

Command Summary of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN
Nimitz "Graybook"
7 December 1941 – 31 August 1945

Volume 8 of 8

Selected dispatches concerning the period 30 December 1941 to 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.)

The Chief of Naval Communications has requested that the source and extent of information contained in the dispatches not be disclosed and that the messages never be made public in their present form.

SOURCE: Cominch SEALED SECRET file, 1 May-31 May 1942.

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0001-0003	152130
0004	211700
0005	211930
0006	251735
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From others:

0009-0011	230327-230425
0012	250641

SOURCE: Cominch "Special" SEALED SECRET file, 1 May-21 May 1942.

Dispatches originated by Cominch:

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0020	090249
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0022	091911
0023-0024	092102
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0027	150111
0028	150233
0029	170335
0030	170507
0031	180403
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0034	230445
0035	250215
0036	280351
0037-0038	291335
0039	300419
0040-0041	310357

SOURCE: Cominch SEALED SECRET file, 1 June-30 June 1942.

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0044	160132
0045	211839
0046	271415
0047-0048	291810

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0049-0050	020455
0051	020745
0052	202013
0053	220055
0054-0055	230205

0056	232230
0057-0058	272251
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SOURCE: Cominch "Operational" SEALED SECRET file, 1 June-30 June 1942.

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0068	010751	0093	050503
0069-0071	012133	0094	050533
0072-0073	012105	0095	050535
0074-0075	012133	0096	050557
0076	031941	0097	050615
0077	032154	0098-0099	050631
0078	032215	0100	050645
0079-0080	040745	0101	050647
0081	041126	0102-0103	050655
0082	041145	0104	050915
0083	041159	0105-0106	051520
0084	041720	0107	051355
0085	041805	0108	051959
0086	042055	0109-0110	052040
0087	042240	0111	060431
0088	050001	0112-0113	060601
0089	050204	0114	062123
0090	050315	0115	062259
0091	050320	0116	070041
0092	050403	0117	070207
		0118	070556
		0119	070746
		0120	070747
		0121-0122	070756
		0123-0124	071311

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501	123032		

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507	110535	518-519	220345
508	110547	520	220541
509	150105	521-523	230051
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528	051555	Feb.	533	191905	March
529	092245	"	534	272000	"
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531	141835	"	536-537	McArthur of Jan.	

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538-539	080239	Feb.	544	250847	Feb.
540	120459	"	545-546	251209	"
541	140022	"	547	260325	"
542	152225	"	548	222157	March
543	250249	"	549-550	McArthur's	

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ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ (INFO)	TO ALBION BELLINGTON USC USC USC	PRIORITY RRRRR DEFERRED
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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

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COMBOPACFOR PASS TO SERFORPACUSCOM INFO. TERM DELIVER TO COMDEN BOBCAT. ALBION BELLINGTON TO 30C FIJI ACTION SERFORPACUSCOM AUCKLAND AND NZNS FOR INFO. TANGIER TO COMDEN PUPPY FOR ACTION. DOBBIN TO GO NEWZEALAND GARRISON BLEACHER AND PROSPECTIVE COMDEN BLEACHER FOR ACTION. NNS FOR INFO TO COMINON AND OPNAV, LATTER PASS TO CHIEF OF STAFF UNITED STATES ARMY. NPU PASS TO BREA HDQ AMPHIB-FOR INFO. COMBOWESPACFOR PASS TO ACNB AND ACNB TO SUPREME COMDR COMBOWESPAC FOR INFO. SHIPS IN HEADING NOT ACTUALLY ADDRESSED. THIS IS FROM ADMIRAL CHESTER WILLIAM NIMITZ USN. CONCERNNAWDEPT AND COMDEN ROSES INFORMED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED THROUGH COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET I AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS ASSUMED COMMAND AT 0000Z MAY 8 OF ALL LAND SEA AND AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREA LESS THOSE FOR LAND DEFENSE NEW ZEALAND. ACTION ADDRESSEES ACKNOWLEDGE BY DESPATCH. COMMAND OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA WILL BE EXERCISED THROUGH THE COMMANDER OF THAT AREA WHEN VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT LOVE GORMLEY USN ASSUMES THAT POSITION.

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YOUR 152130 AND 152136 CROSSED MY 160307 X CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE IN ESTIMATES BASED PROBABLY ON THE SAME DATA IS NOTED X LATEST INFORMATION HERE DOES NOT CONFIRM FUTURE ENEMY CONCENTRATION AT TRUK X BELIEVE HE MAY WELL 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 IMMINENT 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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X WITH RESPECT TO TORPEDO PERSONNEL AND TORPEDOES
 MY 160905 X ARMY MEDIUM BOMBERS ARE BUILT
 X WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS SOON AS SITUATION
 WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF TORPEDOES AND THEIR STATUS AS
 FOR HIGH SPEED DROPS X WILL PUSH READINESS OF
 EXPLOIT ALL MEANS OF THEIR MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT X
 HOWEVER THAT WE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON SUCH REINFORCEMENT
 ACTION FOR CONCERT WITH SOUTHWEST PAC UNDER STUDY AND
 WITH MACARTHUR TODAY X TANGIER DELIVER
 TO VICE ADMIRAL WHEELER

Sent at 0432

From: CINCPAC
To: (Action)
COMTASKFOR 16

AIDAC

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

hrrr

Am

Wm

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171927

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

Midway -

via cable

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To : (Info)

Aidas

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*From Cachelot your previous orders
Believe enemy will attack Midway
plane launched from a position
miles North west of Midway. Patrol
area until further orders. Avoid
Midway acknowledge delivery.*

E. C. M.

182145

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

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SITUATION YOUR 172220 X ISLAND REENFORCEMENTS YOUR 132140 X
REQUEST SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL ALL ARMY AIRCRAFT EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE CAHU DURING REMAINDER OF MAY AND JUNE X

182154

From: CINCPAC
To: (Action)
NAS MIDWAY

AIDAC

To: (Info)
COMHAWSEAFRONT
COMTASK 9

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THIS IS AMPLIFICATION OF COM FOURTEEN 200650 AND MY 190427 AND 190725 X
LATEST ESTIMATE INDICATES YOU MAY BE ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED
BY LANDING ATTACK IN THE NEAR FUTURE X THIRTY MAY DASH ONE JUNE PROBABLE
PERIOD X NORTHWEST POSITION OF CARRIERS IS INDICATED X YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED
BY SUBMARINES THE PATROL PLANES NOW ENROUTE AND BY CARRIER TASK FORCES
WHICH WILL PROBABLY OPERATE INITIALLY EAST OF YOUR LONGITUDE X YOU SHOULD
BE READY TO REFUEL AND REARM ARMY BOMBERS X YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED AS
FAR AS POSSIBLE OF MOVEMENT OWN FORCES X ^{sub part I) Regiment II} INITIALLY EMPLOY PATROL PLANES
NOW AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN BEST PRACTICABLE SEARCH IN SECTOR FROM

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From: CINCPAC

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SOUTHWEST THROUGH WEST TO NORTH WITH EMPHASIS ON NORTHWEST SECTOR
paren context for 4 and 9 paren
KEEPING ME 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
encl part II begin part III X
DESTRUCTION ON GROUND OR WATER X (CINCPAC WILL RETAIN GENERAL
DIRECTION OF FLEET 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

*Part III
Enclosed
AIDAC*

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

AIDAC

To : (Info)

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EMERGENCY OR ENEMY CONTACT X USE FLIGHT NUMBERS 55 TO 59 INCLUSIVE
AS DESIRED X

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From: CINCPAC
To : (Action) OPNAV
 CC INCH
To : (Info) COMGENHAWDEPT

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RAPQN

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ACCOUNT .OCIDENTAL 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 TRIP
AND SPEED FOURTEEN KNOTS SHIP IS ADMIRABLY SUITED FOR THIS EMERGENCY
USE X AT PRESENT NIRA LUCKENBACK IS UNDER ARMY CHARTER UNLOADING
AT HONOLULU X REQUEST YOU MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WITH ARMY

24039

Chm.

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

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Date 24, MAY 42

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HANDLE WITH UTMOST SECRECY X AT PRESENT CONSIDER SITUATION
TO SOUTHWARD WILL PERMIT DELAY DEPARTURE FORCES SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN UNTIL AFTER OUR CONFERENCE X ADVISE

241943

A16
sent at 1959

Subject File

CINCPAC (Action)		11-612 CONGENHAWDEPT M-610 (AIDAC) PACFLT 9 M-613 COMNAVSTA (ADM) M-611		Originator 16 <i>bx</i>
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24/2213

FURTHER INDICATIONS AS TO THE NIGHT ATTACK BY SEAPLANES BY 130305 DEVELOPED THIS FORENOON X IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ATTACK MAY BE DELAYED TO AFFORD A DIVERSION IN CONNECTION WITH A STRONG ATTACK AGAINST MIDWAY INCLUDING CARRIERS AND LANDING FORCE WHICH SOME ESTIMATES PLACE AS EARLY AS 30 MAY X A SUCCEEDING HEAVY ATTACK AGAINST GAIN IS NOT YET DEFINITELY INDICATED X HOWEVER FOR THE PRESENT MUST BE TO CONTINUE TO GUARD AGAINST SURPRISE BY NIGHT VISUAL SEAPLANES X AND AFFORD SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR VALUABLE SHIPS WHICH WILL BE IN THE HARBOR X THE PEARL HARBOR DEFENSES WILL REMAIN IN CONDITION TWO UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X CONGENHAWDEPT ~~CONGENHAWDEPT~~ X

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

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COMINCH

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ROUTINE

11 00

RADIO

11 16

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

270209

ORIGINATOR

sent at 11:19

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

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Date / MAY 42

From CINCPAC 270221

To NAS MIDWAY

TO: COM 14

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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 600
MILES X

270221

ORIGINATOR

Handwritten signature

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

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Date 27 MAY 1942

From CINCIPAC 270231

To: COMPATWING 2

To: COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

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

0325/27
C/

270231

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 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 27 MAY 42

From	CINCPAC 270233	XXXXX ALL NAV SEA TRON COMDRS LESS LANT, CARIB, GULF	SECRET	25	U.S. NAVY
To:	COMINCH COMSWPACFOR ALL TF COMDRS PAC OPNAV COM 16	ACNS AZNB COMDR NAV FOR EUROPE	555555	Release	
			RADIO	SB 16 to	

BELIEVE WAKE BEING REINFORCED BY AIR X EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION
 ACTIVITIES INDICATED X INCREASED NUMBER OF NAVAL AUXILIARIES
 NOTED 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

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Operation Council and Future x
 WILL DEFER TRANSFERS OF KEY PERSONNEL UNTIL COMPLETION
 OPERATIONS EXPECTED NEAR FUTURE X

Cum

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 27 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 272033

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To:

MIDWAY

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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 GCT 26
MAY X SUBMARINE DIVED IMMEDIATELY

272033

CHRON
ORIGINATOR

272100
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27 MAY 42

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

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From CINCPAC

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ALL TF COMS PAC OPNAV
ALL SEAFRON COMS, LESS
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ACNB
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COMNAVFOR EUROPE

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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

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 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 28/105

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 ELLET CONYCHAM PHELPS DEWEY WORDEN MONAGHAN MONSSEN X CRUISERS

ATLANTA NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA WINCENNES NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS
 X CARRIERS ENTERPRISE HORNET X OILERS PLATTE COMARROW 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-

NISH 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 GWIN AND AYLWIN WILL BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TF 16 LATER X HUGHES

HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM TF 16 TO TF 17
 28/105

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

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Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 280141

Info To:

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C. W. D.

To
CTF 9

CO NAS MIDWAY
CO NAS JOHNSTON
CTF 4

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YOUR 260041 DESIRE PLANES DEPART FROM OAHU ON 29 MAY

REF: 4 PLANES PATRON 11 EIGHT PLANES PATRON 23 WHEN
DIRECTED PROCEED MIDWAY.....4 PLANES PATRON 11

PROCEED JOHNSTON.....

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Date 28 MAY 42

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From CINCOPAC 280233

To NYPH

Info To

COMSERFORPAC
COMCARPAC, CTF 16
YORKTOWN
COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

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Ships to
11, 12

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

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 280339

Info To

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	500

To COMINCH

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

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From	20 MAY 42 PINCAC 28425	Info To	
To	CTG4.5		
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		SECRET	11
		Procedure	Reference
		PRIORITY	
		System	Shore to
		1338	
		RADIO	
			C. W. O.
			ccu

FOR TASK FORCE DEPARTING ZERO HOUR 2030 GCT 20 MAY ESTABLISH
SOUND LANE EIGHT MILES 225 DEGREES FROM BRAY 13 OPTION

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 287831

Info To

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Priority 13A

C. W. O. MKK

To HAS MIDWAY

Precedence ROUT

Release 9A

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LOCATION FRIENDLY FORCES NEAR MIDWAY 1700 VW (PLUS 9 1/2)
28 MAY X 1SS ON STATION APPROXIMATELY 165 MILES NORTH OF
MIDWAY X 1 SS 179-30 EAST 23-05 NORTH COURSE 150 SPEED 12.5
X 1 SS BEARING 338 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

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ORIGINATOR

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC

Info To:

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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 SUPERB 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

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Date 29 MAY 42

From	CINCPAC 292205	Info To	Classification	Signature	C. W. O.
To	TF 17 YORKTOWN ASTORIA PORTLAND DESRON 2 LESS WALKE, OBRIEN, MUSTIN	CTF 4 7 9 CTG 4.5 COMSERFORPAC COMSERON 6	SEC	12	
			Precedence	Release	
			ROUTINE	01	
			System	Show to	
			RAD		

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-
 FORCECOM X CONDUCT SURFACE AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT TARGET PRACTICE IN AREA
 EAST TEN FOLLOWING SORTIE X HIGH SPEED TOW REQUIRED X MUSTIN WILL
 BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TASK FORCE 17 AFTER RELEASE FROM CURRENT
 ESCORT ASSIGNMENT

292205

ORIGINATOR *Shaw*

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

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Date 29 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 291409

Info To

Classification Proprietary C. W. O.

To:
ALL TASK FORCES PAC
MIDWAY

~~SECRET~~ 25.1

PRIOR 98

Method RADIO

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

291409

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 29 MAY 42

From CINCPAC ²⁹¹⁹³⁹	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 34	C. W. O.
To BOBCAT		Precedence ROUTINE	Release	
		System RADIO	Show to	

TO C O BOBCAT SIGNED EMMONS XX DURING THE NEXT 10 DAYS URGENT YOU
MAINTAIN ALL FORCE 1 OF YOUR COMMAND IN READINESS AS INDICATED IN
MYRAD 180525 X DEFINITE INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE ACTION IN CENTRAL
PACIFIC AREA ON AND AFTER MAY 30TH

291939

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From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

Ca Task Force One

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Consider initial statement your 282150 should not repeat not be made in confidential code and that most secret source endangered thereby. Threat to Manila not confirmed by information available to CinCPac.

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From: CINCPAC	Originator 170
To: (Action) <i>Cinch</i>	Relates <i>01-nd</i>
To: (Info)	Shed <i>1/31, 10/1</i>
<i>300219</i>	Classification <i>Secret</i>
<i>Aidas</i>	Priority <i>2</i>
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Fletcher leaves tomorrow x ~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~ West coast has been alerted
 by local commanders x My information
 does not indicate a threat there at
 present x Heavy planes at Midway today 24
 PBY 4 TB-26 with some TB-17's to land
 soon x 6 PBY at Johnston x

300219

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

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 OUTGOING

Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 344227

Info To:

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To COMTASKFOR 16

ROUTINE

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INITIAL AREAS FOR STRIKING FORCES APPENDIX 2 MY 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 0351 HRF

344227

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 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 300231

Ref. To:

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S. W. O.

To COMTASKFOR 16

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 CIMARRON
 PLATTE

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THIS IS SUBSTANCE PLAN FOR OILERS APPENDIX 1 MY OPPLAN 29-42
 X 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 0300Z JUNE 2 X CIMARRON THEN PROCEED THROUGH BAKER CAST

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

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

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

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

300231

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Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 394231⁷

To PACFLT

To COPENHAGENDEPT

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FOR ACTION ALL HOLDERS CINCPAC OPLAN NUMBER 23-42 X PARAGRAPH 5 BAKER BY OPLAN 23-42 X PLANES IN FLIGHT WILL BE UNABLE HANDLE POSITION DESIGNATIONS IN CHART FOUR THOUSAND YOKE COORDINATES X FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM PLANES USE EFFECTIVE CRYPTOGRAPHIC AIDS OR AB-REVIATED PLAIN LANGUAGE WHEN LATTER IS APPROPRIATE

394231⁷

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Sent at 0414Z

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Date 30 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 300515

Info To:

~~Classification~~
 SECRET

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 16

C. W. O.
 ECM

To: OTF 16 17 4 2.9
 COMGENRANDPT
 OTF 11 (MG)

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 16

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 17, 17

MY OPCRDER 29-42 UNDER SUBMARINE FORCE ADD OAHU PATROL 4 SUB-
 MARINES X PARA 3 B OAHU PATROL TAKE STATION BETWEEN 357 AND 043
 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

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Date 31 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 300627	To: MIDWAY	Info To: COMBATING PAC	Classification: SECRET ROUTINE	Originator: 17	C. W. O. 16
			Priority: 1	Release: 1	
			System: 16	Show to: 16	

~~SECRET~~ SUBMARINE MAY BE SIGHTED BEARING 262 TRUE FROM MIDWAY
DISTANCE 700 MILES BEGINNING TODAY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE X
PATROLLING POSSIBLE ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS

300627

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Date 31 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 301225

Info To:

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34

C. W. O.

To:
CTF 16, 17, 8, 7, 9
~~EMERGENCY~~

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NY 301515 AMEND TO READ QUOTE AND 103 ON 300 MILE CIRCLE
UNQUOTE X CINCPAC CORRECTING

301225

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~~ORIGINATOR~~

Date 30 MAY 42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 302955	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 COMNAVSEAFON COMNESSEAFRON COM 11 COMCARPAC ADMIN COMCRUPAC COMDESPAC	Precedence PRIOR	Release 11	
		System RADIO	17:43 16:18	

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 KAINI 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 MODIFIED
NYDIS 250443 AND PREVIOUS ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL UNITS ADDRESSED

302955

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ORIGINATOR

WJF 2210

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 302249

Info To

To CTF 16 - 17

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

302249

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~~ORIGINATOR~~

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

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Date 30 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 302339

Info To:

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To: COMTASKFOR 16, 17

COMINCH

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MIDWAY SEARCH TODAY COMMENCING 0500 Y SECTOR 200 TO 020 TO 700
MILES X HEAVY PLANES MIDWAY TODAY TWENTY FOUR VP FOUR B26 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

ORIGINATOR

*sent at 0051
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Date 31-MAY-42

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From	CINCPAC	Info To:		Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	ALL TF COMDRS		COMINCH	8	17	RHT
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				System	Flow to	
				RDO	11-16	

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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Date 31-MAY-42

From CINCPAC <i>310231 51</i>	Info To:	S-W 17	RHT
To: COMINCH		-R- 1-00	
		RDO	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

51
310231

sent at 0311

ORIGINATOR *Shon*

CINCPAC

(Action) NAS Midway

AIDAC

Originator 16

Release ~~TOP SECRET~~

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To : (Info)

CTF, 4, 9, 16, 17, COMINCH

CR # 5
CV # 12 / 0203/31

310357 (310243 to NAS Midway)

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PARAGRAPH ONE BAKER MY OPLAN 29-42 X BELIEVE ENEMY HAS SET JUNE
 FIFTH ^{OUR} DATE ^{FOR} HIS LANDING ATTACK X THEREFORE ON NIGHT TWO DASH THREE
 JUNE OR FOLLOWING MORNING PRELIMINARY ATTACKS ARE MOST PROBABLE X MY 300521
 AND COMPATWING TWO 300522 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 AFTER OWN SEARCHING PLANES REACH OUTER
 LIMIT OF SEARCH X SUGGEST USE OF B-17 ^{Sunday and Monday} STRIKING FORCE TO REACH RENDEZVOUS
 AREA ABOUT 1500 Y IF NO CONTACT REPORT EARLIER X EXPECT NINE OR TEN
 ADDITIONAL B-17 WILL ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY MORNING X

this from Cincpac x CTF 4 and 9 have info x Sent to NAS Midway for action

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

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Date 31 MAY '42

From CINCPAC 310359

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. D.
S	16	DCU

To:
MIDWAY

CTF-4, 9

Precedence	R-lease
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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

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From CINCPAC

314221

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
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C. W. O.
503

To: ALL TF COMDRS PACFLT

COMINCH

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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 PLANE GUARD X SUPPORT
FORCE 1 BV OR XCV 2 KIRISHIMAS 4 MOGAMIS 1 ATAGO 1 DD SCREEN XX

OCCUPATION FORCE 1 TAKAO 1-2 MIVOKOS (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

314221

Chono
ORIGINATOR

sent at 2247 J

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

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Date 31 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 312323	Info To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: COMPATWING 2 NAS MIDWAY	COMCARPAC (ADWIN) COM 14 COMINCH CTF 16, 17	SECRET	95	
		Precedence	Release	
		PPP	01	
		RDD CABLE	Show to 11 16	

COMPATWING 2 FLY 6 TBF AIRPLANES TO MIDWAY TOMORROW MONDAY TO AUGMENT TORPEDO STRIKING FORCE X PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STRENGTHENED TORPEDOES MIDWAY AS PRACTICABLE X NAS MIDWAY RETURN B-17S TO OAHU AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AFTER COMPLETION ANY B-17 MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN FROM MIDWAY MONDAY

312323

CHRONO.
 ORIGINATOR

*sent at 0620Z
 and MIDWAY
 31225Z at 2301Z*

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 1 JUNE 42

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

THE ORANGE VB'S IN CONTACT WITH OUR MIDWAY SEARCH PBY'S YESTERDAY 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

Handwritten: M-3
5/28/42
WJE

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 010541

Info To

CR 10
CV 19

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

95

C. W. O.

WWK

To

NAS MIDWAY

COM 14
COMPATWING 2

Precedence

PRIOR

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System

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Show to

16 17

YOUR 010125 X BASED ON YOUR 291030 AND ABOUT 150,000 GALLONS
IN NIRA LUCKENBACK AND 350,000 GALLONS IN KALOLI. 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: 291030, ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AVGAS 75,000 GALB X
SUPPLY ARRIVING KALOLI EXPECTED TO BE EXPENDED APPROX 7 0
JUNE X REQUEST ADDITIONAL 370,000 BY 7 JUNE

010541

CHRON

ORIGINATOR

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 01 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 010631

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

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Group

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OWN UNITS APPROACHING MIDWAY 1630 Z/1 X 1A0 1AM BEARING
098 DISTANCE 255 COURSE 285 X ALSO 1 SS TO PEARL BEARING
142 DISTANCE 245 FROM YOU XX

010631

*sent 0652
B*

C. H. R. O. M. O.
ORIGINATOR

CLASSIFIED

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

**TACTICAL
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 011319

Info To:

Classification

Release

To: MIDWAY

CABLE

Precedence

C. W. O.

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1745

DISTANCE 255 BY DEAD RECKONING SINCE DEPARTURE

011319

CHRONOLOGICAL

sent 1343 J

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 011433	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	12	L
		Precedence	Release	
To: NAS MIDWAY		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

HAVE B-17'S RETURNED FROM WESTWARD

A163 ✓
sent 1446 J

011433

Subject File

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 011901

Info To

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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Precedence

Release

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System

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To: CTF'G 16, 17, 7

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM NAS JOHNSTON ADDRESSED
 ACTION CINCPAC CTF 4 AND 9 X QUOTE X AREA 261 TO 329 TRUE
 SEARCHED TO 500 MILES COVERAGE 90 PERCENT COMPLETE RESULTS
 NEGATIVE X SAME SEARCH TOMORROW X UNQUOTE

011901

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ORIGINATOR

sent at 1912
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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEER IN CHIEF
U. S. F. 11th FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 011907

INFO TO

~~SECRET~~

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C. S. O.
1942

To: CTF 16, 17, 7

Priority
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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 208 TO 020 X PRACTICALLY 100% 208 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 80 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 MILD FRONT WITH ZERO ZERO FOG IN NORTHERN
SECTORS ABOUT 300 MILES OUT MOVING EASTWARD XX (NOTE) NUMBER 5

NOT MENTIONED XX UNQUOTE

011907

Chronological
~~ORIGINATOR~~

Int. Sec. 1944

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1, 1942

From CINCPAC #12217

To NAS MIDWAY

Info To COMPATWING 2
COM FOURTEEN
COMTASKFOR 16
COMTASKFOR 17
COMDGGEN HAWDEPT

~~SECRET~~ 95

OP-OP 88

RADIO 16 11

#12217

MY 312323 WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR RETURN OF B-17'S ONLY IN NUMBERS CONSIDERED BY YOU NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION X REMAINDER 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

#12217

Chronological
-ORIGINATOR

CR 22/2
CV 22/2
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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMBINED AIR UNIT
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From CINC PAC **012235**

To
NAS MIDWAY
GTF 16, 17

CONF	12H
PRIOR	20
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

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C. H. MO
ORIGINATOR

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1, 1942

From CINCPAC 012323 To: ALL T F COMMANDERS	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	RP
		Precedence	Release	
		OP-OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	11 16	

012323

AT 0940Y (PLUS 12) TODAY SEARCH PLANE WAS ATTACKED BY TWO ENEMY.
BOMBERS BEARING 231 DISTANCE 560 FROM MIDWAY X

ALL
LTJ2534

012323

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date

From CINCPAC 020335

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

To: COMOFF SHORE PAT

COMHANSEAFRJM

~~CONF ID~~

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Precedence

Release

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Return

Show to

20 21

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 *Shore* *11/21/56*

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC COMINCH, COMBOPACFOR, ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC, OPNAV.	ALL NAV SEA FRONT COMDRS LES LANT, CARIB, GULF. ACNB AZNB COMDR, NAVAL FORCES EUR OPE	Classification	Original	C. W. O.
		SECRET	25	
		Precedence	Release	
		ROUTINE	21	
		RDC	16.17	
		REXX		

ENEMY RADIO INTELLIGENCE UNUSUALLY ACTIVE X INDICATION OF FURTHER
 AIR MOVEMENTS TO MURILES 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-

IDED BETWEEN RABAU AND SAIGON X U S PATROL PLANE MADE CONTACT
 WITH JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BEARING 231 DEGREES DISTANT 567 MILES
 FROM MIDWAY AT 2140 Z 1 JUNE X DOG FOX BEARINGS PLACE JAP UNIT

AT 26 NORTH 178 EAST FAIR FIX

*CE#9
 CV#13 / alogk 8*

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ORIGINATOR *Chon*

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 1948

From CINCPAC #451Z/2

Info To

Classification

Origin

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To

CINC EASTERN FLEET
NAVAL STAFF HDQS OTTAWA

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY

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System

16, 17

CONTACT MADE BY PATROL PLANE WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 2140 GCT 1 JUNE
AT POSITION DISTANT 560 MILES FROM MIDWAY BEARING 231 X JAPANESE

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

CINCPAC X 3RD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS X 2ND PART IN DUTCH EAST
INDIES PART IN HOME 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 26 EAST 178 X JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE GREATLY INCREASING
IN VOLUMEX FURTHER MOVEMENT OF AIR UNITS TO KURILES INDICATED X

#451Z/2

ORIGINATOR *Chion*

sent at 0513

CINCPAC

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To : (Info)

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RADIO

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT TISDALE AND TURNER ACCEPTABLE X ADDITIONAL
 CAPTAIN FOR CRUDIV COMMANDER RECOMMEND WALTER S DELANY X PROPOSE
 EMPLOY TURNER AS COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SOUTH PACIFIC X
 SHERMAN NOW UNDER ORDERS REPORT COM ELEVEN TEMPORARY DUTY UNTIL
 ARRIVAL WASP SAN DIEGO X ASSUME PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT SHERMAN
 YOUR HEADQUARTERS JULY WILL BE TEMPORARY ONLY X I DEFINITELY
 DESIRE TO RETAIN HIS SERVICES AS A TASK FORCE COMMANDER PACIFIC
 FLEET X DESIRE AINSWORTH RELIEVE THEOBALD ^{IF} ~~REMOVED~~ LATTER ^{NEEDED} ~~REMOVED~~ FOR ~~ASSIGNMENT~~
~~ASSIGNMENT ON COMPLETION~~ PRESENT SPECIAL DUTY.
 X REQUEST SERVICES THOMAS J KLEBER AS RELIEF
 DELANY X WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ~~REMOVED~~ CRUDIV COMMANDER TO
 RELIEVE SPRUANCE

from report to...

Subj: ...

020543

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

DATE	2 JUNE 42			
FROM	CINCPAC #29555	ADDN TO	CLASSIFICATION	U. S. O.
TO	NAS JOHNSTON	NAS MIDWAY CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17	SECRET	95 PD
			PROCESSED	01
			BY	
			RADIO	16 11

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

#29555

See our #20623 also

*See #20623
7*

CHRONO ~~ORIGINATOR~~

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC...021935.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To:

CTF 16,17

CTF 7

Precedence

Release

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System

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RDO

11,16

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

ALL 3
sent 2414 F

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 022039

To: To

Classification: SECRET
Priority: 01
Frequency: Radio
System: Radio
Route to: 11 16

To: C.T.F. 16 17

~~SECRET~~

01

PRIORITY

RADIO 11 16

EXPECT T.F. 11 SARATOGA CHESTER SAN DIEGO LAFFEY MAHAN SMITH
PRESTON 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

022039

ORIGINATOR *Thron*

*sent 2112
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 022117**

Info Type

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
95

C. W. O.

To **NAS MIDWAY**

Precedence
OP

Reference
95

System
CABLE

Route to

**YOUR 020750 REQUEST IMMEDIATE CHECK NUMBER GALLONS GAS
IN TANKS**

213/12

022117

ORIGINATOR CHRONOLOGICAL

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 222.5

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
 16

To: CTF 17

- CTF 16
- CTF 7
- CTF 4
- CTF 3
- COMINCH

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SUGGEST FORCE IN CONSIDERATION MAKING INITIAL AREA OF OPERATIONS
 NORTHWEST OF OR THAN NORTHWESTERLY FROM MIDWAY IN ORDER TO INSURE
 BEING WITHIN EARLY STRIKING DISTANCE OF OBJECTIVES X NO ADDITIONAL
 INFORMATION TO CHANGE ESTIMATE OF ENEMY PLANS WHICH INCLUDED A
 WESTERLY APPROACH FOR STRIKING FORCE

CTF 17 DAS

AIDAC *Q* *cm*

17-95-11

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 022319

Info To:

Class. info	Time limit	C. W. O.
SEC	25	
ROUT	00 01	
RDO	11 16	

To MIDWAY (OP) CABLE

CIF 4 9 17 16

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CINCPAC 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 B
 X P/RA X THEY ARE EVEN BRINGING GUNS CAPTURED ON WAKE TO DEFEND

OUR ISLANDS X CONFIDENT YOU HAVE THE STUFF TO SMASH THEIR PLAYS X
 WATCH FOR RAZZLE DAZZLE X MIDWAY HAS THIS BY CABLE

022319

ORIGINATOR CHRONOLOGICAL

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 034255	Info To: CTF 4,9	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. FWR
		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.

034255

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Sent 0255
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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date JUNE 3 '42

From CINCPAC 34303

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

NAS MIDWAY

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Precedence

Release

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YOUR 11343 AND 120750 MY 011541 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 COM 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 72400 X AFTER DEPARTURE ...
 REF : 291330 ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AVGAS...

131303

Chris
 ORIGINATOR

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

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OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030325	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	16	JSC
		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

030325

Subject File

A16-3
per 0420/4

Date: 23 JUNE 1942

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

To: CINCPAC #38357

To: GWIN

To: OTF 4, 9, 7, 16, 17
NAS MIDWAY
COMDESPAC (ADM)

Classification	12	C. W. O.
Priority	P	AML
Time	11 13	
RDO/CABLE	16	

DEPART PEARL 1730 GCT3JUNE X PROCEED VIA KAUKAI 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
OTF 16 TO JOIN HIM OR FROM ME

#38357

CHRONOLOGICAL
ORIGINATOR

sent at 11:13

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030503	Info To: CTF 4, 9 COMGENHAWDEPT	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	L
		Precedence	Release	
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To: NAS MIDWAY		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

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

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sent at 0520G

030503

Subject File

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

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OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030525	Info To: CTF 4, 9 COMGENHAWDEPT	Classification	Originator	U. W. O.
		SECRET	95	L
		Precedence	Release	
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To: NAS MIDWAY		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

MY 030503 MAKE RECONNAISSANCE TO OR IN VICINITY OF WAKE

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Subject File

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sent at 0542

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030637

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. G.

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Precedence
ROUT

Release
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To: MIDWAY

CTF 4

System

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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 UNIT 210659
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 23 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 031909

Info To:

Classification

Originator

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To: ALL T.F. COMDRS.

COMINCH

Precedence

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

031909

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1942

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 032153

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

Precedence

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

032153

CR # 31 T REST
CV # 36
PP logged

A/6
2200Z/3
but at 2200

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 3 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 032201	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		CON.	16	
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To: MIDWAY		0-P	11	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

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

CINCPAC

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sent at 2208

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 032207	Info To: COMINCH	Classification S	Originator 16	C. W. D. REF
		Precedence P	Release 11	
		System RDO	Show to	
To: ALL TF COMDRS				

FORCE REPORTED BY 032153 BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND
OCCUPATION FORCE X STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE
SEPARATED

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

032207

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 4-JUNE-42

From CINCPAC 040017

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

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System

Show to

RDO

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

Handwritten: 11-2 (E)
LJat 0033

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040019	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	33	RJR
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL TF COMDRS		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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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040025

Info To

Classification Original

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Procedure Release

PRIOR 01

System Ship To

11, 16, 18

To MIDWAY

UNLESS KALOLI IS DEEDED GET THAT SHIP AND VIREO CLEAR OF
HARBOR BEFORE DAYLIGHT 4 JUNE TO PROCEED TO A POINT 30 MILES
EAST OF PEARL AND HERMES AND AWAIT ORDERS THERE

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 240059

To

TASK FORCE COMDRS
PAG FLT
COMDESPAG
THORNTON

Classification	Priority	C. W. 22
SECRET	12	
ROUTINE	01	
RDO	15, 19,	

(15, 20)

DEPART PEARL #3002/4 JUNE X PROCEED AT FIFTEEN KNOTS TO POINT FIFTY MILES SOUTH FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND PATROL IN THAT VICINITY UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X TASK GROUP 2.0 ASSIGNED X COMMUNICATIONS PAG 70 EXCEPT GUARD 4205 SERIES X INFORMATION ACCORDANCE OPLAN 29-42 COPY FURNISHED AND IN MEMO BY HAND

CO CLARK *CS*

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From CINCPAC 040245 040457 (MIDWAY)	Info To: COMGENHAWDEPT ✓ COMHAWSEAFRON ✓ COMWESTSEAFRON ✓ COMNORWESTSEAFRON ✓ ALL TF COMDRS ✓ CO MIDWAY ✓	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	17	DL
		Precedence	Release	
To: COMINCH		ROUTINE	00, 0	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	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

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Date JUNE 4 1942

From CINCPAC 040459

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To:

CTF 16 , 17

Precedence

Release

PRIOR

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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

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Date

From CINCPAC 04 517

Info To:

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

To: MIDWAY

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

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Date 4 JUNE 42

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

FRIENDLY UNITS FOR 4 JUNE SAME AS MY 030637 X

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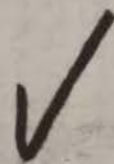
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Date 04 JUNE 42

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

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

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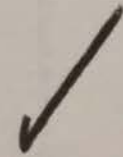
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Date 04 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040801	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	16	MCH
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL T.F. COMDRS MIDWAY		ROUT	00, 01	
		System	Show to	
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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

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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 CTFXXD6XX CTFXX17X		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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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040959

Info To:

To:

T F COMDRS PACFLT

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	RR
Precedence	Release	
P	12	
System	Show to	
RADIO	12	

RESULTS MIDWAY AIR SEARCH 3RD X 200 TO 292 COVERAGE GENERALLY
100% X 292 TO 332 GENERALLY 80% X IN SECTOR 332 TO 020 GENERALLY
75% UP TO 450 MILES BUT BEYOND THAT ZERO VISIBILITY



but at 1009

040959

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Date 4 JUNE 42

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 BATTSHIP 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

041035

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

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

041203



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From CINCPAC 041505	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. RJR/
		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

041505



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Date 4 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 041527	Info To:	Classification	Originator	G. W. O.
		S	13	REN
		Precedence	Release	Cr.
To: ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH	OP	16	
		System	Show to	
		R	95	

CATALINA TORPEDO GROUP COMPLETED ATTACK ON MAIN BODY
DISTANCE 500 BEARING 260 FROM MIDWAY X RESULTS UNRE-
PORTED

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From CINCPAC 041617	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH	SEC	13	RLK
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		PPP	16	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	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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From CINCPAC 041803	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	16	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL TASKFOR COMS COMGENHAWDEPT		PRIORITY	16	
		System RADIO	Show to	

FIFTEEN B-17'S NOW ENROUTE TO ATTACK MAIN BODY BUT WILL BE DIVERTED
 IF CARRIERS ARE DISCOVERED X PRESENCE OF CARRIER WITH MAIN BODY
 NOT CONFIRMED BUT AIRCRAFT OF SOME TYPE WERE IN ITS VICINITY AT
 1430Z

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 CV NR 21

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041807

Info To:

Classification	Originator	G. W. O.
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SECRET	18	RR
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To:

ALL T F COMDRS

Precedence	Release
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MIDWAY SEARCH PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING 1 SEAPLANE BEARING 320 DISTANCE 100 X WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL SEAPLANE NOT STATED

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 41809

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	18	TRH
Precedence	Release	
URGENT	18	
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RADIO	Ø1 11 1	

To ALL TF COMS

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COMGENHANDPT

MANY PLANES HEADING MIDWAY FROM 320 DISTANT 150 MILES

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041823

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	RR

To:
ALL T F COMDRS

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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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041847	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL TASKFOR COM		-OP-	16	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

MIDWAY REPORTS AIR RAID AT 041835



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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041857

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	TRH
Precedence	Release	
PRIORITY	16	
System	Show to	
RADIO		

To:
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COMNORWESEAFRON
COMGENHAFDEPT

COMINCH

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 A
ATTACKED BY ALL AVAILABLE PLANES X DUTCH HARBOR AT 041720 REPORTS
1 CV AND 2 DD BEARING 210 DEGREES DISTANT 240 MILES COURSE 150 X
2 CATALINAS WITH TORPEDOES ENROUTE ATTACK X MIDWAY UNDERGOING AIR
RAID AT 041835 X ALL TIMES GCT

CORRECTED COPY

041857

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041905

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	01	RR
Precedence	Release	Create
OP	17	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

To:

CTF 16
CTF 17

COMINCH

SUBMARINES ON CIRCLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CLOSE ENEMY CARRIERS
X COMTASKFORCE 7 041837

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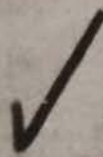
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Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	RR
Precedence	Release	
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System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

To:
COMINCH
ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS
COMGENHAWDEPT

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



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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 042033 To: TG 2.7 TU 4.1.4	Info To: TF COMSPACFLT MIDWAY (CABLE)	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. TDU
		Precedence ROUTINE	Release 01	
		System RADIOCAB	Show to E 11 1 16 18	

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 PRIORITY*

RENDEZVOUS AT 1800 Z/6 JUNE IN LATITUDE 25-45 NORTH LONGITUDE 175-00 WEST X GUADALUPE TRANSFER CAPACITY LOAD AVGAS TO KALOLI X COMPLETION KALOLI VIREO RALPH TALBOT PROCEED MIDWAY TO ENTER ONE HOUR AFTER LOCAL SUNSET SEVEN JUNE X GUADALUPE BLUE PROCEED TO AND REMAIN WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF LATITUDE 23-00 NORTH LONGITUDE 170-00 WEST UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS



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Date JUNE 4 1942

From CINCPAC 042 45.....	Info To: CLARK	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. WBM
		Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	C G
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	
To: COMSERFORPAC				

DIRECT NAVAJO LOAD SALVAGE AND RESCUE GEAR AND PERSONNEL
 AND PROCEED A POINT FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND
 THERE JOIN CLARK X FURTHER ORDERS FOR BOTH SHIPS LATER X
 CLARK IS TASK GROUP 2.8 X NAVAJO TASK UNIT 2.8.2

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

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

HONOLULU VIA CPC CK 19 GOVT 1:20PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY 042056

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

CINCPAC

SENT AT 2302/13/



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From CINCPAC 042111

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	
Precedence	Balance	
OP	1	
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RADIO	11 16	

To: COMINCH
ALL TF COMS

4 CA 2 AO 2 AK WITH DD SCREEN 265 DEGREES DISTANT 400 FROM
MIDWAY ON COURSE 085 AT 042043

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 42140

Info To:

To: NAS MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	G. W. O.
SECRET	17	L
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OP	17	
System	Show to	
CABLE		

ORANGE CV IS HOMING PLANES AT 2130 GCT

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

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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From CINCPAC 042259	Info To:	Classification	Origin	G. W. O.
		SECRET	25	ECW
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: ALL TF COMS PAC		-0-	16-17	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

UNKNOWN JAP ORIGINATOR SAYS IN PLAIN LANGUAGE QUOTE INFORM
US POSITION ENEMY CARRIERS

CR # 34
OV # 33



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sent on Jap 23/7/42

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From CINCPAC 042301	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	RR
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL T F COMDRS COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT		OP	17	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	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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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 42331	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	RLC
		Precedence	Release	
To: MIDWAY (CABLE)	CTF 16 17 7 4 9	OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	11 16	

CONGRATULATIONS ON MAGNIFICENT JOB ALL HANDS HAVE BEEN DOING
 X KEEP ON POURING IT TO THEM X EXPECT DIVIDENDS SOON FROM OUR
 OTHER TASK FORCES YOUR VICINITY X YOUR 042105 WAS DAMAGED CAR-
 RIER REPORTED BY FORTRESSES IN FORCE WEST OF MIDWAY OR NORTH-
 WEST X GIVE BEST ESTIMATE PRESENT POSITIONS ENEMY CARRIERS

CR 36
 CV 35



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 sent Fisher 2341
 sent Midway 2341

331
 368

Subject File

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 042340	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		CONF	01	HRF
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To MIDWAY		PRIORITY		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

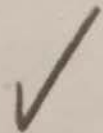
XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK 27 GOVT 205PM FOURTH
PRIORITY NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY 042340

IN MAKING REPORTS PLEASE INDICATE POSITION OF FORCES REFERRED
TO IN ORDER THAT CORRECT INFORMATION MAY BE SENT OUT

CINCPAC

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SENT AT 2344/MUX/IB/



042340

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

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OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 42

From	INCPAC 042349	Info To	Classification	Originator	WJE O.
To	TASK FORCES 11 16 17		CONF	20	
			Precedence	Release	Crypto
			R	17	
			System	Show to	
			RDO	25	

MIDWAY REPORTS ORANGE PLANES USING 370 KCS FOR HOMING X ALSO
REPORTS THAT AT 2305 HEARD SOSO CALLING HANO4 THAT FREQUENCY
BEARING 329 FROM MIDWAY

042349

✓
sent 0424/4

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC ~~05545~~

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~ 01 RLC

To: ALL TF COMS PAC

Precedence Release
~~URGENT~~ 01

System Show to
RDO

MIDWAY REPORTS CV LAST SEEN DIST 135 BEARING 320 COURSE
125 SPEED 18 AT 0930 Y (PLUS 12) 4TH

~~CR # 1
CV # 1~~

✓

05545

Out of 0544

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050052	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		CONF.	34	HRF
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: MIDWAY		--OP--		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

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

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

CINCPAC

--SENT AT 0058/1B/--



050052

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

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050056	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		CONF	25	HRF
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
		ROUTINE	01	
To MIDWAY (CABLE PLAIN)		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

HONOLULU VIA CPG CK15 GOVT 320PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY BT 050056

REQUEST ALL JAP DOCUMENTS RECOVERED BE SENT CINCPAC NEXT
PLANE BOUND HERE

SENT AT 0102/IB/

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050056

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5 JUNE 42

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

CINCPAC 050103

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	01	RR
Precedence	Release	Crypto
P	01	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

ALL T F COMDRS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

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

050103

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sent 0205 1/2

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC <u>050129</u>	Info To: CTF 16 & 17	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	EW
		Precedence	Release	
To: HORNET		-OP-	01	
		System	Show to	
		RDO	16, 11	

11 YOUR PLANES LANDED MIDWAY 2325 GCT FOR GAS

050129



sent at 0137 1/2

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050131	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 30	C. W. O. ECW
		Precedence -0-	Release 30	
		System RDO	Show to	
To: CTF 16				

IN HIS ~~050035~~ CTF 17 REPORTS QUOTE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY
AIR 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY

~~050131~~



sent at 0136Z

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050145.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

RLC

To:

ALL TF COMS PAC

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

Crypto

OP

01

System

Show to

RDO

16 11

POSITION MARKED IN ENGLISH NUMERALS ON DEAD JAP AVIATOR
31-11 178-09 X MIDWAY REPORTS HIS PATROLS HAVE ONLY SEEN
2 CARRIERS

050145

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sent at 01475

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

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050147	Info To:	Classification	Origin	D.
		SECRET	34	
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
URGENT	30			
To:		System	Show to	
CTF 17		RADIO		

MIDWAY SENDING BOMRON 8 OF 11 PLANES TO ATTACK ENEMY CARRIERS TO
 NORTHWARD X ORDERS RETURN TO MIDWAY UNLESS MITSCHER LOCATED



sent 0148 1/2

050147

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From: CINCPAC <i>Ø153/5</i>	Info To:	Classification CONF.	Originator 20	C. <i>✓</i> / O. <i>5</i>
		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	
		System CABLE	Show to	
To: MIDWAY				

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK26 GOVT 415PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY PRIORITY

YOUR Ø5Ø11Ø CINCPAC HAD NO Ø41843 X THINK COMTASKFOR 17 MEANT
Ø41823 WHICH CONTAINED SUBSTANCE YOUR 18Ø4 BUT WAS NOT SENT TO
YOU

SENT AT Ø153/IB/

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

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050210	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W/O.
		SECRET	34	/
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To: MIDWAY		OP		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

COMTASKFOR 17 REPORTS ATTACKED BY AIR 150 MILES NORTH OF
MIDWAY

SENT AT 0216/FR

050210

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUN 42

From CINCPAC 05233	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. 0A
To: CFF 10 CTF 17		Precedence OP	Release 17	[Redacted]
		System RDO	Show to	

ORANGE ON 255 K 3 335 341 FROM MIDWAY AT 050150

050233

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Plat at 0244 1/2

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050230 050303	Info To: CTF 16 17 4 9 7	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	01	L
		Precedence	Release	
To: MIDWAY		OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE	RADIO	

TASK FORCE 17 WAS ATTACKED 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY AT 0035 GCT
 X TASK FORCE 16 IS HEADING THAT AREA TO JOIN 17 X HIT ANY FORCES
 OTHER THAN THE ABOVE TODAY OR TONIGHT X INFORMATION ADDRESSEES
 TELL MIDWAY IF THIS UNSATISFACTORY X YOUR 050147

050230
 050303

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Date 5 JUNE 42

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

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050305	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLC
To: CTF 16 17		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RDO	Show to	

AT 050226 THREE ORANGE UNITS BORE 331 FROM MIDWAY X BEARINGS
RATED FAIR X 295 KCS

050305

Subject File

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Dental 03147

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050308	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 3ep	C. V. O. J
To: MIDWAY		Precedence	Release	
		System CABLE	Show to	

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

JUNE 9 JUNE 1942

FROM CINCPAC 250317

INFO:

DTF 16 AND 17

MIDNAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	26	
URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
System	Show to	
CABLE		

ENEMY UNIT REPORTS SOME UNIT BEARING 090 DIST 40 MILES ON COURSE
180 AT 0235 OCT

SENT AT 0321/FR

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050321

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

34

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Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

34

System

Show to

RDO

To: COMINCH
ALL TASK FORCE COMS

COMTASKFOR 17 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED HEAVILY BY AIR X CINCPAC
RELAYS HIS PLAIN LANGUAGE 050247

050321

Subject File

~~TOP SECRET~~
sent 0330/B

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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

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/B

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

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 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050335	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To MIDWAY		Precedence 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 DESTR-
 OYERS 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 POSTION 3048 NORTH
 17830 WEST X COMTASKFORCE 16 REQUESTS POSITIONS OF ENEMY UNITS
 AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE X CINCPAC

SENT AT 0340

sent 0340
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From: CINCPAC 57341	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLC
To: ALL TF COMS PAC		Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 16 11	

PATROL PLANES REPORT FOLLOWING FROM MIDWAY TODAY X AT 0945
Y (PLUS 12) 4 CA 2 AO 2 AK BEARING 264 DISTANT 400 COURSE
85 SPEED 12 X AT 1000 Y (12) 8 CRUISERS BEARING 265 DISTANT 430
COURSE 80 SPEED 25 X 2 SEATER CRUISER PLANES ATTACKED PBY'S
THESE LOCATIONS X MIGHT BE SAME FORCE SIGHTED BY 2 PLANES

57341

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

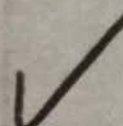
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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050345	Info To:	Classification CONF	Originator 13	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release 95	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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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From: CINCPAC 050347 050339)	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 16 CTF 17 MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

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

~~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
COMSOUPAC

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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 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050401	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	19	L
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To: ALL TASKFORCOMS PAC		PPPPPP	34	
		System	Show to	

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 / # 8
 CR / # 11
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 sent 0509

050401

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

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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

MY 050335 CORRECT POSITION TO READ 3038 NORTH 17830 WEST

SENT AT 0424/FR



050420

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 750443

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

12

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Precedence

Release

OP OP

95

System

Show to

RDO

To: TASK FORCE COMDRS

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 338 DISTANCE 170 FROM MIDWAY X SEARCH PLANE
REPORTED 3 BURNING SHIPS NEAR CONTACT

750443

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sent ASMA
/B

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050453

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

17

JSC

To:

ALL TF CMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

OP

17

System

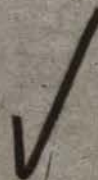
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MIDWAY SENDING 6 FORTRESSES TO ATTACK REPORTED 3 BURNING ENEMY SHIPS
SHIPS BEARING 320 DEGREES DISTANCE 170 FROM THERE

050453

CV / # 11
CR / # 13



sent 0512/10

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

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050500	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		PLAIN	12	WWK
		Precedence	Release	Control
To:		OP	95	
CTF 17		System	Show to	

URDIS BT 0430 AFFIRMATIVE

REF: COMTASKFORCE 17 TRANSFERRED FLAG TO ASTORIA X 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 TASK FORCE 16
WILL CONTINUE ENGAGE ENEMY X YORKTOWN POSITION LAT 30
48 LONG 76 53

050500

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050515

Info To:

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

To: VIREO (ACKNOWLEDGE)

CTF 17

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 CONTINUE ACCORD-
ANCE MY 042033 X VIREO ACKNOWLEDGE

Done 3

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0528/12

050515

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050529

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

12

TCM

To:

GWIN

TF COMS PACFLT

Precedence

Release

-OP-

95

System
RADIO

Show to

MODIFY YOUR PREVIOUS ORDERS X PROCEED 25 KNOTS JOIN TASK FORCE
17 POSITION 34-48 NORTH 176-53 WEST X YORKTOWN BADLY DAMAGED
SPEED ZERO

050529

CR# 14
CV# 13



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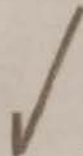
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050543	Info To: COMINCH COMSOPAC	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	RR
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL T F COMDRS		P	17	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

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



sent 0550Z/5

050543

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050609	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	25	JSC
		Precedence	Release	
To: CTF 17 16		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 2.5 X LONG RANGE BEARING
FROM OAHU INDICATES DISTANCE ABOUT 200 MILES

050609



see 0627
1/2

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

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

YOUR 050512 YOUR INFORMATION ENEMY POSITIONS IS BETTER THAN
MINE

SENT AT 0610/FR

050610

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sent 0610
/FR

Date 5 JUNE 42

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050611	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	25	RR
		Precedence	Release	
To: CTF 16 CTF 17		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

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sent 0615
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050611

Subject File

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050621

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

RR

To:

FULTON (O M)
CTF 4
CTF 17

ALL T F COMDRS
CTG 4.5

Precedence

Release

OP

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RADIO

11 16

DEPART PEARL EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME X GATE WILL BE OPENED FOR YOU
DURING DARKNESS X PROCEED VIA KAUAI CHANNEL TO LATITUDE 22-30 NORTH
LONGITUDE 159-10 WEST THENCE ON COURSE 298 TRUE TO JUNCTION WITH
SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 17 ESTIMATED ABOUT NOON LOCAL TIME 6TH X COMTASK-
FORCE 4 ASSIGN 2 SHIPS FROM OFFSHORE PATROL TO SCREEN FULTON X COMTASK
FORCE 17 DIRECT SHIPS OVERMANNED BY PEOPLE REMOVED FROM DAMAGED
SHIPS PROCEED ON REVERSE OF FULTON COURSE TO MEETING X VIREO AND
NAVAJO BOTH NOW ENROUTE TO ASSIST TOWING

050621

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sub 050621

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

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 OUTGOING

Date JUNE 5 1942

From CINCPAC 050649

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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WBM

To: COMSERFORPAC

ALL TF COMS PAC
 FULTON

Precedence

Release

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DIRECT SEMINOLE TO ACCOMPANY FULTON/^XMYDIS 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

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

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

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

SENT AT 0704/FR



0704

050700

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050705

Info To:

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

To: CTF 17 16 4 9 7

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

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~~CR #23~~



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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050707

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	17	JSC

To: ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence	Release
OP	01

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RDO	16 11

AT 0629/5 GMT JAPS BELIEVED BOMBING PLANES

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Date JUNE 5 1942

From CINCPAC 5 721	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	11	WBM
		Precedence	Release	
To: CTF 17		OP	11	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

TUJIS ENROUTE TO TOW YORKTOWN WITH CONSTRUCTOR AND SALVAGE OFFICERS RETAIN ENOUGH MEN ON BOARD YORKTOWN WHO KNOW SHIP AND FURNISH DD ESCORT TO ASSIST SALVAGE PARTY

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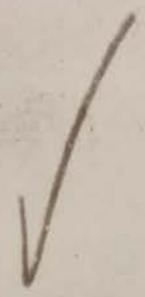
From CINCIPAC 050735
 To MIDWAY

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET		
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
OP		
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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



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 0740
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From CINCPAC ~~050741~~

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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TRH

To:

CTF 4,9,16

Precedence

Release

-OP-

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System

Show to

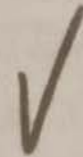
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MIDWAY HAS FOR ACTION YOU ARE INFO X WHAT AIRPLANES BY
NUMBERS AND TYPES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE AVAILABLE BY MORNING
X BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LANDING ATTEMPT BY LONG RANGE PLANES
FROM WAKE

050741

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Date

From CINCPAC 050811

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
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C. W. O.
TRH

To: TO 2.8

ALL TF COMS PAC

Precedence
OP

Release
01

System
RADIO

Show to
11 16

MODIFY 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
GUADALUPE WITH ESCORT AND KAOLI TO MEET AT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ THIS POINT

DAYLIGHT 6 JUNE X NAVAJO PROCEED FROM PRESENT POSITION BEST SPEED 1
TO LATITUDE 26-08 NORTH LONGITUDE 166-40 WEST THENCE ON COURSE

295 TRUE OR AS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ OTHERWISE DIRECTED COMTASKFOR 17 UNTIL
YOU MEET YORKTOWN X ASSIST TOWING THAT VESSEL WHICH IS DAMAGED

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050831

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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TRH

To: CTF 16
CTF 17

Precedence

Release

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System
RADIO

Show to

FROM MIDWAY QUOTE YOUR 050308 PLANES HAVE NOT ARRIVED REQUEST
INFORMATION UNQUOTE REFERENCE WAS OUR DISPATCH INFORMING MIDWAY

OF RETURN OF 10 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 MARCH RADIOMAN 3RD AND BR COTTREL RADIOMAN 2ND

OF BOMBING B OF HORNET PICKED UP THIS STATION

050831



Sent at 0850

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From CINCPAC 050839	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	32	WBM
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL TF COMS C. MINCH		OP	32	
		System	Show to -	
		RADIO		

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

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050915	Info To: COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. MMW
		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 X 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

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

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

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/IB/--

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051203	Info To: COMSOPAC 30 GENHAWPERT	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. 0A
		Precedence ROUTINE	Release 11 00	
		System RLO	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

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051225
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 COMSOPAC MIDWAY
 COMGENHAWDEPT COMNAVEU
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SECRET	16	J
ROUTINE	01	
CABLE RDO	Show to	

JUNE 4 SUMMARY TO 0600 GCT 5TH X PAIA X MIDWAY ATTACK X THE 2 MAIN FORCES APPROACHING MIDWAY WERE X FIRST X BEARING 260 DISTANT ABOUT 500 MILES AT DAWN COMPOSED OF 2 OR 3 BB CRUISERS POSSIBLY A CARRIER AND AUXILIARIES TOTALLING 20 TO 23 SHIPS PLUS A DD SCREEN X ONE OR TWO BB AND TWO TRANSPORTS OF THIS FORCE DAMAGED YESTERDAY X SECOND X BEARING 320 DISTANT ABOUT 200 MILES AT DAWN COMPOSED OF ABOUT 4 CV 2BB 4 CA 6 DD X MIDWAY AND CARRIER TASK FORCES CONCENTRATED ALL ATTACKS ON THIS SECOND FORCE X RESULTS 3 CV BURNING 1 CV HIT BY 3 SUBMARINE TORPEDOES COMMA 1 OR 2 BB AND OTHER SHIPS DAMAGED X IN MORNING 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 BOMB HITS AND IS

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

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STOPPED 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY X PARA X REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE AT PRESENT BUT BELIEVE ENEMY WILL IF HE CAN MUSTER SUFFICIENT AIR

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

ONE CARRIER ABLE TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT X W. ARE EXECUTING NIGHT ATTACKS WITH APPROPRIATE TYPES X SARATOGA WILL ARRIVE PEARL EARLY ON 6TH AND

WILL BE DESPATCHED AS SOON AS FUELED X PARA X IN ALASKA SECTOR X ENEMY LARGE CV WITH SMALL CV 2 OR 3 CA AND DDS WAS MANEUVERING ABOUT

250 MILES SOUTHWEST DUTCH HARBOR DURING DAY X ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR AT 1600 GCT X PARA X NAVY COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY

COMMANDERS

051225

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of*

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 051323

Info To:

Classification
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Originator
16

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To: MIDWAY

CTF 7 (BY HAND)

Precedence
PRIORITY

Release

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CABLE

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XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK29 GOVT 348AM FIFTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY

PRIORITY - SECRET - 051323

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

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SENT AT 1324/18/

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051345	Info To: CTF 16, 17 COMDEN HAWDEPT	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. ECW
		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 16	
		System RADIO	Show to 95	
To: COMINCH CTF 4, 7, 2 ALL TF COMS PAC				

IN SPITE HEAVY LOSSES PL NES 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 AND W S BURNING X CA HIT AND ON FIRE X ENEMY POSITION
 AT 0540 LAT 31-41 NORTH LONG 177-41 WEST COURSE WEST SPEED 15 X
 3 SHIPS TO SOUTHWARD BELIEVED CARRIERS STILL BURNING X THUS 4 CV'S
 PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR X TASK FORCE 16 POSITION AT 1600 GCT 5 JUNE
 LAT 30-31 NORTH LONG 175-20 WEST X MIDWAY PLANES IN COMMISSION
 12 VSB 2 VF 8 B-17 8 VP X RDF POSITION ENEMY SUB 24 NORTH 164 WEST
 AT 1000 GCT

051345

CV# 32

CR# 33

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Date 5 JUNE 42

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

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From CINCPAC 051433	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	18	WFL
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL T.F. COMDRS		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

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CR # 1513/5
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From CINCPAC 51541	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	CW	CW
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL T F COMDRS		PRIOR	11	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

ANOTHER ORANGE SS BY DIRECTION FINDER 23-45 NORTH 164-00 WEST X
CINCPAC TELLING YOU

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From CINCPAC 051559 051600 (MIDWAY)	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	18	ECW
		Precedence	Release	
To: MIDWAY ALL TF COMS PA		URGENT	11	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

O N SS REPORTS MANY UNIDENTIFIED SURFACE SHIPS 1417 GCT
28-23 NORTH 179-05 WEST

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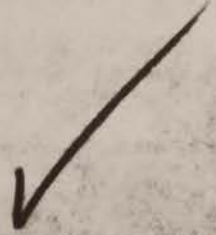
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From CINCPAC 51659	Info To: NAS, MIDWAY	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	18	S
		Precedence	Release	
To: TF'S 16, 17		URGENT	11	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

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



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From CINCPAC 051757	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		S	18	REH
		Precedence	Release	
To: TF 16, 17		URGENT	16	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

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

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051907	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RJR
		Precedence 0000000	Release 01	
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

2 MAGAYI CRUISERS 1 DAMAGED 272 DEGREES DISTANT 115 COURSE WEST
SPEED 17 X 2 BB 264 DISTANCE 125 COURSE 268 SPEED 15 X 2 DD 270
DEGREES DISTANT 170 X ALL FROM MIDWAY AT 1800 GCT

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Date 5 JUNE

From CINCPAC 451915	Info To: MIDWAY (CABLE) COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	25	WTR
		Precedence	Release	
To: TF 16 17		-OP-	01 00	
		System	Shgs to	
		R	16 11	

THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS ORANGE WILL ATTEMPT ASSAULT AND
OCCUPATION MIDWAY REGARDLESS PAST LOSSES

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 052003

Info To: COMINCH

To: ALL TASK FORCES

Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RHT
Precedence -R-	Release 01	Comments G
System RDO	Show to 16-17-95	

MIDWAY REPPRTS ENEMY YESTERDAY STRAFED OUR AIR PERSONNEL IN
PARACHUTES AND RUBBER BOATS

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Sent at 0620
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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From	CINCPAC 052053	Info To:		Classification	Originator	G. W. O.
To:	TASK FORCE COMDRS	COMINCH		SEC	16	RLK
				Precedence	Release	Crypto
				-OP-	01	
				System	Show to	
				RDO		

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

CV | CR
46 | 49

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sent at 2058

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From CINCPAC 052055	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	TRH
		Precedence -OP-	Release 01	
To: ALL TF COMS		System RADIO	Show to 16 11	

BBS MY 051907 NOW REPORTED AS 3 BEARING 270 DISTANCE 130 FROM MIDWAY
 AT 1930 GCT X ALSO AT 1930 Z FROM MIDWAY 5 SHIPS 325 DISTANCE 200
 AND 5 DD LAT 31-15 LONG 179-55 ON COURSE 338 SPEED 25 X AT 2000 Z
 MIDWAY REPORTS 2 ENEMY BB 3 TO 4 CRUISERS 1 CV ON FIRE 324 DEGREE
 DISTANCE 240 COURSE 310 SPEED 12 X MIDWAY WILL ATTACK CV LAST
 FORCE AS SOON AS HIS PLANES RETURN AND REARM

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Date 5-JUNE-42

From CINCPAC 052105
To: ALL TF COMDRS

Info To:

Classification S	Originator 16	C. W. O. RHT
Precedence -P-	Release 01	
System RDO	Show to	

CARRIER BELIEVED FRIENDLY SIGHTED BEARING 010 DISTANCE
18° FROM MIDWAY AT ABOUT 2022 GCT.

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052109

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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TRH

To: ALL TF COMS
MIDWAY

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

URGENT

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System

Show to

RDO/CAB

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TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 NOT LIMITED IN MOVEMENT TO WESTWARD OF MIDWAY X ALL TASK FORCES TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ATTACKING OWN UNITS

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Sent at 2115
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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 752121	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. TRH
To: CTF 17	CTF 16 FULTON	Precedence -OP-	Release 01	
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

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

RETURN TO PEARL X UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY YOU I WILL DIRECT
SARATOGA SAN DIEGO LAFFEY MAHAN PRESTON SMITH DEPART PEARL AFTER-

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

BEFORE DARK 7TH

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 052129	Info To: CTF-16	Classification SECRET	Originator 01	C. W. O. REH
		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 310 SPEED
12

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

052129

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From: CINCPAC 160019	Info To:	Classification: SECRET	Originator: 17	C. W. O.: RR
To: ALL T F COMDRS	COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT	Precedence: 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 STERN CAUSING SHIP TURN IN CIRCLE TO STARBOARD
 PLUS LIST TO STARBOARD X THE BB WAS PREVIOUSLY LEAKING OIL

Sent at 0032g
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[Signature]

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From CINCPAC 60023	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	20	TRH
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: STF 16		PRIORITY	20	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

BEARING ENEMY BY MIDWAY DIRECTION FINDER 315 ON FREQUENCY 255KCS
AT 2940 Z

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From CINCPAC 060105	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. D
To: ALL TF COMDRS COMGENHAWAII DEPT.	COMINCH	Precedence OP	Release 01	
		System RADIO	Show to 11, 16	

IN FORCES REPORTED MY 051907 SHIPS BEARING 264 DEGREES DISTANCE
125 NOW IDENTIFIED AS THREE CRUISERS MOGAMI OR TONE CLASS 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

060105

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060117

Info To:

Classification SECRET
Original 16

To: CTF 17
SEMINOLE
NAVAJO
VIREO

CTF 16

Precedence PRIORITY
System RADIO
Date 11, 17

WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE YORKTOWN X TAKE NO STEPS
FOR HER DESTRUCTION WITHOUT REFERRING DECISION TO ME

060117



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From CINCPAC 060123	Info To: CTF 17, 4, 7, 9 COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	RR
		Precedence	Release	
To: CTF 16		OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	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

CV 8
CR 7 ✓ *0152/6*

060123

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From CINCPAC 060140	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	16	
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
OP				
NAS MIDWAY		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

IN LAT 32-00 NORTH LONG 179-32 EAST A COUPLE OF BBS REPORTED
 AT 2000 GREENWICH EITHER 1SE OR FUSO TYPE X FORCE COMPOSED OF
 5 TO 10 DD 2 BB 3 CA ONE BURNING CV AND 1 CV NOT BURNING X
 BATTLESHIPS 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

060140

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Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 6, 225	Info To: COMBEN 7TH AIRFOR	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. O. FWR
		Precedence -P-	Release 95	
		System RDO	Show to	
To: ██████████ ALL TASKFORCES				

MY 521 19 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
 PERFECT 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;

6, 225

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 0310/6
 CV 11 - 06723.
 CR 9

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Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060230 To: MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. U. LJO
		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto 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/

0233/6
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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060237	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	16	RR
		Precedence	Release	Crnto
To: ALL T F COMDRS		P	00	
		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

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 sent at 0253

060237

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Date 6 JUNE '42

From	CINCPAC 060245	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CTF 4,9	CTF 7 GUADLOUPE KAKOLF CLARK CRYSTAL BALLARD	SECRET	17	FWR
			Precedence	Release	
			-P-	01	
			System	Show to	
			RDO	11,16	

MIDWAY REPORTS SUSPICIOUS SUBMARINE SUBMERGED BEARING 134
DISTANCE 52 SPEED ZERO.

CTF 7 NVB

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sent at 0317
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Date 6 JUNE 1942

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

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/

0251/6
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Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060305 To MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	
		CABLE	01	LJO
		--OP--		

RDO HONOLULU CP 9/8 1730 5TH BT
MIDWAY ISLAND BT OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 060305

YOUR 060229 WHAT COURSE BT CINCPAC

REF: YOUR 060140 CARRIER REPORTED NOT BURNING IS BY
DEFERRED REPORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW
SPEED

/SENT AT 0303 IB/

060305

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Date 6 JUNE '42.

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

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

CV/# 13
CR/# 11

060315

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Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 060431	Info To: COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		S	17	REH
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: CTF-16, 17, 4, 7, 9		OP	17	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

MY 060123 CARRIER REPORTED NOT SMOKING IS BY DEFERRED RE-
 PORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW SPEED X WHEN LAST
 OBSERVED 0824 GCT WAS ON COURSE 245

060431

CR # 13 / odd / 6 96,
 CV # 14
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 BUT AT 0448

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 06433	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		Precedence	Release	Cryptic Group
		System	Show to	
To: ALL T F COMMANDERS		-OP-	33	WTR
		R		

FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF MIDWAYS 06235 X YOUR 060140 X DIS-
 PATCHING 2 GROUPS FORTRESSES TO STRIKE MAIN ENEMY FORCE X FOR
 IDENTIFICATION FRIENDLY FORCES EACH CARRIES OBSERVER FROM HORNET
 X FIRST GROUP JUST REPORTED LARGE FRIENDLY TASK FORCE COURSE 322
 SPEED 25 BEARING 322 DISTANCE 105 X

06433

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 CR#12 / 060511
 CV#15 / ✓
 PP /
 060457

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 260515	Info To: COMTASKFORCES 16,17	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		S	12	RHT
		Precedence	Release	
To: CINCPAC		-P-	12	
		System RDO	Show to	

DELAYED RELAY OF PATROL PLANE REPORT AT 051905 2 LIGHT CRUISERS
286 DEGREES 174 MILES FROM MIDWAY COURSE 310 SPEED 20 AND
3 SUBS ON SURFACE 305 DEGREES 190 MILES ALL JAPS

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Date 6 JUNE '42

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From CINCPAC 060625	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 18	C. W. O. REH
To: CTF-16	CTF-17	Precedence	Balance 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 0 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 IDENTIFIES 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 HEAD 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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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060701

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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Precedence
URGENT

Release
17

System

Show to

RDO

To CTF 16

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

060701

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Int 0709
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From CINCPAC 060717	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 01	C. W. O. RHT
To: CIMMARRON	CTR 16, 17	Precedence -OP-	Release 01	Crypto Class
		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

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11-16-42

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060741

Info To:

To: ALL TF COMS

COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. T. C.
-8-	17	RMI
Precedence	Release	Control
URGENT	17	
RDO		

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 FIGHTERS
PLANES V FORMATION 10,000 FEET APPROXIMATE COURSE CARRIER
DISTANCE 425 X UNQUOTE

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Date 6 JUNE '42

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

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Date 6 JUNE 1942

From 060754	To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
	COM 14	SECRET	16	
To MIDWAY		Priority	Release	Crypto Group
		URGENT		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

HONOLULU 1232 6TH AKA ST
MIDWAY ISLAND ST

REF: 060754 YOUR 060725 BELIEVE MUST BE ENEMY VESSELS
X ATTACK RT

GINCPAC

REF: OBSERVER IN B17 REPORTS SEVERAL VESSELS AT PEARL
AND HERMES ONE 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

/SENT AT 0758 18/

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060759

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: ALL US SHIPS

Precedence
URGENT

Release
17

Cryptic

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

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Cancelled at 0829

at 0829

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Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060801	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To TF COMDRS, MIDWAY, COMGENHAWDEPT	COMINCH	SEC	16	RLK
		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

CV # 20 / 0816/6 E
CV # 25
sent at 0800

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Date 6 JUN 1942

From CINCPAC 060813

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

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

COMGENHAWDEPT
COMSOUPAC

~~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

CR#25 T REST / 0832/66

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RT 0852

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Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 260831	RAKW	Classification S	Originator 16	C. W. O. REH
To: COMINCH OPNAV COMSOPAC CG HARDEPT COMIPANSEAFRON COMWESEAFRON COMAIRSOPAC	MIDWAY COMNAVEU ALL TF COMDRS	Precedence R	Release 16	
		System RDO	Show to	

JUNE 5 SUMMARY TO 0600 OCT 6TH X MIDWAY ATTACK X NO AIR RAID ON
MIDWAY SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING X ENEMY ATTACK FORCES APPROACHED
DURING NIGHT AND SUB FIRED LIGHT BOMBARDMENT BUT BY DAYLIGHT ALL
FORCES SIGHTED WERE HEADING WESTWARD X NORTHWESTERN FORCE 2 BB
PROBABLY DAMAGED TWO CV SHOWING DAMAGE 3 CA 5 TO 10 DD MAKING SLOW
SPEED X MIDWAY STRIKING GROUPS BOMBING THESE CV TODAY AND TOMORROW
AND TASK FORCE SIXTEEN PURSUING X WESTERN FORCE 3 CA TWO DAMAGED 2
CL 6 AP X MIDWAY AIRCRAFT FURTHER DAMAGED 1 CA THIS FORCE X PARA X
SINKING TWO BARRIERS YESTERDAY VERIFIED ONE HAVING RECEIVED THREE
TORPEDO HITS FROM NAUTILUS X NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT EVIDENT TODAY AND
ALL HIS FORCES BELIEVED WITHDRAWING X END OF PART 1

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC..... 060943	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		S	18	RHT
		Precedence URGENT	Release 11	
To: ALL TF COMDRS.		System	Show to	
		RDO		

AT 2100 (PLUS 12) PATROL PLANE SIGHTED 8 TO 10 SHIPS BEARING
 310 DISTANT 420 FROM MIDWAY HEARD MUCH GUNFIRE

060943

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061007

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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RHT/

Precedence

Release

Crypto

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System

Show to

RDO

To: CTF 16, 17, 7, 4

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

OK # 30
OV # 30

061007

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[Signature]

Subject: no chg.

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Date 6 JUNE 42

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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Date 6 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC 061331	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	PLATTE	CTF 16, 17	SECRET	11	D
			Precedence	Release	Crypto
			OP	11	Class
			System	Show to	
			RADIO		

BE IN POSITION LAT 27 NORTH AND LONG 166 WEST AT ZERO HOURS
OCT ON SEVEN JUNE PREPARED FOR FUELING CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS



sent 11334/6
mt 184

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Date 6 JUNE 1942

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

4V93 BEARING 292 FROM CXK AT WAHIAWA AT 1350 ZED

SENT AT 1356/6TH/MR

061355

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 OUTGOING

Date 06 JUNE 42

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

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 330 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

*OK = 30
 CU = 34 sent WMC
 1541/4*

061535

Subject File

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 06 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061545	Info To: COMINCH C.G.HAWAII	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. MCH
		Precedence PRIOR	Release 17	Crypto
		System RADIO	Show to	
To: ALL T.F. COMDRS.				

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

061545

✓
CR TREST #13
CV # 33
DEPT 01/5534

Subject

Date 6 JUNE 42

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

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 062041	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	JL
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To: PACIFIC FLEET HAWAII AREA MIDWAY COMGENHAWDEPT		PRIORITY	01	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	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

CV#41
CIT#41
F-REST 2001/600W
PP

Sent 21 08 J

062041

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

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 48

From CINCPAC 100717
To: CONTASKFOR 7
CONTASKGROUP 4.5
LITCHFIELD

Info To:

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

12

C. W. O.

JA

Precedence

ROUTINE

Release

11

System

RDO

Show to

RELEASE LITCHFIELD TO OWNERS OF CONTASKFOR 7

62147

A4-3
DIX/AV-200
sent 2105 f.

Subject File

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

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 OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 062123	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		CONFID	01	ECW
		Precedence	Release	
To: COM 14 COMGEN HAWDEPT ASP PEARL		ROUTINE	00	
		System RDO	Show to 02:11 16:95	

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

CR # 42 1455
 CY # 43 2139/6 ECW
 PP

sent 2147/8

062123

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

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC 062131	Info To:				C. W. O. CWN
To:	PAC FLT HAW AREA MIDWAY CG HAW DEPT (PP)					

THOSE WHO HAVE MY 062141 NEED NOT DECODE THIS XX OWN SUBMARINES
ARE OPERATING OAHU MIDWAY LINE AND TO 1000 MILES TO WEST OF MIDWAY
X ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY ALSO BE SAME ARE X CINCPAC SENDING TO
ALL TASK FORCES HAWAIIAN AREA X MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH
HOSTILE CHARACTER OF ANY CONTACTS BEFORE ATTACKING

062131

Handwritten: 062131
✓

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC <u>062205</u>	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

SPRUANCE REPORTS AT 1850 GCT 6TH ONE BATTLESHIP AND FIVE DESTROYERS
LAT 29- 30 NORTH LONG 174-30 EAST COURSE 270 SPEED 10 X SAME TIME

TWO CA AND TWO DESTROYERS LAT TWENTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY FOUR NORTH
LONG ONE SEVENTY FIVE DASH ELEVEN EAST COURSE TWO FIFTEEN SPEED

FIFTEEN X SPRUANCE ATTACKING BATTLESHIP HE IS SENDING DESTROYERS
LOW IN FUEL TO CIMARRON X HIS POSIT ABOVE TIME LAT THIRTY DASH

FORTY NINE NORTH LONG ONE SEVENTY SIX DASH THIRTY NINE EAST

(CORRECTED COPY CORRECTION UNDERLINED)

SENT AT 2212 /C

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 7 JUNE 1942

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

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

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0058/C

070048

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 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070051

To CTF 17
 TG 11.1

Info To:
 TF COMDRS PACFLT
 CTG 4.5
 COMSERFORPAC
 COMDESPAC, CONCRUPAC
 COMCARPAC
 COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	12	RLK/
Precedence	Release	Group
-UP-	01	
System	Show to	
RDO	16, 90, 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 ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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 2330Z/7TH AT WHICH
 TIME PASS THROUGH 15 EAST NATHAN SPEE, 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

070051

Chrom
 ORIGINATOR

2nd 011 1/2

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date

From CINCPAC 070051

Info To

Classification Originator

To

Precedence Release

System Release To

~~SECRET~~

PAGE 2

COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY OPLAN 82-88 EXECUTIVE FOR
TASK GROUP 11.1 AT MINUS 2 HOURS X INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION
OF COMBINED FORCE WILL BE ISSUED LATER DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION

ION X RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK FORCE 16 WILL BE ARRANGED FOR TRANSFER
OF EXTRA PLANES IN SARATOGA TO ENTERPRISE AND OR HORNET

070051

ORIGINATOR

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 7 35	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SEC	CWO	W. J. F.
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
To: 7 16		URGENT	?	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

THIS FROM MIDWAY TO CINCPAC X 170015 X QUOTE JUST INFORMED SPRUANCE
 IS NOT TO WE WHITE GROSS ES ON CARRIER FLIGHT DECKS YESTERDAY X
 JUST THE BOLD CONTACTS EB HAVE OBSERVERS FROM HORNET OTHERS HAVE
 NOT UNQUOTE

✓
2-10045
1/10

070055

Signal Fl.

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

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OUTGOING

Date 07 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070121	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To CTF 16	COMCARPAC (ADMIN) SARATOGA	SECRET	16	AML
		Precedence	Ensign	
		R	01	
		System	Show to	
		R	00 1	

SARATOGA WITH 26 F4F4 AND 9 VSB EXTRA PLANES AND PILOTS FOR YOU JOINS TF 17 VICINITY LAT 26-10 NORTH LONG 164-35 WEST

ABOUT 2130Z/8TH X I WILL ARRANGE RENDEZVOUS FOR TRANSFER OF PLANES TO YOU ON COMPLETION OF YOUR FUELING X SARATOGA

COMPLEMENT 27 F4F4 36VSB 11 TBF 5 TBD 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 YOU NEXT USE RADIO INCLUDE

REPORT YOUR AIRCRAFT SITUATION

070121

Chrono:
ORIGINATOR

sent 0730Z/8
I

Date 7 JUNE 1948

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCOPAC 979152	To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
CLARK KALOLI GUADALUPE	MIDWAY (BY CABLE) CTF 4.7.9 CONSERFORPAC	SECRET	18	
		Precedence	Release	Cryptos Group
		PRIORITY	11	
		System	Show to	
			18	

INFO MIDWAY FROM CINCOPAC:
CLARK AND KALOLI PROCEED TO MIDWAY X GUADALUPE REMAIN MIDWAY
AND TRANSFER AVGAS TO KALOLI ON LETTERS ARRIVAL X FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS LATER X OTHER ADEES HAVE

979152 SENT AT 0159 /0

Clear -
ORIGINATOR

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~~OUTGOING~~

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCOPAC 070225	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. RJR
To: CTF 11, 16, 17		Precedence -OP-	Release 16	Criteria
		System RADIO	Show to	

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

070225

✓
5 Jun 42 0236
RJR

Subject: ...

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

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070527	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	95	JBD
		Precedence	Release	Crypta
To: CTF 17 CTG 17.5		OP OP	95	
		System	Stow to	
		RADIO		

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 X
POSIT LAT 30-40 LONG 176-22

070527

Subject File

✓
sent 0547/4

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070539	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	L
		Precedence	Release	Criteria
To: ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS		PPPPPP	17	
		System	Show 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

✓
Sent at 1515

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

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OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CENCPAC 070545

Info To:

Classification

SECRET

Originator

12

C. W. O.

JBD

To:

SEMINOLE
NAVAJO

Priority
PRTOR

Release

13

System

RADIO

Show to

PRESENT POSITION YORKTOWN IS 30-40 NORTH 176-22 WEST

070545

✓
sent 0553 G

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

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OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE

From CINCPAC 070607	To Info To BRACH BENHAM HUGHES GWIN	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. 0A
To CLARK		Precedence ROUTINE	Routing 11	
		System RDO	Show to	

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

070607

Chronological
ORIGINATOR

sent at 0600h
J

Date 7 JUNE 42

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

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 070609

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

To: BALCH
BENHAM

CTF 16, 17
HUGHES
GWIN

~~SEC~~

12

REF

Precedence

Release

PP

11

System

Show to

RADIO

URDIS 061115 X BALCH BENHAM REMAIN WITH YORKTOWN

070609

Subject File

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sent at 0638
F

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 07 615	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	F	JBD
		Precedence	Release	
To: 17.5		OP OP	F	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

MIDWAY ANSWERING OUR 07454 (074527) SAYS HE WILL PROVIDE
AIR COVERAGE 2 PLANES ARMED WITH 4 AERIAL DEPTH BOMBS ONE
HALF HOUR BEFORE DAWN UNTIL AFTER END EVENING TWILIGHT

07615

sent at 0615

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

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OUTGOING

Date JUNE 7 1942

From	CINCPAC 070645	Info To:	Classification	Originator	G. W. O.
To:	CTF 11, 16, 17	COMINCH	SECRET	17	L
			Precedence	Release	
			P	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 COM

UNDERLINED PORTION OMITTED IN ORIGINAL WRITE UP

070645

SECRET

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC ...070705.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

16

0A

Precedence

Release

Crypto

P

16

System

Show to

RDO

To: CTF 11,16,17

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

070705

Subject File

✓
Sent at 072048

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

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Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070754

Info To:

Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. HRF
Precedence ROUTINE	Release	Crypto Group
System CABLE	Show to	

To: MIDWAY

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/IB/

070754

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

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 OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070803	XXXXX ACTION COMGENHAWDEPT MIDWAY COMNORWESSEAFRON COMWESEAFRON COMAIRSOPAC COMNAVEU	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	17	WFL
		Precedence	Release	
		PPP	01 00	
To: COMINCH COMSOPAC COMPANSEAFRON ALL TF COMDRS OPNAV		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 ATTACKING AND ONE GROUP OF 2 OR 3 CA AND 2 DD TO THE WEST BEING ATTACKED 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 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

070803

✓ sent 0803/2

Subject File

NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANTHREADER
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

DATE 7 JUNE 42

FROM CINCPAC 070829

TO COMINCH

~~SECRET~~ 17

ROUTINE 00 01

RADIO 16 11

THE RESULTS OF ACTIONS WITH THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENEMY FORCES WEST OF MIDWAY NOT YET RECEIVED X FORCE SIGHTED LAST NIGHT CONTAINING 2 DAMAGED CV WAS NOT PICKED UP AND NO CARRIER AIRCRAFT WERE SIGHTED TODAY X BELIEVE GOOD POSSIBILITY 1 CV MAY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AND SUNK BY ACCOMPANYING SHIPS GUNFIRE LAST NIGHT X SARATOGA GROUP WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR MIDWAY AREA TO DELIVER PLANE REINFORCEMENTS TO TASKFORCE 16 AND THEN ACT AS CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE X WILL ACT AGAINST ALEUTIAN ATTACK FORCE IF SITUATION CONTINUES FAVORABLE IN MIDWAY AREA X NO NEWS FROM THE ALEUTIANS OTHER THAN AS REPORTED TO YOU BY NAS KODIAK AND COMNOWEST SEA FRONTIER TODAY

070829

Chronological
070829

sent 48544

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

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 OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070841	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	97	ECN
		Precedence	Relay	
To: CTF 4.7, 16, 17 CTG 11.1, 17.5		PRIOR	97	
		System	Sho	
		RDO		

SEARCH BY AIR FROM MIDWAY 7 JUNE SECTOR 231-326 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

070841

CR #17
 CV #17
 PP
 0930/7 ASE
 DIX/320
 5/23/42

Subject File

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

**CLASSIFIED
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Date 7 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 071322.....

Info To:

Classification

~~S~~

Originator

97

C. W. O.

FWR

To: NAS MIDWAY

COMSUEPAC

Precedence

-OP-

Release

97

System

CABLE

Show to

-

FOR YOUR INFO X FRIENDLY SUBMARINE REPORTS THAT AT 0440 GCT
7TH POSITION 27-35 NORTH 174-30 EAST LEADING GROUP OF 3 FORTRESSES
IN A FLIGHT OF 12 BOMBED HER ON THE SURFACE X NO DAMAGE X
NEAR MISSES X NO ANSWER SEARCHLIGHT CHALLENGE.

071322

Subject File

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071541	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	98	<i>B</i>
		Precedence	Release	
To: NAS MIDWAY		OP		
		System	Show to	
		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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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071750

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

31

LJO

Procedure

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

01

System

Show to

PLAIN

CABLE

To:
NAS MIDWAY

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

SENT AT 1800/7TH/MR

071750

Subject File

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

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071804

Info To:

To: NAS MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	95	LJO
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
P	11	
System	Show to	
CABLE		PLAIN

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

SENT AT 1808/7TH/42

071804

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

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPACØ71816.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

LMO

To: NAS MIDWAY
COMPATWING 2

GTF7

Precedence

Release

OP

System

Show to

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

Ø71816

Subject File

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **JUNE 7 1942**

From **CINCPAC 071827**

Info To:

To
MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	JEG
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
P	18	
System	Show to	
CABLE		

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

071827

Chow
ORIGINATOR

*1836/7
2/7*

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

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC - 071910

Info To

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To: NAS MIDWAY (CABLE)

Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	LJO
OP	11	Crypto Group
CABLE	10	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 CIMARRON 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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FROM CINCPAC 471921
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Info To:

Classification SECRET	Originator 31	C. W. C. NSM
Precedence -OP-	Release 31	
System RADIO	Show to	

FROM MIDWAY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN THE CLEAR CABLE X
REIN X REGRET REPORT YORKTOWN CAPSIZED AND SANK AT 0500 Y (PLUS 3)

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Originator

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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

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To:	CTF9 MIDWAY	COMGEN HAW DEPT.	SECRET	01	LJO
			Precedence	Release	
			OP	01	
			System	Show to	
			CABLE		

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

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CTF 16

Info To:
COMSERFORPAC
CTF 17, 4, 7, 9

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	31	
PRIORITY	Release 31	
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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 32-00 NORTH
LONG 170-00 WEST AT 2130 GCT 8TH X RENDEZVOUS THERE WITH TF 16 AND
GIMARRON X FUEL AS INSTRUCTED X FROM MIDWAY REPORT AMOUNT AVGAS
DELIVERED TO KALOLI PRIOR DEPARTURE X FOR CTF 16 AT REDEZVOUS
GUADALUPE WILL HAVE AT LEAST 30,000 GALS AVGAS FOR CARRIERS
AND 45,000 BARRELS FUEL

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Date 7 JUNE 42

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From CINCPAC
NAVAJO
To SEMINOLE

Info To:
CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17
COMSERFORPAC
MIDWAY

SECRET	Originator 12	W. O. D
DP	Release 11	
RADIO	16	low to

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 Midway by air 072238

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*sent at 2207
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Date 08 JUNE 1942

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From CINCPAC 080056	Info To	Classification CONF.	Originator 17	C. W. O.
To NAS MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE.	Show to	

HAVE YOU ENOUGH SURFACE VESSELS FOR RESCUE WORK

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SENT 0059/ 8 JUNE / LP

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Date **8 JUNE '42**

From **CINCPAC 080349**
To **MIDWAY (VIA 080304)**

Info To: **COMINCH**

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
S	17	REN
Precedence	Release	Copy
P	01	
System	Show to	
RJO	16, 17	

AT 0100 OCT CUTTLEFISH WAS BOMBED BY ENEMY BOMBER 270 DEGREES DISTANCE 420 MILES FROM MIDWAY

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Date **8 JUNE 42**

From CINCPAC **080351**

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Class	Priority	C. W. O.
S	17	RHT
Precedence	Routing	
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System	Shore to	
RDO	11-16	

To **COMINCH**

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 INTERCEPT 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 MASK FORCE 16 IS SHOWN BY PHOTOGRAPH TO BE MOCAMI 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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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 080429

To:

Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	D.

To CTF 8, 16, 17

COMWSEAFRON COMINCH
 COMCARPAC ADMIN
 COMCRUPAC ADMIN
 COMDESPAC ADMIN
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Precedence	Release
PRIORITY	01
System	How to
RADIO	

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

TWO CARRIERS TO BEST PRACTICABLE STRENGTH BEARING IN MIND THAT SARATOGA WILL RETURN TO PEARL FOR REPLENISHMENT AND THAT ENTERPRISE AIRCRAFT 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 MINNEAPOLIS 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 48-00 0000 NORTH LONG 172-00 WEST AT 0400 GCT 13 JUNE AT WHICH TIME

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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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To COMINCH
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 ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC
 OPNAV

ALL NAVSEAFRON COMDRS
 LESS LANT, CARIB,
 GULF
 ACNB, AZNB
 COMDR NAVFOR EUROPE

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	25	RLK
Precedence PPP	Release 01	
System RDO	16 OR 17	

ACTION AT MIDWAY DOPE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN X INDICATION MARCUS
 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 TF SUBMARINES 23-30 167-30 X
 24-30 168-30 X 30-40 177-15 X 44 171 X ALL NORTH AND WEST

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Date **8 JUNE 1942**

From **CINCPAC 080646**

Info To:

SECRET	95	LJO
PRIORITY	01	
CABLE	10	PLAIN

To: **NAS MIDWAY**

COMTASKFOR 9

YOUR 080342 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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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 080931

To COMINCH COMSOPAC
 COMPANSEAFRON
 COMAIRSOPAC
 COMWESSEAFRON
 COMNAVEU

Info To:
 ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS
 OPNAV
 COMGENHAWDEPT
 MIDWAY
 COMNORWESSEAFRON

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RADIO

ENEMY GROUP WHICH TASK FORCE 16 BOMBED YESTERDAY SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE
 DAMAGE AND 1 MOGAMI WAS REPORTED GUTTED AND ABANDONED IN LAT 28-55
 NORTH LONG 173-08 ~~0807~~ 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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Date 8 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 082029

To COMINCH

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YOUR 071954 AND 071530 X THOUGH MY 070829 CONTEMPLATED EMPLOYMENT OF SARATOGA IN NORTHERN AREA DECISION ARRIVED AT IN MY 080429 WAS MADE BECAUSE HAZARD TO ONE CARRIER WOULD BE UNDULY HIGH AND BE-

CAUSE SARATOGA AIR GROUP REQUIRES MORE TRAINING X CONTINUED STR-
ENUOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR THE TWO CARRIERS INVOLVED MUST THEREFORE
BE ACCEPTED X SARATOGA WILL FURNISH PLANES AS NEEDED TO TASK FORCE

16 AND WILL THEN RETURN TO PEARL TO REPLENISH AND FERRY AIRCRAFT
TO MIDWAY AND THEN COMPLETE TRAINING X FITCH WILL COMMAND SARA-
TOGA TASK FORCE X FLETCHER WILL BE GIVEN A REST AND PROBABLY TAKE

WASP GROUP X THROUGH OVERSIGHT BELIEVE MOVE OF BATTLESHIPS OUT
OF SANFRANCISCO ON 5TH 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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From CINCPAC 082029

Info To

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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 REQUIRED TO ASSIST KITTYHAWK AND HAMMONDSPORT IN AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT X ADDITIONAL AVG'S ASSIGNED WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE VERY USEFUL BUT INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OF ~~CG~~'S IN ADVANCED AREAS DEPENDS UPON INCREASED STRENGTH IN REGULAR CARRIERS FIGHTING AIRCRAFT AND DESTROYERS

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Date: 8 JUNE 42

From: CINCPAC 082113

Info To:

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To: ALL TASK FORCE
 COMMANDERS

Classification	Originator	C W O.
SEC	17	JSC
Priority	Release	Crypta Group
PRI	01	
System	Show to	
RDO	11 16	

THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT ORANGE SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR AND ATTACK OUR FORCES RETURNING TO PEARL X RDF PLOTS SHOW JAP SUBMARINES ON BEARNINGS AND DISTANCES FROM MIDWAY X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DEGREES ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE MILES X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR DEGREES THREE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES X ONE X EIGHTY ONE DEGREES TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE MILES X PRESENCE OF MORE SUBMARINES BETWEEN MIDWAY AND OAHU SUSPECTED

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From CENCPAC 082225

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	ECW

To: ASP HAWAIIAN AREA
CTF 16, 17

Precedence	Release	Code
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RDO	17

JAP 4 ENGINED SEAPLANE REPORTED WAITING IN AREA OF BAD WEATHER
276 MILES BEARING 274 FROM MIDWAY AT 2135 GCT

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OR# 39
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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 090039	Info To: COMCARPAC (ADMIN) COM 14 COMPATWING 2 Com Air Group 21	Classification	Originator	C. W. Q.
		SECRET	95	JBD
To: NAS MIDWAY		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
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		CABLE	11 16	

PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES TASK FORCE 16 BE ~~SENT~~ SENT OTHER
 AREA X WHILE BELIEVE NO IMMEDIATE ATTACK THREATENS MIDWAY WE
 CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED X FROM CONCPAC 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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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 090341

To COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	JBD
Precedence	Release	Control
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System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

FOLLOWING SURVIVORS YORKTOWN AND HAMMANN ARRIVED PEARL 108
OFFICERS 2085 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-
REBB 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

From: CINCPAC 090746	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
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		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
To: MIDWAY		P	11	
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

OUR OWN SUBMARINE CUTTLEFISH 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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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 091135

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THREE PLANES MY 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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DATE: JUNE 1963

FROM: CINCPAC 191157

Info To:

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ROUTINE

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Group

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SEND TO CK21 2230M NINTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY:-

SECRET 191157 YOUR 080529 WHAT DID PT'S SEE AND DO IN
CONNECTION DAMAGED SHIPS IN NORTHWEST AREA

SENT AT 1154 MUX/IB/

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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 091203

To COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	16	JBD
ROUTINE	16	
RADIO		

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

IN WHICH GUTTED 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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Date **9 JUNE 42**

From CINCPAC **091833**

To COMTASKFOR 16
 COMTASKFOR 17

COMTASKFOR 8
 COMINCH
 COMCARPAC

Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	95	WTR
ROUTINE	01	
RADIO	01	

THE PERFORMANCE OF TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 IN THE MIDWAY BATTLE WAS SUPERB AND CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PREVIOUS RECORD OF BRILLIANT BOLDNESS X I REGRET THEIR PERSONNEL LOSSES FAR MORE THAN THOSE OF MATERIAL X THEIR HEROIC AND RESOLUTE DETERMINATION HOWEVER WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN PRODUCING 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 GALLANT VETERANS WILL HAVE SOME HARD EARNED REST ENROUTE TO THE ALEUTIAN AREA X I HAVE ENTIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF TASK FORCE 16 TO HELP DESTROY THE ENEMY THERE AS THEY OVERWHELMED HIM IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY THUS COMPLETING THE REVERSAL OF HIS WAR EFFORT

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Date **09 JUNE 1942**

From CINCPAC **091854**

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. G.
	95	RX
Precedence	Priority	Crypto Group
OP	11	
System	Show to	
CABLE		

To **NAS MIDWAY**

MY 090746 X IF POSSIBLE EXTEND SEARCH TO AREA 269 DEGREES 650
MILES FROM MIDWAY X INTELLIGENCE INDICATES DAMAGED ENEMY
SHIP THAT POSITION BY
CINCPAC

SENT 1856/ 9 JUNE /LP

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Date 10 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 101957

Info To:

Classification
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Originator
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C. W. C.
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WITH ESTIMATE ENEMY INTENTIONS YOUR 100045 X AM TAKING MEASURES
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PPP PRIORITY PPPP
RELEASED BY <i>Egking</i>			ROUTINE
DATE 15 May 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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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 TODAY'S
 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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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY PPP
RELEASED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			ROUTINE
DATE May 21, 1942	INFORMATION	COMNOWESTSEAFRON COMALSEC CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY COMWESTERNSEAFRON	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY PPP
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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 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~~ ^{HEREBY} 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 PBY SHOULD BE MADE ^{IMMEDIATELY} AVAILABLE ALASKA TO BRING TOTAL TO TWENTY PLUS

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RELEASED BY	<i>E. King</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	May 21, 1942	INFORMATION	CofS ARMY	CofS ARMY	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM					PRIORITY
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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 YOKE 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 DESRONS TWO AND FOUR X CARDIVS ONE AND TWO POSSIBLY PLUS ZUIKAKU ^{X submarines} 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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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		PRIORITY XXXXXXXX
RELEASED BY	<i>G. King</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	May 25, 1942	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
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 HERMES 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 TRY

UP AND THAT ENEMY MAY ENTIRELY ALTER HIS TACTICAL PLANS

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	CINCPAC	PRIORITY X
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DATE	5/29/42	INFORMATION	ComTF 5 CTF 17	ComTF 5 CTF 17	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
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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 CAMPAIGN IS AGAINST MIDWAY AND THE ALEUTIANS AND NOT AGAINST OAHU WEST COAST OF UNITED STATES OR SOPAC ^{SOULES PFL} ~~THE~~ ^{PARA TWO} MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE ESCORTED BY PART OF DESRON FOUR LEFT SAIPAN MAY TWENTYEIGHTH ~~GEORGE~~ AND PLANS ARRIVE MIDWAY JUNE FIFTH YOKE THUS JUNE FIFTH IS ASSUMED 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 ^{PARA THREE} ~~THE~~ ALEUTIANS FORCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ^{LEFT} OMINATO MAY TWENTYSIXTH ~~GEORGE~~ WITH CONVOY AND ESCORT OF DESTROYERS AND ONE LIGHT CRUISER PROCEEDING AT ABOUT TEN KNOTS ^{30000 CCR 3073AS} X 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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FROM	CINCPAC (INDEFINITE CALL)	COMALSEC NOWESTSEAFRON COMSUBDIV 41 WESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	23 MAY 1942		RR ROUTINE
DATE	231113	OPNAV NASHVILLE COMDESPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	HUTCHINSON		RR PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HUTCHINSON		ROUTINE
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TEXT

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, STLOUIS, HONOLULU, INDIANAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE. 2- CASE, REID, GRIDLEY, MCCALL, HUMPHREY, KING, SANDS, RATHBURNE 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 10 DESTROYERS, 8 TO 10 SUBMARINES, PLUS TRANSPORTS AND AUXILIARY CRAFT.

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

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TEXT

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, BRIDLEY, 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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TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
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TEXT

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 PAG 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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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>		CINCPAC	PRIORITY <u>PPPP</u>
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u> <i>Wilson</i>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MAY 18, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	C of S ARMY	PRIORITY <u>PPPPP</u>
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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~~ ^{EIGHT}
 HEAVY THIRTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS TO SUVA ~~THIRTEEN~~ ^{AND FIVE NUMBER 131} MEDIUMS TO NEW
 CALEDONIA ~~ONE~~ ^X REGIMENT ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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 COMMAND ALL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES SOPAC ^{COMMA} GET EPATE
 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	CONTINCH,	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		PPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	May 21, 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	COMGENHAWDET		PPP PRIORITY
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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 COMTASFOR 17		CINCPAC COMSOPACFOR	P P P P P PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 1948			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1317 / 1340		COMINCH	P P P P P PRIORITY
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FROM COMTASFOR 17 ACTION CINCPAC COMSOPACFOR.
(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

YOKOHAMA AIRCRAFT MADE REPEATED ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPS AT TULAGI ON MAY FOURTH LOCAL. TOTAL ATTACK FLIGHTS FOUR FIGHTERS SEVENTYSIX SCOUT BOMBERS TWENTYTHREE TORPEDO 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 CRACE. FITCH DELAYED BY FUELING. ALL JOINED UP NOW. ENEMY 4 ENGINED PATROL PLANE SHOT DOWN AFTER TRAILING US THIS MORNING.

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FROM CINCPAC		FOR ACTION COMTASKFOR 16 TASKFOR 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 8 MAY 1942		FOR INFORMATION COMINCH COMTASKUNIT 6.4.1 COMSOWESPACFOR	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1742 / 1628			ROUTINE DEFERRED
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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

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 COORDINATION OF HIS FORCES AS AT PRESENT OR AS REQUESTED BY HALSEY.

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0016

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCOPAC (RDM HONOLULU)		COMINCH (RDM WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1942	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1715 / 1624			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	INFORMATION		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

TO COMINCH FROM CINCOPAC.

WILL SAIL CHLOE SUNK BY SUBMARINE 40 MILES SOUTH NEUMEA AND SS JOHN ADAMS ON FIRE AND ABANDONED NORTHEAST COAST NEW CALEDONIA. SIMO AND NEDSHO APPARENTLY SUNK BY DIVE BOMBERS WHICH EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE THAT WEAPON. I REPEAT I ESPECIALLY DESIRE ALL OF THAT TYPE YOU CAN SEND TO ME TO PROVIDE PROMPT REPLACEMENT FOR CARRIER LOSSES AND FOR BASE DEFENSE. PLATTE KANAWHA OUYAMA ENROUTE CRITICAL AREA FROM PEARL. BISHOPLALE AT POPPY AND KURUMBA IN WEST CORAL SEA BOTH FILLED AND AVAILABLE IN EMERGENCY. TIP-PECANOE CAN FILL FROM SAIL GAIL E J HENRY NOW AT SUVA. AT 1124 OCT 8TH NEDSHO REPORTS STILL AFLOAT BUT TOTAL LOSS ONLY NEWS OF FLETCHER IS HIS 172228 AND 1723⁵⁶65. WILL REPORT FURTHER.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM	CINCPAC	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 8, 1942	CTF 16 COM SW PACFOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	1314/1237		PRIORITY
RECORDED BY	BELL/CANNING		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

Ø8Ø9Ø9 CCR 329Ø8

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

THIS IS THE FOURTH AND LAST PART OF Ø8Ø755. PART 1 WAS Ø8Ø755, PART 2 WAS Ø8Ø821, PART 3 WAS Ø8Ø841.

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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAYER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NPM)		COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1941			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 2056/2036		COMSOUTWESTPACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY CANNING/CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø81923 CCR 3367S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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.

*soon taken by Admiral King
 RPS*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>9 MAY 42</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0638/1620</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BUSH/PITKIN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

090249 CCR-3446-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC X

NO FURTHER WORD FROM FLETCHER X ORDERS TO HIM IN MY 090117 EAST COAST CONVOY ARRIVED STRAWSTACK X FOUR FLEET SUBMARINES CONCENTRATING TRUK APPROACHES TO PICK OFF CRIPPLES AND REINFORCEMENTS X NASHVILLE REPORTS DAMAGED PROPELLER AND RUDDER ON UNCHARTED SHOAL WHILE TOPPONG OFF FUEL AT MIDWAY AND IS RETURNING PEARL FOR REPAIRS THUS DELAYING HER OPERATIONS AT LEAST TEN DAYS X

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NAVAL MESSAGE

REF ID: A66584

CTINCPAC (NERK)

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CTF 17

MAY 9 1942

1613/1550

COMINCH

PPPP

GLUNT/BELL

CTF 16

091507 CCR 3494S

COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC FLEET ORIGINATED THIS X

MY 090117 ELIMINATE WEST COAST DESTINATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NPM)			PPPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		COMTASKFORCE 16	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 9 MAY 1942			
FOR CODEROM 2324/2256			PPPPPPPPP
DECDED BY SMITH/SMITH		COMINCH COMSOWESTPACFOR	ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

091911 CCR 3550S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

(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

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COMTASKFORCE 17

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

COMSOWESPACFOR

MAY 11 1942

0837/0830

WINTER.BELL.

COMTASKFORCE 16

OP OP OP

(PASSED BY CINCPAC
TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

092102 CCR 3788S

FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 17 ACTION CINCPAC COMSOWESPACFOR
INFO COMTASKFOR 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 10 MAY X WILL TRANSFER LEXINGTON PERSONNEL TO
SHIPS OF OLD TASK FORCE 17 X WALLE AND FARRAGUT NOW WITH
GRACE SOUTH OF PAPUA X I SHALL DETACH GRACE FROM MY COMMAND
AND DIRECT HIM TO REPORT TO COMSOWESPACFOR X REQUEST CINCPAC
ISSUE ORDERS CONCERNING WALLE AND FARRAGUT X SHALL REPLACE
WALLE 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

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092142 CCR 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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMF

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPN)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>10 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>15/118</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

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(CINCPAC TO COMINCH)

I RECOMMEND READ 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

ORIGINATOR

FROM CINCOPAC

COMINCH

PPPPP

RECEIVED BY

DATE 15 MAY 1942

FOR COM-ROOM 0322/0229

OPNAV
WAR DEPARTMENT
COM GEN HAW DEPT
PPPPP

ORIGINATOR BY FITKIN/PORTER

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS TO WHICH MAIL DELIVERED

150111 CCR 5512

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS MESSAGE WILL BE RECORDED

ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE OF TEXT

TEXT

(COMGEN HAW 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-
MENDPROCYON ARRIVING PEARL UNDER NEGAT TARE SAIL SNAE DATE
AS MORMACSTAR ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE XXX

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

CLASSIFICATION

FROM CINCPAC (NPM)

COMINCH

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RELEASED BY

DATE MAY 15 1942

TOP CODER ROOM 454/428

DEIGNED BY WINTER/FIELD

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

150233

CCR 5515

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DELAYED PRIORITY.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

DAY

TEXT

FROM CINCPAC. ACTION COMINCH.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE NASHVILLE HAS BEEN DELAYED ONE DAY TO LOAD EIGHT 37 MM ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS AND PERSONNEL FOR MIDWAY. HALSEY HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN SIGHTED BY ORANGE PLANES ABOUT 500 MILES EAST OF TULAGI. SARATOGA WILL BE READY AT SANDIEGO JUNE 5.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170335 CCR 7914S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMSOWESTPACFOR		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 18 MAY 1942		CTF 17 CTF 16 (NPM PASSED TO NSS FOR INFO)	DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 0725/0610			PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170507 CCR 8051S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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 SHOR^EBASED AIR BY USING COMMON OPERATIONS ROOM AND ALL INFORMATION IS RETRANSMITTED TO INTERESTED COMMANDS AT ONCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: CINCPAC (NPM)		CTF 16	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY:			ROUTINE
DATE: 18 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM: 4735/0646		COMSOWESTPACFOR COMINCH	PRIORITY
DECODED BY: EDWARDS/BERRY			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 GCT
TEXT

ACTION COMTASKFOR 16 INFO COMSOWESTPACFOR AND COMINCH
FROM CINCPAC.

EXPEDITE RETURN TO HAWAIIAN AREA.

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COMGENHAWDEPT

CINCPAC

PPPPP

MAY 21 1942

ψ222/ψ148

WINTER/FIELD

PASSED BY CINCPAC PPPPP

TO COMINCH FOR INFO

200645

CGN 8647

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

REURAD 191759 FROM ROSES TO CINCPAC, I OFFER FOLLOWING TEMPORARY 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

DATE/TIME

CINCPAC

USS WHIPPLE
COMGEN ROSES
USS TANGIER
COMGEN POPPY

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MAY 23 1942

1137/1006

CRISWELL/FIELD

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.

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NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY MESSAGE

FROM (ORIGIN)

TO (DESTINATION)

CLASSIFICATION

CINCPAC(NP4)

COMINCH(NSS)

PRIORITY

25 MAY 1942

4321/0313

EDWARDS/EDWARDS

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE DELIVERED BY THE MOST RELIABLE ROUTE AVAILABLE

250215 CCR 421S

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE DELIVERED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

CLASSIFICATION

TIME

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FROM CINCPAC

HAVE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION TO EMPLOYMENT OF BATTLESHIPS IN PRESENT SITUATION. YOUR 241540. 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 RESERVE 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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

CINCPAC (NERK)

COMSOUWESPACFOR
SUPREME COMMANDER

PRIORITY
ROUTINE
RRRRR
DEFERRED

28 MAY 1942

930/0854

COMINCH

PRIORITY
ROUTINE
RRRRR
DEFERRED

BUSBY/ PORTER

INDICATE BY ASTERISK (ADDITIONAL) IN WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS DATE, ZONE.

280351 CCR 1062-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

OR CONTACT WILL BE MADE BY AIR

CLASS

TIME

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TEXT

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

FIRST MARINE RAIDER BATTALION NOW STRAWSTACK 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 OPERATION. 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 SUCH
OPERATIONS IF INITIATED IMMEDIATELY XXX

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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.

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CINCPAC

COMINCH

ROUTINE

MAY 30 1942

9758/4628

CRISWELL/SCHULZE

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CCR 141-S

MACARTHUR'S REPLY TO MY 290351 IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION. MY IDEA AS TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF RAIDER BATTALION IS THAT TYPICAL COMMANDO 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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31 MAY 1942

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CTF 9

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(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 ADVISED IN MEETING
FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

PARAGRAPH ONE BAKER MY UPLAN TWO 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 PLANES 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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 31, 1942				DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	COMSOPAC COMSOWESPAC		PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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CINCPAC TWO EIGHT ZERO THREE FIVE ONE SUPREME COMDR SOWESPAC AREA
 TWO NINE ONE THREE THREE FIVE COMINCH FEELS PRESENT FAVORABLE
^{DISABLING OR}
 OPPORTUNITY FOR [^] 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 ^{COMMA} 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
^{CONTEMPLATED OR}
 OCCUPATION OF TULAGI NOT [^] 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER F-1

EXTENSION NUMBER 2992

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PRECEDENCE

FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 15 1942

TOR CODEROOM

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FOR ACTION

INFORMATION

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TEXT

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	OP	PRIORITY OP OP
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 27 1942	INFORMATION	CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY (BY HAND) COMSOUWESTPACFOR		DEFERRED
FOR CODERDOM					PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
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ISSUANCE OF JOINT DIRECTIVE REFERRED TO IN MY 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 MAKE 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 COMMAND SETUP
 YOU PROPOSE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS OPERATION X LEARY PASS TO
 MACARTHUR

PARA PAREN FOUR PAREN

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	CINCPAC	OP PRIORITY OP
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 29 1942				DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR EIGHT	COMTASKFOR EIGHT	OP PRIORITY OP
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
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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 ^{COMMA} PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENTS IN KISKA ANCHITKA AND ATTU MUST BE PRECEDED BY PRELIMINARY ESTABLISHMENTS IN ATKA AND ADAK X ARMY IS NOT NOW PREPARED TO PROVIDE FORCES AND EQUIPMENT ^{COMMA} IN PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT ^{COMMA} 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 ~~TWO~~ ^X THREE ~~TWO~~ CONSIDER ONE RAIDER BATTALION ^{COMMA} EVEN SUPPORTED BY ADDITIONAL TROOPS ON CRUISERS ^{COMMA} PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS PROPOSED OPERATION

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RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 29 1942	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR EIGHT		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
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PARA [REDACTED] FOUR ^X [REDACTED] 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 ^{WOULD} EVEN MORE RAIDS APPEAR TO BE IN ORDER

PARA [REDACTED] FIVE ^X [REDACTED] SURFACE FORCE OPERATIONS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KISKA HARBOR MAY NOW CALL FOR THE USE OF FAST MINESWEEPERS

PARA [REDACTED] SIX ^X [REDACTED] REQUEST ADVICE OF SPECIFIC OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC		COMSWPACFOR COMSOUPA CFOR COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 3 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0426/2044			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL.BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT

**CINC
FOR CINC 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 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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FROM _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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EASY: THERE SEEMS LITTLE CHANCE TO ASSEMBLE ENOUGH DESTROYERS TO TRANSPORT MORE THAN THE RAIDER BATTALION.

FOX: 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM GEN. MACARTHUR (RDO MELBOURNE)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 3, 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2032/2027 (3rd)			PRIORITY
DECODED BY TIERB/CANWING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH.

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TEXT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT TO CHIEF OF STAFF REGARDING COMINCH 010100 :

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CINCPAC (NPM)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (N88)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 22 JUNE 1942	FOR INFORMATION	BUPERS	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0235/0210			PRRRPPP
DECODED BY TIERS/NEWHOUSE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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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 MITSCHER 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRR ROUTINE
DATE <u>23 JUNE 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0342/0309</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BUSBY/PORTER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

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 LIABILITY UNITED STATES TO FURTHER CLAIMS AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVACUEES FEEL BASIC QUESTIONS ARE MATTERS FOR AGREEMENT BY POLITICAL AGENCIES OF ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. SEE PAGE TWO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM COMSOUPAC		CINCPAC	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 24 JUNE 1942		COMINCH COMAIRSOUPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0403/0333			PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

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 RETROGRADE MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME. IN ANY CASE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NEW ZEALAND TROOPS REMAIN FANTAN UNTIL 37TH US DIVISION THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED.

• NOT IN FILES. CCR HAS REQUESTED REPETITION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINC AC (NERK)		COMINCH	PPPPY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 28 JUNE 1942		COMSOUPAC COMSOUWESPAC GEN MACARTHUR	PPPPY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0209/0133			
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			
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TEXT

(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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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
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TEXT

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 ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NYAG)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFORCE 3 COMTASKFORCE 11 COMTASKFORCE 18	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRRR ROUTINE
DATE <u>JUNE 30 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <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
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 8572 S

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TEXT

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM _____	FOR ACTION	_____	_____	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____				ROUTINE
DATE _____				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	_____	_____	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
CINCPAC		COMTASKFORCE 18	ROUTINE
FROM		COMSOWESTPACFOR COMTASKFORCE 3 COMSOUTH PACFOR	ROUTINE
RELEASED 30 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
DATE 1317/1227			
TOR CODEROOM	OLUNT/OLUNT		ROUTINE
DECODED BY			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT THIS IS LAST HALF OF CINCPAC 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 GHORMLEY. 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 KANAWHA AT TONGATABU.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	F-1	EXTENSION NUMBER	2992	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		XXXXPRIORITY XXXX
RELEASED BY	<i>William</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 6 1942	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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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT

This to be handled with utmost secrecy LL PAGE NO. 1

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		XXXX PRIORITY XXXX
RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 6 1942	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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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT	PAGE NO. 2		

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

END SUBQUOTE PARA ~~TWO~~ ^{THREE} 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

THE RESULTS PARA ~~THREE~~ ^{FOUR} I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE UNQUOTE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER F-1

EXTENSION NUMBER 2992

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM COMINTCH

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 7 1942

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

FOR ACTION

INFORMATION

CINCPAC

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XXX PRIORITY XXXX

ROUTINE

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PRIORITY

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

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

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

1942 JUN 7 15 25

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	F-1	EXTENSION NUMBER	2992	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	CINCPAC	URGENT XXX PRIORITY XXX
RELEASED					ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 7 1942	INFORMATION	COMNOWESTSEAFRON CTF 8 <i>Comwestseafrom</i>	COMNOWESTSEAFRON CTF 8 <i>Comwestseafrom</i>	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT

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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

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEND ANY FROM HAWAII

1942 JUN 7 19 50

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM CINCPAC		CTF 8	PPPPP ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 3 JUNE 1942		COMINCH	PPPPP ROUTINE
FOR ROOM 0023/2355			DEFERRED
ORIGINATED BY TIERS/TIERS			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	SEC
TEXT			

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CTF 8 (VIA COMALSEC)		CINCPAC	PPPPPPP ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 2 JUNE 1942			
FOR CODEROOM Ø854/Ø81Ø		COMINCH	PPPPPPP ROUTINE
RECORDED BY BUSBY/PORTER			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

(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 URNAK 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 BACKGROUND AND WITHIN RANGE OF AIR COVERAGE FROM URNAK FOR LOW VISIBILITY ATTACK IN THE UMBOK DASH DUTCH HARBOR AREA ONLY X MAIN BODY OPERATING TO SOUTHWARD OF ALASKA PENINSULA X PATROL PLANES EQUIPPED TO TAKE TORPEDOES X TWELVE TORPEDOES ARE AT URNAK 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 (SEE PAGE TWO)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	INFORMATION FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
RECORDED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

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
 (SEE PAGE 3)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
RECORDED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	CC

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 8 (VIA COMALSEC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY PPPPPP ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 2 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PPPPPPP ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0553/0445			DEFERRED
DECODED BY CRISWELL /PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(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 WAS 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 SITUATION IS STRATEGIC AND IS IMMEDIATE AND LARGE SCALE REINFORCEMENT 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

PRECEDENCE

FROM **CINCPAC**

COMINCH

OPOPOPOP

RELEASED BY

DATE **1 JUNE 1942**

FOR EXTENSION **2245/2233**

COMTASKFOR 8

OPOPOPOP

RECEIVED BY **TIERS/NEWHOUSE**

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS UNDESIRABLE

Ø12133 CCR 1854S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

CLASS

FORM

TEXT

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 REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE NEEDED AND SHOULD BE READY X HOPE YOU CAN FIND THESE REINFORCEMENTS 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			URGENT
DATE	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
FOR COPIES FROM			URGENT
RECORDED BY			ROUTINE
REPRODUCTION BY			ROUTINE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS AT OASD/OPM

CINCPAC 012133 CCR 1845S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME: _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

TEXT

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTEE	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
FROM COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)		CINCPAC (NPM)	PRIOR PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH (NSS)	DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 3, 1942			
JOB CODE/ROOM 2015/2000			
RELEASER BY SMITH/CANNING			
TERMINATED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MESSAGE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED

031941 CCR 22598

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

INDICATE CALL IN CASE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

OFF

TEXT

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.**

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~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
CINCPAC		ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS UNDER MY COMMAND	PPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	3 JUNE 1942		
EXTENSION	2244/2234	COMINCH	PPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
ORIGINATOR	NEWHOUSE/SMITH		

INDICATE BY CHECKING BOXES SETS FOR WHICH MESSAGE IS SATISFACTORY

032154 CCR 2285S

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ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	DATE	TIME	GROUP

PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY
 REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARGO VESSELS. PLANE CON-
 TINUED SEARCH.

ORANGE MAIN BODY ^{SIGHTED} 261 DISTANT 700 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3

*Original given
Ad. Cook 8/*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRIORITIES

FROM **NAS DUTCH HARBOR**

**CTF 8
COMALSEC
USS CASCO**

OP-OP-OP

RELEASED BY

DATE **3 JUNE 42**

EXTENSION **2337/2331**

BY **HUTCHINSON/PITKIN**

REPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES TO WHICH MESSAGE WILL BE DELIVERED BY OTHER ROUTES

032215

CCR-2299-S

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ORIGINATOR USE IN REPORT AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

(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. Com. 8/*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

LOCATION

EXTENSION NUMBER

CLASSIFICATION

TO

NSSDUTCH HARBOR

COMALSEC

TIME

4 JUNE 1942

RRRRR

FROM

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COM THIRTEEN
CTF 28
CINCPAC

PRECEDENCE

CLASSIFICATION

BUSBY/PORTER

RRRRR

REMARKS

INDICATE BY PREFIX OR SUFFIX THE SERVICE TO WHICH MESSAGE IS TO BE DELIVERED

040745 CCR 2499-3

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED THIS MESSAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

DATE

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 ANTI AIRCRAFT 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

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

SEE P.2

0079

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TITLE OR SUBJECT			PRIORITY
APPROVED BY			ROUTINE
FORWARDED BY			DEFERRED

PLEASE USE ASTERISK SIGNATURE FOR MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH INCREASED SECURITY

UNCLASSIFIED BY 10000000000000000000

PLANES RETIRED TO NORTHWARD KNOWN CASUALTIES ARE NAVY THREE
 DEAD ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINES ONE DEAD RSIEMSEDRAKE
 ONE DEAD ARMY 18 DEAD AND ~~BB~~ 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 TJTERED
 VISIBILITY INDICATE NO RECURRENCE FURTHER ATTACKS PRIOR
 DAWN TOMORROW XX

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0080

NAVAL MESSAGE

ALL ADEES ACTION

CTF 4
(NAS KODIAK ALASKA)

(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 COMPATREPLANRON PAC 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

0081

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTME.

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM _____			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>4 JUNE 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>2128/1922</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CANNING/TIERS</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø41159 CCR 2452

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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 ALEUTIAN'S 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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	NAS DUTCH HARBOR		COM 13	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
DATE	4 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1901/1855	INFORMATION	COMINCH (PASSED BY NPM FOR INFO) UMNAK	URGENT PRIORITY
DECODED BY	TIERS/EDWARDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

041720 CCR 2440S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE	TIME	SEC
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TEXT: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 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**~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		ALL TASKFOR COMS PAC	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE JUNE 4, 1942		COMINDIV 1 (?) CINCPAC	ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM 1913/ 1912			DEFERRED
DECODED BY TIERS/CANWING			OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY			PRIORITY
			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

041845 CCR 24428

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

— INTERCEPT —

COMINCH INFORMED.

MIDWAY REPORTS AIR RAID AT 041835

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0085

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMALSEC (NPC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC (NPM)	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 4 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH (NSS)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2128/2123			OP OP OP
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

042055 CCR 2450-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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.

SEALED

~~**SECRET**~~

Make original only. Deliver to communication unit. Officer in person. (See App. 28-14) NAVREG-1

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NAVAL MESSAGE	EXTENSION NUMBER	NAVY DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS	CLASSIFICATION
FROM: (LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT CALL)			(LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIROP OP OF CRAFT CALL)	
DATE: 4 JUNE 1942			CINCPAC	
FOR DELIVERY: 0036/0023			COMINCH	
REPORT BY: XXXXXXXX BUSBY/PORTER				
042240 CCR 2492-3				

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

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRATTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM CTF 17 (NERK)		CINCPAC MIDWAY	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			
DATE 4 JUNE 1942			
FOR ADDRESS 0129/0121			
REPROD BY CRISWELL/PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			
INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS WANTED			

050001 CCR 2506-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DELAYED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

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**

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make original safe. Deliver to communication watch office in room 1206 An. Deck, Navy Bldg.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

PRECEDENCE NUMBER

ADDRESS

PRECEDENCE

COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

URGENT
PRIORITY

5 JUNE 1942

1311/ 0306
EDWARDS/CANNING

COMTASKFOR 17
NAS MIDWAY

URGENT
PRIORITY

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 ~~LOSE~~ HEAVY. REQUEST POSITIONS OF ENEMY UNITS AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM: COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)		CINCPAC	OP OP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE: JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM: 0509/0447		ALL TF COMS PAC COMINCH	OP OP
RECORDED BY: PURDY.BELL.		(PASSED BY CINCPAC)	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSERS FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS NECESSARY

050315 CCR 2550 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME

TEXT

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.

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0090

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM COMTASKFOR 17		COMTASKFOR 16 NAS MIDWAY IS.	URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 5 1942		CINCPAC (PASSED BY NPM TO COMINCH)	URGENT
TOR CODE ROOM 0625/0614			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY CAMBRON/FIELD			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS WANTED.

050320

CCR 2565 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

**CINCPAC PASS TO MIDWAY FOR ACTION, ALSO COMTASKFOR 16
FOR ACTION.**

REQUEST AIR SUPPORT WHILE I. RESCUE CREW YORKTOWN.

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make receipt only. Do not re-communicate with other persons. (Use Art. 25 (C) NAVREGS.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTEE	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
FROM CINCPAC		CDRS ALL TF PAC	PPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 5 1942		COMINCH	PPPP
TO CODE ROOM 1108/1038			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY BELL/FIELD			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050403

CCR 2608 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

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 COMMISSION ALL OF WHICH LIMITED TO RADIUS 150 MILES DUE DAMAGED TANKS. ALL 0000000 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 GALLONS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE AVAILABLE DUE DESTRUCTION POWER HOUSE.

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make original only. Deliver to communication with holder in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVY REGS.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM INDEFINITE CALL		INDEFINITE CALL	URGENT ^{TY}
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
FOR ROOM 0640/0621			PRIORITY
RECORDED BY CAMBRON/FIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INITIATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSERS FOR WHICH MAIL SERVICE IS NOT TUBS.

050503

CCR 2570 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR: FILL IN LAST AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

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.

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0093

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	DEFINITION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON (NPC)		CINCPAC (NPM)	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY:		COMINCH (NSS)	ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
PAR COUENOM 0723/0656			URGENT
RECORDED BY CAMBRON/FIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ROUTE TO WHICH MESSAGE DELIVERY IS DEFERRED

050533

CCR 2581 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE TIME DEST TIME UNIT

TEXT

FROM COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON FOR CINCPAC AND COMINCH.

DUTCH HARBOR UNDER REPEATED SEVERE AIR ATTACKS BEGINNING SHORTLY BEFORE 1900 XRAY. COMMUNICATIONS STILL INTACT.

SEALED SECRET

0094

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY (PART) ME

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRESIDENCE
FROM NAS KODIAK		COMINCH	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	
DATE JUNE 5 1942		COM 13	
TUN CODE ROOM 0833/0824			
PREPARED BY CAMBRON/FIELD			
PARAPHRASED BY			
INQUIRE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS ONLY WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SPECIFIED			

050535

CCR 2590 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE CLASSIFIED WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

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)

~~SEALED SECRET~~

0095

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DATE	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
NAS DUTCH HARBOR		COMALSEC COM 13 CINCPAC COMINCH COMGEN ALASKA DEFENSE	OP OP OP
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.

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

0097

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM _____			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 2597 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FORWARDED CONFIRMATION FROM COMTASKGROUP 8.3 OF COMTASKUNIT
 8.1.1 ORDERS TO UMNAK FOR B-26'S TO TAKE OFF ATTACK WITH
 TORPEDOES WHEN FOUR NAVY PLANES PLUS ONE B-17 THEN ABOUT TO
 (END PART TWO)

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

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

0098

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: NAS KODIAK		COMINCH	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY:		CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DATE: JUNE 5 1942		COM 13	DEFERRED
CLASSIFICATION: 0947/0931			SECURITY
EXTENSION BY: CAMBRON/FIELD			ROUTINE
CLASSIFICATION:			DEFERRED

050631

CCR 2597 S

(PART TWO)

OUT OF FUEL. FOUR AMPHIBIANS CALLED INTO URNAK 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 URNAK B-26 DEPARTED URNAK TO ATTACK BUT RETURNED WHEN CONTACT LOST. CASCO REPORTED AT 042350 THAT FIVE B-26 DEPARTED COLD BAY FOR URNAK 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 URNAK WHO HAD REQUESTED EXPLICIT ORDER FOR ARMY AND NAVY SEPARATELY. AT 050209 FORWARDED COMTASKGROUP 8.3 ORDER TO URNAK FOR BOMBARDMENT TO ATTACK CARRIER IMMEDIATELY. AT 050224

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRIORITY

FROM **COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)**

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

DATE **JUNE 5 1942**

TOR CODER ROOM **1105/1038**

DECODED BY **CAMBRON/FIELD**

PASSED BY CINCPAC TO **OP OP**

COMINCH

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS NOT DESIRED.

050645

CCR 2607 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH UNDELETED PUNCTUATION

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

OFF

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

~~**SECRET**~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
FROM CINCPAC (IND CALL)			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 0810/0752			PRIORITY
DECODED BY		CDRS ALL TF PAC	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050647

CCR 2587 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

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."

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TEXT

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)

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FROM **NAS KODIAK**

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DATE **JUNE 5 1942**

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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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CINCPAC (NPM)

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5 JUNE 1942

2:59/ 1953

BUSBY/CURTIS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

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157915 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.

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FOR ROOM/ROOM	0443/0401			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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051520 CCR 2762 S

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TEXT

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 ELAPFL 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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TEXT

**MEROUS INDECISIVE COMBATS BETWEEN CATALINAS AND ZEROS
WEDNESDAY.**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY OFFICER

NUMBER

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ADDRESS

PRIORITY

CINCPAC (NISA)

COMTASKFOR 16
C. MINCH
COMTASKFOR 17

OPOP

5 JUNE 1942

2105/2038

CINCPAC

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

THIS FROM CINCPAC

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY. "ATTACKING BATTLESHIPS
REPORTED STREAMING OIL WITH ALL AVAILABLE FORTRESSES
AND 13 DIVE BOMBERS"

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CTF 8 (COMALSEC)		CINCPAC COMINCH	OP OP OP
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DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
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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 DUTCHHARBOR 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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TEXT

REASON TO ALTER SCOUTING AND ATTRITION DISPOSITIONS. ALL AVAILABLE ARMY BOMBER TYPES CONCENTRATED IN WESTERN AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN. ALL OUT AIR SCOUTING OPERATIONS HAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED OUR PATWING ~~ARR~~⁴ SCOUTS BUT ~~REXXX~~ 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM **CINCPAC (NERK)**

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DATE **JUNE 6 1942**

SECURITY

UNCLASSIFIED **0949/0824**

PRIORITY

PREPARED BY **CAMBRON/FIELD**

COMINCH

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PARAPHRASED BY

ROUTINE

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SECURITY

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ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE-TIME GROUP

TEXT

PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION BY CINCPAC.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY UNDER DATE-TIME GROUP 060405:

"RESCUED ENS GAY~~A~~ 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 INFLATING 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

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TEXT

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."

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 16		CINCPAC	URGENT
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DATE 6 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 2359/2353			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
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062123 CCR 2926-S

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TEXT **(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.**

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THREE TO STAFF DO
ONE TO CHART ROOM DO**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DATE 6 XXX JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 2346/2341		COMINCH	URGENT
DECODED BY CURTIS/PORTER			ROUTINE
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Ø62259 CCR 2921-S

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TEXT

HERE IS MIDWAY'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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CINCPAC		ALL TASKFOR COMS PAC	URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 0119/0116		COMINCH	URGENT
BY SCHULZE/PORTER		CTF 16	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

070041 CCR 2933-S

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TEXT

FOR INFO COMTASKFOR SIXTEEN

**MIDWAY'S 062351 QUOTE PATR ^{PLANE} REPORTS AIRCRAFT ATTACKING
FOUR UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS DISTANCE 525 BEARING 277 COURSE
200 SPEED 30. ATTACKING WITH SIX GROUPS FORTRESSES
TOTALLING 25 PLANES MY 062235.**

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ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

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FROM CINCPAC		ALL TASKFORCE COMS PAC	PRIORITY URGENT
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DATE 6 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0234/0230		COMINCH	PRIORITY URGENT
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
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070207 CCR 2942-S

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(ALL TASK FORCE COMS 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 COMTASKFOR 17	URGENT PRIORITY
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DATE 7 JUNE 1942	FOR INFORMATION	OPNAV	URGENT PRIORITY
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070336 NCR 1043

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TEXT

**YORKTOWN RECEIVED 2 TORPEDO HITS FROM SUBMARINE
STARBOARD SIDE FIRES OUT. LIST NOW REDUCED TO 17°. WITH
HELP WILL BRING HER IN. HAMMANN SUNK. PRESENT LATITUDE
30-40 LONGITUDE 176-22. BOCKMASTER XX AFU XX REQUEST
AIR COVERAGE.**

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FROM COMALSEC		CINCPAC	PRIORITY ROUTINE
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DATE 7 JUNE 1942		CTF 8 COMNOWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
FOR CODE ROOM 1810/1805			ROUTINE
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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

070740 CCR 30428

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TEXT

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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FOR CODE ROOM 1043/1005			ROUTINE
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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 COMMUNIQUES CONSERVATIVE.

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COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

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7 JUNE 1942

1553/1536

COMINCH (PASSED BY
CINCPAC)

OP OP OP

HIGGINS/EDWARDS

177756 CCR 3025S

COMTASKFORCE 16 ORIGINATOR.

MADE 1 ATTACK ON 2 CA'S, 3 ATTACKS ON BB, CA, DD'S
 REPORTED MY 162123. BB LEEI GUTTED 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 200 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

VTB-3
 VTB-0
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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LATTER DIVIDED ON 1ST 2. FLIGHT CREW REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED AS ABOVE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

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ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)**

CINCPAC (NPM)

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

DATE **7 JUNE 1942**

WAR CONTAINMENT **1725/1652**

REPRODUCED BY **HIGGINS/GLUNT**

COMINCH (NSS)

PRIORITY

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSER AND WHICH MAIL INDICATED BY TIME ZONE

071611 CCR 30328

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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 REINFORCEMENT OF ALASKA FROM THERE. CONSIDER NEED

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>COMINTCH</u>	<i>E. J. King</i>	CINCPAC	P P P ^{PRIORITY} P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 9, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR	FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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"AIDAC"

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

182032

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TEXT

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 MORESEBY 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 GOTTEN 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 SECRCY AS TO YOUR PLANS MUST BE METICULOUSLY PRESERVED PARA LEARY DELIVER TO MAC ARTHUR

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMINCH (RDO SANFRAN)</u>		CINCPAC	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 28 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2254/2152</u>		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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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>		COMTASKFOR 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		COMTASKFOR 13	PRIORITY
DATE <u>1 APRIL 1942</u>		COMTASKFOR 19	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0914/0828</u>		NAVSTA TUTUILLA SAMOA	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>CLUNT/BERRY</u>		COMINCH COMANZAC	
PARAPHRASED BY _____			PRIORITY
			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

010323 CCR 7481 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)		COM ANZAC FORCE (ACKNOWLEDGE)	PR PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 3 APRIL 1942		DEFERRED	
TOR CODEROOM 1843 / 1810		COMINCH CINCPAC	PR PPPPPP
DECODED BY BUSH / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____		DEFERRED	

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT

TEXT

WILL ATTACK ANY ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SOLOMON AREA HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE AT RABAU APRIL SIXTH. ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN ACTION COMANZAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC. 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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADD.	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>9 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0741/0720</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

CINCPAC TALKING TO COMINCH

ADAC

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NPM)		COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRRRR
DATE APRIL 11 1942			ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1501/1415		COMANZAC (VHC)	PRIORITY
DECODED BY WINTER/FIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

110535 CCR 8786A AIDAG

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
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

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

150105 CCR 9288 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU)		COMINCH (RDO WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRRR
DATE 15 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0641 / 0610			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

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 ANZEC 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMANZAC FORCE</u>		CINCPAC	OP OP
RELEASED BY _____			PRIORITY
DATE <u>APRIL 17 1942</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0838/0824</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP OP
DECODED BY <u>BELL.BELL.</u>			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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170626 CCR 9620AS

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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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		COMINCH	RRRRPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2248 / 2213			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

172035 CCR 96998

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			PPPP ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 19 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0608/0540</u>		COM SW PACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL BELL</u>			PPP ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

190457 CCR 9929AS

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

YOUR 182032 TASKFORCE 17 ARRIVES BLEACHER TOMORROW
 ADD SERVICE FORCE DETACHMENT IS ASSEMBLED THERE IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH MY 142027 X DELIVERY 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

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (TEXT)</u>	FOR ACTION	CTF 11 CTF 1	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 19 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COM SW PACFOR COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0630/0607</u>			PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL.BELL.</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

190535 CCR 9934AS

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NERK)		COMTASKFOR 11 COMTASKFOR 7	PRIORITY ROSE RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			DEFERRED
DATE 20 APRIL 1942		COM SW PAC FOR COM TASKFOR 1 COMINCH	PRIORITY ROSE RRRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM 0209 / 2327			DEFERRED
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

192109 CCR 10058 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NISA)</u>	FOR ACTION	CTF 11 CTG 17.19 CTF 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>22 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	CTF 1 COMINCH COMSWPACFOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0704/0623</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

FROM CINCPAC

INSTRUCTIONS HEREIN MODIFY MY 192109 X 150653 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NERK)</u>		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>23 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0334/0335</u>		COMSWPACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/GLUNT</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

230051 CCR 209

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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 COMSOUWESTPAC 220410 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

DEPARTURES HERE BETWEEN 20 APRIL AND ONE MAY FOR SOUTHWEST EXCHANGE X EACH SCHEDULED FOR SHORT PATROL ON TRUK-RABAUl WINE 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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FROM <u>COMSOUWESPAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>25 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0358/0354</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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250317 CCR 854S

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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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FROM CINCOPAC(NYCO)		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 29 APRIL 1942		INFORMATION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0247/0205			PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/EDWARDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

(AIDAC)

PART ONE FROM CINCOPAC 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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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>29 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMSOUWESPACFOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0201/0141</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CLUNT/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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282223 CCR 1351S

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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 <u>COMINCH</u>	<i>E. J. King</i>	CINCPAC	P P P R I O R I T Y P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>JANUARY 29, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
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TEXT			

CINC CIPHER--AIDAC

DECISION REACHED OCCUPY FUNAFUTI CODE NAME QUOTE FERLOCK UNQUOTE AS SOON AS ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL CAN BE COLLECTED HERE I SEE MY NINETEEN

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

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	<i>Sgt King</i>	CINCPAC	P P P R R R P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 5, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>TOD NAVCOM 1639</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
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TEXT	CINC CIPHER - AIDAC		

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

WE MUST USE MAXIMUM FORCES AVAILAABLE 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 ABDA 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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FROM <u>COMINGH</u>		CINCPAC	P P P R O U T E P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>[Signature]</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 9, 1942</u>		INFORMATION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

CINC CIPHER - AIDAC

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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DRAFTER F-1	EXTENSION NUMBER 2992	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	COMANZAC FORCE	PRIORITY URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE February 12, 1942.	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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INDICATE PERIODS OF RISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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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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RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 14, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC) OPNAV (BY HAND TO C.N.O.)	OP OF OP OF OP OF OP PRIORITY
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TEXT

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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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	<i>E. J. King</i>	CINCPAC	OP OP OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>February 15, 1942</u>	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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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 ADVISABLE THAT EITHER HALSEY OR FLETCHER SHOULD PROCEED TOWARDS CENTRAL POSITION INDICATED

BY CANTON ISLAND AREA AND THENCE AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>		CINCPAC	P P P P P P P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u> <i>R. Edwards</i>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 27, 1942</u>		FOR ACTION INFORMATION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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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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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL EDWARDS</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 28, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1728 / 1805</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CANNING / CANNING</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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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 FORTHWITH. 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 ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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 FAILAURE BUT CANNOT UNDERSTAND 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 WAVELL AND THAT SIMULTANEOUS EFFORTS BE MADE FROM THE N E I 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 PIERDED 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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FROM CINCPAC		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE FEB 8, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0549 / 0500			PRIORITY
DECODED BY COWDEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY COWDEN			DEFERRED

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TEXT

PACIFIC FLEET MARKEDLY INFERIOR IN ALLTYPES 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 EMPLOYMENT 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 CURTISS PROCEEDING SUVA. SITUATION HAWAII STILL SUBSTAN-

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NAVAL MESSAGE

"AIDAC" NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMTASKFOR 11</u>		COMANZAC FOR	OP ^{PRIORITY} OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEB 14 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0129/0013</u>		COMINCH CINCPAC	OP ^{PRIORITY} OP
DECODED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

140022 CCR 1695

"AIDAC"

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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 TASS GROUP 11.8 AT 00002/17. FUELING TODAY AND TOMORROW. UPON COMPLETION WILL BE

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

TASK FORCE ORDER ARE AT NANDI 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 RABAUl 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 SAMOA ON 25TH. (FROM CTF 11. FOR ACTION COMANZAC FOR. FOR INFO COMINCH AND CINCPAC)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 16 FEB. 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0152/0203			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

152225 CCR 1877

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

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 ABI 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 CIRCUMSTANCES 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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		ALL TASKFORCE CMDRS (PAC)	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 25 FEB 42		COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0457/0448			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

250249 CCR-2846

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TEXT				

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE	
FROM CINCPAC		COMINCH	PRIORITY	
RELEASED BY _____			RRRR TIME	
DATE 23 MARCH 1942	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED	
TOR CODEROOM 0114/2207			INFORMATION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY TIERS				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____				DEFERRED

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222157 CCR 5557A

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEE	PRECEDENCE
FROM RADIO GAVITE		RADIO WASHN	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 30 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1400/			PRIORITY
DECODED BY /BLADE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

300940 CCR 7204AS

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

**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, ANTI-AIRCRAFT 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 NARWHAL
 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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