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From: N.C.X.F.

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JCS MEMO, 1-17-73
BY DSS, DATE MAY 25 1973

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My 2200A/14, para. 1.

Request no repetition no publicity that
Fleet Air Arm aircraft were used.

1213A/15

Refers. SITREP No. 34.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Adm. Russell Willson (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Brig. Dykes (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O.(0) Personal
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Dec 16

From: London (2232z/15)
To: AGWAR

No: 5721 Dec 15, 1942

Dated fourteen December Foreign Office summary number eighteen follows. Spain: US Government have told Spanish Government that they are not prepared to grant safe conduct for members of the German armistice commission (reference of summary of twenty fifth November closed). Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have admitted that these Germans have been transported by civil airlines to Spain for repatriation to Germany. To Eisenhower for Mack from Foreign Office signed Smith. HM Ambassador continues to press for internment of German submarine crew at Cartagena but believes that Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs is under such strong German pressure that he will neither enforce internment nor agree to our proposal that Spanish ports should be prohibited to all submarines. Reference FO summary number seventeen. All five commercial telephone lines through Le Perthus and Cerbere have been cut by Germans. No other evidence of unusual activity on frontier reported. Egypt: reference FO summary number seventeen. Admirals Battet and Fenarn have arrived at Alexandria, presumably with intention of rallying Admiral Godefroi to Darlan. HM Ambassador is concerned lest facilities accorded them by British authorities should result in Godefroi rallying to Darlan and not to Fighting French. Commander in Chief Mediterranean does not share these qualms. West Africa: Liberia has broken off diplomatic relations with Vichy. In accordance with the arrangements reached between General Eisenhower and Monsieur Boisson Resident Minister Accra has been instructed to restrain Fighting French Mission from activities or propaganda hostile to French West African Administration; also to arrange for release of Vichy prisoners in British West African Territories and repatriate them to French West Africa

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or North Africa as soon as all British and Allied prisoners and interned in French West Africa have been released. North Africa: Axis agents from Spanish Morocco are reported to be passing freely across Moroccan frontier and to be securing full details of allied armament and troop movements in French Morocco. H M Ambassadors at Madrid and Lisbon have been authorized to deny rumours of Oran "Massacre". Cential is also being broadcast in BBC Spanish and Portuguese transmissions.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR, ARFOR

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No. 2127, December 15th, 1942.

From: Eisenhower, Murphy
To: Gen. Marshall, and Secretary Hull

It was determined at the initial meeting of the North African Economic Board that there should be continued as rapidly as possible, a study of overall requirements of the civil population. However, until final recommendations, these necessities are most urgently needed and should be shipped forthwith: No. 1, Milk -- arrangements for monthly shipments of the following quantities should be made: unsweetened condensed, one two zero tons; evaporated powdered, two five tons; sweetened condensed, three two zero tons; total four six five tons. No. 2, Soap -- soap shortage is directly related to the possibility of typhus epidemic this winter. Shipment immediately should be made of three zero zero zero tons coarse soap. This amounts to approximately two months consumption and after this time, needs may be satisfied by local manufacture. No. 3, work clothes -- for native labor there is required about seven zero tons of either new or second hand work clothes. In certain military construction work plan at high altitudes native labor is necessary and their present clothing is completely insufficient. Upon this item is also dependant the reliability of dock labor. No. 4, Textiles -- not alone to take care of clothing deficiency of the natives but also to assist in the dehoarding program which is essential in

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easing the grain shortage referred to below, at least one zero zero zero tons of cotton goods are needed. It is necessary to bring in at once a quantity equal to this figure for the reasons previously stated herewith. Being somewhat in excess of the quarterly quota under the North Africa economic agreement, this may seem like a high figure, but it is considered to be essential. As fill-in cargoes, all the above mentioned articles can naturally be spread among various ships. No. 5, Wheat and Grain -- according to reliable information, North Africa, which has usually exported grain, is this year facing an acute shortage. In certain sections this will begin to be felt in January and by the end of February will become serious. The minimum import requirements of wheat or equivalent grains such as barley and corn are estimated by the French as follows: six five zero zero zero tons for Morocco, one five zero zero zero zero for Algeria and for Tunisia three zero zero zero tons. Military requirements are not included in these figures and we understand they will amount to about eight zero zero zero zero tons. In addition, after military operations have ceased, requirements for Tunisia will probably be higher than the above mentioned estimates. Poor condition of agricultural equipment, lack of fuel and unsatisfactory weather conditions have resulted in the shortage this year.

In Morocco particularly, hoarding by natives, though not subject to exact estimate, is thought to be considerable. The cause of this is the lack of goods against which the natives will exchange their grain. As a result the policy of the Maeb is to frighten market by widely publicised shipping of grain and to unfreeze hoards of grain by offering consumer goods, especially textiles. As a consequence, to be received here not later than the end of January, we wish shipped as quickly as possible, up to four zero zero zero zero tons of barley and wheat

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Present USA convoys carry sand as ballast and Nambo suggests this should be brought in, in early convoy, as flatting and broken storage in sacks. In absence other suitable cargo for return trip we could provide iron ore and phosphates as ballast for you will recognize the above suggestion eliminates sand ballast for return voyage.

An early shipment of the foregoing goods, including grain and textiles, should be made, for it is of definite importance and might thus induce dehoarding and consequently may obviate the necessity later on of heavy grain shipments.

No. 6, -- At a later date we will cable details as to medical and other supplies that are also required.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2081 December 15, 1942

British government should be informed (from Eisenhower to General Marshall reference your one eight three) of my very deep appreciation (to AGWAR from FREEDOM Algiers) for thoughtfulness of message.

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From Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2125, December 15th, 1942.

Slightly paraphrased for security reasons is the following message from Freedom Algiers Air.

Fourteen Dec SITREP forty seven. (to USFOR AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Algiers) seventeen B seventeen aircraft attacked Tunis docks and shipping from two four zero zero feet. Direct hit reported on one vessel. All aircraft returned. Beaufighters destroyed five enemy planes over Bone night twelve thirteen Dec. Ineffective dawn attack by six enemy planes on Bone thirteen Dec. Fourteen ant submarine sorties thirteen Dec over Philippeville Bone and Algiers areas, no submarines sighted. Sixteen P thirty eight bombing strafing reconnaissance sorties (signed CINC) one locomotive shot up near station De Kerker P six one, another near La Hencha U seven seven, seven Italian trucks destroyed near Chaaba U six seven, all aircraft returned. Air sweeps comprising sixteen P forty sorties destroyed one enemy plane on Gabes airfield, one plane missing from antiaircraft fire. Twelve B twenty four aircraft attacked Bizerta Harbor and shipping with thirty tops AF bombs from two two zero zero feet, hits observed on docks, attacked by twelve enemy planes, four enemy aircraft destroyed, several damaged, all our planes returned. Photo sorties over Bizerta report twenty four smoke pots giving off white smoke cloud. Twenty eight fighter sorties from Souk El Arba thirteen Dec, no enemy aircraft encountered. Nine DT seven aircraft attacked SFAX railroad yards with eight and half tons of bombs from six zero zero zero feet, direct hits on

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To: AGWAR

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gasoline tank cars, two fires visible forty miles, fourteen bursts in yard, ineffective antiaircraft fire, no enemy aircraft encountered. Second attack by nine DB sevens with eight and half tons of bombs hit buildings along tracks, all planes returned.

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From London
To: AGWAR

No. 2088, December 15th, 1942.

First Army Sector, no enemy offensive activity night thirteen-fourteen December, active patrolling continues with contacts three thousand yards east Bou Arada, east Goubellat, point J seven two three three, point J seven two three four, point J six two four three. This part one land, G-two report twentyfour hour period ending midnight fourteen December, AGWAR USFOR reptd Troopers information Adv RTF CTF WIF EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower, reliably reported enemy reinforcements including artillery in area J four zero seven five. PRU indicates enemy strong points immediately west of Tebourba at Farms point J seven five one five six seven point J seven four five five seven seven point J seven two nine five seven nine point J seven four two five six one, also Ford point J seven two two five four four. Numerous weapon pits in areas around strong points as well almost continuous line between points J eight seven three five two seven and J nine zero five four six three. Probably strong points also Farms points J eight seven nine five zero eight, J eight nine nine four eight zero and J eight nine five four six six. All defensive works indicate strong defence of approaches to Tunis Area. Parts two and three will follow. Southern Sector. No enemy offensive action reported from Krechem Garrison though considerable movement transport including horse drawn reported on SFAX dash Faid road. French report some Germans moving to Maknassy (T seven zero) morning fourteen December and now estimate enemy strength there at two companies. Enemy air Recce over Tozeur (X five two)

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during morning, no report of Kebili Garrison, Chott Djerid still impassible though trail north from Kebili over Chott Fedjadj now reported passable, identifications, five five seven Gruppo (Mech) antitank artillery of Italian Centauro Division identified as having been in action Mateur area twenty six November. Battalion had three batteries each of six seventy five millimeter anti tank guns mounted in light three man tanks. Prisoner believed light tank Battalion from Centauro Division arrived with him Bizerte seventeen November also possibly Infantry Battalion. Prisoner from four Flar Ersatz Abteilung five two captured area J five six six four December eleventh German air activity. Part two air G two report, five aircraft carried out security patrols sea area north Balearics. Five aircraft made continuous Recce sea area as far as one degree west between dawn and twenty four hundred Z. Long range bombers, four or five aircraft bombed Bone at dawn. four JU eight eights operated between zero nine hundred Z dash fifteen hundred Z, ten JU eight eights bombed unknown target during first half of night. Estimate bomber effort this theater twenty five sorties for period, five ME one zero nines and four FW one nine zeros defensive patrol Tunis area, twelve ME one zero nines defensive patrol Bizerte area about ten thirty Z. Part of aircraft believed ME one zero nine attacked by American fighters on Gabes airdrome, transport, large formation JU five two transport aircraft observed southwest Zembra Island about one thousand Z, part three navy, PRU indicates no important changes French Italian fleets. Enemy shipping, two U/V torpedoed by fleet air arm Ferryville during early morning. U/B sighted by aircraft sixty minutes northwest Oran. U/B sighted attacked by aircraft sixty minutes northwest Tenes with unknown results. U/B sighted by aircraft thirty minutes east Cape Palos, enemy attacks, HMS Argonaut torpedoed presumably by aircraft forty minutes northeast Bone. One ship in convoy between Nemours and Oran torpedoed by U/B, U/B dispositions, ten estimated between west coast Sardinia and Gibraltar. Six between Cape De Gata-Cape Trek Forcan-Cape Palos-Cape Tenes. Agwar USFOR reprot Troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower. TOO OFF Algiers, No new dispositions known West of Gibraltar.

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To: AGWAR

No. 2080, December 15, 1942.

1. Naval forty sixth SITREP fourteen Dec six Swordfish attacked two ex French merchant ships in Nazi hands with torpedos at Bizerta, two hits on one ship which blew up; all aircraft returned. Bone harbor raided night twelve thirteen, no serious damage. Force Q from Bone made sweep Bizerta-Marittimo channel night thirteen fourteen; one cruiser torpedoed off Bone; now proceeding to Algiers; no other results. Sloop overhauled and ramped submarine which made two unsuccessful attacks on convoy off Bougie; depth bombs dropped over Bubbles. Sloop grounded Algiers harbor result of recent storm has been refloated.

2. ETF no enemy activity night thirteen fourteen December. During day patrols in contact with enemy three zero zero zero yards east Bou Arada J sixty, east of Goubellat, at road junction seven and half miles east Medjex El Bab and at road junction six miles NE Medjex El Bab. Hq thirty six Brig shelled during morning by gun approximately four inches caliber. Sixth Commando burned Arab village as reprisal for shooting French forestry official. Aerial reconnaissance reports no enemy movement area Tebourba-Djedeida-St Cyprien J eighty four-Massicausk J eighty four. (Signed C in C) Liaison officer reports troop locations as follows: on south flank six Arm'd Div group'd around Teboursouk with first Derby Yeomanry and second London Irish rifles four and half miles to south, thirty eight Brig and six Arm'd Div adv Hq two miles to SE, sixteen five Lancers,

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one Co tenth Rifle Brig and Hq twenty six Armd Brig at Teboursouk, six Kaniskillings Fusiliers three miles to NE, Arty two miles to west, and seventeen twenty one Lancers at Thibar. Guards Brigade is at Medjex El Bab. Eleven Brig east of Beka with eight Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders seven and half miles to SE, five Bn Northhamptons eleven and half miles to NE, along Mateur dash Beja road; second Bn Lancashire Fusiliers sixteen and half miles to NE, first Bn Surrey Rgt eight miles to NE and eleven Brig Hq five miles to NE. Parachute Brig is nine miles NE of Beja on lateral road between Mateur-Beja road and Djebel Abiod-Beja road. Three six Brig along Mateur-Djebel Abiod road with fifth Buffs thirteen miles west Mateur, six Royal West Kents fifteen miles west, three six Brig Hq sixteen and half miles to west (to USFOR, AGWAR, Trooper from Freedom Algiers) and six Commando twenty two miles west Mateur. CC B assembled just east Souk El Khemis action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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AMENDMENT TO unnumbered cable - From Freedom Algiers (signed C-IN-C) To U. S. for AGWAR repeated War Office. - T.O.O. Nil, T.H.I. Nil, T.O.R. 1447Q/15, Typed. 1740Q/15.

FOR "First portion indecipherable. Check and Repeat asked for"

INSERT - "SITREP 45.

"Para 1. Naval.

NO reports.

Para 2, ETF

Vigorous patrolling by 6 Armd. Div.

No enemy contact.

Road junction 6 miles SOUTH of BOU ARADA J60.
Crossroads 3 miles EAST of GOUBELLAT J62 and
crossroads 7 1/2 miles EAST MED JEZ EL BAB
reported."

FOOTNOTE: Amendment to SITREP 45 CM-IN-6481 (12/15/42) OPD

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Dec 15, 1942

FREEDOM
ALGIERS

No. 193

Participation Latin American Forces in North African Theater has been previously considered by War Dept reference your 1813 Dec 12. From Marshall to Freedom Algiers. While possessing considerable merit as a contribution to inter American relations idea has been rejected for time being as presenting too many practical disadvantages. Aside from the difficulties involved in equipping training transporting and supplying such units we thought that the political problems already confronting you have appeared to be sufficiently complex without introducing added racial elements for you to handle. We are not certain that presence of Latin American Units in Moroccan Area would produce the desired Spanish reaction. It is presumed you have already examined French repercussions and found them favorable. British and French could reasonably expect US to assume full responsibility for future conduct Latin American Forces if we sponsor their introduction into theater. Question occurs are we prepared to assume those responsibilities at this time?

To extend invitation to 1 Latin American Country to participate in such a plan to total exclusion of others involves complications. In interest of hemisphere solidarity invitation should include Brazilian, Mexican and possibly other American belligerents.

If after further analysis you feel that political benefits to be derived will outweigh practical disadvantages we might proceed along following lines: Extend invitation to certain belligerent American Republics to participate in organization of force comparable in size and organization to a regiment or brigade. Under this plan separate units could be brigaded together under United States Command. You have stated that any such plan to be effective would have to be adopted at once. It is not believed practicable to organize equip train

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and transport such a unit within less than 6 months. To bridge this time interval we might send United States Commander with small group Latin American subordinate Commanders and Staff Officers to your Headquarters in the near future for orientation and preparation of plans. If properly publicized this move might accomplish immediate results you have in mind. After suitable period these Commanders could return to United States and make final preparations for movement of their units overseas.

It is desired to make clear that final decision in this matter will be based upon your further comments and recommendation.

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From: Algiers

To: War

No. 2078, December 15, 1942

Darlan in an interview this afternoon with representatives of the press, including American correspondents, released the statement as modified by my earlier telegram today (urgent from Eisenhower to General Marshall) to give the American correspondents, at their request, an opportunity to transmit it to the United States ahead of radio Morocco and thus prevent garbling. Darlan set a release date of two two four zero GMT, Wednesday December sixteenth, which will be the first moment it can be released by newspapers in the United States or to the radio and press here. In view of the above, I suggest that unless there are cogent reasons for earlier release that the President's statement be given to the press at two two four zero GMT Wednesday December sixteenth.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 2037, December 15, 1942.

Admiral Darlan agrees (for Marshall signed Eisenhower, reference your number one seven two) and this afternoon (to AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) at a press conference of American, British and French journalists will make the statement exactly as suggested except that the first sentence of paragraph four of suggested statement has been rewritten to read as follows: "The High Commissioner has begun the restoration of rights to those persons from whom these had previously been taken because of race." The minor change in phraseology was made because of the necessity of avoiding any implications involving the long standing and deep seated difficulties explained in our number one eight four, zero, December thirteen.

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T.O.O. 2200A/14

IN

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Time: 0020

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V.A. Gibraltar
A.F.H.C. London
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From: N.C.X.F.

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BY DSS. DATE MAY 25 1973

IMMEDIATE

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 34

- Apparently
followed* →
1. Six Swordfish attacked two French merchant ships in axis hands with torpedoes at Ferryville Bizerta at dawn 14/12. Two hits obtained on one ship which blew up. Possible hit on second ship. All aircraft returned to Bone.
 2. ENCHANTRESS overhauled and rammed U-Boat which had made two unsuccessful attacks on convoy in position 36° 58' North 05° 07' East. Subsequently 4 Patterns dropped on bubbles which ceased after 45 minutes. Consider probably sunk.
 3. Force C from Bone carried out sweep through Bizerta Mafittimo Channel night 13/14 but drew blank. ARGONAUT torpedoed at 0600A/14 in position 050 Degs. Cap De Gerde 32 miles now proceeding to Algiers. Ship was hit right forward and right aft armament undamaged.
 4. Bone. Air raid on Harbour night 12/13. No serious damage or casualties. Night fighters shot down 5.
 5. Algiers. DEPTFORD refloated 14/12 and will be docked.
 6. Oran. PORCUPINE to be docked to-day Monday.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Ger. Macready
Adm. Russell-Willson
C.O.S.
Plans
Brigadier Dykes (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
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Joint Chiefs of Staff

December 14, 1942

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ALGIERS

No. 184

Your 1812 December 12th there is no objection to General Giraud's sending a mission to America to discuss the supply and equipment of his troops (from Marshall to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers) under the same conditions as other missions here on similar business.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 1992 December 14, 1942

In accord with the sentiment (to AGWAR from Free-dom, Algiers) expressed in your five six of December eight and London's RABO ten of same date that it is the desire of the Governments of the United States and Great Britain to work for unity among the French people in order to promote the common war effort against the Axis Forces from Eisenhower for Marshall for Admiral Leahy from Murphy. The Commander in Chief approved the visit to Gibraltar of Major Beaufort now on the staff of Admiral Darlan for the purpose of meeting General Catroux who was enroute to Beirut. Beaufort prior to the Franco German Armistice formerly was a member of Catroux Staff. He travelled to Gibraltar accompanied by Colonel William Stirling. Beaufort who has been favorable known to our representatives at Vichy and in North Africa for some time past met Catroux on December one two with the tact-ful assistance of Governor MacFarlane. Beaufort on his re-turn here today expressed his great appreciation of the manner in which MacFarlane arranged the meeting rendered difficult by Catroux refusal to speak to Beaufort as a representative of Darlan. Catroux according to Beaufort finally did agree as an old friend to discuss the present situation in North Africa. According to Beaufort the points made by Catroux are as follows. One, French North Africa is not really at war against the Axis and the French author-ities here are not making a substantial effort in that direction. To this Beaufort replied that French North Africa as demonstrated by the facts very definitely is in the war against the Axis and at present has three divisions fighting the Axis on the Tunisian Front. French Forces are fighting to the best of their ability with inadequate equip-ment and that if the equipment is provided they should be able to raise eleven divisions plus two armored divisions. Two Catroux asserted that the French had not mobilized in French North Africa. To this Beaufort replied that the sim-ple facts belied this statement. Three Beaufort stated that the participation of Darlan is essential now in order to maintain internal peace and provide the cover of legality

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demanded by the bulk of the officers and rank and file of the armed forces. This Catroux said he did not believe. Four Catroux intimated that he believed that General De Gaulle and he should come to North Africa shortly to replace Darlan presumably with Allied support and seemed to take it for granted that everybody understood this. Beaufort informed him that in his opinion and that of his colleagues if such an attempt is made now it will result in internal conflict on a scale wider than De Gaulle or Catroux imagine. He also said that he informed Catroux that French West Africa according to statements of the French Leaders at Dakar would annul their agreement to cooperate with the Allies if De Gaulle came here now. He said that De Gaulle and Catroux in such case would assume grave responsibility for damaging seriously the Allied War Effort. Beaufort and General Bergeret who accompanied him asked that the American and British Governments be appropriately informed as they hoped that an effort could be made to persuade De Gaulle and Catroux that a Coup De Force at this time would meet with serious resistance. On the other hand they affirmed that there is a real desire here to arrive at a reconciliation between Frenchmen for the accomplishment of the war effort leaving to the postwar period when Frenchmen are again free to choose their leaders the adjustment of such differences as they may entertain. I have not been able to discuss this with Giraud who is on a much needed inspection trip in Morocco. During our last conversation on the subject a few days ago he also stated the conviction that it would be most inadvisable to force the De Gaulle issue now.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: Important AGWAR

No. 2008 Dec 14, 1942

We have noted the recommendations of the combined raw materials board as to (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) the allocation of raw materials exported from French West Africa. For the Combined Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower NJF four two, from Murphy. At the earliest possible date reports will be made as to amounts of raw material which will be available for shipment from French West Africa prior to July one, one nine four three. Referring your dash four zero eight seven R dash four zero eight.

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FOR MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

Re 1983 December 14, 1942

This message in three parts.

Part one begins. (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Informal reports reaching me from home indicate that columnists and newspaper writers have been leading the public to expect a quick and easy victory in the Tunisian area. From Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. It occurs to me that this impression may do harm in several directions and might possibly have something to do with lack of general understanding as to absolute necessity here for order and quiet in all civil affairs and for maximum military assistance from French. I suggest that an off the record press conference might be helpful. Material could be obtained from recent reviews submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Points that I would suggest for stressing are: (A) The first broad objective sought by the two governments in undertaking this expedition was to establish ourselves firmly in Northwest Africa to include the region Algiers-Casablanca, and so deny to the enemy opportunity for exploiting this region and extending his bases to the westward. This objective has been won and consolidation and organization of a raw country will necessarily take time. (B) The project of extending the operation to the eastward was to be undertaken seriously when necessary forces has been accumulated and bases firmly established. End of part one. Part two follows. Part

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two begins. (C) That decision to rush light forces to the eastward, in an effort to be ahead of the Axis in Tunisia, was a bold scheme which was in the nature of exploitation of initial successes and with the hope of gaining a great prize at low cost. (D) That this venture depended for complete success on French resistance to Axis landing at Tunis and Bizerte, which we then could not tell whether it would occur or not. (E) That when that resistance was not forthcoming, the real objective of the rapid advance was to gain as much territory as possible in order to deny it to the enemy and to embarrass him to the greatest possible extent, and to make our subsequent and more methodical operations easier. (F) That all operations in Tunisia have been carried out by light forces only and from improvised airfields. (G) That success in the coming campaign, like that in Egypt, will depend largely on communications, supplies, bases, and reinforcement, and upon our skill and ability in getting ahead of the Axis in these matters.

I think that a talk with the Press along the line indicated in lettered paragraphs above would serve the purpose of giving a more accurate picture and so warn the public that an easy victory is not to be expected. It would also not only avoid giving away immediate plans to our enemy but would, in the event that our push is undertaken but does not gain decisive advantages, allow us to interpret it as a strong reconnaissance in force.

For your personal information, you are aware that we are actually straining every nerve in order to put on an offensive at an early date. However, the prospects at present of being able to do so are far from rosy. The actual situation at the front is such that our efforts to build up a striking force have been defeated to date by the necessity of absorbing all reinforcements, piecemeal, into defensive lines as rapidly as they have arrived on the front. End of part two. Part three follows. Part three begins.

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Combat Team B, our one fifty five MM Howitzer Battalion and twenty five of our newest tanks have all been used in this manner. On top of this, Combat Team B lost heavily in combat vehicles during a night withdrawal when they became bogged in mud. Due to this and former fighting, losses in this command have been extremely heavy. Remaining vehicles of Combat Team B are: three out of eighteen howitzers, one zero five MM; twelve out of sixty two medium tanks; and only thirty eight out of one hundred twenty two light tanks. All remaining tanks are sadly in need of maintenance, yet most are now occupying actual front line positions. We have removed tanks from WFF as far as we dare and have taken other combat vehicles from the whole area in order to make up losses and build up a striking force. But since British Sixth Armored Division has no tank capable of meeting in the barren hill of Tunisia the German tanks, of which he has at least eighty, our Grants and Shermans provide the only chance of developing an offensive tank force that could take care of itself when struck by German tanks. Patton, who returned today from the front, reports that fuel pumps on our Shermans have practically all broken due to lack of fuel filter between gas tank and pump. Accumulation of dirt in pump results in breaking of actuating spindle. Temporary repair makes engine depend upon gravity feed which precludes tank going up any steep slope. This point should be passed to Technical Service.

In spite of all this, which is submitted merely to give you a picture of the situation, I am driving everyone at top speed in the effort to put on a real attack quickly. We calculate that if every necessary factor breaks in our favor our chances for making an early decisive advance are roughly even. The great factors are: First, a spell of good weather that will permit us to establish advanced airfields and will at the same time allow us to continue bombing operations against enemy ports and installations. Second, a minimum of enemy interference with our forward troops while we are trying to regroup and provide the reserves

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of supplies and the rehabilitation of the troops and material essential to the attack. Third, a steady improvement in the operation of our lines of communication, which could be interrupted at any moment by a few pounds of dynamite at any of a number of critical points along four hundred miles of railway. End of part three.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

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Thirteen Dec SITREP forty five.

1. (To USFOR AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Alger) Naval.
no reports.

2. ETP. Vigorous patrolling by six Armd Div. No enemy contact. Road junction six miles south of Aou Arada J six zero. Crossroads three miles east of Goubellat J six two and crossroads seven and half miles east Medjez El Bab reported clear of enemy. Seven eight Div patrols report no enemy west of Grich El Oued J Six three. Twenty enemy vehicles in convoy north of Medjez El Bab shelled and dispersed one one zero zero Z. Signed CINC. Medjez El Bab lightly shelled one four three zero Z. Following deficiencies in major items of equipment of combat command B are due to losses in combat, vehicles lost through bogging down during withdrawal night ten eleven Dec and to other causes: Fifty tanks medium. Eighty four tanks light. Ninety eight half tracks M two. One four six half tracks M three. Sixth six two and one half ton trucks. Seventy eight quarter ton trucks. Seventy two trailers one ton. Thirteen guns one zero five MM SP. Twenty two guns seven five MM SP. Eighteen guns three seven MM SP. Thirty five guns three seven MM towed.

3. Air. Twelve Dec: One five eight RAF fighter sorties on patrol and bomber escort missions. No casualties suffered or claimed. Twelve antisubmarine sorties. One sighting and one attack. Thirteen Dec: Bridge north of Mfax bombed by five B twenty six aircraft. Report direct hits. All planes returned. Sousse Harbor attacked by six B twenty five aircraft with six and half tons of bombs. Two ships and storage sheds repor * harbor and docks attacked

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To: AGWAR

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by fifteen B seventeen aircraft with thirty seven and half tons of bombs. One ship hit. No enemy aircraft encountered. Intense but inaccurate AA fire. All planes returned. Bizerta docks and harbor attacked by eleven B seventeen aircraft with twenty two and half tons of bombs. Four planes damaged by AA fire. One B seventeen missing. Bizerta docks and harbor again attacked by nineteen B twenty four aircraft with thirty seven tons of bombs. Hits on docks observed. Intense AA fire encountered. Attack by enemy planes resulting in severe damage to one B twenty four which crash landed near Maison Blanche. Thirteen RCN sorties in area Ferfana, Sbeitla, Sidi Bou Xid, Faid, Sousse, Gabes, schooner near Sousse strafed. Five enemy vehicles destroyed. All planes returned. Seventy six sorties by transport aircraft ferrying freight. Personnel and mail action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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One plane damaged by AA fire. Tunis harbor nd
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: 1994 Dec 14, 1942

The following is a translation of a letter dated (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) December four from Admiral Darlan to the Prime Minister, From Eisenhower for Marshall for his eyes only and his information. On June one two, one nine four zero. At Briare at the headquarters of General Weygand you took me aside and said to me "Darlan I hope that you will never surrender the fleet". I answered you "there is no question of doing so. It would be contrary to our Naval traditions and honor". The First Lord Alexander and the First Lord of the Admiralty Pound received the same reply on June one seven, one nine four zero, at Bordeaux as did Mr George Lloyd. If I did not consent to authorized the French Fleet to proceed to British ports it was because I knew that such a decision would bring about the total occupation of Metropolitan France as well as North Africa. I admit having been overcome by a great bitterness and a great resentment against England as result of the painful events which touched me as a sailor. Furthermore it seemed to me that you did not believe my word. One day Lord Halifax sent me word by Mr Dupuy that in England my word was not doubted but that it was believed that I would not be able to keep it. The voluntary destruction of the fleet at Toulon has just proved that I was right because even though I no longer commanded the Fleet executed the orders which I had given and maintained contrary to the wishes of the Laval government. On the orders of my chief the Marshal I was obliged from January one

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nine four one to April one nine four two to
adopt a policy which would prevent France and its
empire from being occupied and crushed by the
Axis powers. This policy was by the force of
events opposed to yours. What else could I do?
At that time you were not able to help us and
any gesture toward you would have lead to the
most disastrous consequences for my country.
If we had not assumed the obligation to defend
the empire by our own forces, I always refused
German aid even in Syria, the Axis would have come
to Africa and our own Army would have been discarded,
the first British army undoubtedly would not be
before Tunis today with French troops at its side
to combat the Germans and Italians. When the
Allied Forces landed in Africa on November eight
I at first executed the orders I had received,
then as soon as it became impossible I ordered
the cessation of the fighting in order to avoid
unnecessary bloodshed in a fight which was contrary
to the intimate sentiments of those engaged,
Disavowed by Vichy and not wishing to resume the
fight I placed myself at the disposition of the
American Military Authorities only in that way
being able to remain faithful to my oath. On
November eleven I learned of the violation of the
Armistice Convention by the Germans the occupation
of France and the solemn protest of the Marshal.
I then considered that I could resume my liberty
of action and that remaining faithful to the person
of the Marshal I could follow that road which is
most favorable to the welfare of the French Empire
that of the fight against the Axis, supported by
the high authorities of French Africa by public
opinion acting as the eventual substitute of the
Chief of State I formed the High Commissariat in
Africa and I ordered the French Forces to fight at
the side of the Allies. Since then French West
Africa has recognized my authority. I would never
have been able to accomplish this result if I had
not acted under the Aegis of the Marshal and if I
were simply represented as a dissident. I have the
conviction that all Frenchmen who now fight against
Germany each in his own manner will finally achieve
a general reconciliation, but I believe that for the

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moment they must continue their separate action. There is a certain resentment notably in French West Africa which is too active to obtain more, as you are able to state, I follow my role without attacking anyone, I ask for reciprocity, for the moment the only thing which counts is to defeat the Axis. The French people when liberated will later choose their political regime and their leaders. I thank you, Mr Prime Minister, for having associated yourself with President Roosevelt in declaring that as do the United States, Great Britain wishes the integral reestablishment of French Sovereignty as it existed in one nine three nine. When my country will have recovered its integrity and its liberty, my only ambition will be to retire with the sentiment of having well served my country. Please accept, Mr Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration. Signed, Francois Darlan, Admiral of the Fleet". Smith and Murphy discussed the foregoing with Darlan today and were told that Darlan left the use of the foregoing text entirely to the discretion of the Prime Minister, original letter is going forward by air mail via Matthews.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers

To: Agwar

No. 1963, December 14, 1942

Slightly paraphrased is the message following. This is part one, parts two and three will follow (to USFOR, AGWAR, Adv Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) first part land. First Army sector. Little enemy activity or movement (G-two report for twenty four hour period ending midnight thirteen December, AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC twelfth AF, from G-two Freedom signed Eisenhower Southern sector. German infiltration into Hadjeb El Aioun (T six nine) reported but unconfirmed. No enemy offensive action reported Djebel Krechem area except aerial. Maklassy (T seven nine zero eight) reported occupied unestimated strength possibly night thirteen-fourteen December. At fourteen hundred A enemy half tracked vehicles contacted five miles southwest of Furna (J seven four). Enemy armored cars also contacted by our twelve miles southwest Pont Du Fahs. Enemy twenty vehicle convoy broken up by shelling north Medje El Bab. Medjex lightly shelled fifteen thirty A. Bou Arada shelled at sixteen hundred A. Prisoners state last attack had limited objective capture Medjex. No indication this plan changed. No offensive action Kebili garrison reported. French report enemy aerial recce of Aouggourt (six degrees East

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thirty three degrees North) possibly indicating continued enemy apprehension security southern flank. French also report unconfirmed occupation by Italian motorized squadron El Hamma (Z zero three) Chott Djerid still impassable. Enemy traffic from Sousse Bo Sfax and Gabes continues. No new enemy identifications. Advance enemy elements apparently form two main groups. One north of Medjez-Tebourba road consists approximately company one nine zero PX and with possibly additional fifteen tanks available, Infantry battalion, four-gun battery field artillery and some armored cars. Second group on and south of road Medjez-Massicault consisting of battalion seven PX regiment with about forty tanks, battalion eighty six Lorried Infantry regiment, twelve-gun battalion Field Artillery and approximately recce company. Patrols report no enemy west Krubine Grich El Oued (J six three three eight)-point J six eight three three.

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Second Part: G dash two report period ending midnight thirteen December. AGWAR USFOR heavy troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC Twelfth AF. From G two FREEDOM signed Eisenhower. Air. German air operations. Usual Recce over harbors and shipping lane Algiers to Bone and security patrol in Gulf of Lyons. Battle area no aircraft seen. Sbeitla area three air forces during day. Gabes four ME one one zero seen in vicinity early afternoon also several ME one zero nine. Bizerte defensive patrol of four ME one zero nine against attacking American bombers. Tripoli about thirty JU fifty two landed late afternoon. About six ME one one zero landed after convoy escort at fifteen hundred. Bone bombed night twelve dash thirteen December.

Part three: Naval. PRU Italian and Tunisian ports shows only minor change. Attacks on enemy ships. U slant B rammed probably sunk by HMS Enchantress off Bougie. Large (to AGWAR, USFOR, Adv Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force Western Task Force Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from FREEDOM Algiers) M slant V torpedoed by fleet air arm southwest Trapani one M slant V torpedoed left aground North Sousse by EM Submarine K no major changes U slant B dispositions West Mediterranean nor Gibraltars western approaches.

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To: AGWAR

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Thirteen Dec SITREP forty five.

1. (To USFOR AGWAR Trooper from Freedom Alger) Naval.
no reports.

2. ETF. Vigorous patrolling by six Arad Div. No enemy contact. Road junction six miles south of Aou Arada J six zero. Crossroads three miles east of Goubellat J six two and crossroads seven and half miles east Medjez El Bab reported clear of enemy. Seven eight Div patrols report no enemy west of Grich El Oued J Six three. Twenty enemy vehicles in convoy north of Medjez El Bab shelled and dispersed one one zero zero Z. Signed CINC. Medjez El Bab lightly shelled one four three zero Z. Following deficiencies in major items of equipment of combat command B are due to losses in combat, vehicles lost through bogging down during withdrawal night ten eleven Dec and to other causes: Fifty tanks medium. Eighty four tanks light. Ninety eight half tracks M two. One four six half tracks M three. Sixth six two and one half ton trucks. Seventy eight quarter ton trucks. Seventy two trailers one ton. Thirteen guns one zero five MM SP. Twenty two guns seven five MM SP. Eighteen guns three seven MM SP. Thirty five guns three seven MM towed.

3. Air. Twelve Dec: One five eight RAF fighter sorties on patrol and bomber escort missions. No casualties suffered or claimed. Twelve antisubmarine sorties. One sighting and one attack. Thirteen Dec: Bridge north of Mfax bombed by five B twenty six aircraft. Report direct hits. All planes returned. Soussse Harbor attacked by six B twenty five aircraft with six and half tons of bombs. Two ships and storage sheds repor * harbor and docks attacked

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by fifteen B seventeen aircraft with thirty seven and half tons of bombs. One ship hit. No enemy aircraft encountered. Intense but inaccurate AA fire. All planes returned. Bizerta docks and harbor attacked by eleven B seventeen aircraft with twenty two and half tons of bombs. Four planes damaged by AA fire. One B seventeen missing. Bizerta docks and harbor again attacked by nineteen B twenty four aircraft with thirty seven tons of bombs. Hits on docks observed. Intense AA fire encountered. Attack by enemy planes resulting in severe damage to one B twenty four which crash landed near Maison Blanche. Thirteen RCN sorties in area Ferfana, Sbeitla, Sidi Bou Xid, Faid, Sousse, Gabes, schooner near Sousse strafed. Five enemy vehicles destroyed. All planes returned. Seventy six sorties by transport aircraft ferrying freight. Personnel and mail action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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1. 6 SWORDFISH ATTACKED 2 FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS IN AXIS HANDS WITH TORPEDOES AT FERRYVILLE BIZERTA AT DAWN 14/12. 2 HITS OBTAINED ON 1 MS SHIP WHICH BLEW UP. POSSIBLE HIT ON 2ND SHIP. ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BONE.
2. ENCHANTRESS OVERHAULED AND RAMMED U-BOAT WHICH HAD MADE 2 UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON CONVOY IN POSITION 36-58 N 05-07 E. SUBSEQUENTLY 4 PATTERNS DROPPED ON BUBBLES WHICH CEASED AFTER 45 MINUTES. CONSIDER PROBABLY SUNK.
3. FORCE Q FROM BONE CARRIED OUT SWEEP THROUGH BIZERTA MAFITTIMO CHANNEL NIGHT 13/14 BUT DREW BLANK. ARGONAUT TORPEDOED AT 0600A/14 IN POSITION 050 DEGS. CAP DE GARDE 32 MILES NOW PROCEEDING TO ALGIERS. SHIP WAS HIT RIGHT FORWARD AND RIGHT AFT ARMAMENT UNDAMAGED.
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6. GRAN. PORCUPINE TO DOCKED TODAY MONDAY.

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From: London (00147/15)
To: Agwar

No. 5700 December 14, 1942

Para one air. Eleven Dec: RAF conducted forty five sorties comprising fighter sweeps and patrols over ports and airdromes. No enemy sighted. Signed C in C. Eleven anti-submarine sorties. One sighting. No attack. Night eleven slant twelve December Beaufighters destroyed two of twelve enemy aircraft attacking Bone. Twelve Dec: Nine B twenty six aircraft enroute to Soussse encountered severe icing before reaching target. Two planes crashed killing one crew. Seventeen BE seventeen aircraft dropped forty two tons of bombs on Tunis docks and shipping. Fires on docks. No enemy aircraft encountered. Medium heavy antiaircraft fire. All aircraft returned. (This is a paraphrase of nr one nine two nine from Algiers) Italian shot down off Philippeville. One P thirty eight lost. Eight P thirty eight RSN sorties. Seven enemy vehicles and one enemy plane destroyed. Seventy six sorties by transport aircraft between Telergma five seven five and Youks Les Bains action USFOR information Agwar and Troopers. Forty fourth SITREP twelve

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From: London (0014Z/15)
To: Agwar

No. 5700 December 14, 1942

Dec.

Para two Naval ninth Dec French coaster with cargo coal from Algiers sunk off Cap Carboq. Crew rescued. Limpet or possibly human torpedo attack took place on ships Algiers Bay night eleven twelve Dec. One ship sunk. Three ships damaged. Sixteen Italian prisoners captured. A destroyer was torpedoed and sunk sixty miles West Oran eleven Dec while escorting convoy MKF FOUR. Survivors picked up. Six destroyers from Force H out of Mers El Kebir on antisubmarine sweep Western Mediterranean.

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

To FREEDOM ALGIERS

No. 183

British Government has asked that you be informed of its gratitude to you for securing the desired arrangement about their internees (from Marshall to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers), who it is understood have now been released.

This message sent in accordance with request made by P.M. in his No. 231.

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To FREEDOM ALGIERS

No. 178

Imports for civilian needs (from Secretary Hull and General Marshall to Eisenhower and Murphy) Reur 1558, December 9 and 1643, December 10 and 1654, December 10. Understanding here is that the total tonnage of equipment and supplies, both military and civilian, which can enter Northwest Africa is fixed by the capacity of the ports of that area. Further understood here that your maximum port capacity is now being used and is insufficient to handle the full organizational equipment of the troops now being moved into the theater. In view of the above, the size of present convoys and the acquisition of additional shipping can have no effect on the total tonnage which can be imported into Northwest Africa. 3,000 tons of cargo were returned on partially unloaded ships of UGS 2, due apparently to lack of facilities to unload convoy in the time available. It appears here that the volume of goods imported for the civilian population must depend upon a command decision by Eisenhower as to the tonnage which he will divert from military to civilian service. If this understanding is incorrect and additional ships can be accommodated in North African ports, or when and if the maximum capacity of the ports is increased, provision of additional limited cargo shipping and escorts for same will be taken up for consideration. In this case however, a command decision will still be necessary to determine whether additional military equipment is to be shipped therein or whether and to what degree civilian needs are to be served thereby. Your report on the present utilization of North African port capacity is requested. You may be sure that the vital importance of shipping civilian supplies to North Africa is fully understood here and that we are making every

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effort on this side to provide some solution. An accompanying telegram lists the civilian supplies which have already been shipped and those which subject to your recommendation are believed here to be future requirements if shipping, convoys and port facilities are available

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

December 14, 1942.

FREEDOM, ALGIERS

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Referring to your 1587 December 10th the President suggests that Admiral Darlan make the following statement:

"French Africa with the Allies must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy. This will be accomplished by the unity of all citizens, regardless of their political or religious opinions, in an orderly and cohesive fashion. (From Marshall to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers)

At last liberated from German and Italian restrictions, the French authorities in Africa will adjust the situation which has existed in accordance with French national traditions. Once France and the French Empire is free from the Axis yoke, the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they desire.

In actual accomplishment the high commissioner has already granted full and complete amnesty to all against whom any action had been taken because of sympathy to the Allies. Certain of these have been given important posts in the High Commissariat. He has restored to their proper ranks and emoluments all Army officers who had been suspended from office because of rendering aid to the Allies. He is now organizing a body of representative private citizens to work with him in an advisory and consultative capacity in carrying on official business. Prisoners and internees of the United Nations were promptly released and their travel to seaboard expedited.

The High Commissioner has begun the restoration of citizenship and property rights to those persons from whom these had previously been taken because of race or nationality. Measures have been taken to stop immediately whatever persecution of the Jews may have resulted from the laws passed in France under German pressure. His announced purpose is

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to give just treatment to all elements making up the complex North African population to the end that all can dwell and work together under laws insuring mutual tolerance and respect for rights .

There is little industrial development in North Africa and Vichy laws prejudicial to labor unions had little or no application and all reports show no serious problem here. Censorship of the press and radio in which Allied authorities participate is only that which is necessary for the security of military operation.

On the practical military side, General Giraud has conducted the most active participation of the Armed Forces of North and West Africa in the Allied war effort. Units of substantial size under the leadership of General Giraud are fighting side by side with the United Nations in Tunisia against the Germans and Italians. All post and airfield facilities including the services of officials and technicians have been made freely available for use by the Allies. North African shipping is already entering the services of the Allied Nations. Railroads, motor trucks, communications, public and private buildings and everything that North Africa has to give have been freely offered to the Allied Forces, wherever a military need exists.

I have stated emphatically and repeatedly to the Commander in Chief, General Eisenhower, that in leading North and West Africa against Germany and Italy and into the ranks of the United Nations, I seek no assistance or support for any personal ambitions. I have announced that my sole purpose is to save French Africa, help free France and then retire to private life with a hope that the future leaders of France may be selected by the French people themselves and by no one else."

Upon receipt of information that this statement has been made by Admiral Darlan the President will on the next day give it to the American press with the following introduction.

"Since November 8th the people of North Africa have accomplished much in support of the war effort of the United Nations and in doing so have definitely allied themselves on the side of liberalism against all for which the Axis stands in government. I am informed in this connection by General Eisenhower that Admiral Darlan has made the following declaration"

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P R I O R I T Y

FROM: London
TO: AGWAR Wash DC

No 1900 December 14, 1942

A message to the Mohammedan population of North and West Africa was published by Admiral Darlan today. There follows a resume of the text: "The aspect of the war for Frenchmen and Mohammedans has changed in the last month. I want to tell you how we should meet the enemy. No sooner had the Americans and British landed when all of France was occupied in violation of the armistice. An effort was made to seize the fleet, which was prevented by the heroic action of our sailors. At last Italy has discarded its mask and in the spirit of rape and avidity, of which examples have been shown to Mohammedans in Tripoli Albania and Abyssinia, has attacked Tunis. Now by the side of the Allies and furnished with immense resources of which you see evidences every day we shall aid Islam Syria and Egypt. All Mohammedans wish for the downfall of those who started this war. You know as well as I do their plans for Africa: To drive thousands of Mohammedans into the desert, to take them as slaves, and to cover our territories with many hungry immigrants, but tomorrow the Allies Frenchmen and Mohammedans, closely united, will throw the Italians whom they scorn and their German masters into the sea. After Tunis we will save the Mohammedans of Tripoli from the domination which has crushed them for three zero years. Then we shall carry the fire and sword to the soil of Italy in order that what has happened shall not happen to Mohammedans again. That is the noble purpose to which I call Mohammedan warriors, and tomorrow in peace

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From: London To: AGWAR Wash DC No 1900 Dec 14, 1942

and prosperity, joined together, we shall build a better world in which the weak will be protected, where there will be a place for little people as well as big, where the leaders will respect the sacred rights of religion instead of trampling them under foot (Gen Marshall signed Eisenhower USFOR pass to British Chiefs of Staff) do not be deceived by the propaganda of lies which are so gross as to make them laughable. Know also that France will never commit an act which is reproachable. None of your interests will be sacrificed. Past performance is ample proof of our affection and fidelity. Together we shall enter difficult days; together we shall win as your fathers and brothers did two five years ago, and today we take an oath together never again to allow the peace of the world to be disturbed to chastise the dictators who for years prepared this war. Bound by a pact of mutual faith, we ask God to aid us and to give Islam and France a (To USFOR and AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) victory which we must merit by our courage and resolution."

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The following signal No. 1845 from Algiers, T.O.O. 0935Z/13 December, has been received from Eisenhower addressed British Chiefs of Staff.

BEGINS.

"I have just received copies of three messages (Texts repeated below) dispatched to Troopers by McFarlane reference conferences between certain French at that station. Believe that Troopers should repeat these to United States Chiefs of Staff but deem it highly important that all concerned treat matter with profound and special secrecy. My review of last night clearly demonstrates extent in which we are currently dependent upon effective co-operation of officials local civil and military."

ENDS.

Text of first message begins.

GHY 7255. General Catroux arrived this morning. He at first refused to meet Major Beaufort or any representative of Darlan's under any circumstances. But after lunch I got Catroux and Beaufort together. Catroux listened to Beaufort's eloquent description of the situation from the Darlan angle. Catroux asked only three questions.

- (a) The position of Giraud?
- (b) The position of Nogues?
- (c) Was French North Africa genuinely at war with the Axis?

Beaufort maintained stoutly that Darlan's presence in Algiers on Zero Day was fortuitous and admitted that Darlan considered Anglo-American action in North Africa on large scale impossible. Darlan had therefore ordered resistance and only ordered cessation of hostilities when he realised that landings were in strength. Catroux told Beaufort to tell Giraud that he and de Gaulle always prepared to collaborate with him but that he would have no dealings with Darlan under any circumstances.

First message ends.

Text of second message begins.

GHY 7256. I was present at the meeting between General Catroux and Bethouard this afternoon. Catroux said that he knew nothing of Dastier's proposal to meet General de Gaulle in Gibraltar. Bethouard gave Catroux a description of the situation in North Africa with considerable detail regarding his own share in the recent events. Both were eloquent on the subject that both Darlan and Nogues must go. Catroux told Bethouard that he hoped to accompany General de Gaulle to see Roosevelt early January after which he thought it would be possible to initiate collaboration between the Fighting French and Giraud. I have permitted Catroux and Bethouard to continue their talk which is now taking place in private. Bethouard with his companions in exile and Beaufort are returning to Algiers a.m. tomorrow and Bethouard has been told that he will be sent

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to America on a mission by Giraud. He has also received a telegram from du Breuil from Algiers who states that he will be accompanying him to the United States.

My comments. Both Beaufort and Bethouard presented their cases to (?London) very clearly and without exaggeration. Beaufort's advocacy was extremely good. Furthermore Beaufort has previously served under Catroux and Catroux has good opinion of him. But Catroux remained quite unshaken on the subject of refusing to deal with Darlan. Catroux indulged in no detailed criticism but stressed the point that Beaufort did not realise the intense feeling against Darlan in Britain, America, occupied countries and even French North Africa.

Second message ends.

Text of third message begins.

GHY 7260. Have just had long final talk with Commandant Beaufort emissary of Darlan. At the end he came clean and ceased from preaching his doctrine. He was emphatic that Darlan must be got rid of eventually. But he agreed that this was not the time to make a putsch which could only have disastrous consequences. Even after cleaning up Tunisia a putsch would be great mistake. He stressed that when the Allies decided to remove Darlan they must force him to resign but that his resignation must appear voluntary and that Darlan himself must nominate nominee of the Allies as successor. This should not be difficult as Darlan had more wits than guts. It would be necessary to remove very few members of Darlan's administration as they were mostly ---and pro-Allies. At the moment only substitute who would be generally acceptable in French North Africa would be Nogues. But Beaufort fully realised that he would be unacceptable to the Allies. Beaufort thought that if Giraud succeeded in getting the army a good new lease of life and that if the situation in Tunisia improved he might well prove acceptable in about one month from now. Only alternatives were de Gaulle and Bergeret but he thought that it would be several months before the time for either of these would be ripe. I wish to stress the fact that Beaufort asked for this final talk with me himself and that he produced all of above spontaneously and with practically no prodding or questioning on my part.

Third message ends.

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From: Algiers
To: London - AGWAR

No. 1860, December 13, 1942.

Correction to portion marked omission being serviced.

I am assured that the SOL, service Dordre De La Legion Des Anciens combattant is being dis-organized and its activities are being discontinued. The Parti Populaire Francais and a small element of the Parti Sociale Francaise are under close police surveillance and are not engaged at present in activity which is openly hostile to our cause. After inquiry I find no instance of reinstatement of well known German sympathizers who have been ousted from public office. Request citation of

Insert the following where asterick appears:

Our whole effort is to keep the situation under sufficient control to enable us to fight a battle.

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General Deane JCB.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 1918 Dec 13, 1942

I believe that we now fully understand (to War Department Washington DC from Freedom Algiers) the policy line you desire followed in respect of North Africa, signed Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy. In making the recommendation included in my one five eight zero of December nine I was guided primarily by a desire to cooperate with certain favorable French elements who insist that certain changes be made in the personnel now occupying public office in French North Africa. Some of our friends feel that the present position is weakened by the fact that few changes have thus far been made and the public needs it is believed the stimulus of new blood in public office which would also be an index of a definite break with certain former Vichy policies and practices. It is true that in North Africa there is not precisely a plethora of able Frenchmen whose records qualify them for key positions. But in addition to that factor it has not been desirable to insure widespread changes immediately at the risk of creating administrative chaos. PGH Peyrouton while associated with Vichy in one nine four zero it should be remembered was one of the leaders who brought about Laval's downfall in December of that year on the ground that he thoroughly disapproved Laval's policy of advanced collaboration with the Axis. I have no doubt regarding Peyrouton's anti Axis sentiments. I do not believe there is any question in anyone's mind on that subject. Peyrouton does know something about North Africa. You will recall that he at one time was Resident General in Tunis. He is friendly to the United States and the Allies he could well qualify either as Governor General of Algeria or possibly as Resident General

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 1918 Dec 13, 1942

of Morocco. I am confident that he would cooperate with us in an able fashion. I understand that you do not wish to give political support at present to the local organization but it is also obvious that our military authorities must and do depend in an import degree on that organization which is at present inadequate and insufficient from many points of view. If we discourage and weaken it to a point where it is impotent we should be prepared to take the loss of efficiency in the war effort which will inevitably result. General Eisenhower adds that he is not sufficiently acquainted with affiliations of former Vichy officials to state an opinion but he would far rather depend on State Department judgment in this and similar matters. He does agree that an infusion of new blood composed of anti Axis elements is desirable.

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To: WAR

No. 1866 December 13, 1942

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Line 26 page 1;

thirty two Infantry Div Marche, Southern Sector,

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 1840 Dec 13, 1942

Local authorities are giving most earnest study (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) to the complex questions involved in the adjustment of various phases of the North African Social structure, from Eisenhower for Secretary Hull from Murphy your four seven one. Among such problems are those relating to trade unions and the freedom of association generally. There is no doubt that the present desire is to liberalize and to return to the traditions of the third republic but it should be remembered that the population of French North Africa is composed primarily of Arabs less than ten percent of the population are Europeans, some features of this situation are reminiscent of current problems in India for example: trade unions in France were authorized by the law of one eight eight four, this law was extended to Algeria in the same spirit of tolerance and technically Arabs occupied the same status as Europeans. The Stevedore Union for example includes in its membership a considerable number of Arabs but generally speaking the Arabs have never manifested an active interest in unionization. The white population on the other hand has always maintained a certain reserve in respect of the possibility of the Arabs using unionization as a guise for political activity. The law of one eight eight four was not applied either to the protectorate of Morocco nor that of Tunisia but subrosa labor syndicates developed such as the confederation Generale Du Travail Tunisienne and the employers group the confederation Generale Patronale. The corporative system established in France by the law of October four,

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one nine four one, provided a system of professional syndicates for all categories of workers with a prohibition against political activity, this law was never applied to Algeria which remains under the provisions of the act of one eight eight four but influenced by the trend of affairs in France the activity of trade unions was limited to wage and other strictly professional questions. In Tunisia the law of one nine four one was applied. In French Morocco it was not but an anti trade union policy was applied by bureaucratic means influenced by Vichy policies as you will readily understand that with this complicated set up a reasonable time must elapse before a satisfactory adjustment of the trade union question can be achieved. Local authorities evince every desire to accomplish it but neither they with as yet an inadequate organization absorbed in the war effort nor our own Commander in Chief wish to inspire at this critical time political agitation and violent labor disputes which would militate against our military operations. The labor situation is calm and we are benefitting by the workers cooperation, after the successful prosecution of our campaign in the east the French authorities with our support will be enabled to again apply freely the provision of the law of one eight eight four which was never abrogated. It is believed that most people in France understand that the lack of industrialization in North Africa and the racial problem existing here require that the trade union and suffrage questions be given special treatment.

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From: Freedom Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. 1897, December 13, 1942

The following telegram has been received by the High Commissioner from Governor General Boisson (to War Department from Freedom Algiers) at Dakar. Signed Eisenhower for Marshall "I have given instructions for the immediate release and return to British Colonies of all English and United Nations internees. Please advise competent Allied authorities for communication to Great Britain and for the application of the reciprocal measures agreed on". Please inform competent authorities and advise promptly regarding measures taken for the release of the French internees contemplated by our understanding with Governor General Boisson.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 1860, December 13, 1942

Reports such as those to which you refer in your one one zero one one (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) zero Z are known to me, have been and will continue to be dealt with. To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower.

Discontented elements are always a source of disturbing reports. Axis sympathizers and agents are another. There are disappointed office seekers and those who believed that all racial and economic problems would be solved immediately upon our arrival. The DeGaulle element is naturally dissatisfied and is spurred on by outside radio and other causes. The DeGaulle following here is small and among Army and Navy officers there is a definite anti DeGaulle sentiment which should not be underestimated. Obviously, we have not been able to discuss publicly the reasons for developments, our desire to consolidate our military situation, and our efforts to obtain immediate cooperation of French West Africa PO.

I am assured that the S O (*) bases where this has occurred. At time of our landing in North Africa some officers and men were imprisoned for having aided our arrival. All have been released and reinstated in their grades.

Control of the Franco-Spanish frontier is being undertaken. At present it is not satisfactory, but we expect steady improvement in the situation there.

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Due to the nature of the terrain and its length there is travel across this frontier. Patton has been instructed to take all possible measures and obtain maximum French assistance in controlling this traffic. I have requested Consul Mayar at Rabat to urge French protectorate authorities to extend all facilities in this respect and the Charge D'Affaires at Tangier is cooperating with Patton. This matter will continue to be given active attention.

There is Allied control of postal and telegraphic communication to points outside of North Africa, and some censorship of local postal and telegraphic communication. It will improve when additional personnel already requested arrive from the United Kingdom. General McClure is on the way from London to coordinate this problem.

Spanish Consul now enjoys cipher and pouch privileges. I have not insisted on discontinuance because I am quite certain that you agree with me as to the necessity of avoiding friction with Madrid. I am quite sure that the Spanish Consuls report on our activities.

In my opinion your informants are mistaken in saying that veiled anti Allied propaganda continues in the press and on the radio and also that positive enemy propaganda increases daily. There has been a most desirable improvement in this field and the press particularly has changed for the better. There will be further improvement in the press, the radio and the cinema when we obtain from the United Kingdom and the United States material for the press and radio and film for the cinema which have requested. See your R three nine eight two in this connection.

I have been in close touch with Giraud and Darlan regarding Mast and Bethouard. The former is in my headquarters as liaison officer and the latter in Gibraltar at Giraud's request. He will probably return today. Giraud plans that Bethouard will then

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proceed to Washington on a mission designed to discuss the supply of military equipment for the French forces in this area. Separate cable has been dispatched to you on this subject. Giraud has promised definitely that both Mast and Bethouard will be given appropriate commands. The moment he considers appropriate. This appears to be the only practicable way in which to handle the matter. Giraud departed yesterday for a much needed inspection trip in Morocco. It has been physically impossible for him to do this before because it should not be forgotten that the military operation in Tunisia occupies both his and my primary interest. He has accomplished a fine job of organizing the French effort with woefully insufficient means and equipment. French troops which have been engaged with the enemy have fought well. In Morocco his personal presence will go far to iron out misunderstandings some of which arise because of distance and lack of information. He will report to me on his return and appropriate action will be taken to correct conditions he may find unsatisfactory.

We frankly admit that the political situation here is most confused and very difficult. You will continue to get disturbing reports of various kinds. Our whole effort is to keep the situation under sufficient control to enable us to fight a war.*

On the whole I am gratified with the progress being made toward a sound civil administration; such help as our Government can give will hasten the progress. Every means available to the authorities has been placed at our disposal to push the military operation.

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ETF para one SITREP 43 Dec 12: in engagement Dec 11 (to AGWAR USFOR Trooper from Freedom Algiers) reported SITREP 41 Blade Force destroying enemy Inf Det moving south from Mateur killing 100 taking 53 prisoners, our losses 26 killed, 3 wounded. In Blade withdrawing three carriers and one six pounder lost. Components Blade now reverted normal formations. CW B withdrawn to Corps Reserve from main position where IJ was relieved by eleven Brig. Parachute Brig completed occupation its new position. Second Bn Lancashire Fusiliers now part Sidi Nasir J four six garrison. Night eleven twelve Dec six Armd Div had patrols in area east of line Bou Arada J six zero-Goubellat J six two, no contact. Eleven three zero Z seven eight Div contact with three columns each about twenty five vehicles consisting tanks and Inf advancing on Medjex El Bab from direction Tunis, no assault on town but attempts infiltration north and south town, seven eight Div reports all quiet seventeen zero zero Z TD in area three six Brig six Commando captured two MG posts night eleven twelve Dec. Part of Mateur-Beja Railroad, Udeo as enemy Tanheroute, cratered eleven places. Air successfully strafed enemy motor vehicles on road Tunis-Medjex El Bab and road St Cyprien J eight four-Massicault despite AA fire of accompanying tanks.

Para two WTF CO C Forty First Armd Inf moved five Dec by road from Sale to vicinity Souk El Arba Du Rharb north of Sebou River. Action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper.

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To: War

No. 1866, Dec 13, 1942

You are reading a slightly paraphrased G-2 report. Part one land, First Army Sector, twelve thirty A twelve December three enemy (to USFOR, AGWAR, ADV Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) columns tanks and Infantry each about twenty five vehicles reported moving west along Massirault-Medjex El Bab Road. One group turned South at J seven one three three at thirteen hundred A. No assault on Medjex El Bab but enemy attempts to infiltrate through North and south of town assumed to have failed as all reported quiet eighteen hundred hours. Strong enemy patrol repulses while making reconnaissance towards Bou Arada at eleven hundred hours. Pont Du Fahs reported occupied twelve December by enemy Force of ten tanks some artillery and armored cars. On eleven December fifty three prisoners captured in enemy attack south from Matnuu area. Enemy also lost one hundred killed, using enemy reported using Matruu-Beja railway now grated RAVEN * places as tank run. Additional Italian reinforcements reported landed twelve December La Goulette wearing blue badge with silver stripe. May be of fifty five or fifty six Infantry Regt thirty two Infantry Div MERCHE, Southern Sector, Khalifa (T nine, Infantry Regt thirty two Inf three three eight) reported occupied fifty German Detachment. Aerial recce during morning observed no movement roads East and Southeast Kebili where () estimate enemy strength approximately

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five hundred. Continued reports disembarkation reinforcements at Soudx Carlu Sousse with movement southwards towards Sfax. Identifications, documents found eleven December area Djebelabiod suggest presence in theater First Italian Parachute Detachment strength fifteen officers two hundred thirty seven men. No indication present whereabouts weather still improving. G-two report for twenty four hour period ending midnight twelve December. To AGWAR USFOR repto troopers info (*) to Freedom signed Eisenhower. Slightly paraphrased also is part two and three of the following G-two report. (To USFOR, AGWAR, ADV Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) G-two report ending midnight twelve December. Part two Air. German air operations included reconnaissance Philippeville Harbor, light bombing of Sbeitla and Gafsa, attack by night bombers of Bone. Part three Navy. At six hundred A on twelve December aircraft sighted two M/V's approaching Sousse from North. At fifteen hundred A/twelve two M/V's two destroyers and four escort vessels observed North Capri steering south. U/B's. No substantial changes since last report. Following sightings made by aircraft during period. One southeast Cape Degeta forty miles one South Cape De Gata forty miles. One North Alboran Island one western approaches Gibraltar. Two attacked by aircraft with nil results one case not estimated other, enemy attacks, HMS Blwan sunk by U/B sixteen hundred thirty/eleven off Nemours while on escort duty. Italian fleet PRU Cagliari fifteen hundred A/eleven reveals nine U/B's seven M/V's and considerable Quayside A activity. PRU Genoa eleventh shows two S/M's only active, shipping

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Tunisian ports. PRU covering Ferryville Bixerte Lakes and Tunis at twelve fifteen A December twelve shows no change French naval units Ferryville. No change French Units Bixerte Lake since sixth December. One medium one small M/V seen Tunis AGWAR USFOR reptd troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelve AF from G two Freedom signed Eisenhower.

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four hours one five minutes unlimited visibility
seven zero zero zero feet to unlimited ceiling
bombing nil total flying time seven six hours
two five minutes temperature two nine to three two
degrees east northeast winds nine to one one miles
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zero Inf Co, Testoir Inf Co, Arty Btry, Oued Zarga
Inf Co, Arty Btry, twelve miles north Oued Zarga Inf
Bn, Teboursouk Inf Bn, light AA Co, Thibar J one one
Hq Tunisian Division, Tank Bn, Troop Mxd Cavalry, four
miles NE Djebel Abiod Inf Co, Souk El Khemis Inf Co,
Souk El Arba Inf Co, Le Kef Inf Regt, Kheoune N
four nine, Inf Co Souk Ahras French GRQ two Bns plus
Troop Mxd Cavalry. Part of Tunisian (to USFOR, AGWAR,
Trooper from Freedom Algiers) Division is on south
flank first Army as follows: Siliana O four six Bn
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south of Tunisian Div. It consists of about four
thousand Inf, one thousand Cavalry, twenty four seventy
five MM guns plus Engineers, Signals and services.
Total about six thousand combatant troops.

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zero Inf Co, Arty Bn, Roela O two two Bn Mxd Cavalry,
Troop Cavalry, Plat Arty, Ksour O zero four Troop Mxd
Cavalry, five miles west Ksour Bn plus Troop Cavalry

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To: AGWAR

No. 1804, December 12th, 1942.

Missing part as follows: forced to seek some official connection and send him messages offering support and asking for advice because he took the burden here of defying Axis. According to him most of these people are definitely anti Axis, but their present situation is that of imminent starvation with no hope of relief. Consequently this will make them easy victims to approaches from the other side. Darlan says that if through any agency available to the United States trustworthy and able men could be selected from these groups, they could be of the utmost

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From: Freedom Algiers (13/0230)
To: AGWAR

No. 1804, December 12, 1942.

I have had a very frank and direct talk (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) with Darlan reference your number fifty six. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. I made it perfectly clear to him that anything that could be interpreted as political maneuvering on his part to extend the scope of his influence outside French North and West Africa would react definitely against him in his contacts with the American Army and Government. He stated unequivocally the following: A that he has no intention of trying to extend his political influence in other countries, so that hereafter any message intended for any former French or official personnel outside of French North and West Africa will be first presented to this Headquarters for dispatch to Washington where determination can be made as to whether it conforms exactly to United States policy.

Darlan presented the following problem that he is confronted with daily. Many of the former Vichy diplomatic missions now find themselves at loose ends because that government has really ceased to exist, they are therefore forced to seek some official connection and send him messages offering support and asking for advice because he took the burden here of defying Axis. According to him most of these people are definitely anti Axis, but their present situation is that of imminent starvation with no hope of relief, consequently (*) from the other side.

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From: Freedom

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Darlan says that if through any agency available to the United States trustworthy and able men could be selected from these groups. They could be of the utmost usefulness in their present stations with nothing provided for them except decent livelihood. Darlan gave me this story to show that the problem is not a simple one. He feels that everything possible should be done to align these people against the Axis and in agreement with your radiogram stated any future messages of his will be limited to this purpose. He would like to be able to advise these people to get in touch with United States diplomatic personnel.

Darlan admitted that certain unwise messages to Peyrouton and others had gone out. He made no attempt to evade responsibility but did say that he was persuaded by a very ambitious subordinate in the local commission to do this against his better judgement at a time when complete confusion existed as to proper status intended for him and as to what would be a proper connection for all of these diplomatic missions. His thought was to keep them in line until definite policies could be established agreeable to United Nations.

Darlan again promised complete cooperation in the local military effort and in any other way that the United States might deem appropriate. He reiterated his many pronouncements that only a Free French people can select their future leaders.

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From: Algiers (1825Z/13th)
To: AGWAR

No. 1825 December 12, 1942

Following review has been prepared (to AGWAR, USFOR from Freedom Algiers) after personal conference with Anderson, Air Chief Marshall Tedder, Welsh, Spaatz and Gale. To CCS signed Eisenhower NAF forty one review number twenty five. As before reported, decision was taken about December second to cease offensive attempts on the ground, in order to accumulate the means necessary to make any decisive advance. The minimum objective that seems applicable for a concerted all dash out push with what we have, is the capture of Tunis and the crowding back of the hostile force into the fortress of Bizerte. During the time that reinforcement and logistic preparation were to go forward, then calculated at a week, two things were contemplated. First, the ground forces were authorized to contract their lines, in order to save troops and refit units that were so badly depleted in personnel and equipment that their offensive value was gone. At the same time, the heaviest possible scale of bombing was to go forward in an effort to cut the hostile supplylines and to weaken him both in morale and in material supplies. In addition we hoped to find new airfields in forward areas, improve them as far as possible, and place on them sufficient supply to sustain an all dash out effort for a period of a few days.

It was then felt that the target date could be attained unless enemy action became too powerful or weather became impossible. In fact, both situations developed. Starting on December first, our forward troops became engaged in bitter defensive fighting, particularly in the area of Tebourba and to the west thereof. Anderson finally decided to withdraw somewhat further than originally intended, with the purpose of holding positions that would insure our use of the road running north from Beja and protect the communications center at Mejes El Bab. Enemy attacks continued, on a somewhat reduced scale, but, in general, these were

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beaten off, with his losses apparently equal to ours. On the evening of the tenth, the withdrawal actually took place with only a minimum of interference by the enemy. During this movement and due to causes not yet determined, the equipment of at least one battalion of the United States combat team "B" became mired and had to be abandoned. No details are yet available as to the extent of the material losses in that command, but all reports show them to be serious. Losses in other portions of Andersons force were negligible and his original plan is being carried out. Replacements are now arriving at the front, and the expectation is that both the Seventy Eighth Division and the Sixth Armored Division will be at approximately full strength by December nineteenth. The condition of combat team "B" is apparently so serious that Oliver, Allfrey and Anderson have recommended that it be removed from the battle and replaced by the United States Eighteenth Infantry Combat Team, already brought forward as far as Algiers. The Eighteenth Infantry Regimental Combat Team can actually start forward on the morning of the fifteenth. Until then all CSS motors will be in use transporting supplies to A new airfield for heavy bombers we are opening at Biskra. In the meantime, we will reorganize and regroup combat team "B" and send some tank replacements and six anti tank guns by robbing the Oran force still further. My latest reports are that there are available to combat command "B" in tank runners, twenty one Germans, twenty two Grants, and an unknown number of light. With several days for refitting, resting and reorganization, it should still have a sufficient combat power to give satisfactory support to the United States Regiment. Certain light reinforcements in French Infantry are also going into the land, which will give us some additional security in the rough country to the south of the main battle area. One Battalion of French is also scheduled to go to the left of the British force.

Weather has prevented effective bombing operations, not only because of almost complete cloud cover over every profitable target but because of bogging our bombers on aerodromes if the group of United States Liberators, brought from England several days ago, has so far been unable to operate. Today eighteen B dash seventeens took off to bomb either Tunis or Bizerte, depending upon weather; while a

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small number of medium bombers took off to operate against Soussse. Reports from that operation are not in. Yesterday, six mediums attempted to destroy the bridge about eighteen miles north of Gibes, and initial reports are that one span of the bridge may have been knocked out. There is no confirmation of this. By arrangement with Tedder and to keep the maximum number of heavy bombers operating against the Bizerte dash Tunis area, we are making a temporary exchange with him of our Liberator group for some of Breretons B dash seventeens. These latter can operate from Biskra and the Liberators from just east of Benghazi, which arrangement places the primary targets within range of all the planes. As now situated Breretons B dash seventeens cannot help us. Tedder states he can accommodate a considerable number of heavy bombers in his area and has ample stocks of fuel and bombs.

In this situation, I am still absolutely unwilling to give up the thought of an all out attempt to win the critical area. It is my conviction that we must strive to avoid settling down to a logistic marathon. While the difficulties, as presented to me by the air, the ground, and the supply organizations, are tremendous and, undoubtedly, definite risks are assumed, I still insist that if we can only be fortunate to get a spell of good weather, we can do the job.

My estimates of the enemys strength are that his ground forces, except in tanks, have not been materially increased lately. In tanks, Anderson states that the enemy employed at least eighty on the tenth, mostly mark three and four. These tanks are markedly superior to anything we have, except the Germans are possibly the Grants. Anderson says that our Crusaders, although carrying a good gun, are helpless against German tanks in country where cover and concealment is impossible. Except for antitank and anti-aircraft weapons, the enemy has still shown very little artillery and I am hopeful that what we can collect in this arm will help take care of his tank elements. We are now trying to get formed one United States Battalion of one hundred fifty five millimeter guns which I hope we can keep as a surprise for the big push. The infantry he has brought

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here is not his best, according to all reports. In several instances small groups have surrendered voluntarily and, in general, the men appear to be thrown together without too much training and with a rather low morale. On the other hand, the morale of his Panzers and his air seems of the highest.

I have now set up a target date of December 20th. In spite of all our difficulties, we have effected during the last few days some improvement in our logistic situation, but due to the precarious nature of supply lines, we cannot possibly undertake a several days offensive without several days reserve supplies accumulated at rail heads.

In addition to other preparations, I have given specific instructions to employ the ensuing few days to the utmost in the perfection of signal communications for the Air Force and of liaison between ground and air commanders. I hope that we can bring about a coordination that will insure maximum tactical effort from the means we have at hand.

We are doing everything possible to raise the morale and efficiency of French contingents, which are completely lacking in any equipment that permits them to operate in territory where they are exposed to armor. There is little we can do along this line, because of our own urgent needs, but if we had immediately available antitank and light flak equipment to supply even one regiment, it would have tremendous moral and material advantage. It would even help some if I could tell Giraud that the equipment for several light flak and antitank battalions, with only a minimum of motor transport, was being shipped at once. We have already absorbed twelve of the best French pilots to fly P forties, so as to create some esprit and increase their determination to fight.

Situation reports will be submitted as usual but,

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unless some major change in the situation occurs, no further review will be submitted until it can be finally determined whether or not we can attack as indicated with any reasonable chance of success.

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To: War

No: 1814 Dec 12, 1942

SITREP forty one eleven Dec signed Eisenhower.

Para one Naval no reports.

Para two ETF five corps withdrew during night ten eleven Dec and day eleven Dec. Covered by Blade Force which was. (to USFOR, AGWAR, Trooper from FREEDOM Algiers) due to withdraw night eleven twelve. Liaison Officer reports New line Sloughia J fifty two-Testour J forty two-Alli Chaala J forty three-Point nine three J three three three one-Point one three two-J three nine four zero-Sidi Askeur J twenty five-road junction J two one five four with strong detachment at Medjex El Bab and strong patrol at road junction five five six zero. Disposition of units. Six Armd Div area Teboursouk-Thibar J one one. CC B four miles west Gued Zarga. Eleven Brig north CC B. Parachute Brig north eleven Brig. Medium tank co sixth seven AR Corps reserve three miles NE Beja. Guards Brig and two French Bns Medjex El Bab. Eleven Brig withdrew first in good order. CC B had difficulty withdrawing trucks and half tracks due mistake in order by one unit. Part two begins Air Force made maximum effort to cover withdrawal but two thirds aircraft at Souk El Arba inoperative due mud. Sixth Armd Div in contact with enemy patrols east and SE Medjex El Bab. Medjex El Bab bombed by enemy. Guards Brig repelled attack from the east by inf and tanks. Two enemy tanks destroyed. Blade Force repelled inf attack from north. Thirty six Brig made successful raid night ten eleven Dec, killed eleven Germans. Effective tank status nine Dec: first BN one AR twenty nine light, first BN thirteen AR less CO at Oran thirty three light, second (CM-IN-5677)

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BN thirteen AR twenty two medium, det second BN
sixty seven AR twenty one medium, four replacement light
tanks at Beja. Sixth Arm Div ten Dec sixteen five
Lancers fifty, seventeen twenty one Lancers forty five.

Para three Air six B twenty five aircraft attacked
bridge north of SFAX with seven tons of bombs, near
misses on bridge and direct hits on railway to
north, no air opposition. Souk El Arba airdrome
attacked by three enemy planes, no damage to materiel.
Convoy and escort patrols from Bone, Philippeville,
Maison Blanche and Blida, no incident. Aircraft
locations: Beriana eighteen fighters, Youks Les Bains
eighteen fighters, seven light bombers, Souk El Arba
thirty seven fighters, four night fighters, nine
bomber rcn. Part three and last begins. Bone thirty
fighters, six bomber rcn, Carbobert six four seven three
dash thirty two light bombers, Philippeville the
fighters, Djedjelli ten fighters, Algiers including
Ryda and Maison Blanche sixty fighters, twelve night
fighters, twenty medium bombers, eighteen heavy
bombers, thirteen rcn, seven troops carriers, Oran
including LA Senia Tafaroui Nouvion zero one six eight
and Belixane zero give six nine-sixty five fighters,
ten medium bombers, twenty nine heavy bombers, forty
two troop carriers, Oudjda twenty rcn, Casablanca
fifty eight fighters, twenty light bombers, one
medium bomber, twenty two troop carriers (action USFOR
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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No 1781 December 12, 1942

Improving weather conditions. G-2 report for 24 hours ending (to USFOR, AGWAR, Adv Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, 12th Air Force from Freedom Algiers) Midnight 11 December. USFOR reptd AGWAR troopers. Information Adv ETF CTF WTF EAC 12th AF signed Cinc from Freedom G-2.

Part one land. First Army Sector. Enemy infantry attack southwards from Mateur area during morning repulsed. Enemy attack with infantry and armor toward Medjez El Bab area from east during afternoon also repulsed with enemy loss 2 tanks destroyed 2 damaged. Enemy light force in contact all day east and southeast Medjez El Bab with our armored forces. Southern sector. Kairouan reported reinforced during night 10-11 December by 300 Italians with some light or medium tanks and exits mined. Attitude Krechem Garrison continues passively defensive. French recce from Gafsa 50 kms toward Gabes negative. Kebili Garrison which came from Gabes 9 December and variously reported previously to number between 70 and 500 though estimated here at between 200 and 300 now reported reinforced by enemy motorized battalion. Chott Djerid still reported impassable due recent rains. Identifications.

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Interrogation so far reveals presence at least companies 1 to 4 Lorried Infantry Regiment 86 in First Army Sector. Unconfirmed report elements German 358 Infantry Regiment in Sfax-Faid areas. Captured documents indicate presence in theatre 4 panzer brigade, 7 panzer regiment with first and second battalions. Indications second battalion may not all yet have arrived. No indication presence or expected arrival third battalion. Material. At least 1 German battalion First Army Sector reported equipped with machine gun model 42. Prisoners statement indicates presence 88 millimeter antitank guns on self propelled mounting with armored front and sides and open rear known to him as PZKW 6. Limited numbers only. Further details expected.

Part 2 Air. German air activity. Reports from forward area not yet received. Preliminary reports indicate some activity by torpedo bombers from Sardinia early 11 December and long range bombers from Sicily during night 11-12 December.

Part 3 Navy. Nothing to report French and Italian fleets. Enemy attacks on shipping. Bombing attacks at dawn on shipping off Bone Philippeville and Bougie. No known damage. U/B situation, about 12 between 6 degrees east and Gibraltar, about 5 between 11 degrees west and Gibraltar. Sighted by aircraft were 1 off Cape De Gata 1 near Alboran Island and 1 north of Algiers 100 miles.

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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 33.

(1) FRENCH SHIP MASCOT WITH CARGO OF COAL FROM ALGIERS SUNK BY AIRCRAFT OFF CAPE CARBON AT 2000 9TH DECEMBER. CREW RES-

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(2) BLEAN TORPEDOED AND SUNK 60 MILES WEST OF ORAN AT 1630

11TH DECEMBER WHILE ESCORTING M.K.F. 4. HMS WISHART HAS 8 OFFICERS AND 86 RATINGS SURVIVORS.

(3) ALGIERS. LIMPET ATTACK AND POSSIBLY HUMAN TORPEDO ATTACK TOOK PLACE ON SHIPS IN BAY FROM 0130 TODAY SATURDAY. BERTO SUNK, HARMATTAN EMPIRE CENTAUR AND OCEAN VANQUISHER DAMAGED. 16 ITALIAN PRISONERS CAPTURED.

(4) 6 DESTROYERS OF FORCE H ARE CARRYING OUT A/S SWEEP IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

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OPD 336 Africa (12/12/42)
Operations Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOPD

December 12, 1942

FREEDOM
ALGIERS

NO: 158

It is the view of both State and War Departments (A) that General Patton should make the visit as you suggest and (B) that it should be a Military courtesy call made with as little pomp as possible and with full knowledge and observance, on both sides, of Spain's pledge of neutrality. (For Eisenhower from Marshall reur 1657) State Department will undertake to arrange for Patton's visit to Orgaz but will do so through the American Consul at Tangier without reference to Madrid since Secretary of State believes that to be the most normal channel and he puts great stress on the fact that he does not wish this purely Military visit to be mixed up with diplomacy. The State Department disagrees with the suggestion that the British Foreign Office be approached and prefers that notification of our intentions be made to the British on the Military level, this being the most normal channel. This will be done through British Military representatives in Washington. I am asking State Department to instruct Childs who is our Consul at Tangier to make necessary arrangements with Orgaz and to inform you by direct communication to Murphy. It is probable that the substance of this telegram will be conveyed by the State Department to the American Ambassador at Madrid for his information only.

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BY DSG, DATE MAY 25 1973

From: N.C.X.F.

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Situation Report Number 33.

- (1) French ship MASCOT with cargo of coal from Algiers sunk by aircraft off Cape Carbon at 2000 9th December. Crew rescued.
- (2) BLEAN torpedoed and sunk 60 miles West of Oran at 1630 11th December while escorting M.K.F. 4. H.M.S. WISHART has 8 Officers and 86 ratings survivors.
- (3) Algiers. Limpet attack and possibly human torpedo attack took place on ships in Bay from 0130 today Saturday. BERTO sunk, HARMATTAN EMPIRE CENTAUR and OCEAN VANQUISHER damaged. 16 Italian prisoners captured.
- (4) 6 destroyers (7of) force H are carrying out A/S sweep in Western Mediterranean.

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Urgent

From: London (2310z/12)
To: AGWAR

No: 1812 Dec 12, 1942

General Giraud earnestly desires to appoint a mission (to AGWAR from FREEDOM Algiers) consisting of General Aethouard, two other French Army Officers and three French civilians to proceed to Washington as soon as may be practicable for the purpose of discussing questions relating to the supply of material equipment to the French forces in French Africa. For Marshall signed Eisenhower. Giraud hopes that arrangements may be made to supply his troops with such equipment as may be available for operations during the spring of nineteen hundred forty three. I realize that missions of this kind are usually only a source of annoyance to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, that they actually accomplish little or nothing in their dealings with the Missions Assignments Committee and that recommendations from this headquarters will be required in any case. There is also the possibility of some friction with the De Gaulle Mission now in Washington.

However Giraud apparently feels deeply that he is entitled to an opportunity to have his representatives present his views at the fountain head of authority, and it is difficult for me to combat this idea when daily we ask him for more effective help.

It will have some bad effect here if the request were refused. Moreover it might be a good thing for these people to realize at first hand the complications involved in supplying a world conflict.

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From my local viewpoint I should like to see them allowed to proceed to Washington, providing their presence will not cause embarrassment.

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From: Algiers
To : AGWAR

No. 1760, December 12, 1942

Procedure outlined in your 100926 Z does not
(for AGWAR repeat USFOR from Freedom Algiers) in-
fringe on negotiations here (action AGWAR repeat USFOR
from G four signed Eisenhower) it should be stated
categorically that vessels will be returned to owners
at end war.

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From: Freedom Algiers (1813/11)
To: AGWAR

No. 1705, December 11, 1942.

Prospects good obtaining radio facilities, some delay being encountered (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) due to Winners absence but will reach him by long distance tonight. To General Marshall from Eisenhower for Elmer Davis OWI from Milton Eisenhower. Political refugees freed, other liberalizing acts occurring so rapidly that Jewish leaders themselves ask that reforms take place more slowly so as to avoid trouble with Arabs. No political agreements of any kind, orders all unilateral. Authentic information here that British government understands and thoroughly approves of situation indeed, there is complete official understanding among all agencies concerned. Misconceptions of newspapermen and public due to our inability to make highly important facts public. OWI should understand delicacy of situation, accept my assurance with respect to it and wholeheartedly uphold arrangements every way possible.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. 1708 December 11, 1942

attached
Correction to CM-IN-4990 (12-12-42) change
second sentence to read:

Br submarine sunk anti submarine schooner
Gulf of Genoa, landed shore party at Allassio which
blew up train, observed gun fire hits on oil tanks
and a train.

Note: Reference is CM-IN-4990 (12-12-42) OPD.

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From: Freedom Algiers (11/1516Z)
To: AGWAR

No. 1708, December 11, 1942.

Ten Dec Sitrep forty signed Eisenhower.

1. Naval EX French merchant vessel (to USFOR, AGWAR, trooper from Freedom Algiers) enroute from Marseilles to Naples sunk North of Corsica two Dec. German Master and Chief Engineer captured and landed at Algiers. Br submarine sunk and submarine schooner Gulf of Genoa. Landed shore party at Allassio which blew up train. Observed gun fire hits on oil tanks and a train. British submarine on patrol Bizerta dash Marittimo area made hits on four merchant vessels, one known to be sunk. Half force Q enroute for sweep to Northeast Q other half enroute Bone from Algiers. Destroyer escorting submarine depot ship torpedoed, towed into Arzew. Force E Leys one battleship and one carrier enroute Mersel Kebih from Gibraltar.

2. ATF about forty enemy tanks with Inf advanced on Medjex El Bab in two columns. One column proceeded south on west bank Medjerda to bridge at J six five four five where one Co eight Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders supported by Arty made successful counter attack, claim about eleven enemy tanks destroyed, situation restored. Other column advanced from east within two thousand yards Medjex El Bab, Arty and air destroyed about five enemy tanks, fighters ground strafed remainder who withdrew. Part of CC B engaged in early stages

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of action, lost some light tanks. Garrison Medjez El Bab reinforced by First Guards Brig and all types Arty. On south flank French garrison at Bou Arada J six zero drove off four enemy motorcyclist. On north flank our offensive patrols reported active east and south of Mateur, no enemy activity these areas. Souk El Arba station bombed in morning, six hours delay in trains. Situation improved and record number trains cleared from Souk Ahras.

3. CTF one zero file CA Bn antiaircraft enroute Oran to Algiers by motor.

4. WTF six nine three, six nine five and six nine six CA Btrys antiaircraft left Casablanca by air for Bone.

5. Air no reports action USFOR information AGWAR and Trooper from G three Freedom.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1698, December 11th, 1942.

Somewhat warmer. Many roads forward area still impassible. G dash Two report for twenty four hour period ending twenty four hundred A ten December.

Part one land. First Army Sector. Medjex El Bab attacked afternoon ten (to USFOR, AGWAR, Adv Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from FREEDOM Algiers) December by enemy force approximately forty tanks supported by estimated battalion infantry in two columns. One from northeast on west bank Qued Medjerda. Other from east. Attacks repelled with enemy loss reported at eighteen tanks. At same time small enemy motorcycle reconnaissance patrol driven from Bou Arada by French. All military and naval positions Bizerte and Ferryville reported occupied by Germans without French resistance on nine December. This confirms previous reports this action was impending. Southern Sector. El Krechem garrison previously estimated at four hundred now reliably reported to number two hundred fifty. Remainder believed moved southward on security mission. Patrols reported Maknassy (T eight one) unoccupied. Patrol from Kebili force reported attacked by French Camel Corps. Italian force consisted of motorcyclists and two trucks. Loss two killed three captured. Report of large enemy forces

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around Enfidaville confirms previous reports of southward movement enemy reinforcing groups probably indicating Axis apprehension of security line of communications to Tripoli. Reported material disembarked Soume on six December included one five five artillery fifteen Italian light tanks. Night rail movements Tunis to Sfax reported to continue. Identifications prisoner interrogation reports indicate German Marsch Battalion numbers seven-teen, nineteen, twenty also classified T dash one dash three dash four probably vicinity Tebourba.

Part two will follow. To USFOR repled AGWAR troopers information Adv ETF CTO WTF EAC Twelve Air Force from G dash Two FREEDOM signed CINC. French report Seventy Sixth Italian Infantry Regiment in Tripoli.

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To: AGWAR

No. 1698, December 11, 1942

German air activity. Part two. Air (To USFOR, AGWAR, ADV Eastern Task Force, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Twelfth Air Force from Freedom Algiers) G dash two report for twenty four hour period ending twenty four hundred A ten December. USFOR reptd AGWAR troopers information ADV ETF CTF WTF EAC twelve AF signed C in C, from G dash two Freedom, four enemy aircraft carry out Recce as far west as Algiers. Fighter and bomber activity Ally reports received mention heavy bombing forward area. Transport continues on heavy scale. Part Three Naval. Nothing to report French and Italian fleets U slant B, about twelve between Gibraltar and six degrees east, four or five between Gibraltar and eleven degrees west.

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From: Algiers (2143/10)
To: AGWAR

No. 316, December 10, 1942.

Our planes flew more than eighty missions totaling more than six hundred seventy five sorties during the week ending five December. (For Marshall from Eisenhower) our bombers, light, medium, and heavy with fighter escort attacked Bizerte, Tunis, Gabes, Djedeida, and Sfax throughout the week. A total of over three hundred tons of HE were dropped on shipping, dock and harbor installations and airdromes in that area as a result of these operations. These raids have been successfully carried out and heavy damage has been inflicted. Enemy anti aircraft defenses have stiffened, moderate heavy fairly accurate flak being encountered on all missions. Enemy RDF now apparently functioning vicinity Bizerte and Tunis. On twenty eight November thirty four B dash seventeens unescorted bombed the airdrome and harbor facilities of Bizerte. The attack was successfully carried out. Forty tons of HE dropped. Bombers credited with nine enemy A slant C destroyed, three probably destroyed, and four damaged. Two B dash seventeens were lost in the vicinity of the target as a result of enemy action. On the same day nine B dash twenty sixes dropped ten tons HE on dock installations at Sfax and twelve Bostons later in the day attacked the Bizerte docks dropping six tons HE. P dash thirty eights destroyed and additional seven and damaged one E slant A on fighter sweeps. One P dash thirty eight lost. Fifteen B dash seventeens were dispatched twenty nine November against Bizerte and eight Bostons attacked the airdrome at Gabes. The B dash seventeens were forced to turn back on account of weather but the Bostons successfully dropped six tons HE on their target. Two enemy A dash C destroyed

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From: Algiers

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by fighter escort of bombers against Gabes, and seven destroyed on other sweeps. One P dash thirty eight missing. On thirty November twenty four B dash seventeens attacked the Bizerte harbor facilities, nine B dash twenty sixes the Gabes airdrome and nine Bostons a landing field at Djedeida. All attacks were successfully pressed home. A total of sixty four one half tons HE were dropped. Three enemy A dash C destroyed, three probably destroyed and one damaged as a result of the days activities by fighters on escort and patrolling missions. Two of our A dash C were lost and two reported missing. On one December thirteen B dash seventeens were sent against Tunis airdrome dropping twenty five one half tons of HE. Six Bostons later bombed the Tunis airdrome dropping five one half tons of HE and six Bostons flew mission against Djedeida airdrome dropping three tons of bombs as well as strafing the field. Two enemy A dash C damaged and one of our A dash C reported missing. December two, thirty B dash seventeens were sent against Biferte airdrome and Poet. Forty tons HE on target. Twelve B seventeens dropped ten tons HE on Ariana landing ground, eight B dash twenty (*) Our losses for the days activity amounted to two P dash thirty eights damaged. On December three eighteen B dash seventeens again attacked the docks at Bizerte dropping forty five tons of high explosives. Our fighter on escort and in sweeps throughout the day destroyed four enemy A dash C and at Amajed two more. Two of our fighters were lost, five were missing and two damaged. Our fighters were particularly active this day flying over one hundred forty sorties. During the day of four December eighteen B dash seventeens and eight B dash twenty sixes were dispatched against the same target. Both missions were successful

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and over seventy five tons of HE were released over the target. One B dash twenty six was shot down as a result of enemy action. Fighters during the day flying escort, patrols and reconnaissance missions destroyed three enemy A dash C, one probably destroyed and damaged one H E one hundred nine. Total victories for the week amount to forty two enemy A dash C destroyed, ten ten enemy A dash C probably destroyed and fourteen enemy A dash C damaged. Our own losses amount to eight destroyed as a result of enemy action and nine missing.

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From: Algiers (11/0410Z)
To: AGWAR

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No. 1657, December 10, 1942.

In my opinion the visit to General Orgaz if arranged should logically be made by General Patton. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. Reference your nine one December nine twenty one forty nine Z. Patton and Orgaz each command military forces on opposite sides of a common frontier and if the way could be paved for such a visit, either at Orgaz headquarters or at international boundary, I would be strongly in favor. It might definitely promote understanding (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers).

So far as personality and ability along this line are concerned my observation to date is that Patton ranks at or near the top. Assuming surface indications to be accurate, he has composed the tangled situation in French Morocco extremely well and is highly regarded by Nogues, the Sultan and all other prominent figures. Patton could make the call in his own right as CG of United States Forces in Morocco, but would of course be empowered to present my compliments and my assurances of friendly intentions.

I feel that for the Allied C in C to make such A trip for purpose of calling on the CG of the forces in A subordinate Province might well be interpreted as A sign of weakness and trepidation. On the other hand A call AP this headquarters by Orgaz would be welcomed if it were arranged through diplomatic channels. But I consider that the greatest good, at least initially, would be accomplished by an Orgaz Patton conference.

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The above are my views but, needless to say, if higher authority desires me to make the call and paves the diplomatic way, I shall take the time to do it at the earliest possible moment.

I would suggest that British foreign office be consulted about this matter.

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To: AGWAR

No 1316 December 10, 1942

Fours attacked Gabes Airdrome releasing seven tons HE and two missions of nine Bostons each attacked Tunis Airdrome, each flight with nine tons of HE. Fighter escorts for these missions claim one enemy aircraft destroyed and one enemy aircraft probably destroyed. Other fighter activity during the day consisting of sweeps over the Bizerte, Tunis, Sfax, Gabes area, destroyed five additional A dash C and claimed two probably destroyed and three damaged.

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 5580 December 10, 1942

A translation of the ordinance follows reference to four two eight dash zero nine one two zero six Z "Ordinance number three eight article one. In view of the inability of the Chief of State to do so the High Commissioner for French Africa exercises in French Africa the powers given to the former by law and constitutional acts.

Article two. The Assistant High Commissioner assists the High Commissioner. He directs and coordinates all of the organisms of the High Commissariat under the orders of the High Commissioner article three. The High Commissariat includes the office of the High Commissioner and the following Secretariats and services the Secretariat of Finance, Secretariat of External Commerce, the Secretariat of Production and Distribution, Secretariat for External Relations, the Secretariat of Political Affairs, the Military Section, the Services of Information and Military Security.

Article four. The Secretariats of Finance and external commerce and all production are grouped under the direction of the delegate of the High Commissioner for economic and financial questions.

Article five. The office of the High Commissioner includes: a Secretariat, Correspondence Section, a Cipher Section, the Press Service of the High Commissioner.

Article Six. The Secretariat of Finance is charged

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with the following: the Budget. The Treasury. The Currency. Foreign Exchange, matters of policy affecting prices and wages, credit that is the centralization of external credits. The internal and external debt.

Article Seven. The Secretariat of External Commerce directs and controls imports and exports being guided by the resources and needs of the empire.

Article Eight. The Secretariat of Production and National Distribution is charged with everything concerning production and the distribution of products raw materials and imported products. (This is a paraphrase of message number one five seven nine from FREEDOM Algiers) (Signed Eisenhower).

Article Nine. Questions concerning transport and social questions will be handled provisionally by the office of the delegate of the High Commissioner for economic matters.

Article Ten. The Secretariat for External Relations prepares negotiations with foreign countries participating in these negotiations and assures liaison between the High Commissioner and posts abroad.

Article Eleven. The Secretariat of Political Affairs prepares proposes and publishes decisions concerning internal policy, the maintenance of order, the control and execution of measures ordered. It is in addition responsible for information and censorship.

The creation of the Secretariat of Political Affairs does not modify the existing status of the governments general and protectorates.

Article Twelve. The Military Section assures liaison between the High Commissioner and the military

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authorities.

It informs the High Commissioner concerning the general military situation and the employment and the organization of the military forces.

Article Thirteen. Ordinances numbers one, four and twenty CIE are abrogated by this modification.

Necessary modification will be made to ordinances numbers two and fifteen to make them agree with the present ordinances.

Algiers the seventh December nineteen forty two signed Admiral of the Fleet for Darlan High Commissioner in French Africa.

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To: AGWAR

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P R I O R I T Y

from: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No 1587 December 10, 1942

This message in two parts. Part one begins. Reference your forty one and my one four four two after further consideration and conference I believe (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) That the statement should not be issued locally because of fact that undue publicity here might retard actual progress in liberalization of laws and regulations. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. For this reason I am submitting the following in the form of a factual report to you with the recommendation that to be used either as written or as the basis of a statement by the President. "Since November eighth the people of North Africa under the leadership of Admiral Darlan have accomplished much in support of the war effort of the United Nations and in doing so have definitely allied themselves on the side of Liberalism against all for which the Axis stands in government. In this connection Admiral Darlan has made the following declaration: 'French Africa with the Allies must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy. This will be accomplished by the unity of all citizens, regardless of their political or religious opinions, in an orderly and cohesive fashion. At last liberated from German and Italian restrictions, the French authorities in Africa will adjust the situation which has existed in accordance with French national traditions. Once France and the French Empire is free from the Axis yoke, the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they desire.' In

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In actual accomplishment the High Commissioner has already granted full and complete amnesty to all against whom any action had been taken because of sympathy to the Allies. Certain of these have been given important posts in the High Commissariat. He has restored to their proper ranks and emoluments all Army Officers who had been suspended from office because of rendering aid to the Allies. He is now organizing a body of representative private citizens to work with him in an advisory and consultative capacity in carrying on official business. Prisoners and internees of the United Nations were promptly released and their travel to Seaboard expedited. The High Commissioner has begun the restoration of citizenship and property rights to those persons from whom these had previously been taken because of race or nationality. Measures have been taken to stop immediately whatever persecution or the Jews may have resulted from the laws passed in France under German pressure. His announced purpose is to give just treatment to all elements making up the complex North African population to the end that all can dwell and work together under laws insuring mutual tolerance and respect for rights. There is little industrial development in North Africa and Vichy laws prejudicial to labor unions had little or no application and all reports show no serious problem here. Censorship of the press and radio in which allied authorities participate is only that which is necessary for the security of military operation. End of part one. Part two follows. Part two begins:

On the practical military side, Admiral Darlan
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has ordered the most active participation of the armed forces of North and West Africa in the Allied war effort. Units of substantial size under the brilliant leadership of General Giraud are fighting side by side with us in Tunisia against the Germans and Italians. All post and airfield facilities including the services of officials and technicians have been made freely available for use by the Allies. North African shipping is already entering the services of the Allied Nations. Railroads, motor trucks, communications, public and private buildings and everything that North Africa has to give have been freely offered to the Allied forces, wherever a military need exists.

Admiral Darlan has stated emphatically and repeatedly to the Commander in Chief that in leading North and West Africa against Germany and Italy and into the ranks of the United Nations, he seeks no assistance or support for any personal ambitions. He has announced that his sole purpose is to save French Africa, help free France and then retire to private life. He expresses the hope that the future leaders of France may be selected by the French people themselves and by no one else."

Parts of this report will probably be used locally in an announcement by me after the Presidents statement has been issued. End of part two end of message.

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To : AGWAR

No. 1605, December 10, 1942

Heavy rain continues. Part one land. G dash two report period two four hours to two four zero nine December, First Army Sector. Heavy rain water logging airfields and mud bogging vehicles has reduced all activity to minimum. Patrol (activity only reported. Report still unconfirmed states Tebourba Massacault Ponds Du Fahs unoccupied by enemy late on nine December. Material. Interrogation deserter suggests German heavy armored car with seven five MM gun, shell as evidence, now established. presence of German Mark Six tank has not been reported by forward troops. German propaganda in Tunis reported successful and having bad effect among Arabs. French estimate total thirty five transports and supply ships reached Bizerta up to three zero November total one three two zero JU five twos landed Sidi Ahmed up to two December. Reported almost one thousand British and American prisoners have been taken by air to Italy.

Part two: Southern Sector. Kebili Y three zero occupied nine December by small enemy force of tanks armored cars and infantry, not considered possible to advance across Chott Djerid owing to rain. Garrison Krecgjm now thought to be two five zero men. Detachment has moved south and made unsuccessful attempt to mine pass at Mrtleg T eight four subsequently blown by our forces. Headquarters German one eight Marsch Battalion now reported Sfax where presence one zero zero zero Italians and five zero zero Germans reliably reported. ABFOR and AGWAR from G dash two Freedom signed Eisenhower. Reinforcements f r Sousse continue to pass through Sfax

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from North. French reconnaissance unit reports two zero gliders landed daily Gafsa eight and nine December. Air reconnaissance saw no movement nine December on road Gafsa dash Gabes. Reinforcements probably continue to reach Gabes Bros south. French report troop movements west through Ben Gardane.

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To: AGWAR

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No. 316, December 10, 1942.

Our planes flew more than eighty missions totaling more than six hundred seventy five sorties during the week ending five December. (For Marshall from Eisenhower) our bombers, light, medium, and heavy with fighter escort attacked Bizerte, Tunis, Gabes, Djedeida, and Sfax throughout the week. A total of over three hundred tons of HE were dropped on shipping, dock and harbor installations and airdromes in that area as a result of these operations. These raids have been successfully carried out and heavy damage has been inflicted. Enemy anti aircraft defenses have stiffened, moderate heavy fairly accurate flak being encountered on all missions. Enemy RDF now apparently functioning vicinity Bizerte and Tunis. On twenty eight November thirty four B dash seventeens unescorted bombed the airdrome and harbor facilities of Bizerte. The attack was successfully carried out. Forty tons of HE dropped. Bombers credited with nine enemy A slant C destroyed, three probably destroyed, and four damaged. Two B dash seventeens were lost in the vicinity of the target as a result of enemy action. On the same day nine B dash twenty sixes dropped ten tons HE on dock installations at Sfax and twelve Bostons later in the day attacked the Bizerte docks dropping six tons HE. P dash thirty eights destroyed and additional seven and damaged one E slant A on fighter sweeps. One P dash thirty eight lost. Fifteen B dash seventeens were dispatched twenty nine November against Bizerte and eight Bostons attacked the airdrome at Gabes. The B dash seventeens were forced to turn back on account of weather but the Bostons successfully dropped six tons HE on their target. Two enemy A dash C destroyed

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by fighter escort of bombers against Gabes, and seven destroyed on other sweeps. One P dash thirty eight missing. On thirty November twenty four B dash seventeens attacked the Bizerte harbor facilities, nine B dash twenty sixes the Gabes airdrome and nine Bostons a landing field at Djedeida. All attacks were successfully pressed home. A total of sixty four one half tons HE were dropped. Three enemy A dash C destroyed, three probably destroyed and one damaged as a result of the days activities by fighters on escort and patrolling missions. Two of our A dash C were lost and two reported missing. On one December thirteen B dash seventeens were sent against Tunis airdrome dropping twenty five one half tons of HE. Six Bostons later bombed the Tunis airdrome dropping five one half tons of HE and six Bostons flew mission against Djedeida airdrome dropping three tons of bombs as well as strafing the field. Two enemy A dash C damaged and one of our A dash C reported missing. December two, thirty B dash seventeens were sent against Bifeute airdrome and Poet. Forty tons HE on target. Twelve B seventeens dropped ten tons HE on Ariana landing ground, eight B dash twenty (*) Our losses for the days activity amounted to two P dash thirty eights damaged. On December three eighteen B dash seventeens again attacked the docks at Bizerte dropping forty five tons of high explosives. Our fighter on escort and in sweeps throughout the day destroyed four enemy A dash C and at Amajed two more. Two of our fighters were lost, five were missing and two damaged. Our fighters were particularly active this day flying over one hundred forty sorties. During the day of four December eighteen B dash seventeens and eight B dash twenty sixes were dispatched against the same target. Both missions were successful

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and over seventy five tons of HE were released over the target. One B dash twenty six was shot down as a result of enemy action. Fighters during the day flying escort, patrols and reconnaissance missions destroyed three enemy A dash C, one probably destroyed and damaged one M E one hundred nine. Total victories for the week amount to forty two enemy A dash C destroyed, ten ten enemy A dash C probably destroyed and fourteen enemy A dash C damaged. Our own losses amount to eight destroyed as a result of enemy action and nine missing.

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20 " " probably "
14 " " damaged*

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To: War

No. 1637, December 10th, 1942.

Gliders reported.

Part one Landing. GAFSA should ~~be~~ ^{to} ARFOR, AGWAR, Eastern Task Force, ADV, Center Task Force, Western Task Force, Eastern Air Command, Western Air Command from Freedom Algiers be corrected to read gliders landing at Gabes. Estimate combatant troops Tunis dash Bizerte Area seventeen thousand German and forty five hundred Italian. Sousse dash Kairouan Area one five zero German and twelve hundred Italian. Sfax dash Hammeima Area six hundred German and thirty two thirteen fifty Italian. Gabes dash frontier area one thousand German and thirty two hundred Italian. Total twenty nine thousand plus twenty five hundred GAF and five thousand services. Grand total thirty six thousand five hundred. Estimate serviceable tanks northern sector possibly seventy German and thirty to forty Italian. 110 TRS
Southern sector. No German vehicles reported. Considerable Italian light recce elements and possibly thirty to forty tanks Gabes. Preceding addition to part one Land. G dash two report. Signed Eisenhower.

Part two. German air activity. Shipping recce at three JU eight eight as far as Algiers. Bomber activity. About five JU eight eight escorted shipping probably in Sicilian Channel. Fighter activity limited by weather. Transport between Sicily and Africa continued on heavy scale.

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Part three. Navy. Nothing to report on French Fleet. Italian Fleet. Pru Messina zero six three zero Z ten Dec shows two eight inch cruisers to have sailed Pru Naples eleven hundred Z nine Dec shows no change Navy units but remarks presence two ten thousand ton tankers "apparently French". Method identified not given. Enemy attacks. HMS Porcupine torpedoed by UBB at two two zero nine Z nine Dec sixty miles north of Gulo Arzewox HMS Mari-gold sunk by aerial torpedo afternoon nine Dec off Algiers. U/B. About ten between six degrees east and GIB and about three between ten degrees west and GIB.

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From: Algiers (0446Z/11th)
To: AGWAR

No. 5601 Dec 10, 1942

To General Eisenhower repeated mid-east repeated
Command Post First Army from Governor Malta.

H E slant five six three four of tenth December.
Bigot Alibi.

Malta Intelligence summary from two thousand A slant
nine to two thousand A slant ten.

Naval.

One. As the result of a report at zero seven three
zero hours that two eight dash inch cruisers had left Messina,
Force K was sent to sea to cover convoy M W fifteen which
was approaching Malta from the south east. Subsequent
air recce having established that there was no threat to
the convoy, force K returned to Malta at eighteen hundred
hours; the convoy was close to the southward of the island.

Two. One of our submarines sank A one six zero seven
ton south bound ship off Hammamet on the forenoon of ninth
December.

Three. Three motor torpedo boats sailed for Bone at
sixteen hundred hours.

Air.

One. Recce. Messina tenth December one one one five
hours two eight dash inch cruisers departed. Two. No
enemy air activity. Three strikes. Night ninth slant
tenth December. Wellingtons in very bad weather dropped
one dash four thousand pound, seventeen dash five hundred

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pound, twentythree dash two five zero pound bombs on La Goulette, scoring hits in dockside area and across causeway and canal, and five dash two five zero pound bombs on El Aouina aerodrome, scoring hits on aerodrome buildings.

Day tenth December. Beaufight were destroyed one six engined aircraft, probably destroyed one six engined aircraft and one F W two hundred, and damaged one six engined aircraft one two zero miles south south west of Malta. Beaufighters on offensive sweeps in La Pedusa dash Kuriat Aveh saw nothing. Beaufighters UT bombed motor vessel five thousand tons unloading in Soussse Harbour, scoring two near misses on merchant vessel and two hits on Quayside and among unloaded cargo, and one hit on warehouse and starting fire visible forty miles away. Beaufighters and Spitfires maintained continuous protective patrols over convoy approaching Malta from east.

Military. Unloading Portcullis convoy.

Civil. NIL.

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Air Force H.Q. London, From N.C.X.F.

Situation report number 31.

1. N.C.X.F. established ashore 7th December.
H.M.S. BULOLO returning in MKF 4. F.O. Inshore Squadron
at Bone 12th December.

2. CADMUS made two promising attacks on
U-boat on fourth December in position 037° 12' North
006° 13' East. CADMUS overrode U-boat hull and
dropped shallow pattern. U-boat broke surface but
was again attacked with shallow pattern on resubmerging.
U-boat considered probably sunk.

3. Force Q H.M.S. DIDO joining H.M.S.'s
SIRIUS, ASHANTE and TARTAR at Bone 8th December.
Force carried out sweep to northwards returning.
Daylight 9th December.

4. Bone. M.T.B.'s 8 262 arrived 8th December.

5. Algiers. H.M.S. DEPTFORD aground in
bad weather. H.M.S. MARIGOLD with MKS 3 (Y) sunk
by aircraft torpedoes. Six officers and 37 men saved.
Captain and 39 men missing.

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To: AGWAR Washington DC

No. 1840, December 10th, 1942

Thirty Ninth SITREP nine Dec (to AGWAR USFOR from Freedom Algiers) Naval Base: two Major torpedo boats arrived eight Dec. Force Q executed sweep northward returning daylight nine Dec. No results. Algiers: NCF established ashore seven Dec. Sloop aground in bad weather nine Dec. Corvette sunk by aerial torpedo same date in daylight raid on shipping in bay. Low cloud and rain provided ideal conditions for such attack.

ETF patrolling activity only by both sides. Ground off roads and trails unfit for wheels or tracks due heavy rain.

Air eight Dec operation forward areas restricted due adverse weather and serviceability forward airdromes limited due continuous rain. Base: nine sorties for shipping protection and nine antisubmarine sorties flown. No incidences. Nine Dec Algiers: ten sorties for shipping protection flown and convoy escorted. Off Algiers Spitfires attacked three enemy aircraft which sank Corvette in bay. Enemy escaped in cloud.

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FOLLOWING IS A REPETITION OF N.C.X.F.'S 2247/09.

BEGINS- ADDRESSED ADMIRALTY, REPEATED C. IN C. MED., V. A. MALTA, FOCNA, B.A.D. WASHINGTON, AIR FORCE H. Q. LONDON, FROM N.C.X.F.

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 31.

1. N.C.X.F. ESTABLISHED ASHORE 7TH DECEMBER, H.M.S. BULOLO RETURNING IN MKF 4. F.O. INSHORE SQUADRON AT BOME 12TH DECEMBER.

2. CADMUS MADE TWO PROMISING ATTACKS ON U-BOAT ON FOURTH DECEMBER IN POSITION 037 DEGS 12 MIN. NORTH 006 DEGS 13 MIN EAST. CADMUS OVERRODE U-BOAT HULL AND DROPPED SHALLOW PATTERN. U-BOAT BROKE SURFACE BUT WAS AGAIN ATTACKED WITH SHALLOW PATTERN ON RESUBMERGING, U-BOAT CONSIDERED PROBABLY SUNK.

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3. FORCE Q H.M.S. DIDO JOINING H.M.S.'S SIRIUS, ASHANTE AND TARTAR AT BONE 8TH DECEMBER. FORCE CARRIED OUT SWEEP TO NORTHWARDS RETURNING DAYLIGHT 9TH DECEMBER.

4. BONE. M.T.B.'S 8 262 ARRIVED 8TH DECEMBER.

5. ALGIERS, H.M.S. ~~MANCHESTER~~ DEPTFORD AGROUND IN BAD WEATHER. H.M.S. MARIGOLD WITH MKS 3 (Y) SUNK BY AIRCRAFT TORPEDOES. SIX OFFICERS AND 37 MEN SAVED. CAPTAIN AND 39 MEN MISSING.

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To: AGWAR

No. 1558, December 9, 1942

Following from Murphy begins "It is clear from discussions with Allied Army authorities that it will be impossible to obtain sufficient tonnage in existing and proposed convoys to meet minimum civilian requirements without materially cutting into essential Military shipping (To Marshall from Eisenhower for Secretary Hull from Murphy). Certain imports are urgently required principally petroleum products as indicated my cable December six, wheat, foodstuffs, textiles and medical supplies. Arrangements for coal imports appear to be adequate for the time being (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) I understand that limitation of size of convoys a factor which must be cleared with Navy Department. I think we should insist on increase size where necessary to take care of civilian requirements. I urgently recommend allocating at least two French tankers now at Martinique for North African civilian petroleum requirements either by adding these tankers to regular convoys or setting up special convoys with use of French Naval units as escort vessels. Two French tankers at Martinique are armed and immediately available, to facilitate substantial wheat imports which will be required by February. Suggest arranging for allocation of French merchant vessels now at Buenos Aires for North African Service. This need not be a permanent arrangement but would ease situation for next three to six months while I am unable at the present time to allot space for civil needs in the shipping available for Military purposes I must strongly support Murphys view that measures should be taken to make the necessary shipping available and to arrange its dispatch to North Africa. I am concerned at the present economic situation in North Africa and its possible influence on Military

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operations and urge that steps to alleviate it shall be initiated immediately which will be the critical period. I cannot over emphasize adverse political effect of not meeting minimum needs of civilian population where it is possible to do so in view of public assurances in United State which have been given prominence in the press here. I urge that the question of tonnage required to meet the essential civilian needs of this area be given priority. Please advise whether or not shipping arrangements similar to those suggested above can be worked out."

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G-2 Report from Algiers, December 9, 1942.

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1st Army Sector.

Activity reduced to a minimum due to heavy rain water logging air fields and mud bogging vehicles. Unconfirmed report is that Tebourba, Massena, Ponds Du Fels are unoccupied by enemy. Questioning of deserter suggests German heavy armored car with 75 MM gun. Propaganda of Germans in Tunisia is reported to be successful and having a bad effect among the Arabs. Total of 35 transports and supply ships are estimated by the French to have reached Bizerte up to November 30th. Up to December 2nd a total of 1320 JU-52's landed at Sidi Ahmed. It is reported that approximately 1,000 British and American prisoners have been transferred by air to Italy.

Southern Sector.

On December 9th a small enemy force of tanks, armored cars and infantry occupied Kebili but due to rain it is not considered possible for them to advance across Chott Djerid. Garrison at Kregga is now thought to contain 250 men. An unsuccessful attempt to mine the pass at Mrtleg was made by detachment moving south. The headquarters of the German 18th March Battalion is now reported to be at Sfax with the presence of 1,000 Italians and 500 Germans. Reinforcements for Soussa are continuing to pass from the north through Sfax. French reconnaissance unit report the landing of 20 gliders at Gabes on December 8th and also on December 9th. No movement on the road Gafsa— Gabes was noted by air. reconnaissance December 9th. Gabes probably continuing to receive reinforcements; troop movements west through Ben Gardane are reported by the French.

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Possibly 70 German and 30 to 40 Italian serviceable tanks are estimated to be in the northern sector. No German vehicles are reported in the southern sector. At Gabes there are reported 30 to 40 tanks and considerable Italian light reconnaissance elements.

AIR

Three JU-88's made a shipping reconnaissance as far as Algiers; weather limited fighter activity. Transports between Sicily and Africa are continuing on a heavy scale.

NAVY

No report on French fleet. Two eight inch cruisers sailed from Naples. Presence in Naples of two ten thousand ton tankers. HMS Porcupine was torpedoed by U/S. HMS Marigold was sunk by aerial torpedo on afternoon of December 9th. (CM-IN-4608-4581 - 12-11-42)

In formation of the Fifth Army the Mediterranean Base Section is to be separated from command of CTF and SOS Task Force "A" will be redesignated Atlantic Base Section and separated from WTF. (CM-IN-4408 12-11-42)

During week ending December 5th our planes flew approximately 80 missions of more than 675 sorties. Bizerte, Tunis, Gabes, Djedida and Sfax were attacked throughout the week by our light, medium and heavy bombers with fighter escorts and dropped on shipping, dock and harbor installations and air-dromes a total of over 300 tons of HE. These raids have been successfully carried out and heavy damage has been inflicted. There is a stiffening of enemy antiaircraft defenses with accurate fires being encountered on all missions in vicinity of Bizerte and Tunis. Enemy RDF is now apparently functioning. Forty tons of HE were dropped in a successful attack on the

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airdrome and harbor facilities of Biserte unescorted B-17's November 28th. Bombers are credited with 9 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probable and 4 damaged. Two B-17's were lost. Ten tons HE were dropped on dock installations at Sfax by nine B-26's and 6 tons HE were dropped on the Biserte docks by 12 Bostons November 28th. P-38's destroyed 7 planes and damaged one on fighter sweeps; one P-38 lost. On November 29th fifteen B-17's were sent against Biserte and the airdrome at Gabes attacked by 8 Bostons. The B-17's were turned back on account of weather but the Bostons dropped 6 tons HE on their target. Nine B-26's attacked the Gabes airdrome; 2 B-17's the Biserte harbor facilities and 9 Bostons the landing fields at Djedeida on November 30th. A total of 6 1/2 tons HE were dropped; 3 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probable, one damaged; two of our planes were lost, two reported missing. Tunis airdrome was bombed with 25 1/2 tons HE by thirteen B-17's on December 1st with 6 Bostons later dropping 5 1/2 tons of HE; 2 enemy planes destroyed and one of our planes missing. On December 2nd thirty B-17's were sent against Fost and Bifeute airdrome. Twelve B-17's attacked Ariana landing field dropping 10 tons HE; two P-38's were damaged. Docks at Biserte were attacked on December 3rd by eighteen B-17's with 45 tons HE. In sweeps by fighter escorts on December 3rd, six enemy planes were destroyed; two of our fighters were lost, five missing, two damaged. On December 4th one B-26 was shot down as a result of enemy action. Our fighters destroyed three enemy planes. Total victory for the week ending December 5th amount to 42 enemy planes destroyed, 10 probable, 14 damaged; our losses - 8 destroyed, 9 missing. (CM-IN-4592 12-11-42)

On December 10th, Beaufighters destroyed one 6-engined aircraft, probably destroyed one 6-engined aircraft and one F2R00 and damaged one

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6-engine aircraft 120 miles southwest of Malta. 5,000 ton motor vessel in Sousse harbor bombed by Seaufighters, scoring two near misses on vessel; two hits on quay and among unloaded cargo; one hit on warehouse and started fires visible 40 miles away. (CM-IN-4577 12-11-42)

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Dec eight Sitrep thirty eight.

1. Naval no reports.

2. ETF patrolling activity only (to AGWAR and USFOR from Freedom Algiers) night seven eight Dec and day eight Dec, no opposition. Air operations halted due steady rain, movement of vehicles difficult due to mud. Liaison Officer reports locations: CC B south of El Guessa area with First Bn first Ar Astride the road two miles east Medjez El Bab, Second Bn thirteen AR less one CO six miles SE El Guessa. First Bn Sixth Inf four and half miles south El Guessa. Second Bn Sixth Inf two miles south El Guessa. First Bn Thirteenth AR astride road seven and half miles NE Medjez El Bab. Outpost on El Guessa. Blade force at B Melah J five five five five. Seventeen twenty one lancers have been relieved by A Squadron sixteen five lancers. Eleven Brig north of Medjez El Bab with Second Bn Hampshire Rgt astride road one mile to north. Brig Hq and First Bn Surrey Rgt three miles to north. Fifth Bn KE Northhamptons astride road four and half miles to NE. Eighth Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders four and half miles to northwest. Reserve seventeen twenty one Lancers astride road at J four eight three zero. First guards Brig four miles SW Oued Karga with Second Coldstream Guards astride road two miles west Oued Karga. Sixth Armad Div four miles SW Beja.

3. CTF eighteen RCT plus Btry B four three one CA Bn antisircraft AW arrived Algiers from Oran.

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4. Air seven Dec fifty five sorties from Souk El Arba on ground support missions. One enemy aircraft destroyed. One damaged. Five of our aircraft damaged. Fifty patrol sorties over Bone area. Twenty three antisubmarine sorties Algiers Harbor area. One attack. Forty two transport aircraft at Casablanca for movement antiaircraft units to Bone. Eight Dec no bomber and Fighter activity eastern Algeria due weather. RAF reports Main Street Bizerta used as runway by Axis planes. Missions scheduled nine Dec cancelled due weather.

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Part two. Navy. Navy Italian Fleet the three Littor battleships that had left Naples seven Dec not yet located. French Fleet PRU Toulon seven Dec shows three cruisers still burning. Most of the scuttled vessels seem to have settled further.

Part three. German Air activity. Recce. One of four JU eight eight on patrol sighted convoy off Phillippeville about thirteen hours. Bomber and fighter activity, no line, both probably limited owing weather. Transport, twenty JU five two landed Tunis from Naples shortly afternoon.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

December 9, 1942

FREEDOM ALGIERS

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Reference your number 14 42 of December 8th, the practicability is suggested of including in the proposed announcement a statement that the question of suffrage "Jew-Moslem, and so forth" is not an issue at the present time because there can be no election of Government officials in French Africa until after the military problem is solved. From the Joint Chiefs of Staff to General Eisenhower Freedom Algiers. Under existing conditions no election can be held. After the military problem is solved the question of the right to vote will be taken up.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

Number 1503. December 9, 1942

No other persons complete understanding this complicated situation and commendation for its handling to date could possibly mean so much to me as yours (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers from Eisenhower to General Marshall for His Eyes Only, reference your number sixty three) respecting your criticisms I am gratified they are not expressed with the emphasis that some of our flagrant errors have justified. Although preoccupied in a number of tasks, I have been aware of our weakness along the lines you cite and have been struggling to get these matters better systematized and regulated. I believe results will soon be apparent.

New subject. Your number fifty six received and I will clearly set forth to Darlan the attitude of our government in this matter. I have previously expressed to him my conviction that the U. S. would look at the matter in this way. Fortified by this message I feel sure I can stop ill-advised action on his part of the kind indicated.

Terrible weather with two days of wind and incessant rain, difficulty in supply and some knocking about of our small forces in front have combined to force a postponement of offensive action. We realize that the enemy has his troubles also and we are doing our best to improve our own situation and to take advantage of every opportunity.

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From: London (2031/9)
To: AGWAR

No. 1515 Dec 9 1942

To Boisson from Eisenhower. For Mack Foreign Office from Murphy signed Eisenhower. "I am authorized by the British Government to inform you that since French West Africa, under your authority, is now to cooperate with the United Nations in the war against the Axis, the British Government will not permit action or propaganda from British West African Territories to be directed against you or your authority. The British Government further authorizes me to state that it has no desire to interfere with your authority in French West Africa. Moreover, the British Government states (to USFOR London from Freedom Algiers) that it looks forward to the time when all those Frenchmen who are willing to fight the Axis for the liberation of France will join together in the common effort, and that the British Government at all times is willing to do its best to promote an agreement between them.

The British Government will dash immediately and simultaneously with your release of British and Allied prisoners and internees held in French West Africa dash release all French prisoners held in British West African Territories, including the crew of the submarine

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Poncelet. It will, in addition, release to your jurisdiction, if you so desire, the necessary number of French citizens taken in the Madagascar Campaign to make a total equivalent to the number released by you.

Because General De Gaulle is not a party to the present negotiations, the British Government is not in position to make firm engagements with respect to prisoners held by him or Badhis forces. Consequently, the British Government cannot state categorically that French West African citizens held in the Cameroons and Central Africa by General De Gaulle will be immediately released by him.

I am sure, my dear Governor General, that you will agree with me that the language of the above engagements clearly proves the British Government to accept fully your offer of aligning French West Africa against the Axis and to establish its relationships with you on a basis of mutual confidence, respect and cooperation.

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To: AGWAR

No. 1496, December 8, 1942.

Several conferences (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) have been held between French authorities and Civil Affairs Section reviewing the export situation for all North Africa. Five phases considered viz, availability of shipping, financial settlement, stocks on hand, estimate monthly exportation and requirements of United States and United Kingdom. To date little shipping space available due to quick turn around of convoys. As detailed below small amounts of iron ore as ballast and some phosphate already dispatched to United Kingdom (for the Combined Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower for the State Department for Murphy, reference your R three six eight four) answering your para three French have furnished us statement of stocks on hand at ports as of November twenty ready for immediate shipment, metric tons throughout: iron ore at Bone two hundred thousand tons, at Beni Saf four hundred thirty thousand tons including large percentage mines, at Algiers forty four thousand tons, at Bougie sixty seven thousand tons; phosphates at Bougie two thousand five hundred tons, at Bone twenty five thousand tons, at Casablanca sixty five thousand tons, at Safi eighty five thousand tons; lead at Philippeville four hundred seven tons, at Bougie two hundred twenty eight tons, at Port Lyautey six thousand tons, at Nemours three thousand three hundred tons; antimony at Philippeville four hundred eighty tons, at Nemours ninety tons; manganese at Nemours two thousand tons, at inland mines fifty six thousand three hundred tons,

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cobalt at Nemours five hundred tons, at Casablanca two thousand two hundred fifty tons; cork at Casablanca three thousand five hundred fiftytons, minor amounts at Algerian ports. Analysis of iron ores furnished by French being checked by Steedman, Ministry of Supply, against information from Foreign Ore Department London. Analysis will be furnished later, if desired. Answering your para four, after lengthy discussions with Civil Affairs French agreed to forego immediate payment for exports pending arrival of authorized Americans and British purchasing agents and reestablishment of commercial channels of trade. French authorities will keep careful records of shipments made and will discuss final terms at later date when accredited officials arrive. Cunningham and Steedman, British Ministry of Supply, reached here November thirty and December seven respectively. Answering your para five, subdivision A, para one above covers measures we have been able to take. Subdivision B, your instructions have been communicated to following: Commanding Generals CTF and WTF for distribution to Port Officers, for the African Shipping Board, Mack, British Civil Liaison Officer, Kerr, War Shipping Administration, Cunningham and Steedman of Ministry of Supply and all interested officers of Civil Affairs Section. Subdivision C, shipments to date have been made as follows: iron ore from Algiers twelve hundred tons in two vessels to United Kingdom; phosphate from Beni Saf sixty three hundred tons in one vessel to United Kingdom; in addition, one vessel now loading at Algiers five thousand tons iron ore for United Kingdom for dispatch within the next few days. Answering your para seven, estimates

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From: Freedom, Algiers
To: WAR

No 1462 December 8, 1942

Local authorities are telegraphing Boisson today. From Commander in Chief for Marshall reference four nine zero eight zero one four two Z asking him to (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) fix early date for the arrival of US Mission. Boisson will arrive Dakar tomorrow and we shall send his answer as soon as received. I am confident he will fix immediate date. Please telegraph us exact composition of Mission in order that Boisson may be notified.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR Wash DC

No 1457 December 8, 1942

Part one Land. Northern Sector. G dash two report period twenty four hours (To ABFOR London, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) ending two four naught naught seven December situation quiet except for intense patrol activity. El Guessa (J seven three five one) abandoned by enemy with out fight after counter dash attack of six December. Enemy appears to have withdrawn within defensive perimeter possibly as result heavy infantry losses. Contact reported at Bir Meherga (J nine three two three) afternoon seven Dec. Strong anti tank post reported at J four seven six seven. Ain El Asker (J nine three two eight) clear. Air observers report no movement roads south and southeast from Mateur nor Djedaida and only slight activity Tebourba. On six Dec French patrols report areas Pont Du Fahs (J eight seven zero seven) and Ousseltia (T Orange six four) unoccupied by enemy. Also enemy patrol activity seven AEC at Pont Du Fahs and Goubellat (J six four two three). Continued indications enemy intentions to accumulate armoured and motorized elements vicinity South of Medjerd River. Enemy reported to be establishing semicircular line of resistance based Onela Mornaghia J nine four and Zaghouna K zero one covering NW approaches to Soussae. Southern Sector also quiet. On seven Dec thirty German cyclists made Recce from El Hamman (X three zero five three) towards Kebili (Y three one zero three). On six Dec French patrols report Fondouk El Okbi (O eight three one six) and Pichon

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(O seven four two three) unoccupied by enemy. Garrison Djebel Krechem (T nine five) reported to be four hundred men. Enemy detachment two hundred men reported Bordj El Aouim (T nine nine five three six zero). Unknown number planes reported landing daily Gabes from South. Identifications. Documents found six Dec at J seven one five four indicate presence of seven FX Regt in Northern Sector. Fourth German motor cycle battalion identified from prisoner captured Pont Du Fahs three December. One zero one antitank battalion Italian Mateur area. San Marco Bactaggon Italian marines at La Goulette. Part two naval. French fleet no change. Italian fleet visual Recce Naples seven Dec twelve ten hours shows that the three Litvorio battle ships have left. Part three follows. At twenty two hundred seven Dec three destroyers sighted forty miles ENE Pantellaria course north speed fifteen. Enemy shipping. Poor quality oblique photos Tunis seven Dec show three or four merchant ships in harbor. U slant B's About ten between six degrees east and Gibraltar.

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No. 1490, December 8, 1952.

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ETF. Liaison officer (to ABFOR London, AGWAR from
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Eight sweeps over battle area. Two enemy destroyed.
Three probably, four damaged. Our losses five planes.
Night six seven Dec Beaufighters destroyed five enemy
planes over Bone. Seven Dec low flying DB sevens bombed
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1. Thirty seventh SITREP seven December
ETF. Liaison officer (to ABFOR London, AGWAR from
Freedom Algiers) reports blade force fifteen miles north
Medjex El Baband has recovered five tanks. Crusbdere
and Valentines by seven eight Div confirms twenty
enemy tanks knocked out six Dec.

2. French. Liaison report from French GHQ
states two more Bns French Inf and two mountain B (*)
to support seventy eight Div. One Bn already there.
All three from Tunis Division. French troops have
occupied Pichon eight seven seven two.

3. Air six Dec continuous patrols over
shipping Algiers and Bone areas. One enemy destroyed.
Eight sweeps over battle area. Two enemy destroyed.
Three probably, four damaged. Our losses five planes.
Night six seven Dec Beaufighters destroyed five enemy
planes over Bone. Seven Dec low flying DB sevens bombed
target in Tabourba dash El Bathan area. Tanks also machine
gunned. Four bombing missions over Bizerta forced to re-
turn due to weather. P forties in action first time in
Tunisia area. One P forty missing. Four. Thirty eight
aircraft on RCN Sfax destroyed two enemy planes. One B
seventeen on Pru attacked by three enemy planes. One enemy
plane probably destroyed, one damaged, no damage B seven-
teen. Another Pru plane attacked by CW one nine zero. One
engine damaged.

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In addition to usual sea recce ten JU eight eight (G-two report) to ABFOR London, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers (part three air German air activity) from Sardinia carried out armed recce of sea area as far west as Bougie. Some ten more aircraft identified operating from Sicily to westward during afternoon. Five more after dusk. American aircraft operating Bizerta area met no enemy fighters. Many reports still to come.

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Thirty Sixth SPTREP seven Dec.

Para one. Naval no report.

Para two. ETF morning location of troops: Co B in possession of El Guessa. (To AGWAR ARFOR from Freedom Algiers) Eleven brig established vicinity Medjezel Bab west of Reler as follows: Fifth in Northamptans five miles NE. Eighth Argyll and Southland Highlanders four and half miles north. Brigade and First Bn Surrey Regt two miles north. Patrol activity only during day. Enemy apparently withdrawn within his defenses. On south flank contact made at Bir Moberga J nine three two seven. Ain El Atker J nine three two eight is clear. On north flank strong antitank post reported on Mateur dash Beja Road at J four seven six seven. Air craft returning from Djedeida attack reported no movement roads south and southeast from Mateur and from Djedeida. Only slight activity Tebourba. Two attacks by supporting fighters and bombers on Djedeida railway station, Tebourba and El Bathnan with apparent success. Air expected useful rens during same sorties.

Para three. CTF eighteen rgt plus four three one, CA Bn antiaircraft AW arrives Algiers eighth Dec by Motogcen route from Oran.

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Waller
Stall 1215

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: 1442 Dec 8, 1942

I am strongly in favor of Presidents plan. Three weeks ago I began working in the suggested lines and progress has been made in securing liberalization in many directions. With reference to your forty one (from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only).

Upon receipt of your message, the subject was again discussed with Darlan, with the view of giving publicity not only to accomplishments but to announced aims. He is particularly grateful to the President for realizing and mentioning the fact there is a local Jew-Moslem problem that is full of explosive possibilities unless carefully handled. He is in favor of a public announcement that aligns him definitely on the side of liberal government and opposed to the Axis and what it stands for. I believe that the place and method of issue of the statement can probably be decided better by appropriate authority at home than we can here. However, I desire to make the following suggestion. After sending to you that complete text, I could make that announcement here at fixed time in order to get effect of a statement coming from a military theater of operations. Then if, almost or actually simultaneously, the President would take notice of statement by commenting as he might desire, we should presumably obtain worldwide and intensified coverage due to his action.

We are working on proposed announcement and will send text as soon as complete.

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From: Leopoldville
To: Milid

No. 63, December 8, 1942

Intended advance from Tchad has not been
launched though aviation has moved up to Faya.
There have been several frontier conferences between
Vichy officers and fighting French officers and others
are in course.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR Washington

No. 1351A, December 7th, 1942

Reported today conclusion of our arrangement with respect to French West Africa. The following changes (to ABFOH London and AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) in language had it be made in paragraph one six which had to do with economic mission stationed in Dakar, because of fact that Dakar experts have already taken station here and French are anxious to integrate economic policy among themselves. From Commander in Chief to Combined Chiefs of Staff. "Mutually agreeable arrangements will be made looking toward the adoption of measures concerning economic matters; exports, imports and the establishment of economic stability and prosperity in French West Africa and Togoland and for suitable development of their economic contribution to the common cause". In paragraph five the French fully accepted in principle the necessity for stationing some Allied Air Units in Dakar for protection of sea communications but feel that the proposed language would be embarrassing to them if included in the immediate pronouncement. Darlan and Boisson asserted their eagerness to cooperate in this task with their own forces, they having four bombardment groups and two fighter groups in the Dakar Area now fit for service. Boisson said that his Staff would work out with Allies details of stationing necessary Air forces of ours there for this purpose therefore the words "Other than air forces employed on protection on sea communications" were stricken from paragraph five.

In all other respects the documents were drawn up in exact accordance with language proposed by British Chiefs of Staff and in form prescribed by

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No. 1351A, December 7, 1942 (Page 2)

the President. Boisson is leaving at once to return home. In answer to my inquiry as to when our aircraft could begin transit through French West Africa he replied "at once".

Copies of the announcement as signed are being transmitted by airmail to London and Washington.

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From: Algiers (2325Z/7th)
To: Important AGWAR

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No. 1401 December 7, 1942

1. SITREP thirty five Dec six.

2. ETF Liaison Officer reports CC B counter attacked and regained high ground El Guessa seventy five. CC B has patrols forward, Blade force being relieved by Sixth Arm Div. Location not known. Fifth Corps reports situation in hand. Enemy withdrawn from battle area. Still some Germans south El Guessa. Air support to CC B good. No serious bombing for two days.

3. French and USA troops, Faid: repeated enemy bombing in morning. Total vehicle casualties to date eighteen.

4. Air Bizerta docks attacked night four five Dec by thirteen (to AGWAR and ABFOR from Freedom Algiers) Bisleys. Large fire observed north of Quay. Accurate moderate antisircraft encountered. One aircraft missing. Two low flying attacks on Djedeida airdrome. In combat one enemy plane destroyed. One probable, four damaged. Our losses six. Bridge over Medjerda Et El Bacfin attacked by three B sevens. P thirty eight aircraft destroyed two enemy planes and damaged two west of FALD. Over Bone night five six Dec sixteen Beaufighters destroyed four enemy aircraft. Four fighter sweeps over forward area. Six fighters engaged enemy over Medjex El Bab. Enemy losses unknown. Our losses two planes destroyed. Patrols by two P thirty eight aircraft over Sfax. Gabes, Gafsa. RCN sorties over Faid and Souasse, no enemy encountered. Malta Wellingtons night four five Dec attacked La Goulette docks and Tunis with thirty eight tons of bombs. Hits across harbor. Railway siding and direct hits on two medium sized vessels.

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From: Algiers (2120Z/7th)
To: AGWAR

No. 1353A, Dec 7, 1942

German air operations six December. Part two air G dash two report. Recce southern half Western Mediterranean again (to ABFOR London, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) limited to two aircraft which operated about as far west as Bougie. By day twelve long range bombers identified probably operated Tunisia. About twenty aircraft operated by night main target BONE. Claimed four night raiders destroyed. Other evidence shows several aircraft in distress. Heavy transport movements between North Africa and mainland reported. Estimated some forty aircraft operated.

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From: Algiers
To: Important AGWAR

No. 1352, December 7, 1942.

In a conversation today with Darlan it was suggested to him that the four French ships which have left here for Gibraltar with ultimate destination of Dakar be sent from Gibraltar to UK for refitting (to ABFOR London and AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) and arming and for the immediate future to be employed as personnel carriers to this area. It was pointed out that such action would make a substantial contribution to the common cause and would speed entering into service of the vessels concerned. Darlan replied that he was anxious to have these ships used as soon as possible but felt that it psychologically important to have them first go to the French port of Dakar. He said that he and his associates were fearful that difficulties might arise with the crews were they to proceed immediately to British ports. He said that it was much wiser to allow them to go to Dakar and that after their arrival there he would order them to the UK or other port as desired by combined shipping board. From Commander in Chief to Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers

To: War

No. 1358, December 7, 1942

Urgent your eighteen (to AGWAR from Freedom
Algiers) December four (for CCS from Eisenhower)
Darlan and Boisson during the course of our dis-
cussions understood and agreed to our desire to
attach in due time some British representatives
to the American Liaison Mission proceeding to
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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. 1355 December 7, 1942

Dakar is with US. From C in C to CCS. Announcement drawn up on form prescribed by President (to AGWAR, ABFOR from Freedom Algiers) two details in which agreement. Slightly different from language proposed by CCS will be forwarded later telegram.

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Operations Division WDGS
European Section, WDOFP

December 7, 1942

TO: FREEDOM
ALGIERS

NUMBER 56

We feel that it is important that you should seek the earliest moment you consider expedient orally to explain to Admiral Darlan the attitude of the United States Government along the following lines:

"The United States Government fully appreciates the important military contribution which Admiral Darlan has made and is continuing to make in the campaign which began in Africa but which is a prelude to the complete liberation of all French peoples both at home and in the Empire from Axis domination and rule. (From Marshall and the Secretary of State to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers.) It has been the consistent policy of this Government, expressed on many occasions by the Secretary of State, to welcome the active cooperation of all Frenchmen who desire to resist Axis aggression and the extension, wherever it may be found, of Axis domination and control. It is the common purpose of the United Nations to continue the struggle until the aims of the Atlantic Charter are fulfilled and the peoples of each country are free to express their own will and to decide their future for themselves. Until these purposes are achieved, other considerations must be left for subsequent determination since dispersion of effort must weaken the military unity of purpose. It is in the sense of the foregoing that we feel that Admiral Darlan is continuing to supplement the contribution which he has already made. As long as his efforts are directed to the specific end of resistance to the Axis, we feel he has a definite role and a positive military contribution to make to our united effort consistent with the policy of the United States Government as outlined above. This will not be the case if he devotes his efforts to building up an organization, not directly connected with the military effort, since it must be borne in mind that other Frenchmen are likewise making contributions

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in the Military Field of considerable importance whose political aims have likewise never been "Gone along with" by this Government. This Government has too great a respect for France and the Sovereignty of the French people to attempt to predetermine the choice which the French people will eventually have to make.

"You may further wish to add that any exhortation directed to Frenchment to support the military effort is timely but to go beyond that into what is primarily a political appeal may now be detrimental to the cause of France".

For your private information, efforts of the character which we have in mind here as being contrary to this policy are Admiral Darlans recent message to former Ambassador Peyrouton at Buenos Aires asking the latter to serve as his accredited political representative to the Argentine Government, as well as his messages to other Chiefs of French Missions soliciting their political adherence.

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TO: AGWAR

No. 1363, December 7th, 1942.

Clear cool weather continues.

Part one land. G dash two report for twenty four hour period (to ABFOR AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) ending two four naught naught Z six December. Enemy launched heavy attack twenty five tanks followed by infantry afternoon six December from vicinity of El Batha against El Guassa (J seven five) estimated as aimed at Medjex El Bab coordinated with attack from area near Tyr dash Goubellat which succeeded in penetrating Allied position. About one one naught naught hours second German column preceded by tanks moved down Tunis dash Massi-cault road to Furna where it turned and attacked El Guassa from southeast. German attack partially repulsed but eight eight MM guns installed at southern end of El Guassa and succeeded in holding one half of El Guexjaux enemy scale of effort in dive bombing not as severe as five December. In south Faïd and Gafsa positions bombed. Enemy used five hundred pound bombs at Faïd damage light. Remaining two companies eighteen Marsch Battalion entrenched at Djebel Krechem (TT ten six three) with artillery. Prisoners report

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our bombing at Sfax heavy but little damage except to vehicles. Patrols found following points unoccupied six December Boq Aradadn Kasar Lemsa. Pichon, Fonndouk El Okbi.

Part two follows. Reports enemy reinforcements continue to arrive by sea and air. Germans reported having requisitioned tanks and have disarmed and confined French troops in the vicinity of Bizerte. Identifications Eighty Six Schutzen Regiment. Ten Panzer Division, area Tebourba. Three Panzer Jager Abteilung Ersatz area dash Faid. Both secured from prisoners.

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From: Algiers
To: Agwar

No. 1354 Dec 7, 1942

Dec six SITREP three four use two hundred thousand map.

Para one ETF enemy Inf and TK attack at zero eight zero zero Z from direction El Bathan J seventy (to ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) five on position held by First BN sixth Inf on El Gueassa feature J seventy five, position penetrated during confused fighting. About one zero zero zero Z another German column headed by tanks advanced on road Tunis dash Massicault and at Furna turned Northwest and attacked first BN six Inf position from Southeast. Second BN thirteenth AR ordered to attack from south. BN late starting and were stopped by enemy eighty eight MM guns installed southern end El Gueassa feature, five tanks lost and four guns destroyed by enemy tanks, Inf losses high. Confused fighting followed with El Gueassa half ours, half enemys. Two Bn sixth Inf then crossed river and attacked El Gueassa feature from northwest with back to river supported by tanks and artillery. Both USA Infantry Bns concentrated at night at point two two six J seventy four. CC B plans destroy during night disabled enemy tanks and recover ours worth saving. Eleven brig with-draw during night to two nine zero J sixty four extending to southwest. Enemy dive bombing on reduced scale during day. Air score: Twelve destroyed, three probable, ten damaged. Our losses five.

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From: Algiers
To : AGWAR

No. 1343, December 7, 1942

We understand President's desires in Dakar affair and feel sure we can engineer matter in conformity therewith (from Eisenhower to General Marshall, reference your number thirty five) since we also have comments from British, we are trying to get whole matter cleaned up today and Boisson started back to Dskar.

As soon as Boisson reaches Dakar, he will invite Fitzgerald there to begin exploratory conversations relative to air traffic. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) I believe that within a few days we can begin transmitting a few planes through his territory without waiting for detailed deliberations.

I venture the suggestion that the War Department and this force might profit materially by sending here for a visit via Southern Air Route a trusted W D representative such as Handy or McNarney a naturally, the perfect solution would be for you to come but this I realize is not feasible.

In an earlier telegram today I explained reasons for political staff dispatching certain French messages to War Department.

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From: London
To: Agwar

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Identification, part one land, prisoner German
Nighten March Battalion captured Faid, this is an
independent infantry battalion originally intended
for Afrika Korps Tenth Bersaglie E reported (to
ABFOR and AGWAR from Algiers Freedom) vicinity SFAX
dash Faid E this unit prisoners state replaces
Ninety First Italia Infantry Regiment Superba Division.
Q dash two report for twenty four hour period ending
twenty four hundred five December, in Northern Tunisia
enemy continuing local attacks to improve and enlarge
bridgehead while continuing to improve and enlarge
line generally Mateur Daih Djebel Sakkak dash Djedeida
dash Saint Cyprien dash Mohammedia, enemy scale of
activity vigorous, enemy concentrations reported
southeast of Cheylus armored cars and infantry, in
Southern Tunisia enemy concentrations reported north
and south of SFAX dash Faid Road vicinity coordinate
TU naught four six six, enemy reinforcement by air and
water continues although reduced by losses, enemy
casualties considerable but combat efficiency still
high.

Para two Air, two long range recce aircraft operating
southern half Western Basin, one carried out weather
flight to Greenwich Meridian, one sea recce off
shore to Algiers, security patrols made area north
Balearics to French Coast by aircraft from Southern
France, six JU eight eight landed Sardinia after
morning operations, eleven more JU eight eight operated
late afternoon probably against shipping targets,
transport between Sicily Tunis Tripoli continued on
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To: Agwar

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heavy scale, one formation twenty JU Five Two landed Africa by one four three naught Z, water information operations four December indicates morning sweep Tebourba Area by twelve DE one naught nine and eighteen FW one nine naught, attacks one Bone during morning by four FW one nine naught fighter bombers, afternoon by twenty ME one naught nine and four JU eight eight, part three Navy, French Fleet no change Italian Fleet, visual report of Naples on five December states one cruiser lying on her side, no other change, U Slant B's thought to number about five in Western Mediterranean.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

Dec 6, 1942

Freedom Algiers

No. 38

The following comments have just been received from the British Chiefs of Staff relative to the Presidents views which were given in our number 35 this date. (from Marshall to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers) British agree proposal should be made in form of "announcement". They take strong exception to use of words "French imperial federation" in announcement by you or by the French themselves.

They wish your old article 14 and paragraph 17 of our message number 35 to be deleted.

They desire substitution of the words "USA, Great Britain and Allies" and "American, British and Allied" for "USA" and "American" respectively wherever they occur in the following articles (references are to your number 1060) 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. They desire insertion of words "and British" after "American" in old article 2.

They would like to change paragraph 2D in our number 35 to read "that French Naval vessels and French Merchant shipping under control of French West African and Togaland authorities will not be detained by the action of the US or British Governments in Ports under their control".

The above points are in addition to those included in COSW 383 which was sent to you by the British Chiefs of Staff in London earlier today. The comments contained therein still hold good. End of British comments.

The British Staff Mission in Washington has requested British Chiefs of Staff in London to send you these comments directly. Their message will be in more detail but the above includes all essential points.

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Dec 6, 1942

Freedom
Algiers

No. 34

President's views on negotiations now being dispatched to you (Marshall to Eisenhower Freedom Algiers) your 1285 Dec 6th in answer to which this message is being sent.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 1281, December 6, 1942.

We have had several informal conversations with Darlan and other officials regarding the status and welfare of Jewish and Spanish refugees as well as the general status of Jews.

Darlan for example has promised informally to alleviate the condition of Jews in French North Africa progressively by restoring to them their property which was sequestered under post armistice legislation enacted under Axis pressure and also returning to them the right to practice certain professions such as medicine law etc. He and many qualified officials state that if sensational steps to improve the lot of the Jews are taken there will inevitably follow a violent Moslem reaction which in the present uncertain state of public affairs would be most untimely and unwelcome. From Eisenhower for Marshall for Secretary Hull from Murphy. (To AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) your attention is invited to the special situation prevailing in French North Africa where there are approximately a total of only three hundred thousand Jews as compared with about seventeen million Moslems. The latter do not occupy an equal status in many respects such as normal right of franchise right to hold public office etc for the reason that the comparatively small European population of approximately one million five hundred thousands for years have protected their status in this area by special legislation. Granting of rights to native Jews superior

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to those granted Moslems risks in the opinion of those well acquainted with the problem incurring the hostility of the Moslems. For this reason Giraud recently made special provision for Jewish volunteers and those mobilized for military service to avoid the kind of clashes between Jews and Moslems which have featured North African history and yet give them opportunity honorably to serve their country.

Allied military authorities have indicated an unwillingness to see released immediately several thousand European refugees now interned until the military operation is farther advanced and appropriate measures are possible for their eventual repatriation or other disposition. They have also wished to avoid at this time an adverse Spanish reaction.

It is my belief that we can count on French cooperation looking to the release of most if not all of such internees at such time as it may be possible adequately to provide for and repatriate them.

Darlan for example is formulating an arrangement for the release of twenty seven French Communist deputies now in prison near Algiers after conviction since outbreak of war in one nine three nine for alleged crimes against the security of the state.

Mack has had a telegram from Foreign Office stating that in view of German propaganda that Allied victory will mean Communism in Spain British Ambassador Madrid desires to refute story to effect that American authorities in Algeria were releasing Spanish Communist internees. Re your R three eight four two.

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To: AGWAR

Number 1327. December 6, 1942

Five Dec SITREP thirty three no enemy activity reported (To ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) night four five Dec. By Dec zero five zero seven zero zero Z seven eight div regrouped as follows: eight Argyll and Southerland Highlanders moved from north sector to Oued Kargy L seventeen twenty one Lancers with two btrys twenty five Pdrs attacked in area eight six five eight five eight covering open ground, Second Bn Lancashire Fusiliers on high ground covering roads eight five six eight six one, eleven Brig no other change, general line forward troops eight seven one eight five six dash eight seven two eight five four dash eight seven five eight five three, first Bn six Inf on the left north. First Bn Surrey Regt Reserve eight six eight eight five zero. Further small party two paratroop bn brought in by fifty six Recce Rgt making total two hundred to date. Ninety personnel of second Bn Hampshire Rgt returned night two three Dec, hope about eighty more may make way back, thirty six Brig less one Bn no change, Commander First Commando reported three six Brig midday four Dec, for three days after successful landing unit held road junction eight five one eight nine four inflicting heavy losses on lorried Inf, forced to return to base due shortage supplies. Activity five Dec confined to local patrolling. Six aircraft attempted to use Medjex El Bab advanced landing field, two destroyed landing from sortie (to AGWAR ABFOR from Freedom Algiers). Air score one destroyed, one probable, one damaged, loss six destroyed. Wireless intercept indicates main weight enemy armor south of Riutr Medjehra and possible attack by Armor with Arty support only in direction eight six zero eight two six dash eight four eight eight three one dash eight three eight eight four one. Six

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Armd Div to check this information and assist static French garrison if threat materializes. Messages received from first army state that eleven brig was dive bombed morning six Dec, reports from liaison channels indicate that seven motor columns observed on road eight eight two eight four four moving southwest at noon and attack by twenty five tanks on line eight seven two eight five three dash eight seven zero eight four eight.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number 1312. December 6, 1942

Three two Sitrep five Dec.

1. Naval. Bone Port heavily bombed before dawn four Dec and night four five Dec. No Naval casualties. No shipping (To ASFOR London, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) damage. Algiers: Force Q returned from night sweep. Promising attack made on submarine no other results. Oran: Force H operating to north east. Proceeding to Gib. Gib: three ships KNF four delayed. Two in collision. One with mechanical trouble. Passengers transferring to Llanstephan Castle.

2. ETF due wire failure reports not yet received.

3. CTF first Bn nineteen Engrs protecting key points of railroad and highway Steffbarbg Du Tielat nine five six seven to French Moroccan border.

4. WTF thirtieth Inf less two Bns enroute Guercif six nine five three by rail. First Bn thirtieth Inf enroute Oujdja by rail.

5. Air. Bizerta docks and shipping and Sidi Ahmed Airdrome attacked night three four Dec by seventeen Bisleys. One plane missing. Three damaged by antiaircraft. Sidi Ahmed airdrome attacked

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by eight B twenty fives. Bombs fell airdrome. Mangars. Aircraft. Attacked by four enemy aircraft. Enemy losses unknown. One B twenty five missing. Sidi Ahmed also attacked by nine DB sevens. Believed bombs short of target. Several DB sevens damaged by antiaircraft. Tunis docks and shipping attacked by sixteen B seventeens. Hits on docks. Sheds. Railway yards. Merchant vessel. All planes returned. Vicinity Souk El Arba ten Bisleys on support bombing met about forty five enemy fighters. Four Bisleys forced down. Crews safe. No news remaining Bisleys. Five fighter sweeps in forward area. Six enemy planes destroyed. Two probable. Six damaged. Our loss eight planes. Thirteen Rcn sorties over Faid, Feriana, Gabes, Sfax, Sbeitla, Kairouan, Sousse, Pont Du Fahs, no enemy aircraft encountered. Three PRU over Sousse, Sfax, Gabes, Sardinia, and Sicily. Location air units: Gouk El Arba: forty five fighters, Youks Les Bains: thirty seven fighters, nine DB seven light bombers, Bone: seventy six fighters, six heavy bombers, Canrobert (six four seven three) seven light bombers, Djedjelli: twelve fighters light bombers, Djedjelli: twelve fighters, Algiers including Maison Blanche and Blida: thirty fighters, seven night fighters, twenty six night bombers, seven seventeen medium bombers, six heavy bombers, twenty four Rcn planes, thirty three troop carriers, eleven bomber dash Rcn planes, Oran includes La Senia, Tafaraoui, Nouvion (zero one six eight) and Melizane (zero five six nine) eighty two fighters, forty three heavy bombers, fifty eight troop carriers, Casablanca and vicinity: sixty eight P forties, sixteen troop carriers.

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Identification, part one land, prisoner German Eighteen Marsch Battalion captured Faïd, this is an independent infantry battalion originally intended for Afrika Korps Tenth Bersaglie E reported (to ABFOR and AGWAR from Algiers Freedom) vicinity SFAX dash Faïd E this unit prisoners state replaces Ninety First Italia Infantry Regiment Superba Division. Q dash two report for twenty four hour period ending twenty four hundred five December, in Northern Tunisia enemy continuing local attacks to improve and enlarge bridgehead while continuing to improve defensive line generally Mateur Daih Djebel Sakkak dash Djedeïda dash Saint Cyprien dash Mohammedia, enemy scale of activity vigorous, enemy concentrations reported southeast of Cheylus armored cars and infantry, in Southern Tunisia enemy concentrations reported north and south of SFAX dash Faïd Road vicinity coordinate TU naught four six six, enemy reinforcement by air and water continues although reduced by losses, enemy casualties considerable but combat efficiency still high.

Para two Air, two long range recce aircraft operating southern half Western Basin, one carried out weather flight to Greenwich Meridian, one sea recce off shore to Algiers, security patrols made area north Balearics to French Coast by aircraft from Southern France, six JU eight eight landed Sardinia after morning operations, eleven more JU eight eight operated late afternoon probably against shipping targets, transport between Sicily Tunis Tripoli continued on

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From: London (6/1550Z)
To: AGWAR Washington

No 1291 December 6, 1942

attached
I completely concur in ideas expressed in your
Fan thirty three. From C in C to CCS. (To AGWAR
ABFOR from Freedom Algiers). You may be sure that
the assault once launched will be pushed to utmost
since all here realize that no loss would be too
great to pay for quick and decisive advance in that
area. Its direct and indirect effect on Gibraltar
situation would be profound. Para Our difficulty
involves the creation of conditions permitting launching
of attack. These problems apply to air, to ground
forces and to logistics, with the first of these of
over riding importance. Air casualties for one day
as reported to me, are six spitfires, ten Bisleys,
five P thirty eights and one DB seven, all lost be-
cause of hostile fighter mastery of battlefields
area, in spite of utmost effort on part of our air.
The six Spitfires were lost through an attempt to
use a forward QOGBB field at Medjes El Bab, upon the
use of which we had counted to give us a better
position with respect to enemy fighters. Welsh now
says he cannot use that field. The plan adopted three
days ago envisioned withdrawal of fifty percent of
our fighters from forward areas to minimize losses
and be prepared for maximum effort on ninth and tenth
December. Actually Welsh has been unable to withdraw
anything because of ground situation. Hence possibility

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of effective air cover during attack appears currently to be a slim one.

On ground we have been forced back since December first from good positions in front of Tebourba and lost some forty tanks as opposed to about thirtythree lost by enemy. Twenty of our good AT guns were lost. One battalion of the guards brigade was cut off. Casualties in all other front line formations are considerable. Anderson told me two days ago that three of his battalions had lost from three to four hundred each. We have no report of results of ground fighting for fifth or sixth. Including two infantry battalions of sixth armored divisions, the reinforcements we calculate December ninth are four infantry battalions and one tank battalion. Shortly thereafter replacements for present front line troops should reach Souk El Arba..

Our bomber operations against ports are not as intensive as they should be. Heavy bombers have been operating from Tajfurai while Bisleys, working at night, are using Maikon Blanche all forward fields. Each plane can make only one sortie per day. One squadron DE-sevens is in Tebessa area. While we have done much damage at two hostile ports, we cannot estimate the scale of his present reinforcement.

All hands are working at top speed to open up a flow of supply to the front. This particular situation should be much better in another two days, but wrecked train at Souk-Ahras and lack of MT are handicaps.

Bulk of hostile air is operating apparently from two main and four auxilliary fields in Bizerte-Tunis area where good runways, proximity to fighting line, ample Flak and RDE combine to give him advantage. Our OIR has so far been unable to overcome. Exposed, barren character of Terrain makes his operations against vehicles of our ground forces very effective.

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We will keep you informed as to developments and assure you that no opportunity to settle this thing will be rejected. We do not desire to get into a battle of attrition. We are still holding to target date of December ninth, but better results in air coverage must be achieved to give ground forces a decent chance.

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To: Agwar

No. 164 December 6, 1942

Move of our forces to the east has been much earlier than planned. (Secret Twelfth A F NE one six four General Arnold C G AAF from Doolittle) as a result our air force has been in contact with German air force earlier and with higher attrition than previously anticipated.

To date no replacements have been received in this theater except P dash forty type. Request replacements be expedited earliest possible. Unless immediate replacement for P dash thirty eight type are obtained serious reduction of American effort will result.

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From: Algiers (1045 Z/8th)
To: AGWAR

No. 165 Dec 6, 1942

Our aircraft in forward areas are constantly exposed to night (SECRET Twelfth A F Nr one six five to AGWAR from Doolittle) bombing. Arnold from Doolittle. Urgently request that a night fighter group be made available to this theater as early as possible.

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1. FORCE Q RETURNING TO ALGIERS AFTER ABORTIVE NIGHT SWEEP. ESKIMO ATTACKED U BOAT AT 2330/4 IN POSITION 3 55 NORTH 08 -10 EAST. SIGHTED AT EIGHT CABLES LEADING EDGE OF WAKE ATTACKED WITH FULL PATTERN AS U BOAT CRASHED DIVED. A PROMISING ATTACK.

2. FORCE H OPERATING NORTH EAST OF ORAN TURNING WEST TO ARRIVE GIBALTAR A.M. 6TH.

3. AEF4. LLANGIBBY CASTLE TEGELBURG AND TRONTO DELAYED AT GIBALTAR. FIRST TWO IN COLLISION FORMER UNFIT FOR SEA. PASSANGERS TRANSFERRING TO LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. INTEND TO SAIL ALL THREE EAST EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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4. BONE. PORT HEAVILY BOMBED BEFORE
DAWN 4TH AND 2000-0400 4TH/5TH. NO NAVAL CASUALTIES
NOR SHIPPING DAMAGED.

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DAYS OF RATE OF DISCHARGE OF SHIPPING ATTRIBUTED TO
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From: London (6/0410Z)

To: AGWAR

No 1257 December 5, 1942

Para one. Naval Sitrep thirty two Dec four.
Algiers: Force Q sailed for sweep on line Cagesfoo
dash Bizerta.

Para two. Five Zero Three (to ABFOR AGWAR
from Freedom Algiers) Paratroops. Faid; enemy
reinforcing column forced to withdraw due to tank
destroyer fire three Dec. Faid bombed during morning.

Para three. WTF one company light tanks plus
one platoon Armd Inf alerted for movement to Souk
El Arba Du Rharb north of river Sebou. One company
Armd Inf, less plat, alerted for movement to Ouezzane.

Para four. Air. Bizerta: late report B
seventeen mission three Dec confirms loss one more
P thirty eight and destruction one more ME one zero
nine. Four December eight B twenty sixes dropped
seven and half tons of bombs from four thousand feet
on Bizerta shipping and docks, hits observed. Ac-
curate light and heavy antiaircraft fire. One B
twenty six missing. Escort attacked by about ten
enemy aircraft, one enemy aircraft destroyed, one
damaged, all escort returned, one badly damaged.
Eighteen B seventeens dropped thirty seven and half
tons of bombs on Bizerta shipping and docks from

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twenty thousand feet; hits claimed with good results; all planes returned. Seven P Thirty Eight sweeps and rcn flights made over areas Triagy, Djedeida, SFAX, Gabes and Faid. All planes returned. Two enemy aircraft destroyed. PRU sorties over Tunis, Bizerta, Gabes, Sfax and Sousse. Mapping mission performed over south Constantine. Thirty three sorties by Spitfires from Djidjelli conducting standing patrols over shipping. Usual patrols over Algiers MC convoys. Fourteen antisubmarine sorties, one sighting, one attack. No success. Bone attacked from eighteen zero zero Z on; Beaufighters destroyed three enemy aircraft. Night two three Dec two enemy aircraft active over Algiers, Beaufighters destroyed one. From Malta Wellingtons dropped eighteen tons of bombs on docks Bizerta and Tunis; hits scored.

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To: AGWAR

Number: 1247, December 5, 1942

Land northern sector. No change reported in enemy dispositions (to ABFOR AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Djebel Aboid area (G dash Two report for twenty four hour period ending twenty four hundred Z four December) reported dive bombers widely deployed fields outside Djedeida. In area Tabourba westwards enemy maintains considerable pressure with mechanized troops and infantry. Attack launched three December with approximately three infantry battalions reinforced by thirty five tanks Mark Three and Mark Four and supported by dive bombers. Subsequently patrols active. Dive bomber attacks continue. Enemy tank losses Tabourba area period one to three December thirty three of which some possibly recoverable. Enemy patrols active area Pont Du Fahs, Massicault, Goubellat four December. Increased armored elements believed in this area. Southern sector. Enemy columns reported approaching Faid dash Sidinboudid sectors from Sfax, Kairouan. No ground attack developed. Northern column unconfirmed. Importance Faid position indicated by dive bombing straffing our positions. American Red Cross ambulances machine gunned while evacuating wounded after December third battle. Enemy reported using Alg Fatnassa area SE Hemima where motorized infantry tanks from Sfax believed concentrated. Road block also established ten kms west Hemima. Defensive works being constructed vicinity Bou Thaid. Prisoners taken three December Faid seventy eight Germans forty five Italians, include two German officers advance recon party Sfax column. French unable evacuate owing lack transportation and during subsequent bombing attack some escaped officers included. Total now reported one hundred seven.

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Enemy bombing derailed Vuno train Souk Ahmas three December possibly coincided sabotage on ground though unconfirmed. Identifications follow identifications: interrogation said prisoners incomplete. Presence confirmed Fifth Battalion Artillery Regiment Superga Division. Possibly unconfirmed Tenth Bersaglieri regiment. Germans formed mixed unit Afrika Korps. General impression morale Germans determined but very discontented critical.

Part two German air operations. Recces from Sicily southern France covered western basin. Bombers active against targets forward areas. Tabourba heavily attacked night three dash four December and again following morning. JU eight eight and ME two one naught strafed troops motor transports said area. American aircraft operating against Bizerte destroyed one ME one naught nine from formation ME one naught nine and FW one nine naught on defensive patrol. Transport aircraft operated between Naples Palermo Reggio Trapani Tunis and Cpatel Benito.

Part three naval. French fleet, PML three December showed no major change. Three cruisers still burning. Italian fleet no major change. Unit slant B's perhaps ten between six degrees east and Gibraltar.

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To: AGWAR

No. 1224, December 5, 1942.

Thirty first SITREP four Dec, scale of fighting three Dec more serious than first reported, eleven Brig suffered heavy casualties. Especially rear guard (to ABFOR AGWAR from FREEDOM Algiers) two Hampshires who failed to get withdrawal order and were cut off. ^{plus} Collapse and blocking track through defile used in night withdrawal, loss in guns high, particularly six pounder antitank guns of which twenty lost. Eleven brig claim inflicted severe casualties on enemy three Dec. Strength enemy attack estimated at least three Bns with thirty five mark three and mark six tanks supported by dive bombers. After withdrawal position established line reported SCTREP thirty. Very heavy dive bombing morning four Dec, only patrol activity during day. Attempt operate fighters from Medjex El Bab airdrome five Dec in order lessen burden of continual dive bombing on tired troops who cannot be relieved for three days at least. Until air threat properly dealt with no possibility of lessening effort demanded of supporting RAF and USA squadrons. Air score four Dec, six destroyed, two probable, seven damaged, our base before fit for effective action. Situation thirty six Brig unchanged. Touch established with commando landed on north coast. Total loss enemy tanks. One to three Dec estimated thirty three, no figures on those recovered. CG five CO WS assumed command all troops forward zone. Administrative situation forward precarious, reserves small, should improve when large stocks all kinds reach railhead

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within forty eight hours. Arrival more trucks permits opening Sunday new road supply route south from La Caxle, latter port will be stocked from Bone by landing craft tank and landing craft MGX XM much progress relieving block from forward railways, inefficient railway staff Souk El Arba still cause delays, transportation expert obtained from Gen Juin to assist solve muddle there. Splendid work by royal engineers and French employees succeeded Oesear line at Souk Ahras for first train at one six zero zero Z, electricity will not be restored for forty eight hours at Leaut, meanwhile shunting and other work impeded. CG First Army to visit Constantine, Ain Beida and Tebessa five Dec.

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From : N.C.X.F.

IMMEDIATE

Situation report Number 30.

1. Force Q returning to Algiers after abortive night sweep. ESKIMO attacked U boat at 2330/4 in position 3 55 north 08 10 east.ighted at eight cables leading edge of wake attacked with full pattern as U boat crashed dived. A promising attack.
2. Force H operating north east of Oran turning west to arrive Gibraltar A.M. 6th.
3. AEF4. LLANGIBBY CASTLE TEGELBURG and TORONTO delayed at Gibraltar. First two in collision former unfit for sea. Passengers transferring to LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. Intend to sail all three east early next week.
4. Bone. Port Heavily bombed before dawn 4th and 2000-0400 4th/5th. No naval casualties nor shipping damaged.
5. Noticesble improvement in last three days of rate of discharge of shipping attributed to arrival of MT and extended employment of local labour.

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IMMEDIATE Situation Report Number 29.

1. Force Q sailed from Algiers at 0830/4 to carry out a sweep on the line Cagliari Bizerta during dark hours returning to Bone by daylight tomorrow Saturday.
2. Algiers. QUEEN EMMA with 2 destroyers sail to Philippeville tonight with 900 troops.
3. Casablanca. 5000 ton floating dock in Balsin Lelande is expected to be raised shortly and to operate in about one month's time. Repair facilities on a small scale. Material supplies very low.

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3. CASABLANCA. 5000 TON FLOATING DOCK IN BALSIN LELANDE IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED SHORTLY AND TO OPERATE IN ABOUT ONE MONTH'S TIME. REPAIR FACILITIES ON A SMALL SCALE. MATERIAL SUPPLIES VERY LOW.

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

No 1225 December 5, 1942

Have just learned that through error in local censorship system, there was (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) permitted to go out of here in last forty eight hours certain broadcasts that completely misrepresent attitude of this headquarters in political matters, particularly in that it was stated this headquarters is going beyond matters of immediate military importance here. From Eisenhower to General Marshall. In addition, military censors have permitted unwise statements to be transmitted, both by radio and by correspondence.

Immediate steps are being taken to correct this situation, which has been one of the most difficult administrative problems we have had because it involves dual political and military set up further complicated by necessary coordination with French. Every phase of past and current negotiations with the French has been accurately reported to you, and in every respect we go to extreme lengths to avoid even appearance of political recognition with which we are not concerned.

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Sent To:

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No. 23

ETOUSA FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF LONDON

No. R-3976

Reference Attached
Your estimate and plans for target date of December 9th, mentioned in your 110, appear sound. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. It is the opinion of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the assault, once launched, should be pursued vigorously and carried to a conclusion as quickly as possible in order that the enemy may be rapidly deprived of the ability to develop further his forces in North Africa, and that you may be free for further action and to take increased precautions to guard the mouth of the Mediterranean. FAN 33. Losses in the initial assault may be heavy, but should be less than those that are bound to occur if you become involved in a long drawn out attrition battle.

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No. 1224 Dec 5, 1942

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efficient railway staff Souk El Arba still cause delays & transportation expert obtained from Gen Juin to assist solve muddle there. Splendid work by Royal Engineers and French employees succeeded clear line at Souk Ahras for first train at one six zero zero Z. Electricity will not be restored for forty eight hours at least. Meanwhile shunting and other work impeded. CG First Army to visit Constantine. Ain Beida and Tebessa five Dec.

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From: Algiers
To : AGWAR

No. 1208, December 4, 1942

Darlan communicated confidentially to Murphy a copy of his statement before the "Imperial Council" on November thirtieth (for CCS from C in C) it opens (to ABFOR London and AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) with the following argument. When Petain was free to take decisions he appointed Darlan as his eventual substitute and successor designate by a constitutional act of February ninth, nineteen forty one. He annulled this act on November nineteenth, nineteen forty two under pressure from the Germans who had occupied the whole of France since November eleventh. He appointed the head of the government as his eventual substitute and left it to the Council of Ministers to designate his successor. Darlan does not consider this annulment valid and considers equally invalid any enactment since Petain's abdication. Petain having solemnly protested against the occupation of France on the November eleventh which he considered a breach of the Armistice had always under German pressure passed all powers other than constitutional to the head of the government marking thus in advance that he did not wish to associate himself with decisions which might be taken by a government deprived in practice of its freedom of decision.

Part two. It was in these conditions that the members of the Imperial Council had all freely decided to consider Darlan as the Marshal's substitute freely chosen by him and to place themselves under his authority. "We have all admitted that the Marshal was still our Chief but that, as he is morally a prisoner, we were exercising authority in Africa in his name. I consider that this is the first directing principle which we should apply."

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Later in the statement Darlan said that if the members of the Council had not decided to unite under the Aegis of the Marshal Africa would today be the theatre of a violent civil war between Petain's Partisans and the Gaullists between the Moslems and Jews and the Army the Navy and the Air Forces would have refused to fight in order not to be false to their

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of the Empire and join us, it is my view that we should not reject them.

Part three. It will be for the French people when freed and for them alone to determine after the war the constitutional organization which it wishes to have and to designate the Chief who is to be in command. So far as I am concerned my task will end with the liberation of the territory."

The statement also dealt with the internal organization of the African federation the objects of which Darlan described as One the representation of France besides the Allies in the present conflict Two the resumption of economic life and Three the preparation of future union with metropolitan France and the rest of the Empire. "We must not lose sight of the fact that all our external acts, political, economic and financial, engage not only the present territories of the federation but imperial France of tomorrow. They must therefore be concerted between us and executed by a single organization, the High Commission."

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To: WAR

No. 1208, December 4, 1942

Darlan communicated confidentially to Murphy a copy of his statement before the "Imperial Council" on November thirtieth. For CCS from C in C. It opens (to Abfor London and AGWAR Washington from Freedom Algiers) with the following argument. When Petain was free to make decisions he appointed Darlan as his eventual substitute and successor designated by a constitutional act of February ninth, nineteen forty one. He annulled this act on November nineteenth, nineteen forty two under pressure from the Germans who had occupied the whole of France since November eleventh. He appointed the head of the Government as his eventual substitute and left it to the Council of Ministers to designate his successor. Darlan does not consider this annulment null and considers equally invalid any enactment since Petains abdication. Petain having solemnly protested against the occupation of France on the November eleventh which he considered a breach of Armistice had always under German pressure passed all powers other than constitutional to the head of the Government marking thus in advance that he did not wish to associate himself with decisions which might be taken by a Government deprived in practice of its freedom of decision. Part one ends part two follows part two begins. It was in these conditions that the members of the Imperial Council had all freely decided to consider Darlan as the Marshalls substitute freely chosen by him and to place themselves under his authority. "We have all admitted that the Marshall was still our chief but that, as he is morally a prisoner,

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we are exercising authority in Africa in his name. I consider that this is the first directing principle which we should apply."

Later in the statement Darlan said that if the members of the council had not decided to unite under the aegis of the Marshal Africa would today be the theatre of a violent Civil War between petains Partisans and the Gullists between the Moslems and Jews and the Army the Navy and the Air Forces would have refused to fight in order not to be false to their oath of allegiance.

In regard to the Gaullists Darlan said "None of us approves the past acts of the Gaullists and we do not wish to have any relations with those who have fought against France and do not recognise the Marshal as their chief. On the other hand they participate in their own way in the struggle against the common enemy. In these conditions I consider that we should ignore them not support them not attack them. If some of them understand that it is indispensable to remake the legal unity of the empire and join us, it is my view that we should not reject them. Part two ends part three follows part three begins. It will be for the French people when freed and for them alone to determine after the war the constitutional organization which it wishes to have and to designate the chief who is to be in command. So far as I am concerned my task will end with the liberation of the territory."

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The statement also dealt with the internal organization of the African Federation the objects of which Darlan described as one the representation of France besides the allies in the present conflict two the resumption of economic life and three the preparation of future union with metropolitan France and the rest of the empire. "We must not lose sight of the fact that all our external acts, political, economic and financial, engage not only the present territories of the federation but Imperial France of tomorrow. They must therefore be concerted between us and executed by a single organization, the high commission."

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From: Cairo

To: AGWAR

No. Amsme 2973 December 4, 1942

Following from United States Naval Attache:
Moreau, a French Admiral from Algiers, is being
sent as envoy to confer with Admiral Godfroy about
status of fleet. For Marshall from Andrews. Two
enlisted men from Lorraine joined British December
three.

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From: Algiers
To: Important AGWAR

No. 1194, December 4, 1942

Three Dec SITREP thirty.

1. Naval UGS two being berthed Casablanca.
Conditions reported crowded.

2. ETF enemy attacked eleven brig at Tebourba from north and east in afternoon. (to Abfor, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) attack by infantry and tanks. Severe dive bombing. Our positions penetrated several places. Sixth Armd Inf of CC B cleared east bank river Commander and one five zero personnel two Paratroop Bn reported to seven eight div. Two five zero more expected four Dec. Our tank losses one and two Dec ten USA. Thirty British. Approval issued by First Army for withdrawal to line. Defile eight seven one eight five five. Hill eight seven one eight six three. Southwest to Cross Road eight five five eight five nine. New line will reduce salient and dominates area Chouigui dash Tebourba. Six Commando and one FA Btry being withdrawn from thirty six brig to central location. Units from KM three reaching front satisfactorily. Ammunition train in Souk Ahras station bombed. May cause delays. Electric railway power affected. Line to Duvivier six nine eight zero may be blocked. Enemy dive bombers reported widely deployed in fields east Djedeids outside Arty range.

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3. Five zero three paratroops assisted by French captured Faïd. Enemy fought well. Artillery decisive. Essentially French victory as they attacked vigorously under artillery cover and played major part. One hundred prisoners mostly Germans.

4. WTF antisircraft battalion moved by air Port Lyautey to Oudjda thirty Nov.

5. Air El Aouina airdrome was bombed night two three Dec by sixteen Bisleys dropping seven and half tons of bombs also by nine DB sevens. Night three four Dec by fifteen Bisleys. Bizerta docks and shipping were bombed from twenty thousand feet by eighteen B seventeens dropping forty five tons of bombs. Hits observed two vessels. Canals and docks. Heavier antisircraft encountered. Enemy fighters engaged by escort. Two thirty eights destroyed. Two missing. One crash landed. P thirty eight aircraft conducted RCN over Gabes, Sfax, Sousse, Fafsa. over NE Tunisia sixteen P thirty eights engaged eight enemy aircraft in twenty minute battle. Enemy losses unknown. One P thirty eight missing. One crash landed. Over Tunis twelve P thirty eights intercepted by fifteen enemy aircraft. One enemy destroyed. One P thirty eight missing. At Faïd P thirty eights strafed enemy tanks. Fighters from Souk El Arbt destroyed four enemy aircraft. Two Dec fighters dispatched to defeat Naval Force from attack by Italian aircraft destroyed three enemy we lost one.

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To: AGWAR

No: 1188 Dec 4, 1942

Enemy maintained forward positions in the North continuing in possession of hill at TJ three seven seven three. (To ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Mateur and Djedeidn. Enemy infantry and tank attack supported by severe dive bombing penetrated front of the Eleventh Brigade at Tabourba afternoon third December and rained ground. Enemy front line believed Chouigui to point east of Tabourba. Enemy bombed supply train previously derailed at Souk Ahras. In the south the enemy maintained himself in defensive position at Faid until afternoon when driven from position with loss of fifty dead sixty wounded with one hundred prisoners mostly German. Identifications: letters vicinity Medjex El Bab second company one hundred first antitank battalion one hundred first Italian motorized division. Prisoners taken near Djedeida from improvised unit formed from Ersatz Bn four three seven. Prisoners from Faid believed to be Italians of the Second Battalion Ninety Second Infantry Regiment previously identified and Germans detached from Afrika Korps. Germans firing on Red Cross ambulance killed German wounded in ambulance and French driver. Column five hundred lorried infantry east Faid expected to counterattack. Enemy continuing reinforcements by sea. Evidence of losses by Naval action. G-2 report twenty four hour. Ending twenty four hundred Z three December signed Eisenhower. Part Two Naval. German air operations December three and December night three four. Recce by aircraft probably based southern France covered northern waters of western Mediterranean. ME one naught nine on defensive patrol EL Bizerte shot down two of formation of American aircraft attacking the harbor. JU eight eight bombers

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attacked troops in the Faid area during the morning. Same
eight bombers operated from Sicily during the late
afternoon. Up to twenty bombers operated at night.
Some of which were probably escorting Axis convoys.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2196, December 4, 1942

Announcements published on the Algerian Press of December second and third indicate (to ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) that Darlan proposes to issue an ordinance whereby in the absence of the head of state who is a prisoner he assumes the prerogatives of a head of state as the repository of French Sovereignty and sets up an imperial council. From Eisenhower to CCS. Part Murphy discussed this announcement today with Darlan and his assistant Bergeret. The ordinance in question is still in draft form and has not been issued. It is being so framed to indicate clearly that Darlan's authority is purely local and that he proposes in no sense of the word to set himself up as head of the French State.

We hope to have the official text tomorrow or Sunday. Part of it was redrafted in Murphy's presence and is worded to exclude any notion of the establishment of a government of France. Darlan repeated again that he understands clearly that a government of France can only be established when the people of France are free to make their choice. His present purpose according to his repeated statements is limited to the establishment of a French African Authority which he hopes eventually may include other empire elements such as Martinique.

My representatives will continue to deal with Darlan merely in his capacity as de facto head of the local administration. We have given no reason for him to

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No. 2196, December 4, 1942

believe that any additional recognition will be extended.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 28.

- 1. BONE.** FORCE "Q" COMPRISED OF HMS AURORA (CS 12) HMS ARGO-NAUT, HMS ESKIMO AND (?HMS TARTAR) DUE 4TH DECEMBER.
- 2. CASABLANCA.** U G S Z BEING BERTHED P.M. 1ST DECEMBER CONDITIONS REPORTED EXTREMELY CROWDED. (?ERASE) SITREP 27 ITEM 2. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT 4 MERCHANT SHIPS WERE DESTROYED 2 OF WHICH APPEAR TO BE TRANSPORTS. 3 ESCORTING DESTROYERS SUNK.

AIR RECONNAISSANCE P.M. 2ND DECEMBER REPORTS --

- A) 7000 TONS TANKER WITH 2 DESTROYERS CIRCLING 140 DEG MARITTIMO 1/2 MILE.**
- B) 4 DESTROYERS 2 E BCATS 062 DEG MARITTIMO 6 080 DEG 12 KNOTS.**
- C) 1 DESTROYER STATIONARY 252 MARITTIMO 45.**

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No: 1060 Dec 3, 1942

Part three begins the closest cooperation will prevail between the military authorities of the United States on the one hand, and the competent authorities of French West Africa and Togoland on the other, in order to accomplish the purpose mentioned above: Article One the ports and port facilities, including watering, fuelling, repairs and docking, and the airports in French West Africa and in Togoland, as well as telecommunications, may be used by the American forces, it being understood that the Command of the Ports and of the airports will remain under the direction of the French local authorities. Article two for this purpose, the American authorities may establish in French West Africa and in Togoland such services and specialists as may be necessary, it being understood that armed forces will not be stationed permanently in French West Africa or in Togoland. Article three in case it may be necessary to transport armed forces across these territories, and in case of their temporary sojourn in transit in these territories, the Governor General of French West Africa and of Togoland will be requested to give his advance authorization. Part three ends.

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U R G E N T

From: London (4/1620Z)

To: WAR

No 110 December 3, 1942

Review number two three. In pell mell race for Tunisia, we have gone beyond sustainable limit of air capabilities in support of ground forces. From C in C to CCS. (to AGWAR, ABFOR from Freedom Algiers) Result is that although air forces have been working at maximum pace, without even minimum repair and supply and maintenance facilities, the scale of possible air support is not sufficient to keep down the hostile strafing and dive bombing that is largely responsible for breaking up all attempted advances by ground forces. The Air Commanders report that from two days to one week more of present scale air operation, under existing conditions, will leave them near or at complete breakdown, and yet this scale of air support is not sufficient. To provide reasonable conditions for air operations we must arrange at once for: (A) advanced operating air fields (B) air maintenance troops well forward (C) stocks of spare parts and supplies in advanced dromes (D) warning services and ack ack. To do these things we need a breathing space as well as proper air cover over land and sea routes of communication in rear areas. End part one, message in four parts deliberate undertaking of this purpose will cut down air operations in forward areas to bomber attacks on ports and hostile lines of communication with occasional fighter attacks against existing air fields.

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This will reduce our ground operations to consolidating principal gains, although today we are trying to recapture a key point near Tebourba which we lost yesterday. For past three days enemy has made many counter attacks. All our ground forces in Tunisia, except a portion of the "Blade" Force brought out for refitting, are in contact and no reserves are present in that area.

A few days or even more of delay would not be particularly serious in view of tremendous distances we have advanced ahead of anticipated probability, provided we could prevent Axis ground reinforcement. This is something that to date we have not been able to do, and even with some opportunity to improve our general supply situation to eastward of Algiers, there is a definite limit to our rate of build up and the strength of forces we can sustain in Tunisia. To help operate against Axis ports and communications I am arranging for additional heavy bombers to help us for a few days in this critical problem. These may come from Middle East if Teddar approves, otherwise I will take a United States group from the UK. This will be a temporary move only. Part two ends This morning I held a meeting which all ground, air, naval and supply commanders were present or represented. Favorable changes in the situation, now anticipated during near future, are the arrival on the front lines within the next five days of approximately four British Infantry Battalions and two Armored Battalions, and replacements for troops already on line. By reducing the number of aircraft in the forward areas during the next five days, we hope to cut down plane losses on the ground and build up reserve supplies of gasoline, ammunition and bombs for a sustained effort of several days. During the same period we will have an opportunity to straighten out the congested condition on our railway line between Constantine and the forward areas and to get supplies moving to the proper places. Because of shortage of motor transport, sidings have become crowded and supplies immobilized. To move supplies will require not only the use of whatever troops and trucks the French may be able to give us in those regions but the use of our own tactical vehicles. We will attempt to secure, during this period, one or

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two additional landing strips well forward for use by fighter planes. End Part Three If these calculations and anticipations work out, we will resume the advance as soon as possible with a present target date of December ninth. The principal objective will be the capture of Tunisia in an effort to throw the enemy back into the Bizerte stronghold, where we will try to confine him closely while bringing up additional means for the final kill.

Success of this plan depends also upon weather, because if protracted rain should set in every field we have becomes unusable except the tiny one at Bone and the one at Maizon Blanche. Bad weather would, of course, also facilitate Axis reinforcement in that our bombing operations would not be effective.

This force had only enough "Tyll" in initial shipments to capture ports. We gambled that with what we had we could grab Tunisia. I feel that we are way ahead of where inaction would have left us and still retain a fair chance of getting the big prize before too long. It is noticeable that it is the Hun and not the Wop that is defending this particular spot. End of Part Four.

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Two Dec SITREP twenty nine.

Para 1. Naval Force Q engaged south (to AGWAR ABFOR from Freedom Algiers) bound convoy between Bizerta and Sicily, convoy scattered and made smoke, four merchant vessels two of which appeared to be transports and three destroyers left burning wrecks, no casualties or damage to Force Q. Destroyer Quentin hit by aircraft torpedo off Galita Island, believed sunk, ninety per cent survivors picked up. Some: intermittent air raids morning one Dec, slight damage on merchant vessel. Four landing ships Infantry unsuccessfully attacked by bombers and torpedo bomber aircraft. Oran: Manxman torpedoed by sub eighty five miles to northeast, being towed there by destroyer.

Para 2. ETF location units: Thirty Six Brig vicinity station Jefna eight three seven eight seven six, Eleven Brig vicinity Tebourba, CC B vicinity Chouigui, Blade Force probably withdrawn from forward area to vicinity Medjex El Bab, part Sixth Armd Div on KM Three (armd regt, two Inf bns, Motor bn less CP, two FA regts less btry, AT regt less btry) enroute Algiers to area Beja dash Testour dash Souk El Khemis, Guards Brig (less bn with Eleven Brig) enroute Algiers to Seven Eight Div.

Para 3. Two bn Five Zero Three Paratroop Inf reinforced attacked Faid eight seven six five, failed dislodge German defensive position, silenced enemy arty with TD fire.

Para 4. WTF Forty Seventh RCT less bn enroute from Safi to Port Lyautey by marching, concentration of strength in Rabat dash Port Lyautey area continues..

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From: London (4/0430Z)

To: AGWAR

No 1100 December 3, 1942

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Twenty four hour period ending two four naught naught December two (to ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) N PIRE* one land G dash two report, Northern sector: The enemy is still in possession of Matcur and Djedeida. Enemy infantry and tanks have been active in area Tebourba and Chouggui. AA units are being used in An At* role. German armoured cars and tanks are reported at Bou Artda. Southern sector, no contact was made with enemy at Hadjeb el Aloun. The enemy holds a strong defensive position with four seven MM guns at Faid. Garrison estimated to consist of about one two naught men mostly Germans. Reinforcements, buildup in men and materials continued. Identifications it is possible that elements of Italian Centaur Armoured Division are in Tunisia.

Part two Navy. French Navy no change of importance. Italian Navy a cruiser was sighted in vicinity of Kerkennah PM two December apparently escorting a convoy to Tripoli otherwise no major changes. U SLIX DS* probably six between naught naught six degrees east and Gibraltar. An aircraft sighted one twelve minutes north of Cape Cazine at thirteen naught seven one December. This U slant B may have been French.

Part three follows G dash two report part three air: from Eisenhower German air operations two Dec and night two slant three Dec. Reconnaissance, bomber

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and torpedo bomber aircraft during the early morning were directed against Allied Naval units. Same fifteen aircraft were involved. Short range dive bombers escorted by ME one naught nine were successfully intercepted in the Souk el Arba area. Four ME one naught nine were destroyed and two other ME one naught nine and two JU eight seven probably destroyed. Fighters and fighters bombers carried out attacks in the Bone area. During the afternoon there was activity by about four long range bombers in the Sfax area and by three more long range bombers from Sicily probably against targets in the Tunisian battle area. Long range bombers showed increased activity at night. Some ten aircraft are known to have operated against targets in Algeria. Eight fighters from Sicily and probably Tunis also carried out defensive patrols.

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To: Agwar

No. 1125 Dec 3, 1942

Two Dec SITREP twenty nine.

Para 1. Naval Force Q engaged south (to AGWAR ABFOR from Freedom Algiers) bound convoy between Bizerta and Sicily, convoy scattered and made smoke, four merchant vessels two of which appeared to be transports and three destroyers left burning wrecks, no casualties or damage to Force Q. Destroyer Quentin hit by aircraft torpedo off Galita Island, believed sunk, ninety per cent survivors picked up. Bone: intermittent air raids morning one Dec, slight damage on merchant vessel. Four landing ships Infantry unsuccessfully attacked by bombers and torpedo bomber aircraft. Oran: Manxman torpedoed by sub eighty five miles to northeast, being towed there by destroyer.

Para 2. ETF location units: Thirty Six Brig vicinity station Jefna eight three seven eight seven six, Eleven Brig vicinity Tebourba, CC B vicinity Chouigui, Blade Force probably withdrawn from forward area to vicinity Medjex El Bab, part Sixth Arm Div on KM Three (armd regt, two Inf bns, Motor bn less CP, two FA regts less btry, AT regt less btry) enroute Algiers to area Beja dash Testour dash Souk El Khemis, Guards Brig (less bn with Eleven Brig) enroute Algiers to Seven Eight Div.

Para 3. Two bn Five Zero Three Paratroop Inf reinforced attacked Faid eight seven six five, failed dislodge German defensive position, silenced enemy arty with TD fire.

Para 4. WIF Forty Seventh RCT less bn enroute from Safi to Port Lyautey by marching, concentration of strength in Rabat dash Port Lyautey area continues..

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From: London
To: AGWAR

No. 1080, Dec 3, 1942

SITREP twenty eight LEC two summary two day battle: (To ABFOR London AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Morning one Dec small enemy inf and tank attack from South Tebourba, easily repulsed, four of seven enemy tanks destroyed. Five dive bomber attacks on Blade Force near Chouigui, under cover dust about thirty enemy tanks attacked, enemy lost five more tanks, our loss fifteen tanks of which eleven were under repair. Small enemy patrols with armored vehicles south Bask River between Serburba and Medjez El Bab made road unusable. Night one two Dec CC B advanced to clear south bank river and restore positions north Tebourba and at Chouigui, prisoners taken south bank from ack ack unit on AT role. Enemy again attacked two Dec with tanks and inf Tebourba area, confused tank fighting followed. Estimated loss enemy fourteen tanks, ours eight. All tank casualties both sides still in No Mans Land, plan to recover ours and destroy enemys during night, Thirty Six Brig casualties reported heavy in Six Royal West Kents and Eight Argyle and Southerland Highlanders. One Commando reported landed eight four nine nine zero six night one two Dec

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and advancing on RJ eight five one eight nine five, concentration Six Armd Div starting area Beja dash Test our dash Souk el Khemis , Enemy air active against ground troops, Bostons and Bisleys made successful attacks El Aouina Airfield. Enemy arty Chouigui area, in one attack our Air compelled JU eighty seven planes to Jettison bombs, airfield Medjez el Bab south River could not be used two Dec.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: London
To: AGWAR WashDC

No 1095 December 3, 1942

The shipping arrangement with the French IAJ signed today. It is the same (to AGWAR AJFOR from Freedom Algiers) as the text sent to you in our numbr six hundred, November twenty sixth except for the following. The title is "Provisional Arrangement". The opening sentence which precedes paragraph one reads "This provisional arrangement does not prejudice in any way subsequent negotiations between the French authorities and C. S. A. B. In regard to the use of French vessels in north and west African ports". In paragraph two the name of the vessel "Carlier" was deleted. The reference to the return voyage of the Carlier was also deleted. For the present this vessel will remain at Casablanca. Paragraph two C was deleted. In paragraph three the following sentence was added "Article three of the original chartering engagement will be replaced by a text applying to this round trip voyage and providing for future negotiations between the French authorities and the Allied authorities for a definite contract covering the future operation of the vessel".

The deletion of paragraph two C in accordance with your R three seven two naught caused some difficulty with the French delegation. However, it was settled satisfactorily when I signed a letter to Admiral Lemonnier which included the following paragraph "In disapproving this clause, the Allied governments point out that they have already promised to restore France, and this obviously will include a reasonable determination of all economic problems, including merchant shipping".

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From: London
To: AGWAR WashDC

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The instructions contained in your three seven five two were kept clearly in mind by my delegation which made the arrangements with the French. However, it is impossible to exaggerate the degree to which we are dependent upon French good will and cooperation in carrying on the Tunisian fight. Our line of communication from Algiers to the front extends for five hundred miles through mountainous country which contains numerous critical bottlenecks. These are subject to interruption if the French should so choose. For that reason, also because of the general type of our relations with the French, it would be most inappropriate and detrimental to our military interests to apply the methods which pertain to military occupation of an enemy territory.

We have been behind schedule in our unloading in Algiers and part of the delay was caused by the presence of French shipping. It was absolutely essential to move these ships from Algiers. Through the cooperation of the French six ships from Algiers and two from Oran are now enroute to Gibraltar.

Kerr, Grahame and Douglas dash Thompson attended all meetings and they assure me that the arrangements agreed to by us are the best we could obtain under the conditions. The temporary nature of the arrangement was stressed repeatedly throughout the conference with the French.

The ships which are now enroute to Gibraltar are Champollion, Athos Second, Colombie, Paul de Rusier, Rhea, Jamarque, Cevenes, and Parame. The French are insistent that these ships be sent to Dakar where they

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To: AGWAR WashDC

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will drydock and repair them. Admiral Cunningham concurs in sending them to Dakar. Their future employment is undetermined. Pending receipt of instructions from you they will be kept at Gibraltar. Since they are in danger there because of inadequate berthing facilities urgently request immediate action.

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To: War

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Situation report No. 28.

(1) Bone: Force "Q" comprised of H.M.S. AURORA (C.S.12)
H.M.S. ARGONAUT, H.M.S. ESKIMO and (H.M.S. TARTAR) due
4th December.

(2) Casablanca: U G S Z being berthed P.M. 1st December
conditions reported extremely crowded. (?Erase) SITREP 27
item 2. Latest information is that 4 merchant ships were
destroyed two of which appear to be Transports. Three
escorting destroyers sunk.

Air reconnaissance P.M. 2nd December reports-

- (A) 7000 tons tanker with 2 destroyers circling
140° MARITTIMO $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- (B) 4 destroyers 2 E boats 062° MARITTIMO 6
080° 12 knots.
- (C) 1 destroyer stationary 252 MARITTIMO 45.
- (D) 3 destroyers 1 of which 1 down by stern 2 small
merchant ships and large oil patch 252
MARITTIMO 30: (originators no. for this
message is 460 repetition 460).

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen MacReady
Admiral Russel Willson (2)
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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

To CG ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

No. 5

As Djibouti and French Somaliland are within an area of British responsibility we feel that you should be guided by the British views in this matter. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint US Chiefs of Staff. We have referred your No. 745 of November 28 to the British Chiefs of Staff with the request that they inform you of their views as to what negotiations, if any, should be undertaken with reference to Djibouti.

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 Committee often
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 for confidential
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*Replaced Adm.
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 French Atlantic
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From: Algiers
To: IMPORTANT AGWAR

No. 1060, December 3, 1942

A small portion of this message is yet to come. The now missing portion follows immediately after "General Eisenhower and Mr. Murphy on the other: part two ends part three follows".

Following part precedes "in transit in these territories, the Governor General of.....":

CCWD

Understood that the Command of the Ports and of the airports will remain under the direction of the French local authorities. Article two for this purpose, the American authorities may establish in French West Africa and in Togoland such services and specialists as may be necessary, it being understood that armed forces will not be stationed permanently in French West Africa or in Togoland. Article three in case it may be necessary to transport armed forces across these territories, and in case of their temporary sojourn.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: Agwar Washington DC

No. 1060, December 3rd, 1942

Following is the text of an arrangement regarding French West Africa conceding to the United States all the military advantages we seek, including full use of the sea and air facilities in Dakar and elsewhere, in French West Africa, and military and naval cooperation of French forces in that important territory. ABFOR and AGWAR from Eisenhower to CCS.

The only stumbling blocks encountered concern French insistence that approximately three hundred Allied nationals mainly British now interned in French West Africa be exchanged for the same number French Nationals interned in British West African Colonies and by fighting French in Equatorial Africa, (most of the latter are Boissons own officers and men for whom he is duty bound to obtain release) and that present active antagonistic propaganda by radio and airplane from nearby British Colonies cease at once. (See article fourteen of the draft).

It was explained to Boisson that his requests would be transmitted to the British Government, but that he must realize that in Equatorial Africa French sovereignty is complete; that its administration is in the hands of the French National Committee; and that the British Government does not control the committees actions in the fighting French Territories. Both Darlan and Boisson refused to admit this position insisting that in fact the British Government is in a position to persuade De Gaulle to meet their wishes which are of a humanitarian nature. Boisson said that he could not return to French West Africa and tell

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No. 1060, December 3rd, 1942

his people that he was releasing all the Allied prisoners but that he had failed to obtain the release of the French held in French Equatorial Africa on this point my representatives were unable to shake him.

If the British Government is in a position to guarantee that French West African internees now held in British and French controlled territory will be exchanged for British internees now held in French West Africa, an undertaking to that effect, together with concurrence in the provisions in (A) and (B) of paragraph fourteen, would insure complete and immediate agreement. Part one ends part two follows.

Part two begins Boisson will wait in Algiers for your answer but he wants to leave here Friday at the latest since he feels that he must return to Dakar at once. Please rush reply. I strongly recommend immediate approval of this arrangement. Cunningham concurs.

Arrangement follows: "French West Africa and Togoland having spontaneously decided to adhere to the French Imperial Federation under the High Commissariat of Admiral Darlan and to resume the fight against the powers of the Axis for the liberation of French territory.

Furthermore, the Commanding General of the United States forces in French North Africa having agreed that French sovereignty in French West Africa and in Togoland remains intact, that the French authorities in these territories are alone qualified to promulgate instructions and regulations, that no measures will be taken by United States authorities which would result in French troops combating other French troops, and that French naval vessels and French merchant shipping will not be detained in ports under United States control:

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the following agreement is entered into on the blank day of blank nineteen forty two at Algiers between Admiral of the fleet Darlan and Governor General Boisson on the one hand and General Eisenhower and Mr Murphy on the other: Part two ends part three follows

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in transit in these territories, the Governor General of French West Africa and of Togoland will be requested to give his advance authorization. Part three ends part four follows.

Part four begins Article four transit by sea without landing in French West Africa and in Togoland, or transit by air without departure of personnel from the airports, is in any event authorized. French warships will operate in close cooperation with the military and naval authorities of the United States for the accomplishment of the above mentioned purposes. Such ships will continue to fly the French Flag and will remain under French command. They will maintain their personnel and equipment and will receive fuel and provisions of all sorts necessary to permit them to operate effectively as combat units. By agreement, they may be repaired in ports under the control of the United States. Article five American Merchant shipping in French West African ports and in Togoland will be returned to its owners. Article six French Merchant shipping in French West African and Togoland ports will operate under the French Flag and with crews preferably French, for the common cause. An agreement regarding their use

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will be negotiated between the competent French authorities and the CSAB. (Combined shipping adjustment board) It is understood that the military and civilian needs of French North Africa, of French West Africa and of Togoland will be fully considered in the negotiation of such an accord. Part four ends part five follows.

Part five begins Article Seven all facilities will be provided to American forces for the accomplishment of their transit operations under the most favorable conditions across French North Africa and Togoland. Article Eight requisitions necessary for the installation of American services in French West Africa or in Togoland will be carried out by the French authorities and in conformity with French Legislation. Article Nine Persons at present in detention, including all service personnel and all sailors of the United States Merchant Marine, at present interned in French West Africa or in Togoland will be set at liberty immediately and transferred in accordance with the instructions of the competent American authorities. Article Ten it is understood that the competent authorities in French West Africa and in Togoland will take all measures considered appropriate or useful with regard to the control of foreign property, as well as the persons and property of foreign nationals, neutral Consular Authorities and any other persons as may be required for the realization of the purpose indicated above. Part five ends part six follows.

Part six begins Article Eleven in French West Africa and in Togoland the property of the United States Government, and its representatives, civilian officials, governmental organizations or authorized relief organizations, transactions carried out by the representatives of those govern-

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ments or those organizations will not be subject to any other tax than those applied to property belonging to the French state or the colony or transactions carried out by the military or administrative services or organizations of the state or of the colony. Article Twelve the American military authorities, their government, the representatives of that government and its civilian officials, will enjoy the privileges of extraterritoriality; they will not be subject to the jurisdiction of the civil or criminal courts of the territory. Article Thirteen the mixed economic commission, established at Algiers, will also be charged with the study of the economic needs of French West Africa and Togoland. This commission, in close liaison with the authorities of French West Africa and Togoland, will suggest the measures which seem to it appropriate for exports and imports, for the establishment of economic stability and prosperity in French West Africa and in Togoland. Part six ends part seven follows.

Part seven begins Article Fourteen the advantages granted in the above articles to the government and forces of the United States will also be granted to the government of the United Kingdom and British forces and to the other Allied governments and forces when the government of the United Kingdom will have undertaken: (A) to respect French Sovereignty ensured by the high commission in French Africa and French West Africa; (B) not to allow, from the territories under its authority, any action contrary to the sovereignty of the high commission" End of arrangement .

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FREEDOM, ALGIERS.

No. 6

The release of the statement relative to negotiations with the French as outlined in your 1025 December 2 is approved by the CGS. Marshall to Eisenhower for his eyes only Freedom Algiers Jan 30. This action is concurred in by British Foreign Office and US State Department.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1115, December 3, 1942

In order to reach agreement quickly French are prepared to leave over matter (to AGWAR ABFOR from FREEDOM Algiers) of exchange of internees to be settled later. From Eisenhower to CCS. They are ready to sign Dakar agreement in the form where article fourteen is omitted and wording of agreement is altered to extend all facilities to "United States, Great Britain and their Allies" provided that an assurance is given that antagonistic propaganda and DeGaulist activities originating from British West African colonies cease.

Boisson wants to leave early Saturday and I also am anxious to reach agreement quickly.

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From: Algiers

To: AGWAR

No. 1076, December 3, 1942.

It was not made clear in my one zero six zero sent late last night that if the British Government agrees to Boissons conditions (To ABFOR and AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) concerning internees and the suppression of antagonistic propaganda paragraph fourteen would disappear from the draft and the wording of the draft throughout would be altered so as to extend all facilities to "United States, Great Britain and their Allies" instead of "United States" only. For CCS from Eisenhower.

My representatives made it clear that although the French request to conduct negotiations with the Americans was acceptable, the United States and Great Britain are so closely bound together for the unified prosecution of the war that it was essential that an agreement applicable to both nations be reached. My representatives were careful to avoid giving any impressions that I am prepared to agree to an arrangement with the United States alone.

The attitude of the French throughout the meetings of the past few days has been most cooperative. However, Boisson says he will definitely lose face if he returns to Dakar without the internee agreement. I earnestly hope that the British Government will be able to find some way to meet the two conditions set up by him.

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From: London, England (1411/3)

To: AGWAR

No. 1072, December 3, 1942.

Clarification my one zero six zero follows for
CCS from Eisenhower (to ABFOR and AGWAR from Freedom
Algiers) suspend action on Dakar arrangement until it
arrives.

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From : N.C.X.F.

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

IMMEDIATE:

Situation report no. 272.

- (1) Aircraft from Malta laid three magnetic mines at Bizerta and three at Tunis during night 30th/1st.
- (2) Force Q engaged enemy convoy which scattered and made smoke in position 37° 39' North 10° 50' East at 0037A/2. Burning wrecks were left probably from Merchant Vessels and two Destroyers. No casualties or damage to Force Q. While off Galita Island at 0640A/2 QUENTIN hit by aircraft torpedo and believed sunk. QUIBERON has ninety per cent survivors including Commanding Officer.
- (3) Bone. Intermittent air raids 0100 to 0500 1st December. One Merchant Vessel hit but no serious damage. "QUEEN EMMA" and L.S.I.'s unsuccessfully attacked by bombers and ~~by~~ aircraft.
- (4) Algiers. Aircraft sighted S/M twelve miles North of Capexaine at 1307/1. S/M dived and may have been French.
- (5) "MANXMAN" torpedoed by U-boat in position 36 39 North 00 15 East at 1702/1. Engine room wrecked. "PATHFINDER" has ship in tow and proceeding to Oran.
- (6) Sitrep 26 item 3. French S/M is LE GLORIEUX.
- (7) NAVAL. A. A. gunfire in forward area accounted for four confirmed and two probable aircraft shot down during week ending 29/11.

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(1) AIRCRAFT FROM MALTA LAID THREE MAGNETIC MINES AT BIZERTA AND THREE AT TUNIS DURING NIGHT 30TH/1ST.

(2) FORCE Q ENGAGED ENEMY CONVOY WHICH SCATTERED AND MADE SMOKE IN POSITION 37-39 NORTH 10-50 EAST AT 0037A/2. BURNING WRECKS WERE LEFT PROBABLY FROM MERCHANT VESSELS AND 2 DESTROYERS. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE TO FORCE Q. WHILE OFF GALITA ISLAND AT 0640A/2 QUENTIN HIT BY AIRCRAFT TORPEDO AND BELIEVED SUNK. QUIBERON HAS NINETY PER CENT SURVIVORS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER.

(3) BONE. INTERMITTENT AIR RAIDS 0100 TO 0500 1ST DECEMBER. ONE MERCHANT VESSEL HIT BUT NO SERIOUS DAMAGE. "QUEEN EMMA" AND L.S.I.'S UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY

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BOMBERS AND TWO AIRCRAFT.

(4) ALGIERS. AIRCRAFT SIGHTED S/M TWELVE MILES (CORRUPT GROUP) CAPECAXINE AT 1307/1. S/M DIVED AND MAY HAVE BEEN FRENCH.

(5) "MANXMAN" TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT IN POSITION 36-39 NORTH 00-15 EAST AT 1702/1. ENGINE ROOM WRECKED. "PATHFINDER" HAS SHIP IN TOW AND PROCEEDING TO ORAN.

(6) SITREP 26 ITEM 3. FRENCH S/M IS LE GLORIEUX.

(7) NAVAL. A.A. GUNFIRE IN FORWARD AREA ACCOUNTED FOR FOUR CONFIRMED AND TWO PROBABLE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING WEEK ENDING 29/11.

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(PASS TO VICTOR WASHINGTON) (6TH FROM MILLS)

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COMMANDANT LENORMAND FREE FRENCH FREETOWN THINKS AMERICA
MUST STATE SOON DARLAN NOT BE COMMANDER FRENCH FORCES
IN AFRICA. THINKS ACTIVITY FREE FRENCH HERE JEOPARDIZED.
SAYS BOISSON CAN BE BOUGHT. IF FORCE NECESSARY AGAINST
DAKAR STATES DEFENSES WILL OFFER/TOKEN RESISTANCE UP TO
36 HOURS. THINKS SITUATION CLEAR AT ONCE IF BOISSON
REQUEST ALLIANCE. FEELS AMERICANS MUST NEGOTIATE AND ENTER
FIRST.

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From: US Govt CDE London
To: AGWAR Washington DC

Re NK 1044 December 2, 1942

In connection with my nine seven four December one, I saw General Nogues at Admiral Darlins luncheon today and he (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) urged that Token American troops be moved north of the Sebou River believing it will stabilize the situation. From Eisenhower to CC S. He stated that at this time he has only two battalions of French troops there. He believes that the forces which I plan to move should not cause Spainards any apprehension. Nogues also stated that according to his information, no German troops have arrived in Spanish Morocco.

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Para one Naval. Bone: No Naval damage reported from enemy air raids twenty nine and thirty Nov. Algiers: Monitor Roberts enroute Gib in convoy with six French ships. Four landing ships Infantry sailed on fourth trip to Philippeville and Bone with thirty two hundred troops. Oran: Medium sized dry dock in operation being tested by salvaged ship Eprevier. Damaged French submarine arrived thirty Nov from Toulon.

Para two Air thirty Nov. Gabes: Nine B Twenty Sixes attacked airfield, barracks, railroad yards. Intense light flak encountered. Four P Thirty Eights strafed airdrome. Djedeida: Nine DB Sevens attacked with hits on bridge and railroad. Mateur: Twelve P Thirty Eights on rcn encountered ten ME One Zero Nines. One enemy destroyed. One P Thirty Eight missing. Bone: Spitfires destroyed two ME One Zero Nines. One Decel Aquina: Thirteen B Seventeens attacked from twenty thousand feet with hits on hangar and transport plane. Light flak. No air opposition. Djedeida: Twelve P Thirty Eights attacked enemy armor. (To ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) several tanks fired. Eight FW One Nineties encountered. One P Thirty Eight missing. Six DB Sevens attacked enemy in town. Hits on town observed.

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From: London (2/1908Z)
To: AGWAR

No. 1042 December 2, 1942

One point that may impede Dakar negotiations involves British internees now in French West Africa and French internees held by DeGaulleists in French Equatorial Africa. (To AGWAR, ABFOR from FREEDOM Algiers) from C in C to CCS. Boisson is perfectly ready to agree an advance to the release of all prisoners of the United Nations held in French West Africa but states that QUID PRO QUO demands the instant release of his people held by DeGaulleist forces. I earnestly recommend immediate steps to permit me to assure Boisson on this point, since the total number involved on each side appears to be about three hundred individuals. In my view we cannot permit any such detail to impede by a single day the consummation of an agreement of this nature. Admiral Cunningham concurs in this view.

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From: London (2/1459Z)

To: Agwar

No. 1025, December 2, 1942

This message is from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. When full agreement has been reached between French conferees and myself as to the terms of the Dakar agreement now under preparation, and these terms have been approved by you and, if you consider appropriate, by the CCS, I intend here to release the following statement: "The Allied Commander in Chief, North Africa, announced today that the Governor General of French West Africa, Monsieur Boisson, has agreed to cooperate with the United Nations in the prosecution of the war against the Axis. The Governor General of French West Africa has proclaimed his purpose of achieving full cooperation with the High Commissioner of French North Africa, Admiral Darlan, by placing himself definitely under the orders of the latter. Important points in the cooperative effort to be undertaken by French West Africa are the use of airfields for (to Agwar from Freedom Algiers) transiting of Allied planes and the use of ports and port facilities by Allied navies. Allied shipping, held in French West Africa, is to be released at once, as will also any internees of the United Nations. Details involving future employment of French naval units and shipping are to be developed at later conferences in Dakar." Request radio reply as soon as practicable as I am hopeful the agreement can be reached in a couple days.

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No 1024 December 2, 1942

On Dec sitrep twenty six. Strong enemy counter attack by infantry. Tanks and dive bombers towards Tebourba from North. Blade force in harbor (assembly area) near Chouigui became involved in confused fighting. Withdrew towards Tebourba now withdrawn to area SW Medjex El Bab. (for ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) Blade suffered casualties to tanks under repair in harbor. CC Baker employed to clear up situation. By evening all enemy tanks withdrawn to North. Snipers only left in Tebourba area. CC Baker remains forward area in place Blade. Due this action offensive operations against Tunis planned for two Dec are postponed. Enemy attack on three six Brig beaten off. Six arm'd div ordered concentrate centrally in Beja Area to close gap. Persistent enemy dive bombing our forward areas continues. Risleys, Bostons and fortresses in turn bombed Tunis airfields but not on scale to reduce enemy effort sufficiently. Fighter sweeps from three existing fields ineffective against enemy air tactics. Advance field Medjex Bab will be in use beginning three Dec. Fighter reinforcements received in forward airdromes.

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From: London
To: Agwar

No. 1041 December 2, 1942

Slightly warmer and good weather. Period of twenty four hours ending twenty four hundred XQD one December reported by G dash two. (To ABFOR, AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) enemy forward positions dash hill south of station JEFNA (T jumper three eight seven three) Mateur (Town) Djedaida (Town) Mohamedia dash Djebel ouat (T jumper nine nine two four) detachment with aggressive patrols armored cars and light tanks reoccupying Depienne and Pont Du Fahs. Enemy counterattack with tanks vicinity Rebourba and Chouigui one December repulsed. German divebombing continues effective. Prisoner document taken Medjex El Bab indicates sixth Jager Regiment Herman Goring. Fifth company ninety second Italian Infantry Regiment identified Kairouan. Seventh company ninety second Italian Infantry Regiment and second company of the antitank Battalion Superga Division identified from prisoners taken twenty five November at Sbeitla. Presence of few German medium tanks indicated. Enemy build up continues. From Eisenhower.

Air/German air operations usual sea reconnaissance covered the western Mediterranean as far as naught one naught naught degrees east. Three waves of bomber activity reported one in the early hours of the morning one at dusk and another about nineteen hundred Z. Security situation generally improving.

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December 2, 1942
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From: London (2/1025Z)
To: AGWAR

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No. 1001 December 2, 1942

Details Italian one Superga Division secured by French interrogation of prisoners. Commander General Lorenzelli. Composition Infantry Regiments ninety one, ninety two, Artillery Regiment five, Engineers Bn. Division believed fully motorized COA specially trained for rapid disembarkation operation, Formerly stationed Naples. Signed Eisenhower to ABFOR and AGWAR. Details parachute jumper regiment five from interrogation captured parachutists. Commander Colonel Koch (known until recently as Sturm Regiment five) part of Parachute Division comprising May nineteen forty two five Parachute regiments plus Assault regt. Operated in Crete and in ground role near Orel nineteen forty two. Strength two thousand eight hundred. Composition Regimental HQ Company, four battalions each HQ Company, Machine gun and Mortar Company, three Parachute Companies. Full reports follow in special summary.

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FOR GENERAL MARSHALLS EYES ONLY

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From: London (2/1237Z)

To: AGWAR

No 1010 December 2, 1942

I have just received the first draft of the agreement that Harlan and Boisson propose to submit to me. Urgent from Eisenhower to General Marshall for his eyes only. It is substantially what we want but there are two or three provisions involving French merchant ships now in Dakar, that must be eliminated in order that these matters are not frozen and thus incapable of later adjustment. I am in hopes of telegraphing to you tomorrow for final approval the text of an agreement that will be approved by the local French and by British representatives here as well as myself. (to AGWAR from Freedom Algiers) One point which may cause some trouble is that the group of French officials, now joining together for the control of North and French West Africa, are calling themselves "French Imperial Federation." I will clearly point out that no act of ours can recognize any particular governmental setup of theirs except such provisional one as is locally necessary for the prosecution of military operations. However I do not see how I can prevent this group from using any label for themselves that they desire.

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From: London (1/2320Z)

To: Agwar

No. 947, December 1, 1942

G-two report twenty four hour period ending two four naught naught hours thirty Nov part one land. No important change confirmed in location enemy front line reported yesterday, stubborn defense indicated. Enemy patrol thirty trucks estimated as five hundred Italians from Kairouan bivouaced evening thirty Nov Pichon. Force vicinity Faid apparently on passive defense. Enemy recce party reported thirty Nov on road from Kebili (TY three naught naught three) to Tozeur. Prisoners letters taken Sbeitla indicate present detachment 5th Artillery Regt 1st Italian Superga Div supporting a Battalion of 92nd Italian Infantry Regt previously identified. German documents indicate present Jagerragiment Goring and Fasschirmregiment Sturm. Enemy air ground cooperation on Tunis front prompt and efficient. (From Eisenhower) part two air: German air activity: force Sicilian based aircraft carried out usual sea and weather reconnaissance showing particular interest in coastal shipping in the Bougie-Philippeville-Bone area. It is probable that one of these aircraft did not return to base. Bomber activity was apparently on a much reduced scale, evidence pointing only to scattered raids.

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From: London
To : AGWAR

No 975 December 1, 1942

Naval. Thirty Nov SITREP* twenty five Malta aircraft laid eight magnetic mines night twenty eight dash twenty nine outside La Gorlette (to ABFOR, AGWAR from FREEDOM Algiers) and six night twenty nine dash thirty Palermo entrance. Algiers: Manzman returned after laying minefield off Cani Rocks eight nine nine one. Two French submarines arrived. Bone force arrived prepared for offensive sweep Bizerta area night one dash two Dec.

Air twenty eight fortresses dispatched attack Bizerta. Only four believed to complete mission due mechanical failures. Weather over target. Hits reported on docks. One ship seen burning. Moderate heavy flak over target. Escort engaged enemy aircraft over target. Attack twenty nine Nov by fourteen fortresses on Bizerta failed to reach objective due to weather. Bone attacked afternoon thirty Nov. RAF RCN plane over DBNQPQ twenty seven Nov met by heavy flak.

ETF Liaison Officers with first army report British paratroops dropped Pont Du Eaha twenty nine Nov have captured Iudna; and that fighting is in progress at Djedaida. About half the town having been captured.

CTF balance third BN twenty sixth Inf enroute to Youks Les Bains.

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SOURCE OF FOLLOWING BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE MADRID.
 TUGS AND SHIPS TOULON SCUTTLED BY EXPLODING MAGAZINES.
 DOCK YARD LARGELY DESTROYED. DOCK GATES AND ALL
 PUMPING STATIONS BLOWN UP. DUQUESNE BLOWN UP IN DRY
 DOCK. MANY CASUALTIES COMMANDING OFFICERS REPORTED
 TO FRENCH ADMIRALTY ON NOV 23 THAT GERMANS WOULD ENTER
 TOULON BUT REPORTED NOT BELIEVED. GERMANS MINED
 ENTRANCE AT LAST MOMENT BUT VESSELS HAD NOT RAISED
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Time: 0040

Addressed: Admiralty

Repeated: C. in C. Med.
VA Gibraltar
VA Malta
B.A.D. Washington
A.F.H.Q. London

From: N.C.X.F.

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-77
BY DBB, DATE MAY 25 1973

IMMEDIATE

Situation Report No. 26. Bone.

On 29/11 two enemy aircraft were shot down by Fighters controlled from Bermuda and three more under control from Aerodrome. Anti E Boat patrols by Cannos Fighters have been requested at dawn and dusk daily. Air raids at 0400 29/11 and afternoon of 30/11 no damage reported.

2. Algiers. Roberts sailed for Gibraltar first December in convoy with six French ships. Fourth Ferry trip of four LSI's sailed to Philippeville and Bone 1st December with 3200 troops.
3. Oran. Medium sized dry dock in operation and being tested by salvaged ship EPERVIER. Damaged French submarine arrived 0927/30.
4. British consul Barcelona reports French submarine interned at 1330Z/29.
5. Aircraft from Gibraltar carried out promising attack on U-Boat at 1500/30 position not known.
6. Admiralty pass to B.A.D. Washington and A.F.H.Q. London.

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Adm. Russel Willson(2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Brig. Dykes (8)
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 26. BONE.

ON 29/11 TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS CONTROLLED FROM BERMUDA AND 3 MORE UNDER CONTROL FROM AERODROME. ANTI E BOAT PATROLS BY CANNOS FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AT DAWN AND DUSK DAILY. AIR RAIDS AT 0400 29/11 AND AFTERNOON OF 30/11 NO DAMAGE REPORTED.

2. ALGIERS. ROBERTS SAILED FOR GIBRALTAR FIRST DECEMBER IN CONVOY WITH 6 FRENCH SHIPS. FOURTH FERRY TRIP OF 4 LSI'S SAILED TO PHILLEPPEVILLE AND ?BONE 1ST DECEMBER WITH 3200 TROOPS.

3. ORAN. MEDIUM SIZED DRY DOCK IN OPERATION AND BEING TESTED BY SALVAGED SHIP EPERVIER. DAMAGED FRENCH SUBMARINE ARRIVED 0927/30.

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BY DBS, DATE MAY 25 1973

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4. BRITISH CONSUL BARCELONA REPORTS FRENCH SUBMARINE INTERNED AT 1330Z/29.
5. AIRCRAFT FROM GIBRALTAR CARRIED OUT PROMISING ATTACK ON U-BOAT AT 1500/30 POSITION NOT KNOWN.
6. ADMIRALTY PASS TO BAD WASHINGTON AND AFHQ LONDON.

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UNCLASSIFIED****SHIPS INTACT DELETE ONE MOGADOR AND ONE AIGLE OR SUEPARD CLASS CONTRETOR PILLEURS. ADD 2 PATROL VESSELS PROBABLY****ARRAS CLASS. DELETE SUFFREN CLASS CRUISER AND OLD BATTLE SHIP CONDORCET. ADD ONE LE HARDI CLASS DESTROYER. SHIPS****SCUTTLED ADD ONE MOGADOR AND ONE AIGLE OR SUEPARD CLASS CONTRETOR PILLEURS. DELETE ONE BISCONE CLASS TB. ADD ONE****SUFFREN CLASS CRUISER AND OLD BATTLESHIP CONDORCET BOTH OF WHICH HAVE SETTLED SLIGHTLY AFT. SUBMARINES FOUR OF 13 HAVE****BEEN SCUTTLED REMAINDER NOT SEEN. OF SIX IN DOCK TWO SUBMARINES UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE SUBMERGED AND FOUR HAVE HAD****DOCKS FLOODED. THREE OF THE NINE MISSING ARE POSSIBLY SUBMERGED. ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM ADVISES THAT ABOUT 8 FRENCH SUBS****ESCAPED FROM TOULON. ANTICIPATES POSSIBLE ARRIVALS NORTH AFRICAN PORTS.****16.....ACTION****CNO... REOP: 20G...COMINCH...NAVAIDE...200P... FILE****SECRET**

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From: Tangier
To: Milid

No. 385, December 1, 1942

Reliably informed that extensive, re grouping force, Spanish Zone, in progress, 41st Division holding coast Ceutato River, Tzahadartz 52nd Division, Tzahadartz to border, 91st and 92nd Divisions in reserve. There have been no recent arrivals additional reinforcements from Spain. To present we have not been limited in freedom of movement, especially between zones.

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Dec 2, 1942
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P R I O R I T Y

From: London (0047Z/2nd)
To: AGWAR

No. 977 Dec 1, 1942

Captain Ellsberg reported Algiers today. From C in C to Marshall. I desire that US salvage ships at Massawa be dispatched immediately to Oran via Capetown. (To AGWAR repeat Middle East from Freedom Algiers) also request that Andrews be instructed to send to Oran by air Ellsberg's salvage party of eight with equipment now at Massawa. Ellsberg selected this party before he departed. Advise expected time of arrival of ships and of party.

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YOUR 2111/18

INFORMATION NOW RECEIVED FROM N.C.X.F. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY
 OF INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE: ALL SHIPS ARE FRENCH:
 BONE..(IN SERVICABLE CONDITION) GALLUM 1775 MARAKESH 6178.
 (DAMAGED) CAGOMBIE 13390..PHILLIPVILLE..(IN SERVICABLE CONDI-
 TION) P.L.M. 21. 5417. BOUGIE...(IN SERVICABLE CONDITION)
 BIDI BRAHIM 2439. (DAMAGED) JANINE 2357. (SUNK) FLORIDA 9330
 JKOUTOUBIA 8790, BOTH CAPSIZED. ALEINI 8403 BURNT..ALGIERS..
 (IN SERVICABLE CONDITION) VILLE D'ORAN 10172 MARIGOT 4048
 CHAMPOLLIAN 12545 ^{ATHOS II} 15275 PROSPER SCHIAFFINO 1634
 CHARLES SCHIAFFINO 3664 VILLE TENNES 390 JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE
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3547 AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE 1128 PROCIERA 1156 DUNKERQUE 2477.
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JAMAIQUE 10123 MONTAIGNE 2770 CEVENNES 2508 (DAMAGED)..
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439 (SUNK) MENHIR BRAZE 2733 BOUDJELL 152(QUESTIONABLE)
GOVERNEUR GENERAL LAFERRIERRE 345 (QUESTIONABLE)..TENES..
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(DAMAGED) LORRAIN 3217 DAHOMEY 5851 STRASBOURGEOIS 2923
(ALL BEACHED)..FEDALA..(IN SERVICABLE CONDITION) CAPITAINE
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TION) LIECTENANT DE LA TOUR 5700 LE TRAIT 1158 VENDOME
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To: AGWAR

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In view of possibility that Spanish Moroccans may have territorial intentions (AGWAR from FREEDOM Algiers) south to the Sebou River, consider it desirable to move at least token American detachments of the Western Task Force north to key positions in that area, especially El Arbs Du Rharr and vicinity of Maybdu Ehss, both points some miles south of International Boundary. From Eisenhower for CCs. Since continuing arrival of American troops at Casablanca will allow us to move steadily to east along Ogne toward Oran, it will obviously be necessary sooner or later to move some covering troops to north of Sebou in order to cover communications. Consequently this would appear to be a good time to begin the process which would be a gradual one. In view of the delicate political situation involving Spain I desire to check this purpose with you prior to moving any troops into that area. I believe it would be unwise to give the Spaniards advance notice of such a movement and have no intention of doing so. However appropriate diplomatic personnel should be informed of the secondary purpose of the move and quote that as a reason in the event any questions are asked. Request earliest practical advice.

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