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Selected dispatches concerning the period 30 December 1941–30 April 1942 and pertaining to the Battle of Midway.

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The dispatches included in Book Eight are selected dispatches concerning the period 30 December 1941 to 30 April 1942 (numbered in lower righthand corner 500-550 incl.), and dispatches pertaining to the Battle of Midway.

The dispatches pertaining to the Battle of Midway are:

- (1) A set of dispatches received from CincPac's files. (These are unnumbered and proceed all others.)
- (2) A set of dispatches from Cominch Sealed Secret file, 1 May-31 May 1942. (Numbered in lower righthand corner 0001-0012 incl.)
- (3) A set of dispatches from Cominch Special Sealed Secret file, 1 May-21 May 1942. (Numbered in lower righthand corner 0013-0041.)
- (4) A set of dispatches from Cominch Sealed Secret file, 1 June-30 June 1942. (Numbered 0042-0062.)
- (5) A set of dispatches from Cominch "Operational" Sealed Secret file, 1 June-30 June 1942. (Numbered 0063-0124.)

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To : (Info)

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AIDAC

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17-401

152100 AND 152130 CROSSED MY 160307 X CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE IN
ESTIMATES BASED PROBABLY ON THE SAME DATA IS NOTED X LATEST INFORMATION
WHICH DOES NOT CONFIRM FUTURE ENEMY CONCENTRATION AT TRUK X BELIEVE
ENEMY WILL TRY TO CAPTURE OUR VITAL HAWAIIAN AREA AT THIS TIME BEFORE
REINFORCEMENTS AFFORDED BY OUR WAR PRODUCTION CAN BE RECEIVED X WILL
WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY AND RETURN HALSEY TO SOUTHWEST IF IMMEDIATE
CONCENTRATION THAT DIRECTION IS INDICATED X FURTHER DETAILS INDICATE
YORKTOWN DAMAGE WITHIN CAPACITY PEARL TO REPAIR IN REASONABLY SHORT
TIME X THEREFORE HAVE RETAINED YORKTOWN AIR PERSONNEL AND PLANES IN
YORKTOWN FOR READINESS ACTIVE CARRIER OPERATIONS WHEN SHIP REPAIRS

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		Crypto Group	System
I have read and acknowledge. Sent DEFERRED I have read and acknowledge. Send from this copy if so checked		Send from this copy	

... TORPEDO PERSONNEL AND TORPEDOES
 ... ARMY MEDIUM BOMBERS ARE BUILT
 ... APPROPRIATE ACTION AS SOON AS SITUATION
 ... TORPEDOES AND THEIR STATUS AS
 ... DROPS X WILL PUSH READINESS OF
 ... THEIR MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT X
 ... NOT COUNT ON SUCE REINFORCEMENT
 ... WITH SCOWESPAC UNDER STUDY AND
 ... TODAY X TANGIER DELIVER

Sent at 6722

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To : (Info)		
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IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT YOU SHALL ATTACK ENEMY ISLAND BASES
 WHILE RETURNING THIS AREA X CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU
 NOT BE SIGHTED BY THE ENEMY X

Ch

Wm

Sent at 19

From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

Midway

via cable

To: (Info)

Aides

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*In Cackalot your previous
Bureau enemy missile attack
planes launched from a
miles North west of Midway
area until further order
Midway acknowledge*

*B
Cm*

182145

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

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(AIDAC)

To : (Info)

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SITUATION YOUR 172220 X ISLAND REINFORCEMENTS YOUR 12140
REQUEST SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL ALL ARMY AIRCRAFT EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE CAHU DURING REMAINDER OF MAY AND JUNE X

182154

From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

AIDAC

To: (Info)

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FREQUENCIES OF NQM X DESIRE VPs MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT FOR
EMERGENCY OR ENEMY CONTACT X USE FLIGHT NUMBERS 00 TO 99 INDIVIDUAL
AS DESIRED X

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To: (Info)

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SOUTHWEST THROUGH WEST TO NORTH WITH EMPHASIS ON NORTHWEST SECTION
paren consider 4 and 9 paren
KEEPING UP AND INFO ADDRESSEES INFORMED DAILY OF YOUR PLAN X BE
PREPARED TO EMPLOY THEM AS STRIKING FORCE UNDER DAWN DUSK AND
MOONLIGHT CONDITIONS X ALSO TO RETIRE VP TO PEARL TO PREVENT
in Part II Begin Part III X
INSTRUCTION ON GROUND OR WATER X CINCPAC WILL RETAIN GENERAL
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT FORCES BUT DOES NOT DESIRE TO HAMPER YOUR
INITIATIVE IN CASES WHERE YOUR POSITION AT THE SCENE OF OPERATIONS
BEST QUALIFIES YOU TO ACT X VP AND SUBS USE NORMAL AND SECONDARY

From: CINCPAC
To: (Action)
NAS MIDWAY

AIDAC

To: (Info)
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COMTASK 9

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THIS IS AMPLIFICATION OF COM FOURTEEN 200650 AND MY 190427 AND 190727
LATEST ESTIMATE INDICATES YOU MAY BE ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT
BY LANDING ATTACK IN THE NEAR FUTURE X THIRTY MAY DASH ONE JUNE PERIOD
PERIOD X NORTHWEST POSITION OF CARRIERS IS INDICATED X YOU WILL BE
BY SUBMARINES THE PATROL PLANES NOW ENROUTE AND BY CARRIER TASK FORCE
WHICH WILL PROBABLY OPERATE INITIALLY EAST OF YOUR LONGITUDE X YOU
BE READY TO REFUEL AND REARM ARMY BOMBERS X YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED
FAR AS POSSIBLE OF MOVEMENT OWN FORCES ^{in part I) Refuel part II} X INITIALLY EMPLOY PATROL PLANES
NOW AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN BEST PRACTICABLE SEARCH IN SECTOR

23 080 /

I 230731

III 230739 TMY

From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

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To: (Info)

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ACCOUNT ACCIDENTAL PARTIAL LOSS AVGAS STORAGE AT MIDWAY IN THIS
CRITICAL TIME I INTEND TO WITHDRAW STEAMSHIP NIRA LUCKENBACK
FROM SANFRANCISCO DASH PEARL SERVICE FOR ONE TRIP AND SAIL HER
WITH CARGO AVGAS IN DRUMS FOR MIDWAY X ACCOUNT MODERATE LENGTH
AND SPEED FOURTEEN KNOTS SHIP IS ADMIRABLY SUITED FOR THIS SERVICE
USE X AT PRESENT NIRA LUCKENBACK IS UNDER ARMY CHARTER UNLESS
AT HONOLULU X REQUEST YOU MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WITH ARMY

Chm.

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AT WENT CONSIDER SITUATION
DE A TONE FORCES SIXTEEN AND
INFLUENCE * ADVISE

sent at 959

CINCPAC
(Action)

To (Info)

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AI 310 (ALBAN)
AI 412
AI 611

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RECEIVED INFORMATION AS TO THE NIGHT ATTACK BY SEAPLANES MY 130500
FORENOON X IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ATTACK MAY BE

PLANNED TO AFFORD A DIVERSION IN CONNECTION WITH A STRONG ATTACK
AGAINST HETWAY INCLUDING CARRIERS AND LANDING FORCE WHICH SOME

THINGS PLACE AS EARLY AS 30 MAY X A SUCCEEDING HEAVY ATTACK
CARRIERS CAN NOT YET DEFINITELY INDICATED X HOWEVER FOR THE

DEFENSES WILL CONTINUE TO GUARD AGAINST SURPRISE BY NIGHT
DEFENSES X AND AFFORD SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR VALUABLE

DEFENSES WILL BE IN THE HARBOR X THE PEARL HARBOR DEFENSES WILL
DEFENSES TWO UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X COMGENHAWDEPT

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27 MAY 42

270209

COMINCH

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HALSEY ARRIVED HERE TODAY X OWN SUBMARINE ENROUTE FROM
PATROL REPORTS SIGHTING SEARCHLIGHT 600 MILES WEST OF
MIDWAY LAST NIGHT

270209

ORIGINATOR

sent at 0209

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DATE 7 MAY 42

FROM CINCPAC 270221

TO NAS MIDWAY

COL 14

SECRET 95

OP 21
CABLE

SEND 2 PATROL PLANES MAXIMUM DISTANCE REMAINING DAYLIGHT
TODAY ON BEARING 282 FROM MIDWAY X SEARCHLIGHT REPORTED
THAT BEARING LAST NIGHT BY FRIENDLY SUBMARINE DISTANCE 610
MILES X

270221

ORIGINATOR

27 MAY 1942

270231

COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

COMPATWING 2

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IN VIEW CURRENT SITUATION AND TO CONSERVE READY TORPEDOES
REQUEST TORPEDO PRACTICE SCHEDULED FOR 29 MAY BE CANCELLED

270231

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date **27 MAY 42**

From **CINCPAC 270233**

To: **COMINCH
COMSOPACOR
ALL TF COMDRS PAC
OPNAV
COM 16**

**ALL NAV SEA TRON COMDRS
LESS LANT, CARIB, GULF
ACNS
AZNB
COMDR NAV FOR EUROPE**

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DELIEVE WAKE BEING REINFORCED BY AIR X EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES INDICATED X INCREASED NUMBER OF NAVAL AUXILIARIES
NOTES IN MARSHALLS X JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
INCREASING WITH EMPHASIS ON HAWAIIAN AND ALEUTIAN AREAS X EX-
PECT INCREASE SUB ACTIVITY IN HAWAIIAN AREA SHORTLY X 73RD
BULLETIN X VESSELS REPORTING WEATHER ARE EASTWARD OF MARSHALLS
AND IN VICINITY OF WAKE KAMCHATKA AND ANDAMANS X BY D/F SUB-
MARINE 50 NORTH 179 EAST

270233

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date **27 MAY 42**

From **CINCPAC 272033**

Info To

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17

C. W. O

WPK

To:

MIDWAY

Precedence

PRIORITY

Release

System

CABLE

Show to

11 16

**SUBMARINE REPORTED YOUR 270905 PROBABLY NOT
REPEAT NOT FRIENDLY**

REF: PATROL PLANE COVERING APPROACH OF KITTY HAWK

SIGHTED A SUBMARINE AT PERISCOPE DEPTH BEARING

103 DISTANT 140 MILES FROM MIDWAY AT 1030 OCT 26

MAY 1 SUBMARINE DIVED IMMEDIATELY

272033

**CHRON
ORIGINATOR**

*CONF 2,100
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27 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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CINCINCH COMBOWESTPAC ALL TF COMS PAC OPNAV ALL SEAFRON COMS, LESS ANT, CARIB, GULF	ACNB NZNB COMNAVFOR EUROPE	Precedence PRIOR	Release 11	Show to 16

FORCE CONSISTING OF TWO CARDIVS X TWO CRUDIVS AND A DESRON
BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED JAPAN X BY DOG FOX SUBMARINE THIRTY
SIX NORTH ONE SIXTY EIGHT EAST X THE REMAINDER THIS BULLETIN
SEVENTY FOUR FROM CINCPAC PADDED X HEAVY PAINT ON INTERIOR
OF VESSELS CAUSES FIRE HAZARD IN ACTION BURNING WITH INTENSE
HEAT MOREOVER DIFFICULT TO EXTINGUISH

280057

CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

[Handwritten signature]

U.S. NAVAL COMMAND
COMNAVSTA
USS

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Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 280105

To TF 16

CTF 4.7.9, 15
COMSERFOR
CTG 4.5

SECRET 12

PRIORITY 11

VISUAL 11:16
00:05

TF 16 X REAR ADMIRAL SPRUANCE X DESTROYERS BALCH MAURY BENHAM
ELLET CONYNGHAM PHELPS DEWEY WORDEN MONAGHAN MONSSEN X CRUISERS

ATLANTA NORTHAMPTON PENACOLA CINCINNATI NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS
X CARRIERS ENTERPRISE HORNET X OILERS PLATTE CONARRON X SORTIE

FROM PEARL HARBOR X ZERO HOUR 2030 OCT 28 MAY X ORDER DESTROYERS
AT MINUS ONE HOUR X CRUISERS AT 5 MINUTE INTERVALS COMMENCING AT

ZERO HOUR X CARRIERS AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS FIRST AT PLUS 35 MIN-
UTES X SOUND LANE 8 MILES 225 DEGREES FROM XRAY TO OPTION X FUR-

HIGH OWN AIR COVERAGE X AT 0130 OCT 29TH PASS THROUGH POSITION
21-00 NORTH 158-40 WEST COURSE 090 SPEED 15 AT WHICH TIME AND

PLACE AIR GROUPS RENDEZVOUS OVER CARRIERS PREPARATORY TO LANDING
X GRIN AND AYLWIN WILL BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TF 16 LATER X HUGHES

HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM TF 16 TO TF 17
280105

CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

901137

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date **28 MAY 42**

From **CINCPAC 285141**

Info To:

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C. W. O.

To
OTF 9

**OO NAS MIDWAY
OO NAS JOHNSTON
OTF 4**

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YOUR 285141 DESIRE PLANES DEPART FROM OAHU ON 29 MAY

**REF: 4 PLANES PATROL 15 EIGHT PLANES PATROL 23 WHEN
DIRECTED PROCEED MIDWAY.....4 PLANES PATROL 11**

PROCEED JOHNSTON.....

285141

Chyon
ORIGINATOR

sent at 0814

28 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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CINCPAC 280233

NYPH

COMSERFORPAC
COMCARPAC, CTF 16
YORKTOWN
COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

CONF ID

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RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY GRANTED YORKTOWN FOR URGENT REPAIRS X
COMPLETION 1600 MAY 29 X DRY DOCK SHIP WITHOUT REMOVAL OF AVGAS

280233

CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVY COMBAT INFORMATION SERVICE
COMBAT INFORMATION REPORT
U.S. NAVY FORM 107

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Date **28 MAY 42**

From **CINCPAC 280339**

COMINCH

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**TASK FORCE 16 LEAVES TOMORROW UNDER SPRUANCE AS HALSEY TEMPOR-
ARILY INCAPACITATED BY OBSCURE ALLERGY X SUBMARINE REPORTED 140
MILES EAST OF MIDWAY X PLANE INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE SEARCH-
LIGHT REPORTED YESTERDAY WEST OF MIDWAY WAS NEGATIVE X FLETCHER
ARRIVED TODAY AND ESTIMATE READY FOR OPERATIONS 48 TO 60 HOURS**

280339

**CHRONO
ORIGINATOR**

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
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Date

From

20 MAY 62
PINCAC

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RADIO

FOR TASK FORCE DEPARTING ZERO HOUR 2130 GCT 20 MAY ESTABLISH
SOUND LANE EIGHT MILES 225 DEGREES FROM GRAY 10 OPTION

284425

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sent at 0445
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Date 28 MAY 42		U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
From CINCPAC	Info To	SEC	13A	W O PRK	
To HAS MIDWAY		RCUT	91		
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LOCATION FRIENDLY FORCES NEAR MIDWAY 170° VM (PLUS 9 1/2)
 28 MAY X 188 ON STATION APPROXIMATELY 165 MILES NORTH OF
 MIDWAY X 1 88 179-30 EAST 23-05 NORTH COURSE 150 SPEED 12.5
 X 1 88 BEARING 398 FROM MIDWAY DISTANCE 125 MILES ON STATION
 X 11 PT 1 AVD BEARING 120 FROM MIDWAY DISTANCE 375 MILES X 4 Y
 YP'S VICINITY LISIANSKI

281831

CHRONO
 ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC

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To CHESTER

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DELIVER FOLLOWING TO REAR ADMIRAL FITCH AND CAPTAIN FREDERICK
SHERMAN X THIS IS FOR BOTH OF YOU AND ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF
LEXINGTON AND HER AIRCRAFT GROUP X BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY FOR LOSSES IN YOUR VERY GALLANT ACTION X I CONSIDER
THAT CONDUCT OF ALL HANDS WAS SUPER AND THAT LEXINGTON CONTRI-
BUTED GREATLY TO REVERSAL OF ENEMY PLANS AS RESULT OF OUR
CORAL SEA SUCCESSES X YOU HAVE MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND FAITH
X I KNOW THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO COMBAT WITH RENEWED EAGERNESS
AND I RELY UPON ALL OF YOU TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE HIGH NAVAL
STANDARDS THAT YOU HAVE SO ADMIRABLY SET

281923

ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
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Date 29 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 290205

To: TF 17 YORKTOWN
ASTORIA PORTLAND
DESRON 2 LESS
BALKE, OBRIEN,
MUSTIN

Info To

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COMSERFORPAC
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Show to

SORTIE FROM PEARL X ZERO 1830 GCT 30 MAY X SOUND LANE FOUR MILES
180 DEGS XRAY TO OPTION X ORDER DESTROYERS AT MINUS ONE HOUR X
CRUISERS AT ZERO HOUR AND PLUS FIVE MINUTES X CARRIER AT PLUS 20
MINUTES X COMMUNICATIONS OPLAN 29-42 EFFECTIVE AT MINUS 2 HOURS X
FURNISH OWN AIR COVERAGE AND LAND AIR GROUP AS DIRECTED BY TASK-
FORCE X CONDUCT SURFACE AND ANTIAIRCRAFT TARGET PRACTICE IN AREA
CAST TEN FOLLOWING SORTIE X HIGH SPEED TOW REQUIRED X MUSTIN WILL
BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TASK FORCE 17 AFTER RELEASE FROM CURRENT
ESCORT ASSIGNMENT

290205

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U.S. NAVY

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Date **29 MAY 1942**

From **CINCPAC 291469**

To:
**ALL TASK FORCES PAC
HYDRAY**

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RADIOO

BY DOG FOX ORANGE SUB LOCATED 176-15 EAST AND 29-30 NORTH AT
0700 OCT 29TH

291469

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Date 29 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 291939

To BOBCAT

Info To

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ROUTINE

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CALLIO

Show to

TO C O BOBCAT SIGNED ELLONS XX DURING THE NEXT 15 DAYS URGENT YOU
MAINTAIN ALL FORCE OF YOUR COMMAND IN READINESS AS INDICATED IN
HYHAD 180525 X DEFINITE INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE ACTION IN CENTRAL
PACIFIC AREA ON AND AFTER MAY 30TH

291939

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To : (Action)

Dear Mrs. Gne

Info : (Info)

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consider initial statement your 282150
should not repeat not be made in
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source endangered thereby. Threat to
continued not confirmed by informant
2 shown to Jim Pae,

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[REDACTED] tomorrow x [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] West coast has been alerted
 [REDACTED] Commanders x My information
 does not indicate a threat there at
 [REDACTED] x Heavy planes at Midway today
 02Y + TB-26 with some TB-17's to
 [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] x

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U.S. NAVAL COMMANDING OFFICERS
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30 MAY 1942

CINCPAC 344227

COMTASKFOR 16

SEC 10 ALM/

DATE 31

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INITIAL AREAS FOR STRIKING FORCES APPENDIX 2 BY OPPLAN 29-42 X
POINT LUCK IS LAT 32 NORTH LONG 173 WEST X TASKFOR 16 AREA
NORTH AND WEST OF LUCK X TASKFOR 17 NORTH AND EAST X BOTH
FORCES APPROACH POINT LUCK DAILY DURING FORENOON AND EXCHANGE
DESPATCHES BY AIRCRAFT IF DESIRED X ABOVE IS NOT MANDATORY AND
IS INTENDED ONLY TO ASSIST INITIAL COORDINATION X COMTASKFOR
17 HAS THIS BY HAND

SENT AT 2351 HRF

344227

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TASKFOR 16

COMTASKFOR 17
CIMARRON
PLATTE

SEC 16

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THIS IS SUBSTANCE PLAN FOR OILERS APPENDIX 1 MY OPPLAN 29-42
POINTS DESIGNATED X AFIRM LAT 31 LONG 167 X BAKER LAT 28

LONG 167 X CAST LAT 26 LONG 163 X DOG LAT 29 LONG 163 X ALL
NORTH AND WEST X PARA X WHEN RELEASED ABOUT 31 MAY BY COMTASK-

FOR 16 OILERS AND ESCORT PROCEED SOUTHEASTERLY THROUGH AFIRM
AT 1200Z JUNE 2 X CIMARRON THEN PROCEED THROUGH BAKER CAST

BAKER IN THAT ORDER ARRIVING AT BAKER AT 2000Z ON JUNE 2
4TH AND EVERY SECOND DAY THEREAFTER X PARA X PLATTE

PROCEED ALONG LINE AFIRM DOG AND JOIN COMMANDER TASK FORCE 17
MAY BE DIRECTED BY HIM X WHEN RELEASED OR IF NOT UTILIZED

PROCEED AROUND CIRCUIT BAKER CAST DOG ADJUSTING POSITION AND
ARRIVE TO ARRIVE AT BAKER AT 2000Z ON ODD DAYS OF THE MONTH X

PARA X CONTINUE PROCEDURE UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY CINCPAC
SENIOR STRIKING FORCE COMMANDER

304231

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
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Date

31 MAR 1942

From

CINCPAC

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To

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FOR ACTION ALL HOLDERS CINCPAC OPLAN NUMBER 25-42 X PARA-
 GRAPH 5 BAKER BY OPLAN 25-42 X PLACES IN FLIGHT WILL BE
 UNABLE HANDLE POSITION DESIGNATIONS IN SHORT FOUR THOUSAND
 YORK COORDINATES X FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PLACES USE
 EFFECTIVE CRYPTOGRAPHIC AIDS OR ABBREVIATED PLAIN TEXT
 WHEN LATTER IS APPROPRIATE

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CHRONOLOGICAL

sent at 0444

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **30 MAY 42**

From **CINCPAC 300515**

Info To

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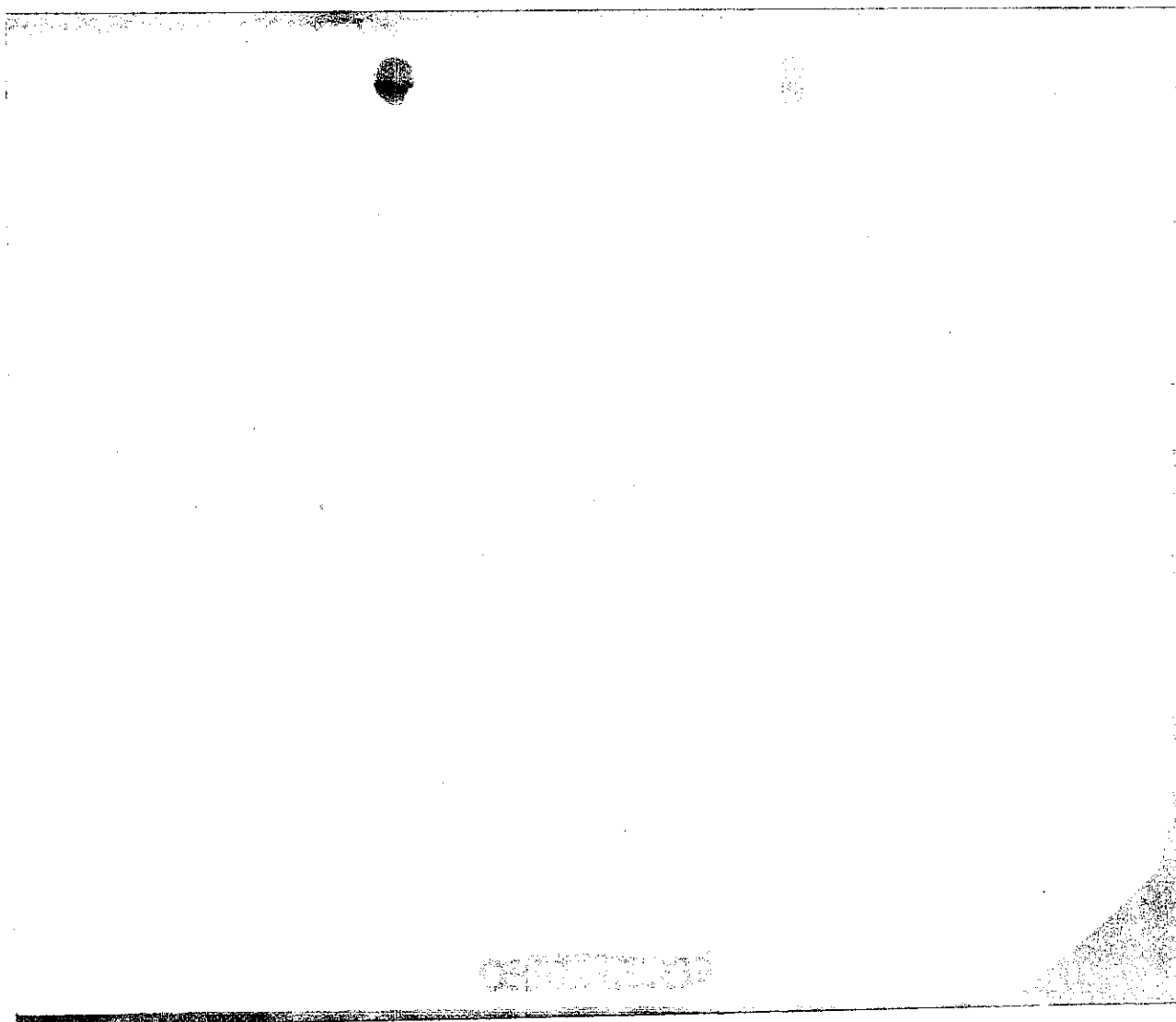
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MY OPORDER 29-42 UNDER SUBMARINE FORCE ADD OAHU PATROL 4 SUB-
MARINES X PARA 3 B OAHU PATROL TAKE STATION BETWEEN 357 AND 143
ON 300 MILE CIRCLE FROM CENTRAL OAHU X PARA X 1 ADD TO LAST SENT-
ENCE QUOTE OR WITHIN 100 MILES OF STATIONS ASSIGNED THE SUPPORT
PATROL AND OAHU PATROL PERIOD THESE ATTACK RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO
SURFACE AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT UNQUOTE

300515

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37 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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357224 AMEND TO READ QUOTE AND 123 ON 300 MILE CIRCLE

UNQUOTE X CINCPAC CORRECTING

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Date 30 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 302055	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O.
To SARATOGA MAHAN CHESTER FANNING SANDIEGO SMITH GRAVEN DALE LAFFEY PRESTON DUNLAP AARON WARD	TASK FORCE COMDRSPACFLT COMINCH COMNAVSEAFRON COMNAVSEAFRON COM 11 COMCARPAC ADMIN COMCRUPAC COMDESPAC	Precedence PRIOR	Release 11	
		System 10	16:13	

TASK GROUP ELEVEN POINT ONE X CAPTAIN RAMSEY X SARATOGA SANDIEGO
LAFFEY MAHAN SMITH PRESTON DEPART SAN DIEGO EARLIEST PRACTICABLE
TIME PROCEED PEARL TWENTY KNOTS ROUTE THIRTY MILES NORTH OF GREAT

CIRCLE AND VIA KAIHI CHANNEL REPORT TIME DEPARTURE X COMTASKFOR 11
IN CHESTER MAKE FAST TURNAROUND SAN DIEGO AND PROCEED PEARL SAME
TRACK AS ABOVE SPEED NOT LESS THAN TWENTY KNOTS X FANNING DALE

COMPLETION REPAIRS REPORT SENIOR OFFICER TASKFOR ONE PRESENT AT
SAN FRANCISCO FOR DUTY X GRAVEN DUNLAP ALSO REPORT DUTY IN TASKFOR
ONE UPON ARRIVAL SAN FRANCISCO AARON WARD UPON ARRIVAL SAN DIEGO

PROCEED SAN FRANCISCO REPORT DUTY IN TASKFOR ONE X THIS MODIFIES
MYDIB 250443 AND PREVIOUS ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL UNITS ADDRESSED

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
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30 MAY 1942

IN: PAC 302249

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MIDWAY REPORTS PATROL PLANE 262 TRUE DISTANCE 450 OPPOSED BY
ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 0945 YOKO (PLUS 12)

302249

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Date **30 MAY 42**

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From CINCPAC **302339**

Info To:

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To: **COMTASKFOR 16, 17**

COMINCH

ROUTINE #1

R 17,11,91

**MIDWAY SEARCH TODAY COMMENCING 0500 Y SECTOR 200 TO 020 TO 700
MILES X HEAVY PLANES MIDWAY TODAY TWENTY FOUR VP FOUR 026 SIX**

**B17 JOHNSTON SIX VP X BELIEVE SOME ENEMY FORCES AT RENDEZVOUS
LAT 27 NORTH LONG 170 EAST IN NEAR FUTURE X POSSIBLY REFUELING**

STRIKING FORCE THERE X FLETCHER DEPARTED AT 1830Z THIRTIETH

302339

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Date **31-MAY-42**

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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FOLLOWING PBY SEARCH CONTACTS AT ABOUT 2200 GCT 480 MILES
BEARING 213 1 FOUR MOTORED BOMBING PLANE X 450 MILES BEARING
262 MITSUBISHI TWIN ENGINE HEAVY VB X BEARINGS AND DISTANCES
FROM MIDWAY

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Int 50103

Date 31-MAY-42

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From CINCPAC

COMINCH

-S-4 17 RHT

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RDU 11-16

THE GRENADIER RETURNING FROM PATROL OFF JAPAN REPORTS
SINKING 1 FREIGHTER AND GETTING 2 HITS ON CONVOYED PASSENGER
SHIP X THE SINKING OF THE LATTER IS BELIEVED CONFIRMED BY
OTHER SOURCES X IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT 19 SUBS CAN
BE USED IN THE MIDWAY OAHU AREA TO OPPOSE ENEMY ADVANCE X
NOTHING FURTHER NOT ALREADY REPORTED

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1. ADVISE BAKER BY OPLAN 29-42 X BELIEVE ENEMY HAS SET JUNE
 2. DATE OF HIS LANDING ATTACK X THEREFORE ON NIGHT TWO DASH TWO
 3. FOLLOWING MORNING PRELIMINARY ATTACKS ARE MOST PROBABLE X MY
 4. AIRCRAFT INS TWO 300522 X THE RENDEZVOUS MENTIONED OR WITHIN FIVE
 5. DAYS ENEMY WILL BE USED BY ENEMY FOR FUELING HIS STRIKING
 6. FORCE. WE ESTIMATE OF DATES THIS MAY TAKE PLACE ON THIRTY FIRST
 7. DATE OF RENDEZVOUS MAY BE AFTER OWN SEARCHING PLANES REACH OVA
 8. 1. IF SEARCH X SUGGEST USE OF B-17 ^{Sunday and Monday} STRIKING FORCE TO REACH RENDEZVOUS
 9. 2. IF NO CONTACT REPORT EARLIER X EXPECT NINE OR TEN
 10. 3. B-17 WILL ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY MORNING X

SEARCHING PLANES RE- Sounding and Monday

ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY

MORNING X

Sent to NAS Midway

Date 31 MAY '42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 310359

To
MIDWAY

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MAKE COMTASKFORCES 4 AND 9 INFO ADDRESSEES OF ALL
YOUR DISPATCHES TO ME

310359

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Date 31 MAY 42		U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET		BRUCE		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
From CINCPAC		312221					
To ALL TF COMDRS PACFLT		COMINCH					
				Classified as SECRET		Originator 25	
				Priority (HDL)		Release (HDL) 10, 11	
				System RDU		Show to 11, 16,	

CINC PACIFIC FLEET ESTIMATE MIDWAY FORCE ORGANIZATION X STRIKING
FORCE 4 CARRIERS (AKAGI KAGA HIRYU SORYU) 2 KIRISHIMAS 2 TONE
CLASS CRUISERS 12 DESTROYERS SCREEN AND FLAME GUARD X SUPPORT
FORCE 1 CV OR XCV 2 KIRISHIMAS 4 MOGAMIS 1 ATAGO 12 DD SCREEN XX
OCCUPATION FORCE 1 TAKAO 1-2 WYOKOS (QUESTION) 1 CHITOSE 1 CHI-
YODA 2-4 KAMIKAWA MARU 4-6 AK 8-12 AP 12 DESTROYERS X APPROXIMATE-
LY 16 SS ON RECONNAISSANCE AND SCOUTING MISSION MID PACIFIC-HAWAI-
IAN ISLANDS AREA

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U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
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DATE 31 MAY 42

FROM CINCPAC 312323

COMPATWING 2
NAS MIDWAY

COMCARPAC (ADMIN)
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COMPATWING 2 FLY 6 TBF AIRPLANES TO MIDWAY TOMORROW MONDAY TO
AUGMENT TORPEDO STRIKING FORCE & PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STRENGTH-
ENED TORPEDOES MIDWAY AS PRACTICABLE & NAS MIDWAY RETURN B-17S
TO CARO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AFTER COMPLE-
TION ANY B-17 MISSIONS CAN BE TAKEN FROM MIDWAY MONDAY

312323

CHRONO.
ORIGINATOR

*sent at 0620Z
and Midway
2122Z at 2301Z*

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
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Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC.....010333..... To: COMINCH	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. WJE
		Precedence R	Release 0100	
		System RDO	Show to 11 16	

THE ORANGE VB'S IN CONTACT WITH OUR MIDWAY SEARCH PBY'S YESTER-
DAY WERE BOTH TWIN ENGINE X ON PATROL VICINITY 700 MILES WEST OF
MIDWAY THE CUTTLEFISH SIGHTED 3 ENEMY PLANES X TWO COMPANIES
OF AMERICAN TROOPS OCCUPIED ESPIRITU SANTO ISLAND NEW HEBRIDES
MAY 28TH WITHOUT INCIDENT X WITHIN THE LIMITS OF FORCES AVAILABLE
TO ME THE DEPLOYMENT TO OPPOSE ENEMY IN BOTH CENTRAL AND NORTH
PACIFIC IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY X I NOW ESTIMATE ENEMY WILL EMPLOY
34 DESTROYERS AT MIDWAY

010333

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
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Date 1 JUNE 42

From ENPAC #10541

NAS MIDWAY

CCM 14
COMBATING 2

SECRET 35

PRIOR 11

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16 17

YOUR 21,125 X BASED ON YOUR 29103, AND ABOUT 150,000 GALLONS
IN NIRA LUCKENBACK AND 350,000 GALLONS IN KALO. I ESTIMATE YOUR

TOTAL AVGAS FROM 29 MAY 937,000 GALLONS X WILL ENDEAVOR MAKE
PROVISION FOR REPLENISHMENT BUT MAY BE UNABLE MEET EXPENDITURE

ESTIMATED BY YOU X MAKE EVERY EFFORT CONSERVE SUPPLY BY
REASONABLE CURTAILMENT FLIGHT HOURS X SUBMIT NEW ESTIMATE

BASED ON THIS AND KEEP ME INFORMED DAILY EXPENDITURE

REF. 29103, ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AVGAS 75,000 GALS X
SUPPLY ARRIVING KALO. I EXPECTED TO BE EXPENDED APPROX 7 d
JUNE X REQUEST ADDITIONAL 370,000 BY 7 JUNE

#10541

CHRON
OPERATOR

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date: 10 MAY 62

From: CINCPAC 306-7

Info:

10 MAY 62	17	W.O.
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10 MAY

~~10~~ SUBMARINE MAY BE SIGHTED BEARING 262 TRUE DEG 10 MAY
BEARING 70P WILL BECLOSING 10 MAY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE X
SATISFYING POSSIBLE FRESH REMEDY

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MIDWAY

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NAS MIDWAY

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OWN UNITS APPROACHING MIDWAY 1631 Z/1 X 1AU 1AM BEARING
098 DISTANCE 255 COURSE 285 X ALSO 1 SS TO PEARL BEARING
142 DISTANCE 245 FROM YOU XX

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 1434

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To MIDWAY

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date **1 JUNE 42**

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HAVE B-17'S RETURNED FROM WESTWARD

011433

Subject File

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U.S. NAVY

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **1 JUNE 1942**

From **CINCPAC 011901**

To **CTF'S 16, 17, 7**

SEC

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PPP

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM NAS JOHNSTON ADDRESSED
ACTION CINCPAC CTF 4 AND 9 X QUOTE X AREA 261 TO 329 TRUE
SEARCHED TO 540 MILES COVERAGE 90 PERCENT COMPLETE RESULTS
NEGATIVE X SAME SEARCH TOMORROW X UNQUOTE

011901

Don
ORIGINATOR

6-17-1942
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U.S. NAVAL COMMAND AND CONTROL
COMMUNICATIONS

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

1 JUNE 42

CINCPAC 911967

TO CTS 16, 17, 7

SECRET	19
PPPPP	19
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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NAS MIDWAY ADDRESSED ACTION CINCPAC INFO
CTF 9 AND COM 14 X QUOTE X COVERAGE DAILY SEARCH FROM MIDWAY
SECTOR 298 TO 329 X PRACTICALLY 100% 298 TO 292 DEGREES X REMAIN-

ING 8 DEGREES SECTORS AS FOLLOWS X 1 X 292 TO 300 X 100 PERCENT
TO 310 MILES X 2 X 50 PERCENT X 3 X 35 PERCENT TO 630 MILES X
4 X 50 PERCENT TO 600 MILES X 6 X 85 PERCENT TO 400 X 7 X 95 TO

300 X 8 X AND 9 X HUNDRED TO 275 X 10 X HUNDRED TO 240 X 11 X
HUNDRED TO 275 MILES X WILD FRONT WITH ZERO ZERO FOG IN NORTHERN
SECTORS ABOUT 300 MILES OUT MOVING EASTWARD XX (NOTE) NUMBER 8

NOT MENTIONED XX UNQUOTE

911967

Chronological
~~ORIGINAL~~

Inter 1944

DATE JUNE 1, 1942

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OUTGOING

FROM CINCLEAR 012217

TO NAS MIDWAY

COMPATWING 2
COM FOURTEEN
COMTASKFOR 16
COMTASKFOR 17
COMDCCGEN HANDEPT

SECRET 95

OP-OP 11

RADIO 16 11

012217

BY 312323 WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR RETURN OF B-17'S ONLY IN
NUMBERS CONSIDERED BY YOU NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION X REMAIN-
DER SHOULD BE KEPT AVAILABLE AND USED FOR STRIKING AS LONG AS
SITUATION WARRANTS X THEY SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST UNTIL ENEMY IS
LOCATED AND IF POSSIBLE ATTACKS DELIVERED X BEAR IN MIND THAT
SITUATION WITH RESPECT ENEMY PLANS MAY BE CHANGING X WILL ADVISE YOU
ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION XX INTERESTED PARTIES INFORMED

012217

Chronological
-ORIGINATOR

72521
72521
72521

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 012235**

To
NAS MIDWAY
GTF 16, 17

PRIOR

CABLE

**TWO BEARING CUT ON UNIT THOUGHT CONNECTED WITH PLANES AT
2025 GCT WAS APPROX 26N 178.5E FREQUENCY WAS 9220**

CV NR 8

012235

ORIGINATOR

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date JUNE 1, 1942

From CINCPAC 112323

Info To: COMINCH

To: ALL T F COMMANDERS

Classification	Priority
SECRET	ROUTED
Procedure	DATE
OP-02	11 16
RADIO	11 16

112323

AT 1941Y (PLUS 12) TODAY SEARCH PLANE WAS ATTACKED BY TWO ENEMY.

TO BE SEEN IN 231 DISTANCE 560 FROM MIDWAY X

ALL

LIST

112323

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
U.S. NAVY

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 020335

To COMOFF SHORE PAT

Info To

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Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
CONFID	11	
Precedence	Release	
DP	11	
System	Show to	
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SEND TWO SHIPS AT TWENTY KNOTS TO POSITION LAT TWENTY ONE TEN
LONG ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT FORTY COVER SUBMARINE CONTACT
SEARCH UNTIL DAYLIGHT

020335

ORIGINATOR

Chase *Lat 21 10 N*

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. NAVY

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

1 JUNE 1942

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COMBAPACFOR.
ALL TO IN PAC.
OPNAV.

ALL NAV SEA FRONT COMDRS
LES LANT, CAPIB, GULF.
ACNB
ATNF
COVER. NAVAL FORCES EUR
OPE

Classification
SECRET

Origin
25

C. W. O.

Precedence
ROUTINE

Reference
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DDC
COMINCPAC

16,17

EVERY RADIO INTELLIGENCE UNUSUALLY ACTIVE X INDICATION OF FURTHER
AIR MOVEMENTS TO KURILES X ESTIMATED LOCATION OF SUBRONS X FIRST
IN NORTHERN WATERS X SEVENTY NINTH BULLETIN X SECOND PART IN

EMPIRE PART IN EAST INDIES X THIRD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS X
FOURTH UNLOCATED X FIFTH SAIPAN AND MARSHALLS X SIXTH UNLOCATED X
SEVENTH PART IN TRUK AREA WITH MOST UNITS IN PORT X EIGHTH DIV-

IDENTIFIED BETWEEN RABOUL AND SAIGON X U S PATROL PLANE MADE CONTACT
WITH JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BEARING 231 DEGREES DISTANT 561 MILES
FIVE 10 MAY AT 2140 Z 1 JUNE X DOG FOX BEARINGS PLACE JAP UNIT

AT 05 NORTH 178 EAST FAIR FIX

122347

CONFIDENTIAL *Chen*

100915

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **2 JUNE 1948**

From **CINCPAC 0451Z/2**

Info To

Classification
SECRET

Time
25

W. O.

To:
**CHIEF EASTERN FLEET
NAVAL STAFF HQS OTTAWA**

Precedence
PRIORITY

Release
01

System
RADIO

to
16,17

CONTACT MADE BY PATROL PLANE WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 2140 GCT 1 JUNE
AT POSITION DISTANT 540 MILES FROM MIDWAY BEARING 231 X JAPANESE

ENEMIES ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED AS BOLLONS X 5TH IN MARSHALLS AND
KURILE AREA X 1ST IN KURILE DASH ALEUTIAN AREA X THIS IS 79TH FROM

CANADAS X 3RD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS X 2ND PART IN DUTCH EAST
INDONES PART IN HONG WATERS X 8TH PART IN RABAU PART IN SAIGON X

7TH PART IN TRUK AREA WITH MAJORITY OF UNITS IN PORT X 6TH AND
4TH NOT LOCATED X BY FAIR DOG FOX FIX ENEMY UNIT LOCATED AT

NORTH 06 EAST 178 X JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE GREATLY INCREASING
IN VOLUME X FURTHER MOVEMENT OF AIR UNITS TO KURILES INDICATED X

0451Z/2

ORIGINATOR *Chen*

sent at 0513

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4. *Chlorophyll a* and *Chlorophyll b* were determined by the method of Lichtenthaler and Whistler (1972).

To : Sir (u)

Write or print plainly. Place "Y" after addressees who are to acknowledge. Send 10 (TEN) or less another precedence indicated. Dispatches will be sent from this copy if so checked.

I am enclosing
 this copy

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT TISDALE AND TURNER ASSIGTABLE NOW TO
CAMPAIGN FOR CRUISE COMMANDER RECONCILING WALTER A. BLANK A. 1941
EMPLOY TURNER AS COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SOUTH PACIFIC
SHERMAN NOW UNDER ORDERS REPORT COM ELEVEN THIRTYONE
ARRIVAL WASH SAN DIEGO A ASSUME PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT
YOUR WARD, JULY WILL BE TEMPORARY ONLY A. 1941
DESIRE TO RETAIN HIS SERVICES AS A TASK FORCE
FIELD A. 1941 AINSWORTH RELIEVE THEOBALD
ASSIGNMENT ON COMPLETION/PRESENT SPECIAL DUTY
~~SHERMAN~~ A. 1941 SERVICES THOMAS A. 1941
SHERMAN A. 1941 WILL RELIEVE INDIVIDUAL
RELIEVE SHERMAN

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CINCPAC 020555

NAS JOHNSTON

NAS MIDWAY
CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17

SECRET 95 PD

PPPPPP #1

RADIO 16 11

MY OPERATION PLAN 29-42 PARAGRAPH 3D5 X UNDER JOHNSTON IS-
LAND CHANGE MEDIAN TO 285 AND EXTEND SEARCH TO 700 MILES
COVERING SECTOR 261 TO 309 X INTERESTED TASK FORCE COMMAND-
ERS INFORMED

020555

See our 020623 also

CHRONO ~~ORIGINATOR~~

020623
X

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 021935

Info To:

To: CTF 16,17

CTF 7

Classification	Priority	Remarks
SECRET	ST	EC
Processing	Routing	
PRIORITY	ST	
Remarks		
RDO	ST, 16	

MESSAGE SENT SUBMARINES MIDWAY PATROL THAT OWN CARRIER TASK
 FORCES MAY NOW OPERATE TO WESTWARD MERIDIAN MIDWAY AND ORDER-
 ING GRENADIER TO CUTTLEFISH PATROL SECTOR X POSSIBILITY SUB-
 MARINES MAY NOT RECEIVE ABOVE PROMPTLY

021935

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE
U.S. NAVAL HEADQUARTERS

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 405400**

To **C.T.F. 16 17**

In a To

SECRET 11

PRIORITY

RADIO 11 16

**EXPECT T.F. 11 SARATOGA CHESTER SAN DIEGO LAFLEY MAHAN SMITH
PREPARED DEPART PEARL ABOUT 6 JUNE X ROUTE AND TENTATIVE RENDEZ-
VOUS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY CINCPAC IN ORDER THAT C.T.F. 17
MAY INTERCEPT X DESIRE THIS FORCE JOIN T.F. 17**

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sent 11/12

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From **CINCOPAC SECRET**

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
95

C. W. O.

To: **WAS BUREAU**

Previous
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95

System
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Show to

**YOUR BUREAU REQUEST IMMEDIATE CHECK NUMBER GALLONS GAS
IN TANKS**

213/12

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date JUNE 4, 1942

From CINCPAC, 2222

Info To:

CTF 16
CTF 7
CTF 4
CTF 9
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SECRET

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Radio

To:

1. IN ORDER MAKING INITIAL AREA OF
2. FROM MIDWAY IN
3. WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF OBJECTIVES
4. ESTIMATE OF ENEMY PLANS WHICH
5. FOR STRIKING FORCE

DAS

AIDAC

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

2 JUNE 42

From CINCOPAC 022319
To MIDWAY (CP) CABLE
CAF 4 9 17 16

SEC 25

ROUT 00 21

RDO 11 16

CINCOPAC OPER PLAN 29-42 OF 27 MAY INFORMATION PARAGRAPH SUB BAKER
6 AND 8 X ENEMY MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE INCLUDES TWO SPECIAL
PIONEER BATTALIONS TO RESTORE AND SERVICE AIRFIELD FOR IMMEDIATE
USE BY ORANGE PLANES X JAP CARRIERS AND SEAPLANE TENDERS CARRYING
LAND PLANES EARMARKED MIDWAY BASE X HEAVY BOMBERS AND PATROL
PLANES READY TO BE FLOWN IN FROM WAKE X GROUND CREWS MUNITIONS
SUPPLIES AND BASE EQUIPMENT EMBARKED WITH OCCUPATION FORCE X
SPEARHEAD OF LANDING FORCE INDICATED AS JAP MARINES PLUS SPECIAL
ARMY UNIT X PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE INDICATED AS EASTERN ISLAND 8
X PARA X THEY ARE EVEN BRINGING GUNS CAPTURED ON WAKE TO DEFEND
OUR ISLANDS X CONFIDENT YOU HAVE THE STUFF TO SHEAR THEIR PLAYS X
WATCH FOR RAZZLE DAZZLE X MIDWAY HAS THIS BY CABLE

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ORIGINATOR CINCOPAC 022319

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 030255	Info To: CTF 4,9	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. FWR
To: MIDWAY		Precedence -OP-	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 11, 16	

YOUR 021105 AND OTHER MESSAGES WHICH DEAL WITH SEARCHES
CONTACTS DAMAGE INFLICTED OR RECEIVED SHOULD REACH CINCPAC
IN MINIMUM TIME X USE OP CABLE FREELY.

Handwritten:
Sent 0255
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Date		JUNE 3 '42		U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. PACIFIC FLEET		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
From	CINCPAC	31343	To:		Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
					S	55	RAC
To	NAS MIDWAY		CCM 14		Precedence	Release	
					R	#1	
					System	17	11
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YOUR 111343 AND 120750 MY 111541 X IN VIEW POSSIBILITY
GASOLINE LOSSES MIDWAY AS RESULT OF ATTACK AND POSSIBLE FAILURE

REPLENISHMENT MEASURES NOW PLANNED MUST REITERATE NECESSITY
CONSERVING SUPPLY IN EVERY REASONABLE WAY PENDING DEVELOPMENT

OF SITUATION X WITH SEARCH CONTINUING SUGGEST SOME LIMITATION
OF PATROLS X EARLY MORNING SAFETY FLIGHTS OF HEAVY PLANES X
EMPLOYMENT OF PT BOATS XX CCM 14 HAS FOR INFO XX DO NOT INTEND

TO LIMIT YOUR DISCRETION BUT PROBLEM DOES EXIST AND MAY BE
SERIOUS X WHEN FURTHER SUPPLY ARRIVES USE OF PAN AMERICAN TANK
FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE IS AUTHORIZED X

REF : EXPENDITURE TODAY 72401 X AFTER DEPARTURE ...
REF : 291330 ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AT JAS...

131343

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030325	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	16	JOC
		Precedence	Release	
To: MIDWAY (CABLE) CTF 4 7 9 16 17		ROUT	01	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	11 17	

SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY EMPLOYMENT STRIKING FORCES CURRENT OPERATIONS ALMOST WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON RELIABLE COMBAT INTELLIGENCE WITH EMPHASIS ON ENEMY COMPOSITION POSITION AND CONDITION X DAMAGE TO ENEMY MUST BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED AND ONLY REASONABLY CERTAIN RESULTS BE REPORTED X REPORTS MUST GET THROUGH PROMPTLY

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per 04-14

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13 JUNE 1942

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CTF 4, 9, 7, 16, 17
NAS MIDWAY
COMDESPAC (ADM)

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DEPART PEARL 1734 GCT 3 JUNE X PROCEED VIA KAUNAI CHANNEL
TO A POINT 300 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY TO ARRIVE LOCAL
NOON 6 JUNE X MY OPLAN 29-42 EFFECTIVE FOR YOU UPON
DEPARTURE X YOU WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ORDER FROM
CTF 16 TO JOIN HIM OR FROM ME

034357

CHRONOLOGICAL
INDEX

sent at 1418 14

Date 3 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMANDING
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

From CINCPAC 030503

Info To:

To:
NAS MIDWAY

CTF 4.9
COMGENHNDPT

RECEIVED
PROCESSED
CABLE

MAKE READY ONE B-17 FOR DISTANT RECONNAISSANCE BY USING ADDITIONAL BOMB BAY TANK FROM ANOTHER PLANE SAME TYPE X DIRECTIVE WILL FOLLOW X CINCPAC ORIGINATOR

030503

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sent as per

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **3 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 030525**

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

SECRET

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To:

NAS MIDWAY

**CTF 4, 9
COMGENHAWDEPT**

Precedence

Release

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MT 030503 MAKE RECONNAISSANCE TO OR IN VICINITY OF WAKE

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Serial 0542

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
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Date **3 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 030637**

To **MIDWAY**

CTF 4

Class of	Priority	W. O.
SEC	13	
ROUT	12	
CABLE		

THERE WILL BE NO FRIENDLY UNITS WITHIN FOUR HUNDRED MILES OF
 YOUR STATION 1630Z/3 JUNE EXCEPT THOSE ON PATROL IN ASSIGNED
 AREAS X FROM CINCPAC

030637

CHRONOLOGICAL and 014659

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 23 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 031909

Info To:

To: ALL T.F. COMDRS.

COMINCH

Class:

Sec:

Priority:

Remarks:

RECENT ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES PACIFIC
AREAS BELIEVED RECONNAISSANCE X FROM CINCPAC
INDICATIONS THEIR ORDERS NOW CHANGED TO

031909

3 JUNE '42

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
COMANDANT-FLC
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CONCPAC 032153

ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH
CONSENADET

RDS

PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY
PORTS SIGHTING 2 ORANGE CARGO VESSELS X PLANE CONTINUED
SEARCH X ORANGE MAIN BODY SIGHTED 261 DISTANT 700 FROM
MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3

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CV # 36

Date 3 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
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From CINCPAC 932201	Info To:	Classification CON.	Outgoing 16	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence O-P	Release 11	Cryptos (Group)
		System CABLE	Show to	

FORCE REPORTED IS BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND OCCUPATION FORCE X
STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE SEPARATED

CINCPAC

AWB
Sent at 2208

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTSIDE**

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 332247	Info To:	Classification S	O-Number 16	
To: ALL TF COVDRS	COMINCH	Precedence P	Release 11	
		System RDO	Show to	

FORCE REPORTED 332153 BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND
OCCUPATION FORCE & STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE
SEPARATED

REF: PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM
MIDWAY REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARGO VESSELS
X

332247

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

4-JUNE-42

CINCPAC 040017

Info To:

Classification
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Originator
17

C. W. O.
RMT

ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence
-P-

Release
01

System
RDO

Show to
11-16

MY 032153 AMPLIFYING REPORT REFERRING TO MAIN BODY GIVES

11 SHIPS COURSE 090 SPEED 19

REF: 032153 MIDWAY REPORTS SIGHTING 2 ORANGE CARGO
VESSELS X

040017

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20033

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
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Date 4 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC 040019	Info To:	Classification	Originator	RJR
			SECRET	33	
To:	ALL TF COMDRS		Precedence	Release	
			PPPPPP	33	
			System	Show to	
			RADIO		

MIDWAY REPORTS 2 CARGO VESSELS AND 2 SMALLER VESSELS REPORTED
COURSE 050 BEARING 251 DISTANCE 570

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Sent at 0400

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
 OUTSIDE

Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 344659

To: CLARK

Info To:

TASK FORCE COMDAB
 PAC FLT
 COMDESPAC
 THORNTON

Classification	12
SEC	
Priority	ROUTINE
Station	RDQ
Time	11.15.

(16,20)

DEPART REAR 0900Z/4 JUNE X PROCEED AT FIFTEEN KNOTS TO POINT
 FIFTY MILES SOUTH FREEMAN FRIGATE SHOALS AND PATROL IN THAT
 VICINITY UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X TASK GROUP 2.8 ASSIGNED X
 COMMUNICATIONS PAC 75 EXCEPT GUARD 4255 SERIES X INFORMATION
 ACCORDANCE OPLAN 29-42 COPY FURNISHED AND IN MEMO BY HAND

CC CLARK

344659

Chambers
 [Signature]

252 9112
 [Handwritten note]

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From	CINCPAC 040245 040457 (MIDWAY)	Info To:	COMGENHAWDEPT COMHAWSEAFRON COMWESTSEAFRON COMNORWESTSEAFRON ALL TF COMDRS CO MIDWAY	Classification	SEC	Originator	17	C. W. O.	
To	COMINCH			Precedence	ROUTINE	Release	00, 1		
				System	RDO	Show to	16, 1		

DAYS DEVELOPMENTS TO PRESENT TIME APPARENTLY SUMMARIZE AS
FOLLOWS X THIS MORNING THERE WAS AN ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE OF
DUTCH HARBOR AND VICINITY X BELIEVE REPORT OF CARRIER THERE
WAS ERRONEOUS AND OUR SEARCH HAS NOT LOCATED NORTHERN ATTACK
FORCE X AT MIDWAY A GROUP OF SHIPS PROBABLY COMBATANT FIRST
SIGHTED 700 MILES WEST MAY BE ESCORT GROUP HEADING TOWARD A
RENDEZVOUS WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCE VESSELS SIGHTED CLOSER
IN X BELIEVE THE STRIKING FORCE HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED X
9 B-17S ARE ENROUTE TO ATTACK THE SUPPOSED ESCORT GROUP AND
6 MORE ARE MOVING FROM HERE TO MIDWAY X THERE IS NOT ENOUGH
YET IN PICTURE AT EITHER PLACE TO CONFIRM OR DENY MY PREVIOUS
ESTIMATES OR TO WARRANT CHANGE IN INITIAL DEPLOYMENTS

040457

040245

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From	CINCPAC 040459	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CTF 16 , 17		SECRET	31	WBM
			Precedence	Release	
			PRIOR	31	
			System	Show to	
			RADIO		

THIS FROM MIDWAY BEING PASSED BY CINCPAC QUOTE TWO PATROL PLANES
TO NORTH REPORTED SIGHTING OBSERVATION PLANE BUT CONTINUING
SEARCH X BELIEVED FROM SPRUANCE UNQUOTE

040459

05/15/15

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 44-517...

Info To:

To: 12 MAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. G.
SECRET	17	LB
Precedence	Release	
ROUTINE	Ø1	
System	Show to	
CABLE	11 16	

ASSUME YOUR REPORT OF AIR BODY AND SUBSEQUENT SAME SUBJECT
AND OF SAME FORCE X IT WOULD BE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IF
DESPATCHES SO INDICATED CLEARLY AND GIVE TYPE NUMBER COURSE
SPEED X

44-517

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040521	Info To: CTF 4	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	13D	JEC
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: MIDWAY		ROUTINE	95	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

FRIENDLY UNITS FOR 4 JUNE SAME AS MY 030637 X

040521

✓ 0556/4
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 04 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040711	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. G. MCN
To:		Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	
ALL T.F. COMDRS	COMINCH	System RADIO	Show to 11, 16	

9 B-17'S FROM MIDWAY ATTACKED 3 BATTLESHIPS OF
THE FORCE REPORTED TODAY AS ENEMY MAIN BODY X
ONE LEFT ON FIRE X 2 NEAR MISSES ON 2ND X RESULTS
NOT OBSERVED ON 3RD X IT IS ASSUMED CARRIERS
WERE NOT WITH THIS FORCE

040711

✓ 0727/4

Date 04 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 040801	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: ALL T.F. COMDRS MIDWAY		SECRET	16	MCH
		Precedence	Release	
		ROUT	00, 11	
		System	Show to	
			11	

THE SITUATION IS DEVELOPING AS EXPECTED X CARRIERS
OUR MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE SHOULD SOON BE
LOCATED X TOMORROW MAY BE THE DAY YOU CAN GIVE
THEM THE WORKS

040801



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Date JUNE 4, 1942

From CINCPAC 040811	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. RD
To: ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS CTF 16 CTF 17		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 11	
		System RADIO	Show to 16 17	

040811

SUPPLEMENTARY VERBAL REPORT ON ENEMY FORCE REPORTED AS MAIN
BODY GIVES COMPOSITION AS TWO TO THREE BB'S, ONE CV, TWO TO
THREE CA'S X TOTAL VESSELS WERE ELEVEN X COURSE 090 SPEED 18
IN TWO COLUMNS BB'S IN VAN OF LEFT COLUMN CV THIRD OR FOURTH
SHIP A LITTLE OFF IN POSITION X SENDING FOUR CATALINAS WITH
FISH TO ATTACK BY LIGHT OF MOON

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From CINCPAC 040959

Info To:

To:

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Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	RR
Precedence	Balance	
P	12	
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RADIO	12	

RESULTS MIDWAY AIR SEARCH 3RD X 200 TO 292 COVERAGE GENERALLY
1700 X 292 TO 332 GENERALLY 80% X IN SECTOR 332 TO 020 GENERALLY
750 UP TO 450 MILES BUT BEYOND THAT ZERO VISIBILITY

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From	CINCPAC 041035	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. RJR
To:	ALL TF COMS PAC	COMINCH	Precedence PPPPPP	Release 17	
			System RADIO	Show to 95	

AMPLIFYING MYDIS 040711 X LATER REPORT SAME FORCE BY RETURN-
ING PILOT GAVE COMPOSITION AS TWO TO THREE BATTLESHIPS ONE

CARRIER TWO TO THREE HEAVY CRUISERS TOTAL 11 SHIPS IN TWO
COLUMNS BATSHIPS LEADING PORT COLUMN X POSITION AT 0434Z/4

WAS BEARING 261 DISTANCE 574 FROM MIDWAY INDICATING COURSE
MADE GOOD 081 SPEED 18 KNOTS SINCE FIRST SIGHTING X RESULTS

B17 ATTACK ONE BATTLESHIP ONE TRANSPORT AFIRE X 4 PATROL PLANE
AMPHIBS ARE NOW ENROUTE TO MAKE MOONLIGHT TORPEDO ATTACK

REF: (040711)--9 B-17'S FROM MIDWAY ATTACKED 3 BATTLESHIPS ... X
IT IS ASSUMED CARRIERS WERE NOT WITH THIS FORCE

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From: CINCPAC 041203	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 7, 16, 17	COMINCH	SEC	17	RLK
		Precedence	Release	
		PPP	17	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

AGAIN AMPLIFYING MY 040711 MAIN BODY WITH DD SCREEN IN 3
COLUMNS CENTER COLUMN 7 SHIPS WITH 4 BB OR CA IN MIDDLE X
WING COLUMNS 6 TO 8 MIXED CL AND AP X RESULTS OF ATTACKS
ONE HIT ON LARGEST SIZE SHIP STARTED FIRES ALSO ONE NEAR
MISS X OTHER LARGEST SIZE SHIP ONE HIT TWO NEAR MISSES X
HIT ON AP SET IT ON FIRE X HEAVY AA FIRE ONLY MINOR DAMAGE
TO PLANES X BOMBING ALTITUDE 8 TO 10 THOUSAND FEET

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From CINCPAC 415,5	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. RJR/
To: ALL TF COMS PAC		Precedence PPPPPP	Release 16	
		System RADIO	Show to 13	

CATALINAS OF TORPEDO ATTACK GROUP REPORTS BEING ATTACKED
 BY AIRCRAFT AT 1415 GCT 4TH BEARING 260 FROM MIDWAY DIS-
 TANCE ESTIMATED 500 MILES

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Date 4 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 41527	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 13	C. W. O. REF
To: ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH	Precedence OP	Release 16	
		System R	Show to 95	

CATALINA TORPEDO GROUP COMPLETED ATTACK ON MAIN BODY
DISTANCE 5.4 BEARING 260 FROM MIDWAY X RESULTS UNRE-
PORTED

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Date: 4 JUNE 1942

FROM: CINCPAC 041617	Info To:	Classification SEC	Originator 13	C. W. O. RLK
TO: ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH	Precedence PPP	Release 16	Crypto Green
		System RDO	Show to 95	

VP TORPEDO PLANE REPORTS ONE HIT ON LARGE TRANSPORT X TEN
SHIPS IN COMPANY SPEED 13 BEARING 260 DISTANCE 500 FROM
MIDWAY ABOUT 1430 GCT 4TH

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Date 4 JUL 1942

From CINCPAC 041803

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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System

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To: ALL TASK FORCE CLAS
 ROUTE ENROUTE

COMINCH

B-17C NOW ENROUTE TO ATTACK MAIN BODY BUT WILL BE DIVERTED
 IF BOMBERS ARE DISCOVERED X PRESENCE OF CARRIER WITH MAIN BODY
 CONFIRMED BUT AIRCRAFT OF SOME TYPE WERE IN ITS VICINITY AT
 1400Z



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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041807

To:

ALL T F COMDRS

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	18	RR
Precedence	Release	
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MIDWAY SEARCH PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING 1 SEAPLANE BEARING 320 DIS-
TANCE 100 X WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL SEAPLANE NOT STATED

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PAC 42-1-1	Info To: COMVINC COMDENHARDEPT	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	18	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
		URGENT	18	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	01 11 1	

AND HEADING 10 DEGREES FROM 32, DISTANT 15 MILES



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From CINCPAC 041823 To: ALL T F COMMANDERS	Info To:	Classification	Originator	G. W. S.
		SECRET	17	RR
		Precedence	Release	
		OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	11 16	

PLANE REPORTS 2 CV AND MAIN BODY BEARING 320 COURSE 135 SPEED 25
DISTANT 180 FROM MIDWAY X THAT STATION ATTACKING WITH HEAVY PLANES

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From CINCPAC 4-1547	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. TRM
To:	COMINCH	Precedence -OP-	Release 16	
		System RADIO	Show to	

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041857

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
17

C. W. C.
TRH

To: COMSEAFRON
COMNORSEAFRON
CONGENHA DEPT

COMINCH

Procedure

Release

PRIORITY

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AT 041804 PLANE REPORTS 2 CV AND OTHER SHIPS BEARING 320 DEGREES
DISTANT 180 MILES FROM MIDWAY ON COURSE 135 SPEED 25 X WILL BE
ATTACKED BY ALL AVAILABLE PLANES X DUTCH HARBOR AT 041720 REPORT
1 CV AND 2 DL BEARING 210 DEGREES DISTANT 240 MILES COURSE 150
2 CATALINAS WITH TORPEDOES ENROUTE ATTACK X MIDWAY UNDERGOING
RAID AT 041835 X ALL TIMES GCT

CORRECTED COPY

041857



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From CINCPAC 41915 To: CTF 16 CTF 17	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. R.
		SECRET	01	RR
		Precedence	Release	Comma
		OP	17	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	11 16	

SUBMARINES ON VIGILANCE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CLOSE ENEMY CARRIERS
X CONTACT FORCE 7 41937

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From CINCPAC 042007	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RR
To: COMINCH ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS COMGENHAWDEPT		Precedence P	Release 01	
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

FIRST REPORT MIDWAY AIR RAID X EASTERN ISLAND POWER HOUSE DESTROYED X MAIN AVGAS SUPPLY THERE INTACT X RUNWAYS ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED NO REAL HINDRANCE TO LANDING X INCOMPLETE REPORT AA FIRE GOT 8 JAP PLANES

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 42033

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. C.

SECRET

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To:
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TF COMSPACFLT
MIDWAY (CABLE)

*OP-
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RENDERED AT 12, 7/6 JUNE IN LATITUDE 25-45 NORTH LONGITUDE 175-10
WEST X GUADALUPE TRANSFER CAPACITY LOAD AVGAS TO KALOLI X COMPLETION
KALOLI VIDEO RALPH TALBOT PROCEED MIDWAY TO ENTER ONE HOUR AFTER LOCAL
SUNSET 0710 JUNE X GUADALUPE BLUE PROCEED TO AND REMAIN WITHIN FIFTY
MILES OF LATITUDE 25-11 NORTH LONGITUDE 170-00 WEST UNTIL FURTHER
ORDER

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From CINCPAC 42-45	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. WBM
To: INORPAC	CLARK	Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	C G
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

DIRECT AVANG LOAD SALVAGE TO RESCUE GEAR AND PERSONNEL
AND PROCEED ABOUT FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF FRENCH FRIGATE SIGNALS AND
RECEIVE IN CLARK X FURTHER INFO FOR BOTH SHIPS LATER X
CLARK IS TASK GROUP 2.8 X AVANG TASK UNIT 2.8.2



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From CINCPAC 042056 To: MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. T. O.
		REST	20	NRF
		Precedence	Release	Cryptic Group
		PRIORITY	11	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

HONOLULU VIA CPC CK 19 COVT 1:20PM FOURTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY 042056

NPM HAS TELETYPE FROM CABLE OFFICE AND HAS TRANSMITTERS
AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE IF NEEDED BT

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From CINCPAC 042111	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. 11/2
To: COMINTCH ALL TF 3015		Precedence OP	Release 1	
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

4 CA 2 AD 2 AK 1TH DE SCREEN 285 DEGREES DISTANT 400 FROM
MIDWAY ON COURSE 085 AT 042043

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 042151	Info To:	Classification SEC	Originator 17	C. W. O. VAN
To: ALL TF COMDRS COMINCH		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to	

MIDWAY REPORTS B-17 DAMAGED ONE CV X SINGLE ENGINE SEAPLANE
 RECONNOITERING LISIANSKI X AT 2130 GCT ORANGE CV HOMING PLANES

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Date *10 JUL 42*

From CINCPAC <i>442259</i>	Info To:	Classification	Original	C. W. O.
		SECRET SEC	25 25	ECW
		Precedence	Release	Cryptic
To: <i>ALL TF COM PAC</i>		-0-	100 100	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	<i>16-17</i>	

ALL INFORMATION BYC IN PLAIN LANGUAGE MUST BE INFORMED
BY ITEM BY MEMBERS

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From CINCPAC 042301	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RR
To: ALL T F COMDRS COMINCH COMNAVHARDEPT		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to 01 11 16	

MIDWAY PLANES ATTACKING GROUP BEARING 320 DEGREES FROM THERE SAW
2 CV PLUS 8 TO 10 SHIPS AND REPORT HEAVY FIGHTER PROTECTION ABOUT
10 MILES OUT FROM FORMATION X TORPEDOES WERE DROPPED BUT RESULTS
NOT OBSERVED X DIVE BOMBERS FROM MIDWAY HIT 1 CV EITHER AMIDSHIPS
OR FORWARD WITH 2 BOMBS RESULTING IN EXTREMELY HEAVY COLUMN OF
SMOKE FROM CV X VESSELS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BEARING 265 FROM
MIDWAY NOW BEAR 262 DISTANCE 330 AND MAY INCLUDE BB OR CV X IN
ALASKA THEATRE PLANES WITH BOMBS AND TORPEDOES NOW ENROUTE TO
ATTACK 1 POSSIBLY 2 CV'S ABOUT 280 MILES E DUTCH HARBOR

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	To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. O. RLC
		Precedence CP	Release 21	
		System JSC	Show to 11 16	

ALL HANDS HAVE BEEN DOING

T DIVIDED SOON FROM OUR

IN PARLOR AND DAMAGED CAR-

RECT OF MIDWAY OR NORTH-

CTIONS ARE Y CARRIERS

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DIX
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sent Midway 73419

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MAY 1966 042341	INFO TO	Classification CONF.	Originator 01	C. W. O. HRF
		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

0100Z MAY 66 03 27 00VT 205PM FOURTH

0100Z MAY 66 042341

REPORT PLEASE INDICATE POSITION OF FORCES REFERRED

TO BE SENT OUT

CINCPAC

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 U.S. NAVY

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		CVF	20	
		5	Release 17	Crypto
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		420	25	

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Date 1 JUL 62

From CINCPAC.....	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator C1	C. W. O. RLC
To:		Precedence URGENT	Release C1	
		System RDO	Show to	

MY INFO TO DV L ST STEEL LOT 135 BE NIN 32, COURSE
LIT STEEL LOT 135, Y (PLUS 12), 4TH

~~CR #1~~
~~CV #1~~

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050052

Info To:

Classification
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Originator

C. W. O.

HRF

To: MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

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XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK29 GOVT 320PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 050052

COMT-SKFORCE 17 ATTACKED 2 ENEMY CARRIERS REPORTED IN CINCPAC
041843 X HAS NO INDICATION OF LOCATION ADDITIONAL CARRIERS
WHICH HAVE SIGHTED THIS FORCE

CINCPAC

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PLATE THREE MAP DOCUMENTS RECOVERED BY SENT CINCPAC NEXT
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CINCPAC 050103

ALL T F COMDRS

Info To:

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	01	RR
Precedence	Release	Crypto
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RADIO	11 16	

DAMAGE SUMMARY X FORCE ORIGINALLY BEARING 261 DISTANCE 700 FROM
MIDWAY 1 BOMB HIT BB 1 ON AP 1 TORPEDO HIT AP X FORCE ORIGINALLY
BEARING 320 DISTANCE 180 2 BOMB OR TORPEDO HITS ON BB X 1 HIT ON
SECOND BB 2 BOMB HITS ON CV X CV REPORTED SMOKING X

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From: CINCPACFLT 5-17-77	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. E
To:	JTF 20 1-11	Precedence -OP-	Release .1	
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From CINCPAC 50,131	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 34	C. W. O. CM
To: CTF 16	30,110F	Precedence -C-	Release 34	
		System RDO	Show to	

IN HIS 50,135 CTF 17 REPORTS ROUTE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY
AIR 15 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY

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From CINCPAC 54145

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	RLC
Precedence	Release	Crypto
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To:

ALL TF JUNE 42

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POSITION MARKED IN ENGLISH NUMERALS ON DEAD JAP AVIATOR
31-11 176-49 X MIDWAY REPORTS HIS PATROLS HAVE ONLY SEEN
2 CARRIERS

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Date 30 APR 1964

From CINCPAC 147

Info To:

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SECRET	14	14
Release Group	Release	Crypto Group
SECRET	14	14
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SECRET	14	14

To:

CTF 17

MIDWAY SENDING BY ROUTE OF 11 APR 1964 TO ATTACK ONLY BARRIERS TO
KONTAK 37 SENDING RETURN TO 11 APR 1964 SENDING RETURN LOCATED



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From CINCPAC <i>0153/3</i>	Info To:	Classification CONF.	Originator 20	C. <i>✓</i> O. <i>✓</i>
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	
		System CABLE	Show to	

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK26 GOVT 415PM FOURTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY PRIORITY

YOUR 050110 CINCPAC HAD NO 041843 X THINK COMTASKFOR 17 MEANT
 041823 WHICH CONTAINED SUBSTANCE YOUR 1804 BUT WAS NOT SENT TO
 YOU

SENT AT 0153/18/

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MIDWAY

SECRET

OP

CABLE

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C. F. O.

Crypto
Group

COMTASKFOR 17 REPORTS ATTACKED BY AIR 150 MILES NORTH OF
MIDWAY

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From CINCPAC	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	CA
		Precedence	Release	
To:		OP	17	
		System	Show to	
		RDC		

15 JUL 68 1635 144 17 AT 050150

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Date

From	CINCPAC	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	11.10	CTF 16.10.1.7.7	SECRET	01	L
			Precedence	Release	
			OP	01	
			System	Show to	
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TRUCK 15 WAS ATTACKED 10 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY AT 0030 OCT
A 7 1/2 TON 6 1/2 IN DIA T 15 DIA TO OCT 15, X HIT ANY FORCES
OTHER THAN THE ABOVE TODAY OR TONIGHT X THE NATION ADDRESSEES
TILL MIDWAY IF THIS SUGGESTION TODAY X YOUR 151147

50230

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DATE 8 JUNE 41

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

IN-PAY 350315

OTF 16 17

17 RLC

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AT 050226 THREE CRANGE UNITS BURE 331 FROM VIDALY & BEARINGS
RATED FAIR X 295 KCS

050305

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Revtar 03144

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVY COMBINATION
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

From CINC PAC 050308

Info To

To MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. No.
SECRET	300	5
Release	Release	
OP	System	Show to
CABLE		

YORKTOWN SAYS HE WILL HAVE TEN SCOUTS RETURNING FROM SEARCH
ABOUT 1700 AND WILL SEND THEM TO YOUR BASE

SENT AT 0310

050308

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Sec.	Director	C. W. O.
SECRET	2/2	
URGENT		Crypto Group
From	Shaw to	
CABLE		

... 47 MILES ON COURSE

121 AT 1211/89

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUL 40

From CINCPAC 1	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 34	C. W. O. L
To: 1 WINDY ALL 101-1012 1013		Precedence OP	Release 34	Crypto Group
		System RDO	Show to	

OUTASKFOR 10 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED HEAVILY BY AIR X CINCPAC
ELAYS HIS PLAIN LANGUAGE 151247

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050324	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To: NAS MIDWAY		Precedence ROUTINE	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

NO US FORCES WITHIN 400 MILES MIDWAY 0700 VW 5 JUNE EXCEPT
SHIPS ON ASSIGNED STATIONS AND TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 LOCATION
UNKNOWN

SENT AT 0334/FR



sent 0334/3

5 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINC PAC 050335	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
MIDWAY		Release URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300 GCT AIRGROUPS FROM TASK FORCES 16 AND 17
MADE ATTACK ON CARRIERS OF ENEMY FORCE CONSISTING OF PROBABLY

FOUR CARRIERS TWO BATTLESHIPS FOUR HEAVY CRUISERS AND SIX DESTROYERS X ALL FOUR OF THE CARRIERS BELIEVED BY COMTASKFORCE 16

TO BE BADLY DAMAGED AND ONE OR TWO OTHER HEAVY SHIPS ARE CLAIMED
TO HAVE BEEN HIT X OUR PLANE LOSSES WERE HEAVY X ENEMY WAS

MANEUVERING AT 2215 GCT IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 3048 NORTH
17830 WEST X COMTASKFORCE 16 REQUESTS POSITIONS OF ENEMY UNITS

AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE X CINC PAC

SENT AT 0340

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5 JUNE 1942

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING**

TO: CINCPAC 050347 (104-1) CTF 16 CTF 17 MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. P. O.
		SECRET		
		URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

MY 050317 SAME ENEMY UNIT AT ZERO THREE FIFTEEN GCT REPORTS QUOTE
BEARING ONE ZERO TWO DISTANCE 120 COURSE 280 SPEED 24 UNQUOTE

SENT AT 0348

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sent 0348
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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 8 NOV 42

From CINCPAC 5,341	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLC
To ALL TF COMUSMACV	COMINCH	Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 16 11	

PATROL LIAISON REPORT FOLLOWING FROM MIDWAY TODAY X AT 0945
Y (12) 4 BA 2 AC 2 AK BEARING 264 DISTANT 400 COURSE
25 MEET 12 X AT 1,2 Y (12) 3 CRUISERS BEARING 265 DISTANT 430
25 X 2 BEATER CRUISER PLANES ATTACKED PBY'S
THESE LOCATIONS X MIGHT BE SAME FORCE SIGHTED BY 2 PLANES

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **5 JUNE 1942**

From CINCPAC 050345	Info To:	Classification CONF	Originator 13	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release 45	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

GIVE TF 17 AIR SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY AS PRACTICABLE

SENT AT 0346/FR



sent 0346/FR

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050355

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
17

C. W. O.
ECW

To: ALL TF COMS PAC
COMGENHAWDEPT
COMINCH
COMSOPAC

Precedence
-OP-

Release
17

System
RDO

Show to

BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300 GCT TODAY AIR FROM TF 16 AND 17 ATTACKED
ENEMY FORCE BELIEVED CONSIST OF 4 CV 2 BB 4 CA 6 DD X BELIEVE

BADLY DAMAGED ALL 4 CV AND OTHER SHIPS HIT X OUR PLANE LOSSES
HEAVY X AT 2215 GCT ENEMY IN APPROXIMATE POSITION LAT 30-38 N

LONG 178-30 W MANEUVERING

050355

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050401

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. G.

SECRET

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Precedence

Release

Cryptic
Group

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Show to

To: ALL TASKFORCOMS PAC

RELAYING MIDWAY 050219 XX ON 255 AT 0206 UNIDENTIFIED ORANGE UNIT
EXCELLENT BEARING 331 STRENGTH 5 X ALSO ON 255 BEARING 330 SAYA
CALLING MOKA STRENGTH 5 X ALSO ON 255 SAYA BEARING 330 CALLING
SESE AT 0213 X APPEARS TO CONTROL CIRCUIT X ALL DF LOW FREQ BEAR-
INGS UNILATERAL X

CV / #
CR / # //

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sent 050401

050401

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 050420 T MIDWAY	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 33/12	C. W. O.
		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

MY 050335 CORRECT POSITION TO READ 3038 NORTH 17830 WEST

SENT AT 0424/FR

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 55443

To: TASK FORCE COMDRS

Info To:

Classification

SEC

Originator

12

C. W. O.

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Precedence

OP OP

Release

95

System

Show to

RDO

6 B-17'S ENROUTE FROM MIDWAY TO GIVE AIR COVER TO TASKFORCE 17 X
THE 6 OF SAME TYPE ENROUTE FROM PEARL ARE BEING DIVERTED TO
ATTACK ENEMY BEARING 330 DISTANCE 17 FROM MIDWAY X SEARCH PLANE
REPORTED 2 BURNING SHIPS NEAR CONTACT

55443

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 151453**

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SEC

17

JSC

Precedence

Release

OP

17

System

Show to

RDO

To:

ALL TF 100

100

MIDWAY SERVICE REPORTED 3 BURNING ENEMY

CHIEF OF THE DISTANCE 100 FROM THERE

CV # 11
CR # 13

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTSIDE**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 055500	Info To:	Classification	Priority
		PLAIN	12
		Precedence	Release
To: CTF 17		OP	95
		System	Show to

0513 BT 0430 AFFIRMATIVE

REF: CONTACTFORCE 17 TRANSFERRED FLAG TO ASTORIA X YORKTOWN
HIT BY AT LEAST THREE BOMBS BADLY DAMAGED DEAD IN WATER
BUT APPARENTLY SEA WORTHY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED TASK
FORCE 17 WILL PROTECT AND SALVAGE YORKTOWN TASK FORCE 16
WILL CONTINUE ENGAGE ENEMY X YORKTOWN POSITION LAT 30
48 LONG 76 52

055500



Date 5 JUNE 42

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CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050515

Info To:

VIREO (ACKNOWLEDGE)

CTF 17

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	RR
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
URGENT	95	
System	Show to	
RADIO		

PROCEED IMMEDIATELY FROM YOUR PRESENT POSITION NEAR PEARL AND
HERMES REEF TO ASSISTANCE OF YORKTOWN WHICH IS BADLY DAMAGED IN
POSITION 30-48 NORTH 176-53 WEST X DIRECT KALOLI CONTINUES ACCORD-
ANCE MY 042933 X VIREO ACKNOWLEDGE

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OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 150529	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	G. W. O.
Re GWIN	TF COMS PACFLT	Procedure -OP-	Release 95	
		System RADIO	Show to	

MODIFY. YOUR PREVIOUS ORDERS X PROCEED 25 KNOTS JOIN TASK FORCE
 17 POSITION 31-48 NORTH 176-03 WEST X YORKTOWN BADLY DAMAGED
 SPEED ZERO

150529

CR# 14
 13



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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050543

To: ALL T F COMDRS

Info To:

COMINCH
COMSOPAC

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	RR
Precedence	Release	
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System	Show to	
RADIO		

MAUTILUS MADE 3 TORPEDO HITS ON DAMAGED SORYU CLASS LAT 30-13
LONG 179-18 WEST AT 0200Z/5

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050609

To: CTF 17 16

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	25	JSC
Precedence	Release	
PRI	16	
System	Show to	
RDO	20 16	

GENERAL BEARING BY MIDWAY DF ON SEVERAL ENEMY CALLS BETWEEN
3 AND 5 HOURS ZED WAS 330-340 FREQUENCY 2 3 X LONG RANGE BEARING
FROM OAHU INDICATES DISTANCE ABOUT 200 MILES

050609

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450621

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**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050610 To NAS MIDWAY	Info To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	
		Dependence	Release	
		OP	//	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

YOUR 050512 YOUR INFORMATION ENEMY POSITIONS IS BETTER THAN
 MINE

SENT AT 0610/FR

050610

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Date 5 JUNE .42

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OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 050611	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 16 CTF 17		SECRET	25	RR
		Precedence	Release	
		OP	N16	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	16	

ENEMY PLAIN LANGUAGE ABBREVIATED CONTACT REPORTS INDICATE BLUE
FORCE 3 CA 6 DD ON COURSE 070 SPEED 20 POSITION UNREADABLE

050611

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050621

Info To:

To:
 FULTON (O M)
 CTF 4
 CTF 17

ALL T F COMDRS
 CTG 4.5

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System

RADIO

DEPART PEARL EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME X GATE WILL BE
 DURING DARKNESS X PROCEED VIA KAUAI CHANNEL TO LATITUDE
 LONGITUDE 159-10 WEST THENCE ON COURSE 298 TRUE TO
 SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 17 ESTIMATED ABOUT NOON LOCAL TIME
 FORCE 4 ASSIGN 2 SHIPS FROM OFFSHORE PATROL TO SCREEN FULTON
 FORCE 17 DIRECT SHIPS OVERMANNED BY PEOPLE REMOVED FROM
 SHIPS PROCEED ON REVERSE OF FULTON COURSE TO MEETING X
 KAWAJO BOTH NOW ENROUTE TO ASSIST TOWING

050621

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date JUNE 5 1942

From CINCPAC 50649

To: COMSEAFUTRO

Info To:

ALL TF 17
FULTON

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	WBM
Precedence	Release	
OP	1	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 1	

DIRECT SE INGLE TO ACCOMPANY FULTON/RYDIS 050621 X UPON
MEETING SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 17 PROCEED AS DIRECTED SOP
THAT FORCE TO ASSIST TOWING YORKTOWN X IF YOU CANNOT KEEP
UP WITH FULTONS TOP SPEED FOLLOW IN HER TRACK

050649

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050700	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. O.
To MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release 95	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

MODIFY WY 050230 TO READ QUOTE HIT ANY LARGE SURFACE SHIPS
UNQUOTE OWN SUBMARINES AND PT BOATS ARE IN AREA

SENT AT 0704/FR

050700

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**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

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DTF 17 16 4 9 7

TO:

Classification	Originator	C. W. C.
SEC	01	JSC
Precedence	Release	
OP	01	
System	Flow to	
RDO		

DEPT MY 050303 TO READ QUOTE HIT ANY LARGE SURFACE SHIPS
 UNQUOTE OWN SUBMARINES AND PT BOATS ARE IN AREA

~~CV~~ 2P
~~CR~~ 23
~~ETP~~



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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC.....050707

Info To:

To: ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

AT 0629/5 GMT JAPS BELIEVED BOMBING PLANES

050707

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OUTGOING

Date JUNE 5 1942

From CINCPAC 5 721

Info To:

Classification

SECRET

Originator

11

C. W. G.

WBM

To:

CTF 17

Precedence

OP

Release

11

System

RADIO

Show to

THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND SALVAGE
OFFICERS RETAIN THE MESSAGE ON BOARD YORKTOWN WHO KNOW SHIP
AND FURNISH DO REPORT TO ASSIST SALVAGE PARTY

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CHIEF
PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING**

050735 PILGRIM		Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET		
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		OP		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

WHAT AIRPLANES BY NUMBERS AND TYPES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE
AVAILABLE BY MORNING X BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LANDING ATTEMPT
BY LONG RANGE PLANES FROM WAKE

SENT AT 0740

050735

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 45-741 To:	Info To: CTF 4,9,16	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
		-OP-	95	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	16	

MIDWAY HAS FOR ACTION YOU ARE INFO X WHAT AIRPLANES BY
NUMBERS AND TYPES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE AVAILABLE BY MORNING
X BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LANDING ATTEMPT BY LONG RANGE PLANES
FROM WAKE

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CV 23

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OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 050811

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
12

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ALL TF COMS PAC

Precedence
OP

Release
01

System
RADIO

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11 16

VERIFY MY PREVIOUS ORDERS X CLARK PROCEED FROM 50 MILES SOUTH OF
FRENCH FRIGATE TO POSITION LATITUDE 25-45 NORTH LONGITUDE 175-00

WEST PATROL IN THAT VICINITY AWAITING ORDERS X YOU MAY EXPECT
GUATELORPE WITH ESCORT AND KAOLI TO MEET AT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ THIS POINT

DAYLIGHT 6 JUNE X NAVAJO PROCEED FROM PRESENT POSITION BEST SPEED
TO LATITUDE 26-08 NORTH LONGITUDE 166-40 WEST THENCE ON COURSE

205 1000 CR AS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ OTHERWISE DIRECTED COMTASKFOR 17 UNTIL
YOU MEET YORKTOWN X ASSIST TOWING THAT VESSEL WHICH IS DAMAGED

050811

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 151831 To: CTF 16 CTF 17	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
		-OP-		
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

FROM MIDWAY NOTE YOUR 0533 16 PLANES HAVE NOT ARRIVED REQUEST
INFORMATION UNQUOTE REFERENCE WAS OUR DISPATCH INFORMING MIDWAY

OF RETURN OF 1, YORKTOWN SCOUTS FROM SEARCH BEING SENT TO MIDWAY
X ANOTHER FROM MIDWAY FOR INFO CTF 16 QUOTE ENSIGNS T J WOODS AND
T T GUILLARY AND G F LARCH RADIOMAN 3RD AND BR COTTREL RADIOMAN 2ND

OF BOMBING OF HORNET PICKED UP THIS STATION

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sent at 0850

Date JUNE 5 1942:

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OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 050839

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
32

C. W. O.
WBM

To: ALL TF COMS
C MINCH

Precedence
OP

Release
32

System
RADIO

Show to -

ANOTHER FROM MIDWAY HIS 050725 X 6 SBD AND 5 SB2U3S DEPARTED FOR
BEARING 320 DISTANCE 180 AT 0710 ZED (GCT) TO ATTACK UNQUOTE ALL
FOR NOW FOR YOUR INFO

050839

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Date 5 JUNE 42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 050915	Info To: COMINCH COMCENHAWDEPT	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. MMV
To: TANK FOR COMVALEERS		Precedence R	Release 01	Crypto
		System R	Show to	

YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY TODAY HAVE WRITTEN
A GLORIOUS PAGE IN OUR HISTORY. I AM PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED
WITH YOU X I ESTIMATE THAT ANOTHER DAY OF ALL OUT EFFORT ON
YOUR PART WILL COMPLETE THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY

050915

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 OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 051134	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. M. O. <i>[Signature]</i>
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	
		System CABLE	Show to	

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK38 GOVT. 204AM FIFTH
 NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY PRIORITY SECRET 051134

THIS REFERS TO YOUR 050910 X IN VIEW 050912 FROM CTF 16. SUGGEST
 MODIFY YOUR SEARCH PLAN TO INCLUDE SECTOR 340 TO 010 TO DISTANCE
 250 OMITTING LESS PROFITABLE AREAS AS NECESSARY

--SENT AT 1143/1B/--

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC 051203	Info To:	COLSOPAC NAVTRANSPT	Classification	SECRET	Origin	16
To:	C. G. SAUA C. G. ELINGER C. G. T. AT C. G. ROSES C. G. FIJI			Precedence	ROUTINE	Release	11 00
				System	RDO	Show to	17

FOUR OR FIVE ENEMY CARRIERS INVOLVED IN ATTACK ON MIDWAY X
AT LEAST THREE BADLY DAMAGED X ONE OR TWO ENEMY CARRIERS
OPERATING OFF ALEUTIANS ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR YESTERDAY

051203



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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 051225	Info To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	

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STOPPED 100 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY X PARA X REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE
AT PRESENT BUT BELIEVE ENEMY WILL IF HE CAN MUSTER SUFFICIENT AIR

CONTINUE OPER WITH 2 REMAINING CARRIERS IN ORDER TO PROCEED
WITH LANDING ATTACK ON MIDWAY X IT IS CERTAIN THAT HE HAS AT LEAST

ONE CARRIER WILL OPERATE AIRCRAFT X W ARE EXECUTING NIGHT ATTACKS
WITH APPROXIMATE 1000 X SARATOGA WILL ARRIVE PEARL EARLY ON 6TH AND

WILL BE DISPATCHED AS SOON AS FUELED X PARA X IN ALASKA SECTOR X EN-
EMY LARGE CV WITH SMALL CV 2 OR 3 CA AND DDS WAS MANEUVERING ABOUT

250 MILES SOUTH OF DUTCH HARBOR DURING DAY X ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR
AT 0600 GOLF X PARA X NAVY COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY

COMMANDED

051225

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DATE 5 JUNE 42

FROM CINCPAC 051225

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SECRET

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COMINCH OPNAV

COMUSMACV VJBRAC

COMGENHAWAII COMNAV

COMPANSEAFRON ALL

COMNOAISEAFRON

COMWESEAFRON COMAIR

ROUTINE

21

ABLE

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JUNE 4 0500 HRS TO 0600 HRS. THE 1ST FORCE X TASK X THE 2ND FORCE X
FORCES WERE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM THE 1ST X BEARING 60 DISTANT ABOUT

500 MILES. 1ST FLEET COMPOSED OF 1 BB 1 CV 1 CA 1 DD POSSIBLY A CARRIER
AND AUXILIARY CRAFT FOLLOWING 10 TO 20 THIRDS TWO A DD SCREEN X ONE OR

TWO BB AND TWO DD WERE WITH THE 1ST FLEET. YESTERDAY X SECOND X
BEARING 60 DISTANT ABOUT 100 MILES AT 1000 HRS. 1ST OF ABOUT 4 CV

2BB 4 CA 6 DD X MIDWAY AND CARRIER TASK FORCE CONCENTRATED ALL AT-
TACKS ON THIS SECOND FORCE X RESULTS 3 CV BURNING 1 CV HIT BY 3 SUB-

MARINE TORPEDOES 1 OR 2 BB AND OTHER SHIPS DAMAGED X IN MORN-
ING AIR RAIDS MIDWAY SUFFERED VERY HEAVY AIR LOSSES BUT NO SERIOUS

DAMAGE TO STATION X IN AFTERNOON TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 HAD HEAVY
AIR LOSSES AND THE YORKTOWN RECEIVED AT LEAST 3 CMB HITS AND IS

051225

Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 051323

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
16

C. ~~10~~

To: MIDWAY

CTF 7 (BY HAND)

Precedence
PRIORITY

Release

System
CABLE

Show to

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK29 GOVT 348AM FIFTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY

PRIORITY - SECRET - 051323

OUR SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE POSITION IN TEN
DEGREES SECTOR ONE ONE HUNDRED MILE CIRCLE FROM MIDWAY
BETWEEN 240 AND 350

✓
SENT AT 1324/18/

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051345

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

16

ECW

To:

COM LCH
CTF 4, 7, 2
ALL TF COMS PAC

CTF 16, 17
COMNAVDEPT

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY 16

System

Show to

RADIO

95

IN SPITE HEAVY LOSS OF PL ANES MORE THAN 12 OF WHICH LANDED IN
WATER ON RETURN FROM FORENOON ATTACK TASK FORCE 16 AT 0500-0600
GCT MADE SUPERB ATTACK ENEMY FORCE OF 1 CV 2 BB 2 OR MORE CA SEV-
ERAL X CV HIT SEVERAL TIMES AND LEFT BURNING X BB RECEIVED AT
LEAST 4 HITS X S BURNING X CA IT AND ON FIRE X ENEMY POSITION
AT 084. LAT 3-41 NORTH LONG 177-41 WEST COURSE WEST SPEED 15 X
6 SHIPS TO GO TOWARD BELIEVED CARRIERS STILL BURNING X THUS 4 CV'S
SPECIALLY ALLOCATED FOR X TASK FORCE 16 POSITION AT 1600 GCT 5 JUNE
LAT 3-30 NORTH LONG 175-20 WEST X MIDWAY PLANES IN COMMISSION
12 BSE 2 VP 6 T-17 8 VP X POS POSITION ENEMY 300 21 NORTH 164 WEST
AT 1. LAT

051345

CV#32

CR#33/T.FEST

PP

1431/5

21 JUN 42

Date 5 JUNE 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 051431

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
18

C. W. O.
RLC

To: ALL TF COMS PAC
GWIN

COMINCH

Precedence
0 0

Release
11

System
RDO

Show to

ENEMY SS BY RDF 29 NORTH 172-30 WEST

051431



sent 1443 1/4

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051433

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

18

WFL

To: ALL T.F. COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY

11

System

Show to

RADIO

AT 1330 GCT 5TH MIDWAY REPORTS BEING LIGHTLY BOMBARDED
FROM SOUTH BELIEVED BY SUBMARINE X SHELLING STOPPED AFTER
8 ROUNDS .

051433

CV =
CR = 1513
PP

Subject File

✓
LT at 1448
8

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 10-11-42

From CINCPAC 131641

Info To:

Classification

SEC

Origin

11

Precedence

PRIOR

Reference

11

System

RDO

Short to

WIDE AREA SEARCH BY DIRECTION FINDER 23-45 NORTH 164-00 WEST X

11-11-42 TELLING YOU

131641



U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051559

Info To:

051633 (WIDWAY)

To: WIDWAY.
ALL TF 30.5 PA

SECRET	15
Precedence	Priority
URGENT	1

U N S S REPORTS MANY UNIDENTIFIED SURFACE SHIPS 13-17 28-29 NORTH 179-05 WEST

051633 *sent*
051559

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
 OUTSIDE

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 51659

Info To:

To: TF'S 16, 17

NAS. MIDWAY

Classification	SECRET	18
Precedence	URGENT	18
System	RDO	

ID AY SEARCH COMMENCING 1430 YOKE SECTOR 230 TO 340 TO
 400 MILES X HAVE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION TO INCLUDE 340 TO
 11 TO 250 MILES BUT NO REPORT YET AS TO CONTEMPLATED
 ACTION X WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

051700
 51659



Date 5 JUNE '42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 051757

Info To:

Classification
S

Originator
18

C. W. O.
REH

To: TF 16, 17

Precedence
URGENT

Release
16

System
RADIO

Show to

MIDWAY SEARCH MODIFIED TO COVER SECTOR 250 TO 010 TO
250 MILES X PT UNITS RETURNING MIDWAY WILL COVER AREAS
IN WHICH PLANES LANDED IN WATER YESTERDAY

051757

✓
Sent at 1805

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051907

Info To:

To: CTF 16, 17

COMINCH

SECRET

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RADIO

2 MAGAYI CRUISERS 1 DAMAGED 272 DEGREES DISTANT 115 NM
SPEED 17 X.2 BB 264 DISTANCE 125 COURSE 268 SPEED 15 X
DEGREES DISTANT 170 X ALL FROM MIDWAY AT 1800 OCT

051907

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE

From CINCPAC 51915	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: TF 16 17	MIDWAY (CABLE) CONTINCE	SECRET	25	WTR
		Precedence	Release	
		-OP-	11 10	
		System	Shg to	
		R	16 11	

THEY ARE STRONG INDICATIONS JAPANESE WILL ATTEMPT ASSAULT AND
OCCUPATION MIDWAY REGARDLESS PAST LOSSES

51/15

Subject File

sent at 1932

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 4

From CINCPAC 252143

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

UC-

17

RHT

To:

ALL TALK & FC CDS

C. MINCH

Precedence

Release

C

-R-

01

G

System

Show to

RDO

16-17-95

WINDY REPORTS ENEMY YESTERDAY STRAFED OUR AIR PERSONNEL IN
 PARACHUTES AND RUBBER BOATS

252143

CV/CR
 45/48

sent at 0620
 9

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052053

Info To:

Classification

Originator

G. W. O.

SEC

16

RLK

To: I & FORCE COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

Crypto

-OP-

01

System

Show to

RDO

WHEATER SIGHTED BEARING 335 DISTANCE 250 FROM MIDWAY COURSE
245 AT 2020 GCT

CV 10K
46 49

052053

Int at 2058

Subject File

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052055

Info To:

To: TF COMS

COMINCH

SECRET

Precedence
-OP-

System
RADIO

PBS MY 051907 NOW REPORTED AS 3 BEARING 270 DISTANCE
AT 1930 GCT X ALSO AT 1930 Z FROM MIDWAY 5 SHIPS

AND 5 DD LAT 31-15 LONG 179-55 ON COURSE 310
MIDWAY REPORTS 2 ENEMY BB 3 TO 4 CRUISER

DISTANCE 240 COURSE 310 SPEED 12 X MIDWAY WILL RE-
FORCE AS SOON AS HIS PLANES RETURN AND REARM

052055

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 8-NOV-42

From CINCPAC 052105

Info To:

Classification
-S-

Originator
16

C. W. G.
RMT

To: ALL TF COMDRS

Precedence
-P-

Release
01

System
RDO

Show to

CARRIER BELIEVED FRIENDLY SIGHTED BEARING 077 DISTANCE
130 FROM MIDWAY AT ABOUT 2022 GCT.

052105

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2377/6 F-
01

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED

5 JUNE 1942

FROM: CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

Sub To:

To: ALL TF COMS
 MIDWAY

COMINCH

SECRET

Procedure

Release

RECEIVED

ALL

Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

DATE 11/11/11

TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 NOT LIMITED IN MOVEMENT TO WESTWARD OF MID-
 WAY & ALL TASK FORCES TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ATTACKING OUR
 UNITS

052109

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 L. J. AULS

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 152121

Info To:

Classification
 SECRET

Originator
 12

EC. W. C.

To: CTF 17

CTF 16
 FULTON

Precedence
 -OP-

Release
 01

System
 RADIO

Group 11

I ASSURE THAT YOU WILL MEET FULTON SOMEWHERE NEAR 89 NEWMAN LATE
 FORENOON 6TH JUNE AND TRANSFER EXCESS PERSONNEL TO HER FOR

TURN TO PEARL X UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY YOU. I WILL
 SARATOGA SAN DIEGO LAFFEY MAHAN PRESTON SMITH DEPART PEARL

NOON 6TH AND PROCEED VIA KAUAI CHANNEL THROUGH 13 EAST FRANK
 THENCE TOWARD 91 INWOOD AT SPEED ABOUT 22 KNOTS TO JOIN YOU

BEFORE DARK 7TH

152121

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 052129	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Category 01	Remarks REN
To: MIDWAY	 CTF-16	Precedence OP	Release 01	
		System RADIO CABLE	Show to	

YOUR 052000 X DESTROY CARRIER ON FIRE REPORTED ON FIRE
BEARING 324 DISTANCE 24 FROM MIDWAY COURSE 314 SPEED
12

REF: TWO ENEMY BATTLESHIPS 3 OR 4 CRUISERS 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER
ON FIRE.....

052129

314

Date 6 JUNE 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From: CIN-PAC 462019	Subject: T	Classification: SECRET	Originator: 17	C. W. O.: RR
To: ALL T F COMDRS	COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT	Priority: P	Release: 01	Crypto:
		System: RADIO	Show to: 11 16	

ATTACK ON BB'S BEARING 264 DEGREES DISTANT 125 FROM MIDWAY BY B-17'S
AND DIVE BOMBERS THIS MORNING RESULTED IN 1 DIRECT HIT PLUS BOMB
EXPLOSIONS UNDER STEERN. CAUSING SHIP TURN IN CIRCLE TO STARBOARD
PLUS LIST TO STARECARD X THE BB WAS PREVIOUSLY LEAKING OIL

462019

Subject File

Sent at 0032 g
~~*[Signature]*~~
[Signature]

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC, E. 23

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
20

C. W. O.
TRH

To: OTE 10

Precedence
PRIORITY

Release
20

Crypto

System
RADIO

Show to

BEARING ENEMY BY MIDWAY DIRECTION FINDER 315 ON FREQUENCY 255KCS

AT 2040 Z

67743

Subject File

0035/5
3/500
M-F-
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 18 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060115

To: ALL TF COMDRS
CONGENHAWPT

Info To:

COMINCH

Classification	Officer	SP-1
SECRET	11	
Precedence	Index	
OP	01	
System	State	
RADIO	11-45	

IN FORCES REPORTED MY 051907 SHIPS BEARING 264 DEGREES DISTANCE
125 NOW IDENTIFIED AS THREE CRUISERS MOGAMI OR TONE GLASS TWO
STREAMING OIL THIRD UNDAMAGED X THEY WERE TRAILING GROUP SIX
TRANSPORTS ESCORTED BY ONE CL ON EACH BOW X ON APPROACH OF
PATROL PLANE AP'S CIRCLED AND CRUISERS COUNTER MARCHED

060115

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060117

To: CTF 17
SEMINOLE
NAVAJO
VIREO

CTF 16

WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE YORKTOWN I. FROM
FOR HER DESTRUCTION WITHOUT REFERRING DECISION

*6,117

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060123

To: CTF 16

Info To:

CTF 17, 4, 7, 9
COMINCH

Classification

SECRET

Originator

17

U. S. S.

RR

Precedence

OP

Release

01

System

RADIO

Show to

11 16

2 BATTLESHIPS REPORTED LAT 32-00 NORTH LONG 179-32 EAST AT 2000
GCT IDENTIFIED AS EITHER ISE OR FUSO CLASS X FORCE CONSISTS OF 2
BATTLESHIPS 3 CA 5 TO 10 DD 1 BURNING CV AND 1 CV NOT BURNING X
BATTLESHIPS WELL AHEAD OF DD WHO ARE SCREENING DAMAGED CV WITH
SMOKE X THIS FORCE PARTICULARLY CARRIERS IS YOUR BEST TARGET

CY 8
CR 8
✓ 16

060123

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

6 JUNE 1942

From: CINCPAC, 660140	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O.
NAS MIDWAY		Precedence OP	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

IN LAT 32-00 NORTH LONG 179-32 EAST A COUPLE OF BBS REPORTED
 AT 2000 GREENWICH EITHER ISE OR FUSO TYPE X FORCE COMPOSED OF
 5 TO 10 DD 2 BB 3 CA ONE BURNING CV AND 1 CV NOT BURNING X
 BATTLESHIP LEADING DESTROYERS WHICH ARE HIDING INJURED CV
 WITH SMOKE X YOUR BEST TARGET IS THIS OUTFIT ESPECIALLY
 CARRIERS X THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION X TF SIXTEEN FOR ACTION

660140

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date JUNE 14

From CINCPAC	Info To:	Classification SEC ET	Originator 95	C. W. O. FWR
To: SECRET ALL TASK FORCE	DD GEN 7TH AIRFOR	Precedence -P-	Release 95	
		System RDO	Show to	

BY 1501.0 WHILE OPERATING WEST OF MIDWAY LONGITUDE TASK FORCE
16 KEEP LARGE WHITE CROSS ANYWHERE ON FLIGHT DECKS OF OURS CARRIERS
FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFICATION. X RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS FOR
CORRECT ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF OWN AND ENEMY CARRIERS AND
FOR CORRECT RECOGNITION AND APPROACH PROCEDURES TASK FORCE
COMMANDERS PROVIDE ALL CONCERNED WITH BEST INFORMATION OWN AND
ENEMY POSITIONS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY CONFUSION.

16225

✓
CV 11-64
CR 9

Date 6 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 060230	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. U. LJO
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypt Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

RADIO HONOLULU CK 35/33 XXXC 1655 5TH BT
MIDWAY ISLAND BT 060230

FORCE COMDRS HAVE THIS X I THINK ENEMY WHO IS LACKING AIR
SUPPORT PROBABLY BELIEVES HE IS NOT ABLE TO EFFECT LANDING
AND IS RETIRING X MY 051915

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0233/1B/

060230

0233/6
✓

6 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

TO: USPAC 060237	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. G.
To: ALL T F COMDRS	COMINTCH	SECRET	16	RR
		Precedence	Release	C. W. G.
		P	20	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	01	

MY 051915 BELIEVE ENEMY THROUGH LACK OF AIR SUPPORT PROBABLY
CONSIDERS HE IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT LANDING AND IS RETIRING

CV 12
CR 10

✓
L-1010

060237

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 60245	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 4,9	CTF 7 GUADLOUPE KAKOLP CLARK CRYSTAL BALLARD	SECRET	17	FWR
		Precedence -P-	Release 1	
		System RDO	Show to 11,16	

MIDWAY REPORTS SUSPICIOUS SUB AT THE SUBmerged BEARING 134
DISTANCE 52 SPEED ZERO.

CTF 7 *NVB*

60245

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Ant at 6317

Date 6 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 060245	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

RADIO HONOLULU CK 78/77 XXXC 1705 5TH BT

MIDWAY ISLAND BT 060245

ARMY AND FORCE COMDRS HAVE THIS X TASK FORCE 16 WHILE OPERATING
WEST OF MIDWAY LONGITUDE KEEP BIG WHITE CROSS ANY PLACE ON

FLIGHT DECKS OF OUR CARRIERS FOR AID IN IDENTIFICATION X
RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS FOR ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF OWN AND

ENEMY CARRIERS AND FOR CORRECT RECOGNITION AND APPROACH
PROCEDURE X TASK FORCE COMDRS PROVIDE ALL HANDS WITH BEST INFO

ENEMY AND OWN POSITIONS TO REDUCE CHANCES OF CONFUSION X
MIDWAY IS ACTION ADEE BT

CINCPAC

/SENT AT 0251 IB/

060245

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NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

FROM CINCPAC 060315	TO BT	Classification	Originator 01	C. W. O. LJO
TO MIDWAY		Reference --OP--	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

000 HON LUL 9/6 1900 BT

MIDWAY ISLAND BT OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 060305

YOUR 060229 WHAT COURSE BT CINCPAC

REF: YOUR 060143 CARRIER REPORTED NOT BURNING IS BY
 DEFERRED REPORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW
 SPEED

/SENT AT 0303 IB/

060305

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE '42.

From CINCPAC. 060315	Info To: CTF 17 CTF 4,7,9	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. FWR
To: CTF 16		Precedence -0-	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 11,16,1	

MY 060123 LATER INFORMATION INDICATES CV PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED AS NOT BURNING IS SMCKING BADLY AND PROCEEDING
AT SLOW SPEED.

060315

0323/6
Q

Subject File

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date _____

From CINCPAC 12-1

Info To:

To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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17

REF

Precedence

Release

Crypto

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17

System

Show to

150

KY 16 MAY 1970 - RUMOR OF FLIGHT FROM KY DEFERRED RE-
PORT DUE TO SLOWLY AND NOT AT HIGH SPEED WHEN LAST
OBSERVED 1624 EST. NO SIGNIFICANT INFO.

16

200

CR # 13
CV # 11
PP

✓
Sent 2 0448

Subject File

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC	642	Info To:		Classification	Originator	C. W. G.
To:	AL	7				33	WFO
					Precedence	Release	Original Group
					-OP-		
					System	Show to	
					R		

06140 X DIS-
TO STRIKE MAIN ENEMY FORCE X FOR
FRIENDLY FORCES EACH CARRIES OBSERVER FROM HORNET
X LARGE FRIENDLY TASK FORCE COURSE 322
SPECIFICALLY 322 DISTANCE 1.5 X

A-1

6.43.

CR#12
CV#15
PP

U.S. COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING**

Date

From: CINCPAC	Info To:	Classification: -S-	Originator: 12	C. W. O. RHT
Re:		Precedence: -P-	Release: 12	
		System: TDC	Show to:	

ALL U.S. NAVY LIGHT CRUISERS
 AND ALL U.S. NAVY LIGHT CRUISERS
 AND ALL U.S. NAVY LIGHT CRUISERS
 AND ALL U.S. NAVY LIGHT CRUISERS

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Subject File

Date 6 JUNE '42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 060625	Info To:	Classification 8	Originator 18	C. W. O. REH
To: CTF-16	CTF-17	Precedence	Release 16	Crypto
		System RDO	Show to	

ENS GAYGH TORPRON 8 RESCUED AND NOW ON MIDWAY X HE MADE DROP AND SCORED HIT BUT WAS SHOT DOWN ON DEPARTURE BY 6 FIGHTERS CLOSE TO CARRIER X WHILE HIDING UNDER CUSHION NOT INFLATING LIFE RAFT UNTIL DARK HE SAW FOLLOWING X QUOTE X CARRIER SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN TWO GIANTS BURNING AND A SHIP THOUGHT A BATTLESHIP ON FIRE X THEN SAW SEVERAL HITS DIVE BOMBERS FROM HIS GROUP AND BOTH BIGGEST SIZE CARRIERS STARTED BURNING FIERCELY X CRUISER TRIED TO RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM CARRIER NEAREST HIM LATER BEGAN FIRING TO SINK IT X IDENTIFIED THIS SHIP AS KAGA OR AKAGI X CARRIER HE HIT WITH TORPEDO AND LATER BY DIVE BOMBERS NEARLY DEAD IN WATER ALL AFTERNOON X DESTROYER LATER CAME ALONGSIDE NEAREST CARRIER AND TOOK OFF PERSONNEL X NEAR MORNING HE HEARD A NUMBER OF TREMENDOUS EXPLOSIONS X ALL 3 CARRIERS WERE SEEN BURNING FIERCELY X JAP PLANES CIRCLED OVERHEAD A LONG TIME X UNQUOTE X NOW THAT ENEMY IS WITHOUT AIR CONSIDER IF FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY ATTACK BY LIGHT FORCES

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060701

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
-S-	17	OUT
Precedence	Release	
URGENT	17	
System	Show to	
RDO		

CTF 16

MIDWAY PATROL PLANE REPORTS 12 ENEMY PLANES BEARING
 313 DISTANCE 350 AT 0645 GCT 6TH

060701

✓
 060709
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Subject File

Date 6 JUNE 42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 060717	Info To:	Classification -S-	Originator 01	C. W. O. RHT
To: CMMARRON	CTR 16, 17	Precedence -OP-	Release 01	Crypto Gmm
		System RDO	Show to 11-16	

PROCEED LAT 32 NORTH LONG 169 WEST THENCE WEST TO LONG
178 WEST RENDEZVOUS WITH TASKFORCE 16 AT 2130 GCT 8
JUNE FOR REFUEL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY CTF 16

060717

✓
170734

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **6 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 060741**

Info To:

To: **ALL TF COMS**

COMINCH

Classification	Outgoing	C. T. C.
-8-	17	RH7
Precedence	Release	Copy
URGENT	17	
RDS	17	

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY AT 0712 GCT 6TH X QUOTE PATROL
PLANE SEARCHING SECTOR 310 TO 320 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED BY
ENEMY FIGHTERS X PREVIOUS MESSAGE FROM HIM QUOTE 9 FIGHTER
PLANES V FORMATION 10,000 FEET APPROXIMATE COURSE COURIER
DISTANCE 425 X UNQUOTE

060741

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLFET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060751	Info To:	Classification S	Originator	C. W. O. REH	
To: ALL TF COMDRS UNDER MY COMMAND		Precedence R	Release	Crypto	
		System RBO	Show to 90		

MY 060451 ADD 4SS WHICH WERE 300 MILES NORTH OF OAHU ARE NOW
 250 MILES BEARING 325 BOMBING RESTRICTION WITHIN 100 MILES

REF: DAILY DISPOSITION

060751

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 Lt at 0802

COMMUNICATION SERVICE
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
U.S. NAVY

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OUTGOING**

TO: JAGC 14 FROM: JAGC 14 SUBJECT: JAGC 14	JAGC 14	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	16	
		URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

THE FOLLOWING IS

REPORT OF JAGC 14 BELIEVED TO BE JAPANESE VESSELS

AT PEARL HARBOR

JAGC 14

REF: OBSERVER IN B17 REPORTS SEVERAL VESSELS AT PEARL
AND SEVERAL BURNING X AS FAR AS WE KNOW ONLY
CRYSTAL SHOULD BE THERE X WILL BOMB UNLESS OTHER-
WISE DIRECTED WILL ATTACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

/CENT AT 1758 18/

060754

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
 OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060759

Info To:

To: ALL US SHIPS

Classification -8-	Order number 17	Priority 17
Precedence URGENT	Release 17	Class 17
System RDO	Show to	

ENEMY SHIPS AT PEARL AND HERMES REEF ARE BEING BOMBED
 X ALL US SHIPS STAY CLEAR X ANY SHIP NEAR THERE REPORT
 IMMEDIATELY

060759

Cancelled at 0829

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060801

To 15 COMDRS, MIDWAY,
COMGENHAWDEPT

Info To:

COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. W. C.
SEC	16	RLX
Precedence	Release	
ROUTINE	16	
System	Show to	
RDO		

THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES OF THE ARMY NAVY AND MARINE
CORPS FORCES INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY HAVE BEEN
CROWNED WITH GLORIOUS SUCCESS AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE HAVE
ALREADY CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC IN
OUR FAVOR X THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW HIS WOUNDED
SHIPS X IF YOU FOLLOW UP YOUR SUCCESS VIGOROUSLY HE WILL BE
SO CRUSHED THAT HIS TOTAL DEFEAT WILL BE INEVITABLE

060801

Handwritten:
060801 / 060801
CV 4 25

Subject: FLEET

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**CLASSIFIED
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Date 6 JUNT 1942

From CINCPAC 060813

Info To:

COMSENHAWDEPT
 COMSOPAC

To: CG SAMOA, CG ROSES
 CG BLEACHER,
 CG FIJI
 CG BOBCAT

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	16	RLK
Precedence	Release	
ROUTINE	16	
System	Show to	
RDO		

ENEMY FORCES RETIRING FROM MIDWAY X 2 JAP CV'S SUNK X 2
 DAMAGED BEING PURSUED X 1 OR 2 ENEMY CARRIERS STILL OPERATING
 AGAINST ALEUTIANS

060813

CR#25 T REST / 0832/66

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LTat 0852

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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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6 JUNE 742

CINCPACFLT	ARKW	Classified S	Classified 15	C.V. R REN
COMINCH OPHAV COMSOPAC CG HANDEE COMPANSEAFRON COMWESEAFRON COMAIRSOPAC	MIDWAY COMNAVEU ALL TF COMDRG	Prescribed R	Prescribed 15	
		Approved ADO		

NINE 5 SUMMARY TO 0600 OCT 6TH X MIDWAY ATTACK X NO 1000 HRS
 MIDWAY 8:00 YESTERDAY MORNING X 1000 HRS ATTACK X 1000 HRS
 1000 HRS AND SUB FIRED LIGHT BOMBARDMENT BUT BY DAYLIGHT
 1000 HRS STARTED WERE HEADING WESTWARD X NORTHWESTERN FORCE 2
 PROBABLY DAMAGED TWO CV SHOWING DAMAGE 3 CA 5 TO 10 DD MAKING 8
 SPEED X MIDWAY STRIKING GROUPS BOMBING THESE CV TODAY AND TOMORROW
 AND TASK FORCE SIXTEEN PURSUING X WESTERN FORCE 23 CA 1000 HRS
 CL 6 AP X MIDWAY AIRCRAFT FURTHER DAMAGED 1 CA THIS FORCE X 1000 HRS
 1000 HRS YESTERDAY VERIFIED ONE HAVING RECEIVED THREE
 1000 HRS FROM NAUTILUS X NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT EVIDENT TODAY
 1000 HRS BELIEVED WITHDRAWING WESTWARD PART 1

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 26,943	Info To:	Classification -8-	Originator 18	C. W. O. RHT
To: LT IF C AD.		Priority URGENT	Release 11	
		System RDO	Show to	

AT 21:4 (PLUS 12) PATROL PLANE SIGHTED 8 TO 10 SHIPS BEARING
 31, DISTANT 42; FROM MIDWAY HEARD MUCH GUNFIRE

26,943

Subject

Date 6 JUNE 42

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From CINC PAC 061007	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 18	C. W. O. RHT/
To: CTF 16, 17, 7, 4		Precedence P	Release 11	Crypto Comm
		System RDO	Show to	

MIDWAY WILL SEARCH SECTOR 220 TO 330 TO 600 MILES COMMENCING
0430 (PLUS 12) TOMORROW

061007

OK # 30
OV # 30

✓
1027/c

Subject: M. C. C.

Date 6 JUNE 42

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OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 061045	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. D
To: COM TF 16		Precedence OP	Release 11	
		System RADIO	Show to	

AMPLIFYING MY 060701 THESE WERE 9 VF AT 10,000 FEET V FORM-
ATION X CARRIER ON COURSE 315 DISTANT 425 MIDWAY

061045

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1109/6
Subject File

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date JUL 4

From	CINCPAC 161331	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	ELITE	CTF 16, 17	SECRET	11	D
			Precedence	Release	Crypto
			OP	11	Comm
			System	Show to	
			RADIO		

POSITION LAT 27 NORTH AND LONG 166 WEST AT ZERO HOURS
AT 0100 HOURS JUNE PREPARED FOR FUELING CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS

161331

Subject File

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Sent 11334/c
mt 161

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 061355	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To NAS MIDWAY		SECRET	20	Crypto Group
		Precedence	Release	
		URGENT	20	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

4V93 BEARING 292 FROM CXK AT WAHIAWA AT 1350 ZED

SENT AT 1356/6TH/MR

061355

Subject File

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 06 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061535	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. MCH
To CTF 16	COMINCH ALL T.F. COMDRS.	Procedure OP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to	

MY 060741 X 060943 X 061045 X ON RETURN PATROL PLANE SEARCH
PILOT STATES NEVER SAW JAP CARRIER X NOT FIGHTING PLANES BUT
LAND PLANE SCOUTS ATTACKED HIM X FIRST SAW THEM BEARING 313
DISTANT 530 FROM MIDWAY HEADING FOR OUR TASK FORCE BEARING
320 DISTANCE 150 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE DARK X
AT 440 MILES OUT BEARING 310 WAS FIRED ON BY 8 TO 12 UNIDENTIFIED
SHIPS X PLANES SENT AFTER HIM WERE MORE LAND PLANE SCOUTS X
SAW CONSIDERABLE GUNFIRE FROM TWIN TURRET GUNS JUST AT DARK

061535

Subject File

*31 - 31
17 - 31
Went back
1341/4*

Date 06 JUNE 42

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COMINCH
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUT

From CINCPAC 061545

Info To:

To:

ALL T.F. COMDRS.

COMINCH
C.G. HAWAII

Classified	SECRET
Priority	17
Radio	17

FORTRESS ATTACK AFTERNOON 5TH LOCAL FAILED TO
LOCATE MAIN BODY X BOMBED SINGLE CRUISER X NO DIRECT
OBSERVED BUT TARGET STRADDLED

061545

Date 6 JUNE 42

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINC PAC 062041

Info To:

TO PACIFIC FLEET MAIN AREA
MIDWAY
COMMENHANT DEPT

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	JL
Precedence PRIORITY	Release 01	Crypto Group
System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

OWN SUBMARINES ARE OPERATING OAHU MIDWAY LINE AND TO 1000 MILES TO
WEST OF MIDWAY X ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY ALSO BE SAME AREA X MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH HOSTILE CHARACTER OF ANY CONTACTS BEFORE
ATTACKING X

062041

Subject File

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Date

From CINCPAC
To: 1. JNFOR 7
2. TASKGROUP 4.5
LITCHFIELD

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
12

C. W. O.
1A

Precedence
ROUTINE

Release
11

System
RDO

Show to

RELEASE LITCHFIELD TO OR. RS OF CC TAB FOR 7

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A 4-3
DIX / XV
sent 2145 f

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 062123	Info To:	Classification CONF ID	Originator 01	C. W. O. ECW
To COM 14 COMGEN HAWDEPT ASP PEARL		Precedence ROUTINE	Release 00	
		System RDO	Show to 02:11 16:25	

WHILE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK EXISTS THE PROBABILITIES HAVE DE-
CLINED TO NORMAL X RESUME NORMAL CONDITION OF READINESS AND AIR-
CRAFT ALERTNESS X USUAL DAYLIGHT LIBERTY AND SHORE LEAVE MAY BE
GRANTED UNTIL 0230 GCT 9 JUNE

062123

sent 2147/3

Subject File

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTSIDE

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 062131

To: PAC FLT HAW AREA
MIDWAY
CG HAW DEPT (PP)

THOSE WHO HAVE MY 062141 NEED NOT DECODE THIS X-00N MESSAGE
ARE OPERATING OAHU MIDWAY LINE AND TO 1000 MILES TO BE
X ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY ALSO BE SAME ARE A CINCPAC
ALL TASK FORCES HAWAIIAN AREA X MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
HOSTILE CHARACTER OF ANY CONTACTS BEFORE ATTENDING

062131

Date 6 JUNE 1942

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 062208

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator

C. W. O.

To: NAS, MIDWAY

Precedence
URGENT

Release

Copy to
Group

Medium
CABLE

Show to

SPRUANCE REPORTS AT 1856 GCT 6TH ONE BATTLESHIP AND FIVE DESTROYERS
LAT 29- 30 NORTH LONG 174-30 EAST COURSE 270 SPEED 14 I SAW TWO
TWO CA AND TWO DESTROYERS LAT TWENTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY FIVE
LONG ONE SEVENTY FIVE DASH ELEVEN EAST COURSE TWO FIFTY
FIFTEEN X SPRUANCE ATTACKING BATTLESHIP HE IS SENDING DESTROYERS
LOW IN FUEL TO CIMARRON X HIS POSIT ABOVE TIME LAT THIRTY
FORTY NINE NORTH LONG ONE SEVENTY SIX DASH THIRTY NINE EAST

(CORRECTED COPY CORRECTION UNDERLINED)

SENT AT 2212 /C

Date 7 JUNE 1942

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 070048	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 01	C. W. G.
To: MIDWAY - BY CABLE	C.T.F.7 - BY HAND	Precedence ROUTINE	Release 01	Crypto Group
		System MUX	Show to	

IF NOTHING SIGHTED BY SEARCH TO NW INTEND RECALLING SUBS CHASING
THAT AREA.

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0058/C

070048

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date

From CENPAC 670001

Info To

Classification

Precedence

SECRET

PAGE 2

COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BY THE
TASK GROUP 11.1 AT 0100Z 2 NOV 67
OF COMBINED FORCE WILL BE ISSUED LATER

ION X RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK FORCE 16 WILL
OF EXTRA PLANES IN SARATOGA TO ENTERPRISE

670001

ORIGINATOR

7 JUNE 1942

370051

CTF 17
TG 11.1

NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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OUTGOING

TF COMDRS PACFLT
CTG 4.5
COMSERFORPAC
COMDESPAC, COMCRUPAC
COMCARPAC
COMINCH

SEC	12	RLK/
-UP-	01	
RDO	16,99	95

TASK GROUP 11.1 CAPTAIN RAMSEY X SARATOGA, SAN DIEGO, SMITH,
PRESTON, LAFFEY, MAHAN, MUSTIN, KASKASKIA X SORTIE FROM PEARL X
ZERO HOUR 1830Z/7 JUNE X ORDER DESTROYERS MINUS 1 HOUR CRUISER

ZERO HOUR CARRIER PLUS 10 MINUTES OILER PLUS 25 MINUTES X SCREEN-
ING LANE 6 MILES 220 DEGREES FROM XRAY-TO OPTION X FURNISH OWN
AIR COVERAGE X CONDUCT ANTIAIRCRAFT AND SURFACE TARGET FIRINGS

HIGH SPEED TOW REQUIRED AND PILOT QUALIFICATIONS IN AREAS CAST
10 TO 12 AND VICTOR 1 AND 2 X COMPLETE BY 2300Z/7TH AT WHICH
TIME PASS THROUGH 15 EAST NATHAN SPEED 20 KNOTS COURSE NORTH X

PROCEED TO 13 EAST FRANCES AND THENCE TOWARD 91 INWOOD X COM-
TASKFOR 17 INTERCEPT TASK GROUP 11.1 ON THIS LINE DURING FORE-
NOON 8TH AND ASSUME COMMAND OF COMBINED FORCE AS TASK FORCE 17 X

370051

Shaw
ORIGINATOR

370051

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From CINC PAC

Info To:

SEC

CHRO

WIE

Reference

Crypto

URGENT

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Show to

K20

... X. JUST INFORMED SPRUANCE
... YESTERDAY X.

... AND ALL OTHERS HAVE

7.00

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 OUTGOING**

Date **07 JUNE 1942**

From	CINCPAC 070121	Classification	Originator	C. W. C.
To	CTF 16	SECRET	16	AM
	COMSARPAC (ADMIN) SARATOGA	Precedence	Release	
		R	01	
		System	Show to	
		R	00 1	

SARATOGA WITH 20 F4F4 AND 9 VOS EXTRA PLANES AND PILOTS FOR
 YOU JOINING TF 17 VICINITY LAT 20-10 NORTH LONG 164-35 WEST

ABOUT 2100Z/08N X I WILL ARRANGE RENDEZVOUS FOR TRANSFER
 OF PLANES TO YOU ON COMPLETION OF YOUR FEUING X SARATOGA

COMPLEMENT OF F4F4 20VOS AS THE 5 TRO SUBJECT TO READJUSTMENT
 BY YOU IF DESIRABLE X EMPLOYMENT THEREAFTER WILL DEPEND ON THE

SITUATION X INTERCEPTION OF ENEMY FORCES RETURNING FROM
 ALEUTIANS MAY BE ATTEMPTED X WHEN SO NEXT USE RADIO INCLUDE

REPORT YOUR AIRCRAFT SITUATION

070121

Change sent 0730Z

Warrant	11	Cryer
Prisoner	11	
Prisoner	11	

RECORDS RELATIVE TO FURTHER

1998

THE NEW YORK

Date 7 JUNE 42

From [REDACTED]

To: CTF 11, 16, 31

UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SURFACE FORCES SHOULD NOT
DAYLIGHT ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES PARTICULARLY
ENEMY IS WITHIN BOMBING RANGE OF OUR AIRCRAFT & UNDER SUCH DIS-
CUMSTANCES CONFINE OPERATIONS TO TRAILING AND REPORTING TO
APPROPRIATE AIR BASES X MIDWAY STILL HAS LONG RANGE BOMBERS

070225

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **7 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 070527**

Info To:

To:
**CTF 17
CTG 17.5**

Classification SECRET	Reference 90	File # 300
Precedence OP OF	Release 90	Index 100
System RADIO	Method 100	

MIDWAY GOT THIS FOR ACTION AS MY 070454 X IT IS RETRANSMITTED
FOR YOUR INFO X ORIGINATOR CINCPAC XX PROVIDE AIR COVERAGE
FOR YORKTOWN DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS
POSIT LAT 30-40 LONG 176-22

070527

Subject **File**

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sent 0547*

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Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070539

To: ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	L
Precedence	Reference	Comments
PPPPPP	17	
System	How to	
RADIO		

PLANE REPORTS SUBMARINES FROM MIDWAY X FIRST BEARING 263 DISTANCE
320 X SECOND BEARING 254 DISTANCE 410 X TIME 1500 Y (PLUS 12)

070539

PRESENT POSITION YORKTOWN 18 35-45

670345

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date: **7 JUNE**

From: CINC PAC **070607**

To: **CLARK**

Info To:

**RECON
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Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	04
Precedence	Exclusion	
ROUTINE	11	
System	Show to	
RNO		

UPON ARRIVAL MIDWAY FUEL TO CAPACITY THEN JOIN
YORKTOWN 30-40 NORTH 176-22 WEST X JAP SUB IN
VICINITY

070607

Chronological
CHRONOLOGICAL

sent at 0600

Date 7 JUNE 42

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

From CINCPAC

070609

To BALCH
BENHAM

Info To:

CTF 16, 17
HUGHES
GNIN

URDIS 061115 X BALCH BENHAM REMAIN WITH YORKTOWN

070609

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 10 1 42

From CINCPAC 17,615	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	F	JBD
		Precedence	Release	
To:		OP CP	F	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

EMAY ASSESSING FOR 17,434 (17,527) SAYS HE WILL PROVIDE
AIR COVERAGE 2 PLANES ARMED WITH 4 AERIAL DEPTH BOMBS, ONE
HALF HOUR BEFORE DAWN UNTIL AFTER END EVENING TWILIGHT

17,615

Subject

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sent at 1615

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date JUNE 7 1942

From CINCPAC ... 070645 ...

Inf: To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. G.

To: CTF 11, 16, 17

COMINCH

XSECRET

17

Precedence

Release

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01

System

Show to

RADIO

16 11

CORRECTED COPY CORRECTION UNDERLINED:

AT 0336 GCT 7TH YORKTOWN LAT 30-41 LONG 176-14 HIT BY TWO
TORPEDOES STARBOARD SIDE FROM SUBMARINE X LIST REDUCED TO
17 DEGREES AND BUCKMASTER BELIEVES WITH HELP SHIP CAN BE
BROUGHT IN X HELP NOW ARRIVING AND MORE IN SALVAGE TUG LATE
TOMORROW X HAMMAN SUNK SAME VICINITY NO DETAILS X MIDWAY
FURNISHING AIR COVERAGE TOMORROW X

UNDERLINED PORTION OMITTED IN ORIGINAL WRITE UP

070645

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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070705

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

16

0A

To:

CTF 11,16,17

Precedence

Release

Crypto

P

16

System

RDO

Show to

CORRECT MY 070225 X AFTER WORDS AIR BASES INSERT QUOTE
AND CARRIERS UNQUOTE

070705

Subject

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sent at 0720

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070754	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. HRF
To: MIDWAY		Precedence ROUTINE	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

HONOLULU CK54 1024PM SIXTH
NAS MIDWAY

SECRET
070754

WHEN KNOWN ADVISE RESULTS PT ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND ATTACKS OF
B17S TODAY X ON NIGHT 3 DASH 4 JUNE WAS MORE THAN ONE TORPEDO
HIT MADE BY PBY'S X AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE SUBMIT BRIEF OF
DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY BY MIDWAY FORCES AND SUMMARY OF
DAMAGE SUSTAINED

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0801 MUX/18/

070754

Date 7 JUNE 42

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CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 070803

To: COMINCH
COMSOPAC
COMPAUSEAFRON
ALL TF COMDRS
OPNAV

XXXXX ACTION
COMGENHAWA PT
MIDWAY
COMNWSSEA-FRON
COMWESEA-FRON
COMAIRSOPAC
COMNAVEU

Classification	Originator	C. W. C.
SECRET	17	WFL
Precedence	Release	
PPP	01 00	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

THE FORCES WHICH ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK MIDWAY HAVE RETIRED SOME TO THE
WESTWARD OTHERS PROBABLY TO THE NORTHWEST WHERE THEY HAVE ENTERED AN
AREA OF LOW VISIBILITY X THERE REMAINED WITHIN BOMBING RANGE BEFORE
DARK ONE GROUP OF ONE BB AND FIVE DD WHICH TASK FORCE 16 WAS AT-
TACKING AND ONE GROUP OF 2 OR 3 CA AND 2 DD TO THE WEST BEING AT-
TACKED BY LONG RANGE BOMBERS FROM MIDWAY X RESULTS OF THESE ATTACKS
NOT YET REPORTED X THE RETIREMENT MAY BE TEMPORARY X ALL FORCES
MUST BE ALERT AND PREPARED FOR FURTHER ENEMY ACTION X SOUTH OF
ALEUTIANS A FORCE OF 1 CV 3 CA 8 DD WAS AGAIN SIGHTED X NAVY
COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY COMMANDERS X ~~ENEMY~~

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ROUTINE 00 01

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THE RESULTS OF ACTIONS WITH THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENEMY FORCES
WEST OF MIDWAY NOT YET RECEIVED X FORCE SIGHTED LAST NIGHT CONTAIN-

ING 2 DAMAGED CV WAS NOT PICKED UP AND NO CARRIER AIRCRAFT WERE
SIGHTED TODAY X BELIEVE GOOD POSSIBILITY 1 CV MAY HAVE BEEN ABAN-

DONED AND SUNK BY ACCOMPANYING SHIPS GUNFIRE LAST NIGHT X SARATOGA
GROUP WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR MIDWAY AREA TO DELIVER PLANE REINFOR-

CEMENTS TO TASKFORCE 16 AND THEN ACT AS CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE X
WILL ACT AGAINST ALEUTIAN ATTACK FORCE IF SITUATION CONTINUES FAVOR-

ABLE IN MIDWAY AREA X NO NEWS FROM THE ALEUTIANS OTHER THAN AS RE-
PORTED TO YOU BY NAS KODIAK AND COMMONWEALTH SEA FRONTIER TODAY

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sent 48544

Date 7 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 270841	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 97	C. F. O. ECN
To: CTF 4, 7, 16, 17 CTG 11.1, 17.5		Precedence PRIOR	Release 97	
		System RDO	File	

SEARCH BY AIR FROM MIDWAY 7 JUNE SECTOR 23°-326 TO 350 MILES
BEGINNING 0430 Y (PLUS 12) X FORTRESSES GOT 2 HITS ON CRUISER
WITH 1600 POUND BOMBS AND SHE SANK IN 15 SECONDS ACCORDING TO
FIRST RETURNS

270841

CR #17
CV #17
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Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 271322	Info To:	Classification -S-	Originator 97	C. W. O. FWR
To: NAC MIDWAY	COMSOPAC	Precedence -OP-	Refers 97	
		System CABLE	Shaw to -	

5 11 00Z 100 X FRIENDLY SUBMARINE REPORTS THAT AT 1440 GCT
POSITION 20-50 NORTH 174-30 EAST LEADING GROUP OF 3 FORTRESSES
A FLIGHT OF 12 BOMBED HER ON THE SURFACE X NO DAMAGE X
CLOSES X NO ANSWER SEARCH LIGHT CHALLENGE.

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To:	NAS MIDWAY		SECRET	98	<i>B</i>
			Precedence	Release	
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			CABLE		

REGARDING YOUR SEARCH TODAY EXPECT TF-16 TO PASS TO NORTH
OF YOU ON COURSE EASTERLY

SENT AT 1543/FR

071541

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From CINCPAC 071750	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 31	C. W. O. LJO
To: NAS MIDWAY		Precedence OP	Release 01	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	PLAIN

POSIT OF JAP SUBMARINE 28.5 NORTH 177.5 WEST X BY DIRECTION
FINDER

SENT AT 1800/7TH/MR

071750

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From CINCPAC 071804	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. G. L. J. B.
To: NAS MIDWAY		Precedence P	Release 11	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	PLAIN

YOUR 070735 WHAT WAS TIME OF ATTACK AND POSITION
 OF CRUISER ATTACKED BY FORTRESSES

SENT AT 1808/7TH/MR

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Originator

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To: NAS MIDWAY
COMPATWING2

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Precedence

Release

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CABLE

FOR THE PRESENT INSURE THAT OWN AIRCRAFT DO NOT REPEAT
NOT BOMB SUBS EXCEPT IN CONNECTION AIR COVERAGE FOR
YORKTOWN X ALSO ACTION COMPATWING 2

SENT AT 1821/7TH/MR

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DIRECT GUADALUPE RETAIN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND GALLONS AVIATION
ON BOARD X HAS KALOLI ARRIVED

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ORIGINATOR

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NAS MIDWAY (CABLE)

TO

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SECRET 12 LJO

OP 11

CABLE 15 PLAIN

DELIVER TO GUADALUPE FOR ACTION X GUADALUPE BLUE RALPH TALBOT
DEPART MIDWAY BY 0530Z/8 JUNE X PROCEED TO ARRIVE LATITUDE 32-00

NORTH LONGITUDE 178-00 WEST AT 2130Z/8TH X RENDEZVOUS THERE WITH
TASK FORCE SIXTEEN AND CINARROW X FUEL AS DIRECTED X FROM MIDWAY

REPORT QUANTITY AVGAS DELIVERED TO KALOLI PRIOR DEPARTURE X FOR
COMTASKFOR SIXTEEN AT RENDEZVOUS GUADALUPE WILL HAVE AT LEAST

100,000 GALLONS AVGAS FOR CARRIERS AND 45,000 BARRELS FUEL X
NECESSARY COMMANDS ARE INFORMED

SENT AT 1915/7TH/MR

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ORIGINATOR

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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NAVY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN THE CLEAR CABLE

REPORT YOKUTSU CAPSIZED AND SANK AT 0500 Y (P)

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From CINCPAC 071936 To: NAS MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET		LJO
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		PRIORITY		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		PLAIN

TWO DF BEARINGS AT 1640 GREENWICH TIME X CINC SECOND
AND COMCRUDIV 7 BEAR 284 AND 294 RESPECTIVELY FROM
OAHU X PROPER FORCE COMDRS HAVE FOR ACTION

SENT AT 1945/7TH/MR

071936

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 071944

Info To:

COMGEN HAW DEPT.

Classification

SECRET

Originator

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C. W. O.

LJO

Precedence

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Release

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MIDWAY

INFORM GENERAL TINKER THAT SHOULD HE SIGHT ENEMY SURFACE SHIPS
HE SHOULD BOMB SURFACE SHIPS EVEN IF SUCH ACTION MAKES IT
NECESSARY FOREGO ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE. X ALSO ACTION PATWING
TWO COMDR

SENT AT 1949/7TH/MR

071944

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TOD 2004

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Date 7 JUNE 1942

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC

CTF 16

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COMSERFORPAC
CTF 17, 4, 7, 9

SECRET

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PRIORITY

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PARAPHRASE FOLLOWS OF MY 071910 ACTION TO MIDWAY FOR FURTHER
DELIVERY TO GUADALUPE FOR ACTION X BLUE RALPH TALBOT AND GUADALUPE
LEAVE MIDWAY BY 0530 GCT JUNE 8 X PROCEED TO ARRIVE LAT 32-40 NORTH
LONG 178-00 WEST AT 2130 GCT 8TH X RENDEZVOUS THERE WITH TF 16 AND
CIMARRON X FUEL AS INSTRUCTED X FROM MIDWAY REPORT AMOUNT AVGAS
DELIVERED TO KALOLI PRIOR DEPARTURE X FOR CTF 16 AT RENDEZVOUS
GUADALUPE WILL HAVE AT LEAST 130,000 GALS AVGAS FOR CARRIERS
AND 40,000 BARRELS FUEL

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U.S. NAVY

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From: CINC PAC
NAVAJO

To: SEMINOLE

CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17
COMSOPAC
MIDWAY

SECRET

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RADIO

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RETURN TO PEARL X PASS FIFTY MILES SOUTH REPEAT SOUTH OF
FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF KAULA
ISLAND X ADJUST SPEED TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT

To Nakh by air 072-38

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 680556

Info To

NAS MIDWAY

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Precedence

Release

Expts
Group

PRIORITY

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HAVE YOU ENOUGH SURFACE VESSELS FOR RESCUE WORK

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SENT 6805/ 8 JUNE / LP

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Date **8 JUNE '42**

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC **080349**

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. D.

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Precedence

Release

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System

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To

MIDWAY (VIA 080304)

COMINCH

AT 0100 GCT CUTTLEFISH WAS BOMBED BY ENEMY BOMBER 270 DEG-
REES DISTANCE 420 MILES FROM MIDWAY

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ORIGINATOR

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NO ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SIGHTED IN THE MIDWAY AREA TODAY X BELIEVE
HE IS CONTINUING HIS WITHDRAWAL AND AM CHASING WITH SUBMARINE FROM
MIDWAY AREA AND ATTEMPTING TO INTERDEPT WITH OTHERS RETURNING FROM
PATROL X AS REPORTED IN HIS 070756 WHICH WAS SENT TO YOU SPRUANCE
IS PROCEEDING EAST FOR FUEL AFTER WHICH I PLAN TO SEND HIS FORCE
NORTH X OTHER REINFORCEMENTS FOR THEOBALD AS SEPARATELY REPORTED X
THE BB REPORTED GUTTED AND ABANDONED BY COMMANDER TASK FORCE 16 IS
SHOWN BY PHOTOGRAPH TO BE MOWAGI CLASS CRUISER X A NUMBER OF SUB-
MARINES ARE BELIEVED IN THE OAHU MIDWAY AREA X SARATOGA GROUP WITH
EXTRA PLANES LEFT THIS MORNING TO MEET SPRUANCE X PARA X BESIDES
REPORTED TRANSPORT LAST NIGHT THERE WERE 2 CONTACTS WITH ENEMY
AIRCRAFT REPORTED IN THE ALEUTIAN AREA

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TASKFOR 16 WILL PASS UNDER THE COMMAND OF CTF 8 REAR ADMIRAL THEO-
BALD WHO MAY JOIN AT BLOW IF HE DESIRES X UNTIL ASSIGNED ANOTHER
TASK BY CTF 8 THE TASK OF TF 16 IS TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY

FORCES IN THE ALEUTIAN AREA AND EXPLOIT ANY FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY
TO DAMAGE THE ENEMY ENROUTE X AFTER TF 16 PASSES UNDER COMMAND OF
CTF 8 THE TASK OF BOTH FORCES IS "DESTROY OR DRIVE OUT ENEMY FORCES

IN THE ALEUTIAN-ALASKAN AREA" X TF 17 REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER SARATOGA
ASTORIA PORTLAND SANDIEGO MORRIS RUSSEL MUSTIN ANDERSON LAFFEY
MAHAN SMITH PRESTON AFTER COMPLETION OF PLANE TRANSFERS RETURN TO

PEARL X WHEN TF 16 FINISHES FUELLING FROM CIMARRON GUADALUPE CTF 16
SEND THEM TO PEARL WITH BLUE RALPH TALBOT AND HUGHES AS ESCORT

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CTF 8, 16, 17

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COMCARPAC ADMIN
COMORUPAC ADMIN
COMDESPAC ADMIN
COMALBEC

SECRET

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PRIORITY 01

RADIO

TASK FORCES SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN RENDEZVOUS IN POSITION 86 QUINCY
50 AT 19 HOURS OCT 10 JUNE X SARATOGA FLY AIRCRAFT BOMBS AND PERSON-
NEL TO ENTERPRISE AND HORNET AS DIRECTED BY CTF 16 TO BRING THESE

TWO CARRIERS TO BEST PRACTICABLE STRENGTH BEARING IN MIND THAT SARA-
TOGA WILL RETURN TO PEARL FOR REPLENISHMENT AND THAT ENTERPRISE ART
RESTING GEAR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TBF PLANES X RADIO SILENCE IS TO BE

MAINTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH PLANE TRANSFER NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS
BEING TRANSFERRED BY PLANE OR DESTROYER X MYDIS 070121 X SARATOGA
ALSO TRANSFER TO CTF 16 ALL COPIES OF TF 8 ORDERS AND INFORMATION

CONCERNING ALASKA RECENTLY FURNISHED AT PEARL X TF 16 REAR ADMIRAL
SPRUANCE HORNET ENTERPRISE NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA VINCENNES MINNEA-
POLIS NEW ORLEANS ATLANTA BALCH MAURY ELLET CONYNGHAM PHELPS DEWEY

WORDEN AYLWIN MONAGHAN KASKASKIA (LESS DESTROYER ESCORTING PLATTE
IF LISTED ABOVE) PROCEED TO PASS THROUGH POINT BLOW LAT 40-44
0000 NORTH LONG 172-00 WEST AT 0400 OCT 13 JUNE AT WHICH TIME

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COMSOPACFOR
ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC
OPNAV

ALL NAVSEA FROM COMDRS
LESS LANT, CARIB,
GULF
ACNS, AZNS
COMDR NAVFOR EUROPE

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ACTION AT MIDWAY DOPE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN X INDICATION MARCHES
BEING USED AS REFUELING POINT FOR AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO WAKE
AND MARSHALLS X OUR 85TH X COM FIRST AIR FLEET SHIFTED FLAG TO
NAGARA X FROM 1000 TO 1400Z/7 BY 12 SUBMARINES 23-30 267-30 X
24-30 168-30 X 30-40 177-15 X 44 171 X ALL NORTH AND WEST

18 0511

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CINCPAC 000646

NAS MIDWAY

COMTASKFOR 9

SECRET 95 LJO

PRIORITY 01

CABLE 10 PLAIN

YOUR 000342 NO OBJECTION X NOW CONFIRMED THAT GUTTED
AND ABANDONED SHIP IS MOGAMI CLASS CRUISER WHICH SHOULD
BE SUNK X THREE OF OUR SUBS ENROUTE THERE X DO NOT
BOMB THEM

SENT AT 0655/8TH/MR

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COMPANSEAFCN
COMAIRSOPAC
COMWESSEAFCN
COMNAVEU

ALL TASK FORCE COMORS SECRET 16
OPNAV
COMGENHAFDEPT
MIDWAY P 16
COMNORWESSEAFCN

RADIO

ENEMY GROUP WHICH TASK FORCE 16 BOMBED YESTERDAY SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE
DAMAGE AND 1 MOGAMI WAS REPORTED CUTTED AND ABANDONED IN LAT 28-55
NORTH LONG 173-48 ~~000~~ X THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO BB IN THIS
GROUP X CONTACT WITH SURFACE FORCES LOST DURING NIGHT AND NO AIR-
CRAFT SIGHTED TODAY EXCEPT BY SUBMARINES WITHIN DISTANT AIR SEARCH
OF WAKE AND 1 CRUISER SCOUT PLANE BEARING 264 DISTANCE 545 FROM
MIDWAY AT 1830Z X SUBMARINES ACTIVE THROUGHOUT MIDWAY-OAHU AREA AND
BELIEVED TO BE CONCENTRATING IN APPROACHES TO PEARL HARBOR X ENEMY
CONTACTS IN ALEUTIANS 1 TRANSPORT AND 2 GROUPS OF AIRCRAFT X NAVY
COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY COMMANDERS

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EVENTUALITIES UNTIL THEIR RETURN VIA SANPEDRO ON 19TH X LONG
ISLAND IS WITH THEM IN ACCORDANCE MY 020157 X ON HER RETURN SHE
WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING CARRIER GROUPS UNLESS AND UNTIL REQUIR-
ED TO ASSIST KITTYHAWK AND HAMMONDSPOINT IN AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT X
ADDITIONAL AVG'S ASSIGNED WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE VERY USEFUL BUT
INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OF BB'S IN ADVANCED AREAS DEPENDS UPON IN-
CREASED STRENGTH IN REGULAR CARRIERS FIGHTING AIRCRAFT AND DES-
TROYERS

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NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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THAT 071004 AND 071006 X THROUGH NY 070029 CONTEMPLATED EMPLOYMENT
 OF SARATOGA IN WESTERN AREA DECISION ARRIVED AT IN NY 000129 WAS
 MADE BECAUSE HAZARD TO ONE CARRIER WOULD BE UNBOLY HIGH AND BE-
 CAUSE SARATOGA AIR GROUP REQUIRES MORE TRAINING X CONTINUED STR-
 UGTHEN EMPLOYMENT FOR THE TWO CARRIERS INVOLVED MUST THEREFORE
 BE DEFERRED X SARATOGA WILL FURNISH PLACES AS NEEDED TO TAKE FORCE
 IS AND WILL THEN RETURN TO PEARL TO REPLENISH AND FERRY AIRCRAFT
 TO GUAM AND THEN COMPLETE TRAINING X PITON WILL COMMAND SARA-
 TOGA TASK FORCE X FLETCHER WILL BE GIVEN A REST AND PROBABLY TAKE
 NEXT GROUP X THROUGH OVERSIGHT BELIEVE MOVE OF BATTLESHIP OUT
 OF SAN PEDRO 000 IN STN WAS NOT REPORTED TO YOU X THEY ARE 1000
 MILES WEST OF THAT PLACE TODAY AND WILL BE AT SEA AVAILABLE FOR

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HEADQUARTERS
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT MARINE RECONNAISSANCE BOAT CREW
ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR AND RESCUE THE LOST RETURNING TO PEARL I
THE PLATE BOAT AND RECONNAISSANCE ON RECONNAISSANCE AND DISTANCED FROM
WIDWAY X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED ONE HUNDRED
AND FIVE HUNDRED X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED THREE
HUNDRED FIFTY HUNDRED X ONE X ONE HUNDRED ONE HUNDRED TWO HUNDRED NINETY
FIVE HUNDRED X HUNDRED OF BOAT RECONNAISSANCE BETWEEN WIDWAY AND
CAN BE SUSPECTED

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STARTING IN AREA OF BAD WEATHER
AT 2135 GCT

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date **9 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 090039**

To: **NAS MIDWAY**

Info To:

COMCARPAC (ADMIN)
COM 14
COMPATWING 2

Com Air Group 21

| Classification | Originator | C. W. C. |
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PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES TASK FORCE 16 BE ~~XXXX~~ SENT OTHER
AREA X WHILE BELIEVE NO IMMEDIATE ATTACK THREATENS MIDWAY WE

CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED X FROM COMCPAC ACTION MIDWAY
INFO COMCARPAC (ADMIN) COM 14 COMPATWING 2 X WILL INCREASE

NUMBER MARINE SCOUT BOMBERS MIDWAY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE X
REQUEST NUMBERS AND MODELS SCOUT BOMBERS NOW REMAINING THERE

X ABOUT 18 JUNE WILL FLY OFF SQUADRON ARMY PURSUIT PLANES
FROM CARRIER FOR TEMPORARY DUTY MIDWAY UNTIL RELIEVED IN

ABOUT 2 MONTHS BY MARINE FIGHTING PLANES X FURTHER DETAILS
THIS PLAN LATER

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REPORTED WAITING IN AREA OF BAD WEATHER
FROM MONDAY AT 2135 GCT

CV# 43
OR# 39
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**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **9 JUNE 42**

From CINCPAC **090341**

COMINCH

SECRET

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ROUTINE 01 01

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RADIO

FOLLOWING SURVIVORS YORKTOWN AND HAMMANN ARRIVED PEARL 108
OFFICERS 2005 ENLISTED X 14 OF ABOVE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED X 330

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND MEN OF WHICH 40 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
STILL ENROUTE X LATE REPORT STATES WHEN YORKTOWN TORPEDOED

HAMMANN WAS ALONGSIDE AND SANK AND VIREO HAD CARRIER IN TOW X
ENEMY SUBMARINES CONTINUE OPERATIONS MIDWAY OAHU AREA BUT HAVE

MADE NO ATTACKS X A JAP SEAPLANE WAS SIGHTED BEARING 274 DEG-
REBS 276 MILES FROM MIDWAY WHERE THE WEATHER IS REPORTED BAD X

NO CHANGE IN THE ALASKAN SITUATION X THE CALIFORNIA WAS UN-
DOCKED YESTERDAY AND THE WEST VIRGINIA WILL BE DOCKED TO-

MORROW

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Date 9 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Group |
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OUR OWN SUBMARINE CUTLEFISH REPORTS THAT SHE PASSED THROUGH AREA
28-52 N 173-18 EAST AND THAT THE AREA FOR SEVERAL SQUARE MILES
WAS COVERED WITH WRECKAGE FROM LARGE SHIP EQUIPPED TO HANDLE

PLANES X NOTHING WAS AFLOAT WITHIN THIRTY MILES X PARA X THIS IS
ALMOST SAME POSIT THAT TASK FORCE SIXTEEN REPORTS LEAVING AN
ABANDONED AND GUTTED CRUISER X PARA X ON TUESDAY NINE JUNE SEND

PLANES TO SEARCH THAT AREA CAREFULLY OBSERVE WRECKAGE TO ATTEMPT
TO RECOGNIZE ANYTHING THAT WILL ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SHIP X REPORT
RESULTS SEARCH TO CINCPAC ON RETURN OF PLANES

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THREE PLANES BY 082133 RETURNED MIDWAY X HAD ARRIVED
VICINITY OF TARGET TOO LATE TO ATTACK BEFORE DAYLIGHT
MADE SECURITY IMPOSSIBLE X FOURTH B-24 WITH GENERAL
TINKER ABOARD FEARED LOST ABOUT 40 MINUTES AFTER TAKE-
OFF X SPECIAL SEARCHES TODAY AND TOMORROW

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ROUTINE 16

RADIO

NEW INFORMATION INDICATES POSSIBLE OBJECTIVE NY 090747 AND
YOUR 081930 WAS NOT LEFT AFLOAT X CUTLEFISH SEARCHED AREA

IN WHICH CUTTED CA WAS REPORTED AND FOUND SEVERAL SQUARE
MILES COVERED WITH WRECKAGE FROM LARGE SHIP OR SHIPS EQUIPPED

TO HANDLE PLANES X AM CONTINUING SEARCH OF GENERAL AREA AND
WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN AT LEAST IDENTIFYING EQUIPMENT

REF 090747: YOUR 081930 WILL ENDEAVOR COMPLY
REF 081930: HIGHEST QUARTERS WOULD REJOICE IN SALVAGE OF
ENEMY COMBATANT VESSEL FOR MORALE AND PUBLICITY
PURPOSES

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THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FORCES 16 AND 17 IN THE MIDWAY BATTLE WAS
 BRILLIANT AND CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PREVIOUS RECORD OF BRILLIANT SOLD-
 IERS. I AM SURE THAT PERSONNEL LOSES FAR MORE THAN THOSE OF WATER-
 THE X THEIR RESOLVE AND RESOLUTE DETERMINATION HOWEVER WAS THE DE-
 CISION FACTOR IN SECURING A GREAT VICTORY FOR THEIR COUNTRY X TASK
 FORCE 16 MUST AGAIN BE CALLED UPON TO ASSAIL THE ENEMY X IT IS
 HOPED THAT THEIR SOLANT VETERANS WILL HAVE SOME HARD EARNED REST
 ENROUTE TO THE ALASKAN AREA X I HAVE ENTIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE
 ABILITY OF TASK FORCE 16 TO HELP DESTROY THE ENEMY THERE AS THEY
 PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY THERE COMPLETING THE REVER-
 SAL OF HIS WAR EFFORT

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| Date | 29 JUNE 1962 | Info To: | Priority | U. W. O. |
| From | CINCPAC 57104 | | 95 | RX |
| To | RAD MIDWAY | | OF | 11 |
| | | | CABLE | |

BY 570746 X IF POSSIBLE EXTEND SEARCH TO AREA 269 DEGREES 654
MILES FROM MIDWAY X INTELLIGENCE INDICATES DAMAGED ENEMY
SHIP THAT POSITION BY
CINCPAC

SENT 1056/ 9 JUNE /LP

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 10 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 101957

Info To:

To: COMINCH

HANDLE THIS MESSAGE WITH GREATEST SECRECY X
WITH ESTIMATE ENEMY INTENTIONS YOUR 100045 X
TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY ENEMY OCCUPATION
X HOLDING TASK FORCE SIXTEEN IN PRESENT AREA
IS CLEARER

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SECURITY CHIEF
PAID BY POST

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IT IS NOTED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SEARCH TO AREA 243 REVEALED THAT
 THE AREA 243 SEARCHED BY INTELLIGENCE INDICATES DAMAGED EQUIPMENT
 AND THE RESULTS BY
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SENT 2200/ 9 JUNE 13

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 10 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 171257

Info To:

To: COMINCH

HANDLE THIS MESSAGE WITH GREATEST SECRECY X AGREE
WITH ESTIMATE ENEMY INTENTIONS YOUR 100045 X AM-
TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY ENEMY OCCUPATION AL-
X HOLDING TASK FORCE SIXTEEN IN PRESENT AREA
IS CLEARER

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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YOUR ZERO EIGHT TWENTYTHREE ZERO SEVEN PREFER THAT TASK FORCES ONE AND ELEVEN
EXERCISE TOGETHER IN AND WESTWARD OF PALMYRA DASH CHRISTMAS AREA FOR A TIME X

THIS SHOULD ENABLE PLANES TO BE SENT TO PALMYRA AND KEEP TASK FORCE ELEVEN IN HAND PENDING AVAILABILITY OF TASK FORCES SIXTEEN AND SLANT OR EIGHTEEN

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SEALED SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
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| FROM <u>COMINCH</u> | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | PRIORITY <i>PPP</i> |
| RELEASED BY <i>S. King</i> | | COMSWPAC FORCE | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>APRIL 18, 1942</u> | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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WE HAVE TODAY DISCOVERED ERROR IN DECRYPTING A PREVIOUS MESSAGE WHICH REFERRED TO APRIL 21 AS DATE FOR THE NEXT ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN NEW GUINEA AREA X THE CORRECT REFERENCE IS MAY 3 OR 4 X COMANZAC 170626 AND YOUR 142027 AND 172015 X THE CV CONCENTRATION AT TRUK FOR APRIL 28 APPEARS TO CONFIRM MAY 3 OR 4 OR SHORTLY AFTER X MOVEMENT OF STRONG SHORE BASED AIR TO RABAU CURRENTLY UNDERWAY X ASSOCIATION OF PALAO WITH RABAU IN RI DESPATCHES MAY INDICATE USE OF TROOPS FROM NEI OR PHILIPPINES X THESE AND MANY MINOR INDICATIONS POINT TO MORESBY AS OBJECTIVE OF SEABORNE AND POSSIBLY LAND ATTACK FIRST WEEK IN MAY THEREFORE NOW IS THE TIME FOR TASK FORCE 17 TO REPLENISH AND REPAIR POSSIBLY AT NOUMEA IF SUPPLY VESSELS CAN BE GOT TEN THERE TEMPORARILY CMA ALSO SPARE FUEL TANKS SHOULD BE FLOWN DOWN PARA IN ANY CASE WE CAN NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN FLEET FORCES CONTINUOUSLY IN CORAL SEA OR ANY OTHER AREA BUT MUST EMPLOY THEM WHERE SITUATION REQUIRES PARA IN VIEW INDICATED JAP STRENGTH TASK FORCE 17 EVEN WITH FULL SUPPORT BY SOWESTPACFOR AND ALL AIRCRAFT IN AUSTRALIA LACKS THE STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY X THEREFORE CINCPAC 172035 APPROVED AS TO MOVEMENT OF TASK FORCE 11 TO SOUTHWARD BUT DO NOT NOW WISH TO COMMIT TASK FORCE 1 TO RETURN TO WEST COAST PARA BOTH ADEES CAREFULLY EXAMINE ENTIRE SITUATION AND PROSPECTS AND ADVISE ME AS TO MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION OF FORCES OF ALL CATEGORIES YOU CONSIDER POSSIBLE TO MAKE AGAINST ENEMY NEW GUINEA AREA FIRST PART OF MAY X IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT JAPANESE SURFACE FORCES ARE INVOLVED AND THIS PARTICULARLY SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY CHECKED AND ANALYZED PARA SECRECY AS TO YOUR PLANS MUST BE METICULOUSLY PRESERVED PARA LEARY DELIVER TO MAC ARTHUR

182032 APR 18 1942

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SEALED REC'D CDR SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|
| FROM <u>COMINCH (RDO SANFRAN)</u> | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | PPPPPP PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>APRIL 28 1942</u> | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM <u>2254/2152</u> | INFORMATION | COMSOWESPACFOR
(PASSED BY CINCPAC)
COMINCH ADMIN OFF
(RDO WASH) | PPPPPP PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>FIELD/FIELD</u> | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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| TEXT | | | |

FROM COMINCH ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMSOWESPACFOR COMINCH ADMIN OFF.
CINCPAC PASS TO COMSOWESPACFOR.

THIS DISPATCH MUST BE HANDLED AS A SEALED SECRET.

MY 182032, CINCPAC 230051. THINK TASKFOR 16 SHOULD PROCEED TOWARDS
CRITICAL AREA AS INDICATED WITH HORNET AIR GROUP AUGMENTED AS PRACTICABLE
IN HAWAII OR FROM YORKTOWN. ALSO CONCUR IN PROPOSED RETURN
OF TASKFOR 17 AND ANY OTHER DISPOSITIONS APPROPRIATE TO KEEPING AT
LEAST EQUIVALENT OF TASKFOR 16 IN SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO SENDING ONE BATDIV PREFERABLY
BATDIV 3 TOWARDS SAME AREA WITH OTHER BBS RETURNING TO WEST COAST
FOR TIME BEING.

NOT ONLY SHOULD VPS AT NOUMEA OR ELSEWHERE IN SAME AREA BE
INCREASED TO 12 BUT TO 18 IF POSSIBLE.

CINCPAC REPLY TO COMSOWESPACFOR 220410 ALSO ADJUST INTERRELATED
SUBMARINE DISPOSITIONS.

SEALED SECRET

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| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESS | PRECEDENCE |
| FROM | CINCPAC | COMTASKFOR 17 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | COMTASKFOR 13 | PRIORITY |
| DATE | 1 APRIL 1942 | COMTASKFOR 19 | ROUTINE |
| FOR SODEROOM | 0914/0828 | (21A) | DEFERRED |
| DECODED BY | CLUNT/BERRY | NAVSTA TUTUILLA SAMOA | |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | COMINCH COMANZAC | |
| | | INFORMATION | PRIORITY |
| | | | ROUTINE |
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TASKFORCE 17 DIRECTED PROCEED BLEACHER FOR REPLENISHMENTS
 AFTER PRESENT OPERATIONS PREPARATORY TO FURTHER OPERATIONS X
 VESSELS HEREAFTER MENTIONED JOIN THAT AREA FOR TASKFORCE
 THERE AND FURNISH APPROPRIATE SERVICES X ORIGINATOR CINCPAC X
 COMTASKFORCE THIRTEEN TOPOFF FROM CUYAMA THEN DISPATCH HER
 WITH ONE DOG DOG AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE X SUMNER REPORT
 PRACTICABILITY CARRIER AIR GROUP USING BLEACHER AIR FIELD
 WHILE SHIPS IN PORT AND MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS X
 COMTASKFORCE 19 PROCEED WITH DOBBIN AND COMDT SAMOA SAIL
 SOLACE TO BLEACHER WHEN COMTASKFORCE 17 SO DIRECTS X FLETCHER
 ISSUE APPROPRIATE ORDERS THOSE TWO SHIPS ALSO TO BRIDGE
 PLATTE TIPPECANOE FOR CONCENTRATING BLEACHER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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| DRAFTER | | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
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| FROM | COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK) | FOR ACTION | COM ANZAC FORCE
(ACKNOWLEDGE) | PR P P P P P P |
| RELEASED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 3 APRIL 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROM | 1843 / 1810 | INFORMATION | COMINCH
CINOPAC | PR P P P P P P |
| DECODED BY | BUSH / BUSH | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | | DEFERRED |

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WILL ATTACK ANY ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SOLOMON AREA HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE AT RABAU APRIL SIXTH. ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN ACTION COMANZAC INFO COMINCH CINOPAC. REQUEST YOUR BOMBERS MAKE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ON ENEMY SHORE BASED AIR RABAU AND THAT AREA. RADIO SILENCE WILL PRECLUDE INFORMING YOU LOCATION MY TARGET AND DETAILS OF PLAN. PLEASE INSTRUCT TAMBOR. IMMEDIATE INSTEAD OF ROUTINE ENEMY POSITION REPORTS ESSENTIAL COMMENCING APRIL FOURTH. WILL BASE IN CORAL SEA AND OPERATE AGAINST ENEMY IN SOLOMON AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SEALED SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC (NBM)

COMINCH

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DATE 9 APRIL 1942

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TOR CODEROOM 0041/0020

DECODED BY BERRY/BERRY

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

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TEXT

CINCPAC TALKING TO COMINCH

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HALSEY DEPARTING PEARL EIGHT APRIL TO JOIN OTHER FORCES NOW.
 AT SEA ENROUTE TO CARRY OUT PLANNED OPERATIONS X YOUR
 081235 PARAGRAPH IN-VIEW ENEMY ACTIVITY NEW GUINEA SOLOMONS
 AREA HIS COMMITMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND LACK OF INDICATIONS
 OF MOVEMENT TOWARD HAWAII RECOMMEND TASK FORCE ELEVEN WHEN
 READY FOR SEA ABOUT FIFTEEN APRIL PROCEED TO JOIN TASK
 FORCE SEVENTEEN INSTEAD OF OPERATING WITH BATTLESHIPS AS
 PROPOSED MY 232130 X SUCH MOVEMENT WILL PERMIT LEXINGTON
 TRANSPORT TWENTY VICTOR MIKE FOXES TO ROSES REPEAT ROSES
 AND TWELVE TO PALMYRA WHICH WILL OTHERWISE BE DELAYED
 PENDING AVAILABILITY OF CARRIER TO TRANSPORT THEM X WITHDRAWAL
 FLETCHER DEPENDENT UPON DEVELOPMENTS MEANTIME X PROPOSE
 BATTLESHIPS DEPART WEST COAST ABOUT FOURTEEN APRIL TO
 OPERATE WITH DESTROYERS BUT NO AIR COVERAGE IN AREA

SEALED SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| TOR CODEROOM | INFORMATION | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
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NORTHWARD HAWAIIAN CHAIN RETURNING PEARL OR WEST COAST
 IN EARLY MAY DEPENDENT UPON SITUATION EXISTING AT THAT
 TIME X ADVISE IF YOU APPROVE

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM CINCPAC (NPM) | FOR ACTION | COMINCH (NSS) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | RRRRR
ROUTINE
DEFERRED |
| DATE APRIL 11 1942 | INFORMATION | COMANZAC (VHC) | PRIORITY |
| TOR CODEROOM 1501/1415 | | | ROUTINE |
| DECODED BY WINTER/FIELD | | | DEFERRED |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | |

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CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH INFO COMANZAC. PART ONE OF FIVE.

YOUR 031905 AND 091705 AND WRITTEN DIRECTIVE JUST RECEIVED.

PARAGRAPH ONE. ASSUME THAT FLETCHER WHOSE CURRENT OPERATIONS ARE IN BOTH SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS IS AT PRESENT CONTINUING TO RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM YOU WITH LEARY FURNISHING HIM INFORMATION AND AIR COOPERATION AND CINCPAC LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNTIL YOU ISSUE MODIFYING DIRECTIVE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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| FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU) | FOR ACTION | COMINCH (RDO WASH) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | RRRRR
ROUTINE
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| DATE 11 APRIL 42 | INFORMATION | COMANZAC (RDO
CANBERRA) | PRIORITY |
| TOR CODEROOM 1419/0925 | | | RRRRR
ROUTINE
DEFERRED |
| DECODED BY PORTER/PITKIN | | | |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | |

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PART TWO CINCPAC ELEVEN ZERO FIVE THIRTY FIVE X
 COMINCH TAKE ACTION COMANZAC JUST LISTEN XX
 PARAGRAPH TWO CONSIDER INADVISABLE REPEAT INAD-
 VISABLE MAKE FLETCHER TEMPORARY COMMANDER SOUTH
 PACIFIC BECAUSE EXERCISE SUCH COMMAND IS INCOM-
 PATIBLE WITH EFFECTIVELY OPERATING HIS TASKFORCE
 PARTICULARLY AS IT SHOULD BE READY TO COUNTER
 PROSPECTIVE ENEMY MOVES AND COVER ARRIVAL OF
 FORCES NOW ENROUTE ADVANCED BASES

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU) | FOR ACTION | COMINCH (RDO WASH) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE RR |
| DATE 15 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 0421 / 0345 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

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ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC.

REPORTED PRESENCE ENEMY SUBMARINES AND TENDER RABAU
 INDICATES PROBABLE COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH
 PACIFIC AREA. CAN MORE DESTROYERS BE MADE AVAILABLE
 PACFLT FOR PROBABLE ANTI SUBMARINE OPERATIONS THAT
 AREA.

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| FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU) | FOR ACTION | COMINCH (RDO WASH) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 15 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODER ROOM 0641 / 0610 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

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ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC.

IN COMMUNICATION TO VICE ADMIRAL BROWN COMMANDER TASK FORCE 11 REAR ADMIRAL CRACE ROYAL NAVY WROTE QUOTE YOU STATE THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET HAS DIRECTED THAT THE SENIOR UNITED STATES NAVAL OFFICER PRESENT SHALL ASSUME COMMAND OF NAVAL FORCES IN THE ANZAC AREA. IN THIS REGARD I HAVE RECEIVED RECENTLY ADMIRALTY MESSAGE TIMED 1342 A OF 25 FEBRUARY 1942 WHICH STATES QUOTE IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT IN THE EVENT OF HIS MAJESTYS SHIPS AND UNITED STATES WARSHIPS REQUIRING TO COOPERATE TACTICALLY AGAINST ENEMY, COMMAND WILL BE EXERCISED BY THAT OFFICER OF EITHER POWER WHO IS SENIOR IN RANK, OR WHERE RANKS OF BOTH OFFICERS ARE EQUAL, BY OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN LONGEST IN RANK UNQUOTE THIS AGREED PROCEDURE DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET UNQUOTE

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| TOR CODEROOM _____ | INFORMATION | | | PRIORITY |
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LATER ADMIRAL CRACE ACCDED TO THE ABOVE AND TO FLETCHER8,
HIS JUNIOR, COMMANDING THE FORCE. CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL
THAT TASK FORCES INVOLVING CARRIER REMAIN UNDER UNITED
STATES FLAG OFFICER. IN ORDER THAT NO QUESTION OF COM-
MAND MAY ARISE REQUEST REAB CRACE BE SO INFORMED.
COMTASKFOR 11INFORMED.

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| FROM COMANZAC FORCE | FOR ACTION | CINCRAC | OP OP | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE APRIL 17 1942 | | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 0838/0824 | INFORMATION | COMINCH | OP OP | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY BELL.BELL. | | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | | DEFERRED |

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| TEXT | | | |

THIS IS FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR. RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SHOW INCREASED AIR FORCES BEING MOVED RABAU AND INDICATIONS ENEMY ACTION BEFORE END OF MONTH X I AM CONCERNED THAT TASKFORCE USUALLY OPERATING CORAL SEA AREA BEING WITHDRAWN TO BLEACHER X CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT ONE TASKFORCE BE MAINTAINED THAT AREA AT ALL TIMES TO CHECK FURTHER ENEMY ADVANCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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| FROM CINCPAC | FOR ACTION | COMANZAC | PRIORITY RRPPPP |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 18 APRIL 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 0043 / 0015 | INFORMATION | COMINCH
COMTASKFOR 17 | PRIORITY RRPPPP |
| DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | DEFERRED |

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TEXT

FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMANZAC INFO COMINCH COMTASKFORCE 17.

FOR GENERAL MACARTHUR YOUR 170626 TASK FORCE 17 HAS BEEN AT SEA OVER TWO MONTHS. ITS FIGHTING AIRCRAFT FAST BEING GROUNDED FOR LEAKY FUEL TANKS. PLANNED UPKEEP ESSENTIAL TO REHABILITATE FIGHTING PLANES. STRONGLY AGREE DESIRABILITY MAINTAINING FORCE IN CORAL SEA AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO DO SO. BELIEVE PERSISTENT COURAGEOUS ATTACKS BY YOUR AIRCRAFT HAVE DELAYED ENEMY OFFENSIVE AND THAT FLETCHER WILL RETURN TO AREA IN TIME TO OPPOSE ADVANCE INVOLVING SURFACE FORCES.

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| FROM CINCPAC | FOR ACTION | COMINCH | RRRRRRPPPP |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE
DEFERRED |
| DATE 17 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| TOR CODERDOM 2248 / 2213 | | | ROUTINE |
| DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH | | | DEFERRED |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | |

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172035 GCR 96998

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| TEXT | | | |

INDICATIONS CRUISER CARRIER CONCENTRATION TRUK RABAU
 AREA ABOUT END OF MONTH. COMANZAC 170626. MY 172015.
 IT IS MY STRONG CONVICTION THAT ENEMY ADVANCE SHOULD
 BE OPPOSED BY FORCE CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN TWO CARRIERS.
 AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT FITCH PROCEED CORAL SEA WHERE FLETCHER
 WILL JOIN HIM AFTER UPKEEP. IF APPROVED WILL DIRECT GYE
 EXERCISE EAST PALMYRA CHRISTMAS LINE THEN RETURN SAN
 FRANCISCO.

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| FROM <u>CINCPAC</u> | FOR ACTION | COMINCH | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>APRIL 19 1942</u> | INFORMATION | COM SW PACFOR | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM <u>0608/0540</u> | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>BELL BELL</u> | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | DEFERRED |

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190457 CCR 9929AS

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| TEXT | | | |

YOUR 182032 TASKFORCE 17 ARRIVES BLEACHER TOMORROW
 ADD SERVICE FORCE DETACHMENT IS ASSEMBLED THERE IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH MY 142027 X DEL VERY FUEL TANKS
 ARRANGED FOR THAT PLACE X CONSIDER IMPRACTICABLE TO
 CHANGE BASE FOR UPKEEP AND THAT DEPARTURE BLEACHED
 ON 27 APRIL FOR CORAL SEA CONFORMS TO PRESENT REQUIRE-
 MENTS OF THE SITUATION AS PRESENTED IN YOUR 2032 OF
 THE 18TH.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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| FROM CINCPAC (TEXT) | | | PPPP PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | CTF 11 | ROUTINE |
| DATE APRIL 19 1942 | | CTF 1 | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODE ROOM 0630/0607 | | | PPPP PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY BELL.BELL. | | COM SW PACFOR | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | COMINCH | DEFERRED |

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| TEXT | | | |

CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

MY 110335 MOKIDIED X TASKFORCE ONE REMAIN TO EASTWARD
 OF PALMYRA-CHRISTMAS AREA X TASKFORCE 11 PROCEED AT
 ECONOMICAL SPEED TOWARD LATITUDE 12-45S LONGITUDE 180.
 FURTHER ORDERS LATER.

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| FROM CINCPAC (NERK) | FOR ACTION | COMTASKFOR 11 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | COMTASKFOR 7 | RRRRRRR |
| DATE 20 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | COM SW PAC FOR | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROM 0209 / 2327 | | COM TASKFOR 1 | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH | | COMINCH | RRRRRRR |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | DEFERRED |

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| TEXT CINCPAC SENT THIS. | | | |

MODIFY MYDIS 190535 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

TASKFORCE 11 PROCEED SO AS TO ARRIVE AT POINT ACORN
 LATITUDE 11-45 SOUTH LONGITUDE 178-37 WEST AT ZERO HOURS
 ZED 25 APRIL. THENCE PROCEED BY ROUTE SOUTH OF ROSES TO
 AREA NORTHWEST OF POBBY WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH FLETCHER
 WILL BE ARRANGED. COMTASKFOR 17 DIRECT KASKASKIA AFTER
 FUELING HIS FORCE TO DEPART BLEACHER WITH ONE DESTROYER
 ESCORT AND JOIN FITCH AT POINT ACORN. DIRECTIVE FOR
 COMBINED OPERATIONS TASK FORCES 11 AND 17 FOLLOWS.

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| CINCPAC (NISA) | | CTF 11
CTG 17.19
CTF 17 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 22 APRIL 1942 | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM | 0704/0623 | CTF 1
COMINCH
COMSWPACFOR | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | BERRY/BERRY | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

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TEXT

FROM CINCPAC

INSTRUCTIONS HEREIN MODIFY MY 192109 X 190653 AND
142027 X TASK FORCES 11 AND 17 RENDEZVOUS AT POINT
BUTTERNUT LATITUDE 16-00 SOUTH LONGITUDE 161-45 EAST
0200 ZED SLANT ONE MAY X TASKFOR 11 FUEL FROM KASKASKIA
AS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED THEN SEND KASKASKIA UNDER ESCORT
TO PEARL VIA ROUTE EAST OF PHOENIX GROUP AND 100 MILES
WEST OF PALMYRA X TASKFOR 17 DEPART BLEACHER IN TIME
TO MEET NEOSHO MCCALL AT POINT CASHEW LATITUDE 20-20
SOUTH LONGITUDE 179-15 EAST AT 0000 ZED SLANT TWO EIGHT
APRIL THENCE TO PRESCRIBED RENDEZVOUS WITH TASKFOR 11 X
NEOSHO MCCALL CANCEL UNCOMPLETED PORTION PREVIOUS
ORDERS PROCEED FROM PRESENT POSITION VIA ROUTE WEST OF
SAVAII ISLAND TO POINT CASHEW FOR JUNCTION WITH TASK
FORCE 17 X NEOSHO THEN PROCEED IN COMPANY WITH OVTAS

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DIRECTED BY COMTASKFOR 17 X MCCALL RETURN TO PEARL
 STOPPING SUVA AND TUTUILA FOR MAIL AND PASSENGERS WITHIN
 THEIR CAPACITY X ON CONCENTRATING AT BUTTERNUT
 TASKFORCES 11 AND 17 REORGANIZE AS SINGLE FORCE UNDER
 COMMAND REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER X AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY
 WITHOUT BREAKING RADIO SILENCE FURNISH ME YOUR NEW
 TASK ORGANIZATION X TASK ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMBINED FORCE
 BY SEPARATE DESPATCH TO COMTASKFOR 17

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| FROM | CINCPAC | FOR ACTION | CTF 17 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 22 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | CTF 11
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COMINCH
CTF 1 | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM | 0849/1718 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | GLUNT/BERRY | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | | DEFERRED |

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220541 CCR 848

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| TEXT | | | |

AN ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN NEW GUINEA DASH SOLOMON AREA IS AT PRESENT INDICATED FOR FIRST WEEK OF MAY PROBABLE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE MORESBY. X MAY EVENTUALLY INCLUDE THREE OR FOUR CARRIERS ABOUT EIGHTY HEAVY BOMBERS AND SAME NUMBER OF FIGHTERS AT NEW GUINEA AND NEW BRITAIN AIR BASES X YOUR TASK ASSIST IN CHECKING FURTHER ADVANCE BY ENEMY IN ABOVE AREA BY SEIZING FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DESTROY SHIPS SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT X CINCPAC WILL ARRANGE COORDINATION OF COMSWPACFOR AND WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED X PARA X COMSOUTHWESTPAC IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE PRESENT DISSEMINATION INTELLIGENCE THAT AREA, TO KEEP MACARTHUR INFORMED OF PACFLT PLANS AND OPERATIONS AND TO INFORM ME PLANS FOR HIS FORCES ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH CAN SUPPORT FLEET FORCES X PARA X REINFORCEMENT FOR TASKFOR 17 AT LATER DATE UNDER CONSIDERATION

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| RELEASED BY | | | |
| DATE 23 APRIL 1942 | | | |
| TOR CODEROOM 0334/0335 | FOR ACTION
INFORMATION | COMSOPACFOR | PRIORITY
ROUTINE
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| DECODED BY FINKELDEY/GLUNT | | | |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | |

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230051 CCR 209

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TEXT

(AIDAC)

FROM CINCPAC

FOLLOWING AVAILABLE YOUR 182032 X TASKFORCES 17 AND 11
 COMPRISING TWO CV'S X FIVE CA'S X 13 DDS AND THREE AO'S
 MY 220345 AND 220541 X IN ADDITION CAN BE AVAILABLE IN AREA
 ABOUT 13 MAY TASKFORCE 16 COMPRISING TWO CV'S FOUR CRUISERS
 EIGHT DDS AND TWO AO'S X CAN PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR
 ABOVE FORCES UNTIL ONE JUNE BUT CONSIDER FLETCHER SHOULD
 START NORTH BY 15 MAY IF POSSIBLE X BETWEEN BOBCAT AND
 SOUTHWEST PAC AREA BUT ENGAGED IN ESCORTING ONE CA ONE CL
 ONE OCL SEVERAL DESTROYERS X AIRCRAFT X ARMY BOMBERS HERE
 ONLY 29 ENTIRELY INADEQUATE FOR HAWAIIAN DEFENSE X VP AT
 NOUMEA CAN BE INCREASED TO TWELVE ABOUT ONE MAY X SUBMARINES
 X IN VIEW COMSOUTHWESTPAC 220417 BELIEVE PACFLT SUBS SHOULD
 REMAIN CLEAR NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA X ONE WILL
 BE OFF RABAU UNTIL ONE MAY X ONE IS ENROUTE TRUK X THREE

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TEXT

DEPARTURES HERE BETWEEN 20 APRIL AND ONE MAY FOR SOUTHWEST EXCHANGE X EACH SCHEDULED FOR SHORT PATROL ON TRUK-RABAU LINE WHICH CAN BE INCREASED BY ELIMINATING RECONNAISSANCE ENROUTE X TWO OTHERS AVAILABLE 30 APRIL X EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS X NONE READY IN TIME X BATTLESHIPS X AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT TASK FORCE ONE RETURN TO COAST AFTER REMAINING SUFFICIENTLY LONG AT SEA TO HAVE EFFECT ON ENEMY DISPOSITIONS X RECOMMENDED DATE OF ARRIVAL COAST TWO MAY X CONSIDERATIONS FAVORING ARE

(A) ITS OPERATION IN SOUTHWEST INADVISABLE AS SUFFICIENT AIR AND SUBMARINE PROTECTION NOT AVAILABLE FOR BATTLESHIPS UNLESS WITHDRAWN FROM PRESENT CARRIER TASK FORCES X BESIDES THUS WEAKENING STRIKING POWER OF THESE FORCES BATTLESHIPS WOULD RESTRICT THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION DUE TO SLOW SPEED X

(B) OPERATION THERE WOULD PUT STRAIN ON LOGISTICS FOR WHICH

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| TOR CODEROOM | INFORMATION | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
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TEXT

WE ARE NOT PREPARED X

(C) BASING AT PEARL WOULD RESULT FUEL WITHDRAWAL FROM A
SUPPLY ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO HOLD LEVEL X(D) HARBOR WOULD BE CONGESTED ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN ENEMY
MAY ATTEMPT REPRISAL ATTACK.**SEALED SECRET**

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| FROM <u>COMSOUWESPAC</u> | FOR ACTION | COMINCH | OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>25 APRIL 1942</u> | FOR INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM <u>0358/0354</u> | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/BERRY</u> | | | ROUTINE |
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| TEXT | | | |

MACARTHUR DESPATCH OF TWENTY FOUR APRIL ADDRESSED MARSHALL
 SUBJECT CARRIER WAS SENT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH ME
 AND DOES NOT REPRESENT MY VIEWS

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| RELEASED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 29 APRIL 1942 | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODER ROOM | 247/0205 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | EDWARDS/EDWARDS | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | | DEFERRED |

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(AIDAC)

PART ONE FROM CINCPAC XX FURTHER CONSIDERATION INDICATES THAT BATTLESHIPS SHOULD RETURN COAST X YOUR TWENTYSEVEN TWO ZERO FIVE EIGHT X DESTROYER SHORTAGE PREVIOUSLY SERIOUS NOW ACCENTUATED BY TRANSFER SQUADRON TO SOUTHWEST-PACFOR AND UNAVOIDABLE DELAY IN USEFUL EMPLOYMENT THOSE TO BE RECEIVED IN RETURN X ONLY SHIP DESRON TWELVE WHICH HAS REPORTED IS NOT YET READY FOR COMBAT SERVICE X WHEN DESTROYERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE X TENTATIVE DATE ARRIVAL BATTLESHIPS ON COAST TEN MAY X REQUEST APPROVAL X PART TWO FOLLOWS

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| RELEASED BY | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 29 APRIL 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM | 0201/0141 | INFORMATION | COMSOUWESPACFOR | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | CLUNT/BERRY | | | ROUTINE |
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| TEXT | | | |

THIS IS SECOND PART OF MY (CINCPACS) 282047 X HALSEY
 LEAVES THURSDAY X YOUR 272058 X HORNET AIR GROUP COMPLETE
 WITHOUT AUGMENTATION FROM YORKTOWN X VICTOR PREPS AT
 NOUMEA WILL BE INCREASED TO TWELVE BY THIRTIETH AND
 AFIRM VICTOR DOG WILL BE SENT SHORTLY TO REPORT TANGIER X
 NO ADDITIONAL VICTOR PREPS AT PRESENT X ACCORDING
 LATEST REPORT FIELD AT ROSES NOT SATISFACTORY X MARINE
 FIGHTRON WILL PROCEED IN ENTERPRISE AND BASE TEMPORARILY
 NEW CALEDONIA IF NECESSARY UNTIL ROSES FIELD READY X
 COMSOUWESPACFOR HAS PARTS ONE AND TWO OF THIS DESPATCH X

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| FROM | COMINCH | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | P P P P P P P P |
| RELEASED BY | ADMIRAL KING <i>E. J. King</i> | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | JANUARY 29, 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROM | | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | | | ROUTINE | |
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DECISION REACHED OCCUPY FUNAFUTI CODE NAME QUOTE FETLOCK UNQUOTE AS SOON AS
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL CAN BE COLLECTED HERE I SEE MY NINETEEN

NINETEEN FIFTEEN AND COMMENT ON FORCE YOU CAN ALLOCATE FOR PURPOSE MENTIONED

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| FROM COMINCH | | CINCPAC | P P P R R R P P P P |
| RELEASED BY ADMIRAL KING | FOR ACTION | | ROUTINE
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| DATE FEBRUARY 5, 1942 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY
ROUTINE
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| FOR CODEROOM TOP NAUSCOM 1639 | | | |
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TEXT

CINC CIPHER -- AIDAO

CONTINUOUS STUDY OF GENERAL PACIFIC SITUATION IMPELS ME TO THE CONVICTION PARAH
WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY DEMANDS FROM AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARAH THAT

WE MUST USE MAXIMUM FORCES AVAILABLE IN AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE
IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA THIS RELIEF CAN BE EFFECTED EITHER INDIRECTLY BY SUITABLE

OPERATIONS IN YOUR AREA OR DIRECTLY BY SENDING REINFORCEMENTS TO ANZAC AND SLANT
OR ARDA AREA PARA IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SUCH AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS SHOULD MARKEDLY

REDUCE NEED FOR ESCORT OPERATIONS IN EASTERN PACIFIC PARA LET ME HAVE YOUR VIEWS
ON THIS MATTER INCLUDING GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION IN YOUR AREA

IN WHICH CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL TASK INVOLVING USE OF BATTLESHIPS SHOULD APPEAR

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CINO CIPHER - AIDAO

YOUR ZERO EIGHT ZERO TWO THIRTYNINE PACIFIC FLEET NOT REPEAT NOT MARKEDLY INFERIOR IN ALL TYPES TO FORCES ENEMY CAN BRING TO BEAR WITHIN OPERATING RADIUS OF HAWAII

WHILE HE IS COMMITTED TO EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA YOUR FORCES WILL HOWEVER BE MARKEDLY INFERIOR FROM AUSTRALIA TO ALASKA WHEN THE ENEMY HAS GAINED

OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC UNLESS EVERY EFFORT IS CONTINUOUSLY MADE TO DAMAGE HIS SHIPS AND BASES PARA ACTION BY YOU TOWARDS AND IN MANDATES WILL OF ITSELF COVER

AND PROTECT MIDWAY DASH HAWAII LINE WHILE AFFORDING BADLY NEEDED RELIEF OF PRESSURE IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA CANNOT READILY ACCEPT USE OF BATTLESHIPS FOR ESCORTING

CONVOYS AS SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE IT IS PASSIVE IN CHARACTER PARA FEEL ALSO THAT GREATER USE OF AIR UNITS IN SUPPORT OF TASKFOR ELEVEN IS CLEARLY INDICATED

RATHER THAN LOCAL PASSIVE DEFENSE IN HAWAII PARA REVIEW SITUATION ON ABOVE PREMISES AND CONSIDER ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST MANDATES AND WAKE FROM NORTHWARD AND EASTWARD

OR OTHERWISE VARY PATTERN OF OPERATIONS

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TEXT YOU SHOULD JOIN YOUR FLAGSHIP AND TAKE DIRECT COMMAND OF PRESENT OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY X PENDING YOUR ARRIVAL INSTRUCT BROWN TO

COORDINATE OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCE ELEVEN AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON AND ALL COOPERATING AIRCRAFT XX YOUR 090232 Z AND THE PLAN APPARENTLY ADOPTED

BY BROWN INDICATE PRESENT OPERATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO DEFENSIVE COVER IN LIMITED AREA X I MUST POINT OUT THAT EMPLOYING SUCCESSIVE OPERATIONS

OF THE SAME PATTERN IN THE SAME AREA EXTENDING OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIODS WILL INCUR UNNECESSARY RISKS AND OMIT ESSENTIAL OFFENSIVE

ACTION X WHILE I DO NOT SUGGEST HASTY MOVES BEFORE CONCENTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT NOW EN ROUTE TO YOU MY 062352 IS TO BE

INTERPRETED AS REQUIRING A STRONG AND COMPREHENSIVE OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED SOON AGAINST EXPOSED ENEMY NAVAL FORCES AND THE POSITIONS

HE IS NOW ESTABLISHING IN THE BISMARCKS AND SOLOMONS X YOU SHOULD OPERATE AIR AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FROM BASES EITHER IN THE ISLANDS OR

ON THE CONTINENT X REQUEST COOPERATION FROM MAJOR GENERAL BARNES IN THE EVENT YOUR AIRCRAFT BASE ON CONTINENT X CINCPAC PASS TO ADMINIS-

TRATIVE OFFICE OF COMANZAC ON CHICAGO XX IN VIEW OF EXTENDED DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF ARMY TROOPS IN NEW CALEDONIA IT SEEMS PROBABLE TASK FORCE

ELEVEN WILL REMAIN ANZAC AREA FOR SOME WEEKS WITH CORRESPONDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUING OFFENSIVE ACTION X CINCPAC ARRANGE ADEQUATE LOGISTIC SUPPORT INCLUDING AMMUNITION REPLACEMENTS BOTH ARMY AND NAVY

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FLAG OFFICERS' CIPHER - AIDAC

COMANZAC FOURTEEN ZERO THREE FORTYFOUR DIRECT VICE ADMIRAL BROWN COMMANDING PACIFIC FLEET TASK FORCE ELEVEN TAKE IMMEDIATE CHARGE ALL NAVAL OPERATIONS NORTHERN ANZAC

AREA PREMISED ON MY ZERO SIX TWENTYTHREE FIFTYTWO THIS TO INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON WHICH WILL BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ORDERS BY COMANZAC FORCE AT ONCE PARA VICE ADMIRAL

BROWN TAKE NOTE NOT ONLY OF MY ZERO SIX TWENTYTHREE FIFTY TWO BUT ALSO MY TWELVE TWENTYTWO HUNDRED PARA COMANZAC CONTINUE TO PRESS AIR COOPERATION PARA CINCPAC KEEP

BROWN FULLY INFORMED AS TO AMERICAN AIR SUPPORT AND ENEMY INTELLIGENCE

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CINC CIPHER -- AIDAC

MY THIRTY SEVENTEEN FORTY DECEMBER IS TO BE CONSIDERED AMPLIFIED BY MY ZERO NINE
TWENTYTWO FORTYFIVE FEBRUARY IN THAT OCCASIONAL ATTACKS ON MANDATES ARE QUOTE COVER

UNQUOTE FOR THE HAWAII DASH MIDWAY LINE AND THAT OPERATIONS IN THE AREA WEST AND
NORTHWEST OF FIJI AND SAMOA ARE QUOTE COVER UNQUOTE FOR THE HAWAII DASH SAMOA DASH

FIJI LINE PARA WHILE OUR RETENTION OF HAWAIIAN ISLANDS REMAINS HIGHEST PRIORITY ACTUAL
OPERATIONS OF PACIFIC FLEET MUST TO LARGE EXTENT BE PREMISED ON RELATIVE LOCATION OF

ACTUAL THREATS CREATED BY ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS X WITH HIS PRESENT COMMITMENTS
IN FAR EAST ENEMY MAJOR OPERATIONS TO SEIZE OAHU (NOW) APPEARS IMPRACTICABLE, X CURRENT

OPERATIONS OF PACIFIC FLEET BECAUSE OF EXISTING THREAT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD
PREVENTING FURTHER ADVANCE OF ENEMY LAND AIRPLANE BASE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIRECTION

OF SUVA AND NOUMEA AND TO DIVERSION AND DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES BY OCCASIONAL
RAIDS ON MANDATE ISLANDS PARA YOUR TWELVE ZERO THREE ZERO SEVEN AND THIRTEEN ZERO

FOUR ZERO FIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS APPEAR TO MAKE IT ADVIS-
ABLE THAT EITHER HALSEY OR FLETCHER SHOULD PROCEED TOWARDS CENTRAL POSITION INDICATED

BY CANTON ISLAND AREA AND THENCE AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE

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PROBABLE ENEMY PRESSURE ON BRITISH IN INDIAN OCEAN DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS UNTIL THEY CAN GET SET REQUIRES APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY ON OUR PART TO HOLD ENEMY NAVAL FORCES IN

PACIFIC PARA COMMENT ON OPERATING SUITABLE FORCE INCLUDING AVAILABLE BATTLESHIPS BASED ON PEARL FOR ESSENTIAL FORCE EXERCISES FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE OPERATIONS

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CINC CIPHER

YOUR TWENTYTHREE TWENTYONE THIRTY MAILGRAM PARA NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT BBS SHOULD COVER HALSEY IN CURRENT EXPEDITION PARA YOUR PROPOSAL THAT BBS PROCEED WESTWARD

AND BE JOINED BY TASK FORCE ELEVEN WHEN HALSEY NEARS OBJECTIVE APPROVED PARA I WILL ALLOW FLETCHER DUE TIME FOR UPKEEP BUT NOT REPEAT NOT AT SYDNEY WHICH ~~WILL~~ *WOULD*

INSPIRE POLITICAL DEMANDS TO KEEP HIM IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS BUT AT BLEACHER WHERE YOUR SERVICE FORCE DETACHMENT SHOULD SUFFICE OR ALTERNATIVELY AT AUCKLAND

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BATAAN URGENTLY NEEDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TONS BY VOLUME FORTY TONS BY WEIGHT WHICH WAR DEPARTMENT IS MAKING AVAILABLE HONOLULU PORTWITH. EMMONS BEING ADVISED AS TO DETAILS. SHIP VIA SUBMARINE TO CORREGIDOR AS SOON AS MATERIAL IS READY. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FROM: FT MILLS P I

TO: THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

NO. 72 JANUARY SEVENTEENTH

THE FOOD SITUATION HERE IS BECOMING SERIOUS STOP
FOR SOME TIME I HAVE BEEN ON HALF RATIONS AND THE

RESULT WILL SOON BECOME EVIDENT IN THE EXHAUSTED
CONDITION OF THE MEN STOP THE LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL

AREA WHICH I OCCUPY OFFERS NO FOOD RESOURCES STOP
I AM ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON A LINE OF SEA COMMUNICA-

TIONS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH HAS NOT BEEN UNDER
MY CONTROL STOP IN MY RADIO NINE OF JANUARY FOUR I

ASKED FOR BLOCKADE RUNNING SHIPS STOP NO REPLY HAS BEEN
RECEIVED EXCEPT TO THAT FEATURE DEALING WITH A SUBMARINE

CARRYING ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION STOP THE STRATEGIC
PROBLEM INVOLVING AN ADVANCE FROM THE SOUTH WILL NOT

RELIEVE THE FOOD SITUATION HERE IN TIME STOP THE RATIONS
NECESSARY TO SUPPLY THIS COMMAND MEASURED IN SHIPS CAPA-

CITY ARE SMALL INDEED STOP MANY MEDIUM SIZED OR SMALL
SHIPS SHOULD BE LOADED WITH RATIONS AND DISPATCHED ALONG

VARIOUS ROUTES STOP THE ENEMY BOMBER FORMATIONS ARE NO
LONGER HERE BUT HAVE MOVED SOUTH STOP UNQUESTIONABLY

SHIPS CAN GET THROUGH BUT NO ATTEMPT YET SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN MADE ALONG THIS LINE STOP THIS SEEMS INCREDIBLE TO

ME AND I AM HAVING INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN APPEASING
PHILIPPINE THOUGHT ALONG THIS LINE STOP THEY CANNOT

UNDERSTAND THE APPARENT LACK OF EFFORT TO BRING SOMETHING
IN STOP I CANNOT OVER EMPHASIZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL

REACTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE HERE UNLESS SOMETHING
TANGIBLE IS DONE IN THIS DIRECTION STOP A REVULSION

EXACT INFORMATION COPY FOR ADMIRAL EDWARDS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. FLEET.

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OF FEELING OF TREMENDOUS PROPORTIONS AGAINST AMERICA CAN BE EXPECTED STOP THEY CAN UNDERSTAND FAILURE BUT CANNOT UNDER-

STAND WHY NO ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE AT RELIEF THROUGH THE FORWARDING OF SUPPLIES STOP THEY CONTRAST THE LACK OF EFFORT

HERE TO THE CONCENTRATED AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AGAINST A STRONGER BLOCKADE LINE IN THE ATLANTIC STOP THIS REACTION

MAY EVENTUALLY APPEAR AMONG THE TROOPS STOP HUNGRY MEN ARE HARD TO HANDLE STOP RECOMMEND THAT THE QUESTION BE IMMEDIATELY

TAKEN WITH GENERAL WAVE AND THAT SIMULTANEOUS EFFORTS BE MADE FROM THE NEI AND THE UNITED STATES TO GET IN THE SMALL AMOUNT

OF FOOD THAT WOULD SEE ME THROUGH STOP THE REPEATED STATEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT HITLER IS TO BE DESTROYED BEFORE AN

EFFORT IS MADE HERE IS CAUSING DISMAY STOP THE JAPANESE FORCES DASH AIR COMMA LAND AND GROUND DASH ARE MUCH OVEREXTENDED STOP

HIS SUCCESS TO DATE DOES NOT MEASURE HIS OWN STRENGTH BUT THE WEAKNESS OF HIS OPPOSITION STOP A BLOW OR EVEN A THREATENED

BLOW AGAINST HIM WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ATTENDED WITH SOME SUCCESS STOP I AM PROFESSIONALLY CERTAIN THAT HIS SO CALLED

BLOCKADE CAN EASILY BE PIERCED STOP THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MAKE IT REALLY EFFECTIVE IS OUR OWN PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OF IT

AS A FACT STOP I REPEAT THAT IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE TO MEET THE GENERAL SITUATION WHICH IS DEVELOPING THE DISASTROUS

RESULTS WILL BE MONUMENTAL STOP THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED CANNOT BE MEASURED OR SOLVED BY MERE ARMY AND NAVY STRATEGIC FORMULAS

STOP THEY INVOLVE THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE ENTIRE ORIENTAL PROBLEM

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TEXT

PACIFIC FLEET MARKEDLY INFERIOR IN ALL TYPES TO ENEMY.
CANNOT CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ACTION PACIFIC AREA EXCEPT
RAIDS OF HIT AND RUN CHARACTER WHICH ARE UNLIKELY TO

RELIEVE PRESSURE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. LOGISTIC PROBLEMS
FAR SURPASS PEACETIME CONCEPTION AND ALWAYS PRECARIOUS
DUE TO FUELING AT SEA AND DEPENDENCE UPON WEATHER.

YOUR 051555. 061523. 062532. OFFENSIVE EMPLOYMENT
BATTLESHIPS DOES NOT FIT IN WITH HIT AND RUN OPERATIONS
AND THEIR INDEPENDENT OR SUPPORTING USE PRECLUDED BY LACK

AIR COVERAGE AND ANTISUBMARINE PROTECTION. SUCH EMPLOY-
MENT CONSIDERED INADVISABLE AT PRESENT. CONTINUED
OPERATION OF ONE OR MORE PACIFIC FLEET TASK FORCES IN

ANZAC AREA WILL INVOLVE DEPENDENCE UPON LOGISTIC SUPPORT
FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WHICH SUPPORT APPEARS
LIMITED. SITUATION OUTLINED OPNAV 160115 DECEMBER AND

COMINCH DIRECTIVE 301740 DEC INHIBIT UNDUE WEAKENING
THIS FLEET WITHOUT SERIOUS HAZARD TO OUR POSITION IN
CENTRAL PACIFIC; UNLESS THIS FLEET IS STRENGTHENED

BY STRONG ADDITIONS PARTICULARLY IN AIRCRAFT LIGHT FORCES
CARRIERS AND FAST FLEET TANKERS ITS EFFECTIVENESS FOR
OFFENSIVE ACTION IS LIMITED.

TASK FORCE 11 PROCEEDING AND WILL BE AUGMENTED BY
SURFACE FORCES AS DIRECTED. SIX PATROL PLANES AND CUR-
TISS PROCEEDING SUVA. SITUATION HAWAII STILL SUBSTAN-

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TIALLY AS OUTLINED OPNAV 170115 DECEMBER HENCE CONSIDER
RETENTION ARMY BOMBERS HERE VITAL NECESSITY. TASK
FORCES 8 AND 17 REFUELING REPAIRING PREPARATORY

FOR SEA IN ABOUT 5 DAYS. TASKS TENTATIVELY ONE FORCE
PROJECTED TOWARD SUVA OTHER IN RESERVE PEARL.

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CONCUR IN GENERAL YOUR 092245 X AIR SUPPORT TASKFORCE ELEVEN
 NOW SIX VICTOR PREP AND TWELVE BAKER SEVENTEENS X USE OF BB
 REPEAT BB IN SUPPORT OF RAIDS WHERE STRONG ENEMY FORCES ARE
 LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IS UNDER CONSIDERATION X AFTER CARE-
 FUL REVIEW OF SITUATION NOW INTEND TO EMPLOY TASK FORCES EIGHT
 AND SEVENTEEN IN CORRDINATED RAIDS ON WAKE AND THE NORTHERN
MARSHALLS

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TEXT COMINCH 122200 AND YOUR 1101/12 ARRIVED YESTERDAY POINT PEACH REPEAT PEACH LAT. 16-58 SOUTH LONG. 172-35 EAST

WHICH IS ALSO RENDEZVOUS WITH TAGE GROUP 11.8 AT 0000Z/17. FUELING TODAY AND TOMORROW. UPON COMPLETION WILL BE

FOURTEEN THOUSAND BARRELS SHORT OF NINETYFIVE PERCENT CAPACITY. OFFICERS MY STAFF WITH COPY 2 FOR YOU MY

TASK FORCE ORDER ARE AT NADI AND SUVA TODAY FOR NECESSARY INFORMATION AND TO COORDINATE SEARCH ALL PLANES

BASED THERE. MY INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN TO OPERATE NORTH WEST PEACH AREA SEARCHING WITH CARRIER PLANES TOWARDS

SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS AND AREAS BEYOND 600 MILE SEARCH FROM SUVA. IN ABSENCE PREDICTED JAPANESE MOVE TO SOUTHEAST

RECOMMEND COORDINATED ATTACK ON RABAU OPERATING ALL AVAILABLE SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT INCLUDING BAKER SEVENTEEN

BOMBERS AND PATROL PLANES FROM CONTINENT. ADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLY A GOVERNING CONSIDERATION IN OPERATIONS THIS TASK

FORCE FOR THE PRESENT. WILL REQUIRE SIXTY THOUSAND BARRELS EVERY SEVEN DAYS. CINCPAC REQUESTED ORDER KASK-

ASKIA PROCEED DIRECT SUVA INSTEAD OF DELIVERING CARGO AT SABA ON 25TH. (FROM 0011. FOR ACTION COMANZAC FOR. FOR INFO COMINCH AND CINCPAC)

"AIDAC"

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| DATE 16 FEB. 1942 | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 0152/0203 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY BERRY | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT | | | DEFERRED |

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AIDAC (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

PRESENT INTENTION PROCEED TOWARD RABAU PASSING EASTWARD
SANTACRUX ISLANDS AND TO DELIVER ATTACK ON RABAU FROM
NORTHEAST AT DAYLIGHT TWENTYONE FEBRUARY X FLAG OFFICER
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON DIRECTED TO ABT IN SUPPORT
AND TO GIVE SAGE CONDUCT TO PLATTE TO APPOINTED RENDEZVOUS
AFTER ATTACK X ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE CINCPAC HOLD KASKASKIA
IN RESERVE AT SUVA REPEAT SUVA INSTEAD OF DISCHARGING CARGO
SAMOA X COMANZAC REQUESTED MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND ISSUE
NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SHORE BASED PLANES TO ATTACK
RABAU AND GASMATA TWO HOURS AFTER SUNRISE ON TWENTYONE
FEBRUARY AND TO REPEAT ATTACKS ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS AS CIRCUM-
STANCES WARRANT X I HAVE INSTRUCTED ARMY BOMBERS PROCEED
TOWNSVILLE VIA NOUMEA MMM LEAVING SUVA SEVENTEEN FEBRUARY
AND PATROL PLANES WITH CURTISS TO TRANSFER TO NOUMEA TO CON-
DUCT DAISY SEARCH FROM THERE X PASS TO COMANZAC FORCE FROM
COMTASKFORCE ELEVEN.

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CMDRS (PAC) | PPPPPPP |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 25 FEB 42 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROM 0457/0448 | INFORMATION | COMINCH | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY PITKIN | | | ROUTINE |
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FOR TASK FORCE SIXTEEN AFTER ATTACK ON WAKE
AND IF FUEL SITUATION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
PERMIT DESIRE RAID MARCUS X INDICATIONS OF
ENEMY SUBMARINE LINE SOUTHWARD MIDWAY SUGGEST
RETURN NORTHWARD MIDWAY.

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| DATE FEBRUARY 25, 1942 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| FOR CODEROOM 1116 / 1051 | | | ROUTINE |
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THIS IS COMNAVOP 280430 X QUOTE COMNAVOP BROWN'S REMARKS REGARDING FURTHER ATTACKS
 RABAU OUTLINED IN HIS 232214 X SEE MY 280100 X LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES UNITED
 STATES ARMY EXPEDITION NEW CALEDONIA PROBABLY READY PROCEED ABOUT 15 MARCH WITH
 POSSIBILITY SOME UNITS ANTICIPATE THAT DATE SLIGHTLY X ANZAC SQUADRON WILL BE RE-
 QUIRED REPORT THAT MOVEMENT CINCPAC PASS THIS TO COMINCH AND COMNAVOP 11 X UNQUOTE
 X NEXT DISPATCH FOR COMNAVOP 11 ONLY X CINCPAC ORIGINATOR X THIS IS COMNAVOP
 280100 ADDRESSED CINCPAC FOR ACTION COMINCH FOR INFO X QUOTE X IN VIEW LATEST INTELL-
 LIGENCE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN EARLY ATTACK RABAU AREA BY TASK FORCES 11
 AND 17 X UNQUOTE X COMNAVOP REQUEST THAT ABOVE BE PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION

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TEXT EXACT LOCATION FLETCHER BROWN SOMEWHAT INDETERMINATE. FORMER PROBABLY BETWEEN GANTON AND ELICE AWAITING FURTHER ORDERS SEE YOUR 151830 MY 160319. WEATHER MAY HAVE PREVENTED HIS FUELING AND PROBABLY WILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. BROWN ASSUMED BETWEEN SUVA AND NEW HEBRIDES EMPTYING PLATTE. KASKASTIA DUE SUVA TWENTY EIGHTH AND NEOSHO EIGHT MARCH. LOGISTIC SUPPORT TWO TASK FORCES SUCH GREAT DISTANCE FROM BASE EXTREMELY PRECARIOUS. FUEL SUPPLY BROWN ALONE REQUIRES CONTINUOUS OPERATION THREE CIMARRON CLASS. SINKING ONE TANKER WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE BOTH TASK SHIPS. LIMITED AMMUNITION REPLACEMENTS ON DOBBIN ENROUTE. ABILITY TO SUPPLY LARGE AMMUNITION OR PLANE REPLACEMENTS DOUBTFUL. FOOD ENROUTE IN BRIDGE.

YOUR 062352, 122240 AND 141335 VARIOUS RECENT DISPATCHES BY LEARY AND BROWN INDICATE TO ME THERE IS GRAVE UNCERTAINTY AS TO JUST WHO WILL MAKE VITAL DECISIONS AT PRESENT TIME.

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TEXT ANY QUESTION AS TO COMMAND RELATIONS - SHOULD BE PROBABLY CLEARED

COMTASKFORCE 11 232214 AND COMANZAC 250100 AND 000000. FLETCHER COULD JOIN BROWN IN OF SUVA AFTER FUELING IF YOU SO REQUIRE. BOTH HE AND BROWN WOULD HAVE TO PULL BACK BEFORE ADVANCING FAR TO NORTHWEST. LAND LOGISTIC SITUATION INDICATES DESIRABILITY WITHDRAWAL AT LEAST ONE FORCE FROM THAT AREA IN NEAR FUTURE.

IF FLETCHER JOINS BROWN, RECOMMEND THAT BROWN ADMITTED FORCE BE DIRECTED RAID RABOUL AREA WHILE LEARY ARRANGES FOR MAXIMUM SHORE BASED AIR SUPPORT.

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ORDERS FOR TASK FORCES UNCHANGED PENDING RECEIPT YOUR
 REPLY TO MY 251209 X WEATHER IMPROVED AT CANTON AND
 HOPEFUL REPORT AS TO REFLOATING TAYLOR RECEIVED BUT
 TOWING TO PEARL PROBABLY NECESSARY X JAPARA HAS
 ARRIVED CANTON ALSO FOR UNLOADING X ROBIN WITH
 ADDITIONAL BARGES TO EXPEDITE FUTURE DISEMBARKATION
 LEFT HERE YESTERDAY X TWO SUBS BY ROGER DOG FOX
 SOUTHWEST OF KAUAI.

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| DATE 23 MARCH 1942 | INFORMATION | | | PRIORITY |
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**IN VIEW OPERATIONAL TRENDS PLAN TO ORDER PYE VIA
FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION TO TASKFORCE ONE
BROWN TO AMPHIBIOUS FORCE WITH FITCH RELIEVING
BROWN IN TASKFORCE ELEVEN**

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THIS IS FOR COMINCH TO BE DELIVERED TO GENERAL MARSHALL X
 MANILA BAY APPROACHES EFFECTIVELY BLOCKADED BY ENEMY SURFACE
 VESSELS PREVENTING ENTRANCE OUR SUPPLY VESSELS FROM SOUTHERN
 ISLANDS STOP FOOD, ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION WITH MECHANICAL
 FUSE, FUEL OIL AND GASOLINE SITUATION REQUIRES EMERGENCY
 MEASURES STOP REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF AT LEAST TWO SUBMARINES
 ADAPTABLE TO CARGO CARRYING OPERATIONS (ARGONAUT OR MARWAL
 CLASS) TO BRING THE ABOVE SUPPLIES FROM HAWAII AND REMAIN
 THIS AREA TO BRING IN FOOD AND FUEL FROM SOUTHERN ISLANDS
 STOP I MAKE THIS SEEMINGLY EXTRAVAGANT REQUEST IN VIEW OF
 YOUR INVITATION TO TELL YOU FRANKLY WHAT MY REQUIREMENTS ARE
 STOP WHEN MAY I EXPECT THE SIX CONVERTED DESTROYERS CARRYING
 SUPPLIES FROM THE STATES TO ARRIVE OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF
 LUZON STOP I WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE AERIAL PROTECTION AS
 FAR TO SEA AS IS POSSIBLE STOP I URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT

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ORDERS BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON DIVERTING THREE SUBMARINES NOW OPERATING IN ADJACENT WATERS FROM PRESENT MISSIONS TO THE TASK OF BREAKING BLOCKADE IN PHILIPPINE WATERS AND THEN TO TRANSPORT URGENTLY NEEDED SUPPLIES FROM CEBU STOP I HAVE MADE THIS SAME REQUEST OF MACARTHUR BUT DO NOT KNOW THAT HE WILL FEEL THAT HE CAN SPARE THESE SUBMARINES FROM THEIR PRESENT MISSIONS WHICH SEEMS TO BE ATTACK OF ENEMY SHIPPING IN GENERAL, IN VIEW OF PRESSURE THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE BROUGHT ON HIM BY UNITED NATIONS AND NAVY REPRESENTATIVES TO USE HIS AVAILABLE MEANS FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE RATHER THAN FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN PARTICULAR SIGNED WAINWRIGHT

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IN GENERAL AGREE YOUR 140639 WITH THESE COMMENTS COLON COM 14 142138 AND INDICATED DATES DEPARTURE STRONG ENEMY UNITS FROM EMPIRE WATERS LAST WEEK MAY CREATES THE PRESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE STARTING FROM TRUK 15 TO 20 JUNE AND LASTING MORE THAN ONE MONTH X WITH THIS LENGTH OF TIME AND PROBABLE NAVAL SUPPORTING FORCE OF 4 BB 5 TO 7 CV 6 CA 4 CL NUMEROUS DD PLUS STRONG SHORE BASED AIR IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT NOT ONLY MORESBY BUT ALSO EITHER NE AUSTRALIA OR NEW CALEDONIA AND FIJIS MAY BE OBJECTIVES X SINCE MAY 12 THERE IS AN APPARENT SHIFT IN PART OF PLAN WHEREBY EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR CAPTURE MIDWAY MAY LEAVE GUAM SAIPAN ABOUT 24 MAY SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST CARDIV 3 X THIS MAY BE FOR ELIMINATING MIDWAY AS SUB REFUELING BASE AND ALSO TO DIVERT OUR FORCES AWAY FROM SOPAC X ALASKA IS ASSOCIATED BUT NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT X HOWLAND AND BAKER MAY BE OBJECTIVES PRESENT OPERATION INSTEAD OF NAURU AND OCEAN X WAR DEPT APPROVED NOT SENDING PURSUIT PLANES TO CANTON

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ON GENERAL EMMONS RECOMMENDATION X I AGREE PURSUIT SHOULD BE
 THERE BUT THEY MUST COME FROM HAWAII GARRISON PARA TODAYS
 REPORTS FROM SOPAC BASES GIVE MORE FAVORABLE VIEW THAN YOUR
 DESPATCH^{AS} TO FEASIBILITY OF SHORE BASED AIR OPERATIONS X THIS
 YEAR WE CANNOT HAVE ENOUGH AIR THERE TO ENSURE EACH ISLANDS
 SAFETY UNLESS SUPPORTED BY AIR FROM OTHER ISLANDS NEARBY AND
 ALSO BY FLEET UNITS X THEREFORE ESSENTIAL WE INAUGURATE AT
 ONCE A SYSTEM WHEREBY AIR CAN PROMPTLY BE FLOWN FROM AUSTRALIA
 AND HAWAII TO ANY PART OF THE REGION X THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION
 THERE SEEMS SO SERIOUS THAT I REGRET YOU PREFER NOT TO EMPLOY
 YORKTOWN AND LEXINGTON PERSONNEL ASHORE AND I BELIEVE AT LEAST
 YOU SHOULD SEND TORPEDOES TORPEDO CREWS AND TORPEDO PLANE
 PILOTS TO FIJI AND NEW CALEDONIA IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO USE
 TORPEDOES ON ARMY MEDIUM BOMBERS X PARA X ALSO REGRET TASKFOR 16
 MOVEMENT TO FORWARD AREA LED TO ITS DISCOVERY BY ENEMY X

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RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT TASK FORCES MY 272058 APRIL ARE
 TEMPORARILY REMOVED X PARA X YOUR PARA 9 IN VIEW STRONG INDICATION
 THAT FAR MORE THAN CAPTURE OF MORESBY IS INVOLVED IN PROBABLE
 ENEMY OFFENSIVE SOPAC DESIRE YOU CONCERT PLAN WITH MACARTHUR
 AND INFORM ME AS TO ITS NATURE X

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- X PROSPECTIVELY STATE OF FLEET OPPOSED INVASION WILL EXIST UNTIL AND IF INVASION IN FORCE OF KODIAK OR CONTINENTAL ALASKA BECOMES IMMINENT X TO PREPARE FOR THIS ARMY AND NAVY AIR UNITS IN ALASKA ^{HEREBY} ARE DIRECTED TO FORM TASK GROUP OF NORTHERN PACIFIC FORCE UNDER ARMY AIR COMMANDER PAREN GEN BUTLER PAREN WHO WILL REPORT TO COMMANDER NORTHERN PACIFIC FORCE PAREN THEOBALD PAREN FOR THIS PURPOSE ~~WHEN DIRECTED BY LATTER~~ UPON HIS ARRIVAL ALASKA THEATRE X COMMAND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REMAINDER ARMY FORCES ALASKA AND NORTH PACIFIC FORCE TO BE BY MUTUAL COOPERATION CMA THEOBALD DEALING WITH CG ALASKAN DEFENSE COMMAND PAREN GEN BUCKNER PAREN X CONSULT COMALSEC AS TO METHOD OF COMMUNICATING BETWEEN NAVAL UNITS AT SEA AND ARMY GROUND AND AIR FORCES X FOR BETTER COORDINATION RECOMMEND EXCHANGE OF LIAISON OFFICERS BETWEEN THEOBALD AND BUTLER X ARMY CONCURS X CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL SQUADRON OF TWELVE WEST COAST ^{IMMEDIATELY} PBY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ALASKA TO BRING TOTAL TO TWENTY PLUS

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FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION ESTIMATE MY ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TWO ZERO PARA ONE DEPARTURE DATE OF TWENTYSEVEN MAY FROM GUAM SAIPAN OF MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE INDICATES LANDING ATTACK MIDWAY MAY BE SCHEDULED NIGHT OF TWO DASH THREE JUNE YOKO X I ASSUME QUOTE N DAY UNQUOTE IS THREE JUNE AND THAT CARRIER AND GUN ATTACKS MAY BE INITIATED ONE JUNE X THIS WOULD SEEM TO PRECLUDE PRIOR CARRIER RAIDS ON OAHU X COMPOSITION OF MIDWAY ATTACK FORCE NOW SEEMS TO BE FOUR FAST BB OF BATDIV THREE X SIX CA OF CRUDIVS SEVEN AND EIGHT X DESRON TWO AND FOUR X CARDIVS ONE AND TWO POSSIBLY PLUS ZUIKAKU PARA TWO LAST FUELING DATE OF TWENTYSIX MAY AT OMINATO INDICATES ATTACK ON UNALASKA CAN ALSO BE MADE ONE JUNE X COMPOSITION NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE NOW BELIEVED TO BE FIVE CA OF CRUDIVS FOUR AND FIVE X CARDIV THREE POSSIBLY PLUS ONE CV OR XCV X THREE DESDIVS OF DESRON ONE PARA THREE SLIGHT ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT BY FIRST FLEET UNITS PARA FOUR ASSUME YOU WILL SUPPLY COMNORWESTSEAFRON AND COMALSEC WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS THEY AND ARMY AUTHORITIES NEED TO KNOW

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| RELEASED BY | <i>G. King</i> | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | May 25, 1942 | | | | DEFERRED |
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| DECODED BY | | | | | ROUTINE |
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INFORMATION CONTINUES TO CONFIRM MY TWO ONE ONE NINE THREE ZERO AS TO COMPOSITION AND OBJECTIVES OF ENEMY TASK FORCES THOUGH COMFOURTEEN TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO SIX SUGGESTS NORTHERN FORCE MAY BE ENROUTE KISKA RATHER THAN UNALASKA PARA TWO PHASE OF MOON NO DOUBT HAS SUGGESTED TO YOU POSSIBILITY THAT INITIAL ATTACKS ON MIDWAY MAY OCCUR ANY TIME DURING NIGHT IF WEATHER PERMITS X SEE COMFOURTEEN ONE EIGHT ONE NINE ZERO ZERO X I PRESUME YOU HAVE STATIONED LOOKOUT PARTIES ON OUTLYING ISLANDS SUCH AS KURE PEARL AND HERBERT BOGOSLOF ETC AS PART OF AIR RAID WARNING NET AS ENEMY MAY USE THESE ISLANDS AS AIRCRAFT GUIDE POSTS PARA THREE BELLCOMMEN TWO TWO ZERO THREE TWO EIGHT I SUGGEST THAT LINE OF ENEMY SUBARINES MAY BE STATIONED TO WESTWARD REPEAT WESTWARD OF OAHU RATHER THAN TO EASTWARD PARA FOUR OPNAV TWO FOUR ONE NINE THREE ZERO INDICATES UNNECESSARY AND PROMISCUOUS USE IS BEING MADE OF RADIO AND CALLS KNOWN TO ENEMY PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH PLANE MOVEMENTS AND THAT SECURITY OF YOUR ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT MAY THUS BE COMPROMISED X IF PRACTICES LIKE THIS CONTINUE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE EXTREMELY VALUABLE SOURCE OF OUR BEST INFORMATION WILL DRY UP AND THAT ENEMY MAY INITIALLY ALTER HIS TACTICAL PLANS

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FOLLOWING ESTIMATE CONTINUATION MY ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TWO ZERO AND TWO ONE ONE

NINE THREE ZERO PARA ONE IT IS REASONABLY WELL CONFIRMED THAT PRESENT ENEMY

SOURCE PAC

CAMPAIGN IS AGAINST MIDWAY AND THE ALEUTIANS AND NOT AGAINST OAHU WEST COAST

OF UNITED STATES OR SOPAC THE MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE ESCORTED BY PART OF

PARA TWO

DESRON FOUR LEFT SAIPAN MAY TWENTYEIGHTH GEORGE AND PLANS ARRIVE MIDWAY JUNE

FIFTH YOKE THUS JUNE FIFTH IS ASSURED AS QUOTE N DAY UNQUOTE

X THE MIDWAY STRIKING FORCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT ARIAKE BAY NIGHT OF MAY

TWENTYSEVENTH GEORGE AND PROBABLY WILL ATTACK MIDWAY DURING LATTER PART OF

NIGHT OF JUNE TWO DASH THREE THE ALEUTIANS FORCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT

PARA THREE

MAY TWENTYSIXTH GEORGE WITH CONVOY AND ESCORT OF DESTROYERS AND ONE LIGHT

CRUISER PROCEEDING AT ABOUT TEN KNOTS IT COULD ARRIVE KISKA MAY THIRTYFIRST

OR JUNE FIRST YOKE WHICH SEEMS BADLY TIMED AS EFFORT AT DIVERSION THEREFORE

I CONSIDER WE SHOULD ASSUME UNALASKA AS THE OBJECTIVE AND THAT AIR ATTACK

MAY WELL OCCUR BETWEEN MAY THIRTYONE AND JUNE THREE YOKE AND LANDING ATTACK

BETWEEN JUNE ONE AND FOUR YOKE X PURPOSE OF ATTACK ON DATE EARLIER THAN MIDWAY

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MIGHT BE EFFORT AT DIVERSION PARA ~~FOUR~~ CAN NOT ENTIRELY AGREE YOUR TWO EIGHT TWO
 ONE FIVE THREE STILL BELIEVE ALEUTIANS STRIKING FORCE COMPOSED OF THE NACHI
 PLUS CRUDIVS FOUR AND FIVE TOTAL FIVE CA ONE OR TWO CL REMAINDER DESRON ONE
 NOT ESCORTING CONVOY CARDIV THREE OF TWO SMALL CV PLUS XCV OR XAV SUBRON ONE
 AND AIRON TWENTYTHREE X CONSIDER MIDWAY ATTACK FORCE COMPOSED OF BATDIV THREE
 OF FOUR BB CRUDIVS SEVEN AND EIGHT OF SIX CA SEVERAL CL ALL OF DESRON TWO AND
 REMAINDER DESRON FOUR NOT ESCORTING CONVOY CARDIVS ONE AND TWO OF FOUR CV
 AND SUBRON FIVE X BELIEVE ZUIKAKU WILL EITHER FORM PART OF THE STRIKING FORCE
 OR WILL JOIN CONVOY AS ESCORT ON JUNE FIRST GEORGE ~~X~~ NO FURTHER INDICATIONS
 OF SEAPLANE ATTACK ON OAHU

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WEST PACIFIC | PRIORITY
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| RELEASED BY 23 MAY 1942 | | INFORMATION | OPNAV
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THIS IS DISPATCH BRIEF BY (CINCPAC) OPLAN 28-42.

NORTH PACIFIC FORCE ORGANIZED AS TASK FORCE B PACIFIC FLEET, UNDER REAR ADMIRAL THEOBALD. TASK GROUPS, 1-NASHVILLE, ST. LOUIS, HONOLULU, INDIANAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE. 2- CASE, REID, GRIDLEY, MCCALL, HUMPHREY, KING, SANDS, RATHBURN AND DESDIV 82, LESS HATFIELD F WATERS. 3- CHARLESTON, ORIOLE, PATROL MINESWEEPING AND COAST GUARD CRAFT ASSIGNED ALASKAN SECTOR. 4- SUBDIV 41.

5. CASCO WILLIAMSON AND NAVY AND ARMY AIR UNITS IN ALASKA.

INFORMATION THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT JAPANESE PLAN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION TO SECURE ADVANCED BASES IN ALEUTIANS, COMMENCING ABOUT 1 JUNE, WITH FORCE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE 2 OR 3 CARRIERS; 5 OR 6 CRUISERS, ABOUT 16 DESTROYERS, 8 TO 10 SUBMARINES, PLUS TRANSPORTS AND AUXILIARY CRAFT.

COMNORTH PACIFIC DEPARTS PEARL 22 MAY IN REID TO ARRIVE KODIAK 27 MAY FOR CONFERENCE WITH CAPTAIN PARKER COMALASKAN SECTOR

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GENERAL BUTLER UNITED STATES ARMY COMMANDING ALASKAN ARMY AND NAVY AIR AND GENERAL BUNKNER COMMANDING ALL OTHER ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA. NASHVILLE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DUTCH HARBOR TO FUEL ABOUT 26 MAY, THENCE TO KODIAK. STLOUIS CASE SHOULD ARRIVE GOLD BAY 30 MAY HONOLULU, INDIANAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE, GRIDLEY, MCCALL ALL GOLD BAY BY 6 JUNE.

COMMAND RELATIONSHIP GENERAL BUTLER IS A TASK GROUP COMMANDER UNDER COMTASKFOR 8. LATTER AND GENERAL BUCKNER FUNCTION BY MUTUAL COOPERATION SO LONG AS STATUS FLEET OPPOSED INVASION OBTAINS GENERAL TASK NORTH PACIFIC FORCE IN COOPERATION WITH ARMY OPPOSE ADVANCE OF ENEMY ON ALEUTIAN-ALASKAN AREA, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLICT STRONG ATTRITION. TASKS COMPONENTS DEPART NORMAL BASES AND PROCEED WITH ALL POSSIBLE DESPATCH TO ALASKA, CRUISERS AND FLEET DESTROYERS AS DIRECTED BY SEPARATE DISPATCHES. UNITS FROM NORTHWESTERN AND WESTERN SEA FRONTIERS DISPOSED INITIALLY

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AS DIRECTED BY COMALASKAN SECTOR. SUBMARINES AT DUTCH HARBOR. AIR AS DIRECTED BY GENERAL BUTLER. LOGISTICS, FUEL AND PROVISIONS TO CAPACITY PRIOR DEPARTURE. NAVAL TANKER COMET WITH 85,000 BARRELS FUEL ARRIVES KODIAK 30 MAY, AND GUADALUPE WITH 85,000 ARRIVES 28 MAY. LIMITED FUEL AVAILABLE ALASKAN BASES. COMMUNICATION PER PAC 70 EXCEPT TASK GROUPS 8.1 AND 8.2. FREQUENCY PLAN 4 EXCEPT THAT UNITS NOT LINKING COMTASKFOR 8 DIRECTLY ALSO GUARD TASK FORCE COMMANDERS FREQUENCY. 8.4 GUARD 8270 KCS AND NPM FOX AS PRACTICABLE. 8.3 AND 8.5 AS ARRANGED BY COMALASKAN SECTOR. LATTER ALSO GUARD 4205 SERIES. CINCPAC GUARDS 4205 SERIES AND CONTROLS NPM PRIMARY FOX FOR RELAYS. USE ZONE ZERO TIME. COMALASKAN SECTOR DELIVER TO GENERALS BUTLER AND BUCKNER AND TO KODIAK AND DUTCH HARBOR. ACTION ADDRESSES INSURE DELIVERY ALL UNITS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE.

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| TOR CODEROOM | 1007/0831 | | | RRRR |
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COMTASKFORCE EIGHT 250004 (WHICH FOLLOWS) I REPEAT I
 CONCUR X THE SUBJECT DISPATCH IS X QUOTE X FROM COM-
 TASKFORCE EIGHT TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION AND TO PASS TO ALL
 ADDEES X INFO COMINCH COMWESEAFRON COMALSEC PP COMALSECS
 231835 (FOX 726) X SUBMIT MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION AVAILABLE
 MAINLAND BASED NAVY PLANES AND LARGE CONCENTRATION OF SIM-
 ILAR ARMY PLANES ALONE CAN ASSURE DECISIVE TACTICAL RESULTS
 X WITH ADEQUATE STAFFING BASES THIS IS OUR FIRST OPPOR-
 TUNITY FOR DOMINATING AIR STRENGTH IN ALL TYPES AGAINST
 THE ENEMY X A TEMPORARY LESSENING OF DEFENSIVE DISPOSITIONS
 ON THE WEST COAST SHOULD OFFER CHANCE OF QUICK FAVORABLE
 DECISION IN FORCE WHICH WOULD PERMIT EARLY RETURN OF PLANES
 TO MAINLAND DEFENSE STATIONS AND WOULD FURTHER DEFENSIVE
 SECURITY OF WEST COAST IN BEST POSSIBLE MANNER X UNQUOTE

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| FROM | COMINCH | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | PRIORITY PPPP |
| RELEASED BY | ADMIRAL KING <i>Wilson</i> | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | MAY 18, 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODER ROOM | | INFORMATION | C of S ARMY | PRIORITY PPPPP |
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FOR YOUR ADVANCE INFORMATION RE ARMY TENTATIVE PLANS MY 121950 X
 ARMY PLANES NOW ENROUTE AUSTRALIA WILL BE DIVERTED AS FOLLOWS ^{EIGHT} ~~SIXTEEN~~
 HEAVY THIRTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS TO SUVA ^{AND LIKE NUMBERS} ~~THIRTEEN MEDIUMS TO NEW~~
~~CALEDONIA~~ ONE REGIMENT ANTIAIRCRAFT NOW OAHU WILL BE SENT SUVA AND
 REPLACED BY ONE REGIMENT FROM WEST COAST WHICH IN TURN WILL BE
 REPLACED BY REGIMENT FROM EAST COAST X GENERAL EMMONS WILL BE
 DIRECTED PROVIDE ARMY AIR HEADQUARTERS ~~AND~~ AND NECESSARY GROUND
 PERSONNEL FOR ARMY SQUADRONS X AFFORD EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
 BY NAVY INCLUDING AID BY GROUND CREWS AND RELIEF PILOTS FROM
 LEXINGTON AND YORKTOWN AS AVAILABLE X AIM IS TO GET THESE UNITS
 INTO POSITION BY MAY TWENTY FIFTH OR AS SOON AFTERWARD AS POSSIBLE
 PARA CONSIDERED IMPERATIVE THAT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE COMAIRSOPAC
 ESTABLISH COMEAND ALL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES SOPAC ^{COMMA} ~~AND~~ GET EFATE
 AIRFIELD IN OPERATING CONDITION ^{COMMA} ~~AND~~ SET UP ADEQUATE AIR RAID
 WARNING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT ISLANDS THAT ARE UNDER OUR CONTROL
 INCORPORATING IN IT PRESENT AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COAST
 WATCHING PERSONNEL X OBTAIN DETAILS ARMY PLAN FROM

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| FROM | COMINCH | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | PPP | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | <i>[Signature]</i> | | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | May 21, 1942 | | | | DEFERRED |
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OCCUPATION ESPIRITU SANTO BY MEANS RECOMMENDED IN YOUR
 TWENTY TWENTY TWO TWENTY ONE APPROVED WITH UNDERSTANDING
 ARMY IS NOT PREPARED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM
 UNITED STATES X CONSTRUCTION OF AIRFIELD IS NOT BELIEVED
 ADVISABLE UNTIL PROSPECTS OF REENFORCEMENTS MORE FAVORABLE X
 MINOR PREPARATIONS FOR USE AS A SEAPLANE BASE APPEARS DESIR-
 ABLE X CHIEF OF STAFF CONCURS X CINCPAC PASS TO GHORMLEY X

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FROM PORT SPAN 17 ACTION CHICAGO ON MAY 3RD
(PUSSED BY CHICAGO TO CASH FOR LIFE)

YOUR TORP AIRCRAFT HAVE REPEATED ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPS
AT TOLAG ON MAY FOURTH LOCAL. TOTAL ATTACK FLIGHTS
FOUR FIGHTERS SEVENTY-SIX BOAT 3 MESS TWENTY-THREE T-LEAF
PLANES. POSITIVE ENEMY LOSSES. SUNK TWO DESTROYERS
FOUR TUGS OR GUNBOATS ONE CARGO SHIP. BEACHED AND SUNK
ONE LIGHT CRUISER. VERY BADLY DAMAGED POSSIBLY SUNK
ONE NINE THOUSAND TON AFIRM VICTOR ONE CARGO AFIRM KING
BADLY DAMAGED ONE LIGHT CRUISER ONE TRANSPORT. SHOT
DOWN FIVE SEA PLANES. OUR LOSSES ONE TORPEDO PLANE AND
TWO FIGHTERS LOST RETURNING TO SHIP OTHER PLANES SLIGHT
DAMAGE FROM ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE. OLD TASK FORCE 17 PLUS
CHICAGO AND PERKINS STARTED FOR ATTACK NIGHT OF MAY 3RD
BEFORE RENDEZVOUS WITH SPACE. FITCH DELAYED BY SUELLING
ALL JOINED UP NOW. ENEMY 4 ENGINEED PATROL PLANE SHOT
DOWN AFTER TRAILING US THIS MORNING

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| FROM CINCPAC | | COMTASKFOR 16 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | TASKFOR 17 | RRRRR |
| DATE 8 MAY 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 0742 / 0628 | | COMINCH | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH | | COMTASKUNIT 6.4.1 | RRRRR |
| | | COMSOWESPACFBB | ROUTINE |
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FROM CINCPAC

AFTER ARRIVAL COMTASKFOR 16 IN NEW CALEDONIA AREA AND AT A TIME SELECTED BY HIM TASK FORCE 17 AS NOW AUGMENTED AND SERVICE FORCE UNITS SUPPORTING TASK FORCES IN SOUTH PACIFIC WILL COME UNDER COMMAND OF VICE ADMIRAL HALSEY. UNDER THAT OFFICER PRESENT ORGANIZATION AS SEPARATE TASK FORCES WILL BE RETAINED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY HIM. COMSOWESPACFOR IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE TO ARRANGE CO-ORDINATION OF HIS FORCES AS AT PRESENT OR AS REQUESTED BY HALSEY.

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| BY CODE ROOM | BELL/CANNING | COM SW PACFOR | ROUTINE |
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TEXT

THIS IS THE FOURTH AND LAST PART OF 080755. PART 1 WAS 080755, PART 2 WAS 080821, PART 3 WAS 080841.

LOSS OF NEOSHO PRODUCED CRITICAL FUEL SITUATION REGARDING WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION IN OTHER DISPATCHES. FLETCHER REPORTS ANOTHER JAPANESE CARRIER HAS PROBABLY JOINED JAP FORCES MAKING POSSIBLE 2 JAP CARRIERS TO 1 YORKTOWN. HALSEY'S EXACT POSITION INDETERMINATE BUT ESTIMATE HE CANNOT REACH CORAL SEA BEFORE 11TH WASHINGTON DATE AT EARLIEST. URGE RENEWED PRESSURE TO EXPEDITE PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY TO PACIFIC FLEET OF NAVAL FIGHTER, DIVE BOMBER AND TORPEDO PLANES TO MAKE GOOD HEAVY PLANE LOSSES AND TO PROVIDE A PROPER RESERVE FOR THE ACTIONS WHICH WE KNOW WILL FOLLOW.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. See App. 10 (1) NAVREG 50

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY MESSAGE

ORIGINATOR

EXTENSION

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

PRIORITY

FROM CINCPAC (NPM)

COMINCH (NSS)

DATE

8 MAY 1941

TO 2056/2036

COMSOWESTPACFOR

PRIORITY

BY CANNING/CANNING

PARAPHASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSER FOR WHOM MESSAGE IS INTENDED

081923 CCR 3367S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC

IMMEDIATE RELEASE BY MACARTHUR FACTS CONCERNING TASK FORCE
SEVENTEEN OPERATIONS OF PAST TWO DAYS INADVISABLE. FOR
FUTURE SECURITY REQUEST YOU CONTROL DATES RELEASES PACFLEET
OPERATIONS.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM

CINCPAC (NFM)

RELEASED BY

COMINCH (NCS)

DATE

9 MAY 42

FOR CODEROOM

1638/1621

DECODED BY

BUCH/PITKIN

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

095249

CCN-5446-8

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC X

NO FURTHER WORD FROM FLETCHER X ORDERS TO HIT IN
 MY 09,117 EAST COAST CONVOY ARRIVED STRAGSTACK X
 FOUR FLEET SUBMARINES CONCENTRATING TRUK APPROACHES
 TO PICK OFF CRIPPLED AND REINFORCEMENTS X
 NASHVILLE REPORTS DAMAGED PROPELLER AND RUDDER
 ON UNCHARTED SHOAL WHILE TOPPONG OFF FULL AT
 MIDWAY AND IS RETURNING PEARL FOR REPAIRS THUS
 DELAYING HER OPERATIONS AT LEAST TEN DAYS X

SEALED SECRET

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CINCPAC (NERK)

PPPP

CTF 17

MAY 9 1942

1613/1550

COMINCH

PPPP

GLUNT/BELL

CTF 16

091547 CCR 3494S

COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC FLEET ORIGINATED THIS X

MY 090117 ELIMINATE WEST COAST DESTINATION.

0021

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| ORIGINATOR | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRIORITY |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| FROM CINCPAC (NFM) | | | PPPPPPPP |
| RELEASED BY | | COMTASKFORCE 16 | ROUTINE |
| DATE 9 MAY 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| REF CODE/ROOM 2324/2256 | | | PPPPPPPP |
| REF ID SMITH/SMITH | | COMINCH | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | COMSOWESTPACFOR | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSER FROM WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

191911 CCR 3550S

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ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME

(FROM CINCPAC)

EXCELLENT INDICATIONS ENEMY HAS POSTPONED MORESBY ATTACK
IS CONCENTRATING BOUGAINVILLE REPEAT BOUGAINVILLE AREA
AND WILL PROCEED WITH OCCUPATION NAURU REPEAT NAURU AND
OCEAN ISLANDS

SEALED SECRET

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CO TASKFORCE 17

CINCPAC
COMSOWESPACFOR

OP OP OP

MAY 11 1942

1657/1837

KINTER.BELL.

CO TASKFORCE 16 OP OP OP
(PASSED BY CINCPAC
TO COMTACFOR 16)

792102 UCR 37085

FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 17 ACTION CINCPAC COMSOWESPACFOR
INFO COMTACFOR 16.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY PURSUIT DURING YESTERDAY
EXCEPT THAT STRENGTH OF ENEMY RADIO ABOUT SUNSET INDICATED
PRESENCE OF CARRIER THIS VICINITY X I NOW BELIEVE BOTH
PILOTS REPORTING MORNING CONTACTS MISTOOK ROCKS FOR SHIPS
AND BREAKERS FOR WAKES X WILL STAND TO EASTWARD AND FUEL
DESTROYERS 14 MAY X WILL TRANSFER LEXINGTON PERSONNEL TO
SHIPS OF OLD TASK FORCE 17 X WALKER AND FARRAGUT NOW WITH
CRACE SOUTH OF PAPUA X I SHALL DETACH CRACE FROM MY COMMAND
AND DIRECT HIM TO REPORT TO COMSOWESPACFOR X REQUEST CINCPAC
ISSUE ORDERS CONCERNING WALKER AND FARRAGUT X SHALL REPLACE
WALKER IN MY TASK FORCE WITH ONE DESTROYER FROM TASKFORCE
11 X SHALL SEND KINKAID WITH MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS AND
OTHER DESTROYERS OF TASK FORCE 11 TO NOUMEA TO REPORT TO

SEAL

Minneapolis

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| FROM: CINCPAC (P.W. 1-1) | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC (P.W. 1-1) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY: | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE: 15 JUN 64 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODER ROOM: 1210 / 1211 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY: POLYMER / 1211 | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY: | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

TO: CINCPAC (P.W. 1-1) FROM: CINCPAC (P.W. 1-1)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]
[Illegible text follows, appearing to be a standard message format with various fields and content.]

SEALED SECRET

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092142 OOR 3788 S P2 OF 2

HALSEY X YORKTOWN RADAR REFRIGERATION PLANT DEGAUSSING
GEAR OUT OF COMMISSION X FROM FRAMES 100 TO 130 EXTENDING
ACROSS SHIP BULKHEADS FRAMES AND DECKS FROM MAIN DECK TO
AND INCLUDING FOURTH DECK ARE BULGED AND RUPTURED X
NEAR MISSES HAVE PUNCTURED SHIPS HULL IN FUEL OIL COMPART-
MENTS AND CAUSED OIL LEAKS WHICH LEAVE AN EASILY
FOLLOWED SLICK X WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY IN DAMAGED AREA
DESTROYED X DETAILED INSPECTION AND TESTS WILL CONTINUE
AND WILL DISCLOSE OTHER DAMAGE AND DEFECTS TO CABLE LINES
AND GEAR X WILL PROCEED TONGATABU FOR FUEL ARRIVING FOUR
HOURS OR 21 HOURS ZED MAY 13 DEPENDING ON INFORMATION
FROM YOU FROM CINCPAC REGARDING TIME OF ARRIVAL OF
TANKER. FROM COMMANDER

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRIORITY |
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| FROM <u>CINCPAC (NCS)</u> | FOR ACTION | COMINCH (NCS) | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>1 MAY 1942</u> | INFORMATION | | DEFERRED |
| FOR CODER ROOM <u>15/113</u> | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/SMITH</u> | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY _____ | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

192219 CCR 3572 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

(CINCPAC TO COMINCH)

I RECOMMEND REAR ADMIRAL FRANK JACK FLETCHER BE DESIGNATED AS TASK FORCE COMMANDER WITH RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL AND AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LINE OF HIS PROFESSION INVOLVING HIGHEST QUALITIES SEAMANSHIP ENDURANCE AND TENACITY IN CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS DURING A CRUISE OF APPROXIMATELY 11 WEEKS IN FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL AND MAY 1942 AND FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS OF MAY FOUR SIX AND SEVENTH DURING WHICH HE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON THE ENEMY X

RECOMMEND FURTHER THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN OF THE OPERATIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS CITATION X

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SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCOPAC

COMINCH

RELEASED BY

 PRIORITY
 ROUTINE
 DEFERRED
 RRRRRR

DATE 11 MAY 1942

EXTENSION 0108/0021

TO BUSBY / PORTER

 PRIORITY
 ROUTINE
 DEFERRED

DRAFTED BY

ON 11 MAY 1942 AT 11:00 AM. DELIVERY IS BY AIR

142319 CCR 3752S

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TIME

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ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE FULL INFORMATION MY NEEDS MY TEN
 TWENTY THREE FORTY SEVEN IS SENT TO LEND SUPPORT IF
 NECESSARY IN HIGHER ECHELONS XXX

SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

CLASSIFICATION

CINCPAC

COMINCH

PPPPP

RECEIVED

15 MAY 1942

0342/0229

FITKIN/PORTER

OPNAV
WAR DEPARTMENT
C. DEPT

PPPPP

RECEIVED

INDICATE BY ANSWERING ALPHABETICALLY

150111 CCR 5512

ONE - COMINCH

ORIGINAL - COMINCH

TEXT

(COMINCH HAS DEPT HAS THIS FOR INFORMATION X COMINCH
(PLEASE PASS TO OPNAV AND WAR DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION)
TION)

COMBINED REQUIREMENTS WAR DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN ZERO ONE
FIVE EIGHT AND COMINCH THIRTEEN TWO ONE FOUR ZERO EX-
PECTED TO MATERIALLY EXCEED CAPACITY OF MARMACSTAR X RECOM-
MEND PROCYON ARRIVING PEARL UNDER NEGATIVE TARE SAIL SAME DATE
AS MORMACSTAR ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE XXX

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

SEALED SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| FROM <u>CINCPAC (NYCO)</u> | FOR ACTION | COM 11
CTF 17 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>17 MAY 1942</u> | INFORMATION | COM 11
COM 12
COMINCH | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM <u>0751/0539</u> | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>GLUNT/BERRY</u> | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170335 CCR 7914S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME SCT
TEXT

COM 11 IS AN INFO ADEE. CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL SURVIVORS CORAL SEA ACTION BEING RETURNED MAINLAND BE INSTRUCTED THAT THEY ARE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY MENTION OF THE ACTION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL WEST COAST PORT. COM 11 IS REQUESTED BERTH TRANSPORTS WHERE DEBARKATION CAN BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CONTACT WITH NEWSMEN. ALL PERSONNEL WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE REOUTFITTING. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY REGARDING THIS MATTER UNTIL NAVY DEPARTMENT RELEASE. BARNETT AND ELLIOTT WILL STOP AT SAN DIEGO TO DISCHARGE EXCESS PERSONNEL ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| ORIGINATOR | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRIORITY |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| FROM COMSOWESTPACFOR | | CINCPAC | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 18 MAY 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| FOR CODE ROOM 0725/0610 | | CTF 17 | PRIORITY |
| RECORDED BY EDWARDS/BERRY | | CTF 16 | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | (NPM PASSED TO NSS FOR INFO) | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170507 CCR 8051S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

FLETCHERS 152126 UNDER OPERATING CONDITIONS CORAL SEA BELIEVE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT FOR COORDINATION SHOREBASED AIR SEARCH WITH ATTACKS BY FORCES AFLOAT THE BEST POSSIBLE. IMPROVEMENT POSSIBLY BY MORE ~~BY MORE~~ FREQUENT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING MOVEMENTS POSITIONS INTENTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND SUGGEST INFORMATION BEING DESPATCHED BY PLANE OR DESTROYER TO NEAREST SHORE BASE FOR TRANSMISSION. LIMITED RADIOUS AND INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT AND LACK OF ADVANCED AIRBASES AVAILABLE FOR RECONNAISSANCE PRECLUDES CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION OF MOVEMENTS OF OWN TASK FORCES. CLOSEST LIAISON MAINTAINED HERE WITH HEADQUARTERS SHOREBASED AIR BY USING COMMON OPERATIONS ROOM AND ALL INFORMATION IS RETRANSMITTED TO INTERESTED COMMANDS AT ONCE.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| FROM | CINCPAC (NPM) | CTF 16 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | 18 MAY 1942 | | DEFERRED |
| FOR CODE ROOM | 6735/6646 | COMSOWESTPACFOR | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | EDWARDS/BERRY | COMINCH | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

180403 CCR 8052S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

ACTION COMTASKFOR 16 INFO COMSOWESTPACFOR AND COMINCH
FROM CINCPAC.

EXPEDITE RETURN TO HAWAIIAN AREA.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (D) NAVREGS.)

CC GENHAGDEPT

CINCPAC

PPPPP

MAY 21 1942

222/148

WINTER/FIELD

PASSED BY CINCPAC PPPPP

TO COMINCH FOR INFO

222 645

CC 224

THIS MSG PATCH TO CINCPAC INFO GENERAL MARSHALL, ADMIRAL
GHORMLEY, GENERAL CHAMBERLIN.

REURAD 191759 FROM ROSES TO CINCPAC, I OFFER FOLLOWING TEM-
PORARY SCHEME TO IMPLEMENT FIRST PART OF PLAN OF COMMANDING
OFFICER ROSES BY USE OF FORCES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND
NOT REQUIRING OUTSIDE REINFORCEMENTS. PARAGRAPH FIVE JOINT
BASIC PLAN 00209 ROSES DIRECTS POPPY FORCE (510) TO RETURN
TO POPPY FROM ROSES UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW GARRISON.
SINCE NEW GARRISON NOW IS BEING ESTABLISHED THIS MOVEMENT
CAN BE MADE SOON. I SUGGEST USING THIS PARTICULAR POPPY
FORCE FOR MOVEMENT TO AND OCCUPATION OF ESPIRITU SANTO,
NORTHERN ISLAND NEW HEBRIDES GROUP. THIS FORCE ALREADY
ACCLIMATED TO ROSES CLIMATE. IN MY OPINION THIS WILL DENY
OR DELAY JAPANESE SOUTHWARD INFILTRATION MOVEMENT AND /

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRIORITY |
|----------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| FROM | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE | FOR ACTION | | DEFERRED |
| FOR CODER/COM | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 8647

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL SECURITY OF ROSES AND POPPY. ESPI-
RITU SANTO HAS BEEN RECONNOITRED AND IS SUITABLE FOR CON-
STRUCTION OF AIRFIELD TO ACCOMMODATE FIGHTERS. RECOMMEND
THIS ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN PROMPTLY AND THAT I BE AUTHO-
RIZED TO COOPERATE WITH COMMANDING GENERAL ROSES IN MAKING
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT SUCH A PLAN.

SEALED SECRET

Make originals only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 78 (4) NAVREGS.)

CINCPAC

MAY 23 1942

1137/1406

CRISWELL/FIELD

USS WHIPPLE
COMGEN ROSES
USS TANGIER
COMGEN POPPY

RRRR

COMSOPACFOR
COMINCH
COMGEN HAWAII
COMAIRSOPAC

RRRR

230445

CCR 125 S

WHIPPLE DELIVER TO COMGEN ROSES FOR ACTION. TANGIER DELIVER TO COMGEN POPPY FOR ACTION. COMGEN HAWAIIAN DEPT INFORMED.

PLAN OF GENERAL PATCH FOR OCCUPATION ESPIRITU SANTO APPROVED WITH FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS FROM CINCPAC. ARMY NOT PREPARED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM U.S. THEREFORE AIRFIELD NOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNTIL ADEQUATE DEFENSE IS ASSURED.

MINOR PREPARATION AS SEAPLANE BASE IS DESIRABLE. DIVERSION PAUL JONES AND ESCORT AUTHORIZED. DETAILS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN.

CINCPAC(NF)

C. H. H. (NCS)

PRIORITY

25 MAY 1942

1321/1313

EDWARDS/EDWARDS

25215 CCR 4213

FROM CINCPAC

HAVE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION TO EMPLOYMENT OF BATTLESHIPS IN PRESENT SITUATION. YOUR 241547. SOME LIGHT FORCES AND SARATOGA COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SCREEN BUT AM CONVINCED THAT LATTERS STRIKING POWER IS NECESSARY WITH OTHER CARRIERS AND SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO PROTECTION OF BB. SARATOGA WILL BE MOVED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BATTLESHIPS WILL BE HELD IN RESEIVE ON WEST COAST UNTIL OBJECTIVES FOR THEIR STRIKING POWER ARE MORE DEFINITE. MY 230051 APRIL. WHEN EMPLOYED WILL ENDEAVOR TO FORM SUPPORTING CARRIERS AIR GROUP CHIEFLY OF VF. SUFFICIENT THIS TYPE AIRCRAFT NOT NOW AVAILABLE TO ME.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS)

0015

1700 1700 TIME

ADDRESS

CINCPAC (NERK)

COMSOUTPACFOR
SUPREME COMMANDER

RRRRR

28 MAY 1942

#930/#854

COMINCH

BUBBY/ PORTER

RRRRR

280351 CCR 1762-S

(FROM CINCPAC X COMSOUTPACFOR DELIVER TO SUPREME
COMMANDER FOR ACTION)

FIRST MARINE RAIDER BATTALION NOW STRAIGHT ON IS ATTACK
UNIT OF HIGH MOBILITY AND GREAT FIRE POWER X APPEARS IDEAL
UNIT MAKE LANDING ATTACK AGAINST TULAGI REPEAT TULAGI OR
OTHER ADVANCE ENEMY BASES X CAN FURNISH TRANSPORTATION IN
AFIRM PREP TO PUPPY OR ROSES BUT SUITABLE TRANSPORTATION
FOR RAIDER OPERATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT NOW AVAILABLE X
SUGGEST CONSIDERATION SUBJECT COMINCH CONCURRENCE USE BAT-
TALION IN YOUR AREA USING YOUR CRUISERS DESTROYERS OR OTHER
VESSELS FOR TRANSPORTATION X GOOD PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS ON
OPERATIONS IF INITIATED IMMEDIATELY XXX

SEALED

SECRET

RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY MAY 28 1942

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SUPREME COMMANDER SWPA C AREA
(VIA COM SW PACFOR)

PPP

CINCPAC

MAY 30 1942

1122/1107

COMINCH

PPP

DRUMMOND.BELL.

291335 CCR 1451 S

FROM SUPREME REPEAT SUPREME COMMANDER SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
AREA.

AGREE FULLY WITH YOUR BASIC CONCEPT THAT AGGRESSIVE ACTION
IS THE SUREST WAY TO DISLOCATE THE ENEMY OPERATION IN
SOLOMON-NEW GUINEA AREA. SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF AMPHIB-
IOUS ACTION HOWEVER DEMANDS AS A PREREQUISITE TWO
ESSENTIAL FACTORS: (A) SUFFICIENTLY STRONG STRIKING
FORCE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. (B) SECURITY OF COMMUNICATION
AND SUPPLY FOR SUCH FORCE WHEN ESTABLISHED. BOTH OF
THESE FACTORS WOULD BE MISSING IN THE INSTANT CASE.
ONE RAIDER BATTALION IS TOO WEAK AND I HAVE NEITHER THE
SPECIALLY TRAINED FORCES NOR MARINE EQUIPMENT TO SUPPLE-
MENT IT AT THIS TIME. AVAILABLE NAVAL FORCES OPERATING
WITHOUT INTEGRAL AIR ELEMENTS ARE NOT DEEMED ADEQUATE
TO PERMIT OF EXPLOITATION OR EVEN TO INSURE SECURITY OF
COMMUNICATION. WHILE IN ENTIRE ACCORD THEREFORE WITH

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YOUR BASIC THOUGHT OF AGRESSION I DO NOT BELIEVE THE
FORCES YOU SUGGEST ARE ADEQUATE FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCOM-
PLISHMENT. SIGNED MACARTHUR.

0038

SECRET

COMINCH

FOOTING

NY 3, 1942

9750/1628

OUTSIDE/CONSOLE

360419

CCR 141, -8

MACARTHY'S REPLY TO NY 280351 IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION. MY IDEA AS TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF TADDER BATTALION IS THAT TYPICAL COMMAND OPERATIONS SHOULD BE FEASIBLE. I REALIZE THAT FORCES FOR HOLDING AND MAINTAINING RECAPTURED BASES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NOT YET AIRFIELDS FOR BOMBERS IN THE SOLOMONS AND WHEN IN BRITISH HANDS, TULAGI WAS BOMBED ONLY BY PATROL PLANES. THESE ARE NOT A SERIOUS THREAT. THE OPERATION OF LONG RANGE SEAPLANES FROM TELAGI PREVENTS UTILIZATION OF SURPRISE IN FUTURE CORAL SEA OPERATIONS. WHEN AIRFIELDS ARE CONSTRUCTED BY THE ENEMY SUCH OPERATIONS AND THOSE FOR THE RETURN OF CONTROL WILL BE EVEN HARDER, THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT RAIDS WITH LANDING FORCES FOR DEMOLITION AND PERHAPS TEMPORARY OCCUPATION SHOULD BE MOST VALUABLE AT THIS TIME.

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CINCPAC

OP OP OP

NAO MIDWAY

31 MAY 1942

0600/0000

SCHULZE/PORTER

CTF 4
COMINCH
CTF 17
CTF 16
CTF 9

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310357 CCR 16,4-8

(THIS FROM CINCPAC X COMTASKFORCES FOUR AND NINE
HAVE FOR INFO X SENT TO NAVAL AIR STATION MIDWAY
FOR ACTION IN ANOTHER SYSTEM X ALL AD EES IN HEALING
FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

PARAGRAPH ONE BAKER MAY PLAN TO NINE DASH FORTYTWO X
BELIEVE ENEMY HAS SET JUNE FIFTH OUR DATE FOR HIS
LANDING ATTACK X THEREFORE ON NIGHT TWO DASH THREE JUNE XX
OR FOLLOWING MORNING PRELIMINARY ATTACKS ARE MOST
PROBABLE X MY THIRTY ZERO SIX TWO SEVEN AND COMPATWING
TWO DESPATCH THIRTY ZERO FIVE TWO TWO X THE RENDEZVOUS
MENTIONED OR WITHIN FIFTY MILES THEREOF MAY WELL BE
USED BY ENEMY FOR FUELING HIS STRIKING FORCES X BASED
ON ABOVE ESTIMATE OF DATES THIS MAY TAKE PLACE ON
THIRTY FIRST OR FIRST X TIME OF RENDEZVOUS MAY BE

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AFTER OWN SEARCHING PLATES REACH OUTER LIMIT OF
SEARCH X SUGGEST USE OF BAKER DASH SEVENTEEN STRIKING
FORCE SUNDAY AND MONDAY TO REACH RENDEZVOUS AREA ABOUT
FIFTEEN HUNDRED YOKE IF NO CONTACT REPORT EARLIER X
EXPECT NINE OR TEN ADDITIONAL BAKER DASH SEVENTEEN WILL
ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY MORNING XXX

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| DRAFTER | F-1 | EXTENSION NUMBER | 2992 | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
| FROM | COMINCH | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC | X PRIORITY
ROUTINE
DEFERRED | |
| RELEASED BY | <i>[Signature]</i> | | | | |
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TWO NINE ONE THREE THREE FIVE COMINCH FEELS PRESENT FAVORABLE
OPPORTUNITY FOR ^{DISABLING OR} DESTROYING JAPANESE ADVANCED BASES ESPECIALLY TULAGI
SHOULD BE EXPLOITED X IF RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS THAT WORTHWHILE
OBJECTIVES PAREN BEYOND THOSE THAT CAN BE ^{EFFECTED} ACCOMPLISHED BY REPEATED
LONG RANGE BOMBING PAREN OFFER PROMISE TO RAIDS BY FORCES THAT CAN
BE MADE AVAILABLE ^{COMBAT} SUCH RAIDS SHOULD BE EXECUTED WITHOUT DELAY X
PARA TWO NO PLANS INVOLVING CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF NEW BASES SHOULD
BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM COMINCH AND ARMY X PERMANENT
OCCUPATION OF TULAGI NOT ^{CONTEMPLATED OR} APPROVED AT THIS TIME X PARA THREE LANDING
FORCES OF STRAWSTACK RAIDER BATTALION PROBABLY NOT ADEQUATE X
WAKEFIELD WITH MARINE REGIMENT NOW DUE LONGBOW TWELVE JUNE COULD
BE DIVERTED TO BLEACHER OR ROSES X DESTROYERS PAREN IF ^{ADEQUATE} LANDING BOATS
CAN BE PROVIDED PAREN APPEAR ONLY MEANS TRANSPORTATION TO ATTACK
AREA PARA FOUR DUE TO ABSENCE AT THIS TIME OF SUITABLE TASK FORCE

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COMMANDERS FROM SOUTH PACIFIC ~~CONSIDER~~ THAT IF YOU IN CONCURRENCE WITH MACARTHUR DECIDE ON RAID THAT RAIDING TASK FORCE SHOULD BE SET UP UNDER LEARY CMA GHORMLEY PROVIDING FORCES TO THE JOINT EFFORT AS AGREED UPON PARA FIVE IF RAID IS UNDERTAKEN ESTABLISHMENT OF LOOKOUT GROUP AT NDENI SHOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERATION PARA SIX KEEP COMINCH ADVISED AS TO CONTEMPLATED ACTION X LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR

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THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT CURRENT JAPANESE OPERATIONS ARE IN PREPARATION FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST RUSSIA X INCLUDED AMONG THESE PERSISTENCE IN REMAINING AT KISKA CMA ESTABLISHMENT OF STRONG AIR FORCES IN PARAMUSHIRO AND THE PROBABLE FORMATION OF A STRONG NORTHERN FORCE X OCCUPATION OF NOME AND ADJACENT AIRFIELDS ALSO ST LAWRENCE ISLAND MAY WELL BE A PART OF THIS PLAN PARA TWO ARMY REINFORCEMENTS OF ALASKA CONTEMPLATE REINFORCEMENT OF NOME WITH TROOPS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS MOVED IN BY AIR PARA THREE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER PREPARATION OF A DIVISION OF MODERN SUBMARINES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE ALEUTIAN BERING SEA AREA IN THE EVENT THAT A CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE FORCES THERE APPEARS TO BE CONFIRMED

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YOUR GLOVES AIR DELIVERED AT CHRISTMAS AND PROVISION AIR FOR CANTON
UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED BUT SERVICES WARP AS REQUESTED
BY YOU WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE UTILIZED

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ISSUANCE OF JOINT DIRECTIVE REFERRED TO IN LY TWO FOUR TWO THREE
 ZERO SIX AND DECISION AS TO EXTENT OF ARMY PARTICIPATION MAY BE
 DELAYED X DESIRE YOU GO AHEAD WITH PREPARATION FOR EXECUTION OF
 THESE OPERATIONS USING FORCES MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU X SUGGEST
 ADVISABILITY OF MOVING SECOND MARINE REGIMENT TO SOUTH PACIFIC
 WITHOUT DELAY AND IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE MARINE AIR SQUADRONS CAN
 BE MADE READY FOR DEPARTURE PARA PAREN TWO PAREN HAVE SPECIFIC
 RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO MOVEMENT OF ARMY AIR FORCES FROM
 HAWAII AND AS TO SUPPORT OF YOUR OPERATIONS BY FORCES FROM SOUTHWEST
 PACIFIC AREA PARA PAREN THREE PAREN ALSO DESIRE THE COM AND SETUP
 YOU PROPOSE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS OPERATION X LEAVE PASS TO
 MACARTHUR

PARA PAREN FOUR PAREN

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OPERATIONS IN SOUTH PACIFIC ~~WILL~~ ^{EXPECTED TO} REQUIRE THE USE OF SIX APDS
AND RAIDER BATTALION X THIS IN ANSWER TO YOUR TWO NINE ZERO FOUR ZERO
NINE

PARA ~~ONE~~ ^X TWO ~~ONE~~ IN GENERAL ^{COMNA} PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENTS
IN KISKA AMCHITKA AND ATTU MUST BE PRECEDED BY PRELIMINARY ESTABLISHMENTS
IN ATKA AND ADAK X ARMY IS NOT NOW PREPARED TO PROVIDE FORCES AND EQUIP-
MENT ^{COMNA} ~~ONE~~ IN PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT ^{COMNA} ~~ONE~~ FOR PROJECTING ESTABLISHMENTS THIS
FAR WEST IN THE ALEUTIANS X FURTHER WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME
TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECTED ESTABLISHMENTS X OUR OCCUPATION OF THE WESTERN
ALEUTIANS WOULD INEVITABLY BRING ABOUT STRONG COUNTER MEASURES BY THE
JAPANESE X THIS WOULD ^{PROBABLY} NECESSITATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR FLEET FORCES ^{INCLUDING CARRIERS} IN A
STRENGTH THAT WOULD NOT FIT IN WITH ~~PROJECTED~~ SOUTH PACIFIC OPERATIONS

PARA ~~ONE~~ ^X THREE ~~ONE~~ CONSIDER ONE RAIDER BATTALION ^{COMNA} ~~ONE~~ EVEN
SUPPORTED BY ADDITIONAL TROOPS ON CRUISERS ^{COMNA} ~~ONE~~ PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT
FOR THIS PROPOSED OPERATION

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PARA [REDACTED] FOUR [REDACTED] X OCCUPATION OF KISKA BY EITHER SIDE PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO OTHER SIDE FOR PROFITABLE ATTRITION TACTICS X IF IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS NOW WARRANTS THE PROJECTION OF LANDING FORCES TO KISKA EVEN MORE WOULD RAIDS APPEAR TO BE IN ORDER

PARA [REDACTED] FIVE [REDACTED] X SURFACE FORCE OPERATIONS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KISKA HARBOR MAY NOW CALL FOR THE USE OF FAST MINESWEEPERS

PARA [REDACTED] SIX [REDACTED] X REQUEST ADVICE OF SPECIFIC OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED

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**CINC
FOR CMC COMSOUWESPAC AREA.**

**REQUEST COMMENT COMINCH 010100 . MY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS
ARE:**

**AFIRM: IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT EXTENDED BASES SUCH AS
TULAGI BE NULLIFIED PARTICULARLY BEFORE AIRFIELDS THERE ARE
CONSTRUCTED.**

**BAKER: RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION OF ACTUAL RESULTS
SHOULD DISCLOSE WHETHER BOMBING IS SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH
THIS AND WHETHER PROPER OBJECTIVES FOR COMMANDO RAIDS EXIST.
KNOWLEDGE OF EVACUATED PERSONNEL ALSO VALUABLE.**

**CAST: PERMANENT OCCUPATION BY ALLIED FORCES AT THIS
TIME IS IMPRACTICABLE ^{A FIRM AND} AND/WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED BY MY ORIG-
INAL SUGGESTION.**

**DOG: SOME PROFITABLE OBJECTIVES FOR THE RAIDER BATTALION
OR EVEN PORTIONS THEREOF PROBABLY COULD BE SELECTED.**

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EASY: THERE SEEMS LITTLE CHANCE TO ASSEMBLE ENOUGH DESTROYERS TO TRANSPORT MORE THAN THE RAIDER BATTALION.

POK: CONSIDER BASE OF OPERATIONS MUST BE AS FAR ADVANCED AS POSSIBLE THEREFORE ROSES AND POPPY PREFERABLE WITH LATTER MORE LIABLE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATIONS. PARA.

REQUEST YOU FURNISH CURRENT INFORMATION SIZE NATURE SHORE INSTALLATIONS AND DEFENSE FORCES TULAGI.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT TO CHIEF OF STAFF REGARDING COMINCH (1519) :

ENEMY ESTIMATED TO HAVE REGIMENT AT TULAGI AND DIVISION READY TO MOVE AT RABAU. HOSTILE INSTALLATIONS AT TULAGI MOST ELEMENTARY AND BELIEVED CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED BY RECENT BOMBING RAID. MARINE REGIMENT NOT REPEAT NOT DEEMED ADEQUATE TO MAKE PROPOSED ATTACK AND WEAKNESS ACCENTUATED BY LACK OF BOATS TO PERMIT PROPER TACTICAL DISPOSITIONS. MOREOVER THE RISKS INVOLVED IN SUCH AN OPERATION CONSIDERABLE WITH THE MAXIMUM RESULTS ATTAINABLE BELIEVED TO BE VERY SMALL THUS NOT REPEAT NOT WARRANTING EXECUTION FOR A MERE RAID. I AM PLANNING TO UNDERTAKE OFFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE SOLOMONS AND NEW BRITAIN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. I SUGGEST IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS AS TROOPS BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA TO PUSH FORWARD THROUGH THE LOYALTY ISLANDS NEW HEBRIDES AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS.

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(FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH)

DURING MIDWAY OPERATIONS FLETCHER WAS SENIOR TASK FORCE COMMANDER IN AREA AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES TASK FORCES 16 AND 17. YOUR 191920. FOR HIS SERVICES MIDWAY AND PRIOR SERVICES CORAL SEA I REITERATE WITH ADDED EMPHASIS MY RECOMMENDATIONS IN MY 092219 OF MAY THAT FLETCHER BE DESIGNATED TASK FORCE COMMANDER WITH RANK VICE ADMIRAL AND AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. I AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT SPRUANCE BE AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS COMMANDER TASK FORCE 16 IN BATTLE OF MIDWAY MY 150117.

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FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH INFO BUPERS.

REQUIRE AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE ADDITIONAL FLAG OFFICER TO COMMAND CRUISER GROUP IN CARRIER TASK FORCE. COMINCH 211515 AND MY 160131 AND MY 202043. PURPOSE MITCHER RELIEVE BELLINGER AT ONCE ACCORDANCE BUPERS ORDERS. ALSO PURPOSE FLETCHER COMMAND TASK FORCE 11 WITH NEW FLAG OFFICER TO BE ORDERED AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. KINKAID COMMAND TASK FORCE 16 DURING HALSEY'S ABSENCE WITH TISDALE AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. FITCH COMMAND TASKFORCE 17 WITH GOOD AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. NO CHANGE IN SET UP TASK FORCE 18. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NAME NEW FLAG OFFICER AND DATE ARRIVAL.

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COMINCH FROM CINCPAC

NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD HAS RAISED QUESTION RELATIVE POPULATION OCEAN AND NAURU ISLAND ESTIMATING FOOD WILL BE EXHAUSTED OCEAN BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND NAURU BY JANUARY. NZNB SUGGESTS EVACUATION GILBERTESE POSSIBLY TO GILBERT OR ELLICE GROUPS. CHINESE PRESENT MAY ALSO DESIRE EVACUATION.

GREAT BRITAIN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS IN THESE ISLANDS. MACARTHUR ADVISES NEITHER HE NOR ACNB CONTEMPLATE ACTION REGARD ISLANDS. ATTITUDE GREAT BRITAIN UNKNOWN. VIEW FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS INVOLVED AND POSSIBLY UNITED STATES TO FURTHER CLAIMS AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVACUEES FEEL BASIC QUESTIONS ARE MATTERS FOR AGREEMENT BY POLITICAL AGENCIES OF ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

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REQUEST DECISION ON FOLLOWING: (A) SHALL EVACUATION BE MADE OR RELIEF EXTENDED BY PROVIDING FOOD. (B) IF EVACUATION IS MADE WHO ARE TO BE EVACUATED AND WHERE. (C) IF FOOD RELIEF IS GIVEN WHAT WILL BE SOURCE FOOD. (D) IF US FORCES VISIT ISLANDS SHALL ~~BE~~ DEMOLITION MACHINERY INSTALLATIONS BE MADE.

INVITE ATTENTION TO PERIODIC ENEMY AIR PATROL THESE ISLANDS. EVACUATION OR RELIEF SHIPS WILL REQUIRE COMBATANT SUPPORT THAT ~~IT~~ MAY INTERFERE OTHER MAJOR OPERATIONS.

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FIRST SHUTTLE TRIP PRESIDENT COOLIDGE FROM FULCRUM TO
FANTAN COMINCH SERIAL 00380 OF MAY 13 LEAVES FULCRUM
25 JUNE.

MY 240620 AND 260415 MAY COMINCH 021545 JUNE.

I REITERATE MY CONCERN OVER WITHDRAWAL NEW ZEALAND
FORCES FROM FANTAN. SITUATION AS PRESENTED IN COMAIRSOPAC
220430 INDICATES NECESSITY ^{RE} STRENGTHENING FORWARD POSITIONS
INSTEAD OF R TROGRADE MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME. IN ANY CASE IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT NEW ZEALAND TROOPS REMAIN FANTAN UNTIL
37TH US DIVISION THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED.

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(CINCPAC ORIGINATOR)
(TO BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST SECRECY. LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR)

YOUR 271415. WILL MOVE SECOND MARINE REGIMENT AS YOU SUG-
GEST EMPLOYING TASKFOR 18 AS ESCORT DEPARTING ONE JULY.
PLAN TO BUILD UP REQUIRED MARINE SQUADRONS HERE AND TRAIN
IN CARRIER LANDINGS BEFORE DESPATCHING THEM AS THEIR EM-
PLOYMENT MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF AIR FIELDS IN OBJECTIVE
AREA.

WILL MAKE AVAILABLE 18 VPB FOR POPPY AND ISLANDS TO
NORTHWARD AND 12 FOR FANTAN. ARMY AIRCRAFT DESIRED FROM
HAWAII TO BRING POPPY AND FANTAN EACH UP TO 8 B-17S AND
13 B-26S. ARMY PLANES SENT THERE WITHIN THESE TOTALS
SHOULD NOT BE MOVED ON TO SUMAC AS HAS RECENTLY BEEN DONE
IN CASE OF 8 B-17S AT POPPY.

REQUEST MACARTHUR MAKE AVAILABLE TO GHORMLEY AUS-
TRALIAN SQUADRON AND MAXIMUM SUBMARINES. ALSO EMPLOY ALL

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PRACTICABLE LONG RANGE AIRCRAFT FROM SUMAC AND MORESBY BASES TO FURNISH AIR COVERAGE WITH COORDINATION AS REQUESTED BY CHORMLEY.

CHORMLEY WILL BE PLACED IN COMMAND OF OPERATION. PLAN FLETCHER COMMAND SURFACE FORCES MADE AVAILABLE FROM FLEET. HIS EARLY APPOINTMENT TO VICE ADMIRAL THEREFORE NECESSARY.

AS ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES WILL BE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY AM CONSIDERING MOVING FOURTH DEFENSE BATTALION FROM ROSES AND INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY MAKING THIRD READY IN TIME.

MY 170251 COVERS MATERIAL FOR BASE ESTABLISHMENT.

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COMTASKFORCE 18 | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY _____ | | | RRRR ROUTINE |
| DATE <u>JUNE 30 1942</u> | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODERDOM <u>0501/0227</u> | INFORMATION | COMINCH
COMTASKFORCE 1,4,9,16,17
COMSOPACFOR
COMSOWESPACFOR
COMSERFORPAC GEN MACARTHUR | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY <u>CAMBRON/FIELD</u> | | | ROUTINE |
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LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR. ORIGINATOR CINCPAC HAS INFORMED COMTASKFORCES 4, 9, 16, AND 17 PLUS COMSERFORPAC. COMINCH ALSO INFORMED. THIS ACTION TO COMDRS TASK FORCES 11, 18, AND 3.

HANDLE WITH UTMOST SECRECY.

TASK ORGANIZATION. (A) TASK FORCE 18 LESS SAN FRANCISCO, VINCENNES, LAFFEY, PLUS AMPHIBFORPAC DETACHMENT COMPOSED CRESCENT CITY, PRES HAYES, PRES ADAMS, PRES JACKSON, ALHENA, WITH 2D MARINE REGIMENT REENFORCED EMBARKED. (B) TASK FORCE 11 LESS AYLWIN, MONAGHAN, PLUS PLATTE, CIMARRON.

INFORMATION. OFFENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS.

GENERAL TASK. FORCES LISTED ABOVE WILL PROCEED INITIALLY FROM PRESENT BASES TO SOUTH PACIFIC AREA PREPARED FOR AMPHIBIOUS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

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TASKS. (A) DEPART SANDIEGO 1500Z/1 JULY, PROCEED VIA APPROXIMATE GREAT CIRCLE TRACK TO PASS THROUGH POINT N25 AT 2000Z/10 JULY ON COURSE 225 AT 14 KNOTS. (B) DEPART PEARL AT 1730Z/5 JULY. CONDUCT GUNNERY EXERCISES ACCORDANCE SEPARATE DIRECTIVE. (END PART ONE.)

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| FROM | | FOR ACTION | | ROUTINE |
| RELEASED | 30 JUNE 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
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COMTASKFORCE 9
COMBOUTHNPACFOR | ROUTINE |
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TEXT THIS IS LAST HALF OF CINOPAC 300015 TO SAME ADDRESSEES AND WITH SAME ROUTING. TO BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST SECRECY.

PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK FORCE 18 AT POINT NEGAT AT 2000Z/10 JULY.

(XRAY) AT RENDEZVOUS REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER IN TASK FORCE 11 ASSUME TACTICAL COMMAND OF COMBINED FORCES. AT SAME TIME DIRECT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF COMBINED FORCES PASSES TO COMMANDER SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE VICE ADMIRAL GORMLEY. ENROUTE TO RENDEZVOUS BOTH FORCES AVOID SIGHT OR PLANE CONTACT WITH CHRISTMAS ISLAND OR PLANES OPERATING THEREFROM. THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR EACH FORCE 12 HOURS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM RESPECTIVE BASES.

FUEL AND PROVISION TO CAPACITY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. LIMITED FUEL AVAILABLE AT TUTUILA AND IN KANAKHA AT TONGATABU.

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TEXT

PLATTE, CIMARRON EACH LOAD 500,000 GALLONS AVGAS BALANCE FUEL.

USE ZONE ZERO TIME. USE FOR ALL REFERENCE POINTS PACIFIC THEATER GRID SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY CINCPAC DESPATCH 211951 APRIL. RENDEZVOUS DESIGNATED ABOVE 18 IN THIS GRID SYSTEM. COMMUNICATIONS ACCORD PAC 70 PLUS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOUTH PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS PROMULGATED SEPARATELY. CINCPAC AT SUBBASE PERAL HARBOR. COMSOPAC AT HEADQUARTERS ALOKLAND. OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 34-42.

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TEXT

COMALSEC ROUTINE THREE ZERO ONE NINE FIVE NINE VIEWED HERE WITH CONCERN AS
 LACKING DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE MOST OF AIR FORCE AVAILABLE AND INTENDING
 INEFFECTIVE EXPOSURE OF DESTROYERS PARA DOES DESPATCH EXPRESS VIEWS OF
 COMTASKFORCE EIGHT

(NOTE: This Comalsec 301959 was actually originated by
 Comtaskforce EIGHT, and contained his general plan of
 operations).

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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TEXT

Order to be handled with PAGE NO. 1 *without security LL*

MY REPLY TO MARSHALL REGARDING PUBLICITY ON CURRENT OPERATIONS IS
 QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION QUOTE PARA ONE YOUR POINT ON THIS SUBJECT IS-

WELL TAKEN X IT IS DOUBTFUL HOWEVER THAT COMMUNIQUE ALONG THIS LINE
 WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO EXPLAIN AWAY OBVIOUS FACTS TO THE SATISFACTION

OF THE JAPANESE X I THINK IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PLANT EXPLANATIONS
 OF OUR PREPARATION IN THE FORM OF SURMISES BY THE PRESS PARA TWO WHAT

I HAVE IN MIND IS HAVING THE PRESS USE ON ITS OWN BEHALF PAREN AND NOT
 AS A COMMUNIQUE PAREN SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES COLON

SUBQUOTE THE ATTACK ON THE ALEUTIANS AND ON MIDWAY FOLLOWED A
 PERIOD OF APPARENT INACTIVITY AFTER THE CORAL SEA BATTLE NINE MAY

X APPARENTLY THE ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES REALIZED THAT FOLLOWING
 THE ATTACK ON TOKYO ON EIGHTEEN APRIL AND THE REPULSE OF THE JAPANESE

OFFENSIVE IN THE CORAL SEA AREA WITH THE SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL OF
 JAPANESE NAVAL COMBAT UNITS FROM THAT AREA CMA ENERGETIC COUNTER-

MEASURES BY THE JAPANESE WERE TO BE EXPECTED X IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT
 THE PERIOD OF INACTION WOULD NOT CONTINUE FOR LONG X SUBPARA

OPERATING ON INTERIOR LINES AS THEY ARE THE JAPANESE WERE OF COURSE
 IN A POSITION TO STRIKE ANYWHERE ALONG THE LONG LINE FROM DUTCH HARBOR

THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND TO AUSTRALIA X LOOKING OVER THIS
 LONG LINE ONE CAN EASILY SEE THAT THE TWO UNITED STATES ADVANCED

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BASES DUTCH HARBOR AND MIDWAY PRESENTED OBJECTIVES IMPORTANT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN THE PACIFIC AND AT THE SAME

TIME BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPOSED POSITIONS INVITING ATTACK X IN VIEW OF THESE TWO POINTS AND OF THE PROBABILITY OF STRONG ENERGETIC ACTION

BY THE JAPANESE THE CONCLUSION IS DRAWN THAT THE ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES WERE NOT UNPREPARED FOR A DESCENT UPON THESE POINTS

THREE
END SUBQUOTE PARA TWO IN THE MEANTIME NIMITZ IS HANDLING THE PUBLICITY IN REGARD TO DETAILS WHICH IS OF COURSE A DUTY WITH WHICH HE IS

CHARGED X I AGREE WITH YOU THAT TO WHATEVER EXTENT OUR SUCCESS CONTINUES OUR RELEASES SHOULD IN NO CASE BE ALLOWED TO EXAGGERATE

FOUR
THE RESULTS PARA THREE I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE UNQUOTE

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LAST SENTENCE YOUR ZERO SEVEN ZERO EIGHT ZERO THREE SERIOUSLY
DOUBT CORRECTNESS OF REPORTED CONTACTS WITH ORANGE ALEUTIAN
FORCE X CONSIDER STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT PART OR ALL OF THIS
FORCE DEPARTED THAT AREA NIGHT OF FOUR DASH FIVE JUNE FOR
RENDEZVOUS TO THE SOUTHWEST WITH RETREATING MIDWAY FORCES AND
POSSIBLY WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE COMBINED FLEET

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IN VIEW SITUATION COMNOWESTSEAFRON ZERO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE ONE WITH INDICATIONS OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ORANGE FORCE IN THE ALEUTIANS SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER SENDING NORTHWARD A STRONG TASK FORCE FORMED ON SARATOGA X YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO STRIP WEST COAST OF PATROL PLANES X ARMY REPORTS EIGHT AFIRM TWENTYNINE AND FOUR BAKER SEVENTEEN LEAVING EDMONTON TODAY FOR ALASKAN AREA AND SIX BAKER TWENTYFOUR EQUIPPED WITH AFIRM SAIL VICE ORDERED LEAVE CALIFORNIA TODAY FOR ALASKA PARA ASSUME YOU HAVE CONSIDERED USE OF LONG ISLAND TO FERRY PLANES TO HAWAII

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PLEASE COMMENT COMINCH 010245. TRANSMIT BRIEF OF YOUR
PLAN INDICATING EMPLOYMENT OF SHORE BASED AIR BY TYPE
NUMBERS AND LOCATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL MAKE
MAXIMUM USE OF SHORE BASED AIR AND ADVANCED AIR FIELDS.

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(THIS IS PART TWO COMTASKFOR EIGHT'S ZERO ONE TWENTY
ONE ZERO THREE ACTION CINCPAC X PLEASE PASS COMINCH
INFORMATION)

SCREEN OF SMALL CRAFT DISTANCE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES
FROM UMNAK DASH COLD BAY AREA COVERING THE APPROACHES X
FOUR SUBMARINES IN AREA COVERING SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO
COLD BAY X STRIKING FORCE OF EIGHT DESTROYERS MAKUSHIW
BAY PROTECTED FROM AIR AND RADAR DETECTION BY LAND BACK-
GROUND AND WITHIN RANGE OF AIR COVERAGE FROM UMNAK FOR LOW
VISIBILITY ATTACK IN THE UMBOK DASH DUTCH HARBOR AREA
ONLY X MAIN BODY OPERATING TO SOUTHWARD OF ALASKA PENIN-
SULA X PATROL PLANES EQUIPPED TO TAKE TORPEDOES X TWELVE
TORPEDOES ARE AT UMNAK AND EIGHTEEN AT COLD BAY X MEDIUM
BOMBERS ACSN (ARE?) EQUIPPED TO CARRY TORPEDOES X STRIKING
FORCE OF LAND BASED AIR NO NISTRAY (TO DESTROY?) ENEMY FORCES
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SUBJECT BY ASTERISK ADDRESSER FOR WITH MAIL DELIVERY TO ADDRESSEE

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TEXT

APPROACHING ALEUTIAN DASH ALASKA AREA USING TORPEDOES IN
 FIRST ATTACK ON CARRIERS ON LOCATION ENEMY FORCES ADVANCING
 ON UMNAK DASH DOLD BAY EFFECT MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION TO
 ATTACK X PLANES LOCATED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS COLON UMNAK
 ONE HEAVY BOMBER SIX MEDIUM BOMBERS SEVENTEEN FIGHTERS X
 COLD BAY SIX MEDIUM BOMBERS SIXTEEN FIGHTERS X KODIAK TWO
 HEAVY BOMBERS TWO MEDIUM BOMBERS ~~TWO MEDIUM BOMBERS~~ TWENTY
 FIGHTERS X ENROUTE ARRIVAL DATE UNKNOWN EIGHT HEAVY BOMBERS
 TWENTY FIVE FIGHTERS X THIS BASE BY DISPERSION CAN TAKE ONE
 ADDITIONAL SQUADRON HEAVY BOMBERS AND ONE SQUADRON MEDIUM
 BOMBERS X ANCHORAGE SEVENTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS THREE FIGHTERS
 ONE MEDIUM BOMBER TWENTY FIVE FIGHTERS ENROUTE X THIS BASE
 CAN ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL AT LEAST ONE SQUADRON HEAVY
 BOMBERS TWO SQUADRONS MEDIUM BOMBERS X RCAF PLANES AT
 ANNETTE FIFTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS THIRTY FIGHTERS X YAKUTAT
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TEXT

NO PLANES AT PRESENT X CAN ACCOMMODATE ONE SQUADRON HEAVY BOMBERS ONE SQUADRON MEDIUM BOMBERS AND ONE SQUADRON FIGHTERS X UMNAK DASH COLD BAY NOW HAS ALL PLANES THAT THEY CAN MILITARILY ACCOMMODATE X ENDS TWO PART MESSAGE RELAY

CORRECTION: FOUR SUBMARINES IN AREA COVERING NORTH AND SOUTH APPROACHES TOUMNAK X TWO SUBMARINES COVERING SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO COLD BAY X STRIKING FORCE, ETC. X END OF CORRECTION.

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(PART ONE OF TWO PARTS ACTION CINCPAC AND TO PASS TO
COMINCH FOR INFO X THIS FROM COMTASKFOR EIGHT)

COMALSEC THREE ZERO ONE NINE FIVE NINE HAS MY MESSAGE AND
DOES EXPRESS MY VIEWS X DEEPLY REGRET MY WORDING WAS SUCH
AS TO BE SO COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTOOD X I TRIED THEREIN TO
DRAW THE PICTURE OF WESTERN FLYING FIELDS IN SUPPORT OF
THE ESTIMATE THAT THE GREAT NEED OF PRESENT ALASKAN SIT-
UATION IS STRATEGIC AND IS IMMEDIATE AND LARGE SCALE RE-
INFORCEMENT OF LAND BASED AVIATION X CONSIDER MY OP PLAN
USES AVAILABLE AIR TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE X TIME ALONE CAN
TEST WHETHER OR NOT MY USE OF DESTROYERS IS EFFECTIVE X
WITHOUT SOME EXPOSURE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF THEIR
OFFENSIVE USE X REGRET CAN NOT SET FORTH ALL MY REASONING
BUT BELIEVE MY PLAN PROVIDES FOR SOUND EMPLOYMENT OF FORCES
AVAILABLE X HEREAFTER CAN NOT COMMUNICATE WITHOUT BREAKING
RADIO SILENCE FROM SEA WHICH I DESIRE TO AVOID IF POSSIBLE

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 1917-8

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TEXT

DAILY AIR SEARCHES BY PATROL PLANES RADAR EQUIPPED NORTHWEST SECTORS FROM COLD BAY AND DUTCH HARBOR-UMNAK ALSO SOUTHERN SECTORS FROM DUTCH HARBOR AND SAND POINT TO DISTANCE OF 400 MILES X SEARCH BY HEAVY BOMBERS DAILY ONE PLANE ALONG ALEUTIAN CHAIN FROM UMNAK TO KIPKA X THREE PLANES RADAR EQUIPPED FROM KODIAK SOUTHWEST SECTOR TO DISTANCE OF 700 MILES X END OF PART ONE

SEALED

SECRET

0073

NAVY MESSAGE

ORIGINATOR

FROM CINCPAC

COMINCH

OPOPOPOP

RECEIVED

DATE 1 JUNE 1942

TIME 2245/2233

COMTASKFOR 8

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TO TERS/NEWHOUSE

APPROVAL

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Ø12133 CCR 18548

RECEIVED

FROM CINCPAC X

FROM PREDEPARTURE CONFERENCE COMTASKFOR 8 AM CONFIDENT THERE IS NO LACK OF DETERMINATION TO USE SHORE BASED AIR TO THE MAXIMUM X YOUR Ø1Ø245 X MY INTERPRETATION COMTASKFOR 8 DISPATCH 3Ø1959 IS THAT FROM CONDITIONS OF FIELDS NUMBER OF PLANES AVAILABLE PROBABLY^{LE} ENEMY FORCES AND KNOWLEDGE CHARACTER OF PREVIOUS ENEMY ATTACKS HE APPARENTLY ESTIMATES THAT PRESENT SHORE BASED AIR CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO STOP ENEMY AND THAT FURTHER MEANS MUST BE TAKEN X IF FIELDS AS UNPREPARED AS REPORTED PLANE LOSSES MAY BE HEAVY AND REENFORCEMENTS WILL BE NEEDED AND SHOULD BE READY X HOPE YOU CAN FIND THESE REENFORCEMENTS X HE RECOGNIZES HAZARD INVOLVED IN ADVANCE POSITION OF DESTROYERS BUT AS LONG AS AIR COVERAGE IS SUPPLIED FROM UNMAK REPEAT UNMAK FIELD THE LOCATION OF THE DESTROYERS IS A CALCULATED RISK

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0074

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

TO: JCS

FROM: CINCPAC

INFO: JCS

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CINCPAC 012133 CCR 1845S

CONSIDERED WARRANTED BY CIRCUMSTANCES X I HAVE FULL
CONFIDENCE IN THE SKILL AND JUDGMENT OF THEOBALD IN
MAKING USE OF THE MORE DETAILED AND LOCAL INFORMATION
NOT AVAILABLE TO ME

0075

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVAL DESPATCH

NAVY

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NAVY

COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)

CINCPAC (NPM)

PRIORITY

COMINCH (NSS)

JUNE 3, 1942

2015/2000

SMITH/CANNING

031941 CCR 2259S

THIS TO CINCPAC AND COMINCH. COMNOWESTSEAFRON TALKING.

DUTCH HARBOR FORT MEARS ATTACKED BY 4 JAP BOMBERS WITH 12
FIGHTERS AT 0550X. EXACT EXTENT DAMAGE NOT YET KNOWN.
FORT GLENN NOT ATTACKED. DUTCH HARBOR ATTACK BEING
RENEWED AS THIS DESPATCH FILED.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

DATE

CINCPAC

ALL TASK FORCE
COMMANDERS UNDER
MY COMMAND

PPPPP

3 JUNE 1942

2244/2234

NEWHOUSE/SMITH

COMINCH

PPPPP

032154 CCR 2285S

PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY
REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARGO VESSELS. PLANE CON-
TINUED SEARCH.

^{SIGHTED}
ORANGE MAIN BODY/261 DISTANT 700 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3

*Original given
Ad. Cooke H/*

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

NAS DUTCH HARBOR

CTF 8
COMALSEC
USS CASCO

OP OP OP

3 JUNE 42

2337/2331

HUTCHINSON/PITKIN

032215

CCR-2299-S

(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

ELEVENTH AIR FORCE REPORTS CONTACT ENEMY CARRIER

LAT 53-07 LONG 167-10 AT 2100Z

*Original to
Ad. Casco H*

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0078

NASDUTCH HARBOR

COMALSEC

4 JUNE 1942

RRRRR

0055/2043

BUSBY/PORTER

COM THIRTEEN
CTF 28
CINCPAC

RRRRR

040745 CCR 2499-3

ABOUT 10 TORPEDO BOMBER PLANES ESCORTED BY ABOUT 15 FIGHTERS
ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR AT 0655 WILLIAM X PLANES APPEARED WITH-
OUT WARNING BUT STATION WAS AT DAILY DAWN BATTLE STATIONS
AND HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS OPENED IMMEDIATELY FIGHTERS
DELIVERED STRAFING ATTACK ON CATALINA MAIL PLANE TAKING OFF
FOR KODIAK WHICH IMMEDIATELY WAS BEACHED ON SAND SPIT X TWO
MEMBERS OF CREW WERE KILLED AND ONE INJURED X HORIZONTAL
BOMBING ATTACK WAS DELIVERED FROM NINE THOUSAND FEET ALTI-
TUDE TARGETS WERE OLD WOODEN OIL TANKS RADIO STATION AND
FORT MEARS X TANKS AND RADIO WERE NEARLY MISSED LATTER BEING
DAMAGED AND TRANSMITTING ANTENNA BEING TEMPORARILY OUT OF
COMMISSION AFTER FIRST CONTACT REPORT HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT
SEVERAL BARRACKS AND WAREHOUSES AT FORT MEARS HIT AND BURNED
X PRESIDENT FILLMORE OORLEN KING TALBOT GILLIS SAIL TWENTY
SEVEN AND ONANDAGA WERE IN HARBOR AND UNDAMAGED X ALL SHIPS
LEFT THE HARBOR DURING OR JUST AFTER THE ATTACK AT 0715

SEE P.2

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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PLANES RETIRED TO NORTHWARD KNOWN CASUALTIES ARE NAVY THREE
DEAD ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINES ONE DEAD RSIEMSE DRAKE
ONE DEAD ARMY 18 DEAD AND 25 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT
1035 SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED PLANES WERE SIGHTED BUT NO ATTACK
WAS MADE X FACILITIES TO SERVE FLEET SURFACE SUBMARINE OR
AIR UNITS READY TO SAME CAPACITY AS BEFORE X INTERED
VISIBILITY INDICATE NO RECURRENCE FURTHER ATTACKS PRIOR
DAWN TOMORROW XX

0390

NAVAL MESSAGE

CTF 4
(NAS KODIAK ALASKA)

ALL ADEES ACTION

(LOCALLY ASS. AIRCRAFT
CALL)

PPPPP

4 JUNE 1952
0036/2321
BUSBY/PORTER

L
LOCAL ARMY
COMINCH
CINCPAC
COMNORWESTSEAFRON
COMPATREPLANRON PAC
COMALSEC

041126 CCR 2494-S

(THIS FROM CTF FOUR X RADIO BREMERTON DELIVER TO COMINCH
CINCPAC COMNORWESTSEAFRON COMPARONPLANRONPAC X COMALSEC
AND LOCAL ARMY HAVE THIS X)

MSG IN THREE PARTS X PART ONE X RESUME OF AIR OPERATIONS
THREE JUNE X ALL TIME ZONES ZED X DUTCH HARBOR ATTACKED
ONE TIME FROM BERING SEA AT 031555 BY 4 TYPE 97 KOGEKIKI
TORPEDO BOMBERS AND 14 FIGHTERS X ATTACK CEASED AT 031615
X ENEMY RETIRED TO NORTH X APPEARED PRINCIPALLY PHOTO RE-
CONNAISSANCE X NIL DAMAGE REPORTED TO AIR STATION INSTALLA-
TIONS X ONE CATALINA STRAFFED ON WATER X MINOR FIRES IN
FORT MEARS BARRACKS AREA X ABOUT 2100^{THREE}/BOMBS OBSERVED DROP
THRU OVERCAST STRIKING WATER FIFTEEN MILES XX

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NAS KODIAK

LOCALLY ASSIGNED
AIRCRAFT CALL

PPPPPP

4 JUNE 42

2257/2213

SMITH/PITKIN

Ø41145

CCR-2468-S

(PASSED BY COMNOWESTSEAFRON TO COMINCH AND COMREPLACEMENT
PATRONS PACFLT)

(PART TWO) NORTH OTTER POINT FIELD X
COLD BAY NOT ATTACKED X CATALINA IN COMBAT WITH CRUISER
AMPHIBIAN NORTH OF CARLISLE ISLAND AT 2Ø15 X OWN LOSSES
ONE CATALINA STAFØED DUTCH HARBOR X ONE DOWN ON REEF
NORTH OF TIGALDA X ONE ON SOUTHWEST END OF TIGALDA X
ONE BEACHED AND ABANDONED CAPE AIBK REPEAT AIAK UNALASKA X
THESE REPORTED NIL COMBAT DAMAGE OR PERSONAL CASUALTIES X
ONE DOWN BEARING 169 DISTANCE 7Ø MILES FROM OTTER POINT
AFTER REPORTING CONTACT WITH ENEMY CONCENTRATION OF
UNNAMED TYPES IN LAT 52-45 LONG 167-Ø4 AT Ø4Ø2ØØ X
INDICATE ONE MAN INJURED X TENDERS ENROUTE TO RESCUE X
BELIEVED ENEMY LOSSES ONE CRUISER PLANE SHOT DOWN OFFSHORE
OTTER POINT Ø321ØØ X ONE IN COMBAT

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTME.

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| FROM | FOR ACTION | | PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 4 JUNE 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| FOR CODEROOM 2128/1922 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY CANNING/TIERS | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø41159 CCR 2452

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TEXT

INTERCEPT(NOTE: CODEROOM IS SERVICING
HEADING AND MISSING PORTIONS)

(PART 3)

WITH CATALINA. ALL DF INDICATIONS, PREVIOUS NIGHT RADAR
CONTACTS AND OTHER UNCONFIRMED-(3 GROUPS HERE MISSING) --
---RIER NORTH OF ALEUTIANS INVESTIGATED NEGATIVE RESULTS
REPORT OF B-26 TORPEDO ATTACK ON CONCENTRATION SOUTHWEST
OF ATTER POINT NOT CONFIRMED. --(HERE 5 GROUPS MISSING)--
■ B-17 REPORTED QUOTE AFFIRMATIVE LARGE CARRIER DIVE
BOMBING PLANES FIGHTING PLAMES UNQUOTE NIL POSITION GIVEN.
BASE RECKONING PLACED PLANE ON LINE FROM LAT 49-3Ø LONG
177 WEST TO 48 EVEN LONG 175 WEST. PLANE NOT HEARD FROM
SINCE. COMALSEC AND LOCAL ARMY AGREE WITH FOLLOWING ENEMY
TRAIN IF PRESENT IS IN BEARING SEA COVERED BY SMALL CARRIERS
FROM WHICH DUTCH ATTACK LAUNCHED. HEAVY STRIKING FORCE
INCLUDING LARGE CARRIERS SOUTH OF ALEUTIANS HEADING EAST
TO LAUNCH ATTACK ON DUTCH CR COLD BAY EARLY FOUR JUNE
AM CONDUCTING NIGHT SEARCH AS PER PLAN

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ADDRESSEES

FROM **NAS DUTCH HARBOR**

COM 13

URGENT

RELEASED BY

DATE **4 JUNE 1942**

EXTENSION **1901/1855**

CLASSIFIED BY **TIERS/EDWARDS**

COMINCH (PASSED BY NPM FOR INFO) UMNAK

URGENT

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK (*) IF MESSAGE IS NOT A MESSAGE

041720 CCR 2440S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL MESSAGES WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE

DATE

TEXT

******* UMNAK HAS THIS**

**ENEMY CARRIER PLUS 2 VESSELS BEARING 210 TRUE DISTANCE
240 MILES FROM OTTER POINT AT 164 ZED COURSE SPEED NOT
REPORTED 11 VICTOR 28 IN CONTACT CEILING 2000, 2 CATALINAS
WITH TORPEDOES ENROUTE FROM CTG 8.1.**

SEALED

SECRET

Make original and deliver to commandant of the ship to which the message is addressed

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
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| FROM CINCPAC | | ALL TASKFOR COMS PAC | OP OP OP
PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE JUNE 4, 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TO 1913/ 1912 | | COMINDIV 1 (?) | OP OP OP
PRIORITY |
| THRU TIERS/CANNING | | CINCPAC | ROUTINE |
| | | | DEFERRED |

041845 OCR 24428

--- INTERCEPT ---

COMINCH INFORMED.

MIDWAY REPORTS AIR RAID AT 041835

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRIORITY

FROM **COMALSEC (NPC)**

CINCPAC (NPM)

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE **4 JUNE 1942**

THE CODEROM **2128/2123**

COMINCH (NSS)

OP OP OP

RECEIVED BY **BUSBY/PORTER**

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PARAPHRASED BY

INCLUDE BY ASTERISK AND/OR BY OTHER MAIL DELIVERY METHOD

042055 CCR 2450-5

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TEXT

**(THIS FOR CINCPAC INFO COMINCH FOLLOWING RECEIVED
FROM COMALSEC)**

**CONTACTED ONE POSSIBLY TWO CARRIERS PLUS TWO GUARDS
AT POSIT LAT 50-07 LONG 171-14 COURSE 150 AT SEVENTEEN
TWENTY X ENROUTE WITH BOMBS AND TORPEDOES RESPECTIVELY
B-17S AND 26S X CARRYING TORPEDOES AND ENROUTE IS THE
CATALINAS. TIME IS ZED.**

SECRET

SECRET

0094

(LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT CALL) (LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIROP OP OP CRAFT CALL)

CINCPAC

4 JUNE 1942

COMINCH

0036/0023

~~XXXXXXXX~~ BUSBY/PORTER

042240 CCR 2492-8

CONTACT 042105 ONE CARRIER THREE CAST AFIRM TWO DOG DOG
COURSE THREE SIX ZERO SPEED FIFTEEN X BEARING 215 DISTANCE
165 FROM DUTCH HARBOR ENEMY IN CRUISING DISPOSITION CARRIER
INSIDE FEW PLANES ON DECK FINE VISIBILITY X FORCE IS SAME
AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED XX

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY MESSAGE

CTF 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

MIDWAY

4 JUNE 1942

0129/0121

CRISWELL/PORTER

050001 CCR 2506-S

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC

(PASS TO MIDWAY X FROM COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN)

HAVE ATTACKED TWO ENEMY CARRIERS REPORTED YOUR ZERO
FOUR EIGHTEEN FORTYTHREE X HAVE NO INDICATION OF LOCATION ~~XXXX~~
ADDITIONAL CARRIERS WHICH HAVE SIGHTED THIS FORCE XX

0388

COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

URGENT

5 JUNE 1942

1311/ 0306

EDWARDS/CANNING

COMTASKFOR 17

NAS MIDWAY

URGENT

050204 CCR 2621S

----- INTERCEPT -----

THIS FROM COMTASKFOR 16. ACTION TO CINCPAC, NAS MIDWAY AND INFO
TO COMTASKFOR 17 . CINCPAC PASS TO MIDWAY IN ONE OF THEIR SYSTEMS.

AIR GROUPS FROM TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 ATTACKED CARRIERS OF ENEMY
FORCE CONSISTING OF PROBABLY FOUR CV, TWO BB, FOUR CA AND SIX DD.
ALL FOUR CV BELIEVED BADLY DAMAGED. ONE OR TWO OTHER HEAVY SHIPS
CLAIMED HIT. TIME OF ATTACK BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300Z. AT 2215Z
ENEMY MANEUVERING IN APPROXIMATE POSITION LAT 30-38 NORTH LONG
178-30 WEST. OUR PLANE ~~LOSES~~ ^{LOSSES} ~~XXXX~~ HEAVY. REQUEST POSITIONS OF ENEMY
UNITS AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY OF JAPAN

DRAWN

RECEIVED

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COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP

JUNE 5 1942

0509/0447

ALL TF COMS PAC
COMINCH

OP OP

PURDY.BELL.

(PASSED BY CINCPAC)

RECEIVED

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050315 CCR 2550 S

THIS FROM COMTASKFOR 17.

AFTER SECOND HEAVY ATTACK AT 0240 ZED YORKTOWN
APPARENTLY SINKING. YORKTOWN REPORTED 2 ENEMY CARRIERS
DESTROYED. HAVE NO IDEA LOCATION CARRIERS ATTACKING
TASKFORCE 17.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

RECEIVED

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FROM COMTASKFOR 17

COMTASKFOR 16

URGENT

RELAYED BY

NAS MIDWAY IS.

DATE JUNE 5 1942

ORIGINATOR 0625/0614

CINCPAC

URGENT

ORIGINATOR CAMBRON/FIELD

(PASSED BY NPM TO
COMINCH)

RECEIVED BY

RECEIVED BY

050320

CCR 2565 S

RECEIVED BY

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RECEIVED

CINCPAC PASS TO MIDWAY FOR ACTION, ALSO COMTASKFOR 16
FOR ACTION.

REQUEST AIR SUPPORT WHILE I. RESCUE CREW YORKTOWN.

0091

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY USE ONLY

DRAFTER

FROM COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON (NPC)

CINCPAC (NPM)

PPPP

RECEIVED

COMINCH (NSS)

DATE JUNE 5 1942

TIME 0723/0656

FROM CAMBRON/FIELD

TO CINCPAC

INFO COMINCH

050533

CCR 2581 8

11 - CINCPAC

1 - COMINCH

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FROM COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON FOR CINCPAC AND COMINCH.

DUTCH HARBOR UNDER REPEATED SEVERE AIR ATTACKS BEGINNING
SHORTLY BEFORE 1900 XRAY. COMMUNICATIONS STILL INTACT.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY TIME

NAS KODIAK

COMINCH

OP OP OP

CINCPAC

JUNE 5 1942

COM 13

1833/1824

CAMBRON/FIELD

050535

CCR 2590 S

FROM COMPATWING 4.

THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS. PART 1. RESUME OF SITUATION AT 05420. ALL TIMES ZED. NIL INDICATIONS OF ENEMY NORTH OF ALEUTIANS TODAY. ENEMY FORCE ONE CV TWO DD DEFINITELY LOCATED BY CATALINA IN LAT 50-07 LONG 171-14W COURSE 150 AT 041725. TWO TORPEDO LOADED AMPHIBIANS IN AIR NEAR DUTCH HARBOR STARTED IMMEDIATELY TO ATTACK. CONTACT APPARENTLY LOST ABOUT 1840. TORPEDO AMPHIBIANS FORMED SCOUTING LINE AND SEVENTEEN V-3 REGAINED CONTACT AT 2005. REPORTED "ONE CV, THREE CA, TWO DD POSITION BEARING 215 DISTANCE 165 FROM OTTER POINT FEW PLANES ON DECK, COURSE NORTH SPEED 15". REPORTED ENEMY CHANGED COURSE TO 200 SPEED 20 AT 2125. LOW FUEL AND ENGINE FAILURE MADE TORPEDO ATTACK INCOMPLETE. AT 2318 CONTACT LOST AS RELIEVING PLANE NOT ARRIVED. (END PART ONE)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM CINCPAC | FOR ACTION | ALL TASK FORCE COMS
PAC FLT | OP OP OP
PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
| DATE 5 JUNE 1942 | | | DEFERRED |
| TOR CODEROOM 1058/5 | INFORMATION | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY BALL | | | ROUTINE |
| PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER | | | DEFERRED |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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050557 NCR 9941

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INFO COMINCH.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY 0430/05
 QUOTE COMTASKFORCE 17 TRANSFERRED FLAG TO ASTORIA. YORKTOWN HIT
 BY AT LEAST THREE BOMBS BADLY DAMAGED DEAD IN WATER BUT APPARENTLY
 SEAWORTHY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED TASK FORCE 17 WILL PROTECT
 AND SALVAGE YORKTOWN TASKFORCE 16 WILL CONTINUE ENGAGE ENEMY.
 YORKTOWN POSITION LAT 30-48 LONG 78-53 UNQUOTE.

DISTRIBUTION

COMINCH....COG.

SHOW 200P....19....

RECORD COPY: 10....18....20G....FILE....

NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION MADE BY NCR.

SECRET 050557

0096

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

DATA MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAS DUTCH HARBOR

COMALSEC

OP OP OP

COM 13

CINCPAC

COMINCH

COMGEN ALASKA DEFENSE

JUNE 5 1942

0657/0638

BELL/FIELD

050615

CCR 2576 S

DUTCH HARBOR ATTACKED BY ELEVEN BOMBERS AND SEVEN FIGHTERS
AT 1808W. SS NORTHWESTERN AND WAREHOUSES LOST. DETAILS
WILL FOLLOW.

0057

NAS KODIAK

COMINCH

OP OP OP

CINCPAC

JUNE 5 1942

COM 13

0947/0931

CAMBRON/FIELD

050631

CCR 2597 S

(PART TWO)

OUT OF FUEL. FOUR AMPHIBIANS CALLED INTO UMNAK TO LOAD TORPEDOES FOR ATTACK. SIX B-17 ONE LB-30 DEPARTED KODIAK AT 1950 FOR COLD BAY ENROUTE TO ATTACK WITH BOMBS, DEPARTED COLD BAY FOR TARGET 050035, NO SUBSEQUENT REPORT FROM THEM. MESSAGE FROM COMTASKUNIT 8.1.1 INDICATED SIX UMNAK B-26 DEPARTED UMNAK TO ATTACK BUT RETURNED WHEN CONTACT LOST. CASCO REPORTED AT 042350 THAT FIVE B-26 DEPARTED COLD BAY FOR UMNAK TO REFUEL, ELMENDORF B-26'S FAILED TO REACH COLD BAY ACCOUNT WEATHER AND RETURNED. NO APPARENT ACTION BY ANY B-26'S SINCE. AT 050105 COMTASKUNIT 8.1.1 REQUESTED ME TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ORDERS FOR ARMY AT UMNAK WHO HAD REQUESTED EXPLICIT ORDER FOR ARMY AND NAVY SEPARATELY. AT 050209 FORWARDED COMTASKGROUP 8.3 ORDER TO UMNAK FOR BOMBARDMENT TO ATTACK CARRIER IMMEDIATELY. AT 050224

NAVAL MESSAGE

REMARKS

COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

JUNE 5 1942

1105/1038

PASSED BY CINCPAC TO OP OP

CAMBRON/FIELD

COMINCH

050645

CCR 2607 S

FROM COMTASKFOR 17.

YORKTOWN RECEIVED THREE BOMB HITS FIRST ATTACK, TWO OR MORE TORPEDO HITS ON SECOND ATTACK. ALL BOILERS OUT OF COMMISSION SHIP LISTED THIRTY DEGREES AND ABANDONED WHEN APPARENTLY ABOUT TO CAPSIZE. STILL AFLOAT NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN TRIM DOWN BY THE HEAD. WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO TOW HER BY CRUISER. DESTROYER STANDING BY.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 5 1942

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DECODED BY CAMBRON/FIELD

PASSED BY CINCPAC TO OP OP

COMINCH

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS DESIRED

050645

CCR 2617 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET

ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

FROM COMTASKFOR 17.

YORKTOWN RECEIVED THREE BOMB HITS FIRST ATTACK, TWO OR MORE TORPEDO HITS ON SECOND ATTACK. ALL BOILERS OUT OF COMMISSION SHIP LISTED THIRTY DEGREES AND ABANDONED WHEN APPARENTLY ABOUT TO CAPSIZE. STILL AFLOAT NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN TRIM DOWN BY THE HEAD. WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO TOW HER BY CRUISER. DESTROYER STANDING BY.

SEALED

RECORDED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

CINCPAC (IND CALL)

JUNE 5 1942

0810/0752

CDRS ALL TF PAC OP OP OP
COMINCH

050647

CCR 2587 S

MIDWAY 050621 "PATROL PLANE THAT HAS BEEN TRAILING ENEMY
ATTACKED BY ZERO FIGHTERS. MAY INDICATE JAP CARRIER
STILL ON LOOSE" AND HIS 050620 FORTRESSES REPORT CRUI-
SER LEFT AFIRE CARRIER NOT LOCATED.

SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

REFERENCE

FROM

**CTF 8
(COMALSEC)**

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

COMINCH

DATE

5 JUNE 1942

FOR EXTENSION

0022/2354

RECEIVED BY

BUSBY/PORTER

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY AND WITH A

052040 CCR 2726-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE

APPROVED BY

TEXT

(THIS FOR CINCPAC AND COMINCH FROM COMTASKFOR EIGHT)

JAPANESE RAIDS TO DATE APPEAR MORE OF CHARACTER OF DIVERSION THAN ALL OUT ATTACK. ENEMY MADE ONE WEAK BOMBING ATTACK ON UMNAK IN ADDITION DUTCH HARBOR RAIDS ALREADY REPORTED. NO ATTACK HAS YET BEEN IN STRENGTH OF SOFTENING RAID WHICH WOULD PROCEED LANDING OPERATIONS. WEAKNESS OF HIS ATTACKS TO DATE COULD BE DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF HIS LARGE OPERATIONAL LOSS OF PLANES IN BAD FLYING WEATHER OR HIS BELIEF THAT STRONG SOFTENING ATTACKS NOT NECESSARY ON ACCOUNT OF OUR WEAKNESS IN UMNAK DUTCH HARBOR AREA. FACT THAT AIR STRIKING FORCE HAS SO FAR NOT MADE EFFECTIVE ATTACK TENDS TO SUPPORT THIS POSSIBLE ESTIMATE BY ENEMY. NO EVIDENCE YET THAT ENEMY KNOWS OF COLD BAY AIRFIELD. ENEMY NOW IN AREA FORTY EIGHT HOURS AND HAS NOT YET INCREASED TEMPO OF ATTACKS. OUR SCOUTS HAVE LOST CONTACT FOR PRESENT. HAVE FOUND NO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM NAS KODIAK

COMINCH

OP OP OP

TO

CINCPAC

DATE JUNE 5 1942

COM 13

REF ID A60941/0922

BY BELL/FIELD

CLASSIFICATION

INDICATE BY PREFIX OR SUFFIX

050655

CCR 2595 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT COMALSEC, LOCAL ARMY HAVE THIS.

(PART 3) DEPART UMNAK HAD REGAINED CONTACT. COMTASKUNIT 8.1.2 REPORTS AT 050254 COMPLETED SEARCH SECTOR TWO DISTANCE 450 MILES NEGATIVE RESULTS. THREE CATALINAS DEPARTING 050200 TO SEARCH SECTOR LIMITING BEARINGS 150 TO 225 DISTANCE 200 MILES. B-17 MAKING NIGHT SEARCH KODIAK SECTOR 225 TO 216 DISTANCE 700 MILES. BECAUSE NUMBERS CATALINAS AND CREWS AVAILABLE UNDETERMINED CANNOT SPECIFY ADDITIONAL SEARCHES AT THIS TIME BUT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO REGAIN AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ENEMY UNTIL ATTACKS COMPLETED IF IT TAKES ALL NIGHT. PILOTS AND CREWS IN ALMOST CONSTANT FLIGHT AND ACTION PAST 48 HOURS IN MOST DIFFICULT WEATHER. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULT AS PATRON PORTABLES ONLY RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH FORTS GLENN AND RANDALL. REINFORCEMENTS ENROUTE TWO CATALINAS FROM SEATTLE TO KODIAK, THREE KINGFISHERS SITKA TO KODIAK, ELEVEN WILDCATS AT COR

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0103

CINCPAC (NPM)

ALL TASK FOR COMS PRRPPP
PAC

5 JUNE 1942

2159/ 1953

BUSBY/CURTIS

PPPPP

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

151915 CCR 2695 S

FROM CINCPAC INFO COMINCH AND COMGENHAWDEPT

YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY TODAY
HAVE WRITTEN A GLORIOUS PAGE IN OUR HISTORY. I AM
PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU. I ESTIMATE THAT
ANOTHER DAY OF ALL OUT EFFORT ON YOUR PART WILL
COMPLETE THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM NAS KODIAK | FOR ACTION
INFORMATION | COMINCH
CINCPAC
CONTASKFOR 8 | PPPP PRIORITY |
| RELEASED BY | | | ROUTINE |
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| FOR CODE ROOM 0443/0401 | | | PRIORITY |
| DECODED BY WINTER/FIELD | | | ROUTINE |
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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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FROM DPW FOUR.

BEST INFORMATION AT 1200 FIVE JUNE ZED INDICATES TOTAL CATALINA ~~000~~ OPERATIONAL AND COMBAT LOSSES. DATE AND TIME. ONE ABANDONED SOUTH COAST UMNAC CREW SAFE. ONE SOUTH SCOTCH CAPE CREW BELIEVED SAFE. ONE LAST REPORTED NEAR TIGALDI ISLAND AREA SEARCHED NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE SHOT DOWN IN FLAPEL UNALASKA AREA CREW DEAD. ONE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR DUTCH HARBOR RESULT FIRST ATTACK. TWO CATALINAS STILL MISSING FROM NIGHT OPERATIONS THREE OTHERS UNREPORTED. CHANGING ENGINE ONE PLANE AT DUTCH ENGINE DAMAGED BY 50 CALIBER ANTI-AIRCRAFT IN ATTACK ON CARRIER. CATALINAS AVAILABLE OPERATIONS THIS DATE EIGHT WITH POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE MORE LATER IN MORNING. TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES DUE THIS TASK GROUP ONE C L AMPHIBIAN SURE WEDNESDAY TWO PURSUITS POSSIBLY DAMAGED BY WILLIAMSON THURSDAY. NU-

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TEXT

**MEROUS INDECISIVE COMBATS BETWEEN CATALINAS AND ZEROS
WEDNESDAY.**

SEALED SECRET

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0106

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY MESSAGE

ORIGINATOR

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

FROM COMPATWING 4 (COMNOWESTSEAFRON)

COMINCH
CINCPAC
COM REPLACEMENT
PATRONSPAC

OP OP OP

RECEIVED BY

DATE 5 JUNE 1942

FOR CIPHER COM 2041/1958

RECEIVED BY EDWARDS/TIERS

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS NOT AUTHORIZED

Ø51855 CCR 2694

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

TEXT

THIS FROM COMPATWING 4.COM 13 PASS TO COMINCH COMPATREPLATRONSPAC AND CINCPAC.

ORIGINATOR DECLARES NOT MORE THAN 14 DOUBTFULLY EFFECTIVE CATALINAS REMAINING NOW. OPERATIONAL AND COMBAT LOSSES IN MAINTAINING CONTACT ARE MOUNTING AND ARMY AIR HAS NOT YET STRUCK EFFECTIVE BLOW. PILOTS AND CREWS AT LIMIT OF ENDURANCE AFTER 48 HOURS CONTINUOUS FLYING AND FIGHTING DESPITE USUAL ALEUTIAN WEATHER. THIS NIGHT WILL JUST ABOUT END THEM. MUST HAVE REPLACEMENTS OR THESE JAPS WILL GIVE US THE SLIP.

SEALED SECRET

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0107

CINCPAC (MISA)

COMTASKFOR 16
C MINCH
COMTASKFOR 17

OPOP

5 JUNE 1942

2105/2038

CURTIS/CURTIS

CINCPAC

OPOP

051959 CCR 26978

THIS FROM CINCPAC

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY. "ATTACKING BATTLESHIPS
REPORTED STREAMING OIL WITH ALL AVAILABLE FORTRESSES
AND 13 DIVE BOMBERS"

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0108

NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY MESSAGE

CINCPAC

CDRS ALL TF PAC PPPP

JUNE 5 1942

1108/1038

COMINCH

PPPP

BELL/FIELD

050403

CCR 2608 S

THIS IS TEXT OF MIDWAY 050220 SENT TO ALL TASKFOR COMS
AND TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC.

OF MAG THREE FIGHTERS EIGHT DIVE BOMBERS REMAINING IN COM-
MISSION ALL OF WHICH LIMITED TO RADIUS 150 MILES DUE
DAMAGED TANKS. ALL 00000000 EXCEPT TWO PATROL PLANES
TO OUTLYING RENDEZVOUS. HAVE DIRECTED CATALINA AMPHIBIANS
RETURN HERE LAND IN LAGOON WILL USE FOR SCOUTS TOMORROW.
GAS SITUATION EASTERN ISLAND CRITICAL ONLY 40,000 GAL-
LONS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE AVAILABLE DUE DESTRUCTION
POWER HOUSE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ADMITTED

RESIDENCE

INDEFINITE CALL

INDEFINITE CALL

URGENT

JUNE 5 1942

0640/0621

CAMBRON/FIELD

050503

CCR 2570 S

050405 REPORT FROM COLD BAY B-26 PILOT RETURNED DIVE BOMBED
CARRIER BELIEVED SKASIX A TYPE. AT 050052 GABS (GAVE ?)
POSITION BEARING 210 DISTANCE 120 FROM UMNAK COMPONRON
ONE LARGE CV WITH FIVE FIGHTERS ON DECK ONE SMALL CV NO
PLANES TWO CA THREE DD COURSE 330 SPEED 25. REPORTED
POSITION CHECKED WITH LAST KNOWN MOVEMENTS.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY CONTINUED

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REASON TO ALTER SCOUTING AND ATTRITION DISPOSITIONS.
ALL AVAILABLE ARMY BOMBER TYPES CONCENTRATED IN WESTERN
AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN. ALL OUT AIR SCOUTING OPERA-
TIONS HAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED OUR PATWING ⁴ARR SCOUTS BUT REMXX.
REMAINDER ARE CARRYING ON IN SPLENDID MANNER. HOPE FOR
STRONG OFFENSIVE ACTION FROM AIR STRIKING GROUP WHEN
ENEMY NEXT LOCATED. NEXT 48 HOURS SHOULD DEVELOP ENEMY
INTENTIONS WITH MORE CERTAINTY

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

3 TO STAFF DUTY OFFICER

1 TO CHART ROOM WATCH OFFICER

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0110

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY SECRET

TO: CINCPAC (NERK)

FROM: COMINCH

ADD: CTF 16

OP OP OP

CTF 17

CTF 16

OP OP OP

DATE

JUNE 6 1942

FOR CIPHER ROOM 0518/0507

COMINCH

OP OP OP

RECEIVED BY CAMBRON/FIELD

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FOR MAIL DELIVERY TO SATELITE

060431

CCR 2765 S

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TEXT

COMTASKFORCES 7, 4, AND 9 HAVE THIS. FROM CINCPAC.

MY 060123 CARRIER REPORTED NOT REPEAT NOT SMOKING IS BY
DEFERRED REPORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW SPEED.
WHEN LAST OBSERVED 0824Z WAS ON COURSE 245.

SEALED SECRET

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CINCPAC (NERK)

JUNE 6 1942

0949/0824

CAMBRON/FIELD

COMINCH

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060601

CCR 2802 S

PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION BY CINCPAC.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY UNDER DATE-TIME
GROUP 060405:

"RESCUED ENS GAYH WHO BELIEVES HIMSELF SOLE SURVIVOR
TORPRON 8 ALL SHOT DOWN BY ZERO FIGHTERS. HE MADE DROP
SCORED HIT ALL OTHER SHOT DOWN OUTSIDE OF 16,000 YARDS.
ON DEPARTURE HE WAS SHOT DOWN BY ZERO FIGHTERS CLOSE TO
CARRIER AND SAW FOLLOWING HIDING UNDER CUSHION NOT INFLA-
TING LIFE RAFT UNTIL DARK. CARRIER TRIFLE SMALLER THAN
TWO GIANTS BURNING AND A SHIP THOUGHT A BATTLESHIP ON
FIRE. THEN SAW SEVERAL HITS DIVE BOMBERS FROM HKU GROUP
AND BOTH BIGGEST SIZE CARRIERS STARTED BURNING FIERCELY.
CRUISER TRIED TO RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM CARRIER NEAREST
HIM LATER BEGAN FIRING TO SINK IT. IDENTIFIED THIS SHIP
AS KAGA OR AKAGI. CARRIER HE HIT WITH TORPEDO AND LATER

SECRET

0112

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN

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ADDRESS

PRIORITY

FROM

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ROUTING

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CCR 2802 S

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BY DIVE BOMBERS NEARLY DEAD IN WATER ALL AFTERNOON. DESTROYER LATER CAME ALONGSIDE NEAREST CARRIER AND TOOK OFF PERSONNEL. NEAR MORNING HE HEARD A NUMBER OF TREMENDOUS EXPLOSIONS. ALL THREE CARRIERS SEEN BURNING FIERCELY. JAP PLANES CIRCLED OVERHEAD LONG TIME."

CTF 16

CINCPAC

URGENT

6 JUNE 1942

2359/2353

BUSBY/PORTER

062123 CCR 2926-S

(FROM COMTASKFORCE 16)

INTERCEPT

AT 1815Z 6TH ONE BB FIVE DD LAT 29-30N 174-30E COURSE
270 SPEED 10. SAME TIME 2 CA AND 2 DD LAT 28-54N LONG 175-11E
COURSE 215 SPEED 15. AM ATTACKING BATTLESHIP. WILL SEND
DESTROYERS LOW IN FUEL TO CIMMARON AS NECESSARY. MY POSIT
ABOVE TIME LAT 30-49N LONG 176-39E.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE TO STAFF DO

ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

SEALED SECRET

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CINCPAC

CTF 16

URGENT

6 MXX JUNE 1942

2346/2341

COMINCH

URGENT

CURTIS/PORTER

Ø62259 CCR 2921-S

HERE IS MADWAY'S Ø62235. YOUR Ø622Ø5 DISPATCHING TWO
SQUADRONS TOTALLING TWELVE FORTRESSES ATTACK CRUISER
GROUP. ASSUME SPRUANCE WILL GET BATTLESHIP AND BELIEVE
CRUISERS ENROUTE TO JOIN TRANSPORTS.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE TO STAFF DO
ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

SEALED SECRET

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CINCPAC

ALL TASKFOR COMS PAC URGENT

6 JUNE 1942

0119/0116

COMINCH

URGENT

SCHULZE/PORTER

CTF 16

070041 CCR 2933-S

FOR INFO COMTASKFOR SIXTEEN

MIDWAY'S 062351 QUOTE PATR ^{PLANE} OF / REPORTS AIRCRAFT ATTACKING
FOUR UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS DISTANCE 525 BEARING 277 COURSE
200 SPEED 30. ATTACKING WITH SIX GROUPS FORTRESSES
TALLING 25 PLANES MY 062235.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE STAFF DO

ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

0116

NAVAL MESSAGE

MASTER

FROM CINCOPAC

TO ALL

6 JUNE 1942

INFO

0234/0230

BUSBY/PORTER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

MASTER

ALL TASKFORCE COMB
FAC

URGENT

COMINCH

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070207 CCR 2942-S

(ALL TASK FORCE COMB AND COMINCH FOR INFO)

MIDWAY'S 070130 QUOTE PATROL PLANE REPORTS ENGAGEMENT ENEMY
BATTLESHIP CRUISERS OUR CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS BEARING ■
277 DISTANCE 550 UNQUOTE.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE TO STAFF DO

ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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| FROM COMTASKGRP 17.5 | FOR ACTION | CINCPAC
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| DATE 7 JUNE 1942 | INFORMATION | OPNAV | URGENT
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| TOR CODEROOM 0505/7 | | | ROUTINE
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| DECODED BY YEAGER | | | |
| PARAPHRASED BY GERMAN | | | |

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

GARTH**070336 NCR 1043**

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| TEXT | | | |

**YORKTOWN RECEIVED 2 TORPEDO HITS FROM SUBMARINE
STARBOARD SIDE FIRES OUT. LIST NOW REDUCED TO 17⁰. WITH
HELP WILL BRING HER IN. HAMMANN SUNK. PRESENT LATITUDE
30-40 LONGITUDE 176-22. BOCKMASTER XX AEU XX REQUEST
AIR COVERAGE.**

DISTRIBUTION:**COMINCH.....COG.****FIDE.*****NOTE: NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION MADE BY NCR.****UNDERLINED PORTION HAS BEEN SERVICED.****070336 NCR 1043****SEALED SECRET**

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COMALSEC

CINCPAC

PRIORITY

7 JUNE 1942

1810/1805

CTF 8

PRIORITY

MILBY/GLUNT

COMMONWESTSEAFROM

070740 CCR 30428

CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS AND REPEATED CONTACTS ARE RESULTING IN PROGRESSIVE LOSSES OUR CATALINAS WITHOUT BEING FOLLOWED BY SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS AND COMPENSATING DAMAGE TO ENEMY. ENEMY CV'S, CA'S AND DD'S OPERATING IN AND OUT OF BOMBING RANGE UMNAK AND DUTCH HARBOR WITH APPARENT IMPUNITY. NO TROOPSHIPS YET SIGHTED BUT BELIEVE THE ISLANDS ARE IN DANGER AT PRESENT RATE UNLESS TASKFOR 8 IS REINFORCED EITHER BY CARRIER AND ADDITIONAL CRUISERS OR BY PLANES OR BOMBERS SKILLED IN FINDING AND ATTACKING ENEMY AFTER PATROL PLANES HAVE MADE CONTACT. COMTASKFORCE 8 NOW AT SEA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

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FROM **CINCPAC (NPM)**

COMINCH (NSS)

ROUTINE

RELEASED BY

DATE **JUNE 7 1942**

TOP CODE COM **1043/1005**

DECODED BY **BELL.FIELD.**

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK

070747 CCR 2993 S

FILE NUMBER

ORIGINAL

TEXT

CINCPAC TO COMINCH.

CONCUR FULLY YOUR 062045. REGARDING PLAUSIBLE ESTIMATE
ENEMY ACTION IT MIGHT WELL BE ADDED THAT EFFECT OF
BUILDING PROGRAM BEGINNING TO BE FELT INDICATING PRESENT
TIME MOST FAVORABLE FOR ATTACK. ON ASSUMPTION YOU
WILL ARRANGE FOR PROPOSED SURMISE BY PRESS WILL INITIATE
NOTHING HERE. HAVE ENDEAVORED TO MAKE MY COMMUNIQUE CON-
SERVATIVE.

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COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

7 JUNE 1942

1553/1536

HIGGINS/EDWARDS

COMMINTH (PASSED BY CINCPAC) OP OP OP

17756 COR 30253

COMTASKFORCE 16 ORIGINATOR.

MADE 1 ATTACK ON 2 CA'S, 3 ATTACKS ON BB, CA, DD'S
REPORTED BY 162123. BB LEET GOTTED AND ABANDONED IN
LAT 28-55 NORTH LONG 173-08 EAST. ONE DD SUNK, OTHERS
DAMAGED. CA WITH 3 BOMB HITS. 1ST 2 CA'S 1 OF WHICH IS
BELIEVED FLAGSHIP OF CINC 2ND FLEET RECEIVED THOUSAND
POUND BOMB HITS. AS A RESULT OF SEARCH LATE YESTERDAY
EXTENDING ALONG 315 DEGREE RADIUS FROM MIDWAY TO DISTANCE
OF 420 MILES DURING WHICH ONLY 2 SMALL SHIPS PROBABLY DD'S
WERE SIGHTED AND ATTACKED AND OF 270 MILE SEARCH 180-360
DEGREES FROM MY 1600 ZED POSITION TODAY LAT 30-50 LONG
177-10 BELIEVE 4TH CARRIER HAS BEEN SUNK. AM PROCEEDING
TO CIMARRON TO REFUEL. AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT ON BOARD:

ENTERPRISE
HORNET
YORKTOWN

VF-26
VF-13
VF-15

VSB-14
VSB-31
VSB-19

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070756 CCR 3025S

LATTER DIVIDED ON 1ST 2. FLIGHT CREW REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED
AS ABOVE.

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1 copy to Chart Room

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COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)

CINCPAC (NPM)

PRIORITY

7 JUNE 1942

1725/1652

PRIORITY

HIGGINS/GLUNT

COMINCH (NSS)

Ø71611 CCR 3Ø328

THIS FROM COMNOWESTSEAFRON TO CINCPAC AND INFO COMINCH

SITUATION IN ALASKA RAPIDLY DETERIORATING. OUR PBY'S ARE TAKING A SEVERE BEATING WITH HEAVY LOSSES DESPITE HEROIC EFFORTS. THEIR SPEED AND LOW COMBAT VALUE MAKE THEM EASY VICTIMS OF JAP FIGHTERS WHO APPARENTLY ARE BEING VECTORED TO THEM THROUGH HEAVY FOG. CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF FAKE MESSAGES POINT TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIRCRAFT BEING COMPROMISED. REPLACEMENTS OR CARRIERS ASSISTANCE BADLY NEEDED. INEXPERIENCE OF BOMBER AND FIGHTER PILOTS OPERATING OVER WATER IN LOW VISIBILITY HANDICAP COMBAT FOLLOWUP AFTER PATROL PLANE CONTACTS. CAT AND MOUSE TACTICS OF ENEMY SUGGEST HE IS CORRECTLY ESTIMATING OUR WEAKNESS AND IS WEARING US DOWN PRELIMINARY TO DELIVERING ALL OUT ATTACK. SUGGEST REASONABLE SAFETY OF PEARL AFTER MIDWAY FAILURE MAY WARRANT QUICK REENFORCEMENT OF ALASKA FROM THERE. CONSIDER NEED ✓

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER

FROM

RELEASED BY

DATE

FOR CDRROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK

SHEET TWO OF 071611 CCR 30328

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APPROACHES DESPERATION.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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CCR 2595 S

DOVA FOR KODIAK. LIEUT COMDR PAUL FOLEY USN DESERVES
HIGH PRAISE FOR TODAYS CATALINA OPERATIONS. AT 050355
DUTCH AND GILLIS REPORT PLANE ATTACK ON STATION. GARBLED
REPORTS NOW COMING IN INDICATE REGAINED CONTACT AND POS-
SIBLE ATTACK. (END PART THREE)

0102

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

NAS KODIAK

COMINCH
CINCPAC
CONTASKFOR 8

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FROM DPW FOUR.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSES | PRIORITY |
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| FROM | | | PRIORITY |
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**MEERUS INDECISIVE COMBATS BETWEEN CATALINAS AND ZEROS
WEDNESDAY.**

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