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From: Ft. Mills PI
To: AGWAR

No. 730 April 15, 1942

Severe fighting continues in Cebu. There is no change in disposition of troops on the other islands in Visayas and Mindanao. Aggressive patrolling continues on all fronts in Mindanao. Fortified Islands again were under artillery bombardment from south shore of Manila Bay and Bataan. Corregidor was bombed 4 times but our aa batteries keep enemy bombers at altitudes which make precision bombing very difficult. Seacoast batteries laid down counterbattery fire against enemy artillery positions. Damage to our installations was negligible. Hostile troop concentrations in Bataan were dispersed and numerous casualties inflicted by our artillery, ammunition dumps were blown up, and motor traffic interrupted by hits on mountainous roads.

Wainwright

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April 15, 1942
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From: BOZ2
To: MILID

No. 53 April 15, 1942

Confirming my previous reports and in view new situation brought about by Lavale inclusion in Vichy government makes neighboring Vichy controlled colonies serious menace to West African supply these colonies possess string of important airdromes which may be put to disposal of Luftwaffe at any time recommend plans be seriously considered for taking over these bases without delay.

Dawson

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From: Eastern Defense Command
To: Mls G-2

No 12 EDC April 15th.

No papers have yet been burned in French Consulate
New York City according to F B I Office in New York.
Reference secret teletype signed McNarney 15 April 338.

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on this subject is 159-(4-14-42)-(CM-OUT-2538)

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April 15, 1942
3:28PM

From: Indigo
To: Adjutant General

No 114 April 15th.

Under provisions ar 600-45 request award of distinguished service medal to Major General Henry Osborne Curtis CB, DSo, MC, General officer commanding British Iceland (C) force. Major General Curtis while serving as general officer commanding Iceland (C) force, a duty of great responsibility, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government and to the army of the United States of America during the period of the joint operations of the American and British forces in Iceland from July 7th 1941 to April 20, 1942. Through his unflinching cooperation and limitless assistance a difficult and complicated relief of defense forces in Iceland was effected without jeopardizing the security of this strategic island. Entire service of Major General Curtis since rendition of above service has been honorable.

Major General Curtis will leave Iceland on or about April 20th. If award is authorized by the President request radio advice of award in order that I may inform Major General Curtis prior to his departure.

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April 15, 1942
12:25 P. M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

From Quarryheights CZ
To: Chief of Staff

No. CDC 1647, April 15th, 1942.

Difficulties that have arisen with Panamanian Govt and several incidents that have occurred with the native police necessitate return of the 275th Signal Construction Co colored to the U S by 1st available transportation. This necessary action leaves communication system to reach air bases and other army establishments west of canal only partially completed. Urgently request replacement of this Co with White Signal Construction Co by 1st available transportation. Not necessary to ship tools and transportation of replacement Co as those of 275th can be transferred to incoming company.

Andrews

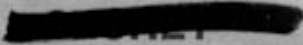
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April 15, 1942
1:30PM

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Chungking
To: Agwar

No 520 Ammisca April 15th.

Attention Chief Staff. General Issimo has asked me to request the War Dept to make contracts within Lend Lease for following articles arranged by Soong in his talks in Canada: 18,000 light machine guns for delivery January 1943; 320-6 pounder at guns delivery beginning this winter; 6,000-12 inch ataguns delivery next year; 360-25 pounder guns delivery beginning July completed next summer; 300-40 MM AA guns delivery indefinite; 108-3.7 AA guns delivery indefinite. All of above with appropriate ammunition supplies.

The 25 pounders are in addition to same number referred to in your number 343.

In general the supply to China tends to become a build up for amassing quantities of material with slight possibility for getting it here and with no practicable plan for the supply of ammunition and its employment in this repeat this war. Until shipping facilities to China are more clearly foreseen than at present I urge that contracts in Canada and in the U S be restricted to items susceptible of use in the U S Service so that in event shipment impossible material may be diverted to use in our own defense. American types should be replaced by British only when former cannot be supplied within a reasonable period. See also repeat of our number 435 in reply to your 343 in which large contracts for British material requested.

Stillwell

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12:39 P. M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Australia
To: Adjutant General

No. Ag 277, April 15, 1942

On April 13 and 14 a flight of 3 Baker 17's and 10 Baker 2 under the personal command of Brigadier General Ralph Boyce attacked the enemy in the Philippines at Nichols Field, Batangas, Cebu and Davao with the following results: At Nichols destruction of hangars and damage to runways; at Davao 1 bomber destroyed and several damaged, 2 transports hit 1 probably sunk, 2 seaplanes damaged 1 shot down, troop concentrations dispersed, docks and warehouses damaged; at Cebu 3 transports sunk, 2 others hit and several close misses, shot down 3 planes, damaged several on the ground, and damaged docks; at Batangas 1 freighter sunk. 1 of our planes was lost but the crew was saved.

MacArthur

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From: Chungking
To: Milid

No 99 April 15th, 1942

Distribution Japanese planes April 11th from Chinese Air Corps follows: Yuncheng over 20. Hsihhsiang Honan Province over 20. Shanghai 9 naval aircraft Hangchow 36. Amoy 1 squadron mostly bombers. Canton 70.

Mayer

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From Embassy London
To G-2

No 2405 April 15

3 Brit columns were in action on 13th in area
10 Mi Sthwest of Brit defense positions Libya. 1 these
Brit columns engaged 6 enemy tanks with success. Brit
patrol raided WOP strongpoint in Segmali area 20 mi
Sth of Brit left flank and inflicted heavy casualties
without loss.

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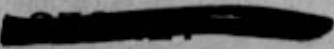
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From: Fort Mills
To: AGWAR

No. 778 April 15, 1942

Reurad 1346 following units on Corregidor and other harbor defenses showing consolidated strength officers American and Philippine Army, enlisted men American, Phil Scouts and Phil Army: Headquarters United States Forces in the Philippines 290, Headquarters Philippine Department 28, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays 242, 59th Coast Artillery 1,220, 60th Coast Artillery antiaircraft 1,704, 91st Coast Artillery Ps rpt Ps 793, 92nd Coast Artillery PS 487, 1st Coast Artillery PA rpt PA 510, Second Coast Artillery PY 208, 803rd Engineer BN rpt BN Aviation separate 153, Navy personnel 2,300 4th Marines 1,456 and Philippine Army Air Corps 728. Following units with strength evacuated from Bataan and now on Corregidor 724th Ordnance Company Air Base 52, 69th Ordnance Company 46 and 1,269 casualties. Grand total 11,485. Reurad 1338 information forwarded this date by radio.

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April 15, 1942.

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To: Milid

No.: 53 April 15

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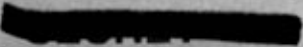
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April 15, 1942.

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL
AMMISCA
CHUNGKING

War Dept. No. 477

Promotion of Colonel Claire L. Chennault to
Brigadier General Army of the U S approved by President.
Bring Colonel Chennault to active duty today in his
retired grade of Captain. Promote him to Colonel Army
of the US at once and report his acceptance of
appointment as Colonel to War Department. Information
must be received without delay to permit submission of
nomination to senate.

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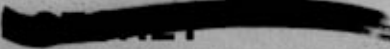
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April 15, 1942.

TO: AMBEG
CAIRO, EGYPT

War Dept. No. 540

Reports have been received from Civilian Maintenance Personnel of Sperry Company, partially corroborated by other civilian reports, that RAF in Egypt have not taken advantage of American Technical School and in general mechanics are not qualified to overhaul instruments or other airplane equipment including engines and planes. It is reported that British RAF make very little effort to maintain airplanes or to repair them, depending upon replacement of complete planes. For Maxwell from AFADS. Hand and power tools are reported to be lacking, instruction manuals and parts catalogues are not being furnished troops and no effort is being made to train maintenance personnel, resulting in tremendous waste of equipment. If true, this condition warrants representation being made by War Department to British High Command for correction. It is desired that you investigate thoroughly and report.

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April 16, 1942.

TO: AMMISCA,
CHUNGKING.

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W. D. No. 479

After study of the following message you are directed personally to explain to the Generalissimo the nature of the plans and efforts outlined herein for assisting and supporting China so that he may realize our understanding of his critical problems on the Burma Front and may appreciate the difficulties we have encountered in our efforts to render effective aid to him and his country. This message urgent for General Stilwell or in his absence for Bissell.

The insistent and continuous demands from all over the World upon our munitions production and upon our very limited shipping capacity, to say nothing of difficulties of communication into China, have all combined to delay movement of airplanes and munitions into that region. Doctor Soong is fully aware of the great difficulties we have encountered. The President has carefully studied a message just received from the Generalissimo and is completely sympathetic with the War Department's intensive efforts to assist. The President realizes the importance of the Burma Front, and the magnificent work being done by the Chinese armies under the most adverse conditions.

With regard to present plans: Very quickly the AVG should reach full strength in both planes and personnel. Thereafter we will maintain it at full strength. Other planes assigned to China will leave here to be attached to the AVG as soon as they are in operational condition. This applies particularly to a number of Lockheed-Hudsons, which should begin leaving at an early date.

The Naval situation in the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean has deteriorated seriously in the past few days and the threat against Calcutta and the Eastern coast of India is critical not only to India itself but to our future ability to assist China. We deem it of transcendent importance to establish speedily some air protection along this coast to avoid risk of destruction of the British Eastern Navy, which would open up northeast India to invasion and per-

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first news you may have of the accomplishment of this special project with the strength of the detachment completing the task.

Assure the Generalissimo that the second special project, which involves repeated use of fields later in the summer, will not be undertaken except with his complete consent and cooperation. Acknowledge receipt of this message and confirm understanding of arrangements respecting 10th Air Force. Direct Brereton to submit acknowledgement to War Department of receipt of your instructions. Wheeler remains under your direct control unless you direct otherwise.

MARSHALL

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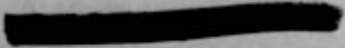
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From: Chungking
To: Milid

No 97 April 14th, 1942

Information in my No 96 from British escapee Z. Stanley who says that money and messages can be gotten through to Manthey, Grussendorf, Condon, and Clarkson via Peruvian legation Washington, D.C. to Perezsaez, their consul General at Hong Kong. Same source says internees over crowded, lack food medicine and expecting serious results this summer unless situation speedily remedied.

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CSWD
April 15, 1942
405PM

From: New Delhi
To: G-2

No. 73, April 14th, 1942

Reference your cable of March 31st Jap order of battle British Military Intelligence Delhi comments as follows. We agree in general as to army but we locate first division in Manchuria, 19th and 20th 1st line divisions in Manchuria with their depots in Korea and 57th division in South China. Japs now have certainly 72 and probably now 82 active divisions altogether plus 17 depot or training divisions in Japan and Korea. In Thailand and Burma are certainly 18th, 33rd and 55th divisions: possibly 17th, 4th and 38th divisions in order of probability: existence of 4th and 88th divisions is doubtful. Air Ministry estimates total Jap 1st line planes at 2600 not repeat not your figure 3947 which presumably includes all shipborne aircraft probably numbering 800. Your additional figure of 700 reserves or in transit seems small for so large an air force. Figures for Japan, Sakhalin, Manchuria and Korea are reasonable: China too high: Formosa and PI right: Mandated Islands our estimate 3 to 4 hundred: Thai Burma our estimate 3 hundred plus: other figures seem high. Comment ends Q. Request your further comment.

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CSWD
April 14, 1942
10:58PM

From: Mexico City Mexico
To: Milid

113 April Fourteenth

Returned today from trip through West Coast States as far north as Nogales and Cananea. Reference my cable 106 no information obtained that indicated any impending revolution. Intelligence officer at Fort Huachuca contacted at Nogales and believes revolution imminent. I do not believe so although Axis subjects probably carry on Anti-American propaganda. Movement of Axis subjects from states of Sinaloa and Sonora has been very slow. There are about 300 Japanese and 50 Germans still in Sinaloa and 195 Japanese and 50 Germans in Sonora. In Nayarit about 15 Japanese and 10 Germans

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April 14, 1942
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From: Berne
To: G-2

No. 153 April 14, 1942

ZA12 a stock of mustard gas at Lanomezan (Pyrenes)
were sent to Germany March 20th.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: MOSCOW

To : MILID

No #, April 14th, 1942

Soviet Semiautomatic rifle with 2 metal cases each containing 3 cartridge disks total weight about 35 pounds my possession request shipping instructions. Soviet again requested our light air cooled machine gun in exchange advise by cable answer. Embassy advises against query Consul warding off on estimate due to low classification code his possession. My opinion soviet not wanting war in Far East and are taking all precautions to avoid incident but are preparing defense that Japan also not wanting war but German pressure and support from Japanese Army group may force attack, date dependent on outcome of Philippine Islands.

Michela

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PRIORITY

From: Ft McPherson Ga
To: Military Intelligence SVC

No. 214, April 14, 1942.

April 14th report disaffection 369 sabotage 9 espionage
31 miscellaneous 7 current subversive cases 416 important defense
strikes aluminum ore company Alabama Dry Docks and ship
building company Mobile Alabama continued CIO and AFL
friction no slow up of production to date personnel 1,236
serious cases 9.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: WDC and 4th Army
To: G-2

No. 154, April 14th, 1942

Report garbled fragmentary intercept by Pt Reyes, Cal RCA station on 8930 KC call ltrs king zed baker zed believed to be Army station at Cebu at 1005 GMT 14 April "This last from US GB-VA". This is our special number 315 at 900 AM PWT 14 April. A full transcript on this station to be forwarded to CSO Wash by Sig Int Sect Fourth Army. A doubtful radio fix established by only one bearing each from 2 FCC stations tentatively places Jap station Yoke Afirm Negat Option 2 at 43 degrees North Lat 135 degrees 30 min West Long on 6710 KC at 0951 GCT 14 April. Station believed to be 1 in 3 station net controlled by Station King Option King unit 3 on 671 file KC believed to Jap land station.

Weckerling

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12:07 P. M.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: EDC

to: WDGBI NIS G/2

No. 08 EDC, April 14th.

PRIORITY

Correct message 04 this date to read time about 0530 GMT. Further information from Navy and Chesapeake Bay Sector indicates Navy plane and Destroyer joined in the attack on enemy submarine at a point about 18 miles East Northeast of Oregon inlet. Infantry patrol nearby stated after 1st shots were heard 6 or 8 minor explosions occurred within 10 minutes and airplane flares were dropped. Army observation plane reported that survivors apparently from the submarine and estimated to number 20 to 25 were being picked up by Navy patrol boat.

Colonel A. R. Harris,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G/2 EDC.

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April 14, 1942

To: CDC, W. D. No. 572
EDC, W. D. No. 159
SDC, W. D. No. 121
WDC, W. D. No. 762
INDIGO, No Number
BLUE WEST, No Number
HAWAIIAN DEPT., W. D. No. 3194 **WDWPD**

Reported that French Consulate New York City
burning papers and codes. This for your information
and any precautionary measures deemed appropriate.

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Originator: **OPD**

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April 14, 1942

10:07 A.M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: CG USAFFE
To: The Adjutant General

No. AG 244, April 14, 1942

Replying your SIRYC 20 we prefer the arrangement you suggest that charter agreement for 21 Dutch coast-wise vessels be negotiated between War Shipping Administration and Dutch Government. This will not embarrass us but the Dutch Government should instruct the owners KPM Royal Packet Navigation Company through Dutch Government representatives Melbourne that this procedure has been agreed to by the two governments. Following an agreement War Shipping Administration should cable promptly terms and conditions and thereafter send us complete draft of the agreement to assure proper functioning which is difficult without knowledge of terms of employment. Our preference is for time form of charter as this relieves us of burden and responsibility of management features but this is not essential. Two important features must be considered the first is control over native Javanese crews. On the first mission crew of one vessel struck at the last minute and as no replacements could be secured vessel could not sail and other disposition had to be made of the troops. The second relates to restricted limits within which vessels may operate. Substantially these are Spencers Gulf to Townsville on the Australian Continent and Tasmania New Caledonia New Zealand Fiji and Samoa. We would like the limits eliminated from the agreement and left a matter for determination by Dutch Naval Officials and ourselves.

MacArthur

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London
To: Milid

No. 2395, April 14, 1942

Sitrep Burma 24 hours ending 3 hours GMT 13th: At above hour enemy column advancing nth in area eewe-Songon 4 mi sth of Kokkogwa was putting heavy pressure on Brit 48th Bgde. Brit 1st Burma Bgde was atcking a 2nd enemy column at Kyunggon and Inbingan 10 mi east of Migyaungye. A 3rd enemy column was reptd advancing at Sinbaungwe but Brit not yet in contact.

Chinese reptd no repeat no change Yedashe or Nawchi fronts.

Enemy was Bmbng at Taunggyi, Yenangyuang, Meiktila and Thazi.

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PRIORITY

From: Ft. Mills, F. I.
To: The Adjutant General

No. 775, April 14, 1942

Superior hostile forces have landed on Cebu and heavy fighting is in progress. Our forces in Mindanao ambushed a truck column causing casualties to enemy, but none suffered by our troops. Heavy fighting reported in Digos Area. No change in other parts of Mindanao. Corregidor and Fort Frank were under artillery fire during the day from Batnan and Cavite. Heavy bombers attacked Corregidor by flights of 2 to 6, 4 times during the day. Shelling and bombing caused negligible military damage and some casualties. Our artillery fired counter battery at enemy positions on both shores.

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From: ACCRA
To: MYLID

No. 52 April 13, 1942

British report U boat situation April 12
51 or B may have left Freetown area and be between
Canary Islands to Azores."

Dawson

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INCOMING MESSAGE

NPM 1448
filed 0440/13
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April 13, 1942
1:07 P. M.

From: Chungking
To: G-2

No. 94 April 13, 1942

April 9th and 10th American volunteer group
downed total of 18 big planes out of 21 to 25 attackers
with no combat losses. 600 Japanese April 10th attacked
Nameh settlement 12 miles east of Maychi. April 12th
Japanese planes active over entire Burma front attacking
front line troops. Southwest of Magwe Japanese recon-
noitering on wide front but main forces not yet engaged.
Do you receive this information direct from Burma?

Kayer

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April 13, 1942
6:32 P. M.

From: Fort Mills PI
To: AGWAR

No. 760, April 12, 1942

For General George K. Marshall. It is recommended that the Secretary of War in the name of the President approve the following citation. The merit of the performance of these units is unquestioned and I request that favorable consideration be given at once for psychological reasons. Most of these units were cited once in War Department go no. 14 dated 9th March 1942. Citation: the harbor defenses of Manila and subic bays and naval and marine corps units serving therein, United States Forces in the Philippines, are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, during the period from March 14th to April 9th 1942 (inclusive).

Although subjected repeatedly to intense and prolonged artillery bombardment by concealed hostile batteries in Cavite Province and to heavy enemy aerial attacks, during the period above mentioned, and despite numerous casualties and extensive damage inflicted on defensive installations and utilities, the morale, ingenuity, and combat efficiency of the entire command have remained at the high standard which has impressed fighting men the world over.

On March 15th, approximately 1,240 MM projectiles were fired at forts Frank and Drum and large numbers of lesser caliber projectiles struck forts Hughes and Mills. Again on March 20th, over four hundred 240 MM shells were fired at Fort Frank and a lesser number at Fort Drum, while enemy air Echelons made a total of 50 attacks on Fort Mills with heavy aerial bombs.

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No. 760, April 12, 1942 From: Fort Mills PZ

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During the entire period all units maintained their armament at a high degree of efficiency, while Seaward defense elements executed effective counter battery action, antiaircraft batteries firing at extreme ranges exacted a heavy toll of hostile attacking planes, and naval and marine units from exposed stations assured the defense of the beaches and approaches to the fortified islands. By unceasing labor and regardless of enemy activity essential utilities were restored and the striking power of the command maintained unimpaired.

As a result of their splendid combined efforts, ruggedness, and devotion to duty the various units and services comprising the harbor defenses of Manila and Subic Bays have frustrated a major hostile attempt to reduce the efficiency of the fortified islands.

Units included in above citation: 59th Coast Artillery, 60th Coast Artillery (AA), 91st Coast Artillery (PS), 92nd Coast Artillery (PS), headquarters and headquarters Battery Harbor defenses of Manila and Subic Bays, Medical detachment, Ordnance detachment, Quartermaster detachments (American and Philippine Scouts), Finance detachment, 1st Coast Artillery (PA) (less 2nd Battalion), Company A 803rd Engineer Battalion (Aviation) (separate), detachments DS Army mine planter Harrison (American and Philippine scouts), 4th U. S. marines, U. S. navy inshore patrol Manila Bay area, naval force district headquarters fort Mills, naval forces Mariveles area PI, battery D rpt dog 2nd Coast Artillery (PA), 1st platoon battery F rpt fox 2nd Coast Artillery (AA) (PA), 2nd platoon battery F rpt fox 2nd Coast Artillery (AA) (PA).

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8:16 P M

PRIORITY

From: Australia
To: Immediate AGWAR

No. AG 228, April 13, 1942.

War Department for Gen Geo Marshall food supplies now on Corregidor should be sufficient to supply the Garrison for 6 to 8 weeks unless there has developed some new circumstance of which I know nothing replying your 1241. Other supplies excepting antiaircraft ammunition although naturally dependent upon degree of enemy pressure should last longer. As explained in previous radios this fortress was built before the full power of air attack had been developed and is vulnerable along many lines. Medium and heavy artillery mounted on the Bataan shore can without question destroy vital features of the defenses. With the premature fall of Bataan the enemy has probably captured numbers of 155 millimeter guns and ammunition which will unquestionably soon be put into action. The life of this fortress is therefore definitely limited and its destruction certain unless sea communications can be restored. I have the impression from your previous radios that such a step in the immediate future is impracticable. Under these conditions you must be prepared for the fall of the Harbor defenses. With both Cavite and Bataan shores occupied by the enemy it becomes practically impossible for shipping to reach the defenders. Moreover with the enemy moving in strength into the Visayas no supply help can be expected from that quarter. The small landing field on Corregidor is available only for light aircraft.

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No. AG 228, April 13, 1942.

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Under these circumstances I regard it as useless to attempt further general supply by blockade running although an attempt will be made to provide additional antiaircraft ammunition. I believe the only alternatives which present themselves are a major effort involving grand strategic considerations to be executed within the next 2 months or the acceptance of ultimate defeat in Manila Bay.

MacArthur

Radio 1241, originated by OPD (CM-OUT-2176), requests MacArthur's recommendations on blockade-running to Corregidor.

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April 13, 1942
5:46 P. M.

From: Bogota
To: G-2

No. 133 April 13, 1942

Colombian Presidential Election will take place Sunday May 3. Present indications point to orderly election. Precautions taken all firearms permits in Colombia suspended. Thousand of special police called to duty. Expected to be closely contested election. Lopez and Arango Velez each confident of winning by 200,000 votes. Both openly express pro United States and Hemisphere solidarity. General opinion Lopez will win. Air letter on subject follows.

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April 13, 1942
2:17 PM

From: Chungking
To: Milid

No 95 April 13th.

Japanese pressing heavy attack on British south west of Taungdwingyi which started April 11th. British attacking 2 Japanese formations farther west while another Japanese column reported moving north on Prome road from Sinbaungwe but no action yet reported. British may issue communique April 13th.

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From: Chungking
To: G-2

No. 93 April 13, 1942

Identification follows: 15th Army containing 33rd and 55th Divisions in Burma. 17th Division divided between Thai-China and Thai-Burma border. All above triangular. 18th Division in Northern Siam is square and since no divisions conamed, maybe operating as 2 independent Brigades. Above mentioned from captured Japanese papers and supplement our number 90.

Mayer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From Atlanta, Ga.

To: Mls G-2

No. 213, April 13, 1942.

Total personnel 1,225 serious cases 9 miscellaneous
6 espionage 30 important defense strikes aluminum
ore company Mobile Alabama no change sabotage cases
9 disaffection 365 total current subversive cases 410
April 13.

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MAJ. HAMMOND

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12:22 P.M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Quarry Heights CZ
To: Adjutant General

No. 464, April 13, 1942

Strength report April 7th Panama Canal Department:
Ground Forces Off 1,694 WO 41 EM 34,076 Air
Forces Off 1,073 WO 1 EM 13,346 Aruba Ground Forces
Off 47 EM 1,018 British Guiana Ground Forces Off
19 WO 5 EM 271 Air Forces Off 24 EM 267 Curacao
Ground Forces Off 53 EM 1,111 Saint Lucia Ground
Forces Off 20 EM 445 Air Forces Off 23 EM 234
Surinam Ground Forces Off 34 WO 3 EM 630 Air Forces
Off 26 EM 350 Trinidad Ground Forces Off 177 WO
1 EM 2846 Air Forces Off 60 WO 1 EM 1,892 Venezuela
Ground Forces Off 11 EM 277 Peru Ground Forces Off
14 EM 282.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: American Embassy, London
To: Milid

No. 2383, April 13, 1942

In Libya enemy appears to be withdrawing between the coast and Bir Temrad his column opposite Brit southern flank has also withdrawn but enemy is holding his positions in the areas Sidi Breghisc and Rotunda Segnali. The above movements refer to the advanced positions to which Axis forces moved few days ago as we reported.

WO still without definite opinion as to meaning or significance of present Axis activities.

McClure

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April 13, 1942
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: FTMILLS PI
To: CHIEF OF STAFF

No. 767 Thirteenth

For General Marshall. Your kind message of April twelfth received. It encourages me and will when published, be an inspiration to the gallant troops of my command. The constant and incessant air bombardment and 5 of Major Caliber artillery from Bataan and south shore of Manila Bay is answered round for round by the Gallant Harbor defense troops. The fourth Marines and Other troops that I succeeded in extracting from Bataan hold the beaches in a determined manner and I intend to keep the flag on this tiny rock as long as food and ammunition hold out. I am in constant touch with MacArthur on these matters and he is doing what he can to keep us supplied. However three inch Antiaircraft ammunition is now a critical item. Please express to Prime Minister Churchill, my deep appreciation of his kind words

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From: FTMILLS PI
To: AGWAR

No. 769 April 13, 1942

Condition in CEBU unknown as there has been no communication for the past forty eight hours. No change in disposition of troops in Mindanao. Combat patrols on Digos front raided Serib and Tamyouf burning 8 Buildings containing Japanese food Supplies. Harbor defenses were under continuous enemy artillery fire. Hostile air attacked Corregidor 10 different times. Our AA batteries forced heavy bombers to stay at a very high altitude restricting their bombing to areas instead of particular targets. Our artillery fired on targets in Batuan, Cavite and Manila Bay. Fires in two enemy tank and truck columns were started by our batteries and two enemy ammunition dumps were hit. Own forces suffered some casualties and minor damage

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Delhi
To: MILID Washington

No. .71, April 11th. 1942

British estimate situation as of April 3rd. Jap attempt capture Ceylon necessitates preliminary capture Madras area if British Fleet is still in being. they proceeding attack Ceylon under protection land based planes thus neutralizing advantage British would otherwise have had in case direct attack Ceylon. Preliminary Madras operation would require 6 battleships, 6 carriers, 15 cruisers with destroyers and submarine: 2 divisions and tank battalion and as airfields are available 400 planes, some bombers being flown from Sumatra area. During this operation exposed to land plane attack, Japs will try to avoid fleet action by using submarine and carrier screen. Main Ceylon operation would require 6 carriers, 12 cruisers with destroyers: 3 divisions and tank regiment with 400 planes and parachute troops. Initial landings 2 hours before dawn on Jaffna and Mannar peninsulas and 20 miles North and South of Trincomalee from 2 to 7 days after Madras operation. Burma operation to continue together with advance along coast of Bay of Bengal. End of estimate. Jap force of 3 battleships 4 carriers 5 cruisers with destroyers steaming South at 20 knots 175 miles East of Trincomalee at 0446 GMT on 9th was attacked by Blenheims who scored 3 near misses and were counterattacked by fighters. Losses 5 Blenheims. Japs evidently refuelling at sea southeast of Ceylon to maintain constant pressure on Ceylon and India. 2 Merchantmen reported destroyed by Jap bombers, 2 Fulmars and 3 Jap fighters lost. No air reconnaissance has reached Port Blair since 3rd but many small vessels and barges known to

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be gathering in mouth of Rangoon River. Jap broadcast
and press declare Colombo raid was last warning to
Indians and should stir them up. Raid on Trincomalee
on 9th carried out by 54 bombers and 40 fighters damaging
airfield buildings and docks and killing 20. Civilians
leaving town. Japs lost 6 fighters 1 bomber with 6
probables: British 8 Hurricanes 1 Fulmar.

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From: Ft Shafter TH

To: AG

No. 3369, April 13, 1942

SPKMR strength Hawaiian Department 7th April 42
midnight Air Forces including arms and services there-
with officers 9272 WO 71 ENL MEN 7,912 Ground Forces
officers 3,470 WO 150 Enl Men 68,144. Strength Pacific
bases Fiji Air Forces officers 61 Enl Men 577 Ground
Forces none Christmas Island Air Forces officers 47
Enl Men 286 Ground Forces officers 71 Enl Men 1,658
Canton Island Air Forces officers 2 Enl Men 34 Ground
Forces officers 48 Enl Men 1,24. No figures for Bora
Bora available.

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Capt. Brigham

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April 12, 1942
3:30 P. M.

From: Cairo
To: Milid

No. 964, April 12th, 1942 Part 1

Source R. A. F. intelligence. No material change in strength and disposition of German Air Force since my 951.

During 10 day period ending April 9th there was sharp rise in weight and intensity of air attacks against Malta. Attacks averaged 196 enemy aircraft each 24 hours during this period. British lost 21 planes, 19 others were damaged; there were 274 military and civilian casualties. Germans lost 53 planes, probably lost 18, 50 damaged. Attacks were continuous during 6 of 10 nights. Objective of German Air Force now reasonably clear: to deny replenishment of supplies. to wear down morale of population and troops, with capture of Malta ultimate objective.

During March Axis lost 38,000 tons of shipping in Mediterranean area. Of 74,000 tons which left Italy en-route North Africa only 8 percent was destroyed. 41 per cent of Axis losses was sunk by air attacks.

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From: Cairo
To: HILID

No. 984 Part 2 April 12, 1942

4. Source Royal Naval Intelligence: Coastal batteries have been installed in Derna, Rashilal, Benghazi. Axis shipping in eastern Mediterranean from April 4th to April 8th 14 medium size merchant vessels reported at sea. 6 of these vessels estimated 38,000. Navy estimate Benghazi is handling 300 to 138,000 per day, Derna 200 to 300 tons per day. Shipping to Tripoli continuing. In Tripoli on April 5th photographs disclosed following vessels in harbor: 3 destroyers, 4 merchant ships of 738,000, 4 merchant ships 538,000, 6 merchant ships 138,000, 3 motor landing craft. At Patras 9 merchant vessels totalling 2338000 were disclosed by photographs on March 29th. Motor transport is reported as moving east from Tunisia.

5. In Mediterranean Axis have 3 battlefields, 2 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers 27 destroyers, approximately 54 Italian submarines, 23 German submarines.

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From: San Juan PR
To: AGO

No. NR 536 April 12, 1942

Strength report PR Dept SPXMR Apr 7th. PR Ground Forces off RA 13 ± others 845 EM 17026, Air Force off RA 82 others 491 EM 6237. St Thomas Ground Forces off RA 0 others 24 EM 497 Air Forces off RA 0 others 0 EM ±. St Croix Ground Forces off RA 0 others 6 EM 163, Air Forces off RA 0 others 0 EM 26. Antigua Ground Forces off RA 2 others 13 EM 274. Air Force off RA 1 others 0 EM 48. Jamaica Ground Forces off RA 8 others 19 EM 563 Air Forces off RA 0 others 1 EM 32. PR warrant off ± nurses 86.

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- * Came "leven". Service on request.
- * Came "fivs". Service on request.
- * Came "xerj". Service on request.
- * Came "fousteen". Service on request.

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From Atlanta
To Military Intelligence Service

No 212 /pril 12

Disaffection 365 espionage 30 total current
subversive cases 409 important defense strikes aluminum
ore company Mobile Alabama no slow up of production to
date miscellaneous 5 personnal 1210 serious case 9.

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April 12, 1942
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From: Fort Mills, PI
To: AGWAR

No. 762, April 12th, 1942

Since last report on situation on Island of Cebu all communication has been broken. Situation on Cebu unknown at this time. No change in disposition of other Visayan Islands. Activity in Mindanao confined to aggressive patrolling. Sharp skirmishes took place on Digos front. Reported from Mindanao that enemy cruiser Wa Kuma class was sunk by Prop-(2) night of 8th April. 12 separate hostile bombing attacks on Corragidor mostly on center of island. AA batteries active in spite of poor visibility and 2 heavy bombers were damaged. Artillery shelling continued against ships in bay and our batteries. Counter battery from fortified islands and on boats in Madiveles harbor sinking several, setting some afire.

Wainwright

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April 12, 1942
2:50 P. M.

From: Quarry Heights, CZ
To: Milid

No. 461, April 12th, 1942

Naval Attache Nicaragua notified concerning new air-field reported by PAA 50 miles northeast of Managua. Possibility of being a new PTACA field but our military Attache Costa Rica also informed and asked to coordinate investigation with navy if possible. Have asked G-2 here to indicate action taken in all messages to you.

Benitez

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From: Amen Embassy London
To: Milid

No. 2376, April 12, 1942

Repts dated Burma TI 330hours GMT 11th shows it as follows: On Irrawaddy front Brit had no repeat no contact with enemy to zero hours GMT 10th. Enemy air active over forward areas and Eq 1st Burma Div at Tamu M Gund and Magwe bmbd.

Chinese repte own fces then following positions: Attacking or outpost group 22nd Div with horse cav and art in SWA area. Holding group 96th Div with art in area nth of Pyinwana. Mobile reserve or counterattack group 200th Div with art in area Ky-idaunggin. Mawchi area repte quiet 10th with leading troops of 55th Div at Kemayyu. Chinese 6th Army repte an atck by 600 Japs at Namschek, 12 mi east of Mawchi on 9th but no details.

Air: In raid on Loiwing 8th avgs shot down 11 Japs without loss to selves but lost one bmb transport on ground. Town of Mackani considerably damgd by enemy raid 9th and SWA and Pyinmana raided same day. On 10th enemy air active bmbng and M guning rear areas Irrawaddy front also bmbd Pyinmana and Yvadau where railway yards wrecked and trains will be unable run sth of Tatkon until repaired.

Now repte enemy lost 14 confirmed 12 probable and 2 damgd acft during raid on Trincomalee Ceylon 9th.

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April 12, 1942
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From: Cairo
To: Milid

No. 964, April 12, 1942 Last Part.

On April 2nd British had 134 aircraft in Malta, 26 of which were serviceable.

British Eastern Mediterranean fleet strength: 3 cruisers, 1 antiaircraft cruisers stationed in Alexandria harbor, 16 destroyers, 15 submarines. Navy is unable to relieve Malta.

Tobruk remains a vital link in supply of Western desert forces but is subject to heavy air attacks from Crete and Libya.

Axis has insufficient forces at present for an major offensive against Middle East. Successful reduction of Malta and capture of Tobruk are objectives which Axis would be justified in attempting, would make their supply positions favorable for major operations against Middle East.

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PRIORITY

From: London
To: Milid

No. 2377, April 12th, 1942.

Greatly appreciate your detailed statement of conferences and decisions contained in your No. 280.

I sit with full Cabinet Monday, 13th and Defense Cabinet (Committee) Tuesday, 14th.

For McNarney only from Marshall.

Naval Person told me he accepts our proposal. Make sure it is understood by President and Secretary of War that this proposal is the last draft I took with me from Washington and not rpt not the preliminary draft submitted to the President. They are both the same in principal but differ in language and method of presentation. Have Sommerville proceed vigorously in matter of expediting and improvising landing craft. Send Wainwright following from me "Absence enroute to London during your tragic crisis prevented my communicating with you. You and your associates command my admiration for your spirit and fortitude. The Prime Minister (Churshell) with whom I now am speaks in superlative terms of admiration for gallantry of your action. I am now securing data of British submarine experience in supplying Malta which should enable us to give you much more in the way of food. Good luck to you and the Lord keep you. Marshall."

McClure

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PRIORITY

From: Australia
To: General George C. Marshall

No. AGWAR NR 94, April 12, 1942

For Gen George Marshall bombers today made one hit with 500 pound bomb on enemy air craft carrier at Rabaul. Attack being repeated with all available aircraft. Request Naval task force be directed to attack. Available information being broadcast to Admiral Fletcher.

MacArthur

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April 12, 1942
9:35 AM

PRIORITY

From: Ft Shafter TH
To: Honorable John J. McCloy
Asst Sec of War

No. 3344 April 12, 1942

All persons committed for custodial detention and evacuated to mainland United States reference your radio 3120 April 10 are considered dangerous threats to security. They should not repeat not be released. If their release on Writ of Habeas Corpus appears imminent recommend their immediate return to Hawaii for permanent internment. However situation might develop here which would request internment of many citizens of alien ancestry. Large numbers cannot be retained here. Therefore imperative War Department take necessary steps to permit internment on mainland of citizens of alien ancestry who are dangerous to security of nation.

Emmons.

Footnote: Number 3120 (CM-OUT-1802 4/10/42) refers to views requested concerning internment of 25 aliens now held at Camp McCoy.

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INCOMING MESSAGE 12, 1942
8:42 A. M.

PRIORITY

From: Australia
To: Agwar

Re. AG 207, April 12th, 1942.

Strength of US Forces (attention SPKMX) OL CF
April 7 as follows: Air Force; officers 1,506, en-
listed men 14,441. (Cite AGS) Ground Forces; officers
1,618, enlisted men 22,940.

MacArthur

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Footnote: Number AG 217 received from MacArthur
(CM-IN-3164 4/12/42) was incorrectly numbered.
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PRIORITY

From: Commander Battle Force Melbourne
To: AGWAR

No. AG 217 April 12, 1942

Strength of US Forces (Attention SPKMK) OL CR
April 7 as follows: Air Force; Officer 1506, Enlisted
Men 14,441. (Cite AGS) Ground Forces; Officer 1618,
Enlisted Men 22,940.

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PRIORITY

From: Melbourne
To: Gen G. C. Marshall

No. AG 204 April 12, 1942

Lt. General Smart of the Australian Army
arrives in Washington shortly. I bespeak for him
your consideration.

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To ANSEC
CAIRO, EGYPT

W. D. No. 525

In addition to its activities operating within and through your area, the Ferry Command operates lines extending through other areas in the eastern and western hemispheres. Its activities throughout the world must be controlled by a central office in the United States. This central is charged with responsibility for formulating policies and regulating movement of units through all its operating lines. Control of Ferry Command activity in your area must remain in United States hands. To Maxwell from Marshall. Any decentralization of authority must be uneconomical in use of personnel and equipment. You are responsible for proper representation before the North African Council to insure the efficient operations of the Ferry Command through the area under the control of the council, but you have no responsibility nor authority in connection with the operations of the Ferry Command. The Ferry Command representative in your area will coordinate his activities with you to keep you informed of its requirements. The Air Service Command in the Middle East will be administered by you, but policies governing its control and operation remain functions of central office in the United States.

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From: Cairo
To: MILID

No. 963 April 11 1942

Conference with General Auchinleck today resulted in his sending cable War Office for verification of its approval of my assignment Liaison Officer for Military Intelligence, Middle East. Your 782.

During conversation Auchinleck asked why our War Department wanted information on Malta your 794. I replied I felt our interest in this War is such that loss of Malta affects us as well as Britain.

General Auchinleck explained that General Dill in Washington receives the official Middle East weekly estimate of situation which General Dill doubtlessly makes available to United States War Department. General Auchinleck intimated this information might be sufficient to meet present needs of our War Department, added he was concerned lest General Dill and I might present divergent views on situation in Middle East. General Auchinleck suggested this possibility of divergent views in his cable to War Office.

I took the stand that although General Dill might present such information as was available to him on Middle East to our War Department, our Government desires its own intelligence agency just as does British.

As matter of fact estimates of situation in Middle East which might be released to our War Department by British representative in Washington naturally present points of view, are likely to be general in nature, not submitted with view of providing detailed information suitable for our War Plans Division. Moreover in past Middle East estimate of situation frequently have presented conditions in more favorable light than situation warranted. I hold it extremely dangerous for

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From Ft Dix
To: General Staff Attn Col Brown

Unnumbered April 11

Exclusive of 13 Officers who have departed following special strength report is submitted force 9025-A. Hq
37 Off 1 Wo Em M Sgts 12 Tech Sgts 17 First Sgts 2 St Sgts
7 Tech third 22 Sgts 8 Tech fourth 10 corps 14 Tech fifth
11 Pfc 57 Pvs 74; Hq: our Off Em Tech Sgts 2 first Sgts
1 St Sgts 5 Sgts 13 Tech fourth 8 Corps 12 T'ch fifth
16 Pfc 45 Pvs 100; Hq special troops 1 Off Em M Sgt
1 Tech Sgts 1 St Sgts 2 Sgts 1 Corps 1 Pfc 5 Pvs 9.
Gd Br of Offs Chaplain 1 Col 1 Capt bat Corps 1 Lt Col
Dc 1 Lt Col Gsc 1 Lt Col Igd 1 Lt Col G-3 Wp 1 Lt Col Med
1 Lt Col 1 Capt 1 first Lt Ord 1 Ord Lt Col 1 Capt Agd 1
Lt Col 2 Majs 3 Cpts G-4 1 Lt Col 1 Maj Qmc 2 Majs 2 Cpts
G-2 Majs Fa 1 Maj 2 Capt Inf 6 Cpts 1 first Lt Cac 1 Capt
Ac 1 Capt 1 first Lt Sc 1 Capt 1 first Lt Cav 1 Capt.
Confirmation and roster follows via air mail special delivery.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Australia
To: Adjutant General

No. AG 194, April 11th, 1942

Arnold from Brett. Re our ACS 4-1588 March 20 and your Ulio 883 March 28. Of the 11 aircraft chartered from Dutch 1 has been damaged beyond repair. Of remaining 10, 5 are owned by Knilm and 5 by KLM. Dutch Minister in London has refused authority for sale of the 5 owned by KLM although expects aircraft to remain in Australia consider undesirable to continue charter due to expense and difficulty of coordinating repairs and overhaul. Request you ask Dutch Government to expedite sale of these planes. Dutch officials here prefer outright sale and have cabled their Minister in London for necessary authority. In reply cite CG. If authority not given intend asking Australian Government to requisition them. Please acknowledge.

MacArthur

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Indigo
To: Chief of Staff

No. 4 4, April 11, 1942

Cable Iceland to United Kingdom severed 3 April
between Shetlands and Waroes. British report there is
little chance of repairing before end of war.

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PRIORITY

From: Ft McPherson Ga
To: Military Intelligence Service

No. 210, April 11, 1942

Disaffection 363 espionage 30 total current sub-
versive cases 407 sabotage 9 important defense strikes
aluminum ore company mobile ala no slow up of production
to date miscellaneous 5 personnel 1,220 serious cases 9

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: American Embassy, London
To: Hild

No. 2371, April 11th, 1942

Summary Burma sitrep to 4 hrs GMT 10th follows:
On Irrawaddy front Burma Corps Hq to Nagwe 9th with
troops disposed as follows: 2nd Burma Bgde Minha.
1st Burma Bgde Mityaungye 1d 13th Bgde Myaungyatsan.
48th Bgde and 7th Armd Bgde Kokhoga area. 17th
Div less 1 Bgde Taungdwingei-Sat'hwa area.

The 287th Chinese Regt is enroute to Taungdwingyi
area.

On Toungoo front no change 22nd Div situation.
96th Div less 1 Regt is preparing defence of Pyimann.
By and Ry bridges Pyimann are prepared for demolition.
Chinese rept that Japs digging in this front.

Mawchi front Chinese troops in position at Kasaung
nth of Kemapyu. Road between Mawchi and Kemapyu demol-
ished and bridge at Tuchau G prepared for demolition.

Two native officers of Brit fces who were captured
by Japs and escaped say Jap intention is to capture
Mandalay before rains start by main thrust up Toungoo
Road with secondary thrust up Irrawaddy Valley but no
not repeat not intend atck on Shan States at present.

Brit believe 1 Jap Div recently arrived off Rangoon
and believed came from Malaya and that this Div either
for reinforcements Burma or for separate oprn.

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From: London
To: MILID

No. 2369 April 11, 1942

Weekending April 5th : British merchant ships
and time chartered allied and neutral ships over
1600 GRT: Tanker: Losses 73,600 GRTS 18,100 net
loss 55,500. Non tanker: Losses 30,200 gains 69,400
net gain 39,200. Total net loss 16,300.

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FROM: Australia
TO: AGWAR

No. AG 182 April 11, 1942

For your information. Arnold from Brett reply cite dash AG 182. Part 1 General Van Oyen Dutch Air Forces leaving for U S this day will undoubtedly make many requests of you for assistance. Consider imperative no commitments be made as to equipment of aircraft for Dutch operations in this theatre before we have had opportunity to make recommendations. Part 2 General Van Oyen informs me that there are 500 Dutch flying and technical pupils 3*0 mechanics and about 300 women and children departing for U S by army transport approximately 12th. Part 3. He informs me he understands suitable arrangements will be made in U S for flying and technical instructions these students. Part 4. I saw Van Oyen informally and quoted following part of your AFCAS quote it is indicated by information received here that all air forces operating in and out of Australia are controlled by you unquote and was informed by him that with exception of semi formed Dutch squadron of North American bombers all Dutch air forces in Australia are under supreme command Vice Admiral Helfriyh in Colombo with General Van Oyen in immediate command.

MacArthur

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From: London

To: Milid

No. 2372, April 11, 1942

Enemy activity 9th in Libya became more pronounced against Brit Southern flank. Brit patrols shelled enemy positions about 7 mi west of their forward line. Brit column engaged number enemy tanks near Brit Southern Flank 9th and destroyed several tanks.

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April 11, 1942
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PRIORITY

From: Ft Mills
To: AGWAR

No. 752 , April 11, 1942

Despite determined resistance by our small forces enemy made landings on Cebu at Cebu City, Toledo, Argao, Pinamungajan rpt Pinamungajan, Mags and Talisay. Landings supported by Naval craft and dive bombers. Heavy losses were suffered by enemy. Has been unable to penetrate at any point more than a few kilometers inland. Estimated strength of enemy 12,000 with a few tanks and planes. In Mindanao there is no change in our dispositions. Enemy continues to strengthen positions on Digos front. Active patrolling on all fronts. Aerial activity was turned heavily on Corregidor and Hughes, both were bombed repeatedly. No planes were shot down but several are known to have been hit. Interdiction and counter battery on targets south shore of Manila Bay.

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April 11, 1942

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Delhi
To: Milid

No. 67, April 10th, 1942, 117

1 Huso 1 Nagato 1 carrier off Ceylon 4 heavy
1 light cruiser off southeast India 3 Kongos 3 carriers
and destroyers but no transports in Bay of Bengal.
3 submarines off West Coast. 40 OS and 27 bombers
attacked Trincomalge this AM damaging airfield slightly.
Japs lost 7 planes British 8 Hurricanes. Reliably
reported that Japan has 1 years cotton 2 years wool
and copper oil enough till East Indies wells reopen.
Effective blows at wells and shipping might run her
short in year and half.

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To: G-2

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From: Chungking
To: The Adjutant General, for Amnisca

No. 491 Amnisca, April 10, 1942

Strength report as of midnight march 31, Ground US
Forces 71 officers and 19 enlisted men. For SPXMR. US
Forces in India Ground 16 officers, Air 187 officers and
3012 enlisted men.

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April 10, 1942
9:00 A.M.

From: London
To : Milid

NO. 2365, April 10, 1942

On 8th Brit columns atckd enny digging in 7 mi East of
Eluet El Aggara and another enny ice at Sidi Breghisc but
no details known. Believed enny has reduced his fces in
most forward area.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London
To: Milid

No. 2364, April 10th, 1942,

Summary info Burma to 4 hrs GMT 9th: No repts recd from Irrawaddy front. Chinese rept their Bn which repta 9th to be surrounded at Yerashe has now rejoined 22nd div at Sva. Also rept that enemy colum advancing along Toungoo-Mawchi road had reached Mawchi. Tin mines Mawchi prepared for demolition but not yet destroyed.

Maymyo atckd by 27 bmbrs 8th considerable damage. Same day same number bmbd Mandalay and all repts recd indicate very heavy civil damage.

Air attack on Trincomalee, Ceylon 9th caused Naval damage but extent unknown.

Rept at HQ indicates A V GS lost acft on ground when Loiwing landing ground M gund 8th but message garbled and details not clear.

Enemy occupation Faisi confirmed from Melbourne.

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April 10, 1942

8:40 A M

INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Indigo
To: Chief of Staff

No. 34, April 10, 1942

There is not at this time nor has there been at any time possibility of a general strike in Indigo. Reurad April 9. In my opinion the strike situation in Indigo has been limited to a few minor groups not repeat not engaged on military projects American Legation concurs.

Bonesteel

Radio (CM-OUT-1334) (4/8/42) Report of possible labor strike in Iceland.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The attached radiogram was just received. A message received from the Radio Corporation of America indicates Japanese are now operating their station on Cebu.

Joseph P. McNamee
Acting Chief of Staff.

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April 10, 1942

5:38 AM

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Ft. Mills, P. I.
To : The President of the United States
The White House

No. 749 April 10th

Your number 1329 received. No message concerning it from MacArthur. The confidence your Excellency places in my judgment in this desperate situation as well as the kindness of your message merit my heartfelt gratitude. I have done all that could have been done to hold Bataan but starved men without air and with inadequate field artillery support can not endure the terrific aerial and artillery bombardment that my troops were subjected to. Enemy has emplaced heavy artillery on south shore of Bataan and now keeps Corregidor under constant artillery fire as well as air bombing. Report received this morning that enemy is now landing in considerable force on the Island of Cebu. Due to difficulties of communication, I have no further information on the progress of this landing. Obviously if hostile troops take the Island of Cebu it will no longer be practicable to ship the supplies which have been assembled there. An unusually large number of hostile warships and transports have been reported operating in waters adjacent to southern islands during the past two days. It appears that the enemy will next direct his attention to other islands of the Visayan group. Communications with Bataan troops is severed so I have no information of terms arranged by General King. Our flag still flies on this beleaguered island fortress.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Ft Mills PI
To : AGWAR

No. 750, April 10th, 1942

Fortified Islands and our ships are being shelled from Bataan and South Shore of Manila Bay. Air raids continue against Corregidor. Enemy made landing on the Island of Cebu. 3 torpedo boats engaged enemy vessels. 1 enemy cruiser reported sunk. 8 to 10 transports and 5 warships off Cebu. 10 warships off Northwestern Panay heading East. Our forces in contact fighting. No change in Mindanao. Constant patrolling on all fronts.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Macarthur
To: G-2

No. 150 April 10, 1942

No communication with Allied Forces in Nei reference
your 1102 4th but efforts now under way (cite G2)
to establish radio communications with Nei radio stations
believed not yet occupied by enemy.

Macarthur

1102 from A-2 is CM-OUT-732

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April 10, 1942

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Chungking
To: Milid

No. 79, April 9, 1942.

Shansi Province: Enemy transports active on Lishih-Chuntu and Houma - Chishan - Hochin highways with 8000 troops on latter. 2 infantry regiments in Linfen. Japanese troops in Shansi Province inferior quality. Yenhsi - Shan thinks Japanese may attempt crossing Yellow at Hotsin and Chuntu to cut Chinese communications across river with possible subsequent advances southward along west bank to join with troops crossing in Juicheng - Pinglu area. River Crossing material now assembled at Hochin, Juicheng, and Pinglu. All this radio from Chinese General Headquarters.

Hupei Province: 10,000 troops sent from Ichang to Tangyang early April with probable intention attacking Nanchang and Yuanan. Prisoners report no troops of 13th Division now in Ichang - Tangyang area withdrawn China since December 7th. 13th still has 4 infantry regiments.

General: Japanese air divisions now stationed 2 in Manchuria 1 in China 1 in Japan 1 in Siam.

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Chungking signed Mayer. The War Department
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77 as originally sent out. Please change your
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1:01 A. M.

From: Chungking,
To: Milid,

No. 77, April 9th, 1942,

Estimated distribution Japanese aircraft March 31st follows: Yuncheng (China) 8 heavy bombers 2 trainers Hankow 15 light bombers 20 pursuit planes 10 trainers 10 seaplanes. Nanchang 10 light bombers 2 observation Canton 56 heavy bombers 83 light bombers 35 pursuit planes 14 observation 4 trainers and 20 unknown types. Saigon 80 heavy bombers * light bombers 40 pursuit planes 20 observation 15 trainers. Haiphong (Indo-China) - Handi (Indo-China) 27 heavy bombers 9 light bombers 15 pursuit planes 3 trainers 15 unknown. Hainan 80 heavy bombers 170 light bombers 90 pursuit planes 25 observation 8 trainers 24 seaplanes.

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April 10, 1942
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Ft Shafter
To: Chief of Staff

No 3794 April 9th.

This Dept has received request from Cincpac based on directive from Cominch that army garrison be placed on Fanning Island to replace new Zealand Troops now guarding cable station there. If War Dept concurs in providing army troops for the defense of this island, estimate following garrison required: Infantry 1 rifle Company CAC 1 officer 20 EM medical 1 officer 4 EM Signal 4 EM weapons and equipment in addition to TBA as follows: 275 MM guns 450 caliber MGS AA 1230 caliber MGS 1 SCF 177; 10 miles wire W110; 5 phones EE 8; 3 trucks 1/4 ton; 10,000 sand bags 10 units fire all weapons. Request this task force be furnished direct from mainland because of shortages here. This request raises the question as to what extent we are to provide garrisons for other nearby islands such as Howland and Baker.

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April 9, 1942
6:31 AM

From: New Delhi
To: MILID

No. 49 March 31, 1942

Battle order Burma Corps. Burma Corps Number 17
Battled Order as of March 18 so far as known here is:
7th Arm'd Brigade 22 officers 500 other ranks, no figures
on arty personnel available, materiel 16 25 pounders
16 3.7 inch hows 7 77 M Marty 4 to 6 guns of Breda
at Kartv 19 guns in 2nd at Kregt 6 guns in 8th British
Hvyaabty and 4 guns 8th Ind Hvyaabty. 17th Ind Div
Inf Brigade 44 British officers and 1800 cifrn other
ranks, 48th Ind Inf Brigade 57 British officers and
1740 other ranks, 63rd Ind Brig 24 BIGTIN
officers and 2100 other ranks. WGDSI 1 Burma Div
of 13th Ind Inf Brig 11 British officers 600 other
ranks 1st Burma Brig 18 British officers 1370 others
2nd Burma Brig personnel unknown. Div Reserve of
3 Ind Inf Brigs 12 British officer 820 others.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London
To: Agwar

No. 1059, April 9th.

PRIORITY

Cite: SPXMR as of 7 April 1942 Strength report US Army Forces London HQ USAFBI, Ground Forces Officers 49, Air Corps Officers 6, Ground Forces Warrant Officers 4, Ground Forces enlisted men none, Electronics Training Group Officers 307, Air Corps Officers 27, Ground Forces Enlisted Men none, Air Corps Ferry Command Officers none, Enlisted men 15, Special Air Corps Observer Ground Forces Officers 2, Air Corps Officers 19, Air Corps enlisted men none, HQ Detachment SPOBS Ground Forces Officers none, Enlisted Men 36, Enlisted men attached SPOBS 12. 32nd MP Company Ground Forces Officers 5, Enlisted men 120. 121st QM Car Company Ground Forces Officers 2, Enlisted men 76. 7th General Dispensary Ground Forces Officers 11, Enlisted Men 29, Attached Enlisted Men 1. 827th Signal Service Company Ground Forces Officers 10, Enlisted Men 70. USANIF Ground Forces Officers 518, Warrant Officers 2, ANC 70, Enlisted Men 10227. Air Corps Officers none, Enlisted Men none. Total Strength USAFBI Ground Forces Officers 904, Ground Forces Warrant Officers 6, Ground Forces ANC 70, Ground Forces Enlisted Men 10571. Air Corps Officers 52, Air Corps Enlisted Men 15. Total 11618.

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April 9, 1942
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To : MILID

No. 960, April 9th, 1942

German has built good highways from Marrakech Morocco to Dakar; has completed existing roads between Algeria road system and Zinder which is on Nigerian border of French West Africa; from Zinder roads leading to French Colonies Togo and Dahomey; has set up or modernized Air bases at Konakry French Guinea, Abijan Ivory Coast, Zinder, from which he could bomb American Ferry routes and vital British Bases. He has also constructed Intermediary Air supply bases at Gao, and Elgolea.

From these Vichy bases Hitler can strike Freetown, Takoradi, Accra, Lagos. Over night he might cripple our Air Bases to Middle East.

Recommendation: That War Department give serious consideration to vulnerability of our Ferry routes and to advisable alternate route via the Cape. My 819.

Source: Paul-Pazery International New Service War Correspondent who has personal knowledge of much of installation indicated. Believed reliable.

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April 9, 1942
2:03 P. M.

From: New Caledonia
To: Agwar

No. Number, April 9th.

Strength report as of April 7th: Ground Forces total number of Officers 848 Warrant Officers 5 Army Nurse Corps * 13 total number of enlisted men 16458. Air Forces total number of Officers 49 total number of Enlisted men 4*6. (From Patch) included in Ground Forces above are 32 Officers and 862 Enlisted Men of 97th Field Artillery Battalion (Pack) which arrived Poppy April 3rd, *9*2.

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CSWD
April 9, 1942
1210 PM

From: Indigo
To: Milid

No. 12 4. April 9, 1942

No alteration in hostile dispositions. Report of
April 9th. Capabilities of Hitler's troops without change.
30th summary.

Jones

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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From: AmEmbassy London
To: Milid

No 2357, April 9, 1942

SITREP from Burma dated 3 hours GMT 8th says no repts BIIIT situation on Irrawaddy front acct radio out action. Chinese rept from Bittang front that Japs then were twenty eight mi west of Mawchi and that 1 China BN was surrounded in Yedashe. No comment on Chinese situation as follows: By deploying eastward at Toungoo a 3rd army drive to the nth up the Mawchi-Loilem Road is indicated possibly in conjunction with Jap 18th Div which would be on right flank. Occupation of Mawchi would give Japs possession valuable tin mines.

Enemy air raids on Vizagapatnam and Coconada on 6th were of 5 acft each.

Chinese rept from Toungoo says they intend fight delaying action to Bawlake Area.

Note: Town spelled Loilem Ayove may be Loikaw and Bawlake may be Sawlake your maps.

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From: London
To: MILID

No. 2359 April 9, 1942.

Last news Libya 7th enemy digging in at Birtemrod and Sidi Breghisc. Enemy column including 100 tanks moved from El Cherima to a point 6 mi nth west of Mtefel. 50 tanks and 300 M T seen in Segnali area.

Brit art shelled enemy guns and M T 3 mi ntheast of Bir Temrod and armd car patrols in contact with enemy patrols but enemy made no repeat no attempt to recon Brit positions.

Comment: W1 still have no firm estimate meaning Rommels move.

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From: Ft. Mills
To: Govt. Wd Agwar Washington, D.C.

April Ninth,

For General Marshall Reurad 1325, reference is made to my radio of this morning concerning the situation in Bataan. Following is estimate of total effectives now actually engaged in combat: In Bataan 36,853; Harbor defense forces 9,614; Visayan forces 21,486; Mindanao force 31,684. The figure for Bataan includes all troops on beach defense who were not actually engaged in recent combat.

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April 9, 1942

To: COMMANDING GENERAL
U. S. ARMY FORCES
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA-

WDWPD

W. D. No. 1178

The following message is for General MacArthur. With reference to your number AG 83 recommending 3 staff officers for promotion the War Department view is as follows: the Staff of the Supreme Commander in Australia should, so far as possible, contain strong representation from the armed forces of all participating governments. In the original ABDA agreement, which was intended to serve as a general pattern for later combined headquarters, Command and staff positions were carefully distributed among the several powers in order to inspire confidence and a feeling of unity. The situation in the new Southwest Pacific Area has so developed that the Supreme Commander, his Chief of Staff, the Air Commander, and the Naval Commander, will probably all be officers of the United States forces. In this situation the President feels that a number of higher positions on your staff should be occupied by Dutch and particularly by Australian officers. It is therefore deemed undesirable to make any more staff promotions to General officer rank until after you have formally established your Supreme Headquarters, and have crystallized its composition and it has begun to function. A further consideration in the case of Brigadier General Marshall is the promotion to high rank of officers occupying staff as opposed to command positions. Yours is the only American Headquarters so far established for which we have allowed a Major General as Chief of Staff, in no other case is the Chief of Staff above the grade of Brigadier General. Consequently to promote the Deputy for your Chief of Staff to the grade of Major General, particularly at a time when the whole force and your headquarters are in the

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formative stage would be most embarrassing to us.
No action is contemplated in this matter at this
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April 9, 1942
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Lisbon
To: Milid

No 271 April 9th.

Colonel Yosiasada Mishima Japanese Military Attache resident of Lisbon arrived his assistant Military Attache Lieutenant Colonel Naoki Matuyama arriving soon Lieutenant Colonel Sakurai remains in Madrid.

Portuguese officer returned last week from Java and ind reported difference between Hindoos and Moslems latter want to help British former will not fight only United States of America can save India Moslems trust Americans but not British.

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April 9, 1942

To: AMNISCA
CHUNGKING

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W. D. No. 431

Disregard instructions contained in our 412
April 7th regarding possibilities for relieving
desperate Bataan food situation from China.
(Reference your 476 April 7th)

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From: Australia
To: MILID

No. AG 147 April 9, 1942

Activity midnight 7th to midnight 8th. Air: 8 A 24s attacked Lae and Salamaua Airdromes 7th direct hits on 62 fighters and dispersed bombers several building destroyed, minor enemy air raid on Tulagi. Air-Naval: Ambon-Halong 1 30,000 ton ship 3 8000 ton 2 2500 ton ships sighted; Rabaul 11 transport 10 smaller vessels sighted in harbor 12 bombers and 11 fighters sighted at Vunakanau 6 fighters at Lukanau 6 flying boats in harbor. Lorengau Admiralty Islands 1 transport 2 thousand tons 1 8000 tons landed troops. Comment occupation Admiralty Islands indicates extensive consolidation New Guinea-Bismarck Archipelago Area.

MacArthur

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- * Case REM. Service will be made on request.

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April 9, 1942
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From FT MILLS

To. AGWAR (FOR GEN MARSHALL)

No. 746 April 9, 1942

Shortly after Flag of Truce passed through the front lines this morning hostilities ceased, for the most part, in Bataan. At about 10 o'clock this morning General King was sent for to confer with the Japanese Commander. He has not returned as of 7 P M nor has the result of the conference been disclosed. Japanese Forces are now in control of the Southern End of the Bataan Peninsula and have already placed batteries in position to fire on Corregidor. 1 Battery is located in the vicinity of Cabacaben and others are located farther to the West. I do not at present feel at liberty to return the fire of these batteries as I would be firing into areas occupied by my own troops. Since the fall of Bataan the hostile air force has renewed its attack on Corregidor. This island was heavily bombed this afternoon but suffered no damage of military consequence. For General Marshall.

Wainwright

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April 8, 1942
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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From: Ft Mills
To: Agwar WDC

No 741 April 9, 1942

At 6 oclock this morning General King commanding Luzon force without my knowledge or approval sent a flag of truce to Japanese Commander. The minute I heard of it I disapproved of his action and directed that there would be no surrender. I was informed it was too late to make any change that the action had already been taken. Enemy on East had enveloped both flanks of the small groups of what was left of the 2nd Corps and was firing with artillery into the hospital area which undoubtedly prompted Kings action. In order to relieve the pressure on the right, last night I ordered the 1st Corps to attack to the North with its ultimate objective Olongapo but the attack did not get off. Physical exhaustion and sickness due to long period of insufficient food is the real cause of this terrible disaster. When I get word what terms have been arranged I will advise you. Fearing just what happened, I endeavored last night to withdraw some of the Philippine Division and other regular units but only succeeded in getting out some scattered mixtures of individuals. I will endeavor to hold Corregidor. Enemy yesterday landed on Guimaras Island so it is very probably that he will be in Iloilo today

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Philippine Situation.

It is obvious from the attached dispatch from General Wainwright that the situation on Bataan has collapsed. The message to General MacArthur with which you are familiar was dispatched last evening, after the hour at which General Wainwright's message was filed at Fort Mills. Since it was impossible for General Wainwright to receive your dispatch before this catastrophe occurred and in accordance with the general purposes you expressed to me last evening, I have just now, 3:30 a.m., repeated your message directly to Wainwright. To the original message I have added the following:

"I have just read your message No. 741 of April 9. I have not as yet received information as to any action taken by MacArthur. I wish at this time to reiterate my appreciation of your soldierly conduct in your performance of your most difficult mission and of my confidence that whatever decision you have been forced to make has been dictated only by the best interest of the country and your magnificent troops. I am hopeful that you will be able to hold Corregidor. However, you are assured of complete freedom of action and my full confidence in your wisdom in whatever decisions you may make. Signed Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The message sent to General Wainwright was repeated to General MacArthur.

The attached communique was issued at 4:30 a.m., this date.

Joseph S. McNamara
Acting Chief of Staff.

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WD Communique No. 183 4:30 A.M. April 9.

A message from General Wainwright at Fort Mills just received at the War Department states that the Japanese attack on Bataan Peninsula succeeded in enveloping the east flank of our lines, in the position held by the II Corps. An attack by the I Corps, ordered to relieve the situation, failed due to complete physical exhaustion of the troops. Full details are not available, but this situation indicates the probability that the defenses on Bataan have been overcome.

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10:45 A. M.

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Chungking,
To: AGWAR for Ammisca,

No. 485 Ammisca, April 7th, 1942,

For AGWAR Wash arrived Maymyo with Gissimo who is here to make my authority plain to Chinese Commanders conferences with Alexander at which Gissimo insisted on determined stand on present line and no more British withdrawals also on Chinese garrison of 1 division in Mandalay British force now probably under 10,000 Chinese must take brunt of fighting and furnish help to British this reduces strength in our sector correspondingly air has been cleared by these conferences although Chinese opinion of British unchanged trying to get Chinese operation of railroad and freer hand with civil government which is sunk in red tape and old fashioned methods front quiet hard fight coming up which can be very serious if it goes against us worst factor is our almost complete helplessness in air however we have a chance and will be in there swinging leaving for 5th Army HQ 8th.

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From: Chungking
To: MILID and Information CG Corregidor.

No. 84 April 7, 1942

Info Commanding General Corregidor. Following Jap order of battle from British sources: Japan 9 unidentified divs plus 15 depot divs and 1 tank regt. Manchuria 1st * 8th * 10th 12th * 19th 20th 23rd 24th * 53rd 54th 56th probably * and 4 unidentified divs plus 24 cav brig. Korea 2 depot divs. Saghalien 7th div. N China 26th 27th 32nd 33rd 36th * 41st divs, 1st to * inclusive 10th 15th 16th Ind brig plus 1st and 4th Cav brig and 2 tank regts. Central China 3rd 22nd * 39th 40th and probably 13th div plus 9th * to 14th inclusive 17th 18th * Ind brig and 1 tank regt. S China 10th and probably 4th div. Hainan 1 or 2 Ind brig. Formosa 1 div possibly 110th. Indo China 51st and probably 2d. Philippine Islands 16th 28th * 65th div plus 1 tank regt. Guam 19th Ind brig. Thai 4* and possibly 35th div and 1 tank regt. Burma 17th 18th 23rd 55th and possibly 1 unidentified div. Malaya Guards and probably 1* and 118th div plus 1 tank regt. Borneo probably 15th and 25th div. Celebes land 1/2 unidentified div. Amboina, Timor and Bali sale as Celebes Java probably 26th and 57th div. One each unidentified div at New Guinea, Japut and Pacific Islands. Grand total 72 or 3 div * depot div 21 or 2 Ind brigs 4 or 6 Cav brig and 7 tank regts. Depot div are believed to be equipped as regular mobile div.

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To: MILID AND INFORMATION CG CORREGIDOR

No. 84 April 7, 1942

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