It is about 12 miles long and has a maximum width of 8½ miles. It is connected with open water by a strait which is only 1½ miles wide; its navigable channel is restricted by drying sandy spits which extend from both entrance points. The depth over the bar at the entrance of the bay according to soundings taken in 1912 is 12 feet; the narrow entrance channel is intricate. The bay is believed to be shallow, being filled with alluvial deposits from the rivers flowing into it, but perhaps it could be dredged and made suitable for ocean going vessels.

3. Novy Port (For information on Novy Port see section which describes ports of the Ob River.)

Port of Naryan-Mar. There is a temporary coal harbor, with 2 wharves, warehouses and a narrow gauge railway, an oil harbor and a coast trading harbor at Naryan-Mar. All 3 harbors are being extended and re-equipped, as are the ship repairing work shops where it is intended to build a dock. An oil fuel storage base is under construction. There are 16 cranes, 1 plate system conveyor, 1 floating crane of 50 tons and 2 automatic cranes at the trading harbor. From 1935 to 1938, 600,000 tons of goods were handled here, including 250,000 tons of coal. The estimated capacity of Naryan-Mar is 1,000 tons a day during the ice free season (July-October). A railway from Naryan-Mar is projected to Vorkuta. It has a Seaplane Base which has recently been enlarged and re-equipped. There is also a landing ground.

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PORTS ALONG THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE NOT CONNECTED WITH
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ANADYR RIVER

Two radio stations are located on this river; one is at Anadyr, near the mouth and the other at Markovo, 435 miles upstream. Many plans have been made to develop Anadyr as a distribution point for the entire Chukchee area, but not much progress has as yet been made. The town of Markovo is decreasing in importance; in Tsarist days, it was the administrative center for the entire Chukchee territory.

Providence Bay is one of the 3 most important ports along the entire Northern Sea Route, ranking with Dikson Island and Tiksi Bay. It is a watering and coaling port, but the ordinary amount of supplies of fuel kept here is not known. It possesses a Polar Station which is located on the opposite shore of Emma Bay. Providence Bay is being developed into a modern port and even at the present time is believed capable of accommodating many ships. The coal that is available is brought here from Anadyr Bay. In 1939, there was reported to be a medium sized wharf for cutters and a temporary wharf for steamships. Its population is not known, but it possesses a school, library, and a newspaper. There are believed to be a limited number of long-shoremen at the port.

An important naval base is reported to have been built at Providence Bay. According to the Soviet Press, a modern seaport is being developed here. Engineers and planners are believed to be in residence in considerable numbers. Providence Bay has a long pier at which 2 freighters of 9,000 tons and 5,500 tons respectively were observed unloading simultaneously, over a year ago. On this date there was a large concentration of troops here. There is a concentration camp called Military Town which has oil, benzine, and other fuel storage facilities. There is an air field at Providence Bay, and 2 large radio stations, one strictly military and the other commercial, which furnish weather and ice condition reports to shipping; planes furnish data on ice flows.

Big Diomed Island is situated opposite East Cape. It has a radio and a weather station, hangar and a large oil and coal dump. Foreigners are forbidden to land here and police enforce this restriction.

Uellen. There are two anchorages in the vicinity of Uellen, one at Port Dezhnev in 5 to 5½ fathoms of water, about a mile from shore with a good holding ground; the second is located 1,000 to 1,400 yards from the coast, abreast of Uellen, with 8 to 9 fathoms of water. Uellen has one of the most important Polar Stations of this entire route and is the administrative center of the Chukchee region. It has a school, a fur trading post, several stores, a radio station, and is said to be an important air base. Uellen is a military post and there is evidence that a military motor road extends to the southern coast of East Cape. The military personnel was estimated at 3,000 to 4,000 early in 1941. Political prisoners under military supervision, are thought to be building a permanent military base here. Heavy guns are located on the heights north and south of East Cape. Uellen has a hangar for at least 6 airplanes on the southern side of St. Lawrence Bay, opposite Lutke harbor and in-shore from this hangar "some" guns of smaller caliber, probably anti-aircraft, are reported. According to the U. S. Coast Guard, there are also extensive air fields with bomb proof hangars as well as coast defense guns on the mainland near Big Diomed Island but their exact locations are not known.

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Cape Schmidt consists of 3 bays; East Bay, North Bay and West Bay. When the weather is bad, it is usually calm in at least one of them. It was formerly called North Cape, and is situated at approximately 68° 57' N., 179° 27' E. on the shore of the Sea of Chukhotsk. It is a leading Polar and Radio Station. There is believed to be regular monthly air service between it and Wrangel Island. The Polar Station is situated in Center Bay.

Nordvik Bay is a Polar Station approximately 74° 05' N. and 111° 25' E. No soundings have been taken in this bay, but it has an anchorage about 324 cables from the western coast of Cape Paksa with a depth of 7 fathoms, stone and sand bottom. The building of a port is projected. The Khatanga-Nordvik region is believed to be very rich in mineral deposits. Coal has been discovered in a number of places which is of high calory content; it is anthracite, and lies open on the surface in many places. There are also indications of rich oil deposits as well as copper, nickel, gypsum, limestone, sand stone and modeling clay. The most important industrial development, however, is the mining of salt.

Cape Cheliuskin is situated at approximately 77° 43' N. and 104° 17' E. It is the most northerly point in Asia. In 1932, a Polar Station was established here with a radio station. It is situated on the main passage from the Kara Sea to the Laptev Sea, on the Boris Vilkitski Channel which has the most difficult and dangerous ice conditions of the entire Northern Sea Route.

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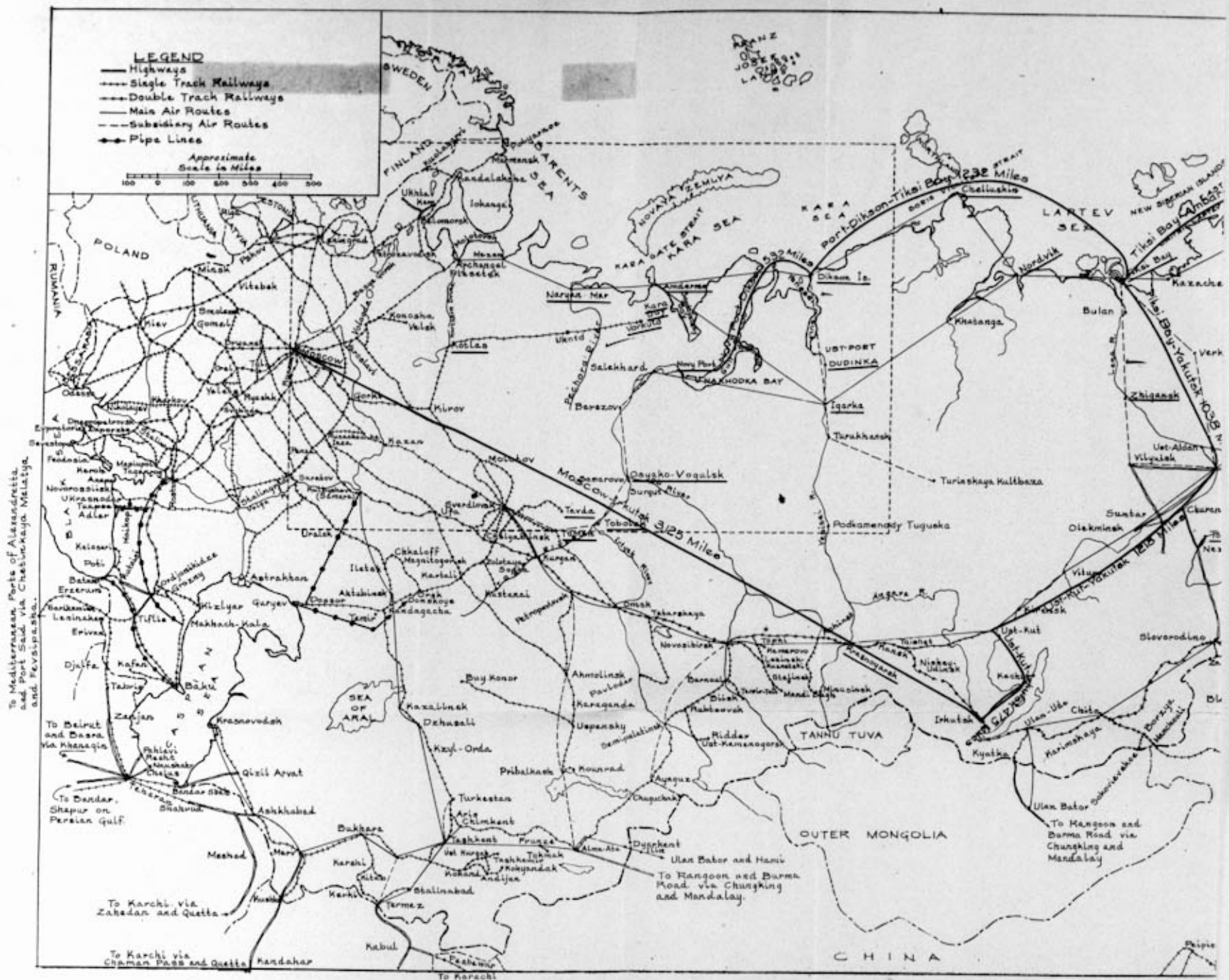
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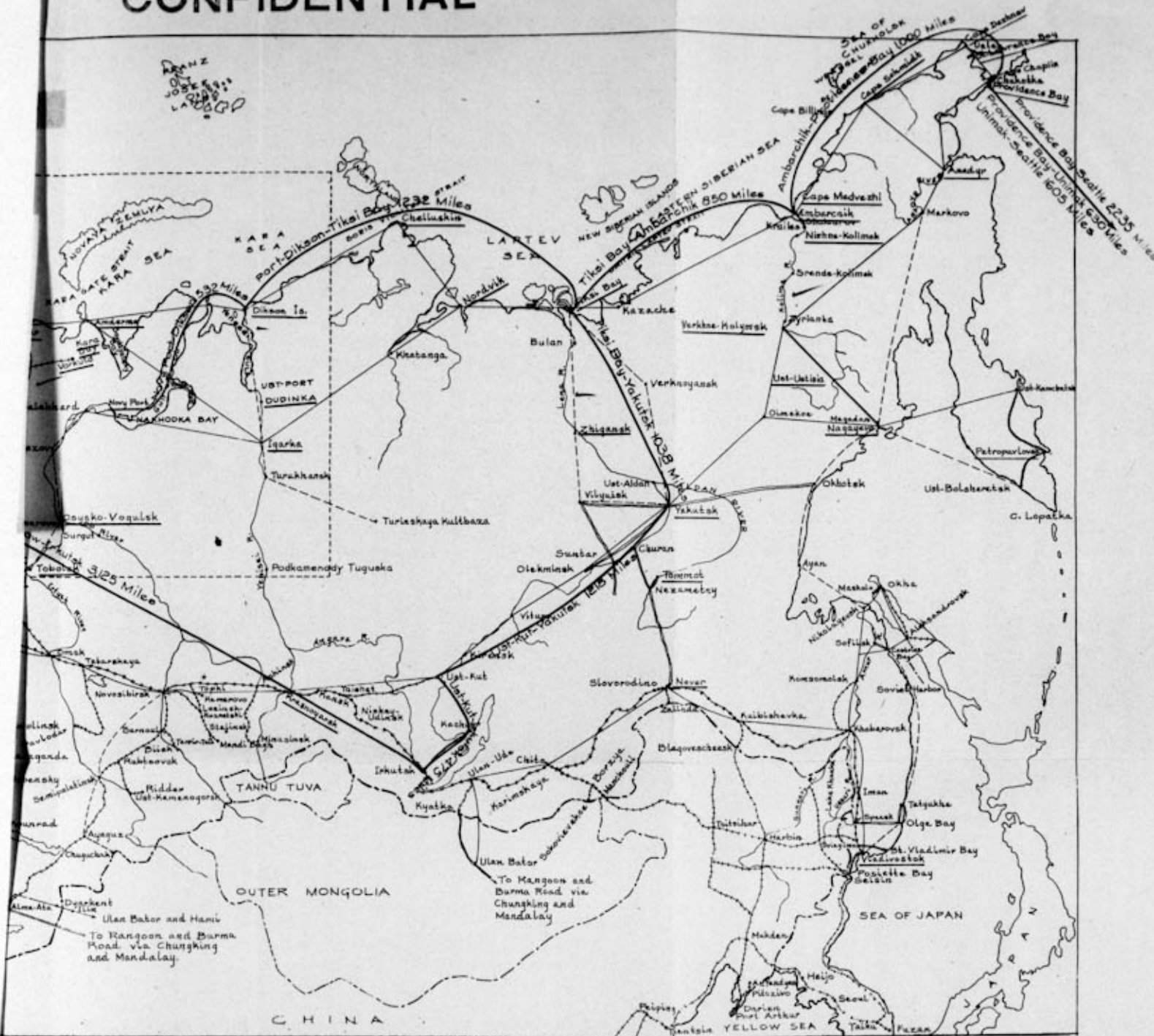
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The Trickle Movement

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18 December

EAST BOUND (13)

Arrived White Sea (5)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - Floated off Dvina Bar and safely in harbor.
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)
S.S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

Lost (5)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles west of
Bear Island
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen
(2 boatloads survivors rescued)
S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)

Returned to Iceland (3)

S.S. JOHN H. LABROBE (U.S.) - Damaged.
S.S. DALDORCH (British)
S.S. BRIARWOOD (British)

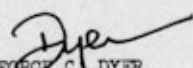
WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (8)

S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)
S.S. CHERNYSKEVSKI (Russian)
S.S. KOMSOMOLENTZ ARCTIKA (Russian)
S.S. ARCOS (Russian)
S.S. MIRONICH (Russian)
S.S. DVINA (Russian)
S.S. ELNA II (Russian)

Lost (1)

S.S. DONBASS (Russian)


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Room 3612
December 10, 1942

The Trickle Movement

Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

10 December

EAST BOUND (13)

Arrived White Sea (5)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - Floated off Dvina Bar and safely in harbor.
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)
S.S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

Lost (5)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles west of Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen (2 boatloads survivors rescued)
S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)

Returned to Iceland (3)

S.S. JOHN H. LABROBE (U.S.) - Damaged.
S.S. DALLDORCH (British)
S.S. BRIARWOOD (British)

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (7)

S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)
S.S. CHERNYSKEVSKI (Russian)
S.S. KOMSOMOLENTZ ARCTIKA (Russian)
S.S. ARCOS (Russian)
S.S. MIRONICH (Russian)
S.S. DVINA (Russian)

En Route Iceland (1)

S.S. ELNA II (Russian)

Lost (1)

S.S. DONBASS (Russian)

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Room 3612,
December 2, 1942

The Trickle Movement

Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

2 December

EAST BOUND (13)

Arrived White Sea (5)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - Floated off Dvina Bar and safely in harbor.
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)
S. S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

Lost (3)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles west of Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen
(2 boatloads survivors rescued)

Unaccounted For (2)

S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British) - (Reported being attacked by air or sub. No further word.)
S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)

Returned to Iceland (3)

S.S. JOHN H. LATROBE (U.S.) - Damaged.
S.S. DALDORCH (British)
S.S. BRIARWOOD (British)

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (4)

S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)
S.S. CHERNYSKEVSKI (Russian)
S.S. KOMSOMOLENTZ (Russian)

En Route Iceland (1)

S.S. ELNA II (British)

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Mem. DEKABRIST
OSD Letter, 5-2

Room 3612,
November 16, 1942.

The Trickle Movement

Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

16 November

EAST BOUND (11)

Arrived White Sea (4)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - Floated off Dvina Bar and safely in harbor.
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)
S.S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.)

Lost (3)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles west of
Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen
(2 boatloads survivors rescued)

Unaccounted For (1)

S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British) - Reported being attacked by air or sub.
No further word.

En Route (2)

S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

Returned to Iceland (1)

S.S. JOHN H. LATROBE (U.S.) - Damaged.

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (3)

S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)
S.S. CHERNYSKEVSKI (Russian)

En Route Iceland (5)

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Room 3612,
November 13, 1942

The Trickle Movement

Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

13 November

EAST BOUND

Arrived White Sea (3)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - Aground Dvina Bar.
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)

Lost (3)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles
west of Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen
(2 boatloads survivors rescued)

Unaccounted For (2)

S.S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.) - Reported being attacked by air or sub.
No further word.
S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British) - ditto

En Route (2)

S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

Returned to Iceland (1)

S.S. JOHN H. LATROBE (U.S.) - Damaged.

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (3)

S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)
S.S. CHERNYSKEVSKI (Russian)

En Route Iceland (4)

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The Trickle Movement

Room 3612,
November 11, 1942.

Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

11 November

EAST BOUND

Arrived White Sea (3)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.) - (Aground Dvina Bar)
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)

Lost (4)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles
west of Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen
(2 boatloads survivors rescued)
S.S. JOHN H. LATROBE (U.S.) - Lost.

Unaccounted For (2)

S.S. HUGH WILLIAMSON (U.S.) - Reported being attacked by air or sub.
No further word.
S.S. EMPIRE GILBERT (British) - ditto

En Route: Temporarily held West of Spitzbergen (2)

S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (2)

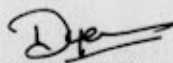
S.S. MUSSOVIET (Russian)
S.S. AZERBAIDZAN (Russian)

En Route Iceland (2)

S.S. _____
S.S. _____

Held in Russia (4)

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GEORGE C. DYER.

11-10-42 Mr Hopkins has seen
Refer to Lt Mott.

J.L.Mc

November 9, 1942.

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The Trickle Movement

1. On 9 October a proposal was made by Mr. Hopkins to start routing ships independently between North Russian ports and Iceland.
2. On 14 October, Commander Naval Forces in Europe and Harriman stated that the British had agreed that there was a reasonable chance of getting independently routed merchant ships through between Iceland and Northern Russian ports with sailings taking place during the period October 26th to November 9th. These dates were selected in order there would be the minimum amount of moonlight.
3. It was agreed that ships designated for this hazardous route were to be carefully selected taking into consideration the experience and character of the Master, the quality of the crew, priority of the cargo, as well as the ship's defensive armament.
4. Mr. Kerr went to Iceland to work in cooperation with the Commandant of the Naval Operating Base, Iceland, regarding this Trickle Movement.
5. The first Trickle Movement eastward was to be 11 ships of which the British were to send 5, the U.S. 5 and 1 was to be the Russian ship DEKABRIST.
6. The westward bound Trickle Movement was to consist of eight 10 knot loaded ships departing from Byclushya Bay at 24 hour intervals. In addition 22 ships were to be sailed in QP-15 on 11 November. The escort for this convoy was to be 3 destroyers, 3 PG's, 1 anti-aircraft ship and 4 trawlers. The departure of these 30 ships from Russia would clean up all ships in North Russia except those who had arrived by the Trickle Movement eastward.
7. On 17 October, War Shipping requested ComNavEu that all U.S. ships originally designated for PQ convoys in excess of the number (10) included in the first two Trickle Movements should be sent back to the United States.

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8. At the same time that these plans were going forward Commander Naval Forces in Europe requested that 12 U.S. ships originally earmarked for PQ-19 should be diverted to a Cover Plan for TORCH. This plan called for a diversion movement against the coast of Norway. COMINCH, after consultation with the Army, agreed to this diversion on 18 October, providing it was considered that the gain to the Cover Plan would offset the unfavorable effect on the shipping situation. The 12 ships were kept loaded.

9. On 29 October the Trickle Movement commenced; the first ship departing at 0700 ZED. The ships were spaced at about 12 hour intervals.

10. The protection provided for the Trickle Movement consisted of the following:-

- (a) British - 4 British trawlers and 2 British submarines were to act as rescue ships west of Bear Island.
- (b) Russian - An unnamed number of Russian submarines and trawlers were to be east of Bear Island as rescue ships. Russian destroyers and aircraft were to patrol west of the White Sea area.

11. The first east bound ship was due in Russia 8 November.

12. Attacks on the east bound shipping commenced on November 2nd and on November 5th the Admiralty stated that no more Trickle Movement ships would be started out of Iceland until the entire situation had been reviewed. Ships that were already en route on November 5th were routed to higher latitude when west of Spitzbergen Bank. The Admiralty estimated that 50 German aircraft were operating against the Trickle Movement.

13. Status of events, as known up to date, are as follows:-

8 November

EAST BOUND

Arrived White Sea (3)

S.S. RICHARD ALVEY (U.S.)
S.S. EMPIRE GALLIARD (British)
S.S. JOHN WALKER (U.S.)

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EAST BOUND (continued)

Lost (3)

S.S. DEKABRIST (Russian) - Sunk by sub and air, 70 miles
west of Bear Island.
S.S. CHUMLEIGH (British) - Wrecked South Cape.
S.S. WILLIAM CLARKE (U.S.) - Sunk by sub near Jan Mayen.

Unaccounted for (3)

S.S. _____ - Reported being attacked by air or sub.
S.S. _____ - ditto
S.S. _____ - ditto

En Route: Temporarily held West of Spitzbergen (2)

S.S. EMPIRE SKY (British)
S.S. EMPIRE SCOTT (British)

WEST BOUND

Arrived Iceland (1)

S.S. _____

En Route Iceland (3)

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Held in Russia (4)

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7th November, 1942.

Dear Mr. Crea,

I think it is likely that the President may be interested to know that a limited number of merchant ships with cargoes for Russia are sailing from time to time independently. The latest news I have is that five ships of a number proceeding independently to North Russia have been attacked. One was reported torpedoed and sinking, one made an S.O.S. but gave no details, two were attacked by aircraft and one other is believed to have been sunk.

I will keep you informed of any other information we may receive about these independent sailings.

*Yours Sincerely,
A. P. Shaw.*

A. P. SHAW
Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy
Admiral's Secretary.

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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QP's

(For QP 10 see PQ 13)
(For QP 11 see PQ 15)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY RRR
RELEASED BY 7 DECEMBER 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 1547			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM HUTCHINSON/BRINKLEY	INFORMATION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRR
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT HATCH**#71422 NCR 3014**

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REFERENCE MY DESPATCH #21032 SUMMARY OF 15 ALL SHIPS
ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT RUSSIAN KUSHNETZ LESOV. INDEPENDENT
MOVEMENT WESTBOUND ALL SHIPS ARRIVED SAFELY EXCEPT RUSSIAN
TANKER DON BASS, PRESUMED SUNK.

COMINCH...ACT
F37(USA)...

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TOR CODEROOM 2333/28			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PARSONS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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HICOM REFERENCE MY DISPATCH 251216 QP 15 GOOLISTAN DEFINITELY
SUNK BY TORPEDO. 26 VESSELS ACCOUNTED FOR (15 ICELAND
10 ENROUTE UNITED KINGDOM) WEATHER MODERATING HEAVY SEAS.
UNITED KINGDOM SECTION DUE ARRIVE LOCH EWE EARLY 30TH
NOVEMBER. ICELAND SECTION DUE ARRIVE LOCH EWE LATE SECOND
DECEMBER. NO NEWS OF 4 MISSING SHIPS. HOLLYWOOD PROCEEDING
REYKJAVIK SHORT OF WATER.

ELNA SECOND LAST OF RUSSINA WESTBOUND INDEPENDENTS LEFT
BIELUSHYA 4 HOURS 26 NOVEMBER.

IRONCLAD BADLY DAMAGED WHITE SEA DUE TO GROUNDING ON
ROCKS CAUSED BY STEERING ENGINE FAILURE. RUSSIAN
SALVAGE EXPERT PROCEEDING TO ASSIST.

PQ 20 DEFINITELY SCHEDULED TO SAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM JAN

19TH CONSISTING OF 20 UNITED STATES SHIPS AND 10 BRITISH SHIPS.
ACTION: COMINCH..... RECORD COPY: F-37 (FOR LAND & HARRIMAN)
FILE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMNAVEU

RELEASED BY

DATE 1515 25 NOV 42

TOR CODEROM

DECODED BY KEARNEY/JERMAN

PARAPHRASED BY

FOR ACTION

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LT HATCH

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(COMINCH ACTION AND INFO OPNAV FROM COMNAVEU)

HEAVY GALES HAVE SCATTERED AND RETARDED QP FIFTEEN

ONE SHIP BRITISH GOOLISTAN IS REPORTED TORPEDOED.

PROBABLY THIS CONVOY WILL COME DIRECT TO LOCH EWE

KONSOMOLENTZ INDEPENDENT RUSSIAN WEST BOUND ARRIVED

AEUREYREI YESTERDAY. THREE MORE RUSSIANS MAY SAIL WEST

BOUND FROM NORTH RUSSIA SOON. ASSUME YOU WILL INFORM

LAND AND HARRIMAN.

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COMINCH.....ACT.

F37(FOR LAND AND HARRIMAN).....FILE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH HARRIMAN	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 NOVEMBER 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1955/1854	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY PARSONS/PARSONS			ROUTINE
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111671 NCR 6605

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PASS THIS TO HARRIMAN.

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PRESENT PLAN TO SAIL CP 15 APPROX 25-30 SHIPS FROM ARCHANGEL AREA ABOUT NOVEMBER 16TH. ALSO HAVE RELEASED REMAINING FOUR WESTBOUND RUSSIAN INDEPENDENTS. SITUATION NORTHERN NORWAY APPEARS OFFER FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE MOVEMENTS. TWO SHIPS DELAYED WEST OF SPITZBERGEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN GREEN LIGHT.

COMINCH PASSED TO OPNAV FOR F-37 (HARRIMAN, ETC.)**SECRET**

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To: B A D

Date: Sept 27, 1942

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2. QP 14. RFA GREY RANGER AND 3 MERCHANT SHIPS SILVER
SWORD, OCEAN VOICE AND BELLPEERHAM WERE LOST.

262328

442 (QP 14)

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FROM: ALUSNA LONDON

TO : OPNAV

DATE: SEPT 25, 1942

251628

NCR 4601

DAILY SERIAL 25

PANTELIS SERIAL 22 ARRIVED. SURVIVORS FROM BRITISH
TREVILLEY PICKED UP BY UNKNOWN SHIP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC NO OTHER
DETAILS KNOWN. 3 CRAFT KG 40 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE YESTERDAY
TOWARDS EAST COAST OF ICELAND (C) WHERE QP 14 WAS PROBABLY SIGHTED.

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FROM: COMNAVEU

TO : COMINCH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 1942

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QP 14. LARGE SCALE ATTACKS BY U-BOATS. BELLINGHAM,
OCEAN VOICE, AND OILER GREY RANGER SUNK ON 22ND. HMS SOMALI
TORPEDOED AND NOW IN TOW.

PERMISSION TO LAND BRITISH HOSPITAL UNIT AT ARCHANGEL
REFUSED BY RUSSIANS ON ORDERS FROM MOSCOW, AND UNIT NOW RETURNING
IN QP 14. RUSSIANS HAVE NOW REQUESTED BRITISH TO CLOSE THEIR
HOSPITAL AT VAENGA. -

231644 442 (QP 14)

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TOR CODEROOM 0138/2359	INFORMATION			PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

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1548Z/15 NCR 7883

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QP 14 CONSISTING OF 17 SHIPS (INCLUDING 2 RESCUE SHIP) SAILED FROM ARCHANGEL AS FOLLOWS...

FOR U.S.A.: BENJAMIN HARRISON, BELL IGHAM, DEER LODGE, SAMUEL CHASE, WINSTON SALEM, SILVER SWORD, TROUBADOUR.

FOR U.K....OCEAN VOICE, OCEAN FREEDOM, HARMATRIS, EMPIRE TIDE, MINOTAUR, WEST NILUS, ALCOA BANNER, TOBRUK, RATHLIN (RESCUE SHIP), ZAMALEK (RESCUE SHIP), 2. IRONCLAD ALSO SAILED BUT RETURNED ARCHANGEL WITH STEERING GEAR DEFECTS.

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BY DA 2795
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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ADMIRALTY, LONDON		FOR ACTION	B.A.D. 113	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 14 JULY 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM		INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BLAND				DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR, TIME, DATE AND TIME: B.A.D. 113. FROM: ADMIRALTY. TIME GCT

TEXT

(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM B.A.D.)

ACTION

F-00	MY 0110/13TH.
F-01	CHIEF OF STAFF TO N.O. 1/C ICELAND NOW IN LONDON REPORTS A
F-015	JOINT INVESTIGATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY N.O. 1/C ICELAND AND
F-0015	ADMIRAL BEARY ASSISTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STAFF AND
F-05A	C.O.'S OF ALL SHIPS AND ESCORTS AND A FULL REPORT HAS BEEN PRE-
F-07	PARRED. NOT CONSIDERED BOARD OF ENQUIRY WOULD PRODUCE ANY
F-1	FURTHER INFORMATION ESPECIALLY AS C.O. H.M.S. NIGER WHO WAS
F-11	C.O. OF ESCORT IS UNFORTUNATELY MISSING. (11) WE ARE ACTIVELY
F-2	CONSIDERING STEPS WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE
F-3	OF SUCH AN EVENT. ROUTE NORTHABOUT MAY HAVE TO BE ABANDONED
F-30	DURING FOGGY SEASONS.
F-31	-----
F-32	COG.
F-33	PASSED BY B.A.D. TO COMINCH (C&R) FOR INFO ONLY.
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FROM NOB ICELAND

RELEASED BY

DATE 8 JULY 1942

TOR CODEROOM 2316/2207

DECODED BY --/DRUMMOND

PARAPHRASED BY

FOR ACTION

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INFORMATION

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PASS TO OPNAV BUPER COM 3 ARMED GUARD OFFICE.

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PART 2 OF MY 071745.

FOLLOWING FROM SS PHYWERT.

ENSIGN D.C. GUIBERT. W.P. BROWNE, SIGNALMAN 3RD,
2688720. D. THORLEY, RADIOMAN 3RD 601017. FOLLOWING SEAMEN
SECOND. J.F. WILSON 6562649. J.L. PENLAND. J.F. HODGES.
H.L. MCLAUGHLIN. T. COLLINS. R.E. CHAISSON. J.E. PINKSTON,
638813.

FOLLOWING FROM SS HEFFRON.

H.E. TRASK SIGNALMAN 3RD3377071. STONE HOSPITALIZED
WITH POSSIBLE FRACTURED PELVIS AND HAYES WITH MINOR INJURIES.
PARA. FOLLOWING MISSING FROM MASSMAR. ALL SEAMEN 2ND.
G.M. JACKSON. W.J. GEDAPERASKY. JJ. GIOIA. GEORGE E.
JUSTICE. LORENXJ MARTIN. W. BURKHALTER (FIRST NAME IS
WILLIAM)E.R. MCCARTY. ALBERT DUGUN. LEON HOHNSON.

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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
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H.E. WHITE, RADIOMAN 3RD. (SERVICE NUMBERS UNKNOWN
WHERE OMITTED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER NOB ICELAND	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES COMINCH	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE
FROM	FOR ACTION INFORMATION		ROUTINE
RELEASED 8 JULY 1942			DEFERRED
DATE 0020/2150			
TOR CODEROOM /DRUMMOND			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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071150. NAVAL SURVIVORS AS FOLLOWS FROM SS JOHN

RANDOLPH. LIEUT JG GROTENRATH JR. ENSIGN A.E. ANDERSON. JR. T.S. STONE, SIGNALMAN 3RD CLASS 6440188. A.M. HINZMAN RADIOMAN THIRD 3289268. W.S. SHARP COXWAIN 6502484.

FOLLOWING SEAMEN 2ND. P.S. GIOSFRIDDO. B.R. BARTON 680425. A. G. SEARS 6040503. J.C. CORRIGAN JR. 6000034.

FOLLOWING APPRENTICE SEAMEN. C. B. HILL 266665. M.V. KLOSS 6461964. J.P. MADSEN 2245246. T.F. MUNK 2245149. SAM DAVIS 6441674. L.T. GARVEY 6502117. RP. HANSEN 5289639. R.W. BEACH 2666146 J.E. BARBEE 6300535. J.J. BABBIER 2747808. L.D. MORCLES 6462362. R.J. HENRY 2245142.

FROM SS MASSMAR. ENSIGNS W.C. GIBSON AND W.A. MCDOWELL. SEAMEN SECOND AS FOLLOWS. J.T. HARDEN 2697502. J.A. JACKSON. T.A. GRATTAJ. C.J. HAYES. J.E. MESCALF. W.H. DEYAK. O.C. SPIKES. PART 2 FOLLOWS.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM NOB ICELAND	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 7 JULY 1942	INFORMATION	OPNAV CINCLANT	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1229/ 1210			PPPPPP
DECODED BY WHISNANT/NEWHOUSE			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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* 071150 CCR 9869

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MY 060903 FOLLOWING SHIPS SUNK HMB NICER, RUSSIAN
FLAG RODINA, US FLAGS HYBERT, ~~WASSMAR~~, HEFFRON, JOHN
RANDOLPH.

FOLLOWING DAMAGED: US FLAGS ROBERT HENRY LEE, EXTERN-
IMATOR, CAPIRA HAVE MADE PORT. DUTCH FLAG PETER DE HOOCH
STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. SURVIVORS LANDED.

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FROM NOB ICELAND	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 JULY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY 1024/1004			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT/EDWARDS			DEFERRED

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DURING THICK WEATHER BETWEEN 2100 AND 2200Z/5
QP 13 RAN INTO MINE FIELD NORTH WEST OF ICELAND. 6
VESSELS REPORTED SUNK, 3 UNACCOUNTED AND SEVERAL DAM-
AGED.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT MINE FIELD WAS 1 RECENTLY
LAID BY BRITISH AND PUBLISHED IN Q.Z.X. 728 OF JUNE 2ND.

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FROM	COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 30 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1209/1159	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BALLOCK, BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

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301028 CCR 1453

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QUEEN PREP 12. YOUR 1647Z/22 X SOUTHGATE CAPE RACE
EMPIRE MOEN ROUTED DIRECT TO UK ARRIVING MAY 30 X
USSBASS RETURNED MURMANSK WITH ENGINE DEFECT X
REMAINBER 11 SHIPS ARRIVED ICELAND (CAST) MAY 29.

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FROM COMTASKGROUP 24.6	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (C & R)	RRR PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 29 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 290534	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY OSK			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HAMPTON			DEFERRED

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ROUTED BY - FULTON

290555 NCR 5654

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	MOORMANSK	FOR ACTION	CONNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				RRRARR
DATE	25 MAY 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	0301			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	8KRDLA			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SARNOFF			DEFERRED

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CONVOY QP12 DEPARTED EVENING 21 MAY

15 out going
35 ships in way in

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FROM <u>COMNAVED LONDON</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>9 MAY 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1644</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FLVNN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HILL</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

PARAPHRASE FOLLOWS OF SIGNAL DATED MAY 7 FROM ACIC TO CINC HOME FLEET.

PASSAGE REPORT OF QP 11. FROM FIRST DAY OUT TO 10 DEGS EAST CONVOY SHADOWED BY SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT. ESCORT FIRE DROVE OFF 4 TORP-

EDD BOMBPLANES WHICH CAME IN LOW. ATTACK NOT PRESSED HOME AND WELL SYNCHRONIZED. ESCORT DROVE OFF 3 ENEMY DESTROYERS APPROACHING

IN LINE OF BEARING FORMATION. AT 13 000 YARDS DETECTED BY RDF. AT 0000 YDS FIRED TORPEDOES WHICH SUNK 1 SHIP IN CONVOY. LATER ENEMY X

ATTACKED IN 4 SHORT GUNNERY ENGAGEMENTS BUT DESPITE MARKED DISPARITY IN BRITISH DESTROYER ARMAMENT WOULD NOT CLOSE RANGE UNDER 3000 YDS.

NO U BOAT ATTACK. SUBMARINES MAINLY EAST OF 24 EAST. ABLE TO DEAL WITH SURFACE AND SUBMARINE ATTACKS BUT IMPROVEMENT IN AIR FACILITIES

ESSENTIAL. LACK OF AIR RECONNAISSANCE AND DENIAL OF SAME TO THE ENEMY IS REAL DEFICIENCY ON BRITISH SIDE.

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SS MACBETH	Panamanian	151942	16231
SS WACOSTA	U. S.	152235	16230
SS PANKRAFT	U. S.	161534	16349
SS OREGONIAN	U. S.	161804	16352
SS WILLIAM HOOPER	U. S.	161808	16353
SS WASHINGTON	U. S.	170008	16564
SS CHRISTOPHER	U. S.	170014	16565
SS HOOSIER	U. S.	170022	16567
SS JOHN PENN	U. S.	170026	16568
SS DANIEL MORGAN	U. S.	170028	16569
SS AFRICANDER	PANAMANIAN	170034	16570
SS EL CAPITAN	PANAMANIAN	170038	16571

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
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DATE 18 NOVEMBER 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0113/0000	INFORMATION	NOB ICELAND	PRIORITY
DECODED BY PARSONS/PARSONS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ANTICIPATE EARLY TRANSFER TO UNITED KINGDOM OF 7 US SHIPS NOW HELD ICELAND LOADED FOR NORTH RUSSIA PREPARATORY TO NEXT PQ SAILING DIRECT FROM UNITED KINGDOM. REQUEST ICELAND COMPLY WITH RECENT ARMAMENT DIRECTIVE FOR PQ REQUIREMENTS AND ESPECIALLY SEE THAT EACH SHIP HAS ONE 3 INCH DOUBLE PURPOSE FORWARD AND 8 OERLIKONS. ALL 7 SHIPS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND.

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FROM ALLEN, MOSCOW	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 2 NOV 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1845/1	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MCMULLAN		ROUTINE RRR	
PARAPHRASED BY TRAMPOSH		DEFERRED	

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J ALLEN

301145 NCR 9783

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CONVERSATION REPORTS ARMED GUARD OFFICERS PREP QUEEN 18
INDICATE WARSHIP FLAK FIRE AND AUXILIARY CARRIER BOTHHIGHLY EFFECTIVE. ENEMY TORPEDOES SLOW SHORT RANGE ERRATIC
CARRIED MOSTLY BY HEINKEL 111. BOMBERS JUNKERS 88 NO HITSMOVING SHIPS. ARMAMENT LIBERTYS 8 UERLIKONS 1 3 INCH,
1 4 INCH IDEAL ANYTHING LESS NEEDLESSLY JEOPARDIZING LIVESSHIPS. 30 AND 50 CALIBER ALMOST USELESS RANGE WELL INSIDE
TORPEDO DROPPING DISTANCE. SHOULD FURNISH 4 INCH SHRAPNELFOR BARRAGE AGAINST TORPEDO PLANES WHICH ALWAYS LOW APPROACH-
ING. NOT GIVEN ENOUGH GREASE RAGS SPARE PARTS FOR GUNS.MEDICINE CHEST INADEQUATE FOR VARIETY MINOR ILLS ENROUTE AND
IN USSR WHERE FACILITIES USUALLY POOR. REQUIRES SILHOUETTESRUSSIAN PLANES SHIPS. AT SEA PERFORMANCE COOPERATION MERCHANT
CREWS SUPERLATIVE, IN PORT POOR. VISIT NORTH RUSSIAFIRST CLASS ANTIDOTE ANY COMMUNISTIC LEANINGS CREW MEMBERS.
IVIL REPORT COMING.

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FROM COMDT NOBI (C)		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 14 OCT 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1651		OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BROWN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

(ALLEN)

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PARAPHRASE 1904A/29

THIS REPEATS ADMTY 1119/29. THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF 27 SHIPS
IN P.Q. 18 AND THE RETURN OF 14 SHIPS IN Q.P. 14 AFTER
SUCH PROTRACTED AND POWERFUL OPPOSITION IS A GREAT AC-
HIEVEMENT WHICH REDOUNDS TO THE CREDIT OF ALL WHO PLAN-
NED AND TOOK PART IN THE OPERATIONS.

PLEASE CONVEY OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO NAVAL, R.A.F. AND
MERCHANT NAVY PERSONNEL CONCERNED IN THIS SPIRITED DE-
FENCE IN SUCH ARDUOUS CONDITIONS. THE SUBMARINE AND AIR-
CRAFT PATROLS TOGETHER WITH THE GREAT FLIGHT OF THE P.R.
U. AIRCRAFT CONTRIBUTED LARGELY TO THE RESULT.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH
THIS SIGNAL.

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS SIGNAL MAY BE PASSED TO THE
MASTERS OF THE FOLLOWING SHIPS EX Q.P. 14.
MINOTAUR, BELLINGHAM, TROUBADOUR, ALCOA BANNER, TOBRUK,
OCEAN FREEDOM, HARMATRIS, SILVER SWORD, RATHLIN, WEST NILUS,
OCEAN VOICE, DEERLODGE, BENJAMIN HARRISON, EMPIRE TIDE,
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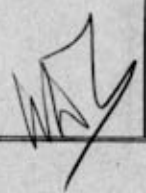
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NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOY SITUATION.

PQ 18. CAMPFIRE, SAHALE AND LAFAYETTE RE-FLOATED AND BERTHED. AFTER BEING TORPEDOED EMPIRE STEVENSON AND MARY LUCKENBACH BLEW UP IN A SHEET OF FLAME AND IT IS FEARED ENTIRE CREW OF FORMER AND PROBABLY LATTER WERE LOST. KENTUCKY ALSO BLEW UP AFTER BEING SET ON FIRE BUT IT IS BELIEVED MOST OF CREW ESCAPED. 82 AMERICAN SURVIVORS NOW REPORTED IN ARCHANGEL.

SBNO NORTH RUSSIA REPORTS 60 BOMBER SORTIES MADE ON GERMAN AERODROMES IN NORWAY OVER A PERIOD OF 3 NIGHTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 20TH. 6 LANDING CRAFT REPORTED IN KIRKENES. EINA BAY RIBACHI HEAVILY

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28th September, 1942.

Dear Mr. Crea,

I can now give you more or less a full story of the passages of Convoys P.Q.18 and Q.P.14 as given to us by the Admiral who was in command of the escort forces of these two convoys.

He joined P.Q.18 on the 9th September on which day enemy aircraft and U-boats shadowed the convoy and one promising attack on a U-boat was carried out.

On the 12th September the convoy was shadowed by BLOEM and VOSS 138. There were several attacks on U-boats, including a very promising one by H.M.S. FAULKNER.

On the 13th September two merchant ships were torpedoed by U-boats and minelaying was carried out by enemy aircraft at the head of the convoy. A variety of air attacks then followed, the first being a high level bombing attack by six JU 88's through gaps in the clouds. There were no casualties on either side. Next came an attack by between 40 and 50 torpedo bombers which approached from the starboard bow in line abreast and in close formation looking like a cloud of phantom locusts. This was a most courageously pressed home attack, despite the intense fire by all ships and resulted in 8 merchant ships being sunk. Five enemy aircraft were seen to crash and many others were damaged.

The third attack was made by nine torpedo bombers which was driven off by destroyer gun fire, resulting in torpedoes being dropped at long range well outside the screen. Two bombers were seen to crash. One Hurricane which attacked a shadowing H.E.115 was shot down in flames and unfortunately no trace of the pilot was found.

The next incident was minelaying ahead of the convoy by a large number of aircraft, but by means of an emergency turn all mines were avoided.

The/

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
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The fourth attack came at dusk and was made by 12 torpedo bombers which were again frustrated by gunfire and by H.M.S. AVENGER's fighters. Six aircraft were seen to crash.

On the 14th September at dawn S.S. ATHEL TEMPLAR was torpedoed in the engine room by U-boat and had to be sunk by our own forces.

A Swordfish sighted a U-boat six miles distant. H.M.S. ONSLOW was sent to hunt and after dropping five patterns of depth charges, reported oil, air bubbles, wreckage of wooden gratings and some green vegetables.

The fifth air attack was made in the early afternoon by 22 torpedo bombers from ahead, pressed home but no ships were hit. It seemed that H. M. Ships AVENGER and SCYLLA (flying the flag of the Admiral in Command of the operation - Rear Admiral R. L. Burnett), were the chief target.

The sixth attack by 12 JU.88's followed shortly afterwards with high level bombing lasting about 1½ hours. There was no damage, although several ships of the escort were near missed.

Immediately after this came the seventh attack by 25 torpedo bombers from right ahead. The attack split and passed down either side of H.M.S. SCYLLA; one merchant ship was hit and blew up, the explosion causing damage to her next astern, who was, however, able to proceed. Two torpedo bombers were destroyed by the explosion and three Hurricanes were shot down. All pilots, however, were saved. Here the Admiral remarks that he will never forget the reckless gallantry of the Hurricane pilots in their determination to get amongst the enemy despite the solid mass of our defensive fire of every type.

The eighth attack was made by JU.88's through the clouds and thus there were few opportunities for defensive fire. Heavy bombs dropped close to H. M. Ships SCYLLA and AVENGER, and her escort.

From the detailed analysis of all these attacks, it appears that a total of 24 aircraft were seen to crash. H.M.S. AVENGER sighted 17 torpedoes and her pilots claim five certain kills, three probable and fourteen damaged.

The first action taken on the 15th September was to transfer all British and American survivors of ships sunk, a total of 443, to ships of the covering force. 124 Russian survivors and 11 cot cases were left in the rescue ships. Then came the ninth attack by 50 to 70 aircraft which carried out high and low level bombing for three hours. These attacks were carried out mainly from above low clouds. The enemy was harassed by Hurricanes above the clouds and by intense fire from the escorts whenever

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they appeared below. Many bombs were dropped, including some very heavy ones and one bomber was seen to crash at a distance.

There were many A/S contacts and hunts during the day of the 15th, including one promising attack by H.M.S. IMPULSIVE who reported diesel oil, bubbles, wood, wreckage, etc.

On the 17th September the Admiral transferred to Q.P.14. Nothing of importance occurred on this day.

On the 18th September shadowing aircraft appeared for a short time but no attacks developed.

On the 19th September, after passing South Cape, in order to keep out of range of torpedo bombing attacks, the Admiral altered course to northward at dawn. Unfortunately the convoy's alteration of course was sighted by an enemy aircraft carrying out meteorological reconnaissance, but again no aircraft attacks were carried out by the enemy.

H.M.S. ONSLAUGHT was despatched to the assistance of H.M.S. TROUBADOUR which had been a straggler from the start and was being attacked by U-boat 70 miles astern. Contact with the ship was made with the assistance of a Swordfish.

Numerous A/S contacts were obtained during the night of the 19th/20th September and at 0530 on the 20th September, Ship A in the rear of the convoy was torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat. From this time onwards the convoy was constantly shadowed by U-boats. A Swordfish and H.M.S. ASHANTI both reported very promising attacks on U-boats. At 1700 one merchant ship was hit by two torpedoes. At this time the Admiral transferred to H.M.S. MILNE in view of the heavy U-boat threat, sending H. M. Ships SCYLLA and AVENGER to Seidisfiord at their maximum speed. Ship B was hit shortly afterwards in the engine room by torpedo and H.M.S. ASHANTI took her in tow.

On the 21st September H.M. Ships BRAMBLE and WORCESTER carried out a promising attack on a U-boat, under water explosions being heard and large bubbles seen. A Catalina in carrying out another attack on a U-boat was shot down.

The Admiral left the convoy on the 22nd September, and shortly afterwards two merchant ships and the R.F.A. GREY RANGER were torpedoed and sunk by U-boat.

The summary of damage done to Convoy P.Q.18 and to enemy forces up to the 17th September, is as follows:-

- (a) 3 merchant ships sunk by U-boat) 578 survivors
9 merchant ships sunk by aircraft)

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- (b) 4 Hurricanes destroyed but three pilots saved.
- (c) 38 enemy aircraft seen to crash, many others damaged.
- (d) Very promising attacks on four U-boats.

The summary of damage done to Convoy Q.P.14, is as follows:-

- (a) Ship A sunk by U-boat.
- (b) Ship B torpedoed - taken in tow, broke in two and sunk on the 24th September.
- (c) Three Merchant Ships and R.F.A. GREY RANGER sunk by U-boat.
- (d) Very promising attacks on two U-boats.

Final merchant ship losses with names of ships, appear to be as follows:-

P.Q.18

STALINGRAD
JOHN PENN
AFRIKANDER
SUKHONA
KENTUCKY

OLIVER ELSWORTH
EMPIRE STEVENSON
OREGONIAN
ATHEL TEMPLAR

EMPIRE BEAUMONT
WACOSTA
MACRETH
MARY LUCKENBACH

Q.P.14

R.F.A. GREY RANGER, SILVER SWORD, OCEAN VOICE, BELLERBEERHAM.

There seems to be a possibility that a fifth ship (U.S.A.) has since been sunk.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. Shaw

A. P. SHAW
Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy.
Secretary.

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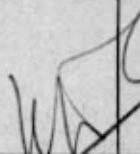
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FOLLOWING IS R.A.D.'S 1741/24 PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION.

BEGINS: ADMIRALTY FROM R.A.D. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVENTS DURING OPERATION 'EV'. CONFERENCES AND PRELIMINARY MOVEMENTS WENT OFF SATISFACTORILY AND ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME

UP TO 9TH SEPTEMBER WHEN I JOINED P.Q. 18. ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND U-BOATS SHADOWED THE CONVOY, 1 PROMISING ATTACK ON A U-BOAT CARRIED OUT.

2. 11TH. PROCEEDED WITH FORCE 'B' TO OIL AT BELL SOUND LEAVING CAPTAIN D 8 IN COMMAND.

3. 12TH. CONVOY SHADOWED BY BLOEM AND VOSS 138 SEVERAL AT-

TACKS ON U-BOATS INCLUDING VERY PROMISING ONE BY HMS FAULKNER.

4. 13TH. 2 MERCHANT SHIPS TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT. MINELAYING BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT AHEAD OF CONVOY. REJOINED CONVOY WITH FORCE

'B' JUST IN TIME FOR FIRST OF A VARIETY OF AIR ATTACKS.

5. FIRST ATTACK WAS HIGH LEVEL BOMBING BY ABOUT 6 J.U.88'S THROUGH GAPS IN CLOUDS. NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE.

6. SECOND ATTACK BY BETWEEN 40 AND 50 TORPEDO BOMBERS WHO APPROACHED FROM STARBOARD BOW, LINE ABREAST IN CLOSE FORMATION LOOKING LIKE A CLOUD OF PHANTOM LOCUSTS. DESPITE INTENSE FIRE

BY ALL SHIPS ATTACK WAS MOST COURAGEOUSLY PRESSED HOME TO VERY SHORT RANGE AND RESULTED IN 8 MERCHANT SHIPS BEING SUNK.

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5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SEEN TO CRASH, MANY OTHERS DAMAGED.
 7. THIRD ATTACK BY 9 TORPEDO BOMBERS WAS DRIVEN OFF BY DESTROYER GUNFIRE RESULTING IN TORPEDOES BEING DROPPED AT LONG

RANGE WELL OUTSIDE SCREEN. 2 BOMBERS SEEN TO CRASH.
 8. 1 HURRICANE WHO ATTACKED A SHADOWING H.E. 115 WAS SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES. DESTROYER FOUND NO TRACE OF PILOT.

9. MINELAYING BY LARGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AHEAD OF CONVOY. EMERGENCY TURN MADE TO AVOID.

10. FOURTH ATTACK AT DUSK BY 12 TORPEDO BOMBERS AGAIN FRUSTRATED BY GUNFIRE OF SCREEN AND H.M.S. AVENGER'S FIGHTERS 6 AIRCRAFT SEEN TO CRASH.

11. 14TH AT DAWN ATHEL TEMPLAR TORPEDOED IN ENGINE-ROOM BY U-BOAT AND SUNK BY OWN FORCES.

12. SWORDFISH SIGHTED U-BOAT SIX MILES DISTANT. HMS ONSLOW SENT TO HUNT AND AFTER DROPPING FIVE PATTERNS REPORTED 'OIL,

AIR BUBBLES, WRECKAGE OF WOODEN GRATINGS AND SOME GREEN VEGETABLES.'

13. 5TH ATTACK IN EARLY AFTERNOON BY 22 TORPEDO BOMBERS FROM AHEAD PRESSED HOME BUT NO SHIPS HIT, H.M. SHIPS AVENGER AND SCYLLA BEING CHIEF TARGET.

14. 6TH ATTACK BY 12 J.U. 88'S CLOSELY FOLLOWED. HIGH LEVEL BOMBINGS LASTING ABOUT 1 AND A QUARTER HOURS NO DAMAGE,

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SEVERAL SHIPS OF ESCORT HAD NEAR MISSES.
 15. 7TH ATTACK BY 25 TORPEDO BOMBERS FROM RIGHT AHEAD FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY. ATTACK SPLIT AND PASSED EITHER SIDE, OF HMS

SCYLLA, ONE MERCHANT SHIP HIT AND BLEW UP, THE EXPLOSION CAUSING DAMAGE TO HER NEXT ASTERN WHO WAS HOWEVER ABLE TO PROCEED. 2 TORPEDO BOMBERS DESTROYED IN THE EXPLOSION. 3

HURRICANES SHOT DOWN, ALL PILOTS SAVED. I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE RECKLESS GALLANTRY OF HURRICANE PILOTS IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO GET IN AMONGST THE ENEMY DESPITE THE SOLID MASS

OF OUR DEFENSIVE FIRE OF EVERY TYPE.

16. 8TH ATTACK BY J.U. 88 THROUGH CLOUDS, FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEFENSIVE FIRE. HEAVY BOMBS DROPPED CLOSE TO HMS SCYLLA

HMS AVENGER AND ESCORT WHO APPEARED TO BE CHIEF TARGET.

17. FROM DETAILED ANALYSIS TOTAL OF 24 AIRCRAFT SEEN TO CRASH DURING ATTACKS ON 14TH. HMS AVENGER SIGHTED 17 TORPEDOES AND

HER PILOTS CLAIM FIVE CERTAIN KILLS, THREE PROBABLES AND 14 DAMAGED.

18. 15TH. ALL BRITISH AND AMERICAN SURVIVORS OF SHIPS SUNK,

TOTALLING 443, TRANSFERRED TO SHIPS OF COVERING FORCE. 124 RUSSIAN SURVIVORS AND 11 BRITISH COT CASES LEFT IN RESCUE SHIPS.

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19. 9TH ATTACK. HIGH AND LOW LEVEL BOMBING FOR 3 HOURS BY 50 TO 70 AIRCRAFT. ATTACK CARRIED OUT MAINLY FROM ABOVE LOW CLOUDS. ENEMY HARASSED BY HURRICANES ABOVE CLOUDS AND BY

INTENSE GUNFIRE BY ESCORTS WHENEVER THEY APPEARED BELOW. MANY BOMBS DROPPED INCLUDING SOME VERY HEAVY, 1 BOMBER SEEN TO CRASH AT A DISTANCE.

20. MANY A/S CONTACTS AND HUNTS DURING THE DAY INCLUDING ONE PROMISING ATTACK BY HMS IMPULSIVE WHO REPORTED DIESEL OIL BUBBLES WOOD, WRECKAGE ETC.

21. 17TH TRANSFERRED TO QP 14.

22. 18TH SHADOWING AIRCRAFT APPEARED FOR SHORT TIME, SEVERAL ICEBERGS SIGHTED. W/T SILENCE.

23. 19TH AFTER PASSING SOUTH CAPE IN ORDER TO KEEP OUT OF RANGE OF TORPEDO BOMBING ATTACK ALTERED COURSE TO NORTHWARD AT DAWN. CONVOY'S ALTERATION OF COURSE UNFORTUNATELY SIGHTED

BY AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT METEOROLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE.

24. IN ORDER TO AVOID WEAKENING THE SCREEN BY SENDING DESTROYERS IN TO BELL SOUND TO FUEL, 2 DESTROYERS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SENT AHEAD TO BRING ONE OILER FROM FORCE 'P' OUT TO JOIN UP WITH THE CONVOY AND THESE RENDEZVOUSED WITH ME AT 1900.

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25. ONSLAUGHT DESPATCHED TO ASSISTANCE OF TROUBADOUR A STRAGGLER FROM THE START, WHO WAS BEING ATTACKED BY U-BOAT 70 MILES ASTERN. CONTACT MADE WITH ASSISTANCE OF SWORDFISH.

26. 20TH NUMEROUS A/S CONTACTS OBTAINED DURING NIGHT AND AT 0530 SHIP 'A' IN REAR OF CONVOY WAS TORPEDOED AND SUNK BY U-BOAT. CONVOY CONSTANTLY SHADOWED BY U-BOATS FROM NOW ON.

27. A SWORDFISH AND ASHANTI BOTH REPORTED VERY PROMISING ATTACKS ON U-BOATS. AT 1700 1 MERCHANT SHIP HIT BY 2 TORPEDOES AND IN VIEW OF HEAVY U-BOAT THREAT I TRANSFERRED TO MILNE AND

SENT SCYLLA AND AVENGER ON TO SEIDISFIORD AT THEIR MAXIMUM SPEED.

28. SHIP 'B' WAS HIT IN ENGINE ROOM BY TORPEDO AND ASHANTI

TOOK HER IN TOW.

29. 21ST BRAMBLE AND WORCESTER CARRIED OUT PROMISING ATTACK ON U-BOAT. UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS HEARD AND LARGE AIR

BUBBLES SEEN. CATALINA IN CARRYING OUT ATTACK ON U-BOAT WAS SHOT DOWN.

30. 22ND SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING CONVOY IN MIDNE IN POSITION

'Q' TWO MERCHANT SHIPS AND GREY RANGER TORPEDOED AND SUNK BY U-BOAT.

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SUMMARY

31. P.Q. 18. 4 HURRICANES WERE ONLY NAVAL LOSSES. 3 PILOTS
 SAVED. 3 MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK BY U BOAT. 9 BY ~~U BOAT~~

AIRCRAFT UP TO 17TH. TOTAL OF 578 SURVIVORS. 38 ENEMY AIR-
 CRAFT SEEN TO CRASH, MANY OTHERS DAMAGED. VERY PROMISING

ATTACKS ON FOUR U-BOATS.

32. Q.P. 14. SHIP 'A' SUNK BY U-BOAT. SHIP 'B' TORPEDOED

TAKEN TOW, BROKE IN TWO AND SUNK TODAY. THREE MERCHANT
 SHIPS AND R.F.A. GREY RANGER SUNK BY U-BOAT. VERY PROMISING

ATTACKS ON 2 U-BOATS. 1741/24 ENDS.

CONTING... COG.

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MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES IN PQ 18 WERE AS FOLLOWS: STALINGRAD,
OLIVER ELSWORTH, EMPIRE BEAUMONT, JOHN PENN EMPIRE STEVENSON,
WACOSTA, AFRIKANDER, OREGONIAN, MACBETH, SUKHONA, ATHEL
TEMPLAR, MARY LUCKENBACH, KENTUCKY, 13 SHIPS IN ALL.

2. QP 14, RFA GREY RANGER AND 3 MERCHANT SHIPS SILVER SWORD,
OCEAN VOICE AND BELLBEERHAM WERE BOST. 4

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PQ 18. ALL BRITISH AND AMERICAN SURVIVORS OF SHIPS SUNK ENROUTE EXCEPT COT CASES WERE TRANSFERRED SAFELY TO RETURNING ESCORTS. 209 IN HMS OCYLLA REMAINDER IN HOME FLEET DESTROYERS. 11 BRITISH OR AMERICAN COT CASES SENT ON TO RUSSIA. LAFAYETTE, SAHALE, AND CAMPFIRE AGROUND IN DVINA OF WHICH FIRST 2 CAN BE REFLOATED EASILY BUT LATTER HARD AGROUND. CREW OF CAMPFIRE ABANDONED SHIP BUT WERE ORDERED TO RETURN. SEVERAL JUNKERS 88'S ATTACKED SHIPS IN DVINA ON 21ST. NO DAMAGE.

QP 14. LARGE SCALE ATTACKS BY U-BOATS. BELLINGHAM, OCEAN VOICE, AND OILER GREY RANGER SUNK ON 22ND. HMS SOMALI TORPEDOED AND NOW IN TOW.

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PERMISSION TO LAND BRITISH HOSPITAL UNIT
AT ARCHANGEL REFUSED BY RUSSIANS ON ORDERS FROM
MOSCOW. AND UNIT NOW RETURNING IN QP 14. RUSSIANS
HAVE NOW REQUESTED BRITISH TO CLOSE THEIR HOS-
PITAL AT VAENGA.

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21st September, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Crea,

We have now received news that Convoy P.Q.18 was due at Archangel on the night of 19th September. On 18th September high level and torpedo bomber attacks were carried out against it off the entrance to the White Sea, and one U.S. 5500 ton merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk.

During the attacks at least 4 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Nothing more has yet been received about the progress of Convoy Q.P.14 but I will continue to keep you informed if we receive anything further.

Yours sincerely,
A.P. Shaw

A.P. SHAW
Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy,
Secretary.

P.S. Name of U.S. Ship sunk was "KENTUCKY".

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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21st September, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Crea.

Further to my letter of today, it now seems that the total casualties of Convoy P.Q.18 amounted to ~~27~~ ships as follows:

U.S.S.R:	STALINGRAD and SUKONA.
British:	EMPIRE BEAUMONT, EMPIRE STEVENSON and ATHEL TEMPLAR.
American & Panamanian:	JOHN PENN, OREGONIAN, OLIVER ELSWORTH, MARY LUCKENBACH, KENTUCKY, WACOSTA, MACBETH, AFRICANDER.

2. It seems that so far only 161 survivors from these ships have been recovered.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. Shaw

A. P. SHAW
Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy,
Secretary.

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*note: this figure
is taken from
a memo at Changel's
dispatch. An earlier
dispatch said
450 survivors had
been picked up.*
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DUE HEAVY WESTERLY GALES IN DVINA GULF VESSELS LAFAYETTE
AND SAHLE AGROUND AT BAR. STEAMER CAMPFIRE AGROUND
AND ABANDONED OFF MODYUKSKI ISLAND ON WHICH CREW HAVE
LANDED. FRANKEL PROCEEDING INVESTIGATE AND ASSIST IN
FLOATING VESSEL.

all 3 are PQ 18

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ARRIVALS ARCHANGEL 21 SEPT MOVEMENTS SERIAL 22 FROM USA
 AMERICAN VIRGINIA DARE, ESEK HOPKINS, SAINT OLQF, PATRICK
 HENRY, NATHANIEL GREENE, CHARLES MCCORMACK, 8 A HALE, SC-
 HOHARIE, WILLIAM MOULTRIE, MEANTICUT, HOLLYWOOD, LAFAYETE,
 PANAMANIAN CAMP FIRE, WHITE CLOVER, EX FORD, SOVIET TBILISI.
 FROM U.K. ICELAND BRITISH TEMPLE ARCH, EMPIRE BAFFIN,
 OCEAN FAITH, EMPIRE WORN, EMPIRE TRIVTAM, DANYBRYN, GOOLISTAN,
 EMPIRE SNOW, SOVIET ANDRE MARTI, K F MILES, PETROVSKI.
 CONVOY WAS DELAYED 2 DAYS OFF BAR BY WEATHER DURING WHICH
 TIME ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT WITH NO DAMAGE.

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AS OF 2100 LAST NIGHT SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER ARCH-
ANGEL REPORTED THAT 5 SHIPS OF PQ 18 HAD PASSED UP THE
HARBOR TO ARCHANGEL AND IN SPITE OF WESTERLY GALE HOPED
TO GET REMAINING 22 IN TODAY MONDAY. 13 SHIPS LOST.

NAMES FOLLOW: STALINGRAD, OLIVER EUSWORTH, EMPIRE BEAUMONT,

JOHN PENN, EMPIRE STEVENSON, WAGOSTA, AFRICANDER,
OREGONIAN, MACBETH, SUKHONA, ATHEL TEMPLAR, MARY LUCKENBACH,
AND KENTUCKY. ALL ESCORT AND RESCUE SHIPS ARRIVED.

CONVOY WAS ATTACKED AFTERNOON OF 20TH BY 24 JU 8B'S.

NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. 2 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN.

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DAILY SERIAL 20. *10th attach 7.68N 43E*
US KENTUCKY IN PQ 18 TORPEDOED AND SUNK IN AIRCRAFT
 ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 18 OFF CAPE KANIN. DUTCH BREEDIJK
 TORPEDOED AND PRESUMED SUNK ON SEPTEMBER 18 POSIT 04-
 08 SOUTH 08-36 WEST. CONVOY HX 206 ARRIVED 45 SHIPS.
 ONE CRAFT KG 40 FROM BORDEAUX ACTIVE YESTERDAY OVER UN-
 KNOWN AREA.

Not an additional one.

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79 US NAVY SURVIVORS OF 10 MERCHANT SHIPS IN CONVOY ~~PO17~~ DEPARTED ICELAND JUNE 27 1942 FOR RUSSIA AND SUNK BY GERMANS WERE LANDED NORFOLK SEPT 10 1942 ON USS NEW YORK AND USS PHILADELPHIA X NO INFORMATION ABOUT CASUALTIES EXCEPT AS INDICATED X POSITIONS APPROXIMATE X DETAILS AS FOLLOWS

SS WILLIAM HOOPER X SUNK BY ONE AERIAL TORPEDO X JULY 4 AT 1845 LAT X 75:30 N 24:15 E X CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS SUNK WITH SHIP X DEAD ARE HINES FIREMAN J MCCAFFREY OILER AND FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER NAME UNKNOWN X SURVIVORS 48 INCLUDING ALL 15 NAVY ARMED GUARD LANDED NORFOLK LT (JG) BRIAN G WELCH USNR QUINTEN D CULBERTSON HERMAN J DISRUDE BERNARD W MEIER FILEBERTO CONTRERAS FORREST J NEWFORTH HERMAN G HOUGHINS LESTER W MITCHELL STEPHEN H DAHMS ROBERT M MITCHELL EUGENE C CLEVELAND LAWRENCE H HEINAMAN ROBERT I HARLAND ALL SEA 2 SLANT C JAMES P BRENT RM 3 SLANT C JOSEPH E HOWERTON SM 3 SLANT C X

PANAMANIAN SS EL CAPITAN X 3 AERIAL BOMBS X 10 JULY AT 0530 GMT X 70:10 N 41:40 E X CODES DELIVERED ABOARD HMT LORD AUSTIN X NO CASUALTIES X NUMBER MERCHANT CREW UNKNOWN X ALL 11 NAVY PERSONNEL ABOARD LANDED NORFOLK LTJG LOUIS D MARKS USNR GEORGE B DAILEY MELVIN W DUFF HAROLD J JAMES CONALD E ROBERTS ROMANO P ANGELO VIRGIL J SHELBY LEONARD L CUTCHENS ALL SEA 2 SLANT C JOSEPH D LEAHY RM 2 SLANT C WARD L GEMMER COX FLOYD E RICHARDS SM 1 SLANT C X

SS PAN KRAFT X 9 BOMBS X JULY 5 AT 1745 GMT X 76:59 N 38:00 E X SECRET PAPERS DOWN WITH SHIP X DEAD SECOND MATE STOCKTON AND ABLE SEAMAN MCCARLEY X INJURED THIRD MATE CHRISTENSEN BULLET RIGHT THIGH X 45 SURVIVORS INCLUDING ALL 11 NAVY PERSONNEL ABOARD AND LANDED NORFOLK ENSIGN HARRY VANTER USNR JAMES E BLACKWELL GRAHAM D HUMPHREYS WILLIAM M DEAN KENNETH S CLASEN ROBERT D DABINETT MILTON E DADUK HAZEL J PRICE RAY E BAILEY JOHN J DECKER WALTER M MCGEE ALL SEA 2 SLANT C X

SS DANIEL MORGAN X 2 BOMBS 2 SUBMARINE TORPEDOES X JULY 5 AT 1730 LAT X 75:08 N 46:06 E X CODES SUNK IN METAL BOX X DEAD CHIEF MATE FIREMAN AND MESSMAN NAMES UNKNOWN X SURVIVORS 49 INCLUDING 15 NAVY LATTER LANDED IN NORFOLK X LT JG MORTON E WOLFSON USNR MERLIN G HOUDESHILL OMAR A NELSON THOMAS E BROWN HUBERT WILLIAMS MILTON C CASEY ELI P BOURG MAURICE E LARSON EDWARD T ANDERSON S TRAHAN JOHN W GAMMON ELDER S KIRBY ALLAN A THOMPSON FRANCIS L DUNCAN ALL SEA 2 SLANT C WILLIAM A SCHILBE CM 3 SLANT C X

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SS WASHINGTON X 21 BOMBS X JULY 5 AT 1525 GMT X 76:40 N 34:40 E X
CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS SUNK IN METAL BOX X DEAD DECK ENGINEER NAME UNKNOWN
X ALBERT DELROYD FRIDAY AND WILLIAM THOMAS HARKINS SEA 2 SLANT C
HOSPITALIZED ARCHANGEL X 45 SURVIVORS INCLUDING ALL 9 ARMED GUARD X
LANDED NORFOLK WERE ENSIGN CHARLES M ULRICH USNR ARTHUR McDONALD
GEORGE C COOPER EMMETT D ANDERSON PAUL O LESSARD ALL SEA 2 SLANT C
ROBERT G HENDERSON RM 3 XLANT C JAMES H GUYTON SM 3 SLANT C X

SS HONOLULU X SUBMARINE TORPEDO X 5 JULY 1430 GMT X 77 N 25 E X
DISPOSITION OF BODIES UNKNOWN X MASTER F A STROUD TAKEN PRISONER ON
SUBMARINE X NO CASUALTIES X 41 SURVIVORS INCLUDING MASTER X JAMES J
YAHNER AND TROY S CONAY BOTH SEA 2 SLANT C LANDED NORFOLK X

SS ALCOA RANGER X ONE TORPEDO 75 SHELLS FROM SUBMARINE X JULY 7 AT
0730 GMT X 76:19 N 44:00 E X PAPERS SUNK IN WEIGHTED BAG X NO
CASUALTIES X SURVIVORS 34 MERCHANT 4 BRITISH DELIS 2 USN X S H THORNTON
SM 2 SLANT C R B DITMYER RM 3 SLANT C LANDED NORFOLK

SS PETER KERR X 6 BOMBS X 5 JULY 1530 LAT X 74:38 N 34:42 E X PAPERS
SUNK IN METAL BOX X NO CASUALTIES X SURVIVORS 37 MERCHANT 11 USN X
LATTER LANDED NORFOLK X L C PAGE RM 3 SLANT C NORBERT L SCHWARTZ
COX MAJOR R LESTER HERBERT L HELMICK ERNEST H PETERS JOSEPH E REEVES
JASPER L NICHOLS ROBERT E MITCHEM THOMAS B REDD GEORGE M COWEN
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CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS SUNK WITH SHIP X DEAD LTJG CHARLES CARROLL USNR
RALPH HENRY KLUCK WILLIAM JAMES DOBIE CONALD CLEMENS JOHN CATALOGNA
HUSTON ROGERS HUNTER ALL SEA 2 SLANT C JOHN JOSEPH MEKA SM 2 SLANT C
ALSO 18 MERCHANT SEAMEN INCLUDING JOHN RODIGAN A B WICKENHUISER A B
JOHN SHEPPARD UTILITYMAN MARSHALL EMANUEL MESSMAN FRANK MILLER BOSN
ARTHUR R MCKINLEY RADIO TALBOT 3RD ASST ENGR FOOT DECK CADET X 4
MERCHANT SEAMEN IN ARCHANGEL HOSPITAL WITH FROZEN LIMBS X 19 MERCHANT
4 USN SURVIVORS X MOSES L GUTHRIE DALE L GOSNELL DONALD R BERG ALL
SEA 2 SLANT C WILLIAM H SHAEFER RM 3 SLANT C LANDED NORFOLK

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INCOMING CONVOY DUE ARRIVE THIS DATE .

FOLLOWING SHIPS LOST: SOVIET -STALINGRAD AND SUKONA.
 BRITISH- EMPIRE BEAUMONT, EMPIRE STEVENSON, AND ATHEL
 TEMPLAR. AMERICAN AND PANANAMIAN- JOHN PENN, OREGONIAN,
 OLIVER ELSWORTH, MARY LUCKENBACH, KENTUCKY, WACOSTA, MACBETH,
 AFRICANDER.

ONLY 161 SURVIVORS ACCORDING TO ADVANCED REPORT
 FURTHER DETAILS WHEN ASCERTAINED.

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AS OF 1200/15, TWELVE SHIPS IN PQ-18 APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SUNK WITH ONE MORE DAMAGED BUT STILL WITH THE CONVOY. 420 SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP. AT THE TIME OF THE LAST SIGNAL FROM THE CONVOY THE SHIPS WERE STEADILY DRAWING FARTHER EAST OF THE GERMAN AIRFIELDS IN NORTHERN NORWAY, AND UP TO 0700 17TH NO FURTHER ATTACK HAS BEEN REPORTED.

TORPEDO BOMBERS IN WAVES OF 37, 9, 22, AND 25 PLANES HAVE BEEN PRESSING HOME THEIR ATTACKS. THE MORTALITY IN GERMAN AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN HEAVY: 15 CERTAIN ARE LISTED AS SHOT DOWN WITH MANY OTHERS DESCRIBED AS PROBABLES. IN ADDITION AT LEAST 13 HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. THREE HURRICANES FROM THE AVENGER HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN BUT ALL PILOTS WERE RECOVERED. SEVERAL U-BOATS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED.

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AN INTERESTING POINT IS THAT HIGH AND LOW LEVEL BOMBING, ALTHOUGH CONTINUOUS, HAS PROVED INEFFECTIVE DESPITE PERFECT BOMBING WEATHER. IT HAS BEEN TORPEDO BOMBERS APPARENTLY WHICH HAVE PRODUCED THE SHIP CASUALTIES.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TIRPITZ IS STILL UNKNOWN. THE REMAINDER OF THE GERMAN SURFACE UNITS ARE CONCENTRATED IN ALTENFJORD. NAVAL SURFACE ACTION WHICH SO FAR HAS NOT OCCURRED DURING THE PASSAGE OF PQ-18 MAY MATERIALIZE WHEN QP-14, NOW THREE DAYS OUT OF ARCHANGEL, REACHES A POSITION NORTH OR NORTHEAST OF NORWAY. THE PASSAGE OF PQ-18 HAS PROVIDED THE ENEMY COMMAND WITH A FAIRLY EXACT KNOWLEDGE OF THE SURFACE NAVAL STRENGTH ESCORTING THE CONVOY AND THE COVERING FORCES INVOLVED. THIS ESCORT WHICH YESTERDAY CONSISTED OF ONE CRUISER, 20 DESTROYERS, ONE AVG, SEVEN CORVETTES AND MINESWEEPERS, TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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SHIPS, TWO SUBMARINES, AND FOUR TRAWLERS, WILL FOR THE
 MOST PART TRANSFER TO QP-14 IN APPROXIMATELY POSITION
 73-15N 47-30E.

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17th September, 1942.

Dear Mr. Crea,

Here is some more news about P.Q. Convoys.

At 1900 G.M.T., Wednesday 16th September, their positions were -
P.Q.18, 73° 08' N., 46° 45' E.; Q.P.14, 73° 22' N., 48° 30' E.

The initial escort of Q.P.14 was 2 destroyers, 2 A/A ships, 4 corvettes and 4 trawlers and it was estimated that the following should have transferred from the escort of P.Q.18 to Q.P.14 on 16th September - 1 cruiser, 1 auxiliary aircraft carrier, 1 A/A ship, 2 submarines and 18 destroyers.

Two cruisers and 1 destroyer from a force of 1,6", 4,8" cruisers and 4 destroyers, which reached a covering position west of Bear Island p.m. 16th September, have been temporarily detached to take stores and reliefs to the garrison at Barentsburg, Spitzbergen.

Although P.Q.18 was reported by enemy aircraft a.m. on 16th September no reports of attacks on either Convoy have been received but wireless conditions are still difficult.

ADMIRAL SCHEER, ADMIRAL HIPPER and KOLN were sighted in the Alten Fiord a.m. 16th September but TIRPITZ is still unlocated.

Yours Sincerely,

A. F. Shaw

A. F. SHAW
Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy
Secretary.

Captain J. L. McCrea, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
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Dear Mr. Crea,

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Further to my letter of 15th September the following further information about Convoy P.Q.18 has been received and Admiral Cunningham has asked me to let you have it for the information of the President.

The estimated position of the Convoy at 2000 on the 15th September was 76° N. 40° E. The Convoy was shadowed continually by aircraft and submarines on the 14th and an attack at 1235 on that day by 24 torpedo bombers was driven off. A high level bombing attack followed and this caused no damage but in an air attack by 25 torpedo bombers a little later one ship was sunk and another damaged. This latter ship is still with the Convoy. High and low level bombing continued until 1515.

Up to 1700 on the 14th September three Hurricanes from H.M.S. AVENGER had been shot down but her pilots claim enemy losses as 4 certain, 3 probable and 13 damaged. At noon on the 15th September the Senior Officer of the escort reported that so far 12 merchant ships had been sunk and one damaged; 420 survivors had been picked up; 15 enemy aircraft had been destroyed and many more are probable losses. He reported that it was lovely bombing weather !

Q.P.14 left Archangel at 1600 on 13th September and was estimated to be in the position 71° N. 48° E. at 2000 on the 15th September.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. Shaw

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FROM: ALUSNA, LONDON

TO: OPNAV,

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1942

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DAILY SERIAL 14

CONVOY PQ 18 REPORTED ATTACK BY 37 TORPEDO BOMBERS
AT 1530 YESTERDAY AND ABOUT 10 SHIPS ARE BELIEVED LOST.
POSITION APPROXIMATELY 76 N 08 E.

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Dear Mr. Crea,

Admiral Cunningham has asked me to communicate the following information regarding Convoy P.Q.18 to you for the information of the President.

At 1900 G.M.T. on Monday 14th September the Convoy was in an estimated position of 76° N. 25° E., being escorted by 1 cruiser, 20 destroyers, an auxiliary aircraft carrier, 2 A/A ships, 2 submarines, 7 corvettes and minesweepers and 4 trawlers.

It seems that the Convoy was reported by enemy aircraft on Tuesday 8th September but was able to proceed unobserved until the afternoon of Saturday 12th September when it was sighted by Focke Wulf aircraft.

U-Boats attacked the Convoy at 0255 on 13th September when the United States Ship OLIVER ELSWORTHY and the U.S.S.R. Ship STALINGRAD were sunk.

Air attacks were made against the Convoy during the remainder of Sunday 13th September. Both high and low level bombing attacks were ineffective but 37 torpedo aircraft are reported on this day to have caused the loss of 10 ships, the names of which at present are unknown. 9 torpedo aircraft carried out a second attack but were driven off and a further air attack at dusk caused no damage. During all these attacks we lost one Hurricane.

No further attacks had been reported up to midnight 14th/15th September and there have been no W/T indications that U-Boats or aircraft are still in touch with the Convoy. Wireless conditions, however, are difficult and information may be incomplete.

VON TIRPITZ is at present unlocated but ADMIRAL SCHEER and ADMIRAL HIPPER and KOLN have been sighted in Alten Fjord.

Our/

Captain J. McCrea, U.S.N.
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House,
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Our covering forces, included in which are the battleships H.M.S. ANSON and H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK, were apparently sighted on Saturday 12th September by enemy aircraft when proceeding to a cover position.

The total number of warships employed on protecting this Convoy and bringing back a Q.P. Convoy is 73.

About 15,000 tons of fuel will have to be embarked at sea by escorts during the course of the operation.

Yours sincerely,
A. F. Shaw

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Paymaster Captain, Royal Navy,
Secretary.

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PQ-18 CONSISTING OF 40 SHIPS SAILED FROM LOCH EWE AND REYKJAVIK AS FOLLOWS:**FROM LOCH EWE 2/9/42.**

VIRGINIA DARE
ST. OLAF
MEANTICUT
MARY LUCKENBACH
WILLIAM MOULTRIE
BLACK HENRY
JOHN PENN
ESSEX HOOKINS
NATHAN GREEN
CHARLES MCCORMACK
WACOSTA
HOLLYWOOD
CAMPFIRE
WHITE CLOVER
AFRICANDER
KENTUCKY
PETROVSKY

LAFAYETTE ✓
SCHOHARIE
SAHALE ✓
OREGONIAN
EMPIRE BEAUMONT
OCEAN FAITH
TEMPLE ARCH
EMPIRE TRISTRAM
EMPIRE MORN
DAN-Y-BRYN
EMPIRE STEVENSON
EMPIRE BAFFIN
GOOLISTAN
EMPIRE SNOW
MACBETH
WHILES

FROM REYKJAVIK 7/9/42.

OLIVER ELSWORTH
TBILISI
STALINGRAD

EXFORD
ANDRE WARTI
SUKHONA
ATHELTEMPLAR

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2. YOUR 1556/3. THE FOLLOWING SHIPS ARE NOW BEING
PREPARED FOR PQ-19 AT ICELAND (C):

GATEWAY CITY
OREMAR

RICHARD BASSET
EL ALMIRANTE

IN UNITED KINGDOM:

OURKMAR
VERMONT
EL ORIENTE
WEST GATOWASKA
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DYNASTIC
JEFFERSON MYERS
RICHARD BLAND
BEAREGARD
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Naval Intentions for P.Q.18

Further to my note on Russian Convoys the following (for your personal information) may be of interest.

Convoy sails about 1st September with an auxiliary carrier and 20 close escorts (of which 6 are destroyers).

A striking force of one cruiser and all available fleet destroyers (about 16) will be so placed as to give cover probably in Barentz Sea.

Home Fleet with a scratch team of destroyers will remain in Iceland so as to allow maximum destroyers for escort and striking forces.

Q.P.14 will probably meet P.Q.18 two days out from Archangel and return under cover of striking force. Winter supply of Spitzbergen is also being undertaken during this operation.

Total destroyer commitment is about 40 destroyers and for this purpose it is necessary to strip Western Approaches and send some coastal convoys unescorted.

22nd August, 1942.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUSSIAN CONVOYS

Convoy P.Q.18 sails about 1st September.

Ships of Q.P.14 will return from Archangel under cover of escort of P.Q.18.

Future Convoys

The above programme only allows just sufficient time for destroyer escorts to get back in time for TORCH. It is thus out of the question to run another convoy at the end of September.

The escort commitments for TORCH are so heavy that they can only be provided by stopping Sierra Leone and Gibraltar convoys and heavily cutting escorts for coastal convoys. The Admiralty therefore consider that it is out of the question to run a P.Q. convoy simultaneously whatever risk is taken elsewhere in Atlantic since the escort commitment of a P.Q. convoy is very heavy.

We cannot know our sea commitments in connection with TORCH till we see how it goes. It is thus not possible to forecast the date at which P.Q. convoy can be run after TORCH.

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**ARRIVAL TUSCALOOSA AT KOLA INLET DELAYED UNTIL POST
MERIDIAN 23RD. MY 091701.**

**REF: COMDR IN CHIEF HOME FLEET HAS ORDERED TUSCALOOSA AND
3 DD'S INCLUDING EMMONS AND RODMAN TO CARRY STORES TO AND
EVACUATE SURVIVING MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM KOLA INLET. ARRIVAL
DATE KOLA ABOUT 18 AUGUST.**

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			R R ROUTINE R R
DATE 13 AUG 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2116/12	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY CONNER/REID			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLASSCOCK			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROBINSON

121212 NCR 2661

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BRITISH INFORM ME CRUISER TUSCALOOSA PLUS 2 UNITED STATES DESTROYERS AND 2 BRITISH DESTROYERS EXPECTED KOLA INLET ABOUT 18TH. EXPECT PROCEED FROM HERE 16TH WITH 350 US SURVIVORS ON BRITISH MAN OF WAR AND EMBARK THEM OUR VESSELS THEN RETURN ARCHANGEL IMMEDIATELY. THIS WILL LEAVE 250 SURVIVORS HERE WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED NEXT OUTGOING CONVOY AND ESCORT VESSELS.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 9 AUGUST 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1839/1746			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WILBY/WILBY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF HOME FLEET HAS ORDERED
TUSCALOOSA AND 3 DD'S INCLUDING EMMONS AND
RODMAN TO CARRY STORES TO AND EVACUATE SURVIV-
ING MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM KOLA INLET. ARRIVAL
DATE KOLA ABOUT 18 AUGUST.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 AUG 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1218	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY FERMIER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY YEAGER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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^{NO}
NO PROVISIONS YET MADE BY ADMIRALTY REPATRIATION

SURVIVORS ALTHOUGH RECOMMENDATION SEND FAST TRANSPORT SUBMITTED FROM THIS END. IN VIEW INDEFINITE DATE NEXT CONVOY AM TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS FIT OUT 2 SHIPS ACCOMODATE 200 EACH BETWEEN DECKS TO ICELAND AND DISTRIBUTE REMAINDER OTHER SHIPS. THIS MEANS TO BE USED AS LAST RESORT LACKING SAFER ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR DEPARTURE CONVOY. BRITISH DOING LIKEWISE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMNAVEU	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
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DATE 5 AUGUST 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1235/1201			PRIORITY
DECODED BY DRUMMOND/DRUMMOND			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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**SUMMARY SUPPLIED BY NAVAL STAFF AND SIGNALLED BY ADMIRAL
MILES MOSCOW TO ADMIRALTY.**

**FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF RUSSIAN AIR OPERATIONS SUPPORT-
ING PQ 17 FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 24.**

**(A) FIGHTERS. 1139 SORTIES INCLUDING ESCORT DUTIES
AND PROTECTION OF CONVOY AND BASES.**

(B) ANTI SUBMARINE AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS 136 SORTIES.

(C) BOMBING 36 RAIDS COMPRISING 212 SORTIES AS FOLLOWS.

READ IN FOUR COLUMNS.

NUMBER OF RAIDS	PLACE	NUMBER OF SORTIES	TYPE OF AIR- CRAFT USED
2	TROMSO	12	DB36
6	BANAK	31	DB 3
2	HABUFTAN	10	PE 2B
8	KIRKENES	64	PE 2 AND DB3

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TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION			PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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PE 2 AND DB3

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ENEMY SHIPPING 53

VARIOUS

(D) RUSSIAN LOSSES. 22 UNSPECIFIED TYPED.

(E) ENEMY LOSSES. 2 AIRCRAFT ON GROUND. 2 PETROL

DUMPS. 2 WORK SHOPS, 1 HANGAR DESTROYED. PHOTOGRAPHS CONFIRM ALL THESE. IN ADDITION 16 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY GUNFIRE AND 21 BY FIGHTERS AND 1 TANKER SUNK.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM FRANKEL - ARCHANGELSK	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 4 AUG 1942	INFORMATION	MOSCOW	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2042/3			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DIAS			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY HERSHEY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ALLENBORTH **021315 NCR 6041**
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STEAMERHONOMU SUNK BY SUB 15 JULY. 21 SURVIVORS PICKED UP ON RAFTS 18 JULY. DISPOSITION OF CREW CAPTAIN INITIALS F A STRAND TAKEN PRISONER BY SUB. AT ARCHANGEL A H HODGINS, H C MILLER, A HARVIE, M GREENWOOD, J T KOLENCE, E VANNEIUWENHUIZE W FARRELL, T CANOYI J YABNER, A AMBROSE, J DOUGHERTY, C SCOTT, W CZADCOWSKI, H REYNOLDS, IN HOSPITAL POLYARNOE, C DENNY, A WILLIAMS, A PENNOCK, V VIRZI, E LEMMEL, E LEWIS, G STEPHEN. FOLLOWING IN LIFE BOAT WHICH STILL MISSING INITIALS SOME NOT KNOWN, M BALSTEN, J MURPHY, I ELLIOT, HAYES, F CONN, J MONE VERDE, CHARLTON, FADDIGAN, W P MANGAN J M ALLEY, O PRIETO, O JEA, NYMAN, PETRO, GAUDRY AND MTUR BRITISH GUNNERS NAMES UNKNOWN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM NOB ICELAND	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRR
DATE 2 AUGUST 42	INFORMATION	OPNAV ? (SERVICED)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0939/2			PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROBERTS			RRRR
PARAPHRASED BY CILKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

MM GARTH**011735 NCR 5036**

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attached *attached*

MY 191945. COMINCH 281852. SHIPS NOW IN ICELAND BOUND FOR RUSSIA ARE TO BE SAILED FOR THE CLYDE AUGUST 3RD UNDER BRITISH ESCORT.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM FRANKEL ARCHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 30 JULY 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2108	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY TRAMPOSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SARNOFF			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ARRIVED MOLOTOVSK STEAMER WINSTON SALEM WHICH PROCEEDED IN
OWN POWER ALTHOUGH BOTTOM AND TANKS DAMAGED. NO
INJURIES TO CREW AND CARGO UNDAMAGED. SHIP WAS FLOATED
WITHOUT OUTSIDE AID AND CREW COOPERATED FULLY IN
THESE OPERATIONS.

pq17
*previously on beach at
Nova Zembla. This brings
total to 11 ships arrived
(22 sunk) ie 1/3 to 2/3*

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FROM ADMIRALTY	FOR ACTION	NO 1/C ICELAND CINOWA	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 1 AUGUST 1942	INFORMATION	CINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1503/31			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ALL BRITISH AND US MERCHANT SHIPS LOADED FOR RUSSIA
AND NOW IN ICELAND ARE TO RETURN TO THE U.K. IN CONVOY.

RUSSIAN SHIPS WILL REMAIN IN ICELAND FOR THE PRESENT.

2. CINOWA IS REQUESTED TO SAIL THE NECESSARY ESCORT AND
NO 1/C ICELAND IS REQUESTED TO SAIL THE CONVOY FOR THE
CLYDE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER ARRIVAL OF ESCORT.

3. A SUITABLE MASTER SHOULD BE DETAILED AS COMMODORE AND
NECESSARY SIGNALMEN PROVIDED.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Of the 21 vessels the Germans list
as sunk,

¹⁵
~~18~~ were sunk

~~4~~ reached port

1 returned to Iceland

1 - we have no record of any
ship by this name having
been in the convoy.

*error. Aldersdale was an
escort vessel, & was sunk.*

Wm. E. King

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Dept. of State letter, Aug. 10, 1972

SD13 HARS Date

FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM BERN DATED JULY 28 1942 RCVD 526 PM

QUOTE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON URGENT 3484 TWENTY-EIGHTH
BERLIN DNB DESPATCH SWISS PRESS STATES SINCE ANGLO-AMERICAN

AUTHORITIES CLAIM 90 PER CENT VESSELS AND CARGOES OF RECENT
CONVOY TO RUSSIA WERE SAVED GERMAN HIGH COMMAND PUBLISHES NAME

OF FOLLOWING BOATS OF CONVOY WHICH WERE SUNK ACCORDING TO INFOR-
MATION OBTAINED FROM MEMBERS OF CREWS: BRITISH VESSELS- RIVER AFTON

EARLSTON
EAGSTON, EMPIRE BYRON, HARTLEBURY, TANKER ALDERSDALE, EMPIRE TIDE

AMERICAN VESSELS- CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, HONUNU, DANIEL MORGAN,
PAN KRAFT, SILVER SWORD, EXFORD, OLOPANA, ALCOA RANGER, WINSTON

SALEM, JOHN WITHERSPOON, CARLETON, HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN

RUSSIAN VESSEL- TANER AZERCEID JAAN

DUTCH VESSEL- PAULUS POTTER

DESPATCH ADDS ADDITIONAL VESSELS WILL BE LISTED AS SOON AS
DECLARATIONS BY RESCUED CREW MEMBERS STILL ON SUBMARINES CAN

BE CONFIRMED

(SIGNED) HARRISON

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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	COMNAVEU	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY WILLSON			ROUTINE
DATE 28 JULY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1913/1918	INFORMATION	N.O.B. ICELAND	PRIORITY
DECODED BY KEARNEY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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WHAT ARE PRESENT SITUATION AND PLANS CONCERNING PREP
QUEEN SHIPS AT BASE CAST. THEY SHOULD BE MOVED AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Safe: Iron Clad
Silver Sword
10 Benj Harrison
Troubador
Empire Tide
Azerbaijan
Bellingham
Samuel Chase
Ocean Freedom
Donbass

+ Winston-Salem

Sunk: Carlton
Earlston
22 Olapans
Wm Hooper
Alcoa Ranger
Honono
Bolton Castle
Fairfield City
Hartlebury
Paulus Potter
Peter Kerr
Chris Newport
Empire Byron
Navarino
Pan Kraft
River Afton
Washington
(Winston-Salem) *
Hoosier
El Capitan
Pan Atlantic
John Witherspoon
Daniel Morgan

g/c of 7/27
said only 22 were
sunk.

Arrived Moltishe, damaged.
see 297350/July

Returned to Iceland:

1 Richard Bland
Exford

Wm Hooper

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM ROULLARD - ARKHANGEL

RELEASED BY

DATE 27 JULY 1942

TOR CODEROOM 2155

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY GLASSCOCK

FOR ACTION

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INFORMATION

MOSCOW

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

FULTON

271045 NCR 1075

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ACTION

AMERICAN SHIP PANKRAFT BOWED AND SUNK ON 5 JULY ALL CREW
 NOW ARCHANGEL AND HEALTHY EXCEPT DAVID STOCKTON 2ND MATE
 LAST SEEN FLOATING IN WATER KILLED BY MACHINE GUN BULLET.
 JOHN L CARLEY DIED FROM INJURIES IN LIFE BOAT BURIED AT
 SEA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM FRANKEL ARKHANGEL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 26 JULY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1609			PRIORITY
DECODED BY MARQUARDT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY LT ALLEN

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FOLLOWING ARRIVED ARCHANGEL AREA 25TH IRON CLAD, SILVER
 SWORD, BENJAMIN HARRISON AND TROUBADOR AMERICAN, EMPIRE TIDE
 BRITISH, AZERBAIDJAN SOVIET. THERE ARE NOW 1200 SURVIVORS
 HERE OF ALL NATIONALITIES, 500 OF WHICH ARE AMERICAN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMDT NOB ICELAND	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRRR
DATE 20 JULY 42			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0602	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
DECODED BY NEWHOUSE			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY SARNOFF			ROUTINE
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LONG DELAY IN SAILING PQ CONVOY IS CAUSE OF SERIOUS CONCERN CONNECTION MORALE OF CREWS AND OFFICERS. SHIPS ARE CONCENTRATED A HVALFJORDUR WHERE THERE ARE NO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES EXCEPT AN OCCASIONAL MOVIE. FOR SANITARY MEDICAL AND CUSTOMS REASONS PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED ASHORE IN REYKJAVIK AND THERE ARE NO MEANS OF ~~TRANSPORTING~~ TRANSPORTING THEM IF THEY WERE. FOOD AND FRESH WATER SUPPLY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE DIFFICULT. BRITISH ADMIRAL ICELAND HAS RECOMMENDED TO ADMIRALTY THAT SHIPS ABOUT 50 IN NUMBER HALF BRITISH AND HALF US BE SAILED TO UNITED KINGDOM. COMMANDANT NOB ICELAND CONCURS.

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US STEAMER WM. HOOPER WAS SUNK ON 4 JULY BY AERIAL TORPEDO. CREW AND ARMED GUARD ARRIVED ARCHANGEL IN GOOD CONDITION FOLLOWING LAST SEEN IN ENGINE ROOM, BELIEVED LOST:

ALFRED ERDLE, 1ST ASSISTANT ENGINEER
 HAROLD PRESCOT, OILER
 FRANK MC CAFFEY, OILER
 JOHN HINE, FIREMAN.

FOLLOWING LAST SEEN IN FORWARD STARBOARD LIFE BOAT, BELIEVED PICKED UP BY CORVETTE, NOT YET VERIFIED:

J. RIVERA, 2ND ASST ENGINEER
 RICHARD HILL, 2ND COOK
 CARL WENDORF, SEAMAN
 A. PUCKAS, SEAMAN
 GEORGE GEDION, FIREMAN.

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 BY ADMIRALTY. TOTAL SUNK 21. DVINA PORTS 4. AGROUND
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 BOR 6. ADMIRAL LAND HAS NAMES OF VESSELS.

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SUBJECT CARGOES FOR RUSSIA.

RELIABLY REPORTED HERE THAT ALL SHIPS LOADING CARGO FOR
RUSSIAN PORTS HAVE STOPPED WORK AND PERSISTENT RUMORS
ALONG WATERFRONT ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT NO MORE CARGOES
WOULD BE SENT TO RUSSIA AT LEAST BY THE NORTHERN ROUTE
ALTHOUGH SOME MAY CONTINUE VIA PERSIAN GULF GATEWAY.

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CAPT OF HMS DIANELLA JUST ARRIVED REPORTS HAVING SIGHTED
 WRECKAGE IN BARENTS SEA INCLUDING SHIPS BELL MARKED
 " **88 EDMORE SEATTLE**" LLOYDS REGISTER SHOWS THAT STEAMER
 HONOMO IS EX EDMORE. NO TRACE YET OF SURVIVORS BUT
 SEARCH IN PROGRESS. CAPT OF FLYING BOAT REPORTS 42
 SURVIVORS FROM ALCOA RANGER ON SHIP AT NOVAYA ZEMLYA
 WHICH ADDS THAT VESSEL TO LIST OF THOSE SUNK.

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AMEND MY 121300 ^{do not have} AS FOLLOWS. STEAMER EMPIRE TIDE AND SILVER SWORD LOCATED AT NOVAYAZENLYA. AT SAME PLACE ARE BENJAMIN HARRISON, IRON CLAD, TROUBADOR. ON BEACH AT SAME PLACE WINSTON SALEM. ADD TO SHIPS KNOWN SUNK STEAMERS BOLTON CASTLE, FAIRFIELD CITY, HARTLEBURY, PAUL D POTTER, PETER KERR. SURVIVORS LOCATED AT VARIOUS POINTS AND ARE BEING COLLECTED AND BROUGHT ARCHANGEL. STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR ARE ALCOA RANGER, HONOWU, CARLTON LAST OF WHICH MAY HAVE RETURNED ICELAND.

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NY 131442. DEFENSE COMMITTEE DECISION WAS TO DISCONTINUE CONVOYS DURING SUMMER WITH NO HOURS OF DARKNESS.

POUND INFORMED ME PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT BEFORE FINAL ORDERS ARE GIVEN BECAUSE MOST OF THE SHIPS IN NEXT CONVOY ARE AMERICAN.

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FOLLOWING IS LATEST SUMMARY BASED ON SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION:

(A) FOUR ARRIVED IN WHITE SEA. BELLINGHAM, SAMUEL CHASE,
OCEAN FREEDOM, DONBASS.

(B) OBSERVED IN WESTERN NOVA ZEMBLA, AZBAIDJAN.

(C) FOURTEEN SUNK, CHRISTOPHER, NEWPORT, EMPIRE BYRON,
NAVARINO, PAN KRAFT, RIVER AFTON, WASHINGTON, WINSTON-
SALEM, WILLIAM HOOPER, HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN, PAN ATLANTIC,
PETER KERR, BOLTON CASTLE, J. WITHERSBOOM.

(D) FIVE PRESUMED SUNK, DANIEL MORGAN, EARLSTON, OLAPANA,
SILVER SWORD, EMPIRE TIDE.

(E) NINE UNACCOUNTED FOR, HARTLEBURY, PAULUS POTTER,
ALCOA RANGER, CARLTON, FAIRFIELD CITY, HONOMU, IRONCLAD,
TROUBADOUR, BENJAMIN HARRISON. OF THESE FOUR ARE

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REPORTED TO BE IN HARBOURS ON WEST COAST NOVA ZEMBLA.
 (F) TWO RETURNED TO ICELAND, RICHARD BLAND, EXFORD.
 (2) ONE A/S TRAWLER MISSING, ONE RESCUE SHIP AND R.F.A.
 OILER SUNK.

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THIS IS FIRST OF TWO PARTS. P 17 SUMMARY AS REPORTED BY
S B N O ARCHANGEL.

19 MERCHANT SHIPS KNOWN TO BE SUNK. 5 INCLUDING
AXERBAIJAN ARE IN WESTERN NOVA ZEMBLA HARBOR. FOUR
ARRIVED ARCHANGEL. FIVE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. FROM AM
JULY 2ND BLOHM AND VOSS AIRCRAFT CONSTANTLY SHADOWED
CONVOY. 1625Z/3RD POOR ATTACK BY 6 HEINKEL TORPEDO BOMBERS
CAUSING NO CASUALTIES. CHRISTOPHER NEW PORT TORPEDOED BY
AIRCRAFT AT 0240Z/4TH. 24 HEINKEL 177 TORPEDO BOMBERS
MADE DETERMINED ATTACK AT 1830Z/4TH. WILLIAM HOOPER AND
NAVARINO ABANDONED AND SUNK BY GUNFIRE. AXERBAIJAN TORPEDOED
AND ABANDONED BUT CREW RETURNED AND SHIP REJOINED CONVOY.
DURING THIS ATTACK FOUR ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. 2030Z/
4TH IN POSITION 76-00N 27-14E CONVOY ORDERED TO SCATTER.
NOT CLEAR WHAT OCCURRED AFTER DISPERSAL BUT OBVIOUSLY
UNIT BOATS WERE IN POSITION TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN EVENTUALITY

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AND AIRCRAFT TOOK HEAVY TOLL OF UNESCORTED SHIPS.

HMS DIANELLA ESCORTED TWO BRITISH SUBMARINES TO THEIR
PATROL AREA AND PROCEEDED TO ARCHANGEL WITHOUT INCIDENT.

* EVENTUALLY SAMUEL CHASE EL CAPITAIN BENJAMIN HARRISON
HOOSIER AND OCEAN FREEDOM WITH NINE ESCORT SHIPS COLLECT-
ED TOGETHER AND ANCHORED WESTERN END OF MATOCHKIN STRAITS
AT 2130Z/6TH JOINED LATER BY THREE TRAWLERS. ANOTHER
MERCHANT SHIP LAST REPORTED WITH ONE ESCORT PROCEEDING
TOWARDS EDGE ISLAND AM JULY 5TH.

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PART TWO OF 141618. SHIPS SAILED MATOCHKIN STRAITS IN CONVOY FOR ARCHANGEL AT 1700Z/7TH BENJAMIN HARRISON LOSING TOUCH IN FOG SOON THEREAFTER. HEAVY ICE ENCOUNTERED AT 1400Z/8TH AND CONVOY TURNED NORTH TO GET CLEAR. CLEAR WATER REACHED AT 2340Z/8TH AND FOG LIFTED REVEALING EL CAPITAN HOOSIER AND 7 ESCORTS. CONVOY STEERED 270 DEGREES ALONG ICE EDGE. SURVIVORS FROM WITHERSPOON ^{AND} JAD PAN ATLANTIC PICKED UP. UNIT BOATS SEEN SHADOWING CONVOY AT 1645Z/9TH. ABOUT 40 JUNKERS 86 BOMBED CONVOY CONTINUOUSLY FROM 2200Z/9TH UNTIL 0200Z/10 CAUSING LOSS OF EL CAPITAN AND HOOSIER. FOUR AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. SAMUEL CHASE AND OCEAN FREEDOM WITH REST OF ESCORT WERE FOLLOWING ABOUT 20 MILES ASTERN AND WERE HEAVILY BOMBED OFF IOKAIA BUT SAFELY ARRIVED PORT ISMID. IN POSITION 74-28N 43-55E BELLINGHAM AND RESCUE SHIP RATHLIN ATTACKED BY FOUR EN-

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GINED FOCKE WOLF WHICH RATHLIN SHOT DOWN. POSSIBLE THAT
SOME SHIPS TRYING TO RETURN ICELAND. AFTER MINESWEEPERS
LEAVE QUEEN PREP 14 IT IS PROPOSED TO DETACH THEM TO
ESCORT NOVA ZEMBLA SHIPS TO ARCHANGEL. TWO RUSSIAN
PATROL SHIPS HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED TO ASSEMBLE SHIPS
IN MOLLE ^{NOVA ZEMBLA} BAY AND DIANELLA ALSO SEARCHING. APPROACHES
TO WHITE SEA BEING SEARCHED BY HYFO MIKE SHIPS HAZARD
LEDA AND BRAMBLE.

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DATE 15 JULY 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODER ROOM 0713			ROUTINE
DECODED BY DIAS/ATKIN			DEFERRED
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US STEAMER CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT TORPEDOED BY PLANE ON 4 JULY.
GUNNERS AND CREW HERE IN GOOD CONDITION EXCEPT FOLLOWING MISSING
LAST SEEN IN ENGINE ROOM. ANDREW PLSTI SECOND ASSISTANT.
LEROY DEUTCHE BOILER. MOSE PARKER WATER TENDER.

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CREW OF STEAMER JOHN WITHERSPOON ESCAPED IN BOATS AFTER SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE TORPEDO ON 6 JULY. ALL CREW AND ARMED GUARD SAFE ARCHANGEL WITH FEW CASES MODERATE FROST BITE EXCEPT ONE MISSING MAN NAMED B D POEDING ORDINARY SEAMAN LAST SEEN JUMPING FROM SHIP AND WHOM SEARCH FAILED TO FIND.

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DATE <u>15 JULY 42</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0258/15</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BALL</u>			ROUTINE
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BRITISH BOLTON CASTLE AND AMERICAN PETER KERR IN PQ 17 BOTH
 SUNK JULY 4 POSIT 270 MILES NORTH OF BORD KAP. FAROSE
 TRAWLER POLAR BJORNIN SUNK BY AIRCRAFT JULY 8 POSIT 180
 MILES NORTH OF FUGLO. FOLLOWING OVERDUE SHIPS PRESUMED SUNK
 BY ENEMY ACTION DURING JUNE: DUTCH POSEIDON, BRITISH
 GEMSTONE, AMERICAN POTLATCH AND TILUTE LYKES. RUSSIAN
 VICTOR MAYAKOVSKY OVERDUE BUENOS AIRES SINCE JULY 7. BRITISH
 STENSBY OVERDUE CAPETOWN SINCE JULY 4. CONVOY HQ 85 ARRIVED
 20 SHIPS. NO ACTIVITY KG 40 YESTERDAY.

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TOR CODEROOM 0714/15			PRIORITY
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F-00	ON 5 JULY U S STEAMER <u>DANIEL MORGAN</u> WAS SUNK BY BOMBS
F-01	AND AERIAL TORPEDOES. CREW AND ARMED GUARD RESCUED AND
F-015	IN GOOD CONDITION ARCHANGEL EXCEPT THREE MEN MISSING
F-0015	AND DEAD NAMELY RICHARD STOWELL CHIEF MATE AND JAMES
F-05	BLAZER FIREMAN LAST SEEN JUMPING FROM SHIP PLUS INITIAL
F-07	J SIRLES FIREMAN SEEN DEAD IN WATER NEAR SHIP. BOATS
F-1	SEARCHED AREA AND WRECKAGE BUT FAILED FIND MISSING PERSONS.
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TOR CODEROOM <u>0244</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>JERMAN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>JERMAN</u>			

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Kolguet
 AMERICAN PAN ATLANTIC BOMBED AND SUNK IN CONVOY PQ17
 ON JULY 10 POSIT OFF ~~KOLONEV~~ ISLAND. DUTCH TINY IN WP185
 BOMBED AND SUNK YESTERDAY POSIT OFF SAINT IVES. BRITISH
 HAURAKI REPORTED CAPTURED BY JAPANESE AT 1746 YESTERDAY
 POSIT 780 MILES SOUTHEAST CHAGMS ARCHIPELAGO. DAILY SERIAL
 13. BRITISH SIRIS AND PORT HUNTER BOTH TORPEDOED JULY 11
 POSIT THREE SIX FIVE MILES WEST OF MADERIA. SURVIVORS FROM
 BRITISH REPEAT BRITISH HARTISMERE AND GREEK NYMPHE LANDED
 MOXAMBIQUE BUT FATE OF SHIPS NOT YET KNOWN. ONE CRAFT KG40
 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE YESTERDAY BUT MOVEMENTS UNKNOWN. ONE OR
 MORE CRAFT KG40 FROM BORDEAUX ACTIVE AND ONE CRAFT REPORTED
 NORTH OF CAPE SAINT VINCENT AT 0930 YESTERDAY.

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TOR CODEROOM 1605/1551	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
DECODED BY PARSONS/PORTER			PRIORITY
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FIRST SEA LORD HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT OF THE 33 SHIPS IN P Q 17 ONLY FOUR HAVE REACHED PORT AND THAT POSSIBLY FOUR MORE MAY. THIS IS A TOTAL OF EIGHT AND IS A VERY DIFFERENT PICTURE FROM THE INFORMATION WE HAD SATURDAY THE ELEVENTH. THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE IS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO SAIL P Q 18. YOU WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS DECISION IS REACHED.

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TOR CODEROOM <u>1500</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>KELLEY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PENNE</u>			DEFERRED

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GERMAN

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MY 121230 ADD KNOWN SUNK AMERICAN SS PETER KERR ENTIRE
CREW OF WHICH ARRIVED KOLA INLET IN SHIPS BOATS. ENTIRE
CREWS STEAMER HOOSIER AND EL CAPITAN ARRIVED ARCHANGEL
NO CASUALTIES. IN ORDER PREVENT EXCESSIVE USE CIPHER
INTEND INFORM ONLY NAMES OF MISSING KNOWN DEAD AND
SERIOUSLY INJURED PLUS ANY CHANGES IN CREW LISTS SINCE
LEAVING UNITED STATES INASMUCH AS SHIPPING COMMISSIONERS
THERE HAVE COPIES OF CREW LISTS.

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TOR CODEROOM 1935/13			PRIORITY
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TEXT (PASSED TO NCR BY HAND FROM BAD)

FOLLOWING IS BRIEF ACCOUNT OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO MINING OF 5 SHIPS IN REYKJAVIK PORTION OF Q P 13 AS FAR AS IS AT PRESENT KNOWN. FULL REPORT NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. CONVOY WAS SPLIT AT 1400/4 JULY IN POSITION 68-00 NORTH 12-01 WEST TO ENABLE 16 VESSELS BOUND FOR U.K. TO PROCEED EAST OF ICELAND(C).

3. REYKJAVIK PORTION CONSISTING OF 19 SHIPS ESCORTED BY NIGER (SENIOR OFFICER) AND 4 OTHER ESCORTS WERE ROUTED THROUGH POSITIONS 66-40 NORTH 18-50 WEST 66-32 NORTH 22-46 WEST WITHIN 3 MILES OF STRAUMNES LIGHT 66-24 NORTH 23-26 WEST; THENCE TO DESTINATION.

4. WEATHER HAD BEEN THICK THROUGHOUT THE PASSAGE FROM RUSSIA AND NO SIGHTS HAD BEEN OBTAINED.

5. AT 1710Z/5 JULY NIGER SIGNALLED ACTING COMMODORE (CAPTAIN

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HIS8 MASTER OF US AMERICAN ROBIN) ASKING IF HE INTENDED TO FORM CONVOY IN TWO COLUMNS BEFORE PASSING BETWEEN STRAUMNES AND THE MINEFIELD. ACTING COMMODORE WAS NOT AWARE OF EXISTENCE OF MINEFIELD SINCE THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY GIVEN TO HM SHIPS. COMMODORE ACTED ON S.O. ESCORT'S SUGGESTION.

(6) AT 2000/5 WHEN CONVOY WAS ON COURSE 222⁰ NIGER SIGHTED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE NORTH CAPE BEARING 150⁰ 1 MILE AND INSTRUCTED COMMODORE TO ALTER COURSE TO 270⁰.

(7) AT 2045 NIGER INFORMED COMMODORE THAT WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE LAND WAS AN ICEBERG AND SUGGESTED RESUMING COURSE 222⁰.

(8) AT 2105 WHILST CONVOY WAS ALTERING BACK TO 222⁰ 3RD SHIP IN LINE WAS MINED IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 66-34 NORTH 23-14 WEST. SUBSEQUENTLY NIGER AND 4 OTHER SHIPS WERE MINED. OF THESE RODINA (RUSSIAN) HEFFRON (US) HYBERT (US) JOHN RANDOLPH (US) AND MASSMAR (US) SANK. EXTERMINATOR (DAN) WAS DAMAGED BUT REACHED HARBOUR. FORWARD PORTION OF JOHN RANDOLPH

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FROM 15 FT ABAFT NUMBER 2 HOLD TOWED TO ONUNDA FIORD AND
BEACHED.

(9) FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SIGNALLED ON RECEIPT OF
WRITTEN REPORT FROM ACIC.

(10) IT APPEARS THAT PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT WAS UNCERTAINTY
OF POSITION AND SIGHTING OF ICEBERG WHICH IN LOW VISIBILITY
PREVAILING GAVE ILLUSION OF LAND AND CAUSED HIGER TO ALTER
COURSE OF CONVOY TO 270°⁰ THUS LEADING SHIPS INTO DANGER.

(11) IT APPEARS THAT CAPTAIN HISS HANDLED CONVOY IN ABLE
AND SEAMANLIKE MANNER THROUGHOUT, IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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FOLLOWING IS LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING MERCHANT SHIPS
OF P Q 17.

- (A) FOUR ARRIVED IN WHITE SEA - BELLINGHAM, SAMUEL CHASE, OCEAN FREEDOM, DONBASS.
- (B) IN ICE OF KOLGUEV ISLAND - BENJAMIN HARRISON.
- (C) OBSERVED IN WESTERN NOVA ZEMBLA - AZERBAIDJAN.
- (D) TEN SUNK ^{River after} RIVE AFTON - EMPIRE BYRON, NAVARINO, CHRISTOPHER, NEWPORT, PANKRAFT, WILLIAM HOOPER, WASHINGTON, WINSTON-SALEM, HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN.
- (E) SIX PROBABLY SUNK - EARLSTON, EMPIRE TIDE, SILVER SWORD, DANIEL MORGAN, JOHN WITHERSPOON, OLOPANA.
- (F) ELEVEN UNACCOUNTED FOR - HARTLEBURY, PAULUS POTTER, BOLTON CASTLE, ALCOA RANGER, FAIRFIELD CITY, CARLTON, HONOMU, PAN ATLANTIC, IRONCLAD, PETER KERR, TROUBADOUR. OF THESE TWO

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OR THREE WERE REPORTED TO BE IN HARBOURS ON WEST COAST NOVA ZEMBLA.

(G) TWO RETURNED TO ICELAND - RICHARD BLAND AND EXFORD.

(2) ONE A/S TRAWLER MISSING, ONE RESCUE SHIP AND R.F.A. OILER SUNK.

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TOR CODEROOM 2021/2002	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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INFORMATION HERE AS OF NOON 10 JULY INDICATES PC17 LOST 10 KNOWN SUNK AND 3 PROBABLY SUNK. OF REMAINDER 6 ARE IN WHITE SEA 2 OFF NOVA ZEMBLA LITTORAL AND 12 STILL UN-ACCOUNTED FOR WITH LIKELIHOOD SOME AT LEAST WILL REACH SAFETY. ON THIS BASIS ABOUT ONE THIRD WERE LOST AND PROVIDED ONLY HIGHEST WAR PRIORITY CARGOS HAVE CARRIED SUCH PERCENTAGE IS DEEMED ACCEPTABLE HAVING IN MIND NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING RUSSIA. HARRIMAN AGREES TO THIS BUT BELIEVES CAPACITY LOADING WITH TANKS AND PLANES PREREQUISITE.

HE WOULD EXCLUDE TRUCKS BUT ACCEPT SUBSTANTIAL TONNAGE RAW MATERIALS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE RUSSIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTIONS ALSO SOME BAGGED FOOD TO BALANCE LOADING..

AS ALTERNATE OR SECONDARY ROUTE WE CONSIDER DIVERSION TO PERSIAN GULF ESSENTIAL FOR TRUCKS AND PLANES SINCE SUCH DO NOT TAX BOTTLENECK OF RAILROAD. HARRIMAN RECOMMENDS PERSIAN RAILWAY BE PLACED UNDER AMERICAN MANAGEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY **SECRET** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

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FURTHER BELIEVE LOADING OF ALL MERCHANTMEN NEEDS CAREFUL SUPERVISION IN ORDER INSURE HIGHEST PRIORITY WAR MATERIALS ARE DELIVERED AND INVITE ATTENTION EXCELLENT LOADING OF ST OLAF MEANTICUT VIRGINIA DARE AS CONTRASTED CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT. PANCRAFT. WASHINGTON IN PQ 17. OUR VIEW IS PQ 18 SHOULD BE SAILED AND ADMIRALTY HAS DECIDED TO SAIL IT ON 18 JULY. WE THINK ESCORTS HAVE BEEN OF SUITABLE STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION EXCEPT THAT AVG SHOULD BE INCLUDED WHEN AVAILABLE. *average vessel*

WE AGREE RUSSIAN NAVAL AND AIR SUPPORT HAS BEEN DEFICIENT BUT TRUST YOU CAN SECURE BETTER RESULTS IN FUTURE. CHIEF MENACE DURING SUMMER IS NAZI SHOREBASE AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH THREATENED ACTION BY TIRPITZ WAS CAUSE OF DISPERSAL LAST TIME. AGAINST GERMAN SURFACE TYPES WELL PROTECTED BY UMBRELLAS OF PLANES FROM SHORE IT IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE TO ADVANCE HOME FLEET EVEN WITH ACCOMPANYING CARRIERS.

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LOSS OR DAMAGE TO HEAVY BRITISH SHIPS WITHOUT COMPENSATIVE GAINS WOULD EXPOSE VITAL ATLANTIC LIFELINE AND WARS EXPERIENCE TO DATE CERTAINLY INDICATES PROHIBITIVE DAMAGE IS TO BE EXPECTED IF HOME FLEET PROCEEDS MUCH EASTWARD OF BEAR ISLANDS, TO ESTABLISH BRITISH OR AMERICAN AIR FORCES IN STRENGTH COMMENSURATE WITH TASK INVOLVED IN ERADICATING NAZIS FROM NORTHERN NORWAY IS IMPRACTICABLE FOR PQ 18. TO DO SO LATER IS A MAJOR OPERATION WHICH WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL ESTIMATE BY ALL CONCERNED.

OBVIOUSLY RUSSIAN ACTION AGAINST NORTHERN NORWAY IS NATURAL SOLUTION AND EXPECTATION AND IF THEY ARE UNABLE LAUNCH SUCH OFFENSIVE THEN SECURITY OF WHOLE POSITION IN MURMANSK ARCHANGEL AREA IS QUESTIONABLE.

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BUORD SHIPPING 40 20MM GUNS AND 96,000 ROUNDS AMMUNTTION
TO AUGMENT A.A. BATTERIES SHIPS P.Q. 18 CONVOY AT ICELAND.
GUNS TO BE ASSIGNED AND INSTALLED TO BEST ADVANTAGE ON SHIPS
THIS CONVOY MOST IN NEED THIS PROTECTION.

ADVISE NAMES OF SHIPS AND NUMBER GUNS INSTALLED ON
EACH AFTER COMPLETION.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT CONVOY PQ17 ARRIVED ARCHANGEL
 BELLINGHAM AME RATHLIN BRIT WITH 44 SURVIVORS
 ARRIVED MOLOTOV SKDONBA SS RUSSIAN WITH 51 SURVIVORS
 CONVOY HEAVILY ATTACKED 3 AND 4 JULY NORTHEAST BEAR
 ISLAND WITH TORPEDO PLANES. DETAILED REPORTS AND NAMES
 SURVIVORS WILL FOLLOW.

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PRESENT STATUS P Q 17. OUT OF 33 MERCHANT SHIPS SIX KNOWN SUNK. 12 STILL MISSING. 15 ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS: 7 ARRIVED WHITE SEA, 6 BELIEVED PROCEEDING WITH ESCORT FROM CAPE STOLBOVOI TO ARCHANGEL TO BE JOINED BY SEVENTH FROM MOLLER BAY. AXERBAIJAN IN RUSSKAYA HARBOR DAMAGED BY TORPEDO. NAMES OF SHIPS WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE. ESCORTS: HMS ALDERSDALR AND RESCUE SHIP ZAAFARAN SUNK, 2 A A SHIPS 4 CORVETTES 3 TRAWLERS 1 RESCUE SHIP ARRIVED NOVA ZEMBLA, 2 SUBMARINES ARRIVED WHITE SEA, 3 MINE-SWEEPERS ONE RESCUE SHIP ONE TRAWLER UNACCOUNTED FOR.

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SINCE 5 JULY INCOMING CONVOY HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY AIR AND SUB
 IN AREA FROM 74 TO 77 LAT AND 33 TO 50 LONG. 7 SHIPS KNOWN
 SUNK INCLUDING US STEAMERS CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, WILLIAM HOOP-
 ER, PAN CRAFT. 6 VESSELS ANCHORED OFF NOVAYAZEML AWAITING
 THREAT SURFACE ATTACK TO SUBSIDE SINCE A BRITISH PLANE SIGHT-
 ED GERMAN SHIPS TIRPITZ, SCHEER, LUTZOW, HIPPER PLUS 8 DESTROY-
 ERS AND 1 TANKER LEAVING FJORD LATITUDE 70-05 LONG 20-33.
 ABOVE INFO OBTAINED NAVAL BASE AT POLYANROEN HERE INTEND RE-
 MAIN UNTIL RESULTS AND DISPOSITION CONVOY DETERMINED AND
 THEN PROCEED ARCHANGEL WHERE ALL SHIPS BEING DIRECTED PRO-
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INCOMING CONVOY REPORTED ATTACKED AND SCATTERED NO DETAILS.
 LIKELY SOME DAMAGED SHIPS ENTER MURMANSK.

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From: Indigo
To: Chief of Staff Washington DC

No. 105 July 6, 1942

Convoy returning from Russia struck mine field northwest of Iceland early six July. Reports indicate six ships sunk and three missing. Remainder convoy enroute Reykjavik with about two hundred survivors. Army is cooperating and assisting with all means available.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM ARCHANGEL

ACTION OPNAV INFO LONDON

DECISION FINALLY REACHED SEND ALL SHIPS PQ 17 ARCHANGEL.
 SEND CLG VROUILLARD AND CHIEF YEOMAN MCGINNIS ARCHANGEL LEAVING
 MORNING 6 JULY AND I SHALL REMAIN HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN
 ORDER CLEAR UP FUTURE PROSPECTS THIS PORT AND COMPLETE
 ARRANGEMENTS STEAMER IXERODGE. ONLY ONE THIRD OF MURMANSK
 REMAINS STANDING ALTHOUGH WHARVES THEMSELVES SUFFERED BATTLE.

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NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOY SITUATION VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE
CONFIRMED BY PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRONDHEIM REPORTS NO REPEAT

NO HEAVY UNITS PRESENT. ADMIRALTY BELIEVES THAT ENEMY
HEAVY UNITS TO THE NORTHWARD IS IN PROGRESS ALTHOUGH

AND HAS A2 REPORT THAT WARSHIPS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTACK
PQ 17 BETWEEN 15 DEGREES AND 30 DEGREES EAST. RUSSIAN

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS 11 ENEMY SUBMARINES IN VICINITY PQ 17
ROUTE. SOVIET NAVAL STAFF NOW AGREES TO ALL SHIPS PQ 17

ROUTED ARCHANGEL. 2 SHIPS THIS CONVOY MAY BE DISCHARGED AT

KELLAMORSK AND 1 AT ONEGA. EXFORD DAMAGED BY ICE RETURNED
ICELAND. RICHARD BLAND WENT AGROUND RETURNED ICELAND.

2 CAM SHIPS ALLOCATED PQ 18.

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THERE ARE NOW 16 US FLAGSHIPS AND 5 PANAMANIAN FLAGSHIPS IN UK SCHEDULED FOR PQ 18 DUE DEPART ICELAND (C) FOR NORTH RUSSIA 14 JULY. THESE 21 SHIPS HAVE HAD ARMAMENT AUGMENTED BY AVERAGE OF TWO DERLIKENS TWO MACHINE GUNS AND ONE PAC ROCKET. PRESENT GUN CREWS INADEQUATE TO HANDLE INCREASED ARMAMENT. REQUEST AUTHORITY WITHDRAW GUN CREWS FROM APPROXIMATELY 7 US AND PANAMANIAN FLAGSHIPS SAILING UK FOR US IN CONVOYS IN NEAR FUTURE AFTER UNLOADING RUSSIAN SUPPLIES IN UK AND PLACE MEN ON SHIPS OF PQ 18 IN ORDERING COMPLEMENT IN LINE YOUR DISPATCH 061530. IF REQUEST NOT APPROVED RECOMMEND MEN NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE BE FURNISHED IN ICELAND (C) BEFORE SHIPS SAIL THEREFROM. REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY.

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URDIS 061530* ^{do not have} PQ17 SCHEDULED DEPART ICELAND (C) 24 JUNE.
 ALL UNITED STATES AND PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSELS ALLOCATED
 THERETO HAVE LEFT UNITED KINGDOM WITHOUT ANY MATERIAL
 CHANGES IN ARMAMENT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW LONG DAYLIGHT
 STEAMING HOURS RECOMMEND EVERY EFFORT BE MADE INCREASE
 COMPLEMENTS OF ARMED GUARD CREWS TO TWELVE PRIOR TO
 SAILING.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PQ 16. PART 1 OF 2 PARTS.

CONVOY DEPARTED ICELAND (C) ON 21 MAY AND WAS PROMPTLY LOCATED BY ENEMY SUBMARINES AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. ON 21 MAY ONE ENEMY SUBMARINE WAS DAMAGED BY ICE AND RETURNED TO NARVIK, BEGINNING 25 MAY ATTACKS BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES COMMENCED. SEVEN SUBMARINES TOOK PART IN ATTACKS COVERING 4 REPEAT 4 DAYS. FIVE OF THESE WERE DAMAGED DURING THE FIFTEEN DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS OF ESCORT DESTROYERS AND RETURNED TO NARVIK. THE REMAINING TWO SUCCEEDED IN SINKING ONE MERCHANT VESSEL. APPROXIMATELY 130 DIVEBOMBERS AND BOMBING AIRCRAFT AND 36 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT TOOK PART IN ATTACKS COVERING 5 DAYS. MAXIMUM NUMBER ENGAGED IN ONE ATTACK WAS FOUR HEINKEL 115, 8 HEINKEL 111 AND 20 JUNKERS 88. ON FIRST ATTACK THIS FORCE SUCCEEDED IN DAMAGING ONE SHIP. ON SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS

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SIX SHIPS WERE SUNK. ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY HURRICANE LAUNCHED FROM CAN SHIP. FIVE PROBABLY DESTROYED OF WHICH ONE BY SAME HURRICANE AND FOUR BY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE. MANY DAMAGED. SIX RUSSIAN FIGHTERS ESCORTED CONVOY DURING LAST 30 MILES BUT ARE REPORTED NOT TO HAVE ENGAGED ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHICH MADE 2 HEAVY DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS DURING THAT PERIOD.

FOUR INCH HYPO EASY BARRAGE FIRE FROM ESCORT SUBMARINE FORCED TORPEDO BOMBERS TO DROP TORPEDOES WELL OUT OF RANGE IN ONE INSTANCE. ^{TWO} THE/ESCORT SUBMARINES ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE GIVEN ESCORT AND CONVOY FEELING OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH ANY MAIN UNITS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED. HOWEVER SLOW SUBMERGED SPEED MADE IT NECESSARY FOR SUBMARINES TO REMAIN ON SURFACE DURING PROLONGED AIR ATTACKS IN ORDER KEEP UP WITH CONVOY.

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SUBMARINE WHICH KEPT STATION CLOSE TO OUTBOARD COLUMN WAS
APPARENTLY NOT NOTICED AND NOT SUBJECTED TO AIR ATTACK.

SUBMARINE WHICH KEPT STATION ASTERN OF CONVOY WITH STRAGGLERS
WAS SUBJECTED TO 3 DELIBERATE BOMBING ATTACKS AND HAD TO
DIVE TO AVOID DAMAGE. CONSIDERED THAT SUBMARINE SURFACE
SPEED OF LESS THAN 13 KNOTS TOO SLOW FOR ESCORT AND
EFFECTIVE WORK AGAINST MAIN UNITS

PART 2

PRELIMINARY ADMIRALTY ESTIMATE IS THAT WITH PRESENT
DISPOSITION AND COMPOSITION OF COVERING AND ESCORT FORCES
NORTH RUSSIAN CONVOY IS REASONABLY SECURE FROM SURFACE
AND SUBMARINE ATTACK AND THAT PRESENCE OF ONE AUXILIARY
AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN ESCORT WOULD MAKE IT REASONABLY SECURE
AGAINST AIR ATTACK. UNFORTUNATELY NEITHER ARCHER NOR
AVENGER ARE AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF ENGINE CASUALTIES AND
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DISCREPANCY IN ARMAMENT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSELS IN PQ 16 IS VERY MARKED. BRITISH HAVE AVERAGE ARMAMENT OF 4 INCH, 12 POUNDER, 6 MACHINE GUNS AND 4 OERLIKONS. AMERICANS HAVE 4 INCH, TWO THIRTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS AND TWO FIFTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS. ADMIRALTY WILL PLACE SOME OERLIKONS ON AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN SCHEDULED FOR PQ 18. ADMIRALTY PLACING ONE BOFORS ON ALL BRITISH SHIPS SAILING TO NORTH RUSSIA IN FUTURE FOR USE AGAINST TORPEDO BOMBERS. CANNOT TOO STRONGLY EMPHASIZE NECESSITY FOR INSTALLING FULLY ADEQUATE ANTIAIRCRAFT ARMAMENT ON FUTURE SAILINGS FROM UNITED STATES AND OF ARRANGING FOR DOUBLE GUN CREWS TO LIMIT OF AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS OF VESSELS. GUN CREW POOLS IN ICELAND (C) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO INCREASING SHIPS ALLOWANCES OF ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION INASMUCH AS BRITISH ESCORTS OF PQ 16 REPORT THEY ARE NOW VERY SHORT BECAUSE OF PROTRACTED AIR ENGAGEMENTS.

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VESSELS LOST IN PQ 16 CARRIED 147 TANKS 77 PLANES 77
VEHICLES 18 GROUND LOCATION SETS AND 32400 TONS GENERAL
CARGO.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR DEFERRED
DATE 3 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEROOM 1435/3			ROUTINE
DECODED BY HEINZE			DEFERRED
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SIX VESSELS PQ 16 ARRIVED ARCHANGEL 31 MAY.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>31 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1651</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>COX</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>LELAND</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

DAILY SERIAL 31.

BRITISH EMPIRE PURCELL, AMERICAN MORMACBUL, ALAMAR AND ALCOA
BANNER ALL IN PQ 16 SUNK BY AIRCRAFT ON MAY 27 POSITION
 NORTH OF NORWAY. AMERICAN SYROS PQ 16 TORPEDOED AND SUNK
 BY SUBMARINE ON MAY 27 POSIT NORTH OF NORWAY.

BRITISH HARPAGON OVERDUE CAPETOWN SINCE MAY 23.

CONVOY 8L 109 ARRIVED 30 SHIPS.

3 CRAFT KG 40 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE YESTERDAY TO EAST AND
 NORTHEAST OF ICELAND. 1 CRAFT KG 40 FROM BERDEAUX ACTIVE OFF
 WEST COAST OF PORTUGAL YESTERDAY AND WAS ENGAGED BY HMS
 LOCHOSKAIG WHICH CLAIMED A HIT. CRAFT WAS LOSING HEIGHT WHEN
 LAST SEEN.

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 2 JUN 42			ROUTINE
DATE 23 JUN 1235			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY SAGER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			DEFERRED

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ADVANCE REPORTS RESULTS OF NUMEROUS BOMBING ATTACKS INCOMING CONVOY. AMERICAN STEAMERS CITY OF JOLIET, ~~LOTHAR~~ LOTHER CASTLE (BRIT), NORMAN SUN, FYROS, ALAMAR PLUS BRITISH EMPIRE PURCELL AND EMPIRE LAWRENCE SUNK. APPROXIMATELY 300 SURVIVORS BEING BROUGHT IN. POLISH DESTROYER GARLAND REACHED PORT BADLY DAMAGED 25 OF CREW DEAD AND NUMEROUS WOUNDED. DUE FOOD SHORTAGE HERE PLAN REQUISITION FROM ARRIVING VESSELS SUFFICIENT CARE FOR SURVIVORS RATIONING VESSELS IF NECESSARY.

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FOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
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DAILY SERIAL 30. AMERICAN CITY OF JOLIET PQ 16 BOMBED AND
 ABANDONED IN SINKING CONDITION MAY 27 POSIT NORTH OF NORWAY.
 FIVE PRISONERS REPORTED CAPTURED BY GERMANS ON MARCH 29
 FROM PANAMANIAN BATEAU EX PQ 13 STRAGGLER. ACTIVITY KG 40
 UNKNOWN.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 MAY, 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0006			PRIORITY
DECODED BY ROSS			ROUTINE
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(ACTION OPNAV INFO LONDON MOSCOW.)

HEAVY DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS PAST 3 DAYS ON SHIPS ANCHORED
OFF PORT NO DIRECT HITS AND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. WHITE SEA
STILL BLOCKED ^{PLOTTED} ICE AND PLAN BRINGING ALL SHIPS CONVOY MURMANSK.
BRITISH REPORT 6 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS OUT OF INCOMING 34 SHIP
CONVOY SUNK AND OTHERS DAMAGED. PORT WILL BE CROWDED TO AL-
MOST 3 TIMES CAPACITY AND ANTICIPATE HEAVY AIR ATTACKS.
PEADSON REMAINING MURMANSK.

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DAILY SERIAL 28. *plotted*

BRITISH EMPIRE LAWRENCE AND FIVE OTHER SHIPS OF
CONVOY PQ 16 SUNK DURING AIR AND SUBMARINE ATTACKS ON MAY 27
POSITION NOT STATED. PANAMANIAN TANKER OIL SHIPPER BOMBED AND
WENT AGROUND AND WAS ORDERED TO SMYRNA BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES
WHERE SHE HAS BEEN SINCE MAY 16.

2 CRAFT KING GEORGE 40 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE
BETWEEN ICELAND (C) AND JAN MAYEN ISLANDS YESTERDAY. OTHER
KING GEORGE 40 CRAFT MAY HAVE SHADOWED CONVOY PQ 16 YESTERDAY.

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DATE 27 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY RRRRRRRRRR ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1315/1234			DEFERRED
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FROM TWENTY THIRTY UNTIL ^{WO} ~~THR~~ THREE FIFTY XED TWO FIVE PREP
 QUEEN SIXTEEN WAS ATTACKED BY TORPEDO BOMBERS AND DIVE
 BOMBERS CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED AT FOUR HEINKELS ONE FIFTEEN
 X EIGHT HEINKELS ONE ELEVEN TORPEDO BOMBERS X AND TWENTY
 JUNKERS EIGHT EIGHT XX SOME APPEARED TO ATTACK TWICE X MANY
 NEAR MISSES X ONLY CASUALTY US FLAG CARLTON STEAM LINES HIT
 NOW UNDER TOW OF HMS NORTHERN SPRAY (TRAWLER) TO SEYDISFJORDUR
 FOR REPAIRS TO REQUIRE FOUR EIGHT HOURS *East coast of Iceland*
 ENEMY CASUALTIES: ONE SEEN TO CRASH X FOUR PROBABLY X TRAILING
 BY FOCKE-WULFS CONTINUES

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May 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HARRY HOPKINS:

The British report in their weekly summary, covering the period from May 14 to 21, that the Germans "have about 20 submarines in Northern Norway, and sufficient aircraft to send a force of 35 dive bombers and torpedo bombers against a convoy on the 14th, followed by 25 aircraft against another on the 15th." (I doubt these dates, as our records do not show any convoys going or coming on either one of the dates, but the lesson is just as strong even though the dates may be wrong. --W.C.M.) "The SCHEER is believed to be in Narvik area, and LUTZOW joined TIRPITZ and HIPPER at Trondheim on the 20th. The long period of daylight and the range of enemy aircraft expose our convoys to attack for several days on passage north of Norway. As the ice belt moves northward, conditions should improve. Archangel and neighboring ports should be free about the end of the month. These ports have been developed during the winter and are better served by railway than Murmansk. They are also further from enemy air bases."

On the 25th of May, an attack developed on PQ 16 (35 ships) when in a position about midway between Jan Mayen Island and Bear Island. The attack occurred in the late afternoon, and was pressed home for a period of 3 hours by a total of at least 32 torpedo and dive bombers.

Our casualties -- 1 ship, the American SS Carlton, which suffered a fractured steam line and is being towed back to Iceland.

Their casualties -- 1 plane destroyed for certain; 4 probably destroyed.

The convoy bound for Murmansk (PQ 16, now composed of 34 ships) has been sighted and is being shadowed continually. Every indication points to more attacks all the way in. It has between 4 and 5 days time yet to traverse. The oncoming convoy (QP 12, 15 ships) has not been attacked so far as we know, and from its position to the Northward of Jan Mayen Island it would appear to be safely out of the danger section.

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The Prime Minister's last despatch, which came in today, states that all has gone well so far with the Northern (i.e. Russian) Convoy, but that there may be serious trouble ahead.

Respectfully,

W. C. Mott
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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DAILY SERIAL 26 XX AMERICAN CARLTON PREP QUEEN SIXTEEN DAMAGED DURING AIR ATTACK AND TAKEN IN TOW ON MAY 25 POSITION APPROXIMATELY 72 DEGREES NORTH FIVE DEGREES EAST X SIX OR MORE CRAFT KING GEORGE 40 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE YESTERDAY DURING DAYLIGHT AND TWO MORE CRAFT DURING THE NIGHT ON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS TO NORTH NORTHWEST IN SEARCH OF CONVOYS PREP QUEEN 16 AND QUEEN PREP 12 X SOUTH CONVOYS SIGHTED AND SHADOWED CONTINUALLY X

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SIGNAL DATED MAY 11 RECEIVED IN ADMIRALTY AMPLIFIES MY 071900.

PARAPHRASED DIGEST FOLLOWS:

*SOME TORPEDOES FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT DROPPED AHEAD OF SCREEN OTHERS WHEN PASSING THROUGH SCREEN. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN FLAMES AHEAD OF CONVOY, OTHER HITS AT FIRST CLASSIFIED AS POSSIBLE NOW CONSIDERED MOST PROBABLE. VISIBILITY 3 TO 4 MILES, HALF LIGHT AND HAZE MADE SIGHTING DIFFICULT. AFTER AIR ATTACK HMS LEDA ATTACKED AND MAY HAVE DAMAGED SUBMARINE. LONG DAYLIGHT HOURS RENDER SUBMARINE ATTACKS DIFFICULT EXCEPT RESOLUTE AND EXPERIENCED ATTACKS THROUGH SCREEN. TORPEDO AIRCRAFT ATTACK ON LARGE CONVOY IN TWILIGHT CONDITIONS OF VISIBILITY WILL ACHIEVE SUCCESS BUT CASUALTIES TO AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE CERTAIN AND ANTIAIRCRAFT SHIP WELL ARMED CONVOY AND LARGE ESCORT ADEQUATE TO COMPETE WITH PRESENT SCALE OF AIR ATTACK. OBSERVED THAT MAXIMUM SPEED OF HALF THE ESCORTS OF PQ15 IS LESS THAN SUBMARINES ON SURFACE.

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DATE MAY 10 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0856/0435			ROUTINE
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PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL KING FROM FIRST SEA LORD. (COMINCH FROM ADMIRALTY).

THE FOLLOWING NARRATIVE OF THE PASSAGE OF CONVOYS PQ-15 AND QP-11 MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. CONVOY PQ-15 SAILED FROM ICELAND ON 26 APRIL, ESCORTED BY ONE CRUISER, SIX DESTROYERS, THREE MINESWEEPERS, FOUR TRAWLERS, ONE A/A SHIP. THE CONVOY WAS LOCATED BY ENEMY LONG-RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ON THE 28TH, AND SHADOWED INTERMITTENTLY THEREAFTER. CONVOY QP-11 SAILED FROM MURMANSK ON 28TH APRIL, ESCORTED BY ONE CRUISER (EDINBURGH), SIX DESTROYERS, FOUR CORVETTES, ONE TRAWLER. TWO RUSSIAN DESTROYERS ACCOMPANIED THE CONVOY FOR THE FIRST PART OF ITS VOYAGE. THE CONVOY WAS SHADOWED BY AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES FROM ITS FIRST DAY OUT. THE FIRST ATTACK ON THIS CONVOY WAS CARRIED OUT BY FOUR TORPEDO-CARRYING LAND

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PLANES. THE ATTACK WAS BROKEN UP BY THE FIRE OF THE ESCORT, WAS NOT PRESSED HOME, AND WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. AT 1620 ON THE 30TH, EDINBURGH WAS ATTACKED BY A U-BOAT IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 73N 32-30E, AND HIT BY TWO TORPEDOES. SHE PROCEEDED WITH STEERING COMPLETELY DISABLED AT A SLOW SPEED, IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO RETURN TO MURMANSK, ESCORTED BY TWO DESTROYERS. ON 1ST MAY QP-11 WAS ATTACKED BY THREE ENEMY DESTROYERS IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 73-30N 24E, WITH VISIBILITY REDUCED BY SNOW SHOWERS. ONE SHIP IN THE CONVOY WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO, BUT THE ENEMY, DESPITE THE DISPARITY IN ARMAMENT (OUR DESTROYERS WERE NORTH ATLANTIC ESCORTS, NOT FLEET DESTROYERS), DID NOT PRESS HOME THE ATTACK. THEY MADE FIVE HALF-HEARTED ATTACKS DURING THE DAY, BUT WERE KEPT AT LONG RANGE BY THE FIRE OF OUR ESCORTS. MEANWHILE AN ATTACK BY SIX JU.88 ON

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PQ-15 DEVELOPED ON 1 MAY. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE CONVOY, AND ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN. A FURTHER ATTACK OCCURRED ON 2 MAY, THIS TIME BY SIX TORPEDO AIRCRAFT IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 73N 20E. THIS ATTACK WAS WELL CARRIED OUT, AND IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT U-BOATS ATTACKED SIMULTANEOUSLY. THREE SHIPS IN THE CONVOY WERE TORPEDOED AND SUNK. ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER. MEANWHILE HMS EDINBURGH HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THREE DESTROYERS IN THICK WEATHER EARLY ON 2 MAY, IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 72N 35E. EDINBURGH WAS AGAIN HIT BY TORPEDO AND HAD TO BE ABANDONED AND EVENTUALLY SUNK BY OUR OWN FORCES. ENEMY DESTROYERS WERE ENGAGED, ONE WAS SUNK AND ANOTHER DAMAGED. CONVOY PQ-15 WAS AGAIN ATTACKED BY BOMBER AIRCRAFT ON 3 MAY. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE CONVOY, AND ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT

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WAS SHOT DOWN. U-BOATS CONTINUED TO SHADOW THE CONVOY, BUT ENERGETIC ACTION BY THE ESCORTS IN DRIVING OFF SHADOWERS AND KEEPING THEM DOWN ENABLED THE CONVOY TO SHAKE OFF THE PURSUIT AFTER PASSING 36E. THE CONVOY TURNED SOUTH ON REACHING 38E AND SUCCEEDED IN MAKING THE REMAINDER OF THE PASSAGE TO MURMANSK UNMOLESTED. AFTER DRIVING OFF THE ENEMY DESTROYER ATTACKS ON FIRST MAY, CONVOY QP-11 COMPLETED ITS PASSAGE TO ICELAND WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

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ADMIRALTY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING SIGNAL DATED MAY 5TH ADDRESSED CINC HOME FLEET FROM SOM/S FLOTILLA ESCORTING PQ 15. PARAPHRASE. ARRIVED MURMANSK PQ 15. SHIPS LOST (AS REPORTED IN ALUSNA DAILY SERIAL 6) BY 6 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 73 N 19-04 EAST AT 2327Z MAY 2ND.

136 SURVIVORS INCLUDING COMMODORE. ATTACK MADE IN GOOD CONDITIONS

plot AND PLANES SEEMED TO BE LED IN WELL BY LEADER WHO PERHAPS DID NOT CARRY TORPEDO. APPARENTLY SHADOWING SUBMARINE SURFACED AND FIRED TORPEDOES AT SAME TIME. 1 PLANE DESTROYED AND POSSIBLY 1 OTHER. AT 2230Z MAY 3RD CONVOY BOMBED IN 73 N 31-50 E. CAPE PALLISE ONLY SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE FROM NEAR MISS. ATTACK BADLY CARRIED OUT AND HAMPERED BY LOW CLOUD. 1 JUNKERS 88 SHOT DOWN. 1 OR MORE AIRCRAFT AND 1 OR MORE SUBMARINES CONTINUOUSLY SHADOWED CONVOY TO 36 E. BY MEANS OF SCREEN WHICH FORCED THEM TO ~~XXXXX~~ DIVE AND BY FIRING DEPTH CHARGES IN VICINITY SUBMARINES WERE DRIVEN OFF SUCCESSFULLY. IN POSITION 73 N 35 E TO 72-23 N 36-30 E TO 71-35 N 36-30 E ICE DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION MET. SIGNAL JUST RECEIVED IN ADMIRALTY STATES SURVIVORS NOW TOTAL 166.

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DAILY SERIAL 6.

BRITISH BOTAVON, JUTLAND, CAPE CORSO, IN PQ 15 REPORTED
SUNK BY TORPEDOES FROM AIRCRAFT. 136 SURVIVORS ARRIVED
MURMANSK. NO KG40 AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING MURMANSK CONVOYS

P.Q. 13

No. Ships sld. Iceland 18 on 3/20

No. Ships arr. Murmansk 13 on 4/1

Lost enroute - 5 ships sunk, 4 bombed, 1 torpedoed

Ships lost at Murmansk

1 bombed and sunk 4/3

1 bombed and damaged 4/3

Escort (possibly partial information only)

British DD ECLIPSE damaged by gunfire

British Cruiser TRINIDAD torpedoed and damaged but reached
Murmansk

Q.P. 10

No. Ships sld. Murmansk 16 on 4/10

No. Ships arr. Reykjavik 12 on 4/21

Lost enroute - 4 ships sunk, 3 torpedoed and sunk, 1 torp-
edoed and stopped, sunk by gunfire from escort.

No information on escort

Arthur M. P. Allen
Capt U.S. Navy
Op-37.