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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
CM ALUSNA MURMANSK		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY	5 MARCH 45	FOR ACTION	PRIORITY 3
DATE	1625		ROUTINE 4
TOR CODE ROOM	MCCORMACK		DEFERRED 5
DECODED BY	RODGERS		DEFERRED 6
TYPED BY	MORRIS	FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY 9
ROUTED BY			ROUTINE 10
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT
(INFO CNO MOSCOW ARCHANGEL)

NORTHERN FLEET REPORTS PERIOD FEBRUARY 19 TO 26 U-BOATS
CONTINUE TO OPERATE OFF MURMANSK COAST AND NORWEGIAN SEA
FROM 2 TO 3 SUBS IN EACH REGION FOR SAME PERIOD GERMAN
PLANES TYPES BF 138 HE 111 AND JU 88 CARRIED ON RECONNAIS-
SANCE OVER NORWEGIAN SEA. IN NARVIK FEB 24 2 SUB TENDERS
3 SUBS 1 LIGHT CRUISER 1 7500 TON TRANSPORT PLUS 1 3000 TONS
PLUS 1 1500 TONS AND PROBABLY 5 TRANSPORTS AT 4500 TONS
EACH PLUS 25 ESCORT SHIPS. PERIOD FEB 20 TO 22. JU 88 TORPEDO
PLANES ATTACKED ALLY CONVOY.

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FROM ADMIRALTY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 23 FEBRUARY 1945		FOR INFORMATION	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1059/23			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY DATES / Mc Cheeny			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY MORRIS			DEFERRED
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(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM D.A.D.)

AM 2 TH ABOUT 25 TORPEDO JUNKERS OR ATTACKED CONVOY FROM NORTH RUSSIA IN DEAR ISLAND AREA. ATTACK WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND BELIEVED NO DAMAGE TO 4 STRAGGLERS. HALIFAX CONVOY HAD TO LEAVE TO ON 29TH BUT WAS REPORTED PROCEEDING ON 2 TH. 3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN. H.M.S. VLRVAIN ESCORTING CONVOY IN IRISH SEA WAS TORPEDOED AND LUNK ON 20TH SOUTH WEST OF TUSKAR ROCK. NIGHT 20TH/21ST WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY BY E-BOATS TOOK PLACE IN SOUTHERN NORTH SEA. REPORTED MANY ENGAGEMENTS TOOK PLACE MINELAYING SUSPECTED. 4 U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS IN FIRST CONVOY TO ENTER BLACK SEA WERE DUE AT ODESSA ON 17TH. H.M.S. PATIFINDER H.M.S. PALADIN WITH 6 M/LS AND 5 BYLS, AND 14 LCA HAVE OPERATED EAST OF RAJREE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF ARMY AND PREVENTED ESCAPE OF JAPANESE. 12 LADENED ENEMY CRAFT ENEMY CRAFT SUNK 65 JAPANESE KILLED. ON 11TH H.M.S. PATIFINDER DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS DURING ATTACK ON THIS FORCE BY 8 ENEMY A/C

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FROM	ALUSNA MOSCOW	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY 1
DATE	21 FEB 1945		ROUTINE 2
	1109		DEFERRED 3
TOR CODEROOM			BASEGRAM 4
DECODED BY	KIMBRELL	COM 8TH FLT ALUSNA ISTANBUL	PRIORITY 5
PARAPHRASED BY	HARTZELL CHECKED BY WHITTINGTON		ROUTINE 6
ROUTED BY	WHITTINGTON		DEFERRED 7
	HARTZELL		BASEGRAM 8
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COMES TOPSEC FOR ACTION CNO WHO PASS FOR INFO TO COM 8TH FLT AND ALUSNA ISTANBUL.

CINCMED 091343 OF DECEMBER INDICATED COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AGREEMENT TO CONTROL ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR BLACK

SEA ALLIED SHIPPING. ALUSNA MOSCOW 081815 GAVE ALUSNA ISTANBUL POLICY INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON CINCMED DESPATCH AND CURRENT

SITUATION. ALUSNA ISTANBUL 151422 PASSED BY OPNAV AS 180830 RAISES QUESTION AS TO BRITISH OR AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR

GIVING SHIPS INSTRUCTIONS. REQUEST CNO CLARIFY CONTROL DESIRED BY US SHIPPING FROM ISTANBUL AND DEFINE USNAVPO DUTIES CONNECTION

THEREWITH.

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NOTE: NCR HAS REENCIPHERED AND PASSED TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION TO COM 8TH FLT AND ALUSNA ISTANBUL FOR INFO AS 211530.

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FROM	ALUSNA ISTANBUL	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY 1
RELEASED BY		ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY 2
DATE	15 FEB 1945		ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM	1747		DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY	SCHMICK		BASEGRAM 5
PA	WHITTINGTON	CNO	PRIORITY 9
BY	CHARDZELL		ROUTINE 10
ROUTED BY	WHITTINGTON		DEFERRED 11
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT
THIS IS TOPSECRET. ALUSNA ISTANBUL SENDS TO CNO WHO RELAY TO ALUSNA MOSCOW FOR ACTION. **

YOUR 091412Z: YOUR INSTRUCTIONS THAT CONTROL OF U.S. SHIPS
PROCEEDING BLACK SEA FROM BOSPORUS IS A MATTER OF U.S.
COLLABORATION RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER BRITISH OR
AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HERE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING SHIPS THEIR
INSTRUCTIONS. REQUEST CLARIFICATION.

NOTE: DELAYED DUE TO SERVICE FOR 10 MISSING GROUPS

*DATE/TIME GROUP USED BY RDO WASHN FOR REENCIPHERMENT TO
ALUSNA ISTANBUL AND COMEIGHTHFLT OF ALUSNA MOSCOW'S 081815Z.

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RELEASED BY		USNAVPO ISTANBUL	PRIORITY 1
DATE 9 FEB 1945			ROUTINE 2
TOR CODEROOM 091015			DEFERRED 3
DECODED BY ANDERSON			BASEGRAM 4
PARAPHRASED BY BALDWIN	CHECKED BY BALDWIN	COM 8TH FLT COMINCH WSA WASHINGTON ALUSNA ODESSA	PRIORITY 5
ROUTED BY BALDWIN	DITTOED BY BALDWIN		ROUTINE 6
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 (CONSIDER AS TOP SECRET. INFO COM 8TH FLT AND COMINCH WHO PASS TO
 USNAVPO ISTANBUL FOR ACTION AND WSA WASHINGTON ALSO FOR INFO*)
 (ALUSNA ODESSA HAS BY OTHER MEANS)

THE FOLLOWING POLICY INSTRUCTIONS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BY INFO
 ADDRESSEES ARE FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN ADMINISTERING AND ROUTING AMER-

SHIPS FROM BOSPHORUS TO BLACK SEA PORTS:

(A) BLACK SEA ROUTES TO BE PROMULGATED WILL BE RESULT OF TRIPARTITE
 AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW AND MAY BE SENT TO YOU BY EITHER US OR BRITISH
 AUTHORITIES.

(B) BRITISH CONTROL OF US SHIPS WHICH THEY HAVE EXERCISED IN MED AND
 THE STRAITS DOES NOT EXTEND INTO BLACK SEA BUT IS A MATTER OF US

COLLABORATION.

(C) CLOSE COOPERATION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH CAPT STEVENS. YOUR

COOPERATION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE
 CONDUCTING US BUSINESS IN THE BLACK SEA DIRECTLY WITH THE RUSSIANS

AND THE FOLLOWING:

(D) LT COMDR HARSHAW WHOSE CABLE ADDRESS IS ALUSNA ODESSA. HE IS

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DESIGNATED WSA REPRESENTATIVE ODESSA.
 (E) ALUSNA MOSCOW WHO WILL PASS TO US MILMIS WHO IN TURN HANDLES
 WSA MATTERS IN MOSCOW.
 (F) RETURN ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BOSPORUS WILL BE ISSUED
 BY HARSHAW.

* NCR HAS REENCIPHERED AND PASSED CODE TO NAVCOM FOR TRANSMISSION
 TO COM 8TH FLT AS 091412 AND TO USNAVPO ISTANBUL AS 091412

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BY	THOMPSON			
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WINTER ROUTE IN OKHOTSK SEA FOR SOVIET VESSELS
 PROCEEDING TO US AND RETURN GOES INTO EFFECT 10 JAN-
 UARY. COURSE SAME AS THAT LAID DOWN LAST YEAR NAMELY
 VESSELS PROCEED FROM 1ST KURILE STRAIT TO LAT 51-30 N
 LONG 155 E THENCE TO LAT 46-30 N ALONG 148 E. FROM
 LATTER POINT CAPTS OF VESSELS WILL BE GUIDED BY
 INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ICEBREAKERS HANDLING PASSAGE
 THROUGH LAPTEV

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RELEASED BY		CNO*	PRIORITY
DATE	5 JANUARY 1945		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM	2219		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	MELTON		BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	SCHMICK		PRIORITY
CHECKED BY	MONROE		ROUTINE
DITTOED BY	SCHMICK		DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			BASEGRAM
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ACCORDING TO SOVIET NAVAL STAFF MINIMUM DEPTH OF WATER IN CHANNEL SEA OF OKHOTSK TO SEA OF JAPAN THROUGH TARTAR STRAITS IS 17 FEET. THEY STATE HOWEVER THAT UNFAVORABLE WINDS OR TIDES ON OCCASIONS MAY REDUCE THIS TO 16 OR EVEN 15 FEET. TIDES ALSO INCREASE MINIMUM DEPTH AT TIMES BY 5 OR 6 FEET. YOUR 302146 DEC. AS PRACTICAL MATTER A NUMBER OF LIBERTIES LIGHTENED TO 17 AND 1/2 FOOT DRAFT GOT THROUGH WITHOUT DIFFICULTY PAST SUMMER. ALL VESSELS MAKING THIS PASSAGE TAKE ON PILOTS. USE OF STRAIT BY VESSELS DRAWING 20 FEET NOT FEASIBLE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES CONSIDER 17 1/2 FOOT AS MAXIMUM USEABLE DRAFT AS ANY GREATER IS TOO MUCH DEPENDENT UPON DAILY TIDAL AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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DATE 22 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROM 221323			
DECODED BY HANSEN			
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(TOPSEC TO CNO FROM ALUSNA MOSCOW)

THE FOLLOWING INFO RELATIVE TO NAVIGATION OF SHIPS ENTERING THE BLACK SEA BOUND FOR ODESSA IS QUOTED FROM SOVIET LETTER.

IT IS BEING PASSED TO BRITISH HERE AND SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH SHIP ENTERING THE BLACK SEA AND INTERESTED ALLIED

OFFICERS: "COURSE OF AMERICAN TRANSPORTS IN THE BLACK SEA: (A) AFTER EMERGING FROM THE BOSPORUS TRANSPORTS WILL PROCEED

ALONG THE TURKISH COAST TO A POINT LAT 41-16 LONG 29-25. THENCE WILL LAY A STRAIGHT COURSE TO THE APPROACH POINT LAT 46-08-01

LONG 31-26-02.

(B) FROM THE APPROACH POINT TRANSPORTS WILL INDEPENDENTLY PROCEED TO THE WAITING AREA THE LIMITS OF WHICH ARE, ON THE SOUTH THE 46-05-00 PARALLEL ON THE NORTH TENDROFKA ISLAND ON THE

WEST MERIDIAN 31-35-00 AND ON THE EAST MERIDIAN 31-45-00.

(C) FROM THE WAITING AREA TRANSPORTS WILL PROCEED TO THE PORT

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DATE <u>22 DEC 1944</u>			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY			BASEGRAM 5
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OF ODESSA UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PILOTS OR IN THE CASE OF
BAD WEATHER AND DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING PILOTS ABOARD TRANS-

PORTS UNDER GUIDANCE OF PATROL CUTTERS. AREAS DANGEROUS TO
NAVIGATION.

(D) IN LEAVING THE BOSPORUS THERE IS AN AREA DANGEROUS FOR
NAVIGATION BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY THE 41-19-00 PARALLEL AND

ON THE EAST BY MERIDIAN 29-20-00.

(E) NORTH OF THE APPROACH POINT TRANSPORTS MUST NOT PROCEED

WITHOUT PILOTS OR PATROL CUTTERS INTO THE REGION BOUNDED ON
THE NORTH BY PARALLEL 31-25-00 AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE PARA-

LLEL 46-10-0. AIDS TO NAVIGATION ALONG THE ROUTE FOLLOWED BY
TRANSPORTS INDEPENDENTLY.

(F) LIGHTED BUOY ON THE APPROACH POINT LAT 46-08-01 LONG
31-26-02. LIGHT IS WHITE. FLASHING VISIBLE WITHIN A RANGE OF

4 MILES.

(G) TENDROFSKY LIGHT. LAT 46-19-03 LONG 31-30-09. LIGHT IS

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DATE <u>22 DEC 1944</u>					ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM _____					DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY _____					BASEGRAM 5
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WHITE CONSTANT VISIBLE 13 MILES.

(H) A RADIO BEACON OPERATING IN ALL DIRECTIONS ON CAPE BOLSHOI

FONTAN LAT 46-22-06 LONG 30-45-00. RADIO BEACON WORKS ON CALL
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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SHIP AND SHORE WILL BE FROM SOVIET
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CODE. REQUEST ADVISE US MERSHIP CALL PRODEDURE AND FREQUENCIES
THEY USE. I HAVE ASKED FOR CURRENT INFO ON ALL BLACK SEA NAVI-

GATION AIDE AND ON KNOWN MINED AREAS WRECKS ETC, AND ALSO THAT
CHIEF OF STAFF AT ODESSA BE GIVEN GENERAL DIRECTIVE FROM

MOSCOW TO MAKE ALL PRESENT AND CHANGING INFO DIRECTLY AVAIL-
ABLE TO LT COMDR HARSHAW AT ODESSA. THE ROUTE TO ODESSA IS

CLEAR OF MINES OR OBSTRUCTION. SHIPS MUST POSITIVELY AWAIT
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REF UR 202132 LAST PARA. SINCE BLACK SEA IS NO LONGER A COMBATTANT AREA AND IS WELL REMOVED FROM PROBABLE AIR ATTACKS SOVIETS DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO CONVOY OR ESCORT SHIPS FROM ISTANBUL TO BLACK SEA PORTS. THEIR FIRST INFORMATION ON BLACK SEA ROUTING AND CONTROL WAS RECEIVED YESTERDAY AND IS BEING PREPARED FOR SEPARATE DISPATCH. THEY SPECIFY NO CONVOY ROUTING SECTION REQUIRED AT ODESSA OTHER THAN WSA REPRESENTATION BY 4 NAVAL PERSONNEL. THEY ARE ARRANGING FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SHIP AND SHORE BY ASSIGNING OPERATORS TO THEIR ODESSA STATION CAPABLE OF HANDLING ENGLISH CODES. I AM SENDING LT COMDR HARSHAW TO ODESSA TO TAKE CHARGE AND BELIEVE HIM CAPABLE OF HANDLING SITUATION BEST AFTER HIS

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 SHIPS. OFFICE AND LIVING SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR USA REPRESENT-
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THAT SUCH TECHNICAL DETAILS AS ROUTING, NAVIGATION AIDS,
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NAVAL DIVISION OF US MILITARY MISSION MOSCOW.

IN VIEW OF AVAILABILITY IN EIGHTH FLEET OF PERSONNEL
QUALIFIED IN ROUTING AND SIMILAR MATTERS US MILITARY MISSION
MOSCOW SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH COM EIGHTH FLEET IN OBTAINING
PERSONNEL WITHIN LATTER'S CAPACITY TO SUPPLY.

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To: War Department

Nr: M 22063

18 Dec 1944

To AGWAR for Joint Chiefs of Staff and for York
Presidents Protocol Committee from Deane ~~SECRET~~ M 22063.

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Request that I be informed as soon as possible of your present program for Black Sea shipping.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-18038 (19 Dec 44) GEN YORK

ACTION: GEN YORK

INFO : JCS, ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, GEN SOMERVELL, GEN HULL,
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

22 November 1944

Commanding General,
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Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Echelon,
Versailles, France

Commanding General,
United Kingdom Base Section,
London, England

Headquarters, Communications Zone,
European Theater of Operations,
Main Echelon,
Paris, France

Number: WARX 66822

Book Message to Wilson for action, to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower, and to Central District United Kingdom Base Section, London, pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 456 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff intend shortly to authorize sailings direct to Black Sea ports for discharge. You are requested to make arrangements for routing and any protection considered necessary and to report the date on which this traffic can be accepted.

End.

ORIGINATOR : CCS

INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, Gen. Arnold, OPD, Gen. Bissell,
Gen. Somervell, Adm. King, Log

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From: CG, US Military Mission, Moscow

To: War Department

No: M 21730 16 November 1944

To Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane, [REDACTED] M 21730.

Reference WAR 63115 dated 15 November. Naval visas have now been issued which will permit Odessa representations. While no reply has yet been received from the Soviets to a request for authorization of US Naval officers to represent WSA in Black Sea ports, at no time have they indicated an unwillingness to have such representation at the ports when they are ready to receive cargoes. There are many other questions concerning the opening of the Black Sea to which reply has not been received.

Among these are detailed data as to berths, permissible drafts, bunkering and return cargo. I have been informed that there are many points to be settled in regard to all of these details, and study has not yet progressed to a point where information is available. It is believed that this situation is similar to other cases that have arisen in the past where the Soviets desire to make a complete roundup before they give their intentions regarding any detail.

The Soviets have not disclosed the reason for their unreadiness to receive ships. The visit of Captain Frankel to Odessa was authorized yesterday, but it was remarked that considerable destruction would be noted at the docks. It is possible that the work of reconstruction has not

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progressed as fast as anticipated. It was pointed out that Odessa was to be the port used by US vessels.

At Ambassador Harriman's request I am seeing Mr. Mikoyan tonight and hope to have a reply to the outstanding questions. Request that Ambassador Harriman be informed of the contents of this cable.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
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15 November 1944

Commanding General
U S Military Mission to USSR
Moscow Russia

Number WAR 63115

to Deane from the Joint Chiefs of Staff

United States Chiefs of Staff are recommending to Combined Chiefs of Staff that shipments which can be handled in Black Sea ports should start as soon as practicable. The only obstacle to early inauguration of this route appears to be the unwillingness of the Russians to permit the entry of U.S. Naval officers selected for duty in the Black Sea ports. Please present this matter to Russian authorities and urge again early action on pending passport visas.

End

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
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From: Chiefs of Staff

To : 30 Military Mission

No : OZ 6309

26 October 1944

O.T.P. [REDACTED] IMMEDIATE OZ 6309.

Following from Chiefs of Staff.

1. U.S. Chiefs of Staff have informed us that Soviet Authorities consider the opening of the Black Sea route a matter of great importance.

2. U.S. Chiefs of Staff consider that use of Black Sea route would enable, by the re-routing of Lend-lease shipments from the Persian Gulf to the Black Sea, a considerable reduction to be effected in the number of personnel at present employed in the Persian Gulf Command.

3. We have informed U.S. Chiefs of Staff that we agree to use of Black Sea ports as soon as they are capable of accepting and clearing shipments, and have stated that, when port facilities become available in the Black Sea, we would wish to transfer to this route part of the shipping now using the North Russian Route. We have also stated that we consider the closing of the Persian route should be regulated to avoid too great a dislocation of Persian economy and consequent deterioration in the internal security situation which might affect oil supplies.

4. The Foreign Office and State Department have been invited to take up with the Turkish Government the question of the passage of Lend-lease material through the Dardanelles.

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5. You should concert with General Deane in his negotiations with Russian authorities: Foreign Office are inviting H. M. Ambassador to assist wherever necessary.

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FOOTNOTE: See M 21316 CM-IN-7020 (7 Oct 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Somervell, OPD, Gen Bissell
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From: US Military Attache, Moscow, Russia
To: War Department
No: M 21316 7 October 1944

Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane [REDACTED] M 21316.
Reference your WAR 42432, October 7th, 1944.

According to present information the Soviets expect to have the Black Sea ports cleared of mines by the end of October. They are now engaged in making port repairs and believe they will be able to receive convoys in December. It is possible that a limited number of vessels with selected cargo could be received earlier. A detailed survey of the ports is now being completed and specific information, in regard to the ports, should be available shortly.

Soviets are very anxious to use the Black Sea route as soon as possible on account of the great economy in railway transportation, man power and time. The urgency of furnishing information and expediting preparation has been stressed.

End

ACTION: JC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

6 October 1944

Commanding General
US Military Mission to the USSR
Moscow, Russia

Number: WAR 42432

To Deane Moscow from the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Your M 20861, 6 September is the reference.

No estimate can now be made as to the date of opening the Black Sea route. It is dependent upon the ability of the Soviet ports to accept and clear the tonnage and upon British agreement to furnish Allied escorts through the Aegean.

It is the desire of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to open this route at the earliest practicable date in order to reduce the Persian Gulf Command so far as possible and make this personnel available in the Pacific where it is urgently needed.

We are recommending to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that approval be given to the use of Allied forces in the Mediterranean to escort shipping through the Aegean, and that the Combined Chiefs of Staff request that the British Foreign Office and the State Department, supported by the Soviet Foreign Office, present a formal request to the Turks for passage of Lend-Lease shipping through the Straits.

Once the above agreements have been reached, it is our intention to insist on the Soviets preparing the ports and lines of communication inland to take care of the traffic now going to the Persian Gulf.

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In the meantime you should inform the Soviets that the problem of escorts through the Aegean is under study and if the escorts can be provided, shipments to the Persian Gulf will be rerouted, in which case it is essential that the Soviets be prepared to accept and clear them. In the event that escorts are not available, we will reroute the shipping upon the cessation of hostilities in Europe or earlier if the German menace in the Aegean can be eliminated. You should emphasize the necessity for furnishing the detailed port information currently requested.

End

ORIGINATOR: J C/S

INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

Nr: M 20861

6 September, 1944

AGWAR for The Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane M 20861.

In view of the changing situation in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean, it is possible that the Black Sea route may soon be opened into Russia. If it is, great economy will be effected in Allied shipping, in American and Russian personnel now in the Persian Gulf, and in Russian rail transportation.

If any estimate can be made as to when the Black Sea route can be opened, the Russians should be kept informed in order to make certain they will prepare adequate port facilities and make advance plans for their inland rail shipments. Request such instructions as may be considered necessary.

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ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : CG AAP
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President's Soviet Committee Room 149
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8 August 1944

Commanding General
U S Military Mission
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Number WAR 77523

To Deane for Spalding from Protocol Committee (York). This is in reply to your M 20453 of 4th August.

Every effort is being made to obtain firm commitments for British assistance in escorting north convoys. Although War Shipping Administration has received strong indications from London that convoys will operate regularly this protocol period, no answer has yet been given to JCS request for northern convoys which can be considered as a firm commitment. Efforts to get such commitment are continuing.

The problem of cargo ships is as difficult as that of escorts. It had been anticipated that by September we could count upon 20 ships to the north and 25 ships to the south each month. However, new and sometimes unforeseen United States and British requirements continue to outrun our resources in ships and as a result we will get 20 ships to the north but only 17 to the Persian Gulf in September. The difficulties in connection with providing for October and later months cannot now be predicted.

Considering both escorts and cargo ships, War Shipping Administration has reluctantly agreed to increase the Atlantic shipping commitment from 225,000 to 250,000 short tons per month. We hope this will satisfy the Soviets because in our opinion it is as high as we should go at this time in making a firm commitment. Mr. Hopkins concurs. In this connection we must consider the possibility of closing Pacific route which would be followed by Soviet pressure to make counterbalancing increase in Atlantic shipments required to meet our overall commitments.

It should be stressed that total performance in tonnage delivered is more important than the formal shipping commit-

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ment. War Shipping fully intends to deliver the greatest amount of cargo possible to the U.S.S.R. but they feel that they cannot over commit themselves in view of the remaining uncertainties with reference to British escorts and the fact that shipping requirements continue to outrun the available supply. Full recognition of our intention to achieve maximum shipments is contained in the 4th protocol which provides for selection of an additional list of supplies amounting to approximately 1,000,000 short tons which will provide a basis for planning cargoes for ships which we hope will become available in excess of our minimum commitment.

With reference to expediting the United Kingdom schedules we will do what we can from here in cooperation with Reed in London. We are submitting certain tentative lists at this time but do not feel that we can go too far in this direction until the British schedules are received.

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INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
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10 July 1944

Commanding General
U S Military Mission
Moscow, Russia

Number: WAR 63123

[REDACTED] to Deane Moscow from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Every effort is being extended to speed up the loading of ships for the Soviet Far East. U.S. Military Mission Moscow, message number 722, dated 22 June 1944 is the reference. The critical shipping situation will not permit diversion at this time of additional ships to the Northern Pacific. It is therefore recommended that shipments of supplies for western Russia be concentrated in the north Russian and Persian Gulf routes and that supplies for the Far East be carried on the Pacific route. Protocol Committee informed of foregoing.

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ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
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Subject SOVIET MERSHIP IDENTIFICATION AND ROUTES - OKHOTSK - BERING - JAPAN SEAS
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IMPROVED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM...NIGHT IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE...
ROUTING IN SIBERIAN WATERS...CHART OF SOVIET MERSHIP ROUTES.....

THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES:

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

IMPROVED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

MARKINGS ON SIDES AND DECK

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

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

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

TWO-FLAG HOIST NEW FEATURE

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

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

6. All Soviet shipmasters have been provided with yearly signal table and properly instructed in use of flags.

FLAG DISPLAY

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

NIGHT IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

8. At night, side and masthead lights of normal brightness are shown. A vertical row of three lights, identifying nationality, in sequence of green, red, green, visible through 360 degrees, is carried on mainmast.

9. Upon meeting other ships at night, Soviet vessels illuminate flag at gaff as well as painted devices on sides and deck; or, by flashing light, signal the letters U S R in Morse code.

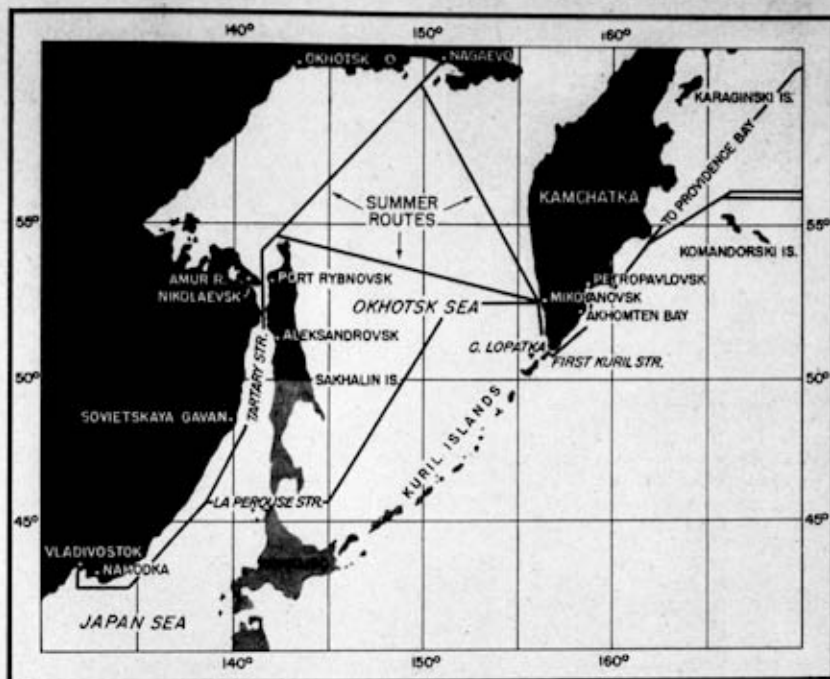
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ROUTING IN SIBERIAN WATERS (Exclusive of Northern Area)



10. Resumption of same summer routes as in 1943 was scheduled for 20 June although possible delay was anticipated in use of Tartary Straits, which on 12 June were not completely free of ice. Courses to be followed are:

a) Tartary Straits Route

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

b) La Perouse Route

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

c) Nagaev Route

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

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Subject SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPPING - PACIFIC - FEBRUARY 1944
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SIBERIAN SHIPPING HALTED - FOUR SHIPS FORCED INTO JAP TERRITORIAL WATERS - NEW ROUTES DISCUSSED - DEPARTURES FROM SIBERIA AND WEST COAST PORTS AT LOW - SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON MARIUPOL SUSPENDED - REPAIRS AT WEST COAST YARDS SURVEYED.

SHIPPING LANES THROUGH KURILE ISLANDS
AND PROBABLE ICE CONDITIONS



LEGEND

- ① First Kurile Strait—normally used by vessels in Transpacific trade.
 - ② Second " "
 - ③ Third " "
 - ④ Fourth " " - peacetime passage into Okhotsk.
 - ⑤ Fifth " "
 - ★ Mariupol aground on Shimushu.
 - ①② Anadir, Lozovsky, Manich, Pinega caught in ice floes.
 - ①③ Reported routes of these vessels to Petropavlovsk after transiting Kunashiri Straits
- Arrows in ice area indicate counter clockwise movement of ice in Sea of Okhotsk.

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6 March 1944

ICE CONDITIONS STOP TRAFFIC

1. Shipping in the Okhotsk Sea and La Perouse has been halted since latter part of January by severe ice conditions. Ice fields in La Perouse have been reported ranging from 90 to 120 miles wide. Parts of these fields are solid ice, while other areas consist of sludge and broken ice. The probable extent of the ice area is shown in chart above.

2. At the present time nineteen Soviet vessels are reported caught in La Perouse and unable to navigate. Included are the icebreakers MIKOYAN, KAGANOVICH and DAVIDOV. The last vessel to pass through La Perouse was the BAKU, which arrived Vladivostok 22 January. No movements through this area are understood to have been made after this date. Abnormally cold weather has apparently made operating conditions worse than anticipated.

FOUR SOVIET SHIPS FORCED INTO JAP WATERS

3. PINEGA, LOZOVSKI, ANADIR and MANICH enroute to Petro during January were icebound beyond La Perouse and forced to proceed with flow of ice. Since current in the Okhotsk Sea moves counter-clockwise and toward Pacific (shown in chart), the ships were forced into territorial waters of Etorofu Island (see A and Al in chart). A Soviet icebreaker sent to assist them was recalled. (Reason not known.)

4. Transiting the proscribed waters of Kunashiri Strait early in February three of these vessels are understood to have sailed for Petro east of the Kuriles via route B shown in chart. All arrived Petro. The fourth vessel, MANICH, minus rudder, is understood to have been towed to Petro via Okhotsk route. (See track C in chart for probable course.)

POSSIBILITY OF NEW ROUTES HIGHLIGHTED

5. Bad ice conditions in La Perouse and the movement of the four Soviet vessels through Jap waters, raised again the possibility of re-routing Soviet shipping. Several routes were understood to be under consideration, with considerable doubt as to Jap acquiescence. Two possible tracks, both in waters reserved for Jap-Kurile traffic are as follows:

(a) Vlad to Petro via lower Kurile Straits (Kunashiri, Etorofu, or Russolo): This route, while requiring aid of icebreakers through La Perouse, is relatively safe once outside of Kuriles. Water is warmer and islands afford protection from prevailing northwest winds. Route is reported in use by Jap ships to and from Paramushiro.

(b) Vlad to Petro via Tsushima Straits: While Red Navy is understood to have considered this alternate route, indications are that Jap permission has not been requested to date, and that Tsushima will not be used this season.

6. Uncertainties surrounding these routes indicate that the Russians will continue using present track through La Perouse whenever ice conditions permit. SOVIETSKAYA NEFT and JAN TOMP were reported sailing from Vlad 1 March. Ships to "heave to" at ice edge at La Perouse until breakers free to assist them.

CASUALTIES

7. SS MSTA (1984 g.t.) was the only Soviet shipping casualty reported during the month, was crushed in heavy ice and sank south of Nagaevo.

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8. It is believed that there have been numerous instances of crackings occurring to Soviet vessels of all types. On 11 February 70 tons of ship plates were sent on the DJURMA to Petro where repairs are frequently made in order to enable vessels to reach U. S. ports safely.

DEPARTURES FROM SIBERIA AT SEASON'S LOW

9. Only fourteen ships sailed from Siberia during February for U. S. and Canadian ports. This compares with 46 in January, 47 in December and 41 in November. No departures from Nagasvo were reported. The four ships which left Vlad and Nahodka prior to 10 February are unreported except for the VOLKHOVSTROI which is now in Olga Bay. The other three vessels are believed to have been caught in ice or to have turned back.

10. As indicated in January summary (Serial FT-13-44), Petro has become the Soviets most active winter season port. Of the 14 ships which sailed from Siberia during the month, 10 of these left from Petro. Departures for February by ports are shown below:

SIBERIAN DEPARTURES

<u>Ports</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vladivostok.....	3
Petropavlovsk.....	10
Nahodka.....	1
	<u>14</u>

CONGESTION AT VLAD BEING EASED

11. With only one ship arriving at Vlad during February the Soviets have been able to reduce backlog of cargo there to an appreciable extent. Increase in available rolling stock and good local weather have been of assistance. Port area is still congested with an estimated 200,000 tons remaining.

BUNKER SHORTAGES PETRO AND AKUTAN DELAY SAILINGS

12. Departure of a number of vessels from Petropavlovsk was delayed in February due to lack of bunkers. Four instances were reported, but it is believed that a greater number were affected by the situation. Ice conditions in the Okhotsk Sea and at La Perouse may have caused faulty distribution.

13. To alleviate the shortages at Siberian ports and particularly Petro, masters of all Soviet vessels westbound have been instructed to bunker to full capacity before departing Akutan. Ship movements have also been slowed down at Akutan by insufficient bunker stocks.

WEST COAST SAILINGS ALSO OFF

14. There were 20 departures from U. S. and Canadian ports in February compared with 29 in January, 39 in December and 33 in November.

15. Loadings for the month were as follows (figures approximate):

U. S. Lend-Lease goods to Russia	61,000 tons
Canadian Lend-Lease goods to Russia	29,000 "
1 tanker with petroleum products	10,000 "
TOTAL	<u>100,000 tons</u>

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MARIUPOL - SALVAGE OPERATIONS SUSPENDED

16. Salvage operations of tanker MARIUPOL have been stopped for the winter. (See chart for location.) Guns, bridge equipment, stores and all other easily movable material as well as 180 tons of cargo were taken off. Balance of cargo of gasoline blending agent (8520 tons) is reported as "contaminated by salt water". Crew members have been removed, except for ten men reported left to retain possession for the Russians who may re-attempt to salvage the hull when weather improves.

17. It has been learned that TUAPSE stood by the MARIUPOL from 14 November 1943 to 23 January 1944. Japanese did not permit the TUAPSE to contact the MARIUPOL for salvage purposes until 14 December, one month after the vessel grounded. On 16 December the TUAPSE, aided by the Soviet tanker NENETS, proceeded to salvage all parts that could be moved. By that time heavy winds and seas had pushed the MARIUPOL still higher on Shimushu ledges, doing great damage to ship's bottom. Boilers were dislodged from their foundations.

NOTE: Various reports indicate that had Japs permitted Russians to salvage the ship during first two or three weeks, it might have been possible to pull MARIUPOL off the beach at high tide. Only after the cargo had become contaminated and operations became virtually impossible was Jap permission given to salvage MARIUPOL.

18. TUAPSE sailed for Petro 23 January leaving the Soviet trawler PALTUS (phonetic) to remain with MARIUPOL. During the time TUAPSE stood by, a Japanese destroyer was always present. Japanese also made periodic visits to the MARIUPOL to observe and prevent salvage operations. Because the power supply of MARIUPOL was not operating, radio messages, instructions, etc. were forwarded by TUAPSE.

SURVEY SOVIET VESSELS UNDER REPAIR AT WEST COAST PORTS

19. Fifty-six Soviet ships are in U. S. and Canadian west coast shipyards. Of these, 31 are presently undergoing major repairs; included are 8 Liberties whose hulls are being strengthened for navigation in ice. (Repairs are estimated to take one month for each vessel).

20. Survey of 6 additional ships also badly in need of repairs is being made by WSA. Application for repairs to an additional group of 6 vessels has been denied by WSA, as follows:

GILIAK	3184 g.r.t.
KAPITAN POSPELOV	191 "
KAPITAN VERONIN	191 "
NAJIM	177 "
SOYUZPUSHKINA	562 "
YAKUT	2694 "

21. The remaining 13 vessels, although undergoing usual minor voyage repairs, will be available for March loading and subsequent departure for Siberia.

TANKER EXCHANGE

22. It is understood that the Lend-Lease tanker DONEASS (4767 g.t.), built in 1930, is to be exchanged because of poor performance for U. S. DAYLIGHT (9180 g.t.). Transfer is to take place 21 March with Soviets taking delivery of vessel in Caribbean.

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23 June 1944

Commanding General
U S Military Mission to USSR
Moscow Russia

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Number WAR 56044

For Deane signed Arnold

Supplementing our WAR 52550 of 17 June in connection with your discussions with Russians on routes outlined your 686 of 13 June it is suggested that best interests of all concerned warrant emphasis on agreement for North Atlantic route on assumption that route may soon be available for Air Transport Command-Soviet reciprocal services. If it is concluded that North Atlantic route will not soon be available Russians may insist upon obtaining the right to operate service to United States comparable to Air Transport Command service to Moscow via Middle East but Azores route not now available to Russians for reasons given and alternate route for Russians from North Africa via England and Newfoundland may be too long to be desirable. Under such circumstances we would have no objection to Russian service via Alaska to Washington or other appropriate place within United States provided we obtain right for Air Transport Command Service through Alaska to Moscow (Which on account of distances does not at present have relative value for US in comparison with other potential routes) or right for Air Transport Command Service through Alaska and Russia to China is obtained.

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INFORMATION: OPD, Col Park, LOG

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CNO 012153 CONFIRMED BY CONVOY OFFICER AND
 FAR EAST FOREIGN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.
 STRAITS EXPECTED TO BE ICE FREE ABOUT MIDDLE
 JUNE. SAME ARRANGEMENT LIGHTERING THRU 21
 CHANNEL AS LAST YEAR. NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE
 OKHOTSK ROUTING AS NOT YET COMPLETELY ICE
 FREE SOVIETS STATE WILL ADVISE IN BOTH CASES
 WHEN ROUTES EFFECTIVE.

RE: SOVIETS PLAN USE TARTARY ROUTING FOR LIBERTIES

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UNDERSTAND SOVIETS PLAN USE TARTARY
ROUTING FOR SUMMER NAVIGATION LIBERTIES
LOADED WITH MUNITIONS AND LOCOMOTIVES.
ARE STRAITS NOW ICE FREE.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff, 71469

May 27, 1944

Commanding General
US Military Mission to USSR
Moscow, Russia

(M-337)

Number: WAR 42644

For Deane Moscow from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff concur in your views that the resumption of northern convoys to Russia at the earliest opportunity consistent with European operations is most desirable. This is in reply to your number 457. They are presenting their views to the Combined Chiefs of Staff and will inform you as soon as possible as to what will be done regarding the resumption of these convoys.

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: General Arnold
OPD

Lt. Col. King

Col. Park

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INFORM CONVOY OFFICER YOUR 230245 THAT SUBJECT HIS
INQUIRY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE
VIA U.S. AMBASSADOR.

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President's Soviet Protocol
Committee, Room 149, C.C.S.
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RE 6700 EX. 79672

May 23, 1944

U.S. Military Mission,
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Number: WAR 40320 - M-311

For General Deane from Protocol Committee (General York).

This pertains to the portion of your number 581 of May 21st dealing with the repair and loading of Soviet vessels on the Pacific coast which is a responsibility of the Protocol Committee. Other matters covered by your telegram are under consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

War Shipping administration was aware of the problems involved in repair and loading of Soviet ships and was endeavoring to solve them prior to recent protests by Soviet representatives and prior to receipt of your cable. Pressure is now being exerted all along the line to alleviate these situations which are aggravated by a serious overall manpower shortage on the West coast.

West coast repair facilities are inadequate for the total load, Soviet and United States, which they must carry. Difficulties are accentuated by the simultaneous arrival of a large number of ships which have suffered ice damage. Some delay is due to shortage of Russian personnel on West coast for processing repair requisitions and specifications. There is some hope of improving the repair situation as a result of negotiations now pending with Canada for repair of Soviet ships in Canadian yards which are less busy than ours.

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Due to lack of Soviet ships loading during the slack winter months stevedore gangs dispersed to other ports and to other industries. Pressure is now being exerted to get this personnel back in loading gangs and there is a day to day improvement in the situation. Soviet vessels are being given preference over other ships and our information indicates that Soviet representatives while not satisfied are convinced that everything possible is being done to expedite the loading of Soviet vessels. Protocol Committee continues to endeavor to move the greatest possible tonnage to the U.S.S.R. during the present shipping season.

ORIGINATOR: MAB

INFORMATION: General Arnold
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General Bissell (State Dept.)
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From: U. S. Military Mission Moscow, Russia.

To: War Department

Nr: 581,

21 May 1944

To Joint Chiefs of Staff info Ambassador Harriman
and Protocol Committee (York) from Deans.

It is understood that a large number of Soviet vessels which have been held up in the Far East on account of ice and Japanese interference, have now reached our west coast. Considerable delay is reported as being encountered on our west coast due to delays in essential repair and because of shortage of labor and facilities for loading.

It is believed that everything possible should be done to expedite the repair and loading of these vessels or to add new vessels in order to take full advantage of the open season this summer and early fall.

This would constitute a major contribution of hostilities between Japan and the USSR should break out this fall or winter, as well as helping the war effort in the west. If we were free to plan with the Russians, the ideal solution would be to establish reserve stocks in the Far East of those items which the United States is supplying to the Red Army and of those items which the United States Air Force would require in the event of their participation.

Failing this specific plan, the most favorable situation can be brought about by sending the maximum of supplies possible this summer with design to keeping the pipe line of supply full. If hostilities should commence, this would

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From: U.S. Military Mission Moscow, Russia
Nr: 581, 21 May 1944

provide a good initial supply in the right place or close thereto. It seems to be particularly important that as much aviation gas as can be spared, be supplied the USSR so that they will be in a comfortable position at all times and possibly with storage in Siberia.

All reports indicate that Vladivostok is in good operating condition and is in a position to handle a large amount of cargo. Spalding is going out there in the next few days to make certain that everything is being done there to assure a prompt turn around of vessels.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
Gen Handy
Gen Bissell (State Dept)
Adm King
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(PASS TO CONWAY WSA.)
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CONVOY RA 59 ARRIVED UKAY PORTS MAY 6. TOTAL 44 SHIPS.
36 US.

7 BRITISH.

1 NORWEGIAN.

WILLIAM S THAYER TORPEDOED AND SUNK EN ROUTE.

HYDIS 301515 REFERS.

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From: US Military Mission, Moscow, Russia

To: War Department

Number 457, 22 April 1944

Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane.

Ambassador and Adm Olsen report enthusiastically on operations of northern ports after returning from recent visit. It is urged that serious consideration be given to resumption of northern convoys at the earliest opportunity consistent with European operations.

During period of recent convoys, Soviets have built up organization of northern ports so that they now handle 20,000 cargo tons daily as against 9,000 tons last December. This organization will disintegrate and equipment be taken away if ports are not used for a considerable period of time. Maintenance of organization is very much to our interest in reducing time that our ships are in Russian ports. Russians prefer this route of supply because it facilitates their war effort in more rapid delivery and with less strain on their inland transport.

We hope to negotiate a buildup in preparation for air operations in Far East. Additional tonnage involved in such a buildup will overtax the capacity of other routes if northern routes are stopped. Continuation of northern

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routes would increase our bargaining power on buildup in Far East, if we could promise continuance for a percentage of the capacity to import supplies for a Far East buildup. Also, Soviets would be less concerned over possible stoppage of Pacific route.

The Ambassador concurs in this message and we would both appreciate any information regarding your views on subject and what you anticipate might be done.

No Sig

ACTION: JCS

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
OPD
Adm King
Col Park
Cofs

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date

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FROM ADMIRAL OLSEN MURMANSK		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CNO	PRIORITY
DATE 22 APRIL 1944	FOR ACTION		R R R R R ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 2145/21			DEFERRED
DECODED BY O'LEARY		MOSCOW	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY VISSCHER	INFORMATION		R R R R R ROUTINE
ROUTED BY MORRIS			DEFERRED
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091400		NCR 4093	

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(ADMIRAL OLSEN PRESENTLY MURMANSK SENDS)

SUCH INFO AS CAN BE GIVEN OR ESTIMATES MADE AS TO
PROBABLE SHIPPING INTO NORTH RUSSIAN PORTS LATER THIS

SUMMER WOULD GREATLY ASSIST PLANNING USE OF PERSONNEL
AFTER RA 59. PRESENT SITUATION INDICATES 20 SHIPS WILL

BE LEFT INDEFINITELY AFTER DEPARTURE RA 59 AND WILL REQUIRE
CONSIDERABLE CARETAKING. PROBABILITY TRANSFER

VLADIVOSTOK SHIPPING TO THIS SIDE AND OF OPENING OF BALTIC
AND BLACK SEAS BEING KEPT IN MIND. MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN

IS HOW SOON RESUMPTION OF CONVOYS MAY BE EXPECTED

16....ACT

COMINCH....FX37....20G....CNO....NAVAIDE....200P....

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FROM AMCON VLADIVOSTOK		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CNO COM1 THFLT C&R	PRIORITY PPPPPPPP
DATE 15 FEB 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1842/15			DEFERRED
DECODED BY BIDWELL		FOR INFORMATION MOSCOW	PRIORITY PPPPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY HUNTER/MJR			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY CORUGGS			DEFERRED
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150650		NCR 6035	

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(ACTION CNO COM1 THFLT C&R INFO MOSCOW FROM AMCON VLADIVOSTOK)

STEAMERS PINEGA AND LOZOVTRY NOW PETRO PASSED
THRU STRAITS ON 7TH AFTER STATED NEGOTIATIONS. CNO
082220. ANADIR DUE TRANSIT STRAITS TODAY MANICH
LOST RUDDER DUE TRANSIT 16TH WHERE SHE WILL BE MET
BY UNKNOWN SOVIET VESSEL AND TOWED PETRO VIA OKHOTSK
ROUTE. CONVOY OFF ICEG STATES JAPS HAVE DROPPED
PROTEST AND SKIPPERS 1ST 2 SHIPS STATE OBSERVED NO
EVIDENCE MINES NOR JAP NAVAL ACTIVITY THEY PASSED
THRU STRAITS UNASSISTED EXPERIENCED NO TROUBLE

16.....ACT

COMINCH. NAVAIZE. CNO. FX37.....

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FROM **COMINCH**RELEASED BY **R.E. SCHUIRWMANN**DATE **14 FEBRUARY 1944**TOR CODEROOM **141820**

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

MCKEEL

ROUTED BY

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION

CINCPAC

INFORMATION

**COMSUBPAC
COMNORPAC
COMNORWESEAFRON**

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEF **DDDD**

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEF **DDDD**

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141755**NCR 42341**IF OPERATIONAL
CHECK BELOW
☐

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ACTION

attacked
RUSSIAN SHIPS RE ROULLARD VALDIVOSTOK 070650
REPORTED DRIFTING EAST OF KURILES AND WILL SAIL
EAST OF KURILES WHEN ICE-FREE.

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FROM CNO		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY SCHUIRMANN		ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
DATE 12 FEB 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1221/9			DEFERRED DDDDDD
DECODED BY		AMERICAN CONSUL VLADIVOSTOK	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY WELLS			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY PIPP			DEFERRED DDDDDD
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122142		NCR 6262	

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YOUR **122142**

IF TSUSHIMA DEFINITELY TO BE USED INFORM SOVIETS
ESSENTIAL TO SUPPLY US EXACT DEPARTURES AND ETA
TSUSHIMA AS WELL AS PRECISE ROUTE TSUSHIMA ONWARD
AND TO CONFORM TO IDENTIFICATION AND LIGHTS AS
AGREED UPON.

16...ORIG

COMINCH..CNO..NAVAIDE..FX37..24G...

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ALUSNA MOSCOW		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRR
DATE	12 FEB 44	CNO	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	2017/11		
DECODED BY	LAWRENCE		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	HUNTER	ROULLARD	RRRRRRR
ROUTED BY	SCRUGGS		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
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102109			☐
NCR 3789			

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(ROULLARD HAS THIS FOR INFO)

DISCUSSED CIO 011936 WITH VICE COMMISSAR. REDS
 NOW CONSIDERING NECESSITY USING TSUSHIMA DUE ICE
 OKHOTSK WORST IN LONG TIME. PERMISSION AND ROUTING
 NOT YET REQUESTED OF JAPS BUT REDS FEEL IT WILL BE
 ALLOWED. ASKED ASSURANCE SECURITY FROM OUR SUBS AND
 SUGGEST SAME ROUTE AS LAST YEAR. IF ROUTE ESTABLISHED
 THEY WILL GIVE ROULLARD AND THEIR WASHN REPRESENTATIVE
 BEST AVAILABLE INFO DEPARTURES AND ETA TSUSHIMA.
 IN COM 10TH FLEET CANDR PREFERS OTHER ROUTING
 REQUEST, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY

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COMINCH...CNO...NAVAIDE...FX37...20G...

*See Feb 1943 Winter Route
 on attached chart*

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FROM CNO		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY RADM R E SCHUIRMANN	FOR ACTION	AMERICAN CONSUL VLADIVOSTOK	PRIORITY
DATE 8 FEB 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2324/08			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	INFORMATION	ALUSNA MOSCOW	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY ZIMMERMAN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY MORRIS			DEFERRED
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082220 NCR 5576			☐

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ACTION

CAN YOU ESTIMATE WHEN PINEGA TRANSITED
KUNASHIRI URDIS 070650* AND WHETHER PRIOR
TO NEGOTIATIONS YOUR 200600**JANUARY.

*VLAD. 070650: JAPS PROTESTING 4 SOVIET SHIPS
IN KURILE TERRITORIAL WATERS...
HEAVY ICE FORCED PINEGA THROUGH
KUNASHIRI, RETURNED OKHOTSK
THROUGH FRIZ STRAIT.

**VLAD 200600 JAN.: SOVIETS REPORTED NEGOTIATING
WITH JAPS FOR PERMISSION
USE KUNASHIRI OR FRIZ...
ICE COMING DOWN EARLY THIS
YEAR.

16....ORIG

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

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FROM ROLLARD VLADIVOSTOK		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CNO COM10THFLT C&R	PRIORITY
DATE 8 FEB 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0001			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SOBEL		FOR INFORMATION MOSCOW	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY MIHALAK			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY ROLL			DEFERRED
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070650 NCR 1366			

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(ACTION CNO COM10THFLT C&R MOSCOW FOR INFO)

OFFICER IN CHARGE CONVOYS STATES 4 SHIPS PINEGA,
LOZOVSKY. ANADIR AND PANICH CAUGHT IN HEAVY ICE

BEING FORCED INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS ^{ETO ROFU} ITURUP ISLAND
JAPS PROTESTING. ICE BREAKER WAS SENT TO THEIR ASSIST-

ANCE BUT MOSCOW HAD IT RECALLED. PINEGA ENROUTE PETRO
FORCED THRU KUNASHIRI STRAIT REACHED CLEAR WATER THEN

RETURNED TO OKHOTSK ROUTE THRU ^{FRIES STRAIT} FRIZ STRAIT. DANGER
FUTURE CASES HOWEVER SHIPS WILL CARRY USUAL IDENTIFI-

CATION LIGHTS AND MARKINGS. PERSONAL OPINION SOVIETS
ANTICIPATE SEIZURES REASON FOR RECALL ICE BREAKER

WHICH THEY WERE NOT WILLING TAKE CHANCE WITH.

ETO ROFU -YN
FRIES ST.

FX37...ACT

18....

ADD. COMINCH...

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