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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM <u>ALISNA CAIRO</u>		OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE <u>7 MAY, 1942</u>	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2134/06</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>SAGER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>SMITH</u>			DEFERRED

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061432 NCR 2109

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TEXT REPORT ON GENERAL ACTIVITY DURING WEEK ENDING MAY 6 U-BOAT ACTIVITY OFF SYRIAN COAST HAS CEASED FOR THE TIME BEING. GERMAN INTELLIGENCE APPEARS INTERESTED IN COUNTRY EAST OF HOMS AND IND JEBEL DRUZE. INCREASED ACTIVITY OVER BUILDING OF LANDING CRAFT AT VARNA SOME REPORTED TO BE OF 400 TONS AND WELL ARMED. OIL RESERVES BELIEVED TO BE 15000 TONS. PIPE LINE FROM PLOESTI IS NORMALLY USED FOR LOADING TANKERS AT CONSTANZA. NOW REPORTED THAT PUMPING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN REVERSED SO THAT CRUDE OIL FROM TANKERS CAN BE PUMPED TO REFINERIES WILL BE DESTROYED. VERY SMALL AXIS TANKER TONNAGE AT PRESENT IN BLACK SEA BUT IT IS BELIEVED 37 EXIST IN ITALIAN WATERS CAPABLE OF TRANSITING CORINTH CANAL.

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TEXT

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RELEASED BY			RRR ROUTINE
DATE 7 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY KAHEN			ROUTINE
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TEXT

CONTINUATION OF MY 061115;

JATTY AT RASELHILAL IN CYRENAICA NOW COMPLETED. ANTICIPATE IT WILL SOON BE IN USE FOR UNLOADING UP TO 150 TONS A DAY FROM SCHOONERS. AIR PHOTOGRAPHS OF MESSINA SHOW DOIRB CLASS BATTLESHIP WITH DAMAGED STERN. TANK OR OTHER LANDING CRAFT BEING BUILT AT PALERMO. AT PRESENT 14 ARE ON STOCKS. 10TH FLIEGER CORPS WHO WERE BASED BETWEEN THE GREEK MAINLAND AND CRETE HAS MOVED ENTIRELY (ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ETC) TO CRETE AND LAST SATURDAY WEEK 150 GERMAN AIRCRAFT MOSTLY JUNKERS 88 WERE SEEN ON HERAKLION AERDROME (PHOTO).

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By E. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FOR OPNAV
FOLLOWING RECEIVED 9:09 P.M. FROM
DAKAR DATED MAY 5, 1942

NO. 143

AT 1335 G.M.T. MAY 6 A FURTHER ALERT WAS SOUNDED CONCERNING
APPEARANCE OVER DAKAR OF NON-FRENCH PLANE. THERE
WAS A BRIEF ACTION OF CAPE MANUEL ~~[REDACTED]~~
AND RICHELIEU ANTI-AIR BATTERIES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESCRIPTION IN MY TELEGRAMS
OF APRIL 16 AT POSITION MOLE ONE A TORPEDO NET WAS PLACED
AROUND THE GEORGES LEYGUES AND MONTCALM CRUISERS TODAY.

(SGD) FLEXER

SENT TO DN 211P 5/7/42 (HJ)

FROM THE CHIEF CABLE AND RADIO CENSOR
TO DNC MAY 2, 1942

ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS WATCH OFFICER
FOLLOWING FROM CENSOR NEW YORK

QUOTE [REDACTED]

CCC 5-2-42

PRESS RUSH-

FYI - VICHY RADIO PICKED UP BY UP LISTENING POST AT VALHALLA IS
BROADCASTING FOLLOWING REPORT QUOTE

BERNE REPORTS NEW UNISTATES THIRTYFIVETHOUSAND TON BATTLESHIPS
NORTH CAROLINA WASHINGTON PLUS SEVERAL AMERICAN CRUISERS PASSES
THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN TOWARDS SUEZ EN ROUTE INDIAN OCEAN

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DATE 1 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2012			PRIORITY
DECODED BY GARRETSON/BIRNBAUM			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			DEFERRED

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KELLY **301025 NCR 9196**

36-30N; 24-09E (Aegean Sea)

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TEXT (CONTINUING MY 300852)

NOW PROVED THAT MILOSIS LAND IS WELL DEFENDED BY AA FIRE WHICH POSSIBLY CONFIRMS PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT THERE IS A SUBMARINE BASE THERE.

BELIEVED THAT NO SPEAR HEAD TROOPS AT PRESENT IN CRETE GERMAN SOLDIERS DO NOT EXCEED 20000 EXCLUSIVE OF 3000 AIR FORCE AA GUNNERS AND

UNKNOWN NUMBER OF FLYING PERSONNEL AND GROUND STAFF. RECONSTRUCTION AT BENGHAZI HARBOR CONTINUES. RAF BOMBING HAVIN SOME EFFECT IN AS MUCH AS

SHIPPING DISPERSED AT NIGHT THUS DELAYING UNLOADING OPERATIONS. DISPERSAL ANCHORAGES ALL IN WATERS TOO SHALLOW FOR BRITISH SUBMARINES

TO OPERATE. ESTIMATED PORT CAPACITY AT PRESENT SEVEN HUNDRED TO 1000 TONS PER DAY INCREASING TO THREE THOUSAND TONS IN 3 MONTHS TIME. WORKS

ARE IN PROGRESS AT RASEL HILAL (135 MILES E OF BENGHAZI) WHICH WILL IN TIME BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING 160 TONS A DAY FROM SCHOONERS AND

SMALL CRAFT.

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TOR CODEROOM 0025			PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

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TEXT

SEA TRANSPORT ■ TO LIBYA. PRESENT CONTINUING NEUTRALIZATION MAALTA ENABLES AXIS SHORTEN SEA ROUTE ITALY-LIBYA. ABOUT 80 PERCENT SHIPPING GETTING THROUGH. TORPEDO CARRYING AIR-CRAFT RANGE NOT LESS 1500 MILES URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR NIGHT ATTACK AGAINST THIS SHIPPING WHICH NOW IS OPPOSED ONLY BY SUBS. ANTICIPATE EARLY REQUEST FROM CINCMED WITH RAF CONCURRENCE FOR US SUPPORT THIS TYPE PLANE.

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FROM COOPER (CAIRO)	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE 1 MAY 1942	FOR INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1500			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SELBY BASSFORD			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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 KELLY 300852 NCR 0016

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TEXT COMMENT ADD FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29. U BOAT ACTIVITY OFF SYRIAN COAST CONTINUES INCLUDING MINELAYING. MINES HAVE BEEN DETONATED OFF BEIRUT GAMAGUST HAIFA AND PORT SAID. ONE SCHOONER SUNK BY GUNFIRE. CONVOYS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED WHICH ALTHOUGH GIVING SAFETY CAUSE SLOW TURN ROUND OF SHIPS AND CONGESTION OF PORTS. WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN TROOPS AND SAILORS FROM BULGARIA CONTINUES. NUMBER OF GERMANS REMAINING IN BULGARIA PROBABLY SMALL. THAW IN RUSSIA BELIEVED TO HAVE BECOME GENERAL ABOUT MARCH 27 FOLLOWED BY HEAVY RAINS. GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN KERCH PENINSULA AT PRESENT WITH LITTLE RESULT. THIS PENINSULA IMPORTANT TO RUSSIANS AS IT FORMS THE PROTECTIVE BASTION TO THE PORTS OF TUAPSEAND NOVOROSS#SK. CONTINUED.

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Capt. W. C. Gray (Pres. Aide)

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DATE <u>25 APRIL 42</u>			RRRRR DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0326/25</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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THE CONTINUING PREPARATIONS CRETE AND DODECANESE ISLANDS PRESENT A GROWING POTENTIAL THREAT AT SUEZ AND EASTER MEDITERRANEAN. RECOMMEND U.S. AUGMENT IMMEDIATELY ALLIED AIR FORCE THIS AREA TO FORESTALL AXIS ATTACK BY DESTROYING AXIS PREPARATIONS AND TO ENABLE CARRY OUT OFFENSE AGAINST PLOESTI AND BARI REFINERY ITALY, WHICH IS THE ONLY REFINERY CAPABLE OF REFINING HIGH SULPHURIC ALBANIAN OIL. PLOESTI CONSIDERED ACHILES HEEL AXIS PROSECUTION WAR THERE FOREMOST VITAL TARGET. RAF ANXIOUS FOR ASSISTANCE OF AMERICAN AIR FORCE ESPECIALLY HEAVY BOMBERS. SEE MILITARY ATTACHES 987.

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DATE	24 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1456/23			PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY	HEINE			DEFERRED

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TEXT
PART 1 - 230743 NCR4643
PART 2 - 230810 NCR4502

PART 1. SITUATION IN CRETE UP TO APRIL 22.

RELIABLE REPORTS SHOW THAT TRAFFIC BETWEEN GREECE AND CRETE IS CONTINUING STEADILY. TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS ARE KNOWN TO

HAVE ARRIVED DURING LAST 4 MONTHS AND ON THE ARMY ESTIMATE THIS SHOWS AN EXCESS OF FIFTY THOUSAND TONS OVER THE AMOUNT OF

SHIPPING REQUIRED TO CHANGE ROUND THE OLD GARRISON. THIS FIFTY THOUSAND TONS AND IN ADDITION THE TRAFFIC WHICH WE CANNOT

ESTIMATE (UNKNOWN SAILINGS CAIQUES TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ETC) MUST BE EMPLOYED IN EITHER ITEM (A) INCREASING THE GARRISON SO AS TO

EXCEED THE ARMY ESTIMATE OF ONE AND ONE HALF GERMAN DIVISIONS AND ONE ITALIAN DIVISION, OR ITEM (B) PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES

TO MAINTAIN THE ABOVE TROOPS AND ALSO THE GERMAN AIR FORCE OR (PART 2) ITEM (C) TO BUILD UP DUMPS SO THAT THE ISLAND CAN BE

USED AS A JUMPING OFF POINT FOR AN ATTACK ON OUR TERRITORIES SHOULD THE SITUATION ON THE MAIN FRONT MAKE THIS DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE.

THE LATTER COURSE IS CONSIDERED THE MOST LIKELY.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE, ALEXANDRIA, BASES THE ABOVE ESTIMATION OF CRETE ACTIVITY ON A LARGE NUMBER OF MEDIUM-GRADE SOURCES AND

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PAGE 2 230819 NCR4502 (IN 2 PARTS)

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THESE INDICATE THAT THE GARRISON IN CRETE IS BEING INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND A TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM LONDON DATED APRIL 19 SUPPORTS THE ARMY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE VIEW THAT THE GARRISON IS NOT BEING INCREASED TO ANY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT AND THAT WE SHOULD RECEIVE A FORTNIGHT'S WARNING BEFORE REAL PREPARATIONS FOR AN ATTACK WERE PUT INTO OPERATION.

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FROM	ALUSNA ISTANBUL	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	22 APRIL 1942		ROUTINE
DATE	1911/21	FOR ACTION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	LYNCH		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HARVEY		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		INFORMATION	DEFERRED

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 INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELIABLE RECEIVED DURING MARCH AND APRIL FIVES.
 SHOWS ENEMY FORCES AND BASES AEGEAN ISLANDS AS FOLLOWS: LEMNOE
 SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND GERMAN IN ANTRY, AIRDROME BEGUN BY BRITISH
 BEING ENLARGED, SEAPLANE BASE BUILDING. RHIDS ONE COMPANY GERMAN
 INFANTRY. SKYROS ONE COMPANY OF ITALIAN BLACKSHIRTS.

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DATE 22 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1911/21			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BIRNBAUM			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

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ENS ROONEY 211215 NCR 3479

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SECTION TWO.

MYTILENE FIVE HUNDRED GERMANS WITH ONE BATTERY FRENCH SEVENTY FIVES,
 EXCELLENT NATURAL SEAPLANE LANDING. SAMOS AND THE CYCLADES ABOUT
 EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ITALIANS INCLUDING ARTILLERY UNITS AND SPECIALISTS.
 NIKARIA ONE HUNDRED ITALIANS. LEROS THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED ITALIANS
 INCLUDING TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED MARINES, PLANE BASE AND BASE FOR DD
 AND PT. *IT. RUMORS OF ACTIVITIES OTHER ISLANDS.*

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DATE 22 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2148/21			PRIORITY
DECODED BY YURIECI			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

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ENS ROONEY**211230 WCR 3555**

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SECTION THREE.

**RHODES TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ITALIAN INFANTRY ARTILLERY AND AIR FORCE
 ILSD A IRDROME AND FEW GERMAN AIR MEN CRETE. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE
 BUT BRITISH AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE HAS SHOWN EXTENSIVE ACTIVITY AND
 NUMBER SMALL VESSELS, STEADY SHIPMENTS MUNITIONS AND SUPPLIES FROM
 SALONIKA REPORTED BUT BRITISH BELIEVE LIBIA ULTIMATE DESTINATION
 MUCH OF IT. RUMORS OF ACTIVITIES OTHER ISLANDS.**

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1942

April 20, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Axis front line in Libya is approximately 50 miles west of Benghazi. Axis troops are being assembled about 10 miles to rear of Benghazi. It is estimated that 200 medium tanks in forward area plus about 100 heavy tanks are available. Axis have resulted in equal loss.

Attached is a resume of the detailed review of the Middle East situation, sent from General Auchinleck to Sir John Dill, dated April 17th. In transmitting the full message he says, "will you please treat it with the same amount of secrecy as the one I sent you before?"

W. B. Arnold
Chief of Staff.

REF:

Training progress noted in armor and motor brigade groups in vicinity of Cairo. 4th Indian Division and one brigade is also concentrated in this area. Turkish military mission is visiting installations.

POLISH AND TRANS-JORDAN

Polish contingents from Rumala and Fawala being assembled in vicinity of Cairo. Physical condition Polish soldiers good. Condition of civilians in this area poor. Some deaths from typhus. Six U. S. Army officers attending British staff school established at Beirut.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand division has been reconstituted there by augmentation of 5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade group and one regiment of field artillery.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Japanese diplomatic representatives in Moscow and Leningrad. One brigade of 6th Indian Division standing by in Russia.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1942

BRIEF

Axis front line in Libya is approximately 50 miles west of Tobruk. Hostile supplies being assembled about 40 miles to rear of their front line. Indications are that by May, 30 days reserve will be built up. It is estimated that 400 medium tanks in forward area plus about 70 under repairs. Patrol activities have resulted in equal losses on both sides.

British 7th Armored Division is about 30 miles south of Tobruk. The 5th Indian Division is at Sollum, about 100 miles east of Tobruk. Also training in this area is a battalion of Yugoslavs.

MALTA

Visited by Sir Walter Monckton and Air Marshall Tedder who report that troops are in good shape and ready for mobile defense should attack materialize. Short of AA ammunition.

EGYPT

Training progress noted in armored and motor brigade groups in vicinity of Cairo. 4th Indian Division less one brigade is also concentrated in this area. Turkish military mission is visiting British installations.

PALESTINE AND TRANS-JORDAN

Polish contingents from Russia and Persia being assembled in vicinity of Gaza. Physical condition Polish soldiers good. Condition of civilians in this area poor. Some deaths from typhus. Six U. S. Army officers attending British staff school established at Haifa.

SYRIA

New Zealand division has been reunited there by augmentation of 5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade group and one regiment of field artillery.

IRAQ AND PERSIA

Japanese diplomatic representatives being evicted by Russia. One brigade of 6th Indian Division standing by in this area.



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DATE 18 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1922/17*			PRIORITY
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GERMAN**181115 NCR 1352**

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SECTION 6

TURKISH OFFICIALS CONSISTENTLY REPEAT DECLARATION THEY WILL FIGHT IF ATTACKED. WHEN THAT DECLARATION FIRST MADE RUSSIA HAD SIGNED TREAT WITH GERMANY AND BRITIAN HAD PROMISED TURKEY EXTENSIVE MATERIAL SUPPORT. SINCE THEN RUSSIA HAS BECOME GERMAN ENEMY AND BRITISH ALLY, RUSSIAN ARMY HAS CLOSED IN ON TURKISH EASTERN FRONTIER, BRITAIN HAS DISAPPOINTED TURKS IN MATERIAL DELIVERED.

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THERE IS NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE WHICH TO INDICATE AN
 ADDITIONAL IMPULSE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO RUMORS OF AN EARLY
 AXIS INVASION OF TURKEY WHEN PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
 FROM BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE EAST ARRIVED
 HERE APRIL 12TH AND WARNED BRITISH PRESS CORRESPONDENTS
 TO LEAVE ISTANBUL IN THE EARLY FUTURE STATING THAT THE
 SITUATION IN TURKEY WAS VIEWED WITH APPREHENSION. THIS
 WARNING RESULTED FROM LONDON DIRECTING GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 TO TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN SAFE-GUARDING TRAINED
 CORRESPONDENTS DUE TO THE FACT THAT 43% OF THOSE EVACUATED
 HAVE EITHER BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED. THE LOCAL BRITISH
 SEE NO JUSTIFICATION OF THIS ALARM BUT BELIEVE THAT A
 MINIMUM OF 3 WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR AXIS PREPARATIONS
 AND THAT THIS WOULD BE OBSERVED. THE LOCAL TURKISH
 INTELLIGENCE AND THE NAVAL ATTACHE OF RUSSIA CONCUR IN THE
 FOREGOING.

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THERE IS NO CONCRETE INFORMATION TO INDICATE AN EARLY AXIS ATTACK BUT HERE ARE MANY RUMORS AND CONFLICTING REPORTS RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE. WITH 60% OF THE TURKISH ARMY CONCENTRATED AT THRACE AND MARMA RAIZMIR AREA AND MOST OF THE REMAINDER IN EASTERN PROVINCES, THE AXIS MAY HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCES AT RHODES AND CRETE TO SEIZE ADVANCE BASE PRACTICALLY UNOPPOSED IN SOUTHERN ANATOLIA AND HOLD IT FOR OPERATION AGAINST SYRIA AND CYPRUS. THE NUMBER OF TROOPS AND PREPARATIONS FOR AIR-BASES IN THESE ISLANDS IS BELIEVED TO EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL PLANES AND TROOPS COULD BE BROUGHT UP QUICKLY AFTER OPERATIONS BEGAN. ALSO IF THE STRAITS WERE AN AXIS OBJECTIVE THE TROOPS IN THESE ISLANDS COULD BE EMPLOYED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OVERSEAS EXPEDITION FROM BULGARIAN BLACK SEA PORTS LANDING EAST OF STRAITS.

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TWO SUCH FORCES OF ONLY MODERATE SIZE BUT WITH STRONG AIR FORCE AND OPERATING FROM NORTH AND SOUTH BEHIND MAIN BULGARIAN TURKISH ARMY PROBABLY COULD IMMOBILIZE IT IN SHORT TIME BY DISRUPTION ALL COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FORCES AND TRANSPORTATION MAY BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT FURTHER EXTENSIVE PREPARATION.

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FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ARMED GUARDS ON ITALIAN REPATRIATION LINERS AND TANKERS;

- CREWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND REPATRIATES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE ALLOWED ASHORE AT ANY TIME.
- LEAVE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN TO ARMED GUARD IN NEUTRAL PORTS. NO OBJECTION TO LEAVE AT ALLIED PORTS PROVIDED ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ON BOARD ARE MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. ^{IN} ~~THE UNLIKELY~~ IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF SHIPS BEING STOPPED BY AN ENEMY WARSHIP CHARACTER OF VESSELS SHOULD BE EMPHASISED BUT, IF INSISTED ONLY VISIT AND SEARCH SHOULD BE PERMITTED, IN WHICH CASE CONFIDENTIAL BOOKS AND CODES MUST BE THROWN OVERBOARD IN GOOD TIME. ENEMY ORDERS FOR DIVERSION SHOULD BE IGNORED ON GROUNDS THAT SAFE CONDUCTS

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ONLY APPLY ON ROUTES AGREED BY ALL BELLIGERENTS. ENEMY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO & INTERROGATE GUARD, PASSENGERS OR CREW ABOUT SHIPPING MOVEMENTS ETC., AND ANY SUCH ATTEMPT SHOULD BE PREVENTED IF POSSIBLE, AND, IN ANY CASE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

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TEXT SOME GERMAN NAVAL PERSONNEL INCLUDING HIGH RANKING OFFICERS ARRIVED ATHENS AND PIRAEUS 29 MARCH. LEAVES OF ABSENCE OF GERMAN ARMY IN GREECE CANCELLED FROM 19TH MARCH. CIVILIAN TRAF-

FIC WITH GREEK ISLANDS CURTAILED FROM SAME DATE. GERMANS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ALL VLSSELS AND MOTOR CAIQUES UNDER REPAIR SHOULD BE READY EARLY APRIL. CONSTRUCTION CONCRETE BARGES WHICH HAD

BEEN DISCONTINUED NOW REPORTED RESUMED. SECRET SHIPMENTS FROM SALONIA AND PIRAEUS TO CRETE AND RHODES CONTINUE. NO OTHER MAJOR INDICATIONS OF PREPARATIONS VICINITY ATHENS FOR OPERATIONS

EARLY FUTURE. SOME TALK IN ATHENS OF POSSIBLE ATTACK ON TURKEY. NO GREATLY INCREASED ACTIVITY IN OTHER AEGEAN ISLANDS APPARENT DURING PAST 6 MONTHS. ONLY ISLANDS GARRISONED BY

GERMANS ARE LEMNOS ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT. CHIOS 3 TO 4 HUNDRED TROOPS. MITLENE 2,000 TROOPS. ONLY LARGE GARRISONS ARE SAMOS 18,000 AND RHODES 25,000 BOTH ITALIAN. 5 GERMAN OFFICERS

ARRIVED SAMOS 5 MARCH TO INSPECT SITES FOR AIRDROME. SOME ACTIVITY ON LEMNOS BUT NOT BELIEVED OF MAJOR IMPORT.

THE ABOVE KNOWN TO BRITISH. THEIR INTELLIGENCE HERE BELIEVES GERMANS IN ADVANCED STAGES PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATIONS EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THEIR WAIK OFFICE IN EGYPT REPORTED LESS CONCERNED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: London
To: Hillid

No. 2294, April 1, 1942

Latest estimate by WO Axis strength mideast follows: forward area Libya Germs twenty thou with two hun thirty four tanks, Wops twenty thou with eighty seven tanks. Tripoli area part of Wop armd div strength six thou with one hun fifty tanks and remnants one Wop motzd div four thou. Also Tripoli unknown numbr base troops including native livies but not considered available for combat use. Wop motzd div mentioned above as at Tripoli is Trento moved there from forward area badly used up and to receive replacements after which believed it will join Littoro armd div also now in part at Tripoli and lwo divs will then form second one of new Wop mobile corps.


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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Cairo
To: Milid

No 939, March 31, 1942

Armored Units now in Lybya:

2nd Armored Brigade; 9th Lancers, 10th Hussars, Queen Bay at present equipped with 132 cruisers and 34 American light. 2nd Armored Brigade operates with 1st armored division, is 2nd on priority to be equipped with 1 squadron of 12 American medium per Regiment. Brigade not ready for battle before May 1st.

4th Armored Brigade; 3rd tank, 5th tank, 8th Hussars. Operate with 7th Armored Division. Each regiment is equipped with 2 squadrons of 12 medium and 2 American light tanks and 1 squadron of 16 American light tanks. Brigade ready for battle April 15th.

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It has come to my attention that in their Armored Unit Schools the British prescribe fire from the 37 mm and other cannon mounted in tanks only at a halted position (that is Hull down). It is considered a waste of ammunition to fire while the tank is moving at ranges greater than 300 or 400 yards and is forbidden.

The all round performance of the U.S. M3 Medium tank, the light tank, the Scout Car and the Bentam Car has been pleasing to all the officers I have seen and talked to. Much concern is being caused by the insufficiency of armor of the 75 mm gun and our armor piercing ammunition against the case-hardened armor of German tanks. Recommend that steps be taken without delay to better both our ammunition and guns--Ordnance observers in this area have submitted a report covering this subject.

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ENROUTE TO AND SINCE ARRIVAL HERE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED:

(1) BRITISH NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS EGYPT PALESTINE SYRIA POINTED OUT WEAKNESS BRITISH NAVAL POSITION EASTERN MEDITERREANEAN WEAKNESS MILITARY FORCE THAT ABEA. SOME ANTICIPATED ENEMY WOULD ACCEPT THIS INVITATION LAND ON THAT COAST THIS SPRING.

(2) ENEMY AIR FIELDS GREECE BULGARIA REPORTED WELL SUPPLIED AND SHIPMENTS MILITARY SUPPLIES STILL MOVING SOUTHWARD THROUGH BULGARIA. REPORTS RECEIVED OF ENEMY CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION SEVERAL HUNDRED SMALL VESSELS GREECE BULGARIA SUITABLE FOR MOVING TROOPS BY SEA MODERATE DISTANCE.

(3) TURKISH PUBLIC GENERALLY BELIEVES ALLIES LOSING WAR. THEY HAVE DEEP SEATED FEAR OF RUSSIA. THEY QUESTION SINCERITY BRITISH PROMISE GIVE THEM SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT. TO LESS DEGREE THEY POINT OUR MOTIVES.

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TEXT FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS FROM ABOVE:

TURKS UNLIKELY SUPPORT DECISIVE RUSSIAN VICTORY UNLESS GIVEN SATISFACTORY GUARANTEES AGAINST HER AFTER VICTORY. TURKISH MORAL ARMOR COMPOSED OF CONFIDENCE IN ALLIED STRENGTH AND INTENTIONS MAY BE TOO THIN RESIST AXIS DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE THIS SPRING UNLESS RE-ENFORCED IN TIME. BRITISH FORCES AVAILABLE PROTECT SYRIAN COAST AGAINST ENEMY LANDING INADEQUATE. THEREFORE ENEMY ATTACK THERE LIKELY IN SPITE GENERAL BELIEF HIS ENERGY WILL BE ABSORBED BY RUSSIA. AN AIR FORCE UNDER AMERICAN COMMAND BASED IN SYRIA TO SUPPORT TURKS AND DISCOURAGE DIRECT ENEMY MOVE AGAINST SYRIA IS RECOMMENDED IF THIS GENERAL AREA CONSIDERED STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT. THAT THE FORCE BE UNDER AMERICAN COMMAND IS IMPORTANT FOR ITS INFLUENCE ON TURKS AND ARABS.

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12 TO 15 AXIS PLANES BOMED BRITISH NAVAL AIR BASE AT KABRET LOCATED FIFTEEN MILES NORTH OF SUEZ ON ~~IN~~ CANAL EARLY MORNING OF THE THIRD. FOUR WELLINGTON BOMBERS DESTROYED ON THE GROUND. BRITISH INTERCEPTOR PLANES CLAIM KNOWN DESTRUCTION OF ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO ENEMY PLANES. ENEMY PLANES ALSO OPERATING OVER NORTH PART OF CANAL EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE FOURTH. FOUR MINES DROPPED IN THE CANAL. I EXPECT FURTHER IMMEDIATE RAIDS ON SUEZ.

LARGE MOVEMENT OF BRITISH COLONIAL TROOPS, TANKS, AND MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT, PRINCIPALLY WITHDRAWN FROM SYRIA AND NOW BEING EMBARKED ~~RNR~~ AT SUEZ BOUND FOR FAR EAST. APPROXIMATELY FORTY ALLIED MERCHANT AND TROOP SHIPS IN HARBOR. SEVEN ARE U S.

BRITISH CRUISER AJAX IS ANCHORED IN HARBOR.

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