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Organization of the Combined Fleet

On September 1, 1941, as scheduled the fiscal 1941 Imperial Navy's war time organization was placed in effect. The Commanders and their flagships of the Outer/External Battle Force were as follows:

- Combined Fleet - Admiral Isoroku YAMAMOTO - NAGATO P
- 1st Fleet - V/Adm. Jiro TAKASU HYUGA P
Bat div 2, Batdiv 3, Crudiv 6, Desron 1 + Desrn 3, Cardiv 3
- 2nd Fleet - V/Adm. Nobutaka KUROKI - TAKAO ((CA)) P
Crudiv 4, Crudiv 5, Crudiv 7 - Crudiv 8, Desrn 2, Desrn 4.
- 3rd Fleet - V/Adm. Ibo Taka Kashi NAGATO ((CL)) P
Crudiv 16, Crudiv 17, Desrn 5, Subrn 6, 12th Air Squadron
1st Base Force, 2nd Base Force HETAYODA-NISSHIN??
- 4th Fleet V/Adm. Shigeoyoshi INOSE KASHIMA P ((CL(T)))
Crudiv 8, Mineron 9, Desrn 6, Subrn 7, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Base Forces plus attached forces.
- 5th Fleet V/Adm. Boshiro HOSOGAYA TAMA ((CL)) P
Aux Crudiv 21 plus attached force
- 6th Fleet V/Adm. Mitsumi SHIMIZU ICATARI ((CL(T))) P
Subrn 1, Subrn 2
- 1st Air Fleet V/Adm. Chuichi NAGUMO AKARI ((CV)) P
Cardiv 1, Cardiv 2, Cardiv 5
- 11th Air Fleet V/Adm. Eikichi KATAGIRI moving from HANKOW to home land
21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th Air Flotillas and attached forces.

FORCES ATTACHED TO THE COMBINED FLEET

- AIRRON 11 (CVS), Subrn 4, Subrn 5, Combined Communications Force
- CHINA AREA FLEET - V/Adm. Mineichi KOGA IZUMO ((OCC)) P
- 1st China Expeditionary Fleet - V/Adm. Terukisa Komatsu USA P ((PG))
attached gumbat force, attached areas (Hankow area Sp. Base Force and others)
- 2nd China Expeditionary Fleet V/Adm. Sasaichi NIIMI ASHIGARA ((CA)) P
Crudiv 15; attached forces (Canton Area Sp. Base Force, Amoy Area Sp. Base Force and others)
- 3rd China Expeditionary Fleet V/Adm. Rokuzo SUGIYAMA IWATE ((OCC)) P
attached forces (Tsingtao Special Band and others)
- HAINAN DEFENCE AREA GUARD FORCE
V/Adm. Umetarō TANEMOTO - Sama, Hainan.
Force 5 attached to the China Area Fleet
Shanghai Area Force; Shanghai Area Spl F and others
- SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FLEET V/Adm. Jisaburo DEAWA WAKATAKE P
attached forces

INTERIOR/INNER Battle Forces

Inner Sea's Forces (Local Defense Forces)
Yokosuka & Dist forces, OMIYATO & Dist forces, KURE & Dist forces,
MAIZURU & Dist forces, SASANO & Dist forces, CHINKAI Guard Dist forces,
BAKO Guard Dist. forces, PORT ARTUR Guard Dist. forces
Along with the above, the Chief of the Naval General Staff, Admiral Osami NAGANO reported to the Throne that 90% or more of the fiscal year's Naval auxiliaries would be organized and attached to the fleet, ready to respond to any requirement.

NOTES

ALL TIMES/DATES ARE TOKYO STANDARD TIME (-9)
SINGLE PARENTHESES ((...)) ENCLOSE REMARKS ETC, BY THE JAPANESE ORIGINATOR OR AUTHOR
DOUBLE PARENTHESES (((...))) ENCLOSE REMARKS, OBSERVATIONS ETC. BY THE TRANSLATOR
NOTES: ALL NUMBERED FLEETS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE IN NATURE, WHEN ASSIGNED TO OPERATIONS, THEY THEN ASSUME THEIR TACTICAL TITLES!
1st Fleet - (mostly Battleships, Destroyer Squadrons) "COVERING FORCE"
2nd Fleet - (heavy cruisers, Destroyer Squadrons) "ADVANCE FORCE"
3rd Fleet (miscellaneous, amphibious assault) "NEI FORCE"
4th Fleet (old cruisers, old destroyers, auxiliaries) "MALAY FORCE"
5th Fleet (light cruisers, auxiliary cruisers, picket boats) "PHILIPPINES FORCE"
6th Fleet (submarines - submarine tenders) "SOUTH SEAS (MANDATE) FORCE"
1st Air Fleet* (aircraft carriers & escorts) "NORTHERN FORCE"
11th Air Fleet (shore based bombers and fighters) "VANGUARD FORCE"
"CARRIER STRIKE FORCE"
"BASE AIR FORCE"
Commanders in Chief command Fleets; TACTICAL FORCES are commanded by Commander in Chief.
* When the 1st Air Fleet organization was terminated after the Battle of Midway and replaced by a new organization - "3rd FLEET" - the latter's tactical title became "Carrier Strike Force"

NOTES - U.S. MESSAGES ARE FILED BY G.C.T. (Zone 6); P.H. Time + 10 hours
U.S. R.I. messages use letter CMC & Comdr almost interchangeably despite proper use for Comdr of Fleet (subscript 10 hrs to get P.H. time)
((Cmc except CF is administrative (Comdr. of 2nd Force) "11 hrs" "Dutch" "12 hrs" "Midway time" while the Comdr is a tactical commander!
While the word "tsushinjo" is properly translated Communication Intelligence Report - the word "radio intelligence" report is used herein as more descriptive of Orange "Communications Intelligence activities - ie 90% Traffic Analysis & Deductions Orange "spelling" - eg "PALAO" (ie "PALAU"); "TENIAN" (ie "TAINAN") etc used for accuracy and consistency.

Although these chains of hypotheses could lead to permanent error, constant observation correct wild reasoning and keep results close to facts. Net construction frequency treatments and past performances of radio intelligence contributes enormously to tactical and operational intelligence

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14 APRIL 1942 2306-2307-
⑥ COM 14-142355 To Comd (Adm) 2358

14 APRIL 1942

APPARENT FROM AIR DESPATCHES THAT A TRANSFER OF AIR ACTIVITIES FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER IS NOW TAKING PLACE. CONSOLIDATION OF COMMANDS SHOWN IN ENLARGEMENT OF AIR COMMAND CIRCUIT 11340 KCS; CALLS APPEARING COMR 11TH AIR FLEET, (CONTROLLING CIRCUIT FROM SAIPAN AREA), COMDR MARSHALLS AIR, COMDR. RABOUL (AND NEG GUINEA) AIR, ^{COMDR} KANOKA AIR AND TWO OTHERS, PROBABLY TAINAN AND EMPIRE LINKS OF THIS CIRCUIT. STRENGTHENING OF AIR FORCES IN MANDATES AND RABOUL VERY EVIDENT. KISARAZU AIR APPARENTLY MOVING AIRCRAFT TO SAIPAN FOR MARSHALLS AND RABOUL AIR FORCES, BOTH RYUKAKU AND [] ARE IN YOKOSUKA AREA AND MAY BE ABOUT TO TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND SUPPLIES TO THE SOUTH. IMPRESSION GAINED THERE IS MUCH TRAFFIC RELATING TO CRUISERS IN THE SOUTH, PERHAPS REQUESTS FOR MORE CRUISERS IN INDIAN OCEAN?

D/F POSITION OF A MARU SENDING WX REPORTS FROM CENTRAL WEST PACIFIC IS 44N 162 E
4th FLEET STAFF CONTINUES TO RECEIVE TRAFFIC VIA TRUCK TOKYO COMMUNICATIONS NOTIFIED 3 SUBMARINE SQUADRON COMMANDERS THAT HE WAS SHUTTING DOWN ON 17 KCS (IF ALL 3 CALLS BONA FIDE, THIS INDICATES ONLY 3 AIRCRAFT DEPENDING ON TOKYO COMMUNICATIONS FOR LONG DISTANCE COMMUNICATIONS)

COM 14 MOSS9 → Comd (Adm)
CRUDIV 7 → 2nd Fleet, GF, and others "FORWARDED ALL MAIL FOR THIS UNIT [KUMANO, MOHAMI, SUZUYO, MIKUMA] TO KURE FOR FORWARDING [WE WILL BE IN PORT SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 12TH AND 22ND]"
"OLD ONE FOLLOWS FROM COMDR JAVA FORCE DATED 2 APRIL" OFFICER PRISONERS X EXETER 7 INCLUDING ONE WARRANT OFFICER X ENCOUNTER 4 X POPE 4 INCLUDING 1 WARRANT OFFICER X PERCH 5 INCLUDING 1 WARRANT OFFICER X PETTY OFFICER EXCLUDING WARRANTS BRITISH 5 AMERICAN 5 TOTAL 32 X THEY HAVE BEEN EMBARKED ON THE [] MARU FOR SASEBO VIA TAKAO.

COM 14 2355 → usual large number of high precedence despatches mark a normal traffic volume. Apparent from air despatches THAT TRANSFER OF AIR ACTIVITIES FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER IS NOW TAKING PLACE... CINCPAC COMBINED FLEET STILL PAYS attention to submarine organization. INDIAN OCEAN FORCES shipping up again as calls are received, but no apparent change in strength to report. Comd Central sent a High Priority to all Major Commands, an Incident Citation RYUKAKU a carrier or a tender (Kutsu 8) and a Destroyer unit. Both RYUKAKU and RUTE 8 are in YOKOSUKA area and may be about to transport planes or supplies to the South... Crudiv 7 (Snatch Force) sent despatches indicating a movement by that command but destination not evident. Tentative Crudiv 7 sent urgent to Destroyer Unit (CITE 9) - impression gained that there is much traffic relating to cruisers, perhaps requests for more cruisers in the Indian Ocean. Strengthening of air force in Mandates and Raboul VERY EVIDENT - consolidation of air commands shown by enlargement of air command circuit - Comd 11th Air Fleet controls this circuit from the SAIPAN area... KANOKA Mem msg to radio stations indicates change Com. group. As it is not in Empire, indicates departure from Raboul due to some action in TRUCK and SAIPAN. A Tokyo procedure signal to 3 Subm suggests only 3 Subm in the Pacific. Call NOKA 9 sent urgent to Com 1st Air Fleet - a carrier diversion?

COMAN PAC → COMNAV Info ^{New Zealand} Proposed AS Intelligence Center will function mod. & generally if utilization is made of present New Zealand combined Nav, Air & Army organ. ^{APRIL 14 1942} ⁽⁷⁾ ^{information at New Zealand level of other} ^{methods he employed AUCTION office as he is organizing group here, Australia & New Zealand intelligence operations have quite complete information of despatches in the area specified and personnel with detailed knowledge can be obtained at short notice. IP. Empire organization based on political and economic considerations is organized to pass all intelligence from SOUTH CROZE, NEW HEBRIDES, and NEW CALEDONIA, GUYANA, AUSTRALIA, THIS CAN BE RELAYED TO NEW ZEALAND}

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CINCPAC #30
INDICATIONS THAT SUBMARINE UNITS X IMPACTIVE FOR PAST MONTH X WILL RESUME OPERATIONS X 3 NOTED IN NORTH EAST JAPAN AND ONE DOUBTFUL BETWEEN WAKE AND JALUIT X FLEET UNITS REMAIN AS BEFORE WITH AIR STRIKING FORCE COMPOSED OF 1 BATTAL X 4 DE S BATTERIES X GROUPS 7 AND 8 X SUBRON 2 AND 5 X 1 DESRON PLUS SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT IN BAY OF BENGAL X 2 OR 3 AUXILIARY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS IN MARSHALLS DASH YOKOSUKA AREA X BULLETIN 34 FROM CINCPAC X KAGA STILL AT SAISEBO X AIR SEARCHES FROM RABOUL RECENTLY EXTENDED TO 600 MILES
April 14 1942
#30 CINCPAC #30
COMNAV D/I (14) RYU 8 → GFP + 8th "SOUTHERN FORCES BATTLE REPORT # 11, ONE SECOND CLASS CRUISER WAS SUNK IN THE EAST CAMPAIGN (CAST = INDIAN AREA)
TE HA 3 (JALUIT) deals with interception US communications on 8210 KCS and bearing from Jaluit
KURE GUARD FORCE states "AN ORDER FOR 10,000 lbs of fuel (oil & gas) to be sent to SOBARSOSA, ALSO MENTIONS MILITARY STORES
EFU 4 (N Ocean Force) gives resume occupation of TRENATE and JALUIT.

⑧ 15 APRIL 1942

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OPNAV 154138 TO CINCPAC, COMSEPAFOR, COMSWPAFOR, COMANZAC, INFO COM 11, 16, COM WEST, HAWAII, PEARL HARBOR, NORTHWEST SEA FRONTIERS

DNI EST. CHANGES LOCATION OF MESS FIGHTERS TO PAST WEEK. YAMATO (CINC COMBINED FLEET) AT KURE. 1ST FLEET SCREENING FORCE REMAINS HOME WATERS EXCEPT KASUGA AT YOKOSUKA OR RABAU. CARDIV 5 BELIEVED OPERATING BAY OF BENGAL. CRUDIV 4 (ATAGO) FLAG REMAINS UNDER REPAIRS YOKOSUKA, MAYA. PROB. HOME WATERS. 4TH FLEET UNCHANGED EXCEPT HISHO RETURNED TO KURE.

COM 14 154335 to Comd (idea) + ComAnzac AN OLD ONE FOR INFO FROM CNGS → CINC 12 AIR FLEET INFO CONCARDIVS 1, 2, 3, and 5 DATED 31 December 1941: "IN ALLOWANCES OF AIRCRAFT AND SHIP BASED AIRCRAFT 1941, UNDER CARDIV 5 [COMBINED FLEET] MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

CARDIV	SHIP	FIGHTERS	DIVE BOMBERS	TORPEDO BOMBERS
CARDIV 1	AKAGI	18-3	18-3	18-3
	IKAGA	18-3	15-3	27-6
CARDIV 2	HIRYU	18-3	18-3	18-3
	SORYU	18-3	18-3	18-3
	(A TOTAL OF 54 ALC PLNS 9 SPARES per ship)			
CARDIV 3	RYUJO	12-4	-	12-4
CARDIV 5	SHOKAKU	18-3	18-3	18-3
	ZUIKAKU	18-3	18-3	18-3

Note absence of so called "Cardiv 4". The small number following the number of planes per squadron believed to mean spares or "reserve planes"

BELGONNEN 154857 to Comd + ComAnzac

... NURUHI serial 402 REQUESTS MATERIALS FOR BUILDING OF FACILITIES FOR WAKE ...

COM 14 150934 to CINC 12 AIR FLEET STATES ZUIKAKU AND SHOKAKU MAY BERTH AT DISCRETION (IN SINGAPORE OR PENANG?) BERTHS D15-D17 and D18 assigned to [] (probably plane guards)

OPNAV → CINCPAC INFO COMANZAC: FOLLOWING IS ADMIRALTY GET 152049: NOTE FOLLOWING FROM SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE X AFTER PASSING THROUGH SINGAPORE STRAIT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS ZUIKAKU AND SHOKAKU WILL BE DETACHED FROM AIRCRAFT CARRIER FORCE AND WILL ARRIVE [] 1400 APRIL 18TH LATER PROCEEDING TRUK ABOUT 2000.

COM 14 152358 Series → Comd + ComAnzac

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MELB UNIT 150902 → TEHA 3 (JAVUIT 1822) REPORTS HEARING U.S. AIRCRAFT CALLS IN AH (HAWAIIAN) AREA AS FOLLOWS: 7 AC USING 66 BLANK 1, 5 USING 66 BLANK 2. TWO FLYING BOATS (PBY-2) USING 72 BLANK 2, etc.; Remainder garbled. APRIL 15 1942

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COMINCH DIX (S) 2FF 15 APRIL '42 despatch 11 April. "Northern Forces of us attacked DGO (COZOMB) on 5th April and DGP (TRINCOMALEE) on 9 April. The 4th Fleet of the Malay Force, Surface C and Base Units acting in concert, gained Command of the Bay of BENGAL. Results of this campaign were the destruction of one carrier, 2 CA, 20 (?) merchant ships damaged. In the attack on COLONIA, VI ZAGAPATAN and TRINCOMALEE, OUR LOSSES WERE ONLY 17 PLANES DESPITE THE GREAT DESTRUCTION ACCOMPLISHED ON THE ENEMY. (See 16 April page 12)

M (PHILIPPINES) CAMPAIGN. Aided by the Air Force, we finally succeeded in forcing the enemy on BATAN to capitulate on 3 April but some guerrilla activity is still in progress. On 5 April the CEBU OCCUPATION FORCE departed SAN FERNANDO and landed during the 10th. Two enemy torpedo boats scored one hit on the [] which failed to explode. This vessel can continue her employment.

American aircraft raided JXK (KOROPAK) on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th April (2-3 AC each day) Seven American AC shot down 37 on planes on the 4th (or 5th) April. Although losses have been — material and labor conditions at KOROPAK are such that removal of this base to another location is desirable.

H Consolidation Campaign (N Campaign)

2 April BAW, 4 April SORONG, 8 April — and — have been occupied. Remaining operations in this area are proceeding according to plan. (over)

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BASED AIRCRAFT 194, UNDER CARDIV 5 [COMBINED FLEET] MAKE
THE FALL MISSION.

Continued -> 15 APRIL '42 After the attack suffered by (Flag ship
of Desron 4) she arrived at BANTAM anchorage escorted by Desron 4
less 2 units and left for SINGAPORE on the 7th.
U CAMPAIGN - Transports left SINGAPORE on 2 April and arrived (ANDAMANS)
early on the 8th. On the 9th America etc attacked the KASHI while it at LU (Amboina)
but did no damage. (and a DD unit) less 2 DD left SELATAR for PENANG,
arriving the 4th and left PENANG the same day to participate in the BENGAL operations.
On 10th duty unit MINAMI Force arrived 11th, will depart for Japan.
Air Fleet #2 (in #11) was ordered to April to return (for operations) and has
been designated Task Force 5.

Commander Southern Force has been appointed as Cinc Western Fleet for
Tactical operations. ((Force!!))

To YO (in Fuyo) 4 dispatch of 15th indicate, that RYUJO with 2 other units enroute
KURE on 15th (1) - expect arrival 20th
YU Mo 9 indicate, Cardiv 7, Cardiv 3 less 2 units and plus 2 other units left
Singapore 17th/19th

SRAT sp. intelligence (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20)
detached from the carrier force and will (leave?) 14th/15th, later proceeding to
TRUK to arrive about 28 April. (page 8 & 9)

D 15 - D 17 and D 18 assigned to (probably plane guards)

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INDICATIONS THAT KASUGA MARU (CARRIER) ENROUTE RABAU X
JAPAN X AN AUXILIARY TYPE VESSEL SENDING WEATHER INFORMATION
FROM POSITION 4 4 NORTH 1 6 2 EAST
31 KAGA STILL AT SASEBO

CINCPAC # 31

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⑩ 16 April 1942 COM 14 → Comd + ^{From 160600 Series. Cinc 2nd Fleet Serial} ^{FORCES} "SOUTH INDIAN OPERATIONS REPORT #14."
[5-9 APRIL] CAMPAIGN FOR CONTROL OF INDIAN OCEAN [C-CAMPAIGN]
THIS FORCE ATTACKED D.G.C. (COLOMBO) ON 5 APRIL AND D.G.P.
(TRINCOMALEE) ON 9 APRIL X THE AIR FLEET, MALAY FORCE, SUB
FORCE C & T UNITS, ACTING IN CONCERT, GAINED COMMAND OF
THE BAY OF BENGAL X RESULTS OF THIS CAMPAIGN WERE
THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE CARRIER, TWO HEAVY CRUISERS
(IN A LATER MESSAGE Cinc 2nd Fleet SAID TO ADD ONE LIGHT CRUISER
ALSO) ONE DESTROYER, 35 MERCHANT SHIPS AND 12 AIRCRAFT.
20 MERCHANT VESSELS WERE DAMAGED.

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AMERICAN AIRCRAFT RAIDED J. X. K. (KOEPAK)
ON THE 4TH, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH APRIL [2-3 EACH DAY].
7 AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 3 OF OUR AIRCRAFT
ON THE 4TH (OR 5TH) APRIL. ALTHOUGH LOSSES HAVE BEEN
[] MATERIAL AND LABOR CONDITIONS AT KOEPANG ARE
SUCH THAT REMOVAL OF THIS BASE TO ANOTHER LOCATION
IS DESIRABLE."

"H" CONSOLIDATION CAMPAIGN ["N" CAMPAIGN] - 2 APRIL BAGO,
4 APRIL SORONG, 8 APRIL [] AND [] WERE OCCUPIED. THE
REMAINING OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA ARE PROCEEDING
ACCORDING TO PLAN.

AFTER THE ATTACK SUFFERED BY FLAGSHIP OF DESRON 4
SHE ARRIVED AT BATAMI ANCHORAGE ESCORTED BY DESRON
4 LESS 2 UNITS AND LEFT FOR SINGAPORE ON THE 7TH.

"U" CAMPAIGN X TRANSPORTS DEPARTED SINGAPORE 2 APRIL
AND ARRIVED (ANDAMANS) EARLY THE 8TH.

ON THE 5TH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE AKASHI
(AR - 10,500 tons) WHILE ANCHORED IN LU. (AMBOINA) BUT DID NO
DAMAGE.....

ON 13TH INDICATIONS RYUJO, IN COMPANY WITH 2 OTHER UNITS IS EN ROUTE
KURE VIA PALAO, EXPECTS ARRIVE ABOUT THE 22ND. ALSO INDICATIONS
THAT CEN DIV 7, CEN DIV 3 and others departed Singapore at 1700 on
13 APRIL. COMMENT - SOUNDS UNREASONABLE BUT APPARENTLY BAY OF BENGAL
OPERATIONS are completed as far as Cendiv 7 and Ryujo are concerned
and their services are required elsewhere.

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IF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT ADDRESSED TO YOU PLEASE DECIPHER X RYUJO
RETURNING TO JAPAN FROM MALAY AREA X CRUISER DIVISION 7 (4 SHIPS)
EXPECTED TO ENTER PORT PROBABLY MALAY SHORTLY X DAILY RECONNAISSANCE
FLIGHTS FROM WAKE X MALDESLAP X JALUIT X MAKIN X RABAU AND LAEX
RADIO VIBRATES FROM 300 TO 600 MILES X LOCAL PATROLS BY FIGHTERS MAY
ALSO BE EXPECTED OVER ALL BASES EXCEPT MAKIN NUMBER 32 ENEMY
DOG FOX AND RADIO INTELL. ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT HIGH LEVEL

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17 APRIL 1942

COM 14 170054 to Comb + Comanzac T.A. Summary
General high precedence dispatches concerned carrier
RYUKAKU, Cindiv 5?, and Cindiv 5 carrier and Cindiv 5? with
FOURTH FLEET. CRUDIV 5 in SASEBO 2-April used Sasebo Radio # series.
RYUKAKU and Cindiv 5 may be connected with movement Shore base
air units to Rabaul area. GF flagship & staff at Kure. TAINAN
AIR associated with 5th AIR ATTACK FORCE (Rabaul area), KI SAKAZU
AIR busy with flight of planes to MARCUS IS. Comander 3 in RYUJO
and Cindiv 7 indicated summit Empire. Taiden's some ships
may go to MARSHALLS from Empire. DF Sasebo [MTEU] 38N 138 E,
another in 38N 142 E; a third in JALUIT area.

COM 14 170944 TO COMB + COMANZAC "CRUDIV 7 AND CARRI 3 LEFT
SINGAPORE 1700 THE 13th TO ARRIVE KURE BETWEEN 12 AND 1800
THE 22ND. 15th SHIROWA TO VARIOUS AIR ADDRESSEES: 24 VF
FOR [] AIR GROUP AND 15 VF FOR [] AIR GROUP WILL BE COMPLETED
3 MAY x 12 (CARRIER) PLANES FOR SPEIKI AIR AND 16 (CARRIER) PLANES
FOR SUKUGAWA ACE TO BE COMPLETED [] DATE x 16 CARRIER BOMBERS
WILL BE SENT TO OMURA AND 11 SHIP BOARD BOMBERS WILL BE FLOWN
TO [].

COM 14 170915 TO COMB + COMANZAC "4th FLEET of 1st - " WITH
REGARD TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF CRUDIV 5 AND [A CRUDIV OR
DESRON] TO THE MANDATES FORCE, IT IS DISCOVERED THAT [] []
AND [] PROCEEDED TO TRUK UNTIL 25 APRIL x THE TWO SHIPS
OF [], MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE TEMPORARILY UNDER THE
COMMAND OF COM CRUDIV 5 OR RYUKAKU, WHICHEVER ARRIVES FIRST.
" 15 APRIL " REQUEST AVAILABILITY FOR KUMANO DOCKING AT
[] ISAWA DRYDOCK FROM 3-9 MAY. COMMITMENT - ONE ADDRESSER
WAS TSURUMI DOCKYARD SUGGESTING THE DRY DOCKING TO BE IN THE
YOKOHAMA AREA.

To Cindiv 7, ON 15th: " DOCKING SCHEDULE OF YOUR UNIT XX KUMANO AND
MOGAMI 27 APRIL TO 4 MAY x MIKUMA AND SUZUYARCO 4 MAY TO
12 MAY; INFO - 95 2d Fleet and 95 GF.

COM 14 170958. 1st AIR FLEET -> [] Fleet Units "PLEASE ADVISE
YOUR EXPECTED POSITIONS AND COURSE AT 0800 THE 16th x
EXPECT TO FLY 2 CARRIER PLANES OF THIS FORCE TO TAIKAO
USING YOUR FORCE AS RELAY. A

COM 14 172534 SERIES TI -> COMB + COMANZAC, COMDR PHILIPPINES
FORCE, COMBAT DIV 3, CV RYUKAKU AND OTHERS ORIGINATED HIGH PRECE-
DENCE TRAFFIC DURING DAY. ECIPHERED ADDRESS "106 RUOTTO"
NOTED - PROBABLY A BASE AT THAT PLACE. SPECIAL NOTE: AT TIME
OF LAST CALL SIGN CHANGE, JAP OPERATORS MADE FEWEST MISTAKES
EVER INDICATING EXCELLENT TRAINING. TRUK WEATHER CENTRAL
APPEARS TO HAVE RELIEVED PALAO OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EASTERN
MANDATES AND RABAUL AREAS. COMBAT DIV 3 -> URGENT TO SASEBO
NAVY YARD INFO USUAL COMDRS AND 3 VESSELS (PROBABLY ALL
3 BBS - one is KIRISHIMA) INDICATING RETURN TO SASEBO IF THAT UNIT
(AND REPAIR/UPKEEP/DOCKING?). TAIKAO AIR CONTINUES TO ADDRESS
11th AIR FLEET AT TAINAN. FUJIKAWA MARM, recently on duty in Malaya
is now in PALAO area likely to RABAUL. Carriers RYUKAKU and []
are at Yokosuka - THESE VESSELS, WITH OTHERS, appear preparing for
voyage to RABAUL area. CINC 4th FLEET STILL SERVED BY TRUK. 5th FLEET
ACTIVITY CONTINUES HIGH. KASUGA MARU IN YOKOSUKA AREA "

COM 14 - 170305 - TYPICAL JALUIT R.I. STATION MESSAGE - "REPORT NO 40,
AMERICAN NAVAL AIRCRAFT 0 V BLANK [STRENGTH 3] APRIL 17 1942
WORKED NIX, NPS AND NIQ. NIX SENT ONE MESSAGE THROUGH NPS. BEARINGS
FROM JALUIT 83°-93° [FROM 1145 TO 1244]. FROM KUMASUBEN WAS
91°-96° RI

COMING 7/1 (17) D/F message from MARCUS to TOKYO seen. Plans flights between MARCUS
and KUSABETSU via BENJIN continue. // MALAY area quiet and Indies area free of traffic
5th Fleet activity continues high - Many dispatches to vessels in OMURA area, which
include fleet unit calls.

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CINC PAC #33

ALL ACTIVITIES NOT ADDRESSED THIS, CEASE DECRYPTING NOW XX
RYUJO X CARRIER DIVISION 3 X CRUISER DIVISION 7 ENROUTE KURE -
SASEBO AREA FROM BAY OF BENGAL X CRUISER DIVISION 5 MAY OPER-
ATE IN MARSHALLS AREA SHORTLY X ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO WITH-
DRAWAL OF HEAVY FLEET UNITS FROM BAY OF BENGAL TO JAPAN FOR
OPERATIONS TO SOUTHEASTWARD IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE X RYUKAKU EX-
PECTED IN TRUK NEXT WEEK X VTEARLE INCREASE IN AIR ACTIVITIES
IN MARSHALLS AND NEW ZEALAND AREA NUMBER 33 X RESUMPTION OF
OPERATIONS BY SUBMARINES FROM JAPAN TO SOUTH AND EAST IS IN-
DICATED X ONE OF THE WEATHER REPORTING MARCUS FIXED POOR D/F AT
43 NORTH 164 EAST, OTHER NOT HEARD.

17 April

CINC PAC # 33

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COMINT 7/1 (17) EYUYA (prob Civ. Eng. Sectn. ENWETOK?) reveals construction of "4th Fleet
Rescue and Seaplane Base" on BROWN PATO (ENWETOK)
E KU 8 (TAICHO Air (TAINAN?)) reports arrival at RABAUL
RI U 3 (2nd Air Attack Corps) says it is highly desirable to attack DARWIN with 96 soon.
... desire of heavy land plane bombers present to Base # - a.s.a.p. Informer # 1 deleted

RN = New Zealand
RME = Lord Howe
RXC = vicinity of
on Bougainville

18 APRIL 1942 FOR NALSEY - (retiring from "Doolittle Raid" on Tokyo)

181147 CINCPAC → ALL TF Comds - "ONLY FOR COM TASK FORCE 16 x CONSIDERABLE 5TH FLEET RADIO ACTIVITY x RDF FIXES SHOW UNKNOWN UNIT IN APPROX. 32 NORTH 155 EAST AT 0825 x ANOTHER AT 37 NORTH 144 EAST AT 0900 x TIMES G.C.T. x BEST ESTIMATE NUMBER UNITS SEARCHING IS 15."

181807 CINCPAC → ALL TF Comds under my command; "FOR 16 ONLY x AT LEAST 2 JAPANESE FLEET UNITS, PROCEEDING TO CONCENTRATE IN 25° NORTH 150° EAST"

181957 CINCPAC → ALL TF Comds: "THIS FOR (CTF) SIXTEEN ONLY x 2 AUXILIARY CARRIERS AT YOKOSUKA DIRECTED SEARCH FOR 3 BLUE ((U.S.)) CARRIERS AND 2 CRUISERS x TIMED 0950 ITEM ((Tokyo TIME)) (-9) THE 18TH x AN UNINTELLIGIBLE BEARING AND DISTANCE OF OBJECTIVE FORCE GIVEN"

General Intelligence to the Fleet

181915 CINCPAC → PACIFIC FLEET; INFORMATION TO: COMINCPAC, COM 14. (Deferred)
 "RECENT INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCE ON ORANGE ((JAPANESE)) CARRIERS STATES: (A) ORGANIZATION CARDIV 1 - AKAKI AND KAGA; CARDIV 2 - HIROYU PLUS SORYU; CARDIV 3 - RYUJO ONLY; CARDIV 5 - SHOKAKU AND ZUIKAKU. (B) AIRCRAFT COMPLEMENTS: FIGHTERS EACH - 18 PLUS 3 SPARES EXCEPT RYUJO WHICH HAS 12 PLUS FOUR; DIVE BOMBERS SAME AS FIGHTERS; TORPEDO BOMBERS: 18 PLUS 3 SPARES PER SHIP EXCEPT KAGA CARRIES 27 AND SIX AND THE RYUJO HAS NONE."

COM 14 182110 → COMB + COMANZAC. UNIDENT SERIAL 49 SAYS "IN VIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ENEMY SUBMARINES REQUEST ESCORT FOR [] RETURNING TO KURE FROM BAKO." GF serial 792: "THE WAR ORGANIZATION LIST AND GF COMMUNICATION PLAN NO 12 WHICH WAS TO BE SENT BY [] TO THE SOUTHERN FORCE HAS BEEN SENT BY [AIR UNIT] ARRIVING OLONGAPO 24 APRIL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT" 4TH FLEET SERIAL 77 SAYS "AT 0950 THE 18TH ENEMY FORCES CONSISTING OF 3 CARRIERS AND 2 CRUISERS ARE [] MILES AND BEARING [] FROM TOKYO x THE RADICALS AND [] WILL COMPLETE LOADING ((PLANES?)) AND COMMENCE SEARCHING"

NGWA 5 (CHITOSE AIR GP) says in accordance with 4th Air Attack Group Order #3, 10 Type 97 heavy bombers + Type 97 and 10 Type 1 heavy bombers will depart at 0530/19th → WAKE. 5 number of Type 97 will return the same day. rest unreadable

COMINCPAC (18) 07A4 (60 Air Unit force) says "Carriers on ops. in (Kaga Air Group) HIROYU and 2nd Air Det. At present 4 (1) 46 of (Kaga Air Group) are searching. These are the submarines 3 4/6. 1st Air Det. taking off at 1130 - search sectors 085-092. 9/10 000 APRIL 18 1942 (15)
 (notes) left to return: "Depart at 1215 make back about 1600. Com 14 in heavy bombers equipped with torpedoes. (Kaga Air Group) 16. Air 9, 10, 11 x Fighter escorts for attack group - #1 6000 ft - 12 000 ft; KAGA 12 000 ft. Out to 1920 Same operation in effect. (Chitose Air Group) 12. 12 000 ft. address del hands at 1105/15th 07A4 (at 1105/15th) of order #1. MARCUS 1st Air Unit will start at 0300/19th and at an reconnaissance in Run Y and Z and A to E. (rest unclear but indicates if available 9/10 do not permit this, take alternate lines on each side of North to the extent possible) of 1105/15th unknown message says "From Com 14. 1st Air Unit will start at 0300/19th and via R power 2320 - miles from COM 14 (18) to TRUK arriving 24 April and join at 1205/20 April in position → 24, 10 NS 138.40E."

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 DECODE X CINCPAC
 ED (MORLEY) E (T-ADP) - OCCUPATION
 DAYS X THWEST

COMINCPAC (18) ARK 5 (A. MARK?) originated a contact report at 0630/I 18 APRIL '42 "3 ENEMY PLANES(?) COURSE SOUTHWEST(?)". First heard on Tokyo broadcast (TSA) at 0715(?) followed by a contact report originated by TU 11 (at 0715) which was assumed to mean contact with 2 ships of one type and 3 ships of another type. (Possibly carriers and cruisers). At 0715 HIROYU (undent) originated a 4 kana (fictitious type) despatch addressed to STP info IFF, e SAJEBO address and undent 1 SURE - this was widely circulated, first transmitted by Tokyo at 1236 to Subron 2 and sent an undent Subron and at 1400 by Com Subron to Subfree. Com 14, in a despatch carrying same tone of origin as that of HIROYU 3, addressed Subfree collector (MINES), that was rebroadcast by Tokyo and Jalut up to 1600. At 0820 (I) TI 2 (5th fleet unit?) reported contact with 3 planes in 36N 153-40E. At 0823 ARK 5 (see chm) transmitted TE KU-TEKU-TEKU (enemy destroyers) and at 0938 ARK 5 again seen with an aircraft report; contact reports flooded circuits thereafter, some of which were abbreviated plain language traffic (mostly untranslatable) and balance 4 kana type messages. 5th fleet Kaga numeral calls numerous congrats + addresses.

Summarizing chronology of events: Initial contact reported by ARK 5, at 0630. Call 05x is attached alert. Further contacts brought Com 14 into the picture, mainly in actively directing submarines, with Com 14 (as Screening Force Comd.) taking charge of surface craft, and issuing orders to Com 14. Dates included Com 14's 1st Air Unit area of operation. KAGA and RYUJO were included in tactical orders.

Force conducting search behaved 5th Fleet patrols, 6th Air Attack Force (base based), Com 14, unknown 1st Fleet units, additional air units of 11th Air Fleet, 3 Submarine Squadrons (a patrol threat) RYO KAKU and KAGA being groomed to form. RDF in TI 2 3rd 14TE; Ho 5 36N 144E; NA 2 37N 151E; NU 9 41N 151E etc.

17 April '42
 IF THIS DESPATCH ANY FURTHER x T 34 x CRUISER D REMAIN THAT ARE ARRIVES Y ENROUTE S FORCE HAS 00 RYUKAKU SCHEDULE POSSIBILITY ONE OF MIDWAY.
 180181

COMINCPAC (18) NISUHO and RAKERU (undent) directs someone to bear a hand & conduct tests on the POWDER DIE station equipment
 MEME 6 (Air Unit at MARCUS) says "Leading 6 Type 1 land plane bombers departed Hawaii for →"

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
19 APRIL 1942
190242 COM 14 (FOR CINCPAC)

19 APRIL '42

ALL TF COMDRS - OPNAV, INFO COMING

RELIABLE INFORMATION INDICATES

THAT THE ENEMY EXPECTS ATTACK ON WAKE TODAY PROBABLY FROM NORTH WEST DIRECTION X OUR AIRCRAFT REPORTED TO HAVE RECONNOITERED WAKE YESTERDAY X ENEMY HAS DISPOSED HIS AIR FORCES IN THE MARSHALLS ACCORDINGLY

PRIORITY

190135 - CINCPAC -> COMDR TASK FORCE 16.

"A SEARCH IS UNDERWAY - POINT OF ORIGIN IN VICINITY 32° NORTH 140° EAST X ZERO TIME IS 0500 (ITEM TIME THE 19th - (MINUS 9)). AXIS OF SEARCH EASTERLY SPEED 19 X TYPE OF SHIPS NOT APPARENT BUT BELIEVE UNITS INCLUDE CRUW 4.

COM 14 0648 TO COMB + COMANZAC AT 0300 TOKYO RADIO INSTRUCT- ED TRUK, SAIPAN AND PALAU "AFTER 0300 SEND HIGHEST PRIORITY ENEMY TRAFFIC ONLY." OBSERVATIONS CONFIRM THIS

AT 0630 MARU (?) ARU 5 sent "HTE HTE. 3.6 SINRO 6 To" ("3 ENEMY PLANES COURSE SW (?) (W?)). First intercepted on Tokyo Radio Broadcast at 0615 followed by "HoHoHo. 2. KUKO 3 KUKOKUKO 33. 0645" assume contact report with 2 ships of one type and 3 of another (possibly carriers and cruisers).

CINC Combined Fleet 0715 addressed Submarine Force collection, relayed east by Tokyo and Salut up to 1600. 0820 [FZ] reported contact with 3 planes in 36°N 153-40E. AT same time 0715 a 4 kana technical message went to Cinc 5th Fleet, Info 1st Fleet, Comdr [base address] and [] - was widely speculated, last time

at 1236 Tokyo to SUBRON 2.

at 0823 ARU 5 sent TEKU TEKU TEKU ("Enemy Destroyers"). This ARU 5 made another enoist report at 0930 x Contact reports thereafter flooded the circuits. Report (no origin) at 1300 "in action with 2 Carriers and 2 Cruisers". At same time [] reported "2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SIGHTED OFF A NOJIMA COURSE WEST".

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COMINCH 190135 YOKOSUKA sent "ENEMY VESSEL IN POSITION 25°N 136°E at 1430-3/18" (which is corrected by D/F 180000)

COMINCH 190135 O TA 4 (6th Air Attack Corps) ATTACK ORDER - TAKE OFF AT 0400, WAVES AT 15 MINUTE INTERVALS. 1st WAVE: 30 TYPE 1 HEAVY LANDPLANE BOMBERS (TORPEDOES) KISAPAZU AIR 21 (17th AIR 9, AIR 8. 2nd WAVE (EQUIPPED WITH SOME SPECIAL TORPEDOES AND SOME SPECIAL ELSE). 3rd Type 97 Heavy Bombers from KANOYA AIR. 3rd WAVE Bomber Group: KAGA AIR Group (shore based at KISAPAZU) 18 DIVE BOMBERS, 27 TORPEDO BOMBERS. FIGHTER ESCORT GROUP #1: 15 VF. FIGHTER ESCORT GROUP #2: 18 VF FROM KAGA.

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KEN 9 (Cinc 2F) says "WILL REPLENISH FUEL AND AMMUNITION BETWEEN - AND SMAY NOT ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE REPORT ON REQUIREMENTS" (17A)

COMINCH 190135 No Ho Ho (contact) advisory 0500, 2F Subron 5 NGA Force 2 - under Info 1st (contact) - according to information received from Goni and Jib, the clear under reports (?) at 0630, after becoming dark on [] is believed something about searching the sea. Last section says it is believed this ship read to the US.

From CINCPAC 190315

To: COMINCH COMANZAC ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC. ACNS NENB ALL NAVAL STAFFS COMDRS LESS LAST ACNS GULF CARIBS SEAFARON COMDRS. NADIC

ONE SQUADRON OF BOMBERS IS PROCEEDING TO WAKE TODAY

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SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY ALL UNITS IN YOKOSUKA CATCH MARIANAS AND MARSHALLS AREA INCLUDING SUBMARINES x C x RYUKAKU x AVAILABLE LIGHT CRAFT AND SHORE BASED AIR

35th BULLETIN x THREE BATTLE SHIPS OF BATTLE EXPECTED ABOVE SPHERE AREA ABOUT 24th

CINCPAC #35

190315 occupied - (contact) makes operations report - reveals occupants of MARIANAS

COM 14-191046 [Second Part Only] 19 Type 97 (96?) Heavy Landplane Bombers from KANOYA AIR x THIRD WAVE: BOMBER GROUP - KAGA AIR GROUP (shore based at Kaganu) 18 Dive Bombers, 27 Torpedo Bombers x FIGHTER ESCORT GROUP #1: 15 Fighters, Fighter Escort Group #2: 16 fighters from KAGA. Part of group detached for search - apparently search on 18th was unsuccessful.

COM 14-192149 -> COMB. 6F Serial 796 "TASK ORGANIZATION FOR MANDATED FORCE x CARDIV 5 x MARSHALLS AIR FORCE AND AIR CORPS 25 HAS BEEN SENT BY TIMORU" NOTE INCLUSION OF CARDIV 5 IN MANDATES SET UP - AIR CORPS 25 - NEW SOUTH AFRICA OLD 24th

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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ALL TF COMDRS - OPNAV; INFO COMINCH

COM 14 (FOR CINCPAC) RELIABLE INFORMATION INDICATES

CINC 5F gives search plan for the 19th - "SEARCH FOR AMERICAN WARSHIPS AT 0405/19 & NORTH AND EAST AND PROCEED TO POINT (GRID POSITION) THEN SEARCH FOR ENEMY CARRIERS. AT WA (Grid Position) MAKE CONTACT WITH OWN FLANK GROUPS AND 3rd DIVISION (20 ships) search area enclosed in 5 (land grid positions); 2nd Division (21 ships) search area enclosed in 5 (land grid positions) for Division (20 ships) search area (5-Kona grid designator) Return about 1800/19 - CONTACT - Units are probably small craft except NORTH 1 Searching approaches to KAWAHA. Grid position for all Single KAWA. GF Miss "TASK ORGANIZATION FOR MANDATE FORCE, CARDIV 5, MARSHALLS AIR FORCE AND AIR CORPS 25 HAS BEEN SENT VIA MARU" Note inclusion of Cardiv 5 in this Mandate set up. NIRA 5 (Cinc 2F) says "Publication for South Sea Area, and Airman 25 were sent via CARDIV 5 KASE 3 (RUKAKU) quote "this vessel can take aboard 9 Type 97 medium bombers and 6 ship board planes, fitted with bombs, upon arrival DD to transferred to"

SPEED 19 x TYPE OF SHIPS NOT APPARENT BUT BELIEVE UNITS INCLUDE CRUIDIV 4.

COM 14 0648 To COMB + COMANZAC AT 0300 TOKYO RADIO INSTRUCT ED TRUK, SAIPAN and PALAO "AFTER 0300 SEND HIGHEST PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC ONLY." OBSERVATIONS CONFIRM THIS

AT 0630 MARU (?) AKU 5 sent "HTE. HTE. 3.6 SINRO 6 To" ("3 ENEMY PLANES COURSE SW (?) (W?)). First intercepted on Tokyo Radio Broadcast at 0615 followed by "HoHoHo. 2. KUKO 3 KUKUKUKO 33. 0645". Assume contact report with 2 ships of one type and 3 of another (possibly Carriers and Cruisers). Cinc Combined Fleet 0715 addressed Submarine Force collection, rebroadcast by Tokyo and Salait up to 1600. 0820 [FZ] reported contact with 3 planes in 36°N 153-40E. At same time 0715 a 4 kana teletype message went to Cinc 5th Fleet, Info 1st Fleet, Comdr Kase to [redacted] and [redacted] - was widely speculated, last time at 1236 Tokyo to Subson 2.

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COMINCH 190242 CONSUBFOR in approx 24N 171E by D/F. Routine traffic for Consult Group via JAWIT

INDICATIONS OF COORDINATED SEARCH BY [redacted] SURFACE VESSEL APRIL 19 1942

Fleet Unit NANA 3 sent Urgent Priority at 1700(Z) today to 5th SF + Yokosuka, info Com Subson 3 and Sub-unit 0 SQF

COMINCH 190242 YOKOSUKA sent "ENEMY VESSEL IN POSITION 25°N 136°E at 1430/-3/18 speed 16-20 (knots) by D/F [redacted]"

Combined Fleet msg "TASK FORCE organization of Mandate Area - Cardiv 5, Marshall Air Force and Air Corps 25 has been sent via MARU" Note inclusion of Cardiv 5 in this Mandate set up. Air Corp 25 is believed now near New Britain in Java, similar to old Airman 24

NIRA 5 (2FP) says: Publication for South Sea Area, and Airman 25 were sent by [redacted] FV 9 (2F) "HAVE CONTACT of LESS RUKAKU underway at 0500/19" proceed to L 37N 140E from which he will proceed on searching course against East.

TEE 2 (unident) reports that the #21 Maru received a direct hit in 39-40N 150E

COMINCH 190315 No Ho RI (unident) advised of GF 2F Subson 5, NGA 5, NGA 2, and Subson 2 contacts Info 040 (unident) - according to information received from Germany and Italy, the ship has been under attack (Nicht identifiziert). After leaving dry dock on 11-11-41 it is believed she was struck by a [redacted] on 12-19-41. The [redacted] next section says something about searching the sea, last section says it is believed this ship will head for the US.

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CINCPAC #35

190315 [redacted] (Cinc 5th Fleet) makes operations report - remarks occupation of NABIRE 0740/19

COMA-191048 [Second Part Only] 17 Type 97 (96?) Heavy Landplane Bombers from KANOA AIR x THIRD WAVE: BOMBER GROUP - KAGA AIR GROUP (shore based at Kasegawa) 18 Dive Bombers; 27 Torpedo Bombers x FIGHTER ESCORT Group #1: 15 Search - apparently search on 18th was unsuccessful.

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BELCONNEN → COMB 200527 IRI 1 (161) IS "N" OCCUPATION FORCE OPERATIONS REPORT REVEALING OCCUPATION OF NABIRE 0740 17th. RE YU 7 (Serial 285) PARTLY READABLE REPORTS LEAVING YOKOSUKA ZONE 18th ENTERING CHICHIJIMA ZONE. WILL LEAVE CHICHIJIMA ZONE ON 20th ENTER 5th COMMUNICATIONS ZONE (SAIPAN). RI YA 3 (Serial 543) SEE BELCONNEN 200256. NERA HI 3 (Serial 93) INDICATES COMMENCEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PLANE PATROLS TOO 100 MILES FROM YOKOSUKA (sketchy translation). YO HI 7 (Serial 631) INDICATES SHIFTING OF 500 WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT FROM KOEPANG TO AMBON & NIRA 5 (725) STATES PUBLICATIONS FOR SOUTH SEAS FORCE, [] and AIRRON 25 were sent via CRUDIV 5. AKI 2 (286) states that 5 number 1 Type planes arrived 1400/18th SAIPAN and will depart 0600/19th from heading, destination probably NEW BRITAIN x HO 0 8 (299) reports HIKANA MARU arrived KOEPANG. TEE 2 (188) states that Captain of the #2 [] MARU suffered a direct hit in 39.40N 150.50E at 0900 the 19th.

COM 14 → COMB 202135, MIYORE (TOKYO INTELL) Serial 245 of 19th to unidentified command. "REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF AMERICAN PLANES WHICH ATTACKED US ON 18th (DOOITTE RAID). ? ORIGINATOR says that at 0920 the 19th, the #2 [] MARU was attacked in 39 North 155 East. IT appears that the enemy may be headed in your direction. Direct Air Station take condition of readiness 2 and after 0400 take readiness condition #1. As soon as possible after [] time execute a search of the area 080-100° from OMINATO

COM 14 202055 → COMB
TAT I (5th Fleet) Serial 285 gives search plan on 19th: "SEARCH FOR AMERICAN WAR SHIPS. AT 0400 the 19th, NACHI and [] proceed to [] Point (grid position). Then search on generally easterly courses. At WA (grid position) make contact with own forces, [] and 3rd Division (20 ships) search area between (5 KANA designators for grid positions). P. 2nd Division (21 ships) search area enclosed in 5 KANA grid designators). P. 1st Division (about 20 ships) search area (5 KANA grid designators). Return about 1800 the 19th. Comment: Units are probably small craft except NACHI searching approach to Yokosuka. Grid positions are not avail. KANA. (See Page 17B)

COM 14 202345 → COMB. NERA HI (YOKOSUKA) Serial 406 on 19th to his forces says: "YOKOSUKA AIR STATION ORDER # 77. AIR FORCE WILL RETURN TO THE ASSIGNMENTS LND DOWN IN MY ORDER # []. LOCAL FORCES, UNDER ORDERS OF TWENTY C.O.'s WILL PROCEED TO ATTACK AND MOP UP ENEMY SUBMARINES WHICH APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATING IN THE VICINITY OF TOKYO BAY. KASE 3 (RYOJOKU) Serial #141 of the 19th to CINC 2nd Fleet: "WILL BE CONDUCTING [] (TAKING ON PLANES?) UNTIL 1200. AT 1200 THIS SHIP AND ONE DD WILL BE IN POSITION 34-30 NORTH (130-140°) EAST. SPEED 22. COURSE []. COMMENT - The speed given indicates that this is not our old friend the HOSHIO.

COMANZAC 200814 → ^{CarDiv 3, 1st Flt} ORANGE USING SALAMAUVA AS REFUELLING BASE FOR VP WATCH. APPARENTLY EXECUTED EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE PROBABLY FROM RABAUZ OVER SOLOMONS, CORAL SEA, LOUISIADIS, SAMARAI, ABOUT 120 MILES ALONG SOUTH COAST NEW GUINEA THENCE ACROSS TO SALAMAUVA FOR REFUELLING WHEN NECESSARY BEFORE RETURNING RABAUZ. INDICATIONS CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI ACCOMPANIED BY 2 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS SCHEDULED ARRIVE TRUK ABOUT 24th BUT CURRENT OPERATIONS MAY INTERFERE WITH ADHERENCE. JAP SUPPLY SHIP DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR NEW BRITAIN AREA WHERE NEW 41 SERIES PLANES EXPECTED SOON. ENEMY DESTROYER ARRIVED KOEPANG WITH 11,000 TON MARU.

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(LESS MACH) ENROUTE TRUK ARRIVED TO LOCATE ALLIED FORCE IN NORTH - COUS AND FIGHTERS AT LEAST 300 SEA FOR ATTACK X AIR STRENGTH IN WAKE AREA X INDICATIONS THAT MOST SENEGAL ACE PROCEEDING JAPAN X MOUND OF FORCES IN BAY OF BENGAL AT FOR ENEMY OFF YO KOSUFA X CONSUBFOR ENROUTE TO MARSHALLS

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20 APRIL

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TI SUMMARY FOR 20 APRIL (TOG = 210125)
COM 14 → COMB 210125, APPEARS THAT ORDERS TO TRANSMIT ONLY URGENT DESPATCHES HAS RESULTED IN ELEVATION OF MOST TRAFFIC TO THAT PRECEDENCE LEVEL AS VOLUME IS VERY HIGH. CINC 2nd Fleet IS APPEARING IN HEADINGS OF DESPATCHES RELATING TO SEARCH OPERATIONS OFF HONSHU PROBABLY FOR INFORMATION ONLY. IMPRESSIONS GAINED THAT NOT ALL OF HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC SEEN RELATES TO DEFENCE AND SEARCH OPERATIONS BUT IS TIED UP WITH FUTURE OPERATIONS AS SHOWN BY GENERAL MOVEMENT OF SHIPS FROM INDIAN OCEAN AREA TO EMPIRE AND THE RECENT REVIVED SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN EMPIRE WATERS. VESSELS DETAILED TO SEARCH APPEAR TO BE ONLY THOSE REGULARLY STATIONED PLUS SOME UNITS WHICH HAPPENED TO BE IN HOME WATERS x CINC COMBINED STILL DIRECTING SEARCH OPERATIONS, TRAFFIC BETWEEN EMPIRE AND SHANGHAI SEEMS TO BE INCREASING. CINC COMBINED FLEET ADDRESSED ALL MAJOR COMMANDERS, CONCATDIV 5 WITH PLANE GUARDS AND 2 SUBMARINE UNITS, ONE OF WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBRON 8. CINC COMBINED addressed his Commander plus 6th Subattack Force, without fleet unit H1 W1 4 + info to all major Commanders. One of his despatches to 1st Fleet was sent to Subron 2 and 5 in Malaya/India. Since Subron 5 and Subron 6 which was later replaced by Subron 2 were originally in 1st Fleet, this may not be significant. Fleet vessel RUTU 2 appears leaving Ensign for Mandates and may proceed on to RABAUZ. In tracing this cell found that J3 Q15, ex-MUTI 9 was almost definitely identified as a battleship. Comdr Philippine Fleet addressed many despatches to own forces. Cinc 2nd sent several despatches to Subron 3. Got his attack force and 5th Fleet and the presently prominent H1 FV 3, which is involved in the search for enemy raiders. These may engage 2nd Fleet units now (over)
CarDiv 3, listed in TAKAO area, due to return to Empire. KAGA appears to be

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COM 14 20 20 55 → COMB
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Following D/K Positions (see north and east) Yob 36 143°; KA-5 35 143; JI 2 36-145; NO-9 = 46-146; HA 2 = 36-155; KE-0 = 37-145; TA-9 = 32-130; SUBMARINES (see north and east) TO YA 4 36-164; MARI (same ship) but D/K puts longitude 13° further west. AMI (Comsubfor) 11-144; SA FU = 33-134; RE WD = 32-170; 5th Fleet flagship fixed in 30N 165E. Subron 3 most active in area with indication of more submarines joining the search. A close relationship exists between 4th Air Attack Group in Marshalls and the 6th in the YOKOSUKA area. Maru TEE 2 very active in search as evidenced by his traffic & RYUKATU in YOKOSUKA area; KAGA again appears at SASEBO. Cardiv 3 listed in TAKAO area; Cardiv 3 due return to Empire while Cardiv 5 is reporting to 4th Fleet. AKARI and Cardiv 2 unobserved. COMINT T/1 (20) Close relation exists between 4th Air Attack Group in Marshalls and 6th Air Attack Group in the YOKOSUKA area. Vessels detailed to search appear to be only those regularly assigned in home waters plus some units which happened to be in home waters. Comdr of 5th Fleet during search opns.

COMINT T/1 (20) BRIT: Msg of 7 APRIL gives instructions that refitting the CV KAGA is to be expedited as much as possible. This msg appears to postpone KAGA's participation in the RFP opns.

COMINT T/1 (20) CARDIV 5 → GFP info 12:40 Fleet: IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1st AIR FLEET'S ORDERS AM PROCEEDING TO TRUK. Expect arrive [] DATE // CHITOSE Air Cp → Marshalls. In accord 4th Air Cp's idea, have departed for WAKE at 0810/I. BRIT: Msg dated 7 April gives instructions that refitting of KAGA is to be expedited as much as possible; msg also appears to postpone KAGA's participation in the RFP (Part Moresby) operation. According to a partially readable msg from IRI NO KA (unread) to SAKY ONI, one of the prisoners were taken at NAKICHO (NANCHEAN) and according to a memorandum the take off course... time was given, 300° mentioned; then 270 and 950 miles. * See Page 20

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KENJO MARU AT RABAU X CARDIV 5 (LESS NACH) ENROUTE TRUK ARRIVED 24th X EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE ALLIED FORCE IN NORTH-WEST PACIFIC X IN ADDITION TO SCOUTS AND FIGHTERS AT LEAST 30 BOMBERS AVAILABLE IN YOKOSUKA AREA FOR ATTACK X AIR STRENGTH IN MARSHALLS BEING CONCENTRATED IN WAKE AREA X INDICATIONS THAT MOST HEAVY UNITS RECENTLY IN ISLANDS OF BENGAL ARE PROCEEDING JAPAN X CINC SECOND FLEET RECENTLY IN COMMAND OF FORCES IN BAY OF BENGAL NOW ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN SEARCH FOR ENEMY OFF YOKOSUKA X

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 SHARPT SIXTH INFORMATION BULLETIN

COMSUBFOR ENROUTE TO MARSHALLS

CINCPAC #36

20 April 42

KENJO Maru reported being attacked by enemy while unloading at RABAU on the 18th - apparently was hit as she reports personnel casualties. HO A U (Tokyo) says AT 0300, 19th WE WILL ACCEPT ONLY HIGH PRIORITY TRAFFIC. Cardiv 5's plane guards preparing for duty with 4th Fleet. Cardiv 3, listed in TAKAO area, due to return to Empire. KAGA appears at SASEBO

(20) Priority

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210121 CINCPAC → Com. T.F. 16.

"ENEMY TASK FORCE POSITION 16 HOURS (I) (minus 9 time)
20TH WAS 36°-07' NORTH; 153°-12' EAST SPEED
16, COURSE EASTERLY"

PRIORITY

212043 CINCPAC → ALL T.F. COMDRS. INFO COMINCH

"DIRECTION FINDER CUTS SHOW FOUR ORANGE SUBS
IN WESTERN PACIFIC AND APPARENTLY HEADED EAST.
LOCATIONS: LATITUDE OF FOUR IS 34 NORTH, LONGITUDE
165°, 165°-30', 166° AND 172° EAST RESPECTIVELY; A
FIFTH SUBMARINE IS AT 36° NORTH, 166° EAST"

COM 14 210005 → COMB+COMANZAC. A HA 2 (CARDIN 5) TO CINC COMBINED
INFO CINC 1ST & 4TH FLEETS SAYS "IN ACCORDANCE 1ST AIR FLEET RADIO ORDERS AM
PROCEEDING TO TRUK EXPECT ARRIVE [] DATE". HO MIU (Tokyo) Serial
152 " AT 0300 19TH WE WILL ACCEPT ONLY HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC" (P19)

COM 14 210901 → COMB+COMANZAC. ACCORDING TO A PARTIALLY READABLE
MESSAGE FROM KUNOKA TO TOKYO INTELLX ONE OR MORE PRISONERS WERE
TAKEN AT NANSHO (NAN CHANG) AND ACCORDING TO A MEMO THE TAKEOFF
COURSE AND TIME WERE GIVEN x 300° WERE MENTIONED x THEN 270° AND
950 MILES

COM 14 - 211935 → DHD, IN ANOTHER MESSAGE KUNOKA Serial 81 TO TOKYO
INTELL. PARTLY READABLE x PRISONERS ARE APPARENTLY 3 IN NUMBER x FLEW
AN ARMY PLANE x THEIR FORCE CONSISTED OF 2 CRUISERS AND 2 DESTROYERS
AND THE CARRIER WAS THE HORNET x IN ANOTHER MESSAGE, TOKYO
DIRECTED THAT THE PRISONERS BE FLOWN TO JAPAN AT ONCE x IN ANOTHER
18 PLANES APPARENTLY LEFT BAU [] ISLAND FLEW FOR 4 HOURS, BOMBED
JAPAN AND THEN PROCEEDED TOWARD CHINA. ACCORDING TO KASE 3 Serial
150 THE RYUKAKU IS ENROUTE TRUK

OPNAV 212320 ... ONI ESTIMATED CHANGES IN LOCATIONS ORANGE FLEET PAST
WEEK

COM 14 (T.I. fr 21st) 220011 → COMB added. HEAVY VOLUME INTERCEPTED PREDOMINANTLY
HIGH PRECEDENCE AND LARGELY IN 4 KANA TACTICAL CODEX 2ND FLEET COMDR, AS NOTED
YESTERDAY APPEARS TAKING ACTIVE ROLE IN DIRECTING SEARCH OPERATIONS AND MUST
BE CLOSER TO EMPIRE WATERS THAN PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE
EVIDENCE AS TO LOCATION FOUND x 1ST AIR FLEET COMDR LIKEWISE WELL REMOVED FROM
BENGAL AREA. ACTIVITY THAT SECTOR VERY LOW EBB FROM TRAFFIC INDICATIONS

MANDATE RADIO INTELL CENTERS (JALUIT TRUK PALAO) ALL INCLUDE COMDRS 4TH FLEET
4TH FLEET DETACHED UNITS COLLECTIVE NEW BRITAIN AIR. MANY NEW CALLS APPEARED
IN CURRENT FLURRY - 1350 FLEET ALTERNATES RECOVERED TO DATE. ALSO EVIDENCE
THAT MANY IMPORTANT UNITS HAVE DEPARTED BENGAL - MALAY AREA, SOME TO EMPIRE AND
OTHERS TO UNDETERMINED AREA, BELIEVED CENTRAL MANDATES. COMBINED FLEET COMDR
CONFIRMED ADDRESSES TO 1ST, 2ND AND 5TH FLEET COMDRS. 1ST FLEET CINC APPEARED CONCERNED
SCREENING FORCE ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH MERE 9 AS PROBABLE SCREENING FORCE ONLY.
2ND FLEET CONTINUED ADDRESSING 2ND FLEET COLLECTIVE, 5TH FLEET COMDR, SUBRON 3, 6TH AIR ATTACK
TENTATIVE CRODIV 5 (WA YO 2) AND RYUKAKU. ONE DISPATCH WITH LONG ADDRESS LIST WENT TO
2ND FLEET COLLECTIVE, CINC 1ST AND 5TH FLEETS, 6TH AIR ATTACK, RYUKAKU, ATAGO and many units
info Cinc Combined, 1ST AIR 11TH AIR FLEETS. LATTER STILL CENTERED TENIAN SHOWING ONLY
average amount of traffic. 6TH AIR ATTACK (under 11TH AIR FLEET) MADE FREQUENT REPORTS TO 11TH AIR FLEET
and included MARSHALS AIR and KAGA in headings. CINC 4TH FLEET RELATIVELY QUIET; APPEARS LARGELY
OUTSIDE SEARCH ACTIVITY. MARSHALS + NEW BRITAIN AIR FORCES MOST ACTIVE TRAFFIC UNITS THIS AREA.
Latter addressed 6TH AIR FLEET UNIDENT RUE 6, 4TH FLEET DET. UNID. 5TH COMBINED FLEET FR INFO,
with 11TH AIR FLEET COMDR FOR ACTION. MARSHALS AIR ADDRESSED MANY UNITS TO COMB. 11TH AIR FLEET
6TH Base Force, Chinese Air, New Britain Air and 6TH AIR ATTACK. Info - Cinc Combined, 2nd, 4th, 5th FLEETS
11TH AIR FLEET Command still centered at TENIAN, sent average amount of bluffs.
COMINCH 4/21

APRIL 21, 1942

MIDWAY → COM 14 Info CINCPAC 210430. RESULT OF SEARCH PREBLE
FOUND REMAINS OF 2 FIRES AND SMALL LEANTO ON SOUTHWEST END OF KURE
ISLAND. GRAPNEL WITH 10 FATHOMS LINE FOUND NEAR LEANTO. FIRES APPEARED TO
BE LESS THAN 2 MONTHS OLD. GRAPNEL AND LINE EXPOSED TO WEATHER
SHORT TIME ONLY AS BOTH IN GOOD CONDITION. NO OTHER SIGNS OF HABITATION.
LEANTO BURNED DOWN.

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ALSO ENROUTE TRUK
LY X (37TH CINCPAC)
SEARCH FOR UNITS
AIR AND SURFACE GR-
OFF EAST COAST
KAGA STILL AT
STILL ENROUTE

21A MELBOURNE → COMB 211306. COLOMBO REPORTS ATAGO AND 2 DESDIVS
ARRIVED YOKOSUKA 17 APRIL, ALSO DESDIV II PROCEEDING EMPIRE FOR
OVERHAUL. MORO 2 Serial 192 PART ONE INDICATES ALLIED RECONNAIS-
SANCE WAKE AT 6 HOURS 19TH / USA I Serial 732 REVEALS THAT
NAVAL CODE AFIRM ONE, CIPHER LIST 9 (OR 6) AND RULES FOR USE
NUMBER 3 WILL BE PUT IN EFFECT 1 MAY. FROM [] DATE NAVY
CODE 3, CIPHER LIST 4 AND USE RULES NUMBER 2 WILL BE [] (PUT IN
OR OUT) (?). DISTRIBUTION TO SUBMARINE'S COMPLETED ...

COM 14 → COMB. 212150 ROYO 6 Serial 373 OF 20TH "DESDIV 34 EN-
ROUTE JAPAN FOR DOCKING. REQUEST THIS BE EXPEDITED IN VIEW OF
ASSIGNMENT THIS UNIT TO MANDATES FORCE". The 6th Air Attack
Force's Search and Attack Plan for the 20th includes 16 Heavy Bombers
and 4 unidentified planes for search; 27 torpedo planes in 1st wave,
19 torpedo planes in 2nd wave and unknown number of bombers from the
KAGA in the 3rd wave of attack group. Fighter escort consisted of
12 Tyle from 6th air and 12 Zero from the KAGA

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COMINCH 4/21 (21) COLOMBO REPORTS ATAGO and 2 Desdivs arrived YOKOSUKA
17 April & Desdiv II is proceeding Empire for overhaul.

COM 14 211836 → COMB ... NA TO 2 (Cinc 1st Air Fleet) Serial 232 of 20 April "To Member of General
Staff - PLANS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: KAGA (dut not clean) SORU proceeds direct to Navy yard
arriving 1300 22 April, will load shore base equipment on DD and after arrival of this
equipment will fly the plane there."
COMINCH 4/21 (21) BRIT: CRODIV 5 consisting of MYOKO, HAGURO, LESS NORTH & accompanied
by the whole of Desron 6, plus other units is to proceed to TRUK on/about 25 April. Meidzin
also made of aircraft carriers for screening duty. Comment by DNT, Admiral, name of CV
entered in KAGA - presume this is new CV mentioned in CINCPAC 150157. This unit belongs
to land 3, but appears to operate independently in Mandates Island area.

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210121 CINCPAC → Com. T.F. 16.

"ENEMY TASK FORCE POSITION 16 HOURS (I) (minus 9 time)
20TH WAS 36°-07' NORTH; 155°-12' EAST SPEED
16, COURSE EASTERLY"

PRIORITY

212043 CINCPAC → ALL T.F. COMDRS. INFO COMINCH

"DIRECTION FINDER CUTS SHOW FOUR ORANGE SUBS
IN WESTERN PACIFIC AND APPARENTLY HEADED EAST
LOCATIONS: LATITUDE OF FOUR IS 34 NORTH, LONGITUDE
165°, 165°-30', 166° AND 172° EAST RESPECTIVELY; A
FIFTH SUBMARINE IS AT 36° NORTH, 166° EAST"

COM 14 210005 → COMB+COMANZAC. A HA 2 (CARDIV 5) TO CINC COMBINED

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COM 14 → COMB - 212348 TI for the 21st Late evening the
21st the 6th Base Force became active with urgents to Marshalls
air units. KAGA and RYUKAKU previously mentioned in connection
search activities. ZOKAKU and SHUKAKU individuals associated with
Comdr 4th Fleet. AKAGI, HIRYU, SORYU, unlocated but believed
with 1st Air Fleet Comdr in undisclosed location adjacent Empire waters.
JALUIT handling subsurface traffic. Activity Subron 3 (believed
in Western waters) and 8 (believed with Comsub-For) noted, TRUK
sent traffic for Comsub-For to Jaluit while bearings placed AMI
guard for Comsub-For in area west of GUAMI. Sub D/F positions
and lines of bearing: MUTA 36°-17'E, AMI 8-137' MEN 34-101';
SU YA 34.5-165.6; WARI (Comsub-For) 38° 16'0E; RE'WO 36-160;
HI YA 38-155; KI SU; 40-167; MUNA 300° and OTO 290° from
OATU Latitudes North, Longitudes East in all cases.

OPNAV 212520 ... ONI ESTIMATED CHANGES IN LOCATIONS ORANGE FLEET
WEEK

COM 14 (TI for 21st) 220011 → COMB a/c. HEAVY VOLUME INTERCEPTED PREDOMINANTLY
HIGH PRECEDENCE AND LARGELY IN 4 KANA TACTICAL CODEX 2nd FLEET COMDR, AS NOTED
YESTERDAY APPEARS TAKING ACTIVE ROLE IN DIRECTING SEARCH OPERATIONS AND MUST
BE CLOSER TO EMPIRE WATERS THAN PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE
EVIDENCE AS TO LOCATION FOUND. 1st AIR FLEET COMDR LIKEWISE WELL REMOVED FROM
BENGAL AREA. ACTIVITY THAT SECTOR VERY LOW EBB FROM TRACKING INDICATIONS
MANDATE RADIO INTELL CENTERS (JALUIT TRUK PALAO) ALL INCLUDE COMDRS 4th FLEET
4th FLEET DETACHED UNITS COLLECTIVE NEW BRITAIN AIR. MANY NEW CALLS APPEARED
IN CURRENT FLUXRY - 1350 FLEET ALTERNATES RECOVERED TO DATE. ALSO EVIDENCE
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outside search activity. MARSHALLS + NEW BRITAIN AIR FORCES MOST ACTIVE TRAFFIC UNITS THIS AREA.
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COMINCH 21(2)

APRIL 21, 1942

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CARDIV 5 ENROUTE TRUK x CRUDIV 5 LESS NA-COM ALSO ENROUTE TRUK
AND RYUKAKU EXPECTED PROCEED THAT AREA SHORTLY x (37th CINCPAC
x INDICATIONS OF LESSENING IN INTENSITY OF SEARCH FOR UNITS
INVOLVED IN ATTACKS ON TOKYO AS MORE ENEMY AIR AND SURFACE GR-
OUPS RESUMING NORMAL EMPLOYMENT x SUBMARINES OFF EAST COAST
OF JAPAN REMAIN ACTIVE IN SEARCH OPERATIONS x KAGA STILL AT
SAEBO BUT AIR GROUP IN YOKOSUKA AREA x RYUJO STILL ENROUTE
EMPIRE

CINCPAC #37

COMINCH D/I (21) COLOMBO REPORTS ATAGU and 2 Desdivs arrived YOKOSUKA
17 April & Desdiv 11 is proceeding Empire for overhaul.

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arriving 1500 22 April. will load shore base equipment on DD and after arrival of this
equipment, will fly the plane there."
COMINCH 21(21) BRIT - Comdr 5 consisting of MYOKO, HAGURO, LESS NEXT & accompanied
by the whole Desdiv 6, plus other units is to proceed to TRUK on about 25 April. Mention
also made of aircraft carrier for security duty. Comment by DNI, Admiralty, name of CV
ended in KOKU - presume this is new CV mentioned in CINCPAC 150157. This unit belongs
to land 3, but appears to operate independently in Mandated Island area.

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APRIL 22 1942

COMINCH 122

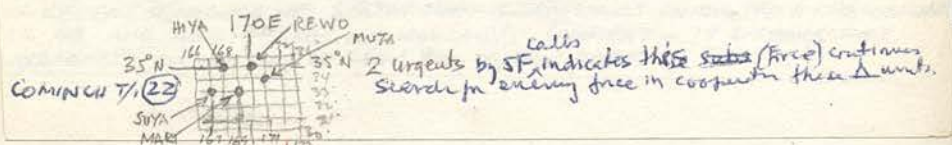
WIMA 6 (Chitose Air Grp) 2nd Attack Force (Ops Report #12, Patrolled 1st, 6th, and 7th search sectors (line has been extended from 3 to 500 miles) with negative results except in 5th Sector at 0830 21st bomb on enemy vessel believed to be a submarine with 3 bombs (Type 4), 75°, 380 miles from HOWLAND"

BRIT: SHOKAKU & ZOKAKU leaving BAKO on 19th and rendezvous with units of Carrier force at unknown place on 22nd (Columb Channel). It is possible that this force is to carry out operation against Port Moresby before proceeding TRUK

BRIT: It is confirmed that the Chitose is returning to Empire with RYUJO and Crusier 7. KUMANO and one other Cruiser to Nootka Sound 27 April - 2 May; other cruisers 4-11 May. Above info predated air raid on Japan

Detachment of CHITOSE Air appears at WAKE 19th Air may move to WOTJE. Evidence of considerable concentration TRUK also include RYUKAKU, Crusier 5, CARDIV 5, KAGA. KASUGA Maru may join later. At present CARDIV 5 in Sasebo Co. 2. Line Combined originated at least 20 code despatches, mainly of Administrative type

COMSWPACFOR 220900 -> CTF 42, CTF 51, ENEMY SUPPLY SHIPS AND OTHER AUXILIARIES USUALLY RENDEZVOUS WITH ESCORTS STETIN STRAIT, ALSO GENERAL AREA BETWEEN KAVIENG AND NEW HANOVER. CONVOYS THEN NORMALLY PROCEED SOUTHWARD OFF EAST COAST NEW IRELAND ROUND CAPE SAINT GEORGE INTO RABAUH HARBOR. IN THIS HARBOR VESSELS ANCHORED ALONG WEST SIDE WHARVES NORTHWEST SIDE SIMPSON HARBOR OR ANCHORED NORTH OF LINE EXTENDING EASTWARD FROM VULCAN ISLAND, ORANGE SMALL VESSELS SOMETIMES ANCHOR VICINITY WATOM AND DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS. KESSA (QUEEN CAROLA HARBOR WEST SIDE BUKA ISLAND) HAS BEEN USED BY JAPANESE HEAVY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS FOR SEVERAL CONSECUTIVE DAYS. COMBATANT VESSELS HAVE ALSO ANCHORED BUKA PASSAGE AND SHORTLAND HARBOR FAISE ISLAND. SHIPPING TRAFFIC FROM NEI TO RABAUH HAVE PASSED BETWEEN 40-50 MILES OFF NORTHERN COAST NEW GUINEA. FEW ENEMY VESSELS VISIT LAE, SALAMUA, THEN FOR SHORT TIME WHILE UNLOADING.



TI for APRIL 22nd (222310)

COM 14 222310 -> Comd Radio, LINE COMBINED ORIGINATED AT LEAST 20 CODE MSGS MAINLY ADMINISTRATIVE TYPE. COMSUBFOR ALSO PROMINENT IN BOTH SERVICE AND TACTICAL CALLS. UNIDENT. RIKA SEEN FORWARDING ISFAIR FLEET COMDR TRAFFIC INTO TOKYO RADIO WHILE STAFF COMM. OFF. IAF ADDRESSED AT OMURA AIR STATION. POSSIBILITY CARDIV 5 IN TAKAO AREA. COMCRUDIV 5 WAS IN YOKOSUKA AREA ON 18th USING YOKOSUKA COMMANDANT (NE RA IH) AS ORIGINATOR HIS SECRET MSGS. HIS SERVICE RADIO CALL STILL UNRECOVERED. COMCRUDIV 5 CLOSELY ASSOCIATED RYUKAKU AND AKU 3, BELIEVED CRUISER NEW COMMAND INDICATED ON 14 APRIL BY NEW NUMBERS AND SERIALS OF DISPATCHES USING SUFFIX FOR CINC. CALL IS YO KO 6. TENTATIVE IDENT IS ESCORT FORCE - INCLUDES FLEET UNITS, MARUS AND FROM ASSOCIATION OF CALLS ONLY MAY OPERATE IN EMPIRE-MALAYA-INDIES AREA. TWO URGENT DISPATCHES ORIGINATED BY 5th FLEET CALLS INDICATE THIS FORCE CONTINUING SEARCH FOR ENEMY FORCES IN COOPERATION WITH SUB. UNITS. A MARU KE 1 ORIGINATED A DISPATCH WHICH WAS RELAYED TO YOKOSUKA BY WEATHER REPORTING MARU RA TO 2 AND RETRANSMITTED URGENTLY TO 5th FLEET TO THE EFFECT THAT ENEMY SUBMARINE SIGHTED IN 49-25 NORTH, 154-25 EAST. ANOTHER FROM SAME MARU THAT ENEMY HYDROPLANE CARRIER SIGHTED IN 49-33 NORTH 155-15 EAST. FOLLOWING THESE 2 DISPATCHES COMPATROL FORCE 5th FLEET ORIGINATED 2 SHORT UNINTELLIGIBLE DISPATCHES AT 1915 AND 1950. MALAY AND PHILIPPINES AREAS RELATIVELY QUIET. DETACHMENT OF CHITOSE AIR APPEARS AT WAKE. 19th AIR MAY MOVE PART OF HIS OUTLET TO WOTJE. COMSUBFOR IN VICINITY TRUK, PROBABLY IN COMPANY WITH PART OF SUBRON 8. EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCENTRATION IN TRUK AREA INCLUDE RYUKAKU, CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI, CARDIV 5, KAGA AND KASUGA MARU MAY JOIN LATER. CARDIV 5 AT PRESENT IN SASEBO COMM. ZONE - D/F POSITIONS ALL NORTH AND EAST - SUBMARINES SUYA IN 33-167; MUYA 34-172; HIYA 35-168; REWO 35-170; NARI 35-169; WEN 42-159; FUL 40-148; DOUBTFUL. OTHER VESSELS: RA TO 2- 42-153; INE 6 40-148; FOLL 10g KANA NUMERAL 5th Fleet units all doubtful IN 33/40-135/48; KEP, KA 5, Y8 F, TA 9; NO 9

COM 14 222154 -> COMB YUME 9 Serial 71 "AIR FLEET FLYING BOAT (MEMOR NAVARCHEN STAFF AS PRESENCE) AND GERMAN AND ITALIAN NAVAL ATTACHES ARRIVED DEPARTS (JAPAN) FOR YOKOSUKA 22nd" There have been previous references to their naval attachés making an unexpected trip to the MANDATES. NEKAH Serial 430 of 21st. "YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT 19 APRIL. PP. THE AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT RECONNAISSANCE AND LONG RANGE PATROLS FROM EARLY AM. THEY SEARCHED TIRELESSLY FOR THE ENEMY... AT 165 AS A RESULT OF REPORTS FROM THE EAST & FROM TOKYO, WE ISSUED THE ATTACK ORDER BUT NO AMERICAN PLANES APPEARED. ALL CLEAR AT 1413... MORU REPORTED A PERISCOPE...

APRIL 22 1942

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STRONG INDICATIONS OF IMPENDING CONCENTRATION IN TRUK AREA INCLUDING CARDIV 5 X CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI X RYUKAKU AND DESDIV 34 X 38 CINCPAC X CARDIV 5 WILL BE IN TRUK AREA UNTIL ABOUT 28th THEN PROBABLY NEW BRITAIN AREA X SORYU AND RYUJO ENROUTE TO JAPAN FROM MALAY AREA X AKAGI ALSO PROBABLY ENROUTE JAPAN X ADDITIONAL HEAVY BOMBERS ARRIVED RABAUH AREA ON 19th X APPARENT THAT MAJOR FLEET OPERATIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND IMPENDING OPERATIONS CENTERING NEW BRITAIN AREA WILL START VERY SOON X CINC 2nd FLEET HAS COMPLETED HIS DUTY IN EAST INDIES AND MALAY AREA AND HAS BEEN GIVEN A NEW TASK COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE IS ENROUTE MARSHALLS X SUBMARINES CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE OFF NORTHEAST COAST OF JAPAN

CINCPAC'S 38

COMINCH 122 CARDIV 5 ANCHORAGES AT TRUK CHANGED TO EASTWARD OF FEKAN IS ODA (6th Div) 6th Air Corps Order - Tomorrow (23rd) 9 heavy bombers from MISAWA Air Corps will search for MISAWA sector 070-130; distance 400. Disruption 1 Div #1 to 49. WAYA 2 (Arron Kuroyama area?) -> Arron II (active PENANG-TRINCOMALEE area) "WE WILL RELIEVE TODAY" is returning to Empire with RYUJO and Crusier 7. KUMANO and one other. BRIT confirms CHOKA Fudostka Sound 27 April - 2 May; other C 4-11 May. BRIT SHOKAKU and - Ikagai (Zuriko?) leave BAKO 19th rendezvous with unknown units of CV force at place on 22nd. Possible this force to operate against Port Moresby before proceeding to TRUK

APRIL 23 1942 (See previous page (23))

COM 14 230315 -> COMB, MIYORE (GENERAL STAFF) SERIAL 254 of 21st. "IT IS DESIRED THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE OBTAINED FROM PRISONERS IF POSSIBLE AND FORWARDED TO TOKYO AT ONCE, STATUS OF AVIATION FIELDS AND GUN EMPLACEMENTS AT PALMYRA, CANTON (not confirmed), SUVA, and NOUHEA (?). (WE HAVE A REPORT OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE AIR STATION AT CANTON)

IF INFORMATION IS DESIRED ON THE CHANGES OF ARMAMENT AND INCREASE OF SPEED OF P-39s AND P-40s BOMB LOADS OF B-26s, INFORMATION ALSO ON AMERICAN CARRIER LOSSES AND PRESENT SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS OF SAME. This sent to Comdr. New Britain Air, info 9/5 Combined Fleet, 11th Air Fleet and an unknown command.

COM 14 231953 -> COMB. IN A REPORT GIVING RESULTS OF RECENT SEARCHES 4TH AIR ATTACK FORCE STATES THAT 2 SEAPLANES ((FLYING BOATS?)) CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE OF AB AND ABB (BAKER AND HOWLAND). COMMENT - IT APPEARS THAT INCREASED ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THIS GENERAL AREA.

COM 14 231949 -> COMB. MITAI (CINC 2nd) Serial 577 1st part of 2. "OPERATIONS REPORT #1, PP. ABOUT 1300 18 APRIL ENEMY NORTH AMERICAN PLANES ATTACKED THE YOKOSUKA AREA AND ESCAPED. PP. AT 1800 18th IN COMPANY OF CRUIER 4 LESS ATAGO, PLUS [] DESRON (OR DESDIV) 2, UNIT LESS [] UNIT LESS [] AND DD UNIT DEPARTED YOKOSUKA, THE ATAGO JOINING LATER. MY MISSION: TO SEARCH THE ENEMY'S PROBABLE DAYLIGHT POSITION. THIS SEARCH, AS WELL AS ANOTHER SEARCH ON THE 20th WAS WITHOUT RESULTS. MSG DATED 2300 231819 2000

COM 14 NO TO 2 (OMURA AIR) Serial 968. "HIRYU PLANES TYPE 02 (or 03?) ARRIVED AT 0900 22nd. COMMENT: HIRYU IN THIS AREA 2 BUMIL TO 4/5 COMBINED, 15th AIR FLEET and YOKOSUKA says: AS THE CAPTURED PLANS (2 HURRICANES + 1 LOCKHEED) WHICH THE ARMY WILL FLY TO JAPAN RESEMBLE AMERICAN PLANES, EXERCISE CAUTION (DON'T SHOOT) SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: 1000/23 LEAVE TAIHOKU, ARRIVE NAMA 1200, DEPART 1300. A RETURN TO KIUSHU 1500, DEPART 0900/24th ARRIVE [] 1200. WILL FLY AT FROM 5000 TO 10000 METERS"

TI FOR APRIL 23rd (076 240007)

COM 14 240007/33/37/46 -> Com. Many misdirected dispatches reflect changes in organization and disruptions now being made. Cinc Cypriotika at 0600/23rd sent 1 contact/warning concerning 2 porting 35-02N-139-13 East and 34N 159-42E. Among dispatches sent by Staff, Combined Fleet, were one to Submarine Command and one to Air Commander, CFS addressed Subron 5 and Incident MOTA 6; another to 6th Fleet and 1st Air Fleet, 1st Air Fleet tender, 1 en rei calls, 17 units to a submarine, 1 a sub tender, 1 a 1st Air Fleet tender, 1 en rei calls, and 2 marus. Note that Cinc C had been concerned with submarine and air cooperation for some time. He also sent one to Cinc 1st, 1st Air Fleet and 11th Air Fleet info Cardiv 3 and 5 and possibly Cardiv 2 (gabled), 1st Air Attack Force and 2 incident calls TIE 6 (possibly a CHITOSE type) and RENE 2.

CFS 1st Fleet addressed 3 battleships info Comcardiv 3. This is the 2nd time such an address has been seen indicating that only 3 ships in this division, including KIRISHIMA KURO 6. Comdivision 1 sent a dispatch to Cinc Combined 1st and 2nd Fleets info Comcardiv 2 and following text which identified battleships TITU 2, KURO 7 and KURO 6 (KIRISHIMA) [each fragment in Boddiv 3], WIN [], ME-SU 6 suspected HIRYU. This may indicate future employment of Cardiv 2 with battleships and Aeron 2. Evidence increases that Cinc 2nd Fleet has been placed in command of all forces on Eastern Fleet including air activities. Traffic indicates that he no longer has anything to do with the MALAY area, this having been given to Comdr. Malay Force.

By his availability and proximity to active area, assignment of Comdr 4th Fleet with PAC-0, and 3rd Base Force continues. One dispatch for 9/5 addressed Subron 7, 4th Fleet detached units, Com Cardiv 5, Subdiv (5009) in Subron 2, BESDIV (KUSU 2) in Desron 6, KYUKUKU and 3 incident calls (NAMI 6, 6 Ro S, RU HI 1), info Combined, 11th Air Fleet, Subron 8, and New Britain Air Commands. The address Subdiv 5009 and BESDIV KUSU 2 to the forces associated Cardiv 5 and ONIUKU. Marshalls and New Britain Air forces received maximum attention. Unit in Quaboot Division 8 (NOSAB) at SASOBO indicated imminent return to RABOUL area. TRUK Base Force associated Base Forces SAIDAN, OROSHIMA and RABOUL probably to continue supply movements South eastward. 11th Air Fleet addressed AIRON containing FUSIKAWA Maru and Malay Force info 1st Air Attack Force (in Enpire) may be preliminary to joining latter in Idaka Division. 5th Fleet dispatches appear unchanged with traffic activity greatly lessened. Subron 3 continues associated Western Area forces. KASUGA Maru registered an apparent movement report info 1st Air Fleet, Combined

SEE 5 DECRYPTS FOR 23 APRIL ON Page 22

APR. 23rd (25A)

COM 14 230330 #6 Air Attack Corps indicates continued search under control. 6th Air Attack Force ... indicates a unit from KISUMATSU Air Station is to search lines 1-12 on 22 April using 12 heavy bombers in accord Search Plan #1, using 12 heavy bombers. EMO 6 (gabled) indicated a Suiden of Subron 2 soon to arrive TRUK. A Desdiv in Desron 1 states a ship (n. name) departed MI (IOLLO?)

4th Air Attack Corps giving results of recent searches states that 2 seaplanes made a reconnaissance of AB and ABB (Baker and Howland Islands). BRIT: Air reinforcements from CEBU are to take part in attack on DARWIN on 24th.

BRIT: A detachment of TAKAO Air consisting of at least 23 bombers and some VF are to move on the 17th to KIEPANG.

Comdr. Yoko 9 says "I departed KOEPANG 8 Type 1 bombers, 1 D type bomber arrived NAKAZA (Gulu) 1 B type 1 bomber around KOBUDARI at 1540, 1 type 1 bomber departed KENDARI for KIEPANG at 1545, 1 D bomber to depart for KOEPANG at 0800/19th. ME A 6 (unidentified) states KAGA scheduled join 6th Fleet at the end of APRIL.

IN SERVICE... EAST... SOUTH... NORTH... ALL THE COMMANDS... IN PACIFIC... PART OF DESRON 9... X BYJU AND SOUTH... LY WHILE SHIPS ARE... WARD IN APPROXIMATE... IN NORTHERN JAPAN... CINCOPAC AX CONCENT... ALSO COMSUBFOR ALSO... LES GREATLY REDUCE... OF SHORE BASED AIR... IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE... SOUTH OR WEST

COM 14 230631 -> COMB. EMO 6 Serial 199 to CARDIV 5, SUBFOR 4TH FLEET COMDRS AND 4TH BASE FORCE CHANGES THE ANCHORAGE ASSIGNMENTS AT TRUK FOR CARDIV 5 TO EASTWARD OF FEFAN ISLANDS. CODE DESIGNATOR NM = MARCUS ISLAND. 6 TA 4 Serial -; 6th AIR CORPS OPERATION ORDER: TO MOVE ON 23rd 9 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM MISAWA AIR CORPS WILL SEARCH FROM MISAWA SECTOR 070-130 DISTANCE 300 (DISPOSITION NUMBER 1 LINES TO 5)

BELCONNEN 230620 -> COMB. ME A 6 Serial 816 states KAGA SCHEDULED JOIN FLEET END OF APRIL. REMANDER GARBLED. MUKEMU Serial 658, MAKES INQUIRY YUMU Z REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS OF PASSENGERS ARRIVING MAKASSOF. USE 6 Serial 632 ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE TAKAO FOR OSAKA. YUM 8 Serial 172 STATES SHIP IN MARU DEPARTED MI (IOLLO??)

Date 23 APRIL 42 From CINCOPAC 230631 TO COMBOPAC 230631 COMSUBPAC 230631 ALL THE COMMANDS IN PACIFIC OPLAN PART OF DESRON 9 A X BYJU AND SOUTH LY WHILE SHIPS ARE WARD IN APPROXIMATE IN NORTHERN JAPAN CINCOPAC AX CONCENT ALSO COMSUBFOR ALSO LES GREATLY REDUCE OF SHORE BASED AIR IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE SOUTH OR WEST 230631 230625

4th Fleet and 6th Base Force depart, appears KASUGA will be in Marshalls area. Immediate destination RABOUL. Com Cardiv 2 addressed the Command with HIRYU return for delivery indicating flag still aboard SORYU. KAGA addressed in one dispatch. Other carriers mentioned. Submarine less active with Subron 3 units heard. D/F (Row) - lines of heavy rly

24 (26) April 24 1942
Incoming Message

Priority 240210 - From Commanding General Hawaiian Department to CINCPAC - "SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE UNTIL APRIL 30 (Please forward to C.O. Army Unit at BOBAPT signed Emmons) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT BY RADIO PERIOD DURING NEXT FEW DAYS CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE AIR AND SEA FORCES IN MANDATES MAKES POSSIBLE RAIDS OR ATTACKS IN ANY DIRECTION PERIOD APRIL 29 IS THE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY" See Cim 14 360402

Priority 242151.
FROM: NEW ZEALAND LIAISON OFFICER
TO: HQ WELINGTON; ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE SUVA
"A SA 24/4. CINC PACIFIC FLEET REQUIRES FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON NI.ZI. MANDATES AND TERRITORY OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION, PARTICULARLY OF THE GILBERT AND ELLICE GROUPS INCLUDING OCEAN AND NAURU ISLANDS AND REQUESTS THIS BE FURNISHED TO HIS COMMAND BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS (A) TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND WHERE THESE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, SURVEYS SHOWING ROADS, TRAILS, CULTIVATION, TYPE OF VEGETATION, BEACHES WHERE POSSIBLE LANDINGS CAN BE MADE. (B) HYDROGRAPHIC CHARTS WHERE MORE RECENT OR DIFFERENT FROM US CHARTS. (C) NAMES OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OR RELIABLE PERSONS AT THESE PLACES WITH WHOM CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN MILITARY INFORMATION. REQUEST THAT INFORMATION ON FOREGOING WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE BE SENT BY SAFE HAND BY FIRST AIR TRANSPORTATION GIVING PRIORITY TO THE GILBERT GROUP, OCEAN AND NAURU ISLANDS. REQUEST FIJI REPRESENT THIS MATTER DIRECT TO HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EASTERN PACIFIC FOR INFORMATION ON HIS TERRITORY AND ARRANGE ALL AVAILABLE DATA BE DESPATCHED BY AIR DIRECT TO CINCPAC"

See previous page 24 in ROOM 14 T/A Summary (actually 23rd PM time) 240007, 240033, 240037/240046 (2)

COMINCH T/1 (2) COMBINED AIR AT TENIAN MOST FREQUENTLY OBSERVED ADDRESS FROM all actors, indicating continuing active supervision of an organization, with Marshall and New Britain Air Force still most prominent
COMINCH 91 (2) ATAGO has been assigned a berth in Yokosuka. Also, ATAGO (SA 2) will depart for PALAU VIA TAKAO This was sent info to VASA. will have 2 ships
ATKI T. "CARDIV 8 ARRIVED MAIZURU"

COMINCH 24 2025 -> CINCPAC, SEAFROTS COMDIRS & COM 1)
ATTENTION INVITED TO FACT THAT THE BIRTHDAY OF THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS APRIL 29. IT MAY BE THAT THIS DATE OR THE LATTER PART OF APRIL MIGHT BE SELECTED BY JAPAN FOR EXECUTING AGAINST ALLIED FORCES IMPORTANT OFFENSIVE MEASURES INCLUDING COORDINATED SABOTAGE. OPNAV, ARMY AND USMC INFORMED See Cim 14 360402

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UNITS OF AIR SQUADRON 23 ENROUTE SASEBO FROM EAST INDIES x INDIATIONS THAT ENEMY AIR BASE AT KOEPANG WILL BE MOVED x OROON 4 IN YOKOSUKA-BONINS AREA x RYUJO AT KURE x KAGA AT SASEBO x CARDIV 2 ENROUTE JAPAN x CARDIV 5 AND RYUKAKU IN VICINITY OF TRUK x (THIS IS CINCPAC 40) x ONE SUBMARINE SQUADRON OPERATING OFF EAST COAST OF JAPAN x ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO SQUADRONS ENROUTE TO AND IN MANDATES

CINCPAC #40

From Archival Section File # 24190 (2) April 24 1942. Communication Substation Report 248. From 0700Z enemy of 2400Z in coming ship was 15 because one of the 44 21 (10) AF 2 (1) in coming in formation (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

COMINCH 91 (24) CINC 2F (MITA 1) - "IN COMMAND OF [] WAS JOINED BY NORTHERN FORCE, SCREENING FORCE, 26th AIR AND SUBRON 3 WHICH CAME UNDER MY COMMAND. DESPITE A VIGOROUS SEARCH (WE) FAILED TO LOCATE ENEMY WARSHIPS. THEY APPARENTLY ESCAPED TO THE NORTH (EAST). BATTLESHIPS COULD NOT TAKE PART IN THESE OPERATIONS DUE TO EXTENSIVE REPAIRS (NO INDICATION WHETHER OUR UNITS OR ENEMY UNITS MEANT). AT 1130 ARRIVED SOUTH OF [] AND HAVING REACHED SOVIET WATERS, SENT THIS FORCE EXCEPT ATAGO AND [] BACK TO YOKOSUKA, RESUMING ORGANIZATION AS [] FLEET."

(28) 25 April 1942

MAILGRAM 250639

From COMBAPAC → Com TF 7; Information
(Carrier forces Pacific Fleet) (Hawaiian Sea Frontier)

CINCPAC
CARPAC
(Carrier Divisions Forces Pacific Fleet)

ComCarPac Adm.
(Carrier Administration for Carrier Divisions, Pac Fleet)

"On days when a carrier is due to enter Pearl it is mandatory that voice circuits be manned and weather at Pearl be furnished here one hour prior daybreak without request."

COM 14 250626 → ComB address. ATAGO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BERTH IN YOKOSUKA. ALSO, SA SI 2 (ATAGO) Serial 243 of 24th says THIS VESSEL WILL FUEL AND TAKE ON STORES ETC AFTER ARRIVAL YOKOSUKA 25th WILL DEPART FOR PARAO VIA TAKAO AND [] THIS WILL GO TO KAGA IN INFORMATION. Will those 2 ships operate together??

JALUIT RADIO SAYS HE IS COVERING SEVEN AMERICAN FREQUENCIES, FROM VOLUME OF HIS RADIO TRAFFIC, HE HAS A LARGE UNIT. HOWEVER THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT HE IS GETTING MORE THAN CALL SIGN IDENTIFICATION AND D/F BEARINGS

COM 14 252338/250029 → ComB address! Slight reduction intercepted volume with the Southern Force more prominent and Northern Force units less in evidence than since the 18th. 2nd Air Attack Force (Airron 23) appeared as center of activity in INDIES - PHILIPPINES sector, heading associations of Crudivs + 2nd Fleet Crudivs and SASEBO address suits when possible Empire return of parts of this command or reinforcement from Empire.

Air Command at TENJIN most frequently observed addresser from all sections indicating continuing active supervision of air organizations, with MARSHALLS and NEW BRITAIN AIR FORCES STILL MOST PROMINENT. COMBINED FLEET frequently addressed by INACTIVE AS OTCUWATER, 1ST FLEET apparent SCREENING FORCE call (NERE 9) NOT SEEN + Comd's 1st and Combined Fleets indicated in KURE already Pacific routing. KU RO 7/68 in Batdiv 2) addressed Combined Fleet. 1st Air Fleet, Batdiv 3 (Comdivs plus two Tokyo addresses + KIRISHIMA despatch to Comdivs 3 was observed transmitted by JALUIT to a submarine, Association unclear, Association unclear, Comdivs 1 addressed 1st Air Fleet, 1st Fleet, Malay Force, NEI Force, Philippines Fleet, 2nd Air Fleet and 6th Fleet Chiefs of Staff, General nature of headings indicates a report of some impending movement, direction undetermined. Batdivs 1 and 2 still unidentified have no estimate of location possible other than probable location (with) Combined and 1st Fleet commanders. 2nd Fleet not observed originating any traffic dated today and suggests that previous prominence in connection with search operations may have been occasioned despatch sent by him to large number of addresses, indicating a sizable force is under his command.

Comparative quiet in the South... Com. Officer Malay Force addressed VRSAL to fleet unit NISA 9 and 3 Marus of which RI YO 8 is with the 4th Fleet, Crudiv Dutch Indies Force addressed a detached force of his command (Suffix 15) Com Airron 23 and a unit of Desarm 2 into the Crudivs of the 11th FLEETS and 2 vessels NoRo 6 and MEND 9 who are believed conveying Airron 23 north. Quiet in Mandates and CARPAC may be due lack of identifications. One service despatch indicates the following units are in Empire - 3 fleet units, 1 Desarm, 1 gunboat, 1 Subdiv and 4 Marus: TRUK is having considerable communication with submarine units, 5th Fleet traffic continues at high level. Enciphered address "Commander OCHIMIZIMA DEFENSE FORCE" ... CARDINS and CAPTAINS still difficult to place due to lack of identification, appears that Cardiv 1 plus RYUBAKI will operate with 2nd Fleet in OMINATO-YOKOSUKA-BONIN area. Cardiv 2 with 1st Fleet, perhaps in Japan waters, RYUJO now in Empire may return MALAY. Cardiv 5 to operate with 5th Fleet in TRUK, MARSHALLS, CARPAC area. Vessel TIE 7 in Cardiv 3 is approaching YOKOSUKA

COMING TO (29) Within past week if different circuits in 31-34 megacycle 4th band indicate Japanese regularly use 1100 kHz for long range radio telephony between planes and ground, probably in Honshu area. Staff Comm. Officer of addresser urgent to Cardiv 5, Crudivs, RYUBAKI, RI YO 1, ORO 5, KAMI 6 Info 5th Air Attack Corp; if Affected may indicate concentration TRUK area & direction to SASEBO.

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UNITS OF GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 ENROUTE TRUK FROM SASEBO SOME UNITS OF FORCES OPERATING IN NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA NOW ENROUTE SASEBO X KASUGA MARU (CONVERTED CARRIER) DEPARTING JAPAN SHORTLY FOR MANDATES X (41ST INTELLIGENCE NOTICE X) SUBMARINE IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 32 NORTH 173 EAST X NO CHANGE IN LOCATION OF MAJOR FORCES

CINCPAC # 41 250101

COMNAVOP (25)

SEYU 6 (unread) revises previous report by BLANK Unit for 17-18 April (Doolittle Attack) sketchy translation indicates enemy sinking of 5 chartered vessels (Picket Boats) these dates TENJI 9 (unread) indicates receipt by subs 13 14 and 15, Code B-1 which will become effective 15th of the month

Interesting Intelligence (particularly in view of Commanding General Hawaiian Department, General Emmons' message of 24 April (see previous pages) relative to Alert for enemy attacks from any direction on/about the Emperor's Birth day - 29 April. (See April 24 240210)

COM 14 252142 → ComB. Also see Com 14 - 300402 240210 KE O MA (Bureau of Military Affairs, Navy Department, Tokyo) message to major naval commands - SERIAL 425 (ONLY PARTLY READABLE) - BE PREPARED ON THE 29th FOR THE ENEMY TO ATTACK (THE HOMELANDS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARMY, ASSUME CONDITION OF READINESS #1 AS REGARDS AIR AND SURFACE SHIP ATTACKS. ROUTINE ORDINARY FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE CANCELLED (refer COM 14 252142 to COMB - All Addresses COPEC messages)

This may be an indication of the reason for the concentration of Fleet units in the TRUK area according to SA SI 2 (ATAGO) Serial 244 of the 24th HE BEARDED THE SUIET VESSEL SKIROV AT 2045 SAME DATE (aftermath of Doolittle raid on Japan - Jap. High Command suspected Soviet vessels may have been involved in picking up Doolittle fliers.) from BAIKO x RYUJO at KURE, Unit BAKA 7 closely associated Cardiv 5 is in MARSHALLS. YOKOHAMA & TAINAN Air serving in SASEBO area. 14th Air still in MARSHALLS. Part or all of Airron 23 moving from SASEBO area to SASEBO area. Some indications an air movement between MANILA and CARPAC is taking place - 1st Air Attack Force involved with 5th Fleet + CINC 2nd Fleet. Submarine traffic continues heavy - Subm 3 E of YOKOSUKA, one (two) Squid-like units in Mandates. D/F DE

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CHICHUJIMA →

260052 CINCPAC, COMINCH, COMANZAC, OPNAV, COM 14 → COM 16, BELCONNEN

ACCORDING TO HING Serial 928 Preparations for the drydocking of the KEENAN MARU AND THE Number 3 MISA-GO MARU HAVE BEEN MADE x vessels arrived at 0600 2nd (?)

TE E 1 Serial 128/15th REQUESTS 1000 copies of some documents or papers including a complete section on AUSTRALIA be sent by transport plane departing YOKOHAMA on 20 or 21 APRIL xx RAKE SO serial 1799 to 5/4th Fleet requests report on additional work or repairs desired at WAKE. MU SI 3 Serial 917 of 24th says that the Commander of TENZAN Air, leading 18 planes, arrived at CLARK field at 1315 x at 0900 25th they will depart for PELELIU.

260042 COMINCH, OPNAV CINCPAC, COMANZAC, BELCONNEN, COM 16

Carrier traffic prominent, mostly administrative nature. 106 and 108 ME WI to appear in dispatch headings, former at WAKE may represent some type Army unit, possibly air. CMC Combined addressed all major Commanders, Collectives RI RU 99 less Subron 2, Com Subrons 5 and 7 x Staff Communication officer 4th Fleet addressed urgent to Carrier 5

Crews, RYUKAKU, RI HI 1, 0 R 0 5, KAMI 6, Information 5th Air Attack Force, 11th Air Fleet may indicate concentration in TRUK area and operations to South Eastward xx Fujikawa Maru addressed 3rd Air Attack Force in MALAY Sector, 5th Air Attack Force in New Britain Area, Information Desk 34, 8 Base Force at RABUL and suspected TENZAN Air (ROUB) xx 5th Air Attack Force sent urgent to Com 11th Air Fleet, whose 6's sent an urgent to former. Malay area very inactive Destroyer units WINA 2 and KE RU 0 still associated PHILIPPINE Force 2nd Air Attack Force addressed Dutch India Command and 6th Air Attack at KISAPATON x 5th Fleet Command continues association with Subron 3 Estimated Carrier Locations - ARAGI, with Comdr 1st Air Fleet on board, in Empire x KAGA at SASEBO x SORYU with flag aboard in Empire x MARU enroute Empire x RYUJO in Empire x KASUGA enroute TRUK or South of TRUK x ZUKAKU and SHOKAKU enroute TRUK x Subr position 31°N - 145°E, MOYA in 7N - 157°E, ME SA 6, Yo Ho 8 and Com Subron 2 in SINGAPORE Comm. Zone, NO TU 6 in KURE

OPNAV 260710 → addresses to 1st Air Fleet into ARAGI, COMNAV's etc SUPER MORG. Serial 557 to 1st Air Fleet info ARAGI, COMNAV's etc. RESERVE PLANES (WILL BE COMPLETED?) AS FOLLOWS, SO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR TRANSPORT. 14 - to 97 (VTB) WILL BE COMPLETED BY 5 MAY AND 2 BY 5 MAY (?) BLANKS. 10 Type 99 (VTB) and 2 (Blanks hereon, etc) ... INDIAN OCEAN. SEU 9 Serial 408 Apr 20. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE PILOTS FOR ZUKAKU AND SHOKAKU? BEANS AT P O (PT. TRUK?) BY 25th THIS MONTH.

COM 14 261208 → COMB, KI MI HI Serial 265: "IT APPEARS THAT SOME 20 CARRIER BASED NAVAL PLANES HAVE RETURNED TO THE HAWAIIAN AREA AND WE JUDGE THAT THE FLEET HAS RETURNED TO THE PEHAL HARBOUR AREA. FOR BELCONNEN WE HAVE DETERMINED MO ..."

COM 14 261916 → COMB According to one of SAMUIT'S R.I. reports dated 25th - our pentacyclic field on the Americans are operating 6 planes in the Aleutian (a Aleutian) area, and 24 planes on the OAHU area for security operations,

COM 14 261948 WIMA 6 Serial 1337 2nd attack group Rpn Ardn 6. @ Brudenbury at WAKE return to base on the 26th except 1 remains at WAKE. Advance unit moves up to WAKE on 27th @ Brudenbury unit patrol in accord, 1st 3rd 4th make reconnaissance of NAVRU-OAHU as soon as possible. Also make preparations for reconnaissance attack on HOWLAND-SAKA

COMINCH (126) PALAO R/I despatches noted as 2 classes - 1 to 4 Fwd 5th Air Attack Force and 2 to 4 Fwd NE Force. 1st 3rd 4th of AF Comms area PALAO - SAMUIT's south of that line. E.I. 5th available evidence AF operations area extend no further than W. Way of New Guinea

indicate fleet units TU HQ, WIMA 6 may join 5th Fleet. SITHIRIYA and Fleet unit APTUSIA CONDR SEUS to MA TA 0, NBFURO, IHEWA, NENYO, RITW KI and MB TO KA. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE PILOTS FOR ZUKAKU AND SHOKAKU (BEANS) AT P O BY THE 28th OF THIS MONTH

COM 14 260054 → OPNAV info Cinepac, within past week four different circuits in frequency band 31-34 megacycles indicate Japanese regular use of ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO TELEPHONE BETWEEN PLANES and ground probably in HOKAIDO area. URSECRET 24/530. RESEARCH AND COVERAGE AT WAKHAWA limited to range of GSK receiver. One on hand, suggest further info this subject re Cinepac

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NAVY NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. 26 APR 42. CINCPAC 260223. COMINCH, COMANZAC, COMSOPACFOR, ALL TF COMS PAC, OPNAV, COM 26. ALL BEAFRON COMB - LESS LANT GULF CARIB, ACNR, NZNB. SECRET. PRECEDENCE PRIOR. SYSTEM RDO. CLASS OUTG. 25. 01. SHOW IS.

CINCPAC # 42

RYUKAKU ENROUTE YOKOHAMA BUT WILL RETURN TO TRUK SHORTLY. MARU ENROUTE WAKE. YOK IN YOKOHAMA EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR TAKAO AREA SOON.

SQUADRON BELIEVED TO BE ARMY IS BASING AT WDTJE. LOCATION FROM JAPAN TO TIMOR VIA MANILA. CARRIERS X KAGA AT SASEBO X AKAGI SORYU IN JAPAN. ESTIMATED

RYUJO ENROUTE JAPAN FROM SOUTH X CARDIV 6 IN TRUK X WYOKAKU. OFF NORTH EAST COAST JAPAN. KASUGA BETWEEN CAROLINES AND JAPAN X SUBRON 3 UNITS STILL AT SEA.

260203 APRIL 42 Sent 0229 J

BELCONNEN 260110 → COMB ... MAJURO 109 SKETCHY INDICATES CONSTRUCTION SEAPLANE BASE NO SA 1 Serial 704 states AFTER April NAVY CODE H 2 (?) WILL BE IN EFFECT. DESRU H I (2). RB TO 3 Serial 185 states Following Radio call signs should be entered in Navy Call Book #117 (in change 117) in pages between KANA and KANAG. (in the final fourth too) is questionable. 100 Fleet 100 OCCUPATION FORCE, 100 OCCUPATION, 100 ATTACK FORCE. Then follow RZF (Maezumi Area) OCCUPATION Force, 100 OCCUPATION Force, 100 OCCUPATION Force and RY Occupation Force. Then comes 2 Kana calls HO WI - NO 1 Force of THE 2nd BASE FORCE, and I NE - NO 1 Force of the 5th Special Base Force.

COM SWPACFOR 260132 → COMB, SUMMARY FOREIGN MINISTERS SERIAL 701 (111) SYSTEM addressed to BANGKOK, 5 PLACES IN TOKYO HOUSES PLUS UNRECOVERED PLACES IN NAGOYA AND KOBE DISTRICTS, THE ATTACK WAS PRINCIPALLY DELIVERED WITH INCENT DIARY BOMBS BUT MANY OF THESE FAILED TO EXPLODE AND DAMAGE DONE WAS NEGLIGIBLE - CASUALTIES UP TO 1500/1800 WERE ONLY 14 KILLED, NO DAMAGE TO MILITARY EQUIPMENT. INCENDIARIES DROPPED ON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NAGOYA HOSPITAL BUT THOSE ON MIDDLE SCHOOL FAILED TO EXPLODE. AT THE SUKAGAWA NATIONAL SCHOOL ABOUT 30 PUPILS WERE WOUNDED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. QUOTE - WHEN YOU ARE PREPARING PROPAGANDA YOU ARE TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO AVOID SAYING ANYTHING INCONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM TOKYO ENROUTE

BELCONNEN 260300 → COMB SA SI 2 249 states "ATAGO, AFTER TAKING ON PROVISIONS AND FUEL WILL DEPART YO KOSUKA 28th in company with TAKAO for PALAO. KI MI HI Serial 281 gives a listing of AUSTRALIA COMMING REPAIRED PLANES to PALAO. KI MI HI Serial 281 gives a listing of AUSTRALIA PLANE NAMES (Air Stations?) ..."

OPNAV 260645 → COMB. TE YU 9 Serial 417 of 21 April. To 3 addenda, info 5 info added. Communication intercept between NIX and flying boat OV33. Flying boat OV33 Signal strength - 3. The following was heard "NO GOOD - SEND MORE EES. Alongside of rough fuel offshore, to left of the fleet track"

COM 14 262150 to ComB, ... TO E of Serial 026 says NAVY CODE DOG one and general number table (SID?) FOR (NUMBER 4). NAVY CODE GEORGE 3 WITH TABLE OF CALL SIGNALS (3) FOR THIS VESSEL HAVE NOT ARRIVED. REQUEST THEM IMMEDIATELY.

OPNAV 260845 ... fragment ... UNKNOWN Serial 731 of April 18 5495 ON I Mpy Code Book Blank one. OPNAV 262121 → COMB ... YUKI 3 Serial 024 ... Something about arrival MARCUS 12 ... O T A F Serial 081 ... mentions MOVING MISAWA AIR ... MARCUS Island.

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 COM 14 → COMB 270020, NAVY DEPARTMENT TO ALL HANDS:
 ON 1 MAY PUT INTO EFFECT NAVAL CODE D 1 AND (KEYS AND CIPHERS). DISCONTINUE USE OF SAME (REVISION OF 1901). TOKYO COMMUNICATIONS → ON 27 APRIL DISCONTINUE USE OF #11 CALL LIST'S ZERO COLUMN (VARIATIONS) AND PUT IN EFFECT #11 CALL LIST COLUMN # 2. ALSO ANOTHER NAVY MINISTER ORDER TO PLACE IN EFFECT NAVAL CODES A 1 AND B 1. CANCEL OLD ONE [1940 REVISION] (See item 4, below)

COM 14 → COMB 270246 RUTO 3 SERIAL 185: CHANGE #3 TRUK (4th FLEET) COMMUNICATIONS SECTION FOR NAVAL CALL LIST #11 (?) 25 APRIL. PAGE 5, BETWEEN [] 1 AND [] 6 INSERT THE FOLLOWING UNITS IN ORDER AS FOLLOWS: MO FLEET, MO OCCUPATION FORCE, MO OCCUPATION FORCE, MO OCCUPATION FORCE, SUPPORT FORCE, RFP OCCUPATION FORCE, MO OCCUPATION FORCE. PAGE 46, RIGHT HAND COLUMN, OPPOSITE [] 2 ENTER SAMA [] COMMUNICATIONS [] ETC, "RETO 6 serial 186 is similar to above quoted message"

COM 14 [271032] to COPEK AdJecs: (CINC 2nd FLEET) SERIAL 590 REQUESTS THAT CHARTS BE DELIVERED TO HIS OFFICE AND TO ALL SHIPS UNDER HIS COMMAND INCLUDE AREAS 50-61° NORTH AND 140 WEST TO 065° EAST (PROBABLY ERROR FOR 165°E) AND MAKES SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CHARTS OR MONOGRAPHS ((SAILING DIRECTIONS?)) OF COASTAL AREAS ADJACENT TO ABOVE REGIONS ((Bering Sea (to include St. Matthew's Gulf of Alaska, Aleutian Islands and North Pacific North of Cape Lisianski (S. KAMCHATKA) - Anchorage, Alaska -))

COM 14 → COMB 271042: PARTIAL CHANGE OF SERVICE CALLSIGNS TOOK PLACE AT MIDNIGHT 26 APRIL. APPEARS THAT ONLY MAJOR FLEET COMMANDERS AND SHORE CALL SIGNS WERE CHANGED; ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING 3 KANA ADDRESSEES STILL GOOD

COM 14 → COMB 272338 ... JALUIT SERIAL 495 IS TYPICAL RAPID INTELL REPORT -- ONE EXTRACT: "PROBABLE SUBMARINE, CALL SIGN 'LL4E' IN VICINITY OF JOHNSTON ISLAND, SIGNAL STRENGTH 4-5, BEARS 065° FROM KUNA-JALEIN AT 1905. OUR VESSEL USING ABOVE CALL SIGN SENT MESSAGE 262315 AT COM NEAR JOHNSTON IS. JAP BEARING WAS ACCURATE WITHIN THREE DEGREES. JALUIT TIME GROUP 0210 - TIME OF OBSERVING 0645

This code change was postponed (due to incomplete distribution) and was finally carried on on 27 MAY, on route of carrier striking force in Midway.

COM 14 → COMB 270046 NG TU 3 (AIR Command at TAROA) Serial 247 "20 HEAVY BOMBERS WILL LEAVE TAROA TOMORROW 27TH AT 0500 FOR RRE (AIRFIELD NEAR RABOUL (VUNAKAWAU?)) BY WAY OF TROK. WEATHER REPORTS REQUESTED 3 HRS. BEFORE DEPARTURE - CALLS NA MO 1, CT AND MA HI. FREQ. 5125. USE CODE SPECIAL A 45

COM 14 → COMB 270308 KUNA 8 Serial 214 of the 262 Preliminary flashes follows: AT 1200 ENEMY FORCE (1 CARRIER 1 CRUISER 2 DESTROYERS) 220-240 MILES BEARING 113° FROM RABOUL END OF READABLE PART X AM WORKING ON REST

COM 14 → COMB 270522. NAT 2 Serial 255 "ABOUT [] DATE KAGA IS PROCEEDING FROM SASEBO TO [] ANCHORAGE... [] DD REQUIRED AS PLANE GUARDS. ON [] DATE THE ABOVE AND A CRUISER WILL DEPART FOR KAGOSHIMA BAY TO JOG"

COM 14 270734 → COMB. SE ME 9 (1st AIR FLEET) SERIAL 253 "AFTER [] DATE WILL SHIFT FLAG TEMPORARILY TO KAGA" WAKO 7 (CARDIV 2) SERIAL 938 TO HIROYU: "AFTER CONFERENCE WITH [] YARD REPORT FOLLOWING: IF OVERHAUL ITEMS WHICH CAN BE COMPLETED BY 16 MAY, IF PRIORITY OF ABOVE IN THE EVENT THIS OVERHAUL PERIOD IS CURTAILED OR CANCELLED, IF IN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY HOW SOON CAN YOU BE READY FOR SEA" (free translation)

COM 14 270134 → RI Summary AdJec - A Marin YON 1 reported being impeded in 03-19 S. 127-27E (1/4 mile W of MANIPA 12 (Ceram Sea). Vessel evidently not seriously damaged as still sending messages 12 hours later. TOKYO Registered Publications addressed many cables which appear to be branch offices. It has been noted that PALAO RI dispatches divided into 2 classes: (1) to 4th Fleet and 5th Air Attack Force and (2) to 4th Fleet and Dutch Indies Force. This indicates that 4th Fleet covers entire area from PALAO to JARUIT and South of that line and that 4th Fleet is spreading as far west as Celebes. WATTAWA investigating use of ultra-high frequency by japs in band 32 to 34 megacycles, much activity found. Believed used by planes to each other and to ground. No traffic for Cinc ComInf. Fleet Unit RI TU 2 of 1st Fleet on a circuit with SAIPAN. Since 1st Fleet units known to be operating with other units, this may not indicate presence of 1st Fleet units in SAIPAN area. Cinc 2nd active Cardiv 7 particularly so. ATAGO addressed Cinc ComInf + 1st info 95 1st Air Fleet plus 2nd Fleet plus 3 cruisers or DD. WAKA 7 RE TO 2 MESE 7. Cinc 2nd addressed his command with suffix 35 (which may indicate a task force) and Cinc 8. Fleet unit NAT 2 in TROK area detected a 2nd Fleet dispatch from Cardiv 8. Call MEN 8 has been identified as Convoy Control in MALAYA area and was active indicating increased enemy operations between SAIPAN SINGAPORE and RANCOOR. Only fleet unit in Malay traffic today was KEKO 2. Three units continue active in this area are BIHORO AW, 3rd Air Attack + TOKO AW. Dutch India Force maintained average amount of activity. An escort force also with this force. Appears that Sulam 7 will operate in Mandates soon. Occupation of this Sulam with Sulam 8 - both associated RABOUL. Cinc 4th addressed CARDIV 5, CRUDIV 5, loss NACHI, Cruiser AKU 3 and Beadiv 7E. There may be part of his new task force. Indications fleet units TU HA 9 and WINU 6 may join 5th Fleet. SHIKIYA and fleet call AHO 5 in Amimoto area. NOTORO believed SINGAPORE area, may return to KURE. One indication that 6th Air Attack Force has moved from YOKOSUKA to TENIAN. WAKE figures prominently in traffic involving CAM ROSE AW, KISARATAU AW and 6th Air Attack Force. Later no longer associated with. Following future concentration of 6th Air Attack Force is indicated 4th, 5th & 6th at RABOUL, 2nd continues in INDIES, 3rd in MALAYA and 1st between WAKE and RABOUL. Operations there may also be supplemented by CARDIV 5, CRUDIV 5 and possibly RYUKAKU and Cardiv 8. Estimated carrier locations: AKAGI - YOKOSUKA (definite) KAGA - SASEBO (definite) HIROYU at sea approaching Empire, SORUW in Empire port, RYUJO in KURE, KASUGA - MARU enroute Yokosuka from JALUIT, RYUKAKU enroute Mandates from Empire, TO-KOKU + SHOKAKU definitely in Saipan (P-29) Flag 12 AF to shift to KAGA - Submarine boats

COM 14 → COMB 270936, KUNA 8 (CINC 4th) Serial 214 of 262 To COMDRS. CARDIV 5, CRUDIV 5, SUBRON 7, RYUKAKU AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLE DD UNITS. "MANOOTER FORCE OPERATION ORDER ORDER [] AT 1200 ENEMY FORCE (1 CV, 1 CA, AND 2 DD) REPORTED BEARING 113° DISTANT 200-240 MILES FROM RABOUL x THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN [] AREA II." COM 14 → COMB 270932 (2nd from COM 14) → THE MANDATES FORCE WILL OPERATE AS FOLLOWS: COMDR [] (WITH 4 UNIDENTIFIED UNITS, PROBABLY THOSE IN HEADING) DEPART TRUK AND JOIN [] FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY IN ROGER XRAY AREA. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE, SEARCH WITH ROGER OPTICN AS REFERENCE POINT. TP. (THIS PART VAGUE BUT DEALS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORDERS OF VARIOUS UNITS AND SHIPS). IF WITH REFERENCE TO OPERATIONS OF 1st AIR FLEET AND BLANK, THESE ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL CANCELLED. Suggest RX Area 25 that to the eastward of SOLOMONS and RO as that to the westward. This message still being broadcast by TOKYO on the 27th.

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COM 14 → COMB 272102 series (71)

Abnormally light traffic with very little traffic dated 27th until around 16 hours after midnight MINUS NADE. Call sign change appears partial with major force commands and major shore stations shifting while weather and air stations, fleet divisions below major commands, Marcus and individual ships remained unchanged. Alone not entirely confirmed 4th Fleet Area only active sector with unidentified HOME 2 sending apparent contact report timed 1825 stating in abbreviated plain language 3 enemy ships sighted 2-25 South 150-55 East.

Broadcast by TRUK at 1945 so time of origin may have been garbled. Cinc Comint Fleet appeared with tactical despatches addressed 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Fleets, 1st Air Fleet and Subforce otherwise inactive. No news traffic from Cinc 1st, 2nd Fleets. Comcardiv 5 with Zuikeku Shokaku found using TRUK Radios concealed origin confirming presence there. Cinc 4th addressed urgent tactical code to Comcardiv 5, Cinc 5th, 4th Fleet Detached Units. Incident ORV's unknown NA 719 followed by similar message to incident KA HIG associated cardiv 5 4th Fleet collected and detached units. Believe these connected above sighting report (See Below) *

Chitose Air located at WAKE in past 9 days sent many despatches to Marshalls Air Units, 11th Air Fleet, 4th Fleet, plus communication activities Marshalls believed movement back to home base KUNIAOEN. Marshalls are actively corresponding with 6th Air Attack, 11th Air Fleet 6th Air Attack appears largely divorced from main area command and increasingly associated Marshalls and Rabaul air bases. Rabaul & Koroatan exchanged messages indicating continued southward movements plane reinforcements one message from Cinc 4th dated 26th April 1350 addressed 4th Fleet Detached Units Comcardiv 5, Comcardiv 5, RYUKAKU, Comdr Cruisefleet + 11th Air Fleets, Subforce, Tokyo Intelligence and 4th Air Attack still being circulated 24 hours later. CARDIV 5 located above; HIRYU nearing SASEBO, RYUKAKU approaching TRUK, others unchanged. Com Subfor address Sumino 7 + 8. Old submarine traffic still circulating indicating uncertain delivery to units at sea...

Post-war Japanese "War History Series - Vol 49 Naval Operations in the SE Area pages 219-221: A MAVIS on patrol the pm of the 25th (April?) reported "ENEMY SIGHTED - 1 CARRIER, 1 CRUISER, 2 DD, BEARING 113° DISTANT 220 MILES FROM RABOUL"; it again reported "COURSE 300 SPEED 12 KNOTS" and subsequently changed the enemy strength to "2 LARGE TYPE SHIPS AND 2 DD". To Com Air-Flot 25's query "DO THEY APPEAR TO BE CARRIERS OR CRUISERS?" the MAVIS replied "UNKNOWN" and broke off radio contact. Com Air-Flot 25 came to the conclusion that the MAVIS had sighted the objective of its patrol - an enemy carrier force, and had been shot down. On the other hand the reported position was too near to land for an enemy carrier force, being just 20 miles off KUBIA, Bougainville but none the less, all measures had to be taken, just in case the sightings were correct, but an error in distance reported. Heavy land bombers and MAVIS were ordered to load torpedoes for torpedoes attacks and immediate alerts ordered. Comdiv 18, the 2nd Section Divdiv 6 and Division 6, sortied at 2130 on 26th for the Solomons to intercept and attack. Additional MAVIS and float reconnaissance planes from the RYUKAKU Main took off to search for and track the enemy force but when they reached the position reported were unable to find any enemy force despite 30 mile visibility. Comdiv 5th Air Attack Force (Com Air-Flot 25) summoned the flight crew of the MAVIS making the original sighting (they broke off contact at 1330 when low on fuel and returned safely) and inquired into the actual facts of the sighting. After the return of the follow up MAVIS and RYUKAKU float plane crews, Comdiv 5th Air Attack Force examined them and learned that in the originally reported position were coral reefs which resembled ships from the air. That Commander now concluded that the report of the enemy force was in error, coral reefs having been mistaken for ships. To make sure, the next morning's search/patrol were ordered to cover the area in question while attack forces remained on stand-by. At 2000 that Commander made the necessary report to all concerned of the error in reporting. At 0230 the next morning 5 MAVIS searched the area 80°-120° from RABOUL to 600 miles without results.

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COMINCH 7/27 Com Cardiv 5 with ZUIKAKU & SHOKAKU found using TRUK Radios as concealed origin confirming presence Cardiv 5 there HIRYU nearing SASEBO Old & HIRYU still circling, unclear may uncertain delivery to units at sea.

Form with header 'COMINCH 7/27' and 'U.S. PACIFIC FLEET'. Includes fields for 'CLINCPAC 270231', 'DATE', 'TIME', 'FROM', 'TO', 'SUBJECT', 'PRIORITY', 'CLASSIFICATION'. A large circled '#43' is stamped in the center.

FUJIKAWA ENROUTE RABOUL x EXPECT AIR REINFORCEMENTS FOR NEW BRITAIN AREA IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE FROM MARIANAS AND MARSHALLS BASES x CONTINUED INDICATIONS THAT CARDIV 5 x CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI AND DESTROYERS WILL OPERATE TO SOUTHWARD OF TRUK AKAGI IS IN YOKOSUKA x KAGA IN SASEBO x RYUJO IN KURE x CARON 2 ENROUTE TO OR IN JAPAN x CARDIV 5 IN MANDATES

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COMINCH 7/26 NI YA 4 says (Desdiv in Division 4) loss 2 DD left MC HARBOR AT 1400 TO CONVOY 6 ARMY VESSELS FOR THE DA Island operations. Suggest MINDANAO Island. KISE 1 (incident) states Desdiv 1 is to land the KO Detachment on MANDANAO and then turn over escort duties to Marn. Thence to endevors with Desdiv 2 etc. COMINCH 7/27 BRIT: KAGA (CV) arrived YOKOSUKA 25th where she will be refueling. She is to leave the 28th with TAKAO (CA) to rejoin aircraft forces and is probably transporting aircraft for other carriers (carriers?). KAGA's 91c operated from shore bases during attack. BRIT: HIRYU (CV) is probably refueling & is due to go to sea on 18 May. BRIT: Force HEB was recently engaged in mop-up operations in vicinity of REAR including Seaplane Squadron, is returning to Japan. BRIT: KAMIKAWA MORN (AV) arrived PACAO 24th, probably from SASEBO. BRIT: DESPERO 1, less 1 unit (one BW?) arrived SASEBO 22nd. % Comcardiv 5 to 51716 (incident) mentions 52 torpedoes, 2690 shells, etc. Enclum addo says: OR 1 May code book one TOKYO ONI gives location & call signs of all airports in the ANEWAC area including Rabaul & Port Moresby. Info obtained from a RAAF Operations Handbook. All info checks with latest here. CHITOSE will leave PALAO & enter SASEBO (?) Comm. Zone

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COM 14 - COMB* 282146* (including Comdr ANZAC Forces)

CINC 4TH FLEET SENT AN URGENT DISPATCH WHICH IS BELIEVED TO AN OPERATION ORDER FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH EAST THEATER. ADDRESSEES WERE:

4TH FLEET, CRUVIN 5, CARDIV 5, RYUKAKU, KAMIGAWA MARU (?)
2-3 DESDIV PLANE GUARDS, COM SUBFOR, 4TH and 5TH AIR ATTACK CORPS, GENZAN and YOKOHAMA AIR, Fuyukawa Maru appears in Rabaul area. Com Subfor 3 addressed to 5th Fleet and numerous calls ship when call is RI TO 4 believed to be a battleship sends traffic out of TRUK to TOKYO. Apparent Contact report intercepted on mandate frequency, addressed to 5th Air Attack Corps at 1150 Tokyo time. Traffic analysis April 26 and 27 indicate 5th Air Attack Corps included in the concentration in the TRUK area for possible operations to the south westward. Patrol activity continues 5th Fleet area, apparent phase contact report intercepted from CHIKURA Radio interpreted as enemy planes in 41-05 North 132-48 East (Ise, Japan). Carrier Divisions 1 and 2 in Empire; RYUKAKU and Cardiv 5 in TRUK area; some association between Subdivs 2 and 3 and 8. Call identified as Com Subfor 3 continues to be accompanied by enciphered area indicator KO (甲) meaning area "A". No radio evidence of submarines east of the dateline; Com Subfor appears to be in the TRUK area.

COMINCH 71 (28) Cardiv 1 & 2 & RVUSO in Empire. Com Subfor in TRUK area
KAMIGAWA Maru (AV) added to 4F forces operating in Rabaul area - addition of an Aircon?

COMINCH 71 (28) KASUGA Maru (?) says that schedule of 2 ships engaged in transport planes between YOKOSUKA and KURASUMI has been changed and will arrive towards 2 May

MARSHALLS AIR FORCE msg of 27th OPORD - SIFT of 1st AIR CORPS TO RABAU IS CANCELLED. THIS UNIT, COMMENSING TOMORROW 28th WILL CARRY OUT OPORD 110 AND PATROL IN ACCORD WITH #2 - IP#1000 Air Corps & #101 Air Corps (rest scrubbed but deals with assignment or replacement of aircraft)

#5 Air Attack Corps (?) msg of 26th scrubbed - free translation says OBJECTS DISCOVERED BY YOKOHAMA (3) AIR GROUP - type plane HAVE BEEN LOST SIGHT OF; mentions down tomorrow - and then "AIRCRAFT CARRIER 1 CRUISER, 2 DESTROYERS" ***

Urgent Command msg of 27th "THE TWO MINESWEEPERS WHICH THIS UNIT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE FOR THE RXB Campaign WILL BE THE #8 TAMA MATSU and #3 - MATSU. RXB believed to be in the GILBERTS by Com 14, but by Com 16 (on 24 Feb) to be TULAGI

FUKU 7 send 178 - TUE - LESS MIZUHO (AV) AND - DEPART FROM AT 1100 (-9) FOR SASSEBO, ANTICIPATE ARRIVAL MORNING OF THE 30th.

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ORDIV 5 x CRUVIN 5 AND DESTROYERS SOUTH OF TRUK x ATAGU AT SEA
 EUROPE PALAU x ASHIGARA AND NATOKI IN CELEBES
 x HIRYU EXPECTED TO BE IN SABERS UNTIL MIDDLE OF MAY x KAGA TEMPO-
 RARY FLAG AIR FLEET-1 WILL DEPART SASSEBO SHORTLY FOR SEA & OTHER
 CARRIERS REMAIN AS BEFORE x AIR AND SURFACE ACTIVITY IN NORTH EAST
 JAPAN BACK TO NORMAL WHILE ACTIVITY IN CAROLINES MARSHALLS AND NEW
 BRITAIN AREA IS INCREASING

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(was written up for CINCPAC INFO)

291010 COM 14 → OPNAV, COMINCH; IN CONNECTION YOUR 1855 OF 28TH, RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKE CODE RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ON BARK TRAFFIC, ASSIGNING HYPO AS A FIELD UNIT TASK OF READING ALL OF TODAY'S TRAFFIC TODAY WHILE IT IS OF VALUE TO FORCES AFLOAT. THIS WILL ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBILITY OF DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND WILL ELIMINATE NECESSITY OF LISTING SERIALS, ORIGINATORS, ENCRYPTING SAME, AND WILL REDUCE TRAFFIC LOAD OF COPEKS WHICH IS BECOMING CONSPICUOUS. PERSONNEL THIS RELEASED CAN BE UTILIZED TO MORE IMPORTANT TASK OF ADDITIVE RECOVERY.

COM 14 290202 → "COMB Address" ON 27th OMINATO RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORTED U.S. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY AS FOLLOWS: 23 APRIL: "KL" AREA - 2 AC; AOE AREA 2 A/C; 24 APRIL: "KCN" AREA 2 AC; AH (HAWAIIAN) AREA 4 A/C. KL & CANADA (POSSIBLY); AOE = ALASKA/ALEUTIANS AREA (KCN) ((ACTUALLY DUTCH HARBOR))

CINCPAC 290337 → COMINCH. DEFENCES MIDWAY AS IN ANNEX 2 URSER 00298 AMPLIFIED BY MYSEA 053. NOTE 3" AA GUNS 12 IN NUMBER. CONSIDER ISLAND AT PRESENT ABLE TO WITHSTAND MODERATE ATTACK, BUT WOULD REQUIRE FLEET ASSISTANCE AGAINST MAJOR ATTACK. AM MAKING INSPECTION ABOUT 2 MAY. WILL GIVE MORE CONSIDERATION TO SUCH STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT AS MAY BE PRACTICABLE.

COM 14 290202 → Comb. TITU 2 Serial 116 of 242 "OVERHAUL AND READINESS OF PART OF BATA DIV 3, DOCKING. HIEI (OR KIRISHIMA) 22 APRIL - 2 MAY. KONGO 2 MAY - 11 MAY. KIRISHIMA (or HIEI) 11 MAY - 1 P. (POST GUNNERY). PROOF FIRING ETC) ALL 3 SHIPS ON DATE (SAME AS DATE). FIRST 2 SHIPS READY FOR SEA ON 21 MAY; LAST SHIP COMING. Comb 3 ships were mentioned. In checking bark traffic, BATA DIV 3 has been found using concealed addresses since last December COM 14 290202 Part 2 NA SA 4 Serial 493 of 27th. OMINATO R.I. REPORTS. See above. SENT A URGENT ADDRESSER "CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT AS FOLLOWS: ACTION CINC 4 Detached FORCE ((4th Fleet RI units?)) AND TOKYO R.I., info YSGF, C/S IIAF, unident Comdr, C/S SUBFOR, and Comdr Marshall's Air Force

COM 14 291002 ... KOSEI Serial 96 of 26 APRIL. "TO MR. TAKAO, OFFICER IN CHARGE REQUEST THAT I BE INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON THE SUNKEN BATTLESHIPS AND THE PRESENT SITUATION ON SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON THE RYU MIMAS" SOUNDS UNREASONABLE BUT WE-WE ADDRESSES TODAY CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING "SINGAPORE SALVAGE UNIT COMMANDER". TOKYO COMM. INTELL SECTION SERIAL 290 GIVES CALL SIGN IDENTIFICATIONS FOR 26th x TOKYO x PLUGA. 099 WERE ALL CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY TOKYO COMM. INTELL SECTION.

COM 14 291922 → ... YESTERDAY THE 27th 2 SEAPLANES WERE FLYING FROM TRUK TO IMIENI; AT ABOUT 1630 ONE WAS FORCED DOWN BY ENGINE TROUBLE & NOT YET LOCATED. NA SA 4 (JALUIT) Serials 500 and 503 of 29th REPORT NUMBER OF PLANES IN AOE AND KCN AREA x KCAR GAS ARE NEW HERE

COMINCH 291929 HIRYU (CV) addressed THE φ (unident) which may be tender of carrier. Several carriers originated traffic of admin nature. Cinc 15 Air Fleet resumed operations. Subm 3 vessels operating in the Pacific // Normal activity in 5th Fleet.

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FUJIKAWA MIARU AT RABOUL x INDICATIONS BB UNIT IN TRUK AREA x CINCPAC 45X SCHEDULED MOVEMENT OF HEAVY BOMBERS FROM MARSHALLS CANCELLED x 16 BOMBERS MOVED FROM WAKE TO KWAJALEIN x ESTIMATED LOCATION OF CARRIERS x KAGA AT SASEBO DEPARTING SHORTLY x AKAGI AT YOKOSUKA x SORYU AND HIRYU IN JAPAN WITH AIR GROUPS SHORE BASED x RYUJO x KURE x RYURAKU ENROUTE TRUK AREA FROM JAPAN x SHOKAKU AND SUKAKU IN TRUK AREA x KASUGA ENROUTE KWAJALEIN ATOLL x AT DIV 3 IN NAVY YARD UNTIL MIDDLE MAY

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COM 14 292356 → COMB. CONTACT REPORT ON ONE ENEMY SHIP IN 33N, 136-13E. East. Contact at 14 27/28 in 29-25 N-136-54E East was broadcast by Yokosuka. At 37 minutes the 30th unident 4 H reported submarine attack in 33-10N 135-20E. IN ENCRYPTED ADDRESS "SINGAPORE SALVAGE GROUP" appeared. On ultra high frequency 37.8 megacycles 2 plain language messages intercepted, one was weather, the other said "LET ME KNOW WHEN OR WHETHER YOU DROP THE BOMBS" to 7th R.I. Summary: Good evidence Cinc 4 ordered in Empire waters. He originated several despatches of routine precedence; one to Major Commanders plus 6th Air Fleet Corps in TOKYO area, Cinc 15 that sent only the despatch and thus to his command info from him. Another indicates that Cinc 2nd is in TOKYO area based on the UNIDENT COMPAND SAYS "IN VIEW OF THE ALERT ORDERED FOR THE 29th AND 30th FOR ENEMY VESSELS, REQUEST SEARCH ((PATROL?)) INSTRUCTIONS, MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION OF THIS FORCE: (1) DELETE KAGA (2) WANK (3) ATAGO, TAKAO and (CRUISER) WHEN IN ALL RESPECTS - PROCEED TO ...

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CINC 15 FLEET (1) MSG of 28th: "SCREENING FORCE OP ORDER #31, EFFECTIVE 30 APRIL. MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION OF THIS FORCE: (1) DELETE KAGA (2) WANK (3) ATAGO, TAKAO and (CRUISER) WHEN IN ALL RESPECTS - PROCEED TO ... TRUK address assigns berths at TRUK for RYURAKU + 1 other ship. Second occurrence of assignment berths TRUK by bearing and distance from 15 islands. ATAGO despatch of 29th: "ATAGO, TAKAO and (same as above) DEPARTING YOKOSUKA 1600 (MAY), ARRIVE THE MORNING OF 3 MAY UNIDENT ROYO 9 mag contains tactical calls for 10th Force 15th Air Fleet says SORYU (?) EMPLOYMENT UP UNTIL 3 MAY IN NAVY YARD IF AFTER 4 MAY TRANSPORTATION OF BOMBS FOR 15th AIR FLEET UP WHILE IN KURE. IAF STAFF MEMBER WILL ARRIVE FOR CONFERENCE.

(was written up for CINCPAC INFO)

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COM 14 290247 -> ComB, TITU 2 Serial 116 of 248 "OVERHAUL AND READINESS OF PART OF BATDIV 3, DOCKING, HIEI (OR KIRISHIMA) 22 APRIL - 2 MAY. KONGO 2 MAY - 11 MAY. KIRISHIMA (OR HIEI) 11 MAY - 11 MAY. (POST GUNNERS PROOF FIRING ETC) ALL 3 SHIPS ON DATE (same as above). FIRST 2 SHIPS READY FOR SEA ON 21 MAY, LAST SHIP [unclear]. COMMAND: ComB 3 ships were mentioned. In checking back traffic, BATDIV 3 has been found using enciphered addresses since last December COM 14 290202 Part 2 NA USA 4 Serial 493 of 27th OMINATO R.I. REPORTS... See above. SENT A URGENT ADDRESSER'S CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT AS FOLLOWS: ACTION CINCPAC Detached Force (4th Fleet RI Units?) AND TOKYO R.I., info YSGF, C/S IIAF, unident Comdr, C/S Subter, and Comdr Marshalls Air Force

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WHICHIJIMA ON 25th says "CURRENT OPERATIONS URGENTLY NECESSITATE DELAY IN DATE OF DOCKING OF (Three follows a list of 5 names) REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL" KWAJALEIN CIVIL ENGINEERS msg of 27th reports nearing completion of "Q-1" East group may be location of project. TA TU 2 (unident) msg says "ENIMO (?) WILL BE ADDED (?) TO UNIT (?) EFFECTIVE APRIL 29th (?), LEAVE DND DOCK -; PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS 23 -; COMPLETED DOCKING YOMI MU msg of Apr 26 to unident SIROWA - per memo - says AS SOON AS RECEIPT OF CARBO ON - DACHI MURU (HADACHI MURU) SEND ON AS FOLLOWS (Mentions 90 type bombs, 1040 MARM BOMB FUSES, 200 BAKER Tpk Comb fuses, Cartridges, 18 Tpk fighter planes; fr SAPPAN, 2 of - 135 96 Tpk guns and flight planes) 4th Air Attack on 28th searched K sector in order as follows: 180, 200, 130, 600, 330 and 600 miles, departing from TARAO and returning to KWAJALEIN 3rd Air Attack Force (NTRIC) indicates patrols to eastward from RABOUL between 80 and 120 tr a depth of 700 miles

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CINCPAC's #45

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COM 14 292356 -> ComB. CONTACT REPORT ON ONE ENEMY SHIP IN 33N, 156-13E East. Sent by unident SO YU 4 at 0015/29E was said to fall to 3 unident calls. Another contact at 14 27/29E in 29-25N-156-54E was broadcast by YOKOSUKA at 37 minutes the 30th unident A/H reported submarine attack in 33-10N 155-20E. IN ENCIPHERED addresses "SINGAPORE SALVAGE GROUP" appeared. On Ultra High Frequency 37.8 megacycles 2 plain language msgs intercepted, one was weather like other said "LET ME KNOW WHEN OR WHETHER YOU DROP THE BOMBS" to 4th R.I. Summary: Good evidence CincC continued in Enjin's waters. He originally received despatches of routine precedence; one to Major Commanders plus 6th Air Attack Corps in TOKYO area, CincC 1st Fleet sent only the despatch and thus to his command info Major Commanders. Flight indication that CincC 2nd is in TOKYO area based on the similarity of one TITU 2 number series. This Commander not well detailed yet. Comdr. Mandy addressed SINGAPORE Base Force and gave encyphered address for action info all major commanders. Philippine Force addressed many despatches to destroyers in this area. What few 2nd Fleet identifications have been made indicate that this Command not concerned with Southern Cross, Force, if any, in Indian Ocean. None not yet been identified yet. CincC 4th Fleet sent more traffic than any other major Commander. One part of Subm 7, one to 11th Air Fleet and Dutchincis three, particularly the 4th and 5th Air Attack Corps. Subm 7 is believed operating in the Mandates, 4th Air Attack is based in the Marshalls; most recent operation of this force was apparently the reconnaissance of NBURU, OCEAN, HOWLAND and RABOUL Islands and preparations for an attack on the latter two; 5th Air Attack is in the RABOUL area.

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OPNAV -> "COMB address"

OPERATIONS DIV. NAVY DEPT TOKYO -> 4th FLEET, INFO: COMBINED FLEET, SUBFORCE, 6th AIR ATTACK FORCE, TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, 11th AIR FORCE;

"COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE REPORT 0900, 24th: FROM [] (date?)"

UNTIL RECENTLY MANY ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE IN COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. BASES, MANY OF THESE INTERCEPTIONS BY THIS DIVISION, [] AS PRECAUTIONS []. NUMERALS DESIGNATE NEW [] AND NUMERALS IN PARENTHESES DESIGNATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES CONTACT WAS MADE FROM [].

AH-21(16); AF-2(1); AG []; AE AND AC-7(1). ((AH = HAWAIIAN AREA))

COM 14 300316 -> COMB address. SU WI 3 Serial 619 of 29 APRIL. "RZP Occupation Force OPORD No 1. FUMI MARU and [] MARU WILL DEPART RABOUL X-7 DAYS AND RENDEZVOUS OFF DEBOYNE ISLANDS WITH SAIPAN BASE FORCE SCHEDULED ARRIVE DEBOYNE X-5 DAY." ROYO 9 Serial 247, TACTICAL CALLS ASSIGNED MO FORCE: RI RU TO DEBOYNE DETACHMENT. [] TO RODNEY DETACHMENT [] SAMARAI DETACH. SERVICE CALLS [] DEBOYNE DETACHMENT, [] RODNEY DETACHMENT, TE KE 3 SAMARAI DETACHMENT.

COM 14 300402 -> COMB address: RA TE 3 Serial 916: BETWEEN 0710 AND 0810 THE 27th, 3 AMERICAN PLANES ATTACKED OUR CONVOY SOUTH OF NEW BRITAIN (WHILE WE WERE ENROUTE TO [] NEW IRELAND, AND SUNK (?) THE AMMUNITION SHIP ETIMARUX 2 HITS X THE ENEMY FLED TO THE NORTH X REST UNREADABLE X ME YO 9 Serial 068(?) says IN VIEW OF THE ALERT ORDERED FOR 29th and 30th FOR ENEMY VESSELS, REQUEST SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS

COM 14 302216 -> COMB (standard COPEX address) NI SA 9 (3rd Air Attack Corps) Serial 636. "HAS GENZAN AIR ARRIVED?" MAKE REPORT OF GENZAN AIR'S FUTURE OPERATIONS" MI YO RE (GENERAL STAFF) Serial 349. "AS A RESULT OF DEDUCTIONS FROM U.S. WEATHER BROADCASTS TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS, WE FIND THAT THERE IS ONE COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND NAVAL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-54 N AND 142 EAST [] THEY WERE IN THE SAME POSITION ON [] APRIL. THIS WAS SEEN TO 1st FLEET AND 6th AIR ATTACK CORPS FOR ACTION. KIMI 1 (TAKAO AIR) Serial 440. "ON 27th APRIL IN POSITION 350° 44 MILES FROM DARWIN 2 PLANES CRASHED X CONTACT CODE A 37 NOT CONSIDERED COMPROMISED."

OPNAV 302359 -> STD. COMB ADDRESSES. TE YO 9 Serial 407 of April 24th to 4th Fleet, DIVISION OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, NAVY DEPT. TOKYO, INFO COMBINED FLEET, SUBFORCE, 6th AIR ATTACK FORCE, TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, 11th AIR FORCE - "COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE REPORT 1900 24th. THE ENEMY PLANES WHICH MADE COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. BASES FROM BLANK (DATE?) TO RECENTLY WERE GREAT IN NUMBER AND THOSE INTERCEPTED BY THIS DIVISION WERE ALSO NUMEROUS, TWO [] AS PRECAUTION TWO []. NUMERALS DESIGNATE NEW [] AND NUMERALS IN PARENTHESES DESIGNATE NUMBER OF TIMES CONTACT WAS MADE FROM []. AH 21(16). AF 2(1) AG BLANK (?). AE AND AC 7(1)."

COM 14 302216 -> MIYO RE (GENERAL STAFF) Serial 343 x AS A RESULT OF DEDUCTIONS FROM U.S. WEATHER BROADCASTS TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS WE FIND THERE IS 1 COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND NAVAL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-54 NORTH AND BLANK 42 EAST [] THEY WERE IN THE SAME POSITION ON [] APRIL. THIS WAS SEEN TO FIRST FLEET AND 6th AIR ATTACK CORPS FOR ACTION X KIMI 1 (TAKAO AIR) Serial 440 ON 27th APRIL IN POSITION 350° 40 MILES FROM DARWIN, 2 PLANES CRASHED. CONTACT CODE A-37 WAS NOT CONSIDERED COMPROMISED.

COMINCH D/C 30 NE TO 8 (Gambell Div 8) "RZP Occupation Force a part of [] this force, having party arrangements will depart Rabaul 0600/30th and proceed to Rabaul. Join us there (Comm. - sent to a Desdir for Action. This makes Comd Gator & Comd Occupation Force. SHIBROW (blank) DIRECT SERV (Candors) HAVE 5th VF Camp return 15 ty of VF which are to be unlinked at RABOUL sent to DISSENTS Air."

COMINCH D/C 30 701510 Communications heavy emphasis to all [] from [] Sasabo personnel very heavy to [] and [] April 30 1942 (39)

Comd of indicated in habe waters, originated several [] address of 54F, 11AF info Comd Under Sect Comd Under 5. Also to 5F. one technical [] to 5F collection [] info 5F. FUDIKAWA Maru addressed PALAO, RABOUL, TRUK + Tokyo Radio + Under 3rd 5th Air Attack Force, 11AF. May be from movement from Rabaul area. Sub traffic heavy with Sabros 3, 5, 7E & addressed. Mostly delayed via Sabros. Circuit rather than direct from Comd Under 5. Mandates intelligence traffic and included 5F Subfor, 6F, 11AF and 4th, 5, 6th Air Attack Forces as addressees.

NEI Force coming up, with intelligence traffic to Comd of [] and [] Forces. "BASE 21 XMAS ISLAND DETACHMENT" seen in enciphered address. D/F BOARDING 28/29th April indicate large concentration enemy units in Marshall Islands - 27 call signs noted this area.

MARSHALLS AIR FORCE SEARCHING TO 600 MILES FROM MALOELAP AND KWAJALEIN X ASHIGARA ARRIVED SOERABAYA X CONCENTRATION POINT OF TRUK INCLUDES CAR DIV 5 CRU DIV 5 LESS NACHI AND RYUKAKU X KAMIKAWA MARU AND DESTROY 6 IN RABOUL AREA X COMMANDER SUB FORCE IN TRUK 46th BULLETIN PART OF CRU DIV FOUR EXPECTED TO DEPART YOKOSUKA SHORTLY x CINC PAC # 46 sent at 1630

From: [] To: CTF 11, 17 COMINCH D/C 30 NAWA 8 (OITDAIR?) 3 despatches refer to flights of planes as follows: 12 VF 13 VTB + 9 MSB of MKAGI departed for OMURA. - VF and 13 VTB of SORTU departed [] ; 13 VSB of SORTU departed later. NIKI 6 (5th Air Attack) says "AIR SEARCH FROM RABOUL TOOK OFF AT 0230, the 27th A 25th, searched sector 070-125°, distance 600 miles, search conducted by 5 despatches. Visibility was 30 miles. Enemy was not sighted []? Unident (REYU 7) of 27th says "ARRIVED MILI (?) 0600/27. Took on gasoline (?) and water (?). Departing 1 MAY Despatch from TAKAO Air Group - "ON 27 APRIL IN POSITION 350° 40 miles from DARWIN, 2 planes crashed. Contact Code [] was not considered compromised."

TWO MARUS SOON DEPART RABOUL TO RENDEZVOUS WITH SAIPAN BASE FORCE OFF DEBOYNE ISLAND REPEAT DEBOYNE ISLAND X THIS FORCE CONNECTED PROJECTED OCCUPATION PORT MORESBY X INDICATIONS ENEMY ALSO INTERESTED SAMARAI AND CAPE RODNEY AREAS 3006907 April 1942

30 APRIL 1942 302357

OPNAV -> "COMB address

OPERATIONS DIV. NAVY DEPT TOKYO -> 4th FLEET, INFO: COMBINED FLEET, SUBFORCE, 6th AIR ATTACK FORCE, TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, 11th AIR FORCE;

"COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE REPORT 0900, 24th: FROM [] (date):

UNTIL RECENTLY MANY ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE IN COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. BASES, MANY OF THESE INTERCEPTIONS BY THIS DIVISION, [] AS PRECAUTIONS []. NUMERALS DESIGNATE

NEW [] AND NUMERALS IN PARENTHESES DESIGNATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES CONTACT WAS MADE FROM [].

AH-21(16); AF-2(1); AG []; AE AND AC-7(1).

((AH = HAWAIIAN AREA))

COM 14 300316 -> COMB address. SU WI 3 Serial 619 of 29 APRIL. "RZP Occupation Force OPORD NO 2. FUMI MARU and [] MARU WILL DEPART RABOUL X-7 DAYS AND RENDEZVOUS OFF DEBOYNE ISLANDS WITH SAMAN BASE FORCE SCHEDULED ARRIVE DEBOYNE X-5 DAY, "RO YO 8 Serial 247, TACTICAL CALLS ASSIGN ED MO FORCE: RI RU TO DEBOYNE DETACHMENT. [] TO RODNEY DETACHMENT [] SAMARAI DETACH. SERVICE CALLS [] DEBOYNE DETACHMENT, [] RODNEY DETACHMENT, TE KE 3 SAMARAI DETACHMENT.

COM 14 300402 -> COMB address: RA TE 3 Serial 916, BETWEEN 0710 AND 0810 THE 27th, 3 AMERICAN PLANES ATTACKED OUR CONVOY SOUTH OF NEW BRITAIN (WHILE WE WERE ENROUTE TO [] NEW IRELAND, AND THE SUNK (?) THE AMMUNITION SHIP EITIMARU X HITS X THE ENEMY FLEET TO THE NORTH X REST UNREADABLE X ME YO 9 Serial 068(?) says IN VIEW OF THE ALERT ORDERED FOR 29th and 30th FOR ENEMY VESSELS, REQUEST SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS

COM 14 302216 -> COMB (Standard COPEK adre) NI SA 9 (3rd Attack Corps) Serial 636. "HAS GENZAN AIR ARRIVED?" MAKE REPORT OF GENZAN AIR'S FUTURE OPERATIONS MI YO RE (GENERAL STAFF) Serial 349. "AS A RESULT OF DEDUCTIONS FROM U.S. WEATHER (SBROADCASTS TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS, WE FIND THAT THERE IS ONE COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND NAVAL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF []"

30 APRIL 42 (39)

THEY Consultation G(?) -> "ALL SHIPS OF THIS FORCE WILL DEPART RABOUL 1600 MAY FOR (Serial blank) ARRIVING IN POSITION 08N 154E AT NOON MAY 2 (SERIAL TRUK) HIKU WJ (?) states call list provisions Page 37 NO TA 2 SHINREI/KUMISUGA MARU Page 38 KIRE #7 RYOKU EI MARU; Page 40 RI 50 3 "GEPPU"/TAKIURA MARU Page 42 MARA 1-15 #1 MARU #49 [] WX station, Page 59 (blank). YOKOSUKA #5 JLF. TO MA 6 Serial #3 SIF, Page 60 #85 Submarine (Special Cam Force) page 67 A NA 8 (ASTORIA), RIYA 3 (blauk) IRI 8 (?) much unrecorded - indicates our hand schedule ships Southern Ex. Force RVUJO commences 25th APRIL - part lists numbers to be shifted to RABOUL. Part Msp transmitted by TRUK 30 April - part lists numbers to be shifted to RABOUL. Part says "This ship will complete [] at 0800/30 and will depart - MAMOUTAR - MARU to Rabaul and arrive DEBOYNE on the 5th at noon

ALSO NA 11 (Genzan Air) "REMAINDER OF FORCE ARRIVED PT (TRUK) 1700/6 (26) NUMBER OF TIMES CONTACT WAS MADE FROM [] AH 21(16). AF 2(1) AG blank (?). AE AND AC 7(1)....."

COM 14 302216 -> MIYO RE (GENERAL STAFF) Serial 343 AS A RESULT OF DEDUCTIONS FROM U.S. WEATHER BROADCASTS TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS WE FIND THAT THERE IS 1 COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND NAVAL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-54 NORTH AND BLANK-42 EAST [THEY WERE IN THE SAME POSITION ON 27 APRIL] THIS WAS SENT TO FIRST FLEET AND 6th AIR ATTACK CORPS FOR ACTION X (1 MI) (YAKAO AIR) Serial 440 on 27th APRIL IN POSITION 35th 40 miles from DATED, 2 PLANES CRASHED. CONTACT CODE A-37 WAS NOT CONSIDERED COMPROMISED.

COMINCH (30) NE TO 8 (Gambel Div 8) "RZP Occupation Force equator ident. This force, having arrangements will depart Rabaul 0600/30th and proceed to Rabaul, from where (Comm) sent to a Despatch Action. This water Cond Gator 8 Cond Occupation Force. SHIPROVA (blank) DIRECT SER 9 (Condors) HAVE 5th VF Group return 15 Ty PVF which are to be unloaded at RABOUL sent to PRISONERS AIR.

COMINCH (30) TOKYO Communication heavy originate to all your offices April 30 1942 (39)

Sesabo personnel very heavy to 6 and 8 (Crews) Cond of indicated in hoke waters, originated several including address of 5 AF, 11 AF info am Condur 5 and Condur 5. Also to SF, one technical msg to SF collector, 60 min info 5 AF. FUDIKAWA Maru addressed PALAU, RABOUL, TRUK + Tokyo Roads + Cond 3rd 5th Air Attack Force, 11 AF. May be from movement from RABOUL area. Sub traffic heavy with Subros 3, 5, 7 & 8 addressed. Mostly delayed via Subros to Corcoran rather than direct from Condur 5. Mandator Intelligence Traffic now included 5th Subros, 6th, 11 AF and 4th, 5, 6th Air Attack Forces as addressees. NEI Force coming up with Intelligence traffic to Cond 4th and 5th Air Attack Forces. "BASE 21 XMAS ISLAND DETACHMENT" seen in enciphered address D/F BOARDING 28/29 April indicate large concentration enemy units in Marshall Islands - 27 call signs noted this area

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From: (Action) To: CTF 11, 17 C Southwest Pac Two MARUS SOON DEPART RABOUL TO RENDEZVOUS WITH SAMAN BASE FORCE OFF DEBOYNE ISLAND REPEAT DEBOYNE ISLAND X THIS FORCE CONNECTED PROJECTED OCCUPATION PORT MORESBY X INDICATIONS ENEMY ALSO INTERESTED SAMARAI AND CAPE RODNEY AREAS 300907 April 1942

ALL MESSAGES ARE WHILE WDS PRIORITY ABOVE US NAVY REPORT

810144
COM 14 → COMB. JALUIT RADIO SENT "U.S. RADIO INTELLIGENCE"
(0100 1 MAY) REPORT - 14 NAVAL AIRCRAFT HEARD, APPARENTLY AN AIR PATROL FOR UNITS SORTING OUT COVERING A SORTIE. GREATLY INCREASED INTEREST IN AIR OPERATIONS IN HAWAIIAN, ALASKAN AND SAMOAN AREA BEING SHOWN BY JAPANESE RECENTLY. ALSO ON 25 APRIL TOKYO REPORTED THAT FLEET UNITS HAD RETURNED TO PEARL HARBOR, (FROM DOLITTLE RAID) AS EVIDENCED BY TRANSMISSIONS FROM SOME 20 CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT, INDICATING THEIR RETURN TO PEARL HARBOR.

011135 - 011138 - 011108 (C.I. SUMMARY FOR R.I. COM 14 → OPNAV, BELCONNEN, C.I.F. 16. UNIT IN CTF 16.)
③ "MO" CAMPAIGN NOW UNDERWAY INVOLVES SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA AND LOUISIADIE ARCHIPELAGO. SUGGEST MORESBY FOR "MO". FORCES INVOLVED WILL CONSIST OF CAR DIV 5, CRUDIV 5LESS NACHI, GUNBOAT DIVISION 8, CRUDIV 18 AND DESRON 6 AVAILABLE. NEW BRITAIN AIR, KNOWN AS 5TH AIR ATTACK FORCE, CONSISTING OF TAINAN AIR, 4TH AIR, AND YOKOHAMA AIR. FIRST TWO HAVE LAND BASED BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS, LAST ONE MADE UP OF SEAPLANES AND FLYING BOATS; TOTAL SHORE BASED AIR BELIEVED IS BOMBERS, 18 VP AND UNKNOWN FIGHTERS LIGHT FORCES ENROUTE OPERATING AREA DESPITE MSG, GIVING TOWNVILLE AS REFERENCE POINT. DO NOT BELIEVE AUSTRALIA IS TARGET OF THESE OPERATIONS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE EXCEPT FOR SUBMARINES. CINC 4TH FLEET IS IN IMMEDIATE COMMAND OF OPERATIONS.
④ FIGHTING UNITS IN HOME YARDS PLUS FOLLOWING FORCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE TASKS: BARDIV 1 AND 2 x CRUDIVS 4 AND 7 x KAGA x SORYU x (OTHER CARRIERS IN YARD ON A 2-3 DAY SAILING-ORDER BASIS) AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DESTROYERS. IN VIEW OF GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY TOKYO IN PALMYRA, SAMOA - LANTON AREA RECENTLY, OF THE PRIMARY AND URGENT RADIO INTELLIGENCE ATTENTION TO ABOVE AND HAWAIIAN AREAS AND THE RECENT RECONNAISSANCE OF BAKER - HOWLAND ISLANDS, ESTIMATE PART, OR ALL, OF THE ABOVE UNITS WILL COVER THE "MO" CAMPAIGN WITH POSSIBLE RAIDS ON SAMOA AND SUVA AREAS. IN EARLY APRIL THE KAGA TOLD TO EXPEDITE REPAIRS AS WAS SCHEDULED FOR OPERATIONS IN THE NEW GUINEA AREA. VARIOUS RADIO INTELLIGENCE STATIONS HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN INTEREST IN ALEUTIANS. BEST INDICATION OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IS TOKYO'S ASSIGNMENT OF NEW NAME PLACE DESIGNATORS; LAST JANUARY NEW ONES ISSUED FOR PLACES IN THE ALEUTIANS, INDICATING THAT AREA FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. FOR THAT REASON SECOND CHOICE FOR OPERATIONS OF AVAILABLE FORCES IS A RAID ON THE ALEUTIANS BUT THIS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME BUT CERTAINLY PROBABLE AT A LATER DATE. CINC 2ND FLEET WILL COMMAND AVAILABLE FORCE. CINC 1ST FLEET IS STILL IN COMMAND OF SCREENING FORCES IN HOME WATERS.

#47

A GUNBOAT DIVISION PROCEEDING TO RABAU X ENEMY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST NEW GUINEA EXPECT TO COMMENCE SHORTLY X KAGA SOON JOINING FIRST AIR FLEET X SORYU WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS ABOUT FOUR MAY X SUBRON TWO IN DUTCH EAST INDIES X INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN FORTY SEVEN X AIR SEARCHES FROM RABAU TO EASTWARD ALSO FROM SUMATRA AND ANDAMAN ISLANDS ALL TO SIX HUNDRED MILES

010311 CINC PAC #47

COMINCHD/IC. YAKI (??) msg of 30th partly readable gives details construction (CDF) station. CINC 4TH msg in 3 parts - partly readable - to 4F, 55, 11 AF, #4 Air Att In, #5 Air Att In, 5TH J. KAMIMURA Man, RYUKAN, a desdiv, an Air Tender and an Air Base at Retal, Retal, Consul for, YOKOHAMA AIR and 2 unident units. "MANDATES FORCE OPORD #16 - ENTER FOLLOWING IN THE of Mandate, Force Communat. Plan #13; ENEMY DISCOVERED (remainder Part 1 and 2 deals with reorganization, frequency plan etc.) #3: REFERENCE POINT DESIGNATORS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS (I-RO-LUA - RI syllabary) (I) RRE, (RO) RRE, (HA) RRB, (NI) DEBOYNE (NO) SOUT CAPE? (PE) RODNEY, (TO) REP, (TI) RZM, (RI) SAINT GEORGE? (NU) GASHATA, (RU) COOKTOWN, (WD) TOWNVILLE; This looks like "MO" Occupation Force
RO SA 8 (??) from HYAKURIHARA Air Corps states "BECAUSE OF [] (BAI WX?) WE ARE POSTPONING OUR ADVANCE TO RRE (VUNAKANAU) UNTIL 1 MAY"
MO RO 2 (??) States 4TH Attack Force reconstituted RY and RY?
SRN 00217 5/01/0710/I (TOI - 5/01/0828/E) Serial # 474 NI 10? → 013 (TOKYO?) NAME 2 (TOKYO?) NASA 4 (JALUIT?) info: TO I 2 - (FURA 8) YOKOSUKA M; TE KA 9 (NAKU 7) KURE I. BECAUSE ALL SHIPS OF THIS UNIT ARE ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS OR REPAIRS, THIS UNIT WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN NAVY COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE #6.
SRN - 5/02020 I Comm. Intel Report (20001 May)
1. Call Sign RB1D (communicating with NFM - Signal strength 3) at leaving 64th Air PG (Kangelau) at 1654.
2. 4/1730 interrupted BSK (RZF) (Phonetic) and 7 British 4/c (of which 2 4/c were airborne) - 7TV/1278V were interrupted - (freq 5879)
3. From 0900/30th to 0800 the 1st interrupted NFM - 25 communications

2 MAY 1942

TOKYO R.I.

022612

COM 14 → COMB ADEES "TASK FORCE"
 KIMIN ON THE 28th A TEMPORARILY ESTABLISHED FORCE WORKED
 NPM (NAVY RADIO, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS) ON 4338 KCS 4 TIMES, AT
 MT. 0600, 1200, 1800 AND 2400. JUDGING FROM SUBMARINE AND
 AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY, IT APPEARS THAT THE FLEET DEPARTED
 PEARL HARBOR FOR A WHILE ON THE 28th.

WAKE REQUESTED IT BE FURNISHED SPECIAL AIRCRAFT
 CODE B II AND NAVAL CODE "C" AND NO 2 KEYS TO CIPHERS

[TOE 2] FROM COMMANDER SECOND COMBINED LANDING FORCES -
 THE YOKOSUKA COMBINED LANDING FORCE HEADQUARTERS HAS
 BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT

020344 Series -
 COM 14 → COMB ADEES

29th C/S COMBINED FLEET to 9th 4th Fleet, 11th Air Fleet, Comcrudv 5
 and Comcardw 5 - Difficult to read - but sense of message (see part)
 is - "with reference to the Mandates Force Op ord 13, the objective of
 the operations is to restrict the enemy fleet's movements and will be
 accomplished by means of attacks on outlying units and on various
 areas along the north coast of Australia. The Imperial Navy will operate
 to the utmost until this is accomplished. Further, we will continue
 to operate against all bases used by enemy aircraft -- advanced bases
 will be occupied to wipe out enemy shore based aircraft --"

#48

CINCPAC #48

MINE SWEEPER DIVISION ON ESCORT DUTY FROM MARSHALLS TO
 TWO CRUISERS ARRIVING RABAUZ ABOUT 4 MAY X THIRTY
 WILL MOVE FROM SUMATRA TO JAPAN SHORTLY X 15th DOG FOX SUB
 ARRIVING IN MARSHALLS. #48 CINCPAC

ORDERED TO OPERATE OFF NORTHEAST AUSTRALIA + OPERATIONS AGAINST
 HORAL(?) ISLAND INDICATED X ONE MARU SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS - DEPART MARSHALLS

FROM MAKIN, AND MAY TWO FROM MILI, FOR KWADALEW

CINCPAC #48

020135 MAY

3 MAY 1942

BELCONNEN 030736 -> COMB - "THE SEVEN MEN GOING TO 'AB' (HOWLAND IS) AND THE 12 MEN ACCOMPANYING SATO AND [] OF THE COMMUNICATION [] WILL RETURN IN THE [] DEPARTING THE 30th."

"... 'FERRYING' OF LONG RANGE AIRCRAFT FROM TAI CHU AIR GROUP TO RABAU WAS POSTPONED AND WILL BE DONE ON THE 3rd."

FROM CINCLANTFLT "Commanding officers of AKAGI, HIRYU, AND SORYU WITH THEIR [] OFFICERS (TOTAL 5 OFFICERS EACH) WILL TAKE PART IN EXERCISES ORDERED BY COMBINED FLEET ORDER #12 (LANDING EXERCISE/DRILL?) AKAGI DETAIL ON 4 MAY, CARDIV 1 DETAIL ON 12 MAY"

BELCONNEN 030757 -> COMB Adm ... asks help on Uncovered Peace Name Designations involved in future plans - "RRA - RRE - RZL, RZM ... and 'DO' (really 'MO') occupation force... capable of accommodating 36 medium size planes AND INDICATES ABOUT 1000 WORKMEN BEING SENT BY 4th CIVIL ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION RZP AND 'MO' OCCUPATION..."

COM 14 031148 -> COMB HIRYU & SASEBO PLANES PROVIDE INNER AIR PATROL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE KAGA FROM SASEBO -> KAGOSHIMA AREA ON 3rd + 4th

2 May - KIRISHIMA (or HIEI) UNDOCKED x 3 MAY KONGO DOCK x 11 MAY KENGO UNDOCKS

8 Type 96 Bombers & 3 Type 97 VF attacked the Air Field and radio facilities on HORN ISLAND on 30th

COM 14 031812 -> COMB (Adm) CINCLANTFLT assigns anchorage at TRUK: KAGA - N14, HIRYU (S) N-54, Flag Carrier 2 - 330 -> 1000 meters from KAGA (?), KONGO (?), HIEI (or Kirishima) etc

COMSOPAC -> CINCPAC 030300 ... x TOWNVILLE RECEIVED REQUEST FOR WEATHER FROM UNIDENTIFIED A/C WHICH WAS NOT GIVEN DUE FAMILIAR JAP REUSE, ...

COM 14 030722 -> SUNO 2 (UNC COMBINED FLEET) Sent, ITS, "FROM COMBR SOUTHERN ARMY x COMM. INTELL REPORT x NUMBER 3 BOMBER BLANK AT PORT DARWIN x PARA x CHARACTERS TOMBS ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS SOUTH WEST OF TOWNVILLE. IS USED AS A BASE FOR U.S. ARMY B-25 PLANES"

COM 14 032238 ... TOKYO RADIO INTELL USING 4 KANA ((Tachon/Cad)) URGENT TO COMBINED AND 1st FLEET COMORS, DEBARKY CONNECTION SYNOPSIS OF MI 20th ... RADIO INTELL CENTERS INCREASING VOLUME TRAFFIC PROBABLY INDICATING DEGREE OF SUCCESS AMPLIFYING BLUE NAVAL MOVEMENTS ...

9-MAY-42

INCIPAC 031258

COMINT	TO COMINT, CORAN PAC, COM 16, OPNAV,
COMMERC	COMSOPAC FOR, ALL TF COMDR PACIFIC
CTF	ACNB NZNB
OPNAV	ALL NAV SEAFFOR
TF COMDR PAC	COMORS LESS LAUT CARIB GULF

#49

ATAGO DELAYED IN JAPAN BUT WILL DEPART FOR TRUK SOON x

CINCPAC 49th OPERATION AGAINST SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA AND OUTLYING ISLANDS BELIEVED STARTED UNDER COMMAND CINCLANT FLEET WITH CARDIV 5 x CRUDIV 5 x CRUDIV 18 x DESTROYERS x 5th AIR ATTACK CORPS XX KAGA DEPARTED JAPAN x SORYU READY FOR OPERATIONS IN 2 OR 3 DAYS

CINCPAC # 49

CINCPAC 030241 ->

CTF 16 COMSOPAC

CTF 19

GOOD INFORMATION INDICATES FOLLOWING ORANGE OPERATIONS ORDER SOUTHWEST PACIFIC OFFENSIVE NOW STARTING x ORANGE OPERATIONS MUST TO RESTRICT BLUE FLEET MOVEMENTS BY ATTACKS ON OUTLYING UNITS AND VARIOUS AREAS ALONG NORTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA AND OPERATE AGAINST ALLIED AIRCRAFT BASES x THERE MAY BE OCCUPATION OF ADVANCED BASES TO WIPE OUT SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT XX AT LEAST 2 MARUS ESCORTED ARRIVE DEBOINE ISLAND NOON MAY 3RD

030241

46 4 May 1942

COM 14 040004 -> COMB, YOKOSUKA AREA TACTICAL SIGINT

DOUBTFUL IN CONNECTING SINKING OF THE MIZUKO.

TELETYPE R.I. USING 4 KAWA URGENTS TO COMBATS CINC. GF + AF

Probably same subject. More concealed originator (technique). ComCardw 5, as expected, appeared under RABAU radio call - COMSUBFOR used JALUIT ((KWA) radio call sign. Search for 2nd Fleet Commander unsuccessful so far

Radio Intelligence Centers increasing volume traffic, possibly indicating degree of success analyzing BLUE naval movements. "OR" - a GF Commander appears still in home waters - addressed all major commands URGENT, less 4th Fleet.

COM 14 040010 -> COMBATS - CACWERS - 75 1st Air Fleet addressed at ONURA air station info AKAGI, HIRYU and SORYU Pleine groups. KISHIMOTO addressed suspected "KORU" (TIE 6), incident NESEB and ComCardw 3 separately, indicating not aboard RYUJO at present

COM 14 040816 KURO 6 (KIRUSHIMA) Serial 131 to Com GF, Cinc 1st AF and ComBatdir 3 and others ... fac transl. "This ship will be undergoing repairs during the time of said campaign -- work already started on (technical info), date of completion being (21 May) will be unable to accompany you in the campaign. Com 14 Comment - apparently 35 docking proceeding per schedule altho hitches have been assigned at TRUK (this later on shown in error 2) .. no indication of nature of campaign.

COM 14 042352 -> COMSUBFOR using Jaluit call as originator of 20 despatches mostly urgent in 4 Kawa tabbert code. Addresses included collective "A, B, and C" indicators, in place of "to HQ" or "to Tokyo" emphasized "Eastern Area Submarine Force" noted yesterday was "to HQ" or "to Tokyo" Combined Fleet Command addressed urgent to Collective major commands while ComSubfor said to "to free - 1 Disregard". Possibility of Communication Drills Search for 2nd Fleet Command Discharge that at least 6 alternate calls used by one commander whose message series does not however check with old 2nd Fleet series up to 27 April. JALUIT INTELL included URGENT

and urgent priorities to wave addresses with COMSUBFOR consistently included. Wake traffic concerned supply and construction xx Truchestus that KAWA leaving Yokosuka, AKAGI, HIRYU and SORYU still in Empire, RYUJO location indefinite, Cardw 5 + Ryukaku in Rabaul area. Naval General Staff address of Combined Fleet and KURE Comdt info Kasuga area, C/S 4th F, 11 AF, 4th, 5th Air Attack Info. ComSubfor in Jaluit area.

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#50

A DESDIV LEFT SASEBO FOR TRUK X KAGA ENROUTE TRUK X BATDIV THREE MAY OPERATE IN TRUK AREA SOON X ATAGO AND TAYO DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR TRUK X CARDIV TWO IN HOME LAND NAVY VARD MAY PROCEED SAME PLACE MID-MAY X TOA MARU DELIVERED SUPPLIES TO MALOELAP EMIDJ WOTJE AND KWADALEIN X BULLETIN NUMBER FIFTY COMSUBFOR IN JALUIT

40145

CINCPAC #50

042135 CINCPAC -> CTF 16, CTF 17, Info - COMSWPACFOR.

ORANGE AIR STRENGTH NEW BRITAIN AREA THIRTY APRIL LISTED IN FOLLOWING ORDER X FIGHTERS, HEAVY BOMBERS X FLYING BOATS X BOMBERS X 18 X 17 X 14 X NONE X AIRCRAFT UNDER REPAIRS X 6 X 11 X 2 X 2 XX SAME DATE TAINAN AND GEN ZAN AIR GROUPS IN TRUK AREA AS REINFORCEMENTS X ESTIMATED STRENGTH EACH GROUP 45 HEAVY BOMBERS EQUAL NUMBER FIGHTERS X TAINAN AIR GROUP SCHEDULED GO RABAU 3 MAY

042125 CINCPAC -> PENSA COLA (16.2.4) Info COMINCH, CTF 16.

INDICATIONS ENEMY MAY LAND SMALL PARTY ABOUT SEVEN MEN HOWLAND IS. NEAR FUTURE X USE OF SUB OR LARGE SEAPLANES PROBABLE X IF PRACTICABLE PENSA COLA MAKE AIR RECONNAISSANCE HOWLAND WHILE ENROUTE PRESENT TASK X TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE PRACTICABLE IF ENEMY UNITS DISCOVERED X REPORT ONLY IF ENEMY OR SIGNS PRESENT OCCUPATION OBSERVED.

COM 14 050146 -> COMB... GENZAN AIR TO MOVE "STARLING" BAY WITH VC AND BASE GEAR... AFTER THIS MOVEMENT AND AFTER FUELING THE KOKITSU MARU WILL PROCEED TO RABAU. // #100 & Serial 100

7 of 40 "Naval Radio Opnd 103 - "ENEMY STRIKING FORCE DEPARTED THE HAWAIIAN AREA ON 1 MAY & ADDRESSEES WILL USE UTMOST EFFORTS TO DETERMINE ITS LOCATION AND MOVEMENTS!! Com 14 elements Tokyo RI dedicates as correct, indications that this info obtained by analysis intercept communications (addresses were Communication Advertiser)

Com 14 -> Com 050015, ... NIRS 0544 "Tomorrow the 3rd we will have 10 zero fighters for use. Judged from present experience we will require 9 zero fighters replacement, which are scheduled to be supplied by [] for MO operations (?) Please accomplish ferrying these planes to RABAU during tomorrow

BELCONNER -> Com, 050150, Com 050150 SOKA 3 306. msg originated by [] with regard to [] in the RZF area, hereafter the MO Fleet [] (will operate?) in the following manner: in X-2 or X-3 (RZF) are ordered to [] in the area of the South East of RZF and attack the enemy bases in the RZF area. This message addressed to Com Cardiv 5 and Com Cardiv 5 (RZF=HAWAIIAN)

BELCONNER 050202 -> COMB. Some garbles: KAGA and [] (Dive) less [] and [] will depart BUNGO Channel [] 45 MAY 4th and arrive []. Another - sketchy - indicates KAGA, upon completion repairs, will depart SAISEBO and arrive and anchor at [] in TRUK. [] less 2 ships will be under command KAGA and provide escort that vessel.

ENO 3539 "IN CHECKING UP ON VARIOUS US COMMUNICATIONS (CONDITIONS) WE THINK IT CAN BE CONCLUDED THAT SINCE MARCH 21 A PORTION OF THE US FLEET HAS MOVED TO AND CONCENTRATED IN THE AC ("CANTON?") OR DO (PORTION TO AG) AREA HAVING COME BY OF AH ("HAWAIIAN IS?") AND AG.

COM 14 050208 -> COMB MO 0 of Serial 347 "IF THE LOCATION OF THE ENEMY STRIKING FORCE IS DETERMINED TO BE IN [] THE MO STRIKING FORCE WILL OPERATE AS FOLLOWS X PASS NNE OF RX THENE SOUTH X AT 0600 5 MAY AFTER ARRIVAL AT [] PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FURTHER ORDERS X IF NO FURTHER ORDERS RECEIVED PROCEED TO RXB. IF PLANE SEARCH IS REQUIRED IN SOUTHERN AND [] SECTORS CARDIV 5 SEND CARRIER BOMBERS TO RXB AT DAWN X PARA [] WILL PROCEED TO RXE AFTER TAKING ON STORES " Com 14 believe RX = Bougainville; RXB = Tulagi. The above may be MO striking force in action.

COM 14 050321 -> COMB. SOKA 3 -> COMB CARDIV 5 from CINC 51. "In order to wipe out the enemy bases in the RZF (nearby) area, the MO striking force will launch attacks from South East (3) direction on X-3 days / on X-2 days. This order in effect until successful completion - commence preparations " Comment - best estimate of X-Day is 10 May

COM 14 -> COMB 050700. GPF -> all major commands on 3rd GFOpnd #20. As a defense against another enemy KdB attack on Tokyo area the [] fleet, [] 6th Air Attack Force and Naval R-1, net will, until [] date, carry out Radio Deception measures in sectors where no important units are present. Address to Eastern [] Deception measures indicating we have a large number of planes patrolling. Certain ships (equipped) this work are hereby assigned to Com 14. Some bases in Japan have been weakened to provide strength in forthcoming theater of operations

Handwritten notes on a typed document. Includes a circled "#51" and "CINCPAC #51". The typed text includes "5 MAY 48", "CINCPAC #50121", "SECRET 25", "RADIO 16 17", "CONCENTRATION", "UNCONFIRMED", "CINCPAC #51", and "050121 MAY".

CINCPAC 050329 -> CTF 16, CTF 17. JAP COMMANDER MORESBY STRIKING FORCE (COM CRUDIV 5) INDICATES 4 MAY THAT IF BLUE STRIKING FORCE IS DETERMINED IN CORAL SEA (?) AREA, ORANGE STRIKING FORCE WILL PROCEED NORTH NORTH EAST OF BOUGHAVILLE THENCE TO SOUTHWARD X AT 1600 (ITEM) 5 MAY AFTER ARRIVAL UNKNOWN PLACE WILL PROCEED ACCORDING FURTHER ORDERS. IF NONE, WILL GO TO TULAGI. IF PLANE SEARCH IS SOUTHERN AND ANOTHER SECTOR NEEDED CARDIV 5 TO SEND BOMBERS TO TULAGI AT DAYBREAK.

CINCPAC 050345 -> CTF 16, CTF 17. RELIABLE INDICATIONS ON 3 MAY STRANGE MORESBY STRIKING FORCE. COMPOSED OF CRUDIV 5 AND CARDIV 5 WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS ON ALLIED BASES PORT MORESBY AREA X-3 OR X-2 DAYS. ATTACKS TO BE LAUNCHED FROM SOUTHWEST (FAIRLY GOOD BUT NOT CERTAIN) X-DAY UNKNOWN BUT INDICATIONS POINT TO YOMAY AS X-DAY. ABOVE ATTACKS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION BY ORANGE.

COM 14 050426 -> COMB. NASAL 4 says - as of 0600 the 3rd there were 8 1/2 heard with the OAHU area 2 in Midway, 1 2 in Palmyra, 2 in the KJ and 2 in the AOI (Dutch Hebr.) area. Com 14 can opnav help identify KL & AOI, latter probably Dutch Hebr. or Kokick. NISE 2 1/2 heard planes operating: DMH-7, KE-2, KCN-2, APE-2.

COM 14 051014 -> COMB. According to HAKAPU Serial 59. "US STRIKING FORCE DEPARTED HAWAIIAN AREA BETWEEN 25 AND 28 APRIL. [] CINC COMBINED TO TOKYO (MAY 4) FOR URGENT SCHEDULED OPERATIONS EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF FUELING HOSE (1st FIGURES ARE 4 1/2 meter lengths, 2nd figures are 12 meter lengths) CRUDIV 4 0-5; CRUDIV 7 0-5; DESRON 4 1-8-5; DESRON 8-5. FUELING AT SEA SUFFICES ITSELF.

COM 14 052202 -> COMB. KIMIHI (Tokyo Ri) Serial 334 of 4. "AT 2200, ENEMY, CALL DTSQ FIXED BY HF IN 13N 160E. TO E 2 Serial 988 only partially readable says that THE YOKOSUKA SPECIAL LANDING FORCE WILL CARRY OUT SOME KIND OF TRAINING LEAVING JAPAN [] DATE FOR OMIYA ISLAND (GUAM) X THEY WILL LOAD 5 MOTOR BOATS - see 14's 072322

OPNAV 052200 -> COMB. WINA 2 Serial 238 of 28 April says this force arrived at M1. O TA 4 Serial 142 of 4 May. 6th AIR ATTACK FORCE DESPATCH ORDER #12. DUE TO UNFAVORABLE WEATHER THE SHIFTING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE (MARCUS 15?) FORCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED ONE MORE DAY. HAVE THE AIR FORCE ON (MARCUS 15?) CONTINUE DAILY RECONNAISSANCE OVER THE [] ZONE AS WELL AS MAINTAIN & LOOKOUT FOR SUBMARINES. RA WA 2 Serial 78 of 28 April says B Type [] planes of the 4th Air Attack Force DEPARTED SAIPAN & KO NO 7 Serial 160 of 30 April - requests replacements of 2 planes and arrangements for repairs.

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KIO 4 Serial 027 April 24 says

OPNAV 060645 → COMB & DESDIV IN DESRON 1 (less []) arrived SASEBO 22nd PLANS DEPART [] and arrive TRUK (or place nearby) on 18 May. KERU 0 25th April: Desdiv in Desron 2 (?) less [] arrived BAKO. NERI 6 of April 30 → Order 5, Subm 8, 4th Fleet. PLEASE SEND COMMUNICATIONS ORDER TO BE USED IN THE "MO" CAMPAIGN BY REGULAR AIR SERVICE TO TRUK ON THE 1st.

MEMO 4 Serial 434 of 5 May to KUNED - this ship to arrive tomorrow morning AM, advise movement your ship. TERRYNE tentatively will withdraw from the Southern

OPNAV 061420 → COMB TAHA 8 of 4 May - 3 ships (possibly one in a DD) will withdraw from the Southern Force about [] date in order to TAKE PART IN OPERATIONS

OPNAV 061435 → SKERT Serial 116 of 28 April [52076] (Desdiv in Desron 2) less [] arrived BAKO. NAWA 8 Serial 892 of 30 April states at 1015 12 VF [] VB and 9VTB of AKAGI LEFT KAOSHIJIMA and 6 [] LEFT FOR OYUWA

COM 14 → COMB 061848 IN CONNECTION MY 0526 of the 6th (24) TRANSLATED MESSAGE WAS SENT TO ESSENTIALLY SAME ADDRESSES AS THE ONE REFERRED TO IN MY 040919 OF MARCH WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ARRIVAL OF ONE PLANE OVER OAHU. THIS FIRST OPERATION CALLED THE KING CAMPAIGN. PRESENT OPERATION IS CALLED THE #2 KING CAMPAIGN

"K" IS ABBREVIATION OF "AK", IDENTIFIED AS PEARL HARBOR REF: 060526 MORO 2 Serial 333 "Request we be supplied 10 crystals for frequencies 4990 and 8990 Kilocycles ... Ref 040919 NOT ON FILE

COM 14 → COMB 061948 YAMI 1 Serial 602 to Desron 6, Request your unit furnish this HQ and 25th Air any intelligence bearing on the present Campaign. Comment: 25 Air = 5th Air Attack Corps; 24 Air = 4th Air Attack etc

NETA 8 Serial 012 (In 5th Fleet → 5th Fleet) THE 5 BB, 3 CV and 7 CA WHICH DEPARTED AS "WERE HEADED WEST WHEN SIGHTED BY [] Comment: "Ban Francisco" = A.S. Campbell's gable; West value not confirmed.

COM 14 → COMB 061950: VA 7 → Comairdiv 5 and 7 Due necessity prepare for operations transfer replacement personnel for this fleet direct to indicated addresses at once. x FOR AKAGI and SHOKAKU to KAOSHIJIMA BASE x FOR KAGA, ZUIKAKU, [] and SORYU to [03585] base. FOR RYUJO AND HIRYU [] FOR "RYUKAKU" ((SHIHO)) AS ORDERED BY HER C.O.

NIRI 6 Serial 278 "AIR ATTACK FORCE BATTLE REPORT #26 of 5 MAY. 9:00 VF PATROLLED PORT RZP INVASION FORCE CONCENTRATED FROM 0600 TO 1100. NOTHING OCCURRED. PATROLLED SECTORS DOG, FOX AND CAST. BETWEEN 166 - 170° DISTANCE 400 x NO RESULTS EXCEPT HEARING(?) 2 SUBS. VISIBILITY ABOUT 40 MILES. PATROLLED AREA AROUND RABAU AND BETWEEN RABAU AND RZP. NO RESULTS.

COM 14 TI summary - 5th FLEET TIC LARGE - NORTH called for delivery to 45 5th indicating may be flagship. The inclusion of the 1st Fleet only in the from northern area shows (it) still acting as Screen Force Commander. KASUGA maru assigned 5th Air Attack + Cruiser Kure. 6th Air Attack active with 5th Fleet + Marshalls. CV flag. 5905 up part 2 days with 2 Kanebells general YOKOSUKA area. HIRYU, SORYU exchange traffic with air stations SUKUGAWA and TATEYAMA + plane groups. SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, RYUKAKU ((SHIHO)) in S.E. with KASUGA maru believed enroute. 2nd Fleet, finally + fairly definitely identify them 8 dispatches which picked up old series. address: Combined Fleet, J.M. and Gen Staff info Cruiser 8 incident NESU 7, RO SHI 4, KIMA 135. Further action: Cruisers 5+7, Desron 4, Desdiv 7A 9, FUN 3, TA to 3, RABO B, Nona Maru with 2 info RO 51 + cruiser 7, Comair offers Cruiser 8 Desron 2, Desdiv 7, Comair navy JALUIT call for part of traffic originated 20-20 code msg address: Comair 8 To HQ (軍務) info CMC 4, 11 AF, Cruisers 6+18, Land 5, Cruiser 8, 5th Air Attack.

COM 14 → COMB 062308 - appeared plane contact 0810 (-9) - 0835 6 May - 7 call RO E reported (very attr. procedure) - sighting 1 CV 1 BB (SEKA... senkan) 2 TA (tanker/transports?) + 5 DD ("KU") course 190° speed 20. 8th Air, Submarine + Radio Intelligence continue to morphologic traffic, latter probably indication of degree of success in tracking out units.

COM 14 → COMB 062312 - Another msg for 2nd Fleet to collection KIMA 1 info GF, NGS + incident TIYO 6. Previous contact report produced long volume reports for 4th Fleet land. + Air units Marshalls + New Britain plus 4 units - joint op near future

CINCPAC 064211 → CTF-16 CTF-17 Info Com South Pac Theater ADJUTANT Public Bureau contact afloat "ENEMY ONE CARRIER ONE BATTLESHIP, TWO CRUISERS 5 DESTROYERS AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS COURSE 190° SPEED 20 AT 0830 ITEM (-9)"

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6 MAY 42 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

CINCPAC 061210	Info to:	Classification	Priority
OPNAV 061210	ALL NAV SEA FRONT COMDRS (LESS LANT PLUS PAN)	Precedence	Release
OPNAV 061210	ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC ACNB	System	Show to
			16-17

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KASUGA MARU ENROUTE RABAU FROM KWAJALEIN X EARLY INDICATED FOR CRUDIV SEVEN AND PART OF ANOTHER CRUDIV IN EMPIRE X KAMIKAWA MARU ENROUTE TO KWAJALEIN X CINC FOURTH FLEET IN RABAU X 52ND FROM CINCPAC X CARDIV FIVE AND CRUDIV FIVE WITH ENEMY FORCES TO SOUTH OF RABAU X KAGA AT SEA X AKAGI AND RYUJO BELIEVED STILL IN EMPIRE WITH HIRYU X INCREASED ANTI SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN MARSHALLS

060145 MAY '42 sent 0230g

COM 14 060132 → LARGE NUMBER of movements noted in tape. mostly moves. Serial fleet units leaving + returning to Empire. APPARENT THAT METHODS OF RADIO DECEPTION ARE BEING INaugurated THROUGHOUT THE FLEET. OUTSTANDING IS THE USE BY COMDRS OF CALLS OTHER THAN THEIR OWN WHEN ORIGINATING DESPATCHES. TO DAY CMC Combined has split his despatches into three number series. This may have been due to being away from flagships. Paul is apparently interested in the 1st and 3rd Air Attack Corps. 11/11/11. CMC 4th in Rabaul and was that Station's numbers. He is believed in charge of patrolling operations. One crudiv 5 appears in amount of the striking force of the fleet. Composition estimated as 1 CV 1 Striking Force including Cruisers 5 + Cruisers and probably a CRESTO class, Crudiv 18(2), destroyers (2) + mostly 4th Fleet units - Gumble Dr 8 + Desron 6, etc. no Submarine units included above. ... Maybe the so called Airons of Air Corps 21-26 as used in the probe are now Air Attack Corps numbered 1-6. ... (including) SETSU - Target vessel and carriers in despatches indicate gunners (bombing) training Cruisers 102, AKAGI, SORYU + various planes. NOTE 9 and 10 KAGI at KAWAKA and (WAKU) air involved. Com 1st Air Fleet aboard KAGA. KAGI SORYU active with planes today - all believed in YOKOSUKA area.

OPNAV 061420 → MEMO 4 Serial 434 of 5 May → KUNED. THIS SHIP TO ARRIVE DEBAYSE TOMORROW MORNING, ADVISE YOUR MOVEMENTS

COM 14 - 060526 MORO 2 Serial 333. REQUEST WE BE SUPPLIED 10 CRYSTALS FOR FREQUENCIES 4990 AND 8990 KILOCYCLES FOR USE IN AIRCRAFT IN THE 2nd KING CAMPAIGN. ABOVE TO REACH THIS HQ (KWAJALEIN) PRIOR TO THE 17th

COM 14 - 061848 Connection my 0526 18th - translated MESSAGE was sent essentially same addresses as one referred to in my 0919 of 4 March which was followed by arrival one plane over OAHU. This first operation was called the KING Campaign. Present operation is called the #2 King Campaign, King, being abbreviation for AK which has been identified as Pearl.

COM 14 - 061948 - YAMI 1 Serial 602 - To Desron 6, Request this HQ + 25th Air BE FURNISHED ANY INTELLIGENCE HAVING A BEARING ON THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. ... NETA 8 Serial 012 - THE 5 BATTLESHIPS, 3 CARRIERS AND 7 CRUISERS WHICH DEPARTED AS "WERE HEADED WEST WHEN SIGHTED BY []" (This msg for 455F → 5th Fleet of 4/11/42) (group for carrier was a double gable - Name may be incorrect) Dupa

7 MAY 1942
CINCPAC -> CTF 16 info Com SWPACFOR 070021
ENEMY RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVED HAWAII 0710 (I) QUOTE ENEMY
ONE BATTLESHIP 2 CRUISERS 7 DESTROYERS AND ONE PROBABLE
CARRIER SIGHTED COURSE 090 SPEED 20

Com 14 -> Com 6 070200. KUTE 3 of 29th incomplete but requests that TANKERS SENT
TO WAKE BE LIMITED TO UNDER 5000 TONS DUE DIFFICULTY UNLOADING LARGER VESSELS
IRI & MA 7 5th to NIRA 6 - AIRWES BUKA 15 (QUEEN CAROLA) 1500 TONS.

COM 14 -> COMB 070207 VA 7 (CINC 15A Fleet) Serial 284. "PROGRAM FOR AVIATION
CONF. OF COMDRS. AT KAGOSHIMA ON 16 MAY IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: (1) BATTLE
FOR AIR SUPERIORITY. (2) STUDY OF ORGANIZATIONS USE AS DIVE BOMBING, TORPEDO
ATTACKS, BOMBING AND STRAFING IN THE BATTLE TO WIPE OUT LOCAL RESISTANCE.
(3) METHODS OF LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AND BASE RECONNAISSANCE. (4)
METHODS OF SEARCHING FOR ENEMY X AREAS OF OPERATIONS X (5) OPERATIONAL
METHODS X (6) ORGANIZATION OF AIR FLEET AVIATION AND FLEET AIR UNITS ASHORE
METHODS X (7) REPLACEMENTS (?) (8) AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT
AND THEIR TRAINING. (9) [] (10) STRATEGY IN GENERAL. ORDER OF
SPEAKERS, DESRON 17 ((10?)), CRUDIV 8, BATDIV 3, CARDIV 2, SUB UNIT (?)
ORDER OF STAFF (OR SHORE BASED UNITS) YOKOSUKA AIR, BU AERO, YOKOSUKA
AIRCRAFT FACTORY. COMMENT THIS MAY INDICATE RECENT MSG
ASSIGNING BERTHS IN TRUK WAYS IN CORRECT IN THAT GROUP FOR
TRUK SHOULD HAVE BEEN KAGOSHIMA, OR THAT THESE UNITS
WILL PROCEED TRUK AFTER ABOVE CRITIQUE

COM 14 070408 -> COMB. WIMA 6 Serial 328 of 306 - 4th Air Attack of
Order #13. The 3rd unit of the force will participate in the campaign to occupy
FMC and RYD as follows. (1) Z-2 days, 3 planes search for MAKIN
20th miles, 204°, 570 miles, [] 600 miles then right (left) 50 miles
(2) Z-day; cover same area as above. IP Z-2 days and Z-1 day []
search sectors #2 & 3 & etc. IP PAE (a main report re Z-3 days) &
certain units not required for occupation return to EMIDJ ((JABIT)) via
MAKIN on ZED day. Comment Believe places are OCEAN + NAUVR

OPNAV 070530 -> COMB. NETAS -> 5 Fleet. Fragmentary. 5th, 70 (B)
departed AS. 1811 on 30 April 1942. 1st, 5th, 1000,
LESS MIZUNO

COM 14 070630 -> CTF 16 CV T REPORTING CONTACTS IN SE. AREA
USING UHF Radio vicinity 31.6 megacycles, 4th Fleet Command, Cardiv
Crudiv's status unidentified using various RABAU Radio calls for
cancellation & watch. Serials & Comdr's for using JALUIT radio calls sent

CINCPAC -> CTF 17 070815 INTERCEPTED ORANGE REPORT STATES
TWO US CARRIERS BEARING 246 DISTANT 185 MILES FROM RUSSELL ISLAND
AT 1510 (I) (-9) 7 MAY. LATER REPORT SAID ENEMY DISPOSITION ONE CARRIER
ONE CRUISER SURROUNDED BY FOUR DD.

CINCPAC -> COM SWPACFOR 070837 INFO CTF 16, CTF 17, COMINCH
HAVE INTERCEPTED ON SHIP SHORE SERIES IN PLAIN LANGUAGE UNDER CALL
AFFIRM 323 WHICH IS NEOSHO PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS AT
GREENWICH TIMES INDICATED X 0418 SINKING X 0618 HEAVILY BOMBED
16-15 SOUTH 157 EAST DRIFTING NORTHWEST SINKING SINS SUNK X
0740 CAN HELP BE EXPECTED.

OPNAV 071410 -> COMB. NIRA 6 #296 MAY 6 REPORTS DISCOVERY BY 93 OF
KAGOSHIMA AIR OF ENEMY TASK FORCE OF 1 CV, 1 BB CRUISER & 12 DD'S AT
0810 ITEM (-9) ON 6th APPARENTLY BEARING ABOUT 200° FROM RXB X
12 planes dispatched against this force but as yet no results

COM 14 072502 -> CINCPAC, COMINCH, SPAN, COM 16, COM SWPAC, BELCOMIN
BEGAN 0538 (-9) DECREASED AFTER 1730. THIS HEAVY TFC ALL CONNECTED SIGHTING U.S. OFFICER
FORCES IN GENERAL NEW BRITAIN ISLAND AREA... AIRCRAFT HONING CHANNEL USED BY CARRIERS
"SI 50" USING 7035 KCS... 5th AIR ATTACK CORPS AND RADIO INTELLIGENCE STATIONS FOLLOWED
CONTACT REPORT WITH HEAVY 4 KANA DISPATCHES OVER ENTIRE ORANGE SYSTEM BLOCK
NORMAL TRAFFIC. ALL CONTACTS RELATED TO CALL BELIEVED EASTERN SUBMARINE SCOUTING
FORCE XX... HONOLULU CALL NEU 6 REGULARLY SENDS WHAT APPEARS TO BE
BEARINGS OR RI INFO TO OMINATO AND TOKYO RI CONTROL. ADDRESS MA TEMI
ORGANIZED PLAIN TEXT MSG TO 5 FLEET ADDRES APPARENTLY PLACING THAT
AREA ON ALERT XX CARRIER FREQ. 5905 BUSY USING 2 KANA CALLS...HE

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
KAGOSHIMA ACTION
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Origin: 25
Priority: P
Release: []
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I-30 ADEN (down)
FIVE SUBMARINES ARRIVING IN MARSHALLS X SUBMARINES IN THAT
AREA OPERATING IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH AIR FORCE X CRUISER
ARRIVED RABAU X DESRON 2 ARRIVING YOKOSUKA X AIR SEARCHED
FROM BASES IN NEW BRITAIN AREA EXTEND TO FOUR HUNDRED MILES
59RD BULLETIN X C'NO 2ND BELIEVED TO BE IN HOME WATERS WITH
WITH CAROLA
CRUDIV 7 AND DESRON 4 X KABUCA MARU ENROUTE BUKA (QUEEN CAROLA)
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FAMILY WELL IDENTIFIED ON THIS CIRCUIT X D/F FIXES PLACES THESE UNITS
IN GENERAL HONSHU OMINATO AREA... FUJIKAWA MARU addressed 3rd AIR ATTACK
CORPS, 4th and 5th BASE FORCES... PART OF 3rd AIR ATTACK CORPS MOVING FROM
TIMOR AREA TO RABAU AREA. KAMIKAWA MARU addressed with 4th Fleet lineup
may be also in the RABAU area.

COM 14 072322 -> COMB. KURO 6 Serial 132 UNDOOC 19th RES 21st.
SOKA 6 Serial 124 Part 172. From "MO" OCCUPATION FORCE TO CRUDIV 6
Operation order #9] The RZF Occupation Force will leave EMERALD AT 1600
7th Air [] The "MO" Occupation Force will rendezvous with the [] occupation
force at 1400 the 6th at 09-30 South 154-15 East, speed 16, at 1800
7 MAY [] will move south of EMERALD.
ME SI 6 Serial 595 of 6 MAY "Conduct 2nd Fleet opord #20 as follows:
change 5 motor boats to two x change date to 8 May."

USS NEOSHO -> RADIO WAHIAWA. STILL AFLOAT SHIP TOTAL LOSS
072330 LISTING HEAVILY TO STARBOARD. DRIFTING NORTH-
TOR - 0629 WESTERLY.

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OPNAV 080425 → COMB ... OKITSU Maru will complete fuelling today and leave LOVE KING after 7 hours the 8th passing through - PATROLLED SECTORS? ... AT AIR ATTACK FORCE BATTLE REP # 28 of the 7th ... HYPO KING AND LOVE NO OBSERVATIONS

COM 14 080524 → COMB ... TOKYO BROADCAST PLAIN TEXT ... THAT 6th DIVISION AND ENEMY ATTACKING FORCE ARE NOW IN ACTION - originated by ONE I at 1045 (2nd) "IN ADDITION TO SINKING ONE CARRIER WE ARE SURE THAT THERE WERE 3 HITS ON ANOTHER" → 14-40 SOUTH 158-50 APPROX ... SPEED 16 ORIGINATED BY COMOR STRIKING FORCE (MO-0 AT 1100.)

BELLS 080434 → COMB ... ADDRESSED TO CINC 2nd Fleet. Part one deals with anchorage locations vicinity unrecovered island, presumably near TRUK ... "in connection with British attack on MADAGASCAR, according to reports from French ... are occupying DIEGO SUAREZ. FRENCH HAVE TRANSFERRED 3 CRUISERS AND SUBMARINES HOME ... (3 groups) ... mentions DJIBOUTI Expeditionary Force x Report on 5th stated that British force of 4 cruisers 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports (not including one carrier) ... FRENCH COMMANDER RESISTING PENDING MEDIATION

COM 14 - 080548 → (OPNAV?) MANY PLAIN LANGUAGE REPORTS OF TYPE MENTIONED YOUR (080630 OF 8th RECEIVED HERE x ALL PASSED TO CINCPAC WHO TAKES ACTION ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS x TECHNICAL INFORMATION PASSED TO BELCONNEN AND OUR UNITS AFLOAT BY US AS NECESSARY

COM 14 080856 to COMB. (Part 1 of 2) "FROM COMCARDIV 5, "NO STRIKING FORCE BATTLE REPORT OF 7 MAY, IP. ORDERED AIR ATTACK ON ENEMY STRIKING FORCE COMPOSED OF 4 DIVE BOMBERS AND 15 SHIPBOARD BOMBERS. FORCE LEFT AT 1420 AT 1605 REACHED AREA WHERE ENEMY HAD BEEN SIGHTED AND STARTED THEIR SEARCH x VISIBILITY WAS ZERO TO FOUR MILES, AT FIRST THEY WERE ASSISTED BY LOCAL PATROLS AND ALTHOUGH AREA WAS THOROUGHLY COVERED, AS THEY WERE HEAVILY LOADED COULD NOT CONTINUE SEARCH (FOR LONG). BECAUSE OF THIS THEY RETURNED AT 2015. ALTHOUGH ONE UNIT OF THE DIVE BOMBER SQUADRONS DID SIGHT THE ENEMY STRIKING AT 1700 IN THE VICINITY OF 13 SOUTH 155 EAST, THEY COULD NOT ATTACK DUE TO LACK OF FUEL"

RESULTS DESTROYED 3 ENEMY PLANES (ONE CAPTURED (?!)) OWN PLANES WHICH HAVE NOT RETURNED UNTIL NOW ARE: ZUIKAKU 1 DIVE BOMBER AND 5 CARRIER COMBERS; SHOKAKU - 3 CARRIER VTB. PLANES AVAILABLE TOMORROW. ZUIKAKU - 19 VF, 14 VSB, 12 VTB; SHOKAKU: 18 VF, 19 VSB, 14 VTB. IP rest deals with frequencies etc.

COM 14 082156 → COMB. MO 0 2 - Serial 875. "NO STRIKING FORCE BATTLE REPORT # 2. IP AT 0430, CARRIER DIVISION 5 AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF AND SIGHT THE ENEMY STRIKING FORCE (ONE BATTLESHIP, 2 CARRIERS, 3 CRUISERS AND 6 DD AT 14-30 S 158 40 East. By 0730 the entire attack group had departed IP WHILE OUR FORCES WERE ENGAGING THE ENEMY, AT 0900 AN ENEMY ATTACK GROUP CAME OVER TWICE TO ATTACK, 4 PLANES WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY (MEDIUM BOMBERS) (OUR FIGHTERS!!) AND ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE, THE SLIGHT DAMAGE FROM BOMBS SUSTAINED BY THE SHOKAKU DOES NOT APPEAR TO PREVENT HER FROM (PROCEEDING ETC QUESTION) NO OTHER DAMAGE x NO DAMAGE TO (OTHER) MEN-OF-WAR. IP OUR ATTACK GROUP RETURNED AT 1100 AND ARE IN PROGRESS OF REGROUPING THEIR UNITS (PROBABLY MEANS TRANSFERRING PLANES FROM SHOKAKU TO ZUIKAKU x REST OF PARAGRAPHS UNREADABLE x IP RESULTS

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See Opnav 081428/1434 [p.55 instr] 8 MAY 1942 (55)
Firm SO ICA 3 (Rabat) → (GF) RA 70 66 → RETRIEVED (Tokyo Nav) info SO TO 915 (4th Airforce) RETN 66 (Rabat) SAU 99 (1) (111845/2 1942 (TOI 5/12 0510Z on 8330A/3) #481 (Spants)

Friday is report in hands of May 7, 8th
I. Warship, sunk and damaged: on 7th one of size Battleship (---) and one lighter cruiser was sunk and damaged. On 8th: one carrier of SARA-TORA type was sunk and one carrier of the Yorktown type was sunk, damaged; one BB was hit by one type 97 shipboard plane, who saw ---. One cruiser was hit by one of type 97 ship board bombers which hit the side of the cruiser while carrying torpedoes. In addition to the above, the following damage was reported by IP of Base on 7th: on 7th one BB (California?) ship was sunk; one battleship of the Warship type and one of type G of the --- type were hit in fire.
II. US planes damaged (three down off and the on 7th & 8th) VF --- (of which 5 were

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CARDIV 5 CRUDIV
IN AREA WITH
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NUMBER 54 X AIR
IN CONNECTION WITH

Continuation of 8 MAY 1942

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COMINCH 080345 → COMB. KIRI 6 Serial 29 of 6 MAY. "6th AIR ATTACK FORCE BATTLE REPORT # 27. MAY 6th (?) ① says planes of CHUCHIJIMA (?) AIR GROUP in the search zone discovered enemy task force composed of one aircraft carrier, one battleship, 3 cruisers (?) and 5 (?) destroyers at 0810 on bearing (195-200) from RXD. ((TARAWA)) x something about 12 despatched apparent negative results of search ② mentions reconnaissance via C disclosed nothing, search broken off due bad weather. FUKE 5 Serial 148 of 5th says ship will depart to arrive BAKO 14th, mentioned repairs, drydocking, supplies, to depart for SAIPAN x ...

FLETCHER 080332 → CINCPAC, COMSWEPACFOR. STRONG INDICATIONS THAT ANOTHER ENEMY CARRIER HAS JOINED ENEMY FORCE

BELCONNEN 080348 → COMB. MENO 2-209 has to do with anchorages in TRUK .. "THE FLEET AND THE FORCES WHICH WILL ARRIVE AT (OR REMAIN AT ANCHOR) TRUK FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING (page in June group 94339 (?!))"

BELCONNEN 080434 → COMB. EMO 6 Serial 230 addressed CINC 2nd deals with anchorage locations vicinity unrecovered island presumably near TRUK x X WENE'S 081 "IN CONNECTION BRITISH ATTACK ON MADAGASCAR, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM FRENCH CINC THEY ARE OCCUPYING DIEGO SUAREZ x FRENCH HAVE TRANSFERRED 2 CRUISERS AND SUBMARINES HOME x (UNREADABLE FOR 23 GROUPS THEN MENTIONS DJIBOUTI EXPEDITIONARY FORCE) x REPORT ON 5TH STATED THAT BRITISH FORCE OF 4 CRUISERS 4 DESTROYERS AND 2 TRANSPORTS (NOT INCLUDING ONE CARRIER) (5 GROUPS UNREADABLE) x FRENCH COMMANDER RESISTING PENDING MEDIATION"

8 MAY 1942

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in Air Attack Force Battle Report #28 of the 7th PATROLLED SECTORS?
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BELLS 080434 -> COMB

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SO KA 6 Serial 422

COM 14 080856 to COMB, (Part 1 of 2) FROM COMCARDIV 5, MO STRIKING FORCE BATTLE REPORT AT 0700

Continuation of 8 MAY 1942 (55B)

COM 14 082028 -> COMB. SO KA 3 Serial 428 of 8th, "FROM COMCARDIV 5, UPON SIGHTING 2 CARRIERS (SARATOGA AND YORKTOWN) AT 0930 THE 8th, THE AIR FORCE OF THE MO STRIKING FORCE ATTACKED AND HIT THE SARATOGA WITH MORE THAN NINE TORPEDOES AND 10 BOMBS X OVER A TWO DAY PERIOD HIT THE YORKTOWN WITH MORE THAN 3 TORPEDOES AND 8 BOMBS X FIRES WERE STARTED AND THEY WERE SUNK. IF AMERICAN PLANES DESTROYED 25 TIMES OVER THE PERIOD FROM 0856 TO 1020, THIS STRIKING FORCE WAS ATTACKED BY A TOTAL OF 60 PLANES X TWO HITS WERE MADE ON THE SHIP. FIRES WERE STARTED BUT ARE GRADUALLY BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL X IN ORDER FOR HER TO PROCEED HAVE ATTACHED A DESTROYER (TO HER) AND SHE IS NOW WITHDRAWING TO THE NORTH X HER PLANES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE ZUIKAKU."

RADIO WASHINGTON - 082030 -> COMB. SO KA 3 Serial 426 of 7th MAY 8. (1) States attack on RFP shall be postponed x (2) MO STRIKING FORCE proceed to (unrecovered) place x also mentions RYC (OCEAN IS) campaign x (3) MO occupation force act in accordance with its commanders orders and sub-paragraph refers to R/R (RABAU). Suggest all stations read this.

OPNAV 082301 -> COMB. SO KA 3 Serial 420 of the 7th states battle report by the air group of the MO Task Force v Having received the report THAT AN ENEMY TASK FORCE (1 carrier and 3 destroyers) was sighted at 0535 at 0610 24 SHIP BASED BOMBERS WERE SENT OUT AT 0723, SANK (?) MEDIUM TYPE SHIP ABOUT 20,000 TONS, 1 DESTROYER BY ... 30 FAIRLY ASCERTAINED THAT SUNK. CARDIV 5 RETURNED 1200 X MO OI Serial 841 of 2nd states that due to bad weather the ferrying of aircraft to R/R (RABAU) postponed until the 3rd.

(2) The 1st Supply Point (Point A) has been changed to ... and the time to 0500 on the 4th. (3) From 1st Supply Point the ferry planes will proceed between SOLOMON ISLANDS and 2 other islands (in the same archipelago) ... on the 7th will ... and the air group at a point about 250 miles or less x direction from RXB (TULAGI) and on the 8th will ... the 2nd Supply Point, and thereafter in accordance with MO STRIKING FORCE SERIAL.

see opnav 081428/1434 [p.55 instr] 8 MAY 1942 (55)

From SO (CA 3 (Rabau) -> (CA 70 66 -> RETRIEVED (Tokyo NAS) info SO TO 95 (CAF Airforce) RE TV 66 (CAF) SA 599 (?) (111840/Z 1942 (TOI 5/12 0510Z on 8300/12) #481 (prints)

Friday is report in header of May 7-8th I. Warship, sunk and damaged; on 7th one 4 eye Ballerup (---) and one lighter cruiser was sunk & damaged. On 8th: one carrier of SARATOGA type was sunk and one carrier of the Yorktown type was sunk. One BB was hit by one type 97 shipboard plane who saw ---. One cruiser was hit by one of type 97 ship board bombers which hit the side of the cruiser while carrying torpedoes.

In addition the same ship being damaged was splintered by 4 of same on 8th; in addition one BB (California?) type was sunk; one battleship of the Warship type and one of type C of the --- type were hit in fire.

II. 11 S planes damaged (three downed) and the other 8 were shot down. Two bombers 3- (of which 4 were shot down) - planes, 8 (of which 4 were shot down) - total 98 (of which 23 were shot down) One on losses: 1 shot down Sunk (hit by 7 - " + 13) - officers, 12, the Commodore, - Pilot, 902 SEAMAN and 132 airmen were rescued (of which 16 were badly injured).

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YORKTOWN CLASS, CRUDIV 5, CARDIV 5 1PT EVENING OF THE BATTLE OF THE 8th

IN THE R (report?)...

8 MAY 1942

OPNAV - 080425 -> ON
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COM 14 080524 ->
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COM 14 080856 to COM
BATTLE REPORT, RE ->

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went down with the ship. The Shokaku was
damaged (hit by 3 torpedoes & 5 bombs) in
and - greatly damaged fuel storage and
concealed - (hit's place damaged but small
need exist "due to damage, the plane cannot
land & take off). Killed - badly wounded
96, slightly wounded - The IKIKAZUKI
which was damaged at GAVUTU on 4 May
(did something) and then about 2110 on the 5th
started to sink) and sunk at 2230 same day.
The garbled Mern which was hit by torpedoes
& bombs on May 4 and (damaged) at
" " (north of RXB) sunk at 0430/15
in spite of rescue work by -
Behind the scene the (ship) and
Kamigawa the were slightly damaged
in battle with U.S. FR.

one plane down shot down + fuel
to return to ship (one thru hand on
the SHOKAKU) up to today
Dive planes 11, VTB 76, Ty 0
0th Scaplan 2, Kamigawa Mern
Ty 6 0th Scaplan 2 Camels
on board 6 - was 1 dead & 1
OPUD 081428/34

(A 3 I-30 JIBOTTI down)

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CINCPAC 080235

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ENEMY STRIKING FORCE SOUTH OF SOLOMONS INCLUDES CARDIV 5 CRUDIV
5 CRUDIV 18 CRUDIV 6 & GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 ALSO IN AREA WITH
LANDING AND OCCUPATION FORCES & RYUKAKU MAY ALSO BE IN NEW BRI-
TAIN AREA & KASUGA MARU ARRIVED QUEEN CAROLA & (NUMBER 54) X AIR
SEARCHES TO SOUTH WEST OF MAKIN TO 600 MILES IN CONNECTION WITH
EXPECTED EARLY OCCUPATION OF OCEAN AND NAURU

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CINCPAC # 44

CINCPAC 080235 (dupe)

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ONE SHIP OF SARATOGA CLASS AND ONE SHIP OF YORKTOWN CLASS,
TOTAL OF 2 SHIPS, WERE SUNK. THIS FROM COMCRUDIV 5, CARDIV 5
REPORT SENT PREVIOUSLY ("BUT OF FITTACK ATTEMPT EVENING OF THE
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COM 14 090112 -> COMB NIRA 6 Serial 316 of 7th AT 1221 sighted 5 ships (2 auxiliary ships, HMSI, HMSI and 1 heavy cruiser of the class 200-115 miles from DEBOYNE. All heavy cruisers of 5th Air Attack Force ordered to attack (some) because of visibility had to call off at 1630. Flying boats of Yokosuka Air sighted 1 carrier, 1 heavy and 2 light cruisers at 4 DD 24 - 170 miles from ROSSEL. Our forces were split with unit taking as objective the damaged battleship and unit the carrier.

COM 14 090732 -> COMB NIRA 6 SERIAL 314 LISTS DAMAGE TO BRITISH SHIPS X WARSPIRE DESTROYED X HEAVY CRUISER LEFT SINKING X ANOTHER SHIP LEFT SINKING X NO CARRIERS IN COMPANY X 2 OF ODR PLANES SHOT DOWN, 2 CRASHED, 2 HAD FORCED LANDINGS ON PANITO ISLAND. ROYO 5 SERIAL 723 2ND PART SAYS IN PART THAT AT 0900 AND 1245 EIGHTH ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED DEBOYNE BASE AND DAMAGED SEVERAL PLANES X ALSO SAYS THAT SEVERAL PLANES FROM THE RYUKAKU (SHOHU) WERE AT DEBOYNE.

COM 14 090944 -> COMB ... SOKA Serial 432 part 2 of 2 LISTS LOSSES IN CARDIN 5 AND PLANES AVAILABLE FOR 9TH X THEN SAYS SHOKAKU DAMAGES WERE 3 BOMBS AND OTHER HITS (WORD WAS "DAN" IN BOTH CASES... 30 KILLED FROM CARDINS...

SOKA 3 Serial 396 of 8 May "From Cinc 4th Fleet x RFP Occupation postponed x no striking force fuel off RX as nervously ordered and proceed to acting as covering force for vessels engaged in RYC operations. Comdr MO Occupation Force take charge of convoy and escort, transports will proceed to RR x Air unit provide air patrol with (shore based) planes x (something about Deloyne) Escort in addition to duties assigned.... RYC Occupation Force --- Air junction --- others act as directed by Comdr RYC Occupation in accordance with plan. Comment by 14 unconfirmed parts are enclosed in parentheses, RYC tentatively assigned as NAVRU on basis RYD = unconfirmed OCEAN Island.

COM 14 092036 -> COMB MEO 1 Serial - of 9th Am ordering (a DD) to escort SHOKAKU to YOKOSUKA.... MDR 2 Serial 360 of 9th "When may we expect replacement of Patrol Planes for IMIEI and MAKIN. Referring to "SOME-TA" KING CAMPAIGN... 14 COMMENT... Can light be shed on the 3 KANA "word" SOME TA... Similar expressions have appeared before (Date cipher... cipher within a cipher - solved by Wright of a 26 May)

COM 14 092236 -> COMB. YAKO 8 Serial 579 of 8 May "Desdiv will be required at BAKO until 20 May and will be unable to participate in your forthcoming campaign x Please arrange for some other suitable shift (Substitute?) Comment by 14 - Sent to 11th Air Fleet, indicates start of operations starting from Empire and involving CVs x Carrier 3 about 21st

COM 14 092145 -> COMB... Cinc 1st Fleet addressed Cinc 2nd Fleet, 1st Fleet, 2nd Fleet, Comcard 5 and Desdiv 17, Comdr 8 - SETTSU included in some dispatches. Also may indicate formation of Task Forces; RFP patterns in Japan Sea may be significant of some file x 8 Subs called by Radio salute but none heard. Comdr Subs continues use of JALUIT as Coverup.

Belconer 090720 -> COMB... Cinc 2nd Fleet entrusted urgent dispatch addressed to 9th Command Fleet, Info US (9th) Fleet and ATAGO, Cinc 2nd is aboard the TOKAO. This ship behaved still in Empire waters but may depart soon for MANDATES in company with KAGA and ATAGO xx KAGA communicating with KANOYA on KCS, suggest that vessel still in Empire waters. A Navy meteorological vessel (NA 702) continues reporting weather from the Northern area and indicates that the gathering of weather information is probably for a future projected operation. KAMIKAWA associated with 4th Fleet, appears to be in ROSSUL x... New British Force heavy overcast of high precedence traffic reflecting activity that was taking place in the Coral Sea. Some of this traffic Cinc 1st Fleet x TEANAN, Avron 23 (at KOEPAK), Hqn Avron 24 (in Marshalls), Northern Avron (the KASABA) Inclusion of the Northern Avron in these dispatches may indicate replacement from Empire will be necessary x YA YO = 2nd Fleet; RO A3 = OKITSU Nam...

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COM 14 090554 -> COMB. While the center of activity is the CORAL SEA, signs of renewed activity in other areas were seen. SAGON addressed an urgent to Cinc Command, 2nd Fleet, East Indies Force, China Fleet and 11th Air Fleet. This may be a concealed Fleet Commander x Several other dispatches from General Staff were concerned with CHINA and MALAY Forces x Much traffic copied here but many dispatches duplicated x TOKYO sent urgent to Cinc 11th Air Fleet, 4th Fleet Task Force, Cinc Escort Force and dividend RYSU 4 for action, info ROSSEL and OMINATO. Planes heard on 39.2 megacycles call YO 50 heard on this circuit later sent a dispatch to SAGON, Port Blair, and TOKO Air x Believe that Jap planes are now being equipped with Ultra High Freq. and testing period is now going on to determine practicality x Low frequency 5845 picked up which was believed being used by plane and surface vessels and perhaps submarines x Calls heard included RUFU, 4th Fleet Flag? NERI submarine unit and 2 envoy? calls MIKEI and WITI x Traffic from Coral Sea very heavy x Please report that SAGA TO RA sent appears to be not believed by TOKYO RFI x Many urgent seen between 5th Air Attack, 4th Air Attack, 11th Air Fleet and 4th Fleet Communications officer. Despite wide publicity given to Tokyo radio circuits, considerable delay seen in delivery of urgent. ROSSEL Radio call being used by at least six Commanders included Cinc 5, Cinc 5 and Cinc 4th Fleet. Since these dispatches are copied mostly on circuits for JALUIT, TRUK and TOKYO, would like to know how these dispatches get from the Commander concerned to any shore station x Can Belconer comment? Efforts to locate any additional fleet units enroute to reinforce Jap fleet in that area have failed to disclose any major units headed that way x Have suspicion that possible destroyer YO YU 1 is headed down from TRUK x Also believed that KAMIKAWA and KASUGA (Mami) have not yet arrived although based on negative information x 3 most important (prominent) units are Cinc 5 WAYO 2 (alternate RO 514), Cinc 5 SEU 9 (alternate AHA 2) and Cinc 6 TETU 6 (alternate ORUS and MIYO 2). COMDR. DEBOYNE CAMPAIGN appeared in enciphered addresses associated Cinc 5 x Believe RYUKAKU (SHOHU) with Cinc 6 x Impression gained that Cinc 5 and Cinc 5 not in company x 5th Air Attack sent a steady stream of messages, mostly radio intelligence, to above units to alone 3 units x YOKOSUKA Air sent several to 5th Air Attack Force info KAMIKAWA Mami x In other areas Cinc 2nd Air Attack Force sent urgent to East Indies Force info Cinc Command, Cinc 2nd, 11th Air Fleet and 5th Air Attack Force and addressed 11th Air Fleet info BITHORO Air, TOKO Air, 1st + 3rd Air Attack Force and Tokyo Intelligence x His 05 sent to Dutch + China Fleets info 9th 2nd and 2 DDS vicinity with Philippines Fleet x Cinc 1st (Fleet), so Cinc Screening Force, his force info incident KI 07 in Southern Force indicates something training. Normal activity, 5th Fleet. Carriers little change from previous reports x SAGO, ZEL and RYUKAKU are in Coral Sea x Kasuga (Mami) between MARSHALLS and Coral Sea x Cinc 1st Air Fleet sent one to Cinc 2, Cinc 8, AKAGI (over 2 page 58A)

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(destroyed) MEMUB AND TA TO 3, Batch 3 units TI TU 2 and KURU 7 Information Com C's 1st Fleet 2nd and Combined Fleets and Combined 3x This may be a striking force x Considerable submarine activity particularly 11th, 4th Air Attack Force in MARSHALLS and units in the RABOUL area. D/F Posits. NERI 9N 171E, RU FU in local sea (prob), KUMA 7N 164E, RI WO 8N 171E, A 51-8-39N 155E. Following undetected HE TE in 9880 KCS 10 S 148E, EHE, same frequency 98-157E.

COM 14 092120 -> COMB. Association Air Units and Submarines in this area continues with much traffic. Comd Combined Fleet addressed Combined Fleet collective x another to all Major Comdrs., SHOKAKU and Desdiv 9 x Also two urgent tacticals to units in the Coral Sea x C-in-C 1st Fleet originated none x Comd. Officer Batch 3 addressed Desdiv 3, 1st Air Fleet and KIRISHIMA x Suspected BB WI SA 3 addressed suspected Batch 3 Comdr U WI 4 info C's 1st Fleet and Combined Fleet, 2nd Fleet Comdr sent general to Detached Force 2nd Fleet, plus Comdr Combined 1st Fleets and Naval General Staff Tokyo x Association 2nd Fleet Command with Chome Fleet, NEI Force, Escort Force and Tokyo Transport Office may indicate connection with movement from Middle Indies but vague x NEI Force traffic also indicated association with 2nd Fleet

THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN AIR FORCES IN TIMOR AREA AND THOSE IN RABOUL SOLOMON ISLANDS X ESTIMATED LOCATION OF CARRIERS AS FOLLOWS X IN JAPAN PORTS X AKAGI X HIRYU X RYUJU X AT SEA IN VICINITY OF EMPIRE X SOIC X KAGA, X SOLOMON ISLANDS X RYUKAIU PAREN PROBABLY DESTROYED PAREN X ZUIKAKU X SHOKAKU X LATTER DAMAGED WITHDRAWING NORTHWARD X NITTA MARU AT YOKOSUKA X KASUGA IN SOLOMON ISLANDS X KORYU IDENTITY UNPROVEN MAY ACTUALLY BE RYUKAIU X KAMIKAWA MARU AND FUJIKAWA MARU IN NEW BRITAIN AREA. X KAMOSI ALSO MARU PROBABLY IN MARSHALLS X NOTORO X CHITOSE X CHYODAI MARU X KIYOSUMI MARU X LOCATION UNKNOWN. SSTH INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN BY D/F SUBMARINE (?) 39N 155E.

COM 14 090114 -> COMB VA 7 Serial 16 of 7th "STRIKING FORCE OPORD #6. COMDR DESTROYERS STRIKING FORCE WILL ASSIGN A DESTROYER (FOR EACH GROUP?) TO SCREEN THE BELOW UNITS ENROUTE X HIRYU X HIEI X KONGO X CHANGE SCREENING (ORDERS) FOR COMDR. KIRISHIMA X IP X EACH SHIP OF BELOW UNITS REPORT DATE WHEN THEY WILL BE IN ALL RESPECTS READY FOR SEA" COM 14 Comment: Destination of above force is unknown. ... Serial #10 of - to Desdiv 17 x 1 other unit less a cruiser x "IN ACCORD COMDR STRIKING FORCE OPORD #6 SCREENING DESTROYERS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS: DESDIV 10 TO AKAGI X DESDIV 10 TO HIEI X KONGO X AND HIRYU X AKAGI DEPARTS YOKOSUKA 15 MAY X HIEI X KONGO, AND HIRYU DEPARTS SASEBO 21 MAY DESDIV 10... ONE THAT WILL SCREEN HIRYU ETC IN COMPANY WITH DEPART YOKOSUKA 17 MAY RENDEZVOUS WITH THREE... ON 18TH PROCEED SASEBO OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY AGAINST SUBMARINES ENROUTE." COM 14 Comment - Note KAGA not mentioned as always flag of C-in-C 1st Air Fleet and believed operating at sea.

BELCONNEN 090607 -> COMB... N1R1 6 Serial 314 "ASSEMBLING ALL PILOTS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF BATTLE IS SUBMITTED X IP. AIR GROUP WITH TORPEDOES SUNK? 1 BATTLESHIP OF THE CLASS AND SAW OF THE CLASS SINK IN FLAMES X IP..."

BELCONNEN 090105 -> COMB. 007 200 "THE AMERICAN FORTRESSES IN MANILA BAY SURRENDERED AT ZERO HOURS THE SEVENTH WE HAVE OCCUPIED THEM X"

BELCONNEN 090405. SOKA 3 Serial 434 of 8th originated by Com Carriers states ONE SHIP OF HIS DIVISION WILL PROCEED TO (Drydock or Navy Yard) in Japan x

COM 14 090558 -> COMB. SOKA 3 Serial (Originator was C-in-C 1st Fleet to Comd MO KCB and Com Carriers x very incomplete but refers to sending SHOKAKU to TRUK (also that emergency repairs to be made at RABOUL) after which SHOKAKU to be sent to Japan x SOKA 3 Serial 433 from Com Carriers says, in part, for all vessels keep a sharp lookout for planes of Landis which have been spread down in the LOUISIADIE Archipelago.

COM 14 090732. N1R1 6 Serial 314 LISTS DAMAGE TO BRITISH SHIPS X WARSPITE DESTROYED X HEAVY CRUISER LEFT SINKING X ANOTHER SHIP LEFT SINKING X NO CARRIERS IN COMPANY X 2 OF OUR PLANES SHOT DOWN X 2 CRASHED X 2 HAD FORCED LANDINGS ON PANITO ISLAND. RI YO 8 Serial T23 says, in part, that at 0900 and 1245 the 8th enemy planes attacked DEBOYNE Base and damaged several planes... also says that several planes from the RYUKAIU (SHOKAKU) were at DEBOYNE.

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CINCPAC → CTF 17, 16 ^{10 MAY 1942} INFO: COMSUBFOR, COMINCH ¹⁰⁰¹⁴⁵
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 NAURU OCCUPATION X ORANGE AIR SEARCHES FROM MAKIN RAOU
 TO 700 MILES IN MAKIN-ELLICE SOLOMON TRIANGLE TO 700 MILES X
 RECONNAISSANCE AND ATTACK ON HOWLAND BAKER BY SMALL UNITS ^{INDICATED}

COM 14 18/11/42 → COMB: Continued Fleet UME 3 Serial 033 of 84 to
 11th Air Fleet and others: HAVE MARSHALLS AIR FORCE SHORE BASED BOMBERS
 PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO RABOUL X TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN

CINCPAC 18/3/42 → COM SOWSPAC ¹⁰⁰¹⁴⁵ COMINCH, OPAW, DUE PROBABLY
 HOUSTON SUNK IN DIVEABLE WATERS VICINITY ESTAM BOY SUGGEST
 YOUR SUBMARINES PERIODICALLY OBSERVE PROBABLE AREA TO
 DISCOVER AND PREVENT SALVAGE X COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
 PARTICULARLY IN MIND

COM 14 18/10/42 → COMB HETE Serial 353 SHOKAKU circled against
 SHOKAKU SCHEDULE: 1300° 35', Point A - 090 degrees approximately 200 miles
 from SAIPAN. 1000 HOURS, Point B 090°, 194 miles from URACAS 12
 course 340° speed (44 knots) about 16 knots; report arrival YOKOSUKA

LTC 7 (Com Sub Pac) → TU. 7.6.3; CINCPAC; BEST ESTIMATE
 WOUNDED BEAR MAXIMUM SPEED 16 PASS THRU POINT 190 NIKU
 BEARING 128° FROM POINT I ENROUTE EMPIRE. PATROL VICINITY
 THIS POINT UNTIL 2400 YOUR TIME 14 MAY THEN PROCEED PREVIOUS
 ASSIGNMENT

BELLONON → 100 208 → COMB. MOO 1 Serial 889 195 ASSIGN THE TO
 THE SHOKAKU AND HAVE HER PROCEED TO YOKOSUKA. NOTE = DD? THIS ORDER
 apparently supplementary to previous order of SHOKAKU TO TRUK.

COM 14 10 2302 (Daily TA) → COMB... YOKOSUKA AIR ADDRESS OPERATIONS
 ALL CARRIERS EXCEPT RYUJOKU X RYUJO AND KASUGA MARIU X... BA of both
 addressed. CMC 2nd, 1st Air Fleet, Combat Div 3 info 1st Fleet and Destroyer Command
 movements air units from Marshall indicated toward southern area
 involved 1st air and Chitose air... Comdr. Cruiser 6 name RABOUL Radio
 addressed COMSUBFOR x CMC 4th x 11th Air Fleet x CMC 8th x KAMISUMA MARIU
 info 8th Air Fleet x several unidentified. Calls at Base 291 and forwarded to TRUK for
 delivery. Comsubfor continues use JALUIT as "originator" x continued activity
 carriers with plane groups ~ 5910 KCS inclusion of SETSU indicates experience
 of 1st Air Fleet aboard KAGA confirms shift of flagships. RYUJOKU continues
 absent as originator (of msg type) x Comdr. Div 5 very active probably in ZUIKAKU x
 KASUGA MARIU originated but association not clear... x indications that Destroyer
 or part of it, restoring SHOKAKU to Empire x unidentified UMI 2 constantly
 associated Carrier 3 was apparently commissioned on 30 January.

10 MAY '42:
 CINCPAC 100145/105
 INC EASTERN FLEET
 WML STAFF HQS
 OTTAWA
 PENAYO 100145

Daily Dulce Bull.
 to US, address; ACTION;
 COMINCH, COMSUBFOR
 ALL TF Comdr in PAC
 OPNAV info all naval
 Sea Inv. Comdr less LANIT,
 GULF CARIB.
 ACNS of NZNB
 CINCPAC #56

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THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST MORESBY APPARENTLY POSTPONED FOR THE
 TIME BEING (CINCPAC 515) X HIRYU AT 37 NORTH 134 EAST ALSO
 KAGA AT 37 NORTH 136 EAST BY DIRECTIONAL FINDERS X THE KASUGA IS
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 OCEAN AND NAURU ISLANDS SEEN HERE X SHOKAKU DAMAGED AND RE-
 TURNING TO HOME YARD VIA RABOUL AND TRUK X THERE ARE INDICAT-
 IONS OF FORCES IN JAP WATERS CONSISTING OF 1 OR 2 CARRIERS AND
 1500 X A BATTLESHIP DIV. AND LIGHT FORCES ARE PREPARING FOR
 OPERATIONS - 10/1/42

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COM 14 -> COMB 110025 MAY MD RO 2 Serial 368 of 10th "Your Serial --- REQUEST THAT THE CRYSTALS FOR USE IN THE KING OPERATION BE FORWARDED VIA PLANE LEAVING YOKOSUKA AIR ON 12TH X (DELIVERY TO BE MADE AT IMIEJI)" SOKA 3 SERIAL 439 OF 11TH "FROM CINC 4TH FLEET X THE [] (COMBATANT SHIP) WAS HIT BY TWO TORPEDOES ABOUT 100 MILES EAST OF CAPE SPAIN GEORGE AND IS SINKING X THE [] WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR RESCUE OPERATION. ((AKINOSHIMA?))

BELCONNEN 110140 -> COMB... FUNE 5 Serial 148 of 5th only partially readable but indicates future activity around SAIPAN TP. (SHIP) ARRIVING SAPO 14TH LEAVING 24TH AFTER DOCKING ETC TO ARRIVE SAIPAN 29TH X (ANOTHER SHIP) TO ARRIVE BAKO 20TH FOR REPLENISHMENT AND WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY MAKING SAIPAN BY (Date). SOKA 3 Serial 448 of 10th. FROM CINC 4TH FLEET X SOUTH SEAS FORCE OPERATION ORDER [] X IN THE EVENT THAT SEARCH PRODUCES NEGATIVE RESULTS BY 1800 ON 10TH, EACH FORCE WILL OPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

① MO EXPEDITIONARY FORCE [6th (CRUIV or DESTROY) AND 2nd DesDiv] WILL DEPART RR 10 MAY TO ESCORT THE RY OCCUPATION FORCE WHICH PROCEEDED TO THE AREA NORTH OF RX YESTERDAY THE 9TH AND WILL ARRIVE DESTINATION 15TH X AFTER LANDING (?) AT RYC AND RYD, DEPART FOR TRUK...

COM 14 110145 -> COMB... UME 3 Serial 70 of 16th "COMBINED FLEET OPORD # (155) X POSTPONE R2P OCCUPATION UNTIL (4 groups - 39504 x 00966 x 99846 and 92213) X BECAUSE LAST GROUP C/LES BE JUNE, "raigetsu" (next month) etc. First group give freq here - can OPNAV read and inform."

BELCONNEN 110548 -> CINCPAC, COMINCH, OPNAV, COMSOPAC, COM 14 There have been several evidences that 4700 information of group 39504 is DUBLON ISLAND is not correct x if so, may result in dangerous erroneous reports in COMB dispatches. Since unable locate other messages containing that group account lack indexing facilities, believe other stations should take immediate steps for thorough research to determine correctness that necessary x COLUMBO believe it located KAGOSHIMA AREA.

COM 14 110702 -> COMB... WIRI of Serial 290 of 9th. EXERCISE FOR 10 MAY WILL BE IN DAYTIME, IN FOLLOWING ORDER: AKAGI, KAGA, SORYU, HIRYU... THE SORYU PLANE WHICH RETURNED TODAY [] FUJI SA Serial 680 of 7th only fragmentary speak of shipboard planes and supplies.. at end says 50 (?) CYLINDERS OF ATTACK GAS. Suggest OPNAV research this one. VA 7 Serial 334(?) of 10th. STRIKING FORCE OPORD NUMBER 7. CARRY OUT OPERATIONS IN (PROBABLY KAGOSHIMA AREA) FROM 0945 TO 1015 ON 11TH [IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER POSTPONE UNTIL 0815 - 0945 ON 11TH] THIS ONE TO RYUJO, CARDIV 3, SORYU, HIRYU AND AKAGI PLANE GROUPS

OPNAV 110315 -> COMB TOKYO TO BANGKOK - PURPLE SERIAL 822 MAY 5... THE DATES OF THE SHIPS LOADING RICE FOR THE APRIL PERIOD HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AS FOLLOWS (A) SAIGON APPORTIONMENT: DAIJIN MARU MAY 10 - 7350 KILOTONS X (B) TERITSU MARU MAY 20 - 7000 KILOTONS; (C) TSEI BI MARU MAY 20 - 6000 KILOTONS (D) HEI MARU. LATTER PART OF MONTH 6000 KILOTONS, (E) TEIKO MARU - ditto - 500 KILOTONS. (F)... TOTAL 50,000 KILOTONS. BANGKOK APPORTIONMENT, TONNAGE AGAIN REFERENCE WITH (A) SANKI MARU, MAY 4; (B) JUNPO MARU MAY 6; (C)... (D)... (E)... TOTAL 47,900 KILOTONS ESTIMATE FOR MAY ON SAIGON RICE IS 57,500 K. TONS AND THAT RICE IS 900 K. TONS... (LOADING FOR SAIGON (A) FROM YOKOHAMA MAY 8 KASHIGAWA MARU (B) KASHIMA MARU X YOKOHAMA 8000 K. TONS... (C)... (D)... TP FOR BANGKOK. (A) BURMA MARU... (B)... (C)...

CTF 7 (COMSOPAC) 110117 -> TV: 7.6.5 IN UNREP - DAMAGED CARRIER SHOWN COURSE 34.7 TRUE SPEED 15-16 KNOTS WILL PASS THROUGH POSITION 7-22N 151-08E BETWEEN 1900 AND 2100 MAY 14TH. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SINK THE CARRIER.

BELCONNEN 111500 -> COMB... ((EAST INDIES FORCE OPNS REPORT...)) [] 65 04 of 9th mostly unreadable but indicates "Group 53826 plus DesRon [] scheduled to operate SAIGON area for one week commencing 20 MAY."

COM 14 112108 -> COMB. TITU's Serial 122 of 9th to CINC 2nd Fleet, CINC 1st Air Fleet into COMBAT DIV 3, 5th 1st Fleet, a Com Cardiv and 1 other. WITH REGARD TO READINESS FOR (OF BATDIV 3), I HAD A CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMANDANT SASEBO NAVY YARD AND THE SITUATION APPEARS TO BE AS FOLLOWS: KONGO AND HEI READY FOR SEA ON 19 MAY AND KIRISHIMA ON 22 OR 23 MAY. ALTHOUGH PRIORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN THESE OVERHAULS OCCURRED TODAY TO THE HEI WHICH MIGHT DELAY HER UNTIL THE 21ST (REST) AND DO WORK SHIPING THE HEI AND KIRISHIMA ON THE 11th in regard to operations of 12th

OPNAV -> COMB [by address]... CINC 6 AIR ATTACK Serial 137 of 3 MAY to WAME 3 and C. Air Force 6 AIR ATTACK FORCE OPORD # 11 says the date for relief of MARCUS Island Air Force has BEEN MOVED UP 1 DAY. Part 2 continues searches for 3 MAY... YUKI 3 Serial 10 of 6 MAY - THE ADVANCE TO MARCUS ISLAND OF THE HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM THE 10TH

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OF MARSHALLS AIR FORCE TOTALING ABOUT 50 PLANES EXPECTED TO MOVE TO NEW BRITAIN AREA AT ONCE X DAMAGED SHOKOKU AND KASUGA ENROUTE EMPIRE FROM NEW BRITAIN AREA X

VESSELS HAVE RETURNED RORAU FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS X MARINE APPROXIMATE POSITION 36° NORTH 155° EAST AND 49° NORTH 160° EAST.

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sent via 0058

110053 to Cinc Enclm Fleet, Naval Staff HQ OTTAWA, SPENCANO 1100 --- (See next page)

COM 14 112152 -> COMB. HIRE 1 Serial 81 of 10th. THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE 'MO' STRIKING FORCE WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY CINC COMBINED SERIAL [] (THIS IS IN KANGA MGOVI) OTHER DETAILS NOT COVERED THEREIN WILL BE AS RECOMMENDED BY CINC 4TH FLEET Serial 401(?) IF OUR OPINION IS THAT WITH PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS IN VIEW AND THE PRESENT CONDITION OF CARDIV 5 AIR GROUPS, THE EARLY RETURN OF THIS DIVISION TO JAPAN IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. HOWEVER IT IS SATISFACTORY TO RETAIN CRUIV 5 (?) UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE RY CAMPAIGN.

SOKA 3 Serial 461 of 11th: FROM CINC 4TH (FLEET) TO 19 [] ((MINEDIV)). DATE OF OCCUPATION OF RYC AND RYD HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 2ED MINUS ONE DAY. COM 14 112322 -> COMB. O A 6 Serial 443 of 10 May. FROM CINC 4TH (FLEET) CONCERNED (CONTINUED) "SINCE WE PLAN THE RY CAMPAIGN IMMEDIATELY (DEPARTING RORAU TODAY AND ARRIVE THAT PLACE THE 15TH) PLEASE ARRANGE FOR AIR PATROLS, RECONNAISSANCE ETC IMMEDIATELY."

COMSOPAC -> COMB - OP SOKA 3477 OF 11th FROM [] (a Command) "BECAUSE OF THE DISASTER TO [] (SHIP IN 4TH FLEET) ((OKINOSHIMA?)) THE DATE FOR BEGINNING THE RY OPERATION (NAVALU-OCEAN AREA?) SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 17 MAY"

IF OCCUPATION FORCE BE ALERT FOR ENEMY ATTACKS IN AREA

UNKNOWN TDG/Belconnen originator... part of msg NARU 9 Serial 149 of 9th, 2nd of 2 parts containing paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 - mostly unreadable... It indicates serious damage SHOKOKU. "FLED NORTH ESCORTING SHOKOKU WHICH AT [] (TIME) TOOK A HEAVY LIST. REJOINED FORCES AT 1515 X ENROUTE TOOK ABOARD COMMANDER OF []"

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 INFO COMSOWESPAC FROM TANGIER, COMINT: INDICATIONS ALL LAND PLANE BOMBERS OF MARSHALLS AIR FORCE (54) TO BE MOVED TO RABOUL & THIS MOVEMENT MAY BE CANCELLED BY POSTPONEMENT OF PORT MORESBY OFFENSIVE X REFER ORIGINATORS 100045 EVIDENCE NOW SHOWS THAT COVERING FORCE FOR NAURU OCEAN ISLANDS OCCUPATION CONSISTS OF ONE ZUIKAKU TWO HAGURO TWO AOBAS PLUS DESDIV SCREEN X THE ZUIKAKU MAY BE WITHDRAWN TO JAPAN DUE TO CONDITION OF HER PLANES X PART OF OCCUPATION FORCE TO LEAVE RABOUL AREA AROUND 10 MAY WITH THEREAFTER TO PROCEED TRUK X

COM 14 120108 → COMB. almost certain stream of strength in RABOUL area but possible that air reinforcements are being detailed from MARSHALLS, which are, or will be, replaced from YOKOSUKA & KISARATSU. One odd dispatch seen: So Tu 9 used as a collective for 4th Fleet Task Force today addressed Cinc GF, 1st & 2nd Air Attack Forces, Tokai Air, East Indies Force & Incident RA 51.3 but used the Commander East Indies Force Fleet number series (series of better commands are nearly together) This may indicate that one of these commands has been placed in command of units formerly under Cinc 4th Fleet or that he is commanding an additional Task Force in operations in northern Australia. Contact reports (ch) RABOUL.... Cinc GF sent an unusual act. of traffic, one to 1st & 3rd Air Attack Forces, Tokai Air, 11th Air Fleet & a main note that first 3 addresses were addressed by East Indies Command. Increasing evidence of opportunity by 1st Air Fleet in near future. He addressed 1st Fleet collective to Cinc GF & 1st Air Fleet. Commanders these units definitely under other commands, BB 7708 of Batdiv 3 sent message to Cinc 2nd Fleet, 1st Air Fleet, Info Cinc 1st, Combined & DD Commander MAKA 7, WISA 3, believed BB in Batdiv 3 addressed Cinc 1st and his Division Commander Info Tokai, Kure & Sasebo. Radios and flagship GF for 1st Fleet MUN 2. This is typical momentary report of movement in the KURE-SASEBO area, an incident command, KUWA 6, addressed a ship in Batdiv 3 KURU 7 info ComBatdiv 3, Cinc 1st Air Fleet. Note again mention of primary units of the STRIKING FORCE - Batdiv 3 and 1st Air Fleet. Little traffic sent by Cinc 2nd Fleet. Cinc 4th Command MAKA 7 included flagship 2nd Fleet (NE SU 7) in a dispatch. Cinc 4th Fleet very active, he may be calling for help; one dispatch addressed directly to Cinc GF combined with no other addresses. Cinc 2nd Fleet noted as an info address in some dispatches - may indicate 2nd Fleet units proceeding to help but no information inclusion of Cinc 2nd not seen before.

KASUBA appears in SAIPAN and indications are that FUJIKAWA (main) coming north, latter being with Cruiser & 5th Air Attack Force. Indications that ship of Deson 6 was sunk today as the Commander SEW 3 sent many short messages after which he appeared in another ship KUMU 5. Cinc 4th appears to handle 4th Air Attack Force in same manner as 5th Air Attack Force which may indicate 4th Air Attack Force has left the Marshalls and is in RABOUL, KAMU appears as TRUK. usual amount of 5th Fleet traffic - few indications of a more in this fleet or area. NACHI no longer appears with Cinc 5th Command. One seems moving out of Yokosuka for 5th Fleet area. Commander 3 and ComSubron 1 are paired off in 5th Fleet dispatches. RYUJO may yet seen with 5th Fleet unit as has Commander 3. KISARATSU and YOSOKAWA appear moving places to SAIPAN and TRUK, and perhaps ultimately to WAKAE. Cinc 11th Air Fleet at TENSAN active with traffic to Air Attack Forces 3-6 Inc. Many dispatches between carrier air groups in Empire, may be due to special air exercise now being held. SHOKAKU reports track and up to 8th the 11th area using RABOUL call as originator, still no sign of the RYUKAKU (SUWU). Subron 1 may be due for 5th Fleet duty with Deson 3. (if instructions...)

COMSOWESPAC 120125 → COMEPAC, MILTF COMOPAC & SOWESPAC TF COMORS. ESPECIALLY FOR COMMANDER TASK FORCES 16, 42 and 44. INDICATIONS ORANGE OPERATIONS AGAINST NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS POSTPONED UNTIL ABOUT 17 MAY.

BELCONNEN 120306 (MOR 2) 24th AIRON OR 4th FLEET Serial 306 of 11th. "ZED DAY GIVEN IN THIS FORCE OF RD #10 IS HERE BY CHANGED TO [SO TU MU]" NOTE: THIS appearance of 3-KANA indicator - all different - no clues

COM 14 120322 → COMB. SOKA 3 Serial 642 of the 11th. Canceled original Comcommand 5 "BECAUSE OF EXPENDITURE OF PLANES IN RECENT OPERATIONS, THE ZUIKAKU, COUNTING PLANES OF THE SHOKAKU AIR GROUP, IS REDUCED TO 24 (1) DISMANTLED PLANES (NOT COUNTING THOSE REQUIRING REPAIRS), IN VIEW THESE CIRCUMSTANCES RECOMMEND THAT THE COMING OPERATIONS BE CANCELLED ((THE RV OPERATIONS - OCEAN NAURU)). YOUR APPROVAL REQUESTED

COM 14 120638 → COMB. "SIXTH AIR ATTACK FORCE HAS 24 PILOTS FOR ZERO FIGHTERS, 15 HAVE HAD COMBAT EXPERIENCE, OUR ALLOWANCE OF TYPE ZERO VF IS 35 X AT PRESENT - ARE ON HAND, BEGINNING TODAY WE ARE COMMENCING TRAINING OF THE NEW PILOTS IN TYPE ZERO FIGHTERS" Comment: great info Cinc Combined Fleet. 770 2

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NOW ESTIMATED THAT OCCUPATION OF NAURU AND OCEAN WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 17th X CRUDIVS FIVE AND SIX INDICATED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS OCCUPATION (INTERCOMB BULLETIN 58) BELIEVE BATDIV 3 STILL IN HOME WATERS X AIR UNITS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM JAPAN TO MARSHALLS X AS REPLACEMENT FOR THOSE MOVE TO NEW BRITAIN AREA FROM MARSHALLS X AT TRUK - FUJIKAWA MARU ENROUTE JAPAN X KASUGA MARU IN SAIPAN VICINITY X ZUIKAKU EXPECTED RETURN JAPAN SOON --- 120315Z

Serial 123 of the 11th ASKS INFORMATION REGARDING READINESS FOR SEA OF BATDIV 3 (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY PEARL) ALSO ASKED THAT DESDIV 1 BE IN PATROL OF HARBOR OR PORT OF THE BATTLESHIP

COM 14 120804 → COMB. MO 06 Serial 897 to CRUDIV 6, CARDIV 5, a CRUISER, and other address. "NO STRIKING FORCE SPORD #5 THIS FORCE WILL BE AT POINT D AT 1200 (3) THE 11th, course (between 250 & 345), IN POSITION [] AT 1300 the 2nd course [] speed 18, IN POSITION POINT "D" AT 0500 the 13th AND REFUEL THERE. IF THE MARU WILL PROCEED TO REACH POINT "D" AT 0500 the 13th. [] [] [] WILL PARTICIPATE CONVOYING (THE ABOVE MARU) AND RENDEZVOUS AT POINT "D". IF [] WILL RELAY THIS ORDER TO (THE ABOVE MARU)" Comment the Points to Pass through consist of night hand values each - no frequency - implies previously known place names.

BELCONNEN 121021 → COMB. ((RADIO INTER. NETWORK)) TO 51 8 Serial 607 of 10th "BEARINGS ON SHIP WHOSE CALL SIGN WAS "NERK" (CALLING STATION (NEA 2), SIGNAL STRENGTH 2-3, WAS 14 DEGREES FROM BELCONNEN AT 1850 P. CALL 2P6) - BY DISPATCH NUMBER [] - IN AG VICINITY.....

BELCONNEN 121620 → COMB. HMO 3 Serial 616 of 10th. "CALL SIGN NERK, STRENGTH 5 WAS HEARD AT 1940 BEARING [] (300-330) FROM PQ ((KURADALEIN)). SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED [] AND TRANSMITTED 1 MESSAGE." YOU STILL REQUIRE (NAME) CODE DOG 1 AND ITS CIPHER (NUMBER 9) WHICH WILL GO IN EFFECT ON [] 89752 Comment: Research on this code group indicates early June, probably the 1st. SO KA 3 Serial 401 of 11th. "PLEASE POSTPONE OCCUPATION DATE OF RYC AND RYD TO ZED MINUS ONE DAY. Note: In view of orders to occupy on 17th, 2nd day in this operation should be the 18th.

CNO 121920 → COMSOWESPACFOR, COMOPACFOR, COMEPAC. Info sea function tracks & ONI ESTIMATED CHANGES ORANGE FLEET LOCATIONS LAST WEEK: 1st Fleet unchanged OYAGU KASUGA enroute home yard. ATAGO remains home waters. 4th Fleet: Cruiser 8 of 2 CL, 11 BISMARCK Archipelago. Cruiser 5 and Cruiser 6 of 2 CA each, Deson 6, Deson 7, 2 Deson 8, considered sunk, and ZUIKAKU plus plane guards possibly headed east from SOLOMONS but may be withdrawn to Japan. RYUKAKU possibly sunk near AISHIMA IS. and SHOKAKU under escort enroute home yard, back of Mandates from with about 25 AF. AK in the 11th area. Parts of Subron 3, 7 & Subron 4 in MARSHALLS, others in home waters except some units of Subron 7 in New Britain area. 2nd Fleet Cinc in TOKAI remains home waters. KAGA, flying flag Cinc 1st Air Fleet with cruisers 1 & 2, holding complete exercises KURE area. Cinc 2nd Fleet on land at KURE may be completed - Deson 1 in home waters & part on Deson 2 enroute TRUK. Deson 2 - Yokosuka - Beppu area & Subron 1 in NEI - TRUK - NEW BRITAIN area. 3rd Fleet NATORI in drydock MOBI RYU. Combined Air Force Chinese based in BISMARCK Archipelago, others in home waters. Airron 23 broad KENDARE - KURE AIRRON 25 NITOKO possibly damaged KAMOI at TRUK...

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COMINCH 121943 -> CINCPAC info US ARMY. IN VIEW OF THE CARRIER SITUATION AND PROBABILITY OF EARLY INITIATION OF ENEMY MAJOR OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN, I CONSIDER OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCE 16 INADVISABLE IN FORWARD AREAS BEYOND OWN SHORE BASED AIR COVER AND WITHIN RANGE ENEMY SHORE BASED AIR UNTIL NECESSITY REQUIRES SUCH OPERATIONS TO OPPOSE SUCH MAJOR ENEMY OFFENSIVE OR UNLESS ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED X OUR PLANS SHOULD REMAIN FLUID AND ADAPTABLE TO CHANGE ON BEST INFORMATION OR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IP

IT MAY WELL BE THE NEXT ENEMY MOVE WILL BE AGAINST OUR STILL INADEQUATELY DEFENDED ISLAND BASES POSSIBLY AFTER ATTACK ON MORESBY. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR CARRIERS DURING SUCH ATTACK ON ISLANDS IT MAY BE BETTER TO OPERATE ONE OR MORE CARRIER GROUPS FROM SHORE AND ALSO TO REINFORCE SHORE BASE BASED AIR BY DETACHMENTS OF VTB AND VS FROM AUSTRALIA AND HAWAII. ARMY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUILD UP BASE PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES IN POPPY ROSES FANTAN BLEACHER IP

I CONSIDER YOU SHOULD TRANSFER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNITS TO POPPY AND FANTAN ADEQUATE FOR OPERATING A CARRIER AIR GROUP PLUS ADDITIONAL VPS AT EACH PLACE. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE USE OF YORKTOWN AND LEXINGTON PLANES AND AIRCRAFT SERVICING PERSONNEL THAT CAN BE SPARED AS WELL AS ORGANIZED SERVICE UNITS UNDERSTOOD NOW AT PEARL IP

AVIATION FUEL SITUATION OBSCURE CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS ARMY AND NAVY BOMBS IN AREA BUT NO TORPEDOES OR FACILITIES. ARMY BOMBS MAY REQUIRE ADAPTERS. THIS MATTER CONSIDERED MOST URGENT DESIRE EARLY ADVICE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

OPNAV 121952 -> COMB. MIYORE (NGS?) Serial 455 of the 11th. HIT SEEMS THAT THE BRITISH NAVAL SPOKESMAN IN A RELEASE DATED TODAY AND WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN SAN FRANCISCO DENIES THE SINKING OF THE WARSPITE. PLEASE INFORM US OF AREA INVOLVED, CIRCUMSTANCES OF CARDIV 5'S ATTACKS AND LATER CONDITIONS IN WHICH OUR AIRCRAFT FOUND HER, IN ORDER TO REFUTE ENEMY PROPAGANDA; PLEASE SEND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ACTION IMMEDIATELY. ... KAMI 8 Serial 258 of the 11th deals with search for planes and pilots of ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU BOMBERS who are believed in the vicinity of DEBOVNE Island. ... DA 5 Serial 406 of the 11th indicates Cinc 4th (Fleet) is concerned over the safety of a vessel enroute to TRUK. He wants to be informed as soon as she arrives there.

COM 14-122316 -> COMB WESI? Serial 687 of 11th - "THE AKASHI (AR) WILL DEPART FOR TRUK BY [] (date) AND COMMENCE REPAIR OPERATIONS ... SOKA 3 Serial 481 2nd part of 3 - "PART 3. OUR LOSSES: RYUKAKU SUNK. HIT BY 7 TORPEDOES AND (8 BOMBS) CAPTAIN AND [] OFFICERS AND [] MEN SAVED. 122 AVIATION PERSONNEL MADE FORCED LANDINGS, 30 OF THOSE WERE INJURED (16 SERIOUS - 14 MINOR) X OTHERS WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP X IP X SHOKAKU [] HITS 3 AND 8 X DAMAGE TO GASOLINE STORAGE, ENGINE ROOMS ETC. (Some blanks here) 98 KILLED IN CLUTCH, 4 OFFICERS X 96 SERIOUSLY INJURED X [] (number) minor injuries"

BELCONNEN 121021 -> COMB. FUJIKAWA MAM entered 4th Guard Force Comm. on [] th. A SHIP ARR. KWADAPLEM 9th MAY carried building material and 340 workers. Will arrive MIJESI 13th, Jaluit 16th, THORO 22nd and WOTJE or Jaluit again 27th. ... YUKI 3 Serial 159 of 6th. "THE 9 planes (Type -?) of the KISARAKU AIR GROUP WILL PROCEED TO MARCUS (?) ISLAND on the 10th after REST - rest unreadable..

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COM 14's 122340 -> COMB ((TRAFFIC ANALYSIS & SUMMARY)) UNEXPLAINED CONTACTS ORIGINATING Northern Patrol Forces between 1255 and 1800 May 11th centered position 35-31 North 148 25 East. abbreviations TESU TESU TESU AND MOSE MOSE MOSE preceded position and time groups. Heavy circulation of back-dated traffic plus increased current radio intelligence traffic and Empire personnel and communication messages. Late in the day tactical traffic concerning Desron 6 and units believed involved in search for a submarine which behaved sunk Desron 6 flagship picked up. Combined Fleet Comdr addressed all hands aboard and ashore in one despatch plus SHOKAKU, Desdur 9 + Tokyo address. Another to Cinc 1st and 11th Air Fleets, suspected carrier AKU 3 x Comdesron 1 addressed Cinc 1st Fleet info 9th Combined and 5th Fleets, Comdesdiv 3 and 2 Desdurs. This reestablishes association 1st and 5th Fleets when Empire waters involved. 2nd Fleet 9th addressed gustatically KORYU (TIE phi) Comdesdiv 7, Combatdiv 3, unidentified ROMA 060, Desdur TEMA 3 of Desron 3 info. BUMIL, BUAER TOKYO, for delivery to TIE phi, routed from YOKOSUKA to SAPPAN to TRUK x Cinc 2nd addressed MARU ENE 4 (at KURE) info. KIMA 1 x CINC COMBINED & ASSOCIATED as info. address in another despatch were COMDRS credited; 1st and 11th Air Fleets with Des Force at SAPPAN 6th Air Attack and enciphered Captain MISEAWA at KURE x Previous association 2nd Fleet Command with East Indies Force plus above may prove clue to next move, but still indefinite. Traffic nothing still indicates Cinc 2nd is in home waters x 9th China Fleet addressed Navy General Staff, East Indies Force and 9th Combined Fleet info China Fleet Collection. Nothing deduced except continued association and greater activity China Fleet Command. C.O. RYUKAKU (SHOHO) addressed aboard suspected cruiser RUNI 1 and originated traffic from RABOUL radio using own code series but Rabaul Station numbers. This believed indicate personnel survival only, x Cinc 4th (Fleet) intruded originate heavy file under RABOUL cover priority and urgent to Cinc Combined and 11th Air Fleets x One sent to 4th Fleet Task Force, Comdr 5, unidentified NEMI 7 info Combatdiv 3, Comsubdiv, 11th Air Fleet 4th and 5th Air Attack forces x movement of Air units from Marshalls to RABOUL area is very vague. While believed that there has been reinforcements RABOUL from the Marshalls, units involved and time of movement appear to be well concealed. Com Comdr 5 up again under MO 01 addressed Comguarddiv [], Desdur RITE 9, Cinc 4th Fleet possible cruiser AKU 3 info 4th and 5th Air Attack. This probably concerns movements into the GILBERTS, 11th Air Fleet addressed 4th, 5th and 6th Air Attack and YOKOSUKA, KISARATSU and 1st Air Corps. Heavy traffic believed concern replacement for RABOUL forces. 5th Fleet activity normal except for contact noted above. 3 KANA calls I TESU, SI RI WI, TA TANE, bore 330 from OAHU at 1540 on 11th and same calls bore 310 at 1210/12th. 1st Air Fleet Comdr addressed YOKOSUKA Air info Com Comdr 1 and 2, TATEYAMA Air and 6th Air Attack. SHOKAKU using TRUK call, ZUIKAKU using RABOUL call x AKAGI, KARA, HIRYU, SORUYU plane groups continue active in Empire waters. Com Subdiv 5 active with Com Subdiv and Marshall Air forces, Sub D/Fs: SI KA 2IN 150E; NEMI, YUKI 3 at 305 from OAHU; Ro 1 274 from MIOWAY & others unheard.

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COM 14 130100 -> COMB, WA MU 9 Serial 499 of 11th: "THE 3 TORPEDOES WHICH AN ENEMY SUBMARINE FIRED AT THE [] MARU ON 8 MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND ON ALANG CAPE (AMBOINA BAY). They have following markings: manufactured at Nagasaki Torpedo Station 1934 # [] [] 53" SOJKA 3 Serial 478 of 11th. WHEN READY FOR SEA DEPART FOR QUEEN CAROL HARBOR AND PICK UP SURVIVORS OF THE [] (OKINOSHIMA) THE BATTERY PROCEED TO TRUK. WA ME 1 (CINC COMBINED FLEET) Serial 103: "SHOKOKU WILL PROCEED TO KURE".

COM 14 -> NAS JOHNSTON, NAS PALMYRA INFO CINCPAC. ENEMY ACTIVITY UTILIZING ONE OR MORE FLYING BOATS POSSIBLE AFTER 15 MAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

130130 -> TO 7.6 (CINC PAC) CTF 7 ((COMSUBPAC)) FOR LENT, MOSIELY, DETAR AND RICE ((ALL SUB CO)) WOUNDED BEAR ENROUTE PORT 001 TRUE DISTANT 130 MILES FROM POINT "P". LENT PROCEED AREA 7 FOR REMAINDER PATROL, MOSIELY CONFINE OPERATIONS AREA 8 UNTIL AFTER 27 MAY x DETAR OPERATE AREAS 9 AND 12. FOR REMAINDER PATROL x KEEP THESE ENTRANCES BLOCKED x RICE STAY IN AREA FOUR BLOCKING ENTRANCE x

OPNAV 130155 -> COMB... first part deals with ship movement PHILIPPINES. YAKI 9 Serial 365 actn. 6th Defense Force at WOTSE info 9's Yokosuka and 20th S. "THE 20 (INCLUDING 2 OFFICERS) INJURED BY [] PLANES IN THE ATTACK ON [] HAVE RECENTLY DEVELOPED [] SO WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM BACK TO JAPAN ON THE [] WHICH IS LEAVING "AA" ((WAKE)) ON THE 11TH. WILL YOU DISPATCH ORDERS TO THE SHIP TO THIS EFFECT." Rest for Hops + Malt. Unit. Up Nav files show following on 4 code groups listed in Com 14 101402: 1st - no examples; 2nd is comprised of 11 confirmed following group in parentheses x last looks like either GETSU-TSUKI (([] moon)) or unidentified moon and if latter, July seems most likely. (Ref not in files)

CINCPAC 130305 -> COMHAWSEAFRON, COMGENHAWDEPT, COMTF 9 ((CINCPAC)) COMCARPAC (ADM) ALL ADDRESS ACKNOWLEDGE; INFO COMDR AIR GROUP 21 - BY MAIL - SECRET - (Digin language)

NIGHT ATTACK ON OAHU AND/OR OUTLYING ISLANDS BY FOUR ENGINED SEAPLANES MAY OCCUR ON OR AFTER 14 MAY. IN ORDER TO MAKE ATTACK ON OAHU IT IS BELIEVED FUELING FROM SUBMARINE OR SHORE CACHE MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED. APPROPRIATE ALERT NOTICES NIGHT ATTACK, INCLUDING FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN. FROM 15 MAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. COMTASKFOR 9 BASE 2 PATROL PLANES AT MIDWAY. MIDWAY OBSERVE ISLANDS AND REEFS WITHIN 400 MILES OF THAT PLACE, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATE AFTERNOON DAILY SEARCH PLANE IN APPROPRIATE SECTOR SCRUTINIZE ALL ISLANDS PASSED IN THE NORTHWEST CHAIN x ARMY PATROL FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AREA WITH BOMBERS IN LATE AFTERNOON AND ATTACK ENEMY UNITS SIGHTED x COMCARPAC (ADM) BASE 6 MARINE FIGHTER BARKING SANDS AND PROVIDE FOR FIGHTER DIRECTION FROM KAUAI RADARS BY LT COMDR GRIFFIN AND TWO ASSISTANTS USING TRANSMITTERS PROVIDED BY NAVY. CINCPAC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER WILL ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS.

COMCARPAC CLEAR DETAILS AS NECESSARY WITH COMMANDER INTERCEPT COMMAND. PARA.

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COM 14 132142 -> COMB, SOJKA 3 Serial 254 "From Comdring." 18 TH proceed to TRUK. (Credit 18?) SIROWA Serial 466 of 11th "The delivery of (fittings?) for use by subdiv [] in connection with Type 6 (blows) is directed as requested in Comsec for Serial []". This from BUERO to YOKOHAMA A/C FACTORY INFO JALUIT. Sub. Tender and 2 unidentified may have connection with KING Campaign. In view of sub heard last night close in north end of MIDWAY and testing on 4960 circuit last night, believe KING Campaign underway

COM 14 132314 -> COMB ((TRAFFIC ANALYSIS)). Traffic volume above normal large percentage of high precedence despatches x Fourth Fleet Command, Comcarpacs 5 and 6, Comsubdiv 8, Comcardiv 5, 1 deadair of Desdiv 6 and 2 others being reported. Radio as originator's call xx SHOKOKU maining TRUK and Consul in vicinity JALUIT. Fair DF Fix of Sub. unit MO YU in 1035N on date line xx Northern Pacific area MO 5 reported sighting the enemy - type/printing not clear xx BTDIV 3 Seamoto consist of COMBATDIV 3 above HIEI (NO TE 4), KIRISHIMA (S KURO 6) and (KURO 7) is probably Kongo plus BB (when call to TITUS) ((HARUNA?)) xx Batdiv 3 and Candiv 2 and a new vessel associated with Candiv 3 (UMI 2) as all associated with offices in SASEBO, KURE and YOKOSUKA in dispatch from Tokyo MILITARY SUPPLY COMDIV 8 and a new command KAMA 6 were associated on May 5th with above battle ships xx Assoc. Cinc 2nd fleet offers probability 2nd fleet command move into Indies to take care of western flank. 5th Base Force at SAIPAN figures in this track xx 14th Air Div (1115)

COM 14 130954 -> COMB, EMAG 6 Serial 121 of ? ASHIGARA TO ARRIVE SASEBO FOR REPAIRS AROUND END OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE. PLEASE MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR HER DOCKING AND COMPLETE REPAIRS BY [] DATE

OPNAV 131635 -> COMB, TOKYO TO SAIPAN PURPLE SERIAL 270 OF MAY 11 INDICATES TAIYOMARU, NYK SHIP - 14,000 TONS WAS SUNK AT 2100 (Z) 8TH NEAR MESHIMA ISLAND 80 MILES WEST OF NAGASAKI x WAS CARRYING 1097 PASSENGERS 268 CREW 2,500 TONS CARGO x 535 SURVIVORS RESCUED UP TO MORNING OF 11TH.

COM 14 130954 -> COMB... An X operation will apparently start from SAIPAN ((CA)) ASHIGARA to arrive SASEBO for repairs and may/early June - then return resume her duties

COM 14 131032 -> COMB... KAMIKAWA MARU on 11th reports planes on head etc: Type 6 fighters 2 - require 4. Type 6 Seaplanes on head - require 2... KANO 3 enroute KURE 121900 practice 08-45 N 148-55 E East course 336, at 1800 the 1st position 70 miles N15 (alt) from 8 MIYASHIMA, expect enter Inland Sea 1800 the... SUGGEST GUAM 15 OLD NAME FOR "O MIYASHIMA" OPNAV 132200 -> COMB. Reports on Rome furnished info to Japan in memorandum ship from South America -> Australia -> India 2 apha.

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COM 14 130100 -> COMB. WAMU 9 Serial 499 of 11th. "THE 3 TORPEDOES WERE AN ENEMY SUBMARINE FIRED AT THE [] MARU ON 8 MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND ON ALANG CAPE (AMBOINA BAY). They have following markings: manufactured at Newport Torpedo Station 1934 x [] [] S3" SOKA 3 Serial 478 of 11th. WHEN READY FOR DEPART FOR QUEEN CAROL HARBOR AND PICK UP SURVIVORS OF THE [] (OKINASHIMA) THEREAFTER PROCEED TO TRUK". WAME 1 (CINC COMBINED FLEET) Serial 103. "SHOKOKU WILL PROCEED TO KURE".

COM 14 -> NBS JOHNSTON, NAS PALMYRA INFO CINCPAC.
ENEMY ACTIVITY UTILIZING ONE OR MORE FLYING BOATS POSSIBLE AFTER 15 MAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

130130 -> TU 7.6 (Submarine)
CTF 7 ((COMSUBPAC)) FOR LENT, MOSELY, DETAR AND RICE ((ALL SUB CO)) WOUNDED BEAR ENROUTE PORT 001 TRUE DISTANT 130 MILES FROM POINT "P". LENT PROCEED AREA 7 FOR REMAINDER PATROL. MOSELY CONFINE OPERATIONS AREA 8 UNTIL AFTER 27 MAY x DETAR OPERATE AREAS 9 AND 12. FOR REMAINDER PATROL x KEEP THESE ENTRANCES BLOCKED x RICE STAY IN AREA FOUR BLOCKING ENTRANCE x

OPNAV 130155 -> COMB ... first part deals with ship movement PHILIPPINES. YAKI 9 Serial 365 action 6th Defense Force at WOTJE info G/S YOKOSUKA and A M S. "THE 20 (INCLUDING 2 OFFICERS) INJURED BY [] PLANES IN THE ATTACK ON [] HAVE RECENTLY DEVELOPED [] SO WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM BACK TO JAPAN ON THE [] WHICH IS LEAVING "AA" (WAKE) ON THE 17th. WILL YOU DISPATCH ORDERS TO THE SHIP TO THIS EFFECT."

Rest for Hapa + Melt Unit. Up near files show following on 4 code groups listed in COM 14 101402: 1st - no examples; 2nd is cryptogram following group in parenthesis x Last looks like either GETSU-TSUKI ((?) moon or unidentified month and if latter, July seems most likely. (Ref not ready)

CINCPAC 130305 -> COMHAWSEAFRON, COMGENHAWDEPT, COMTF 9 (COM CARPAC (ADM)) ALL ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE; INFO COMDR AIR GROUP 21 - BY MAIL - SECRET - Plain language -

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OPNAV 132200 -> COMB. RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INDICATED SOME JUST INFORMED TOKYO THAT A LARGE CONVOY OF US SHIPS LOADED WITH WAR MATERIALS BEING ORGANIZED AT CAPE TOWN AND WILL LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA SOME TIME BETWEEN LAST THIRD OF MAY AND FIRST THIRD OF JUNE. ESCORT TO BE ONLY ONE SMALL AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND MINOR NAVAL PROTECTION. ALSO REPORTS ABOUT 30 SHIPS WITH WAR SUPPLIES LEAVING SLDANHA BAY ((N. OF CAPE TOWN)) EACH MONTH FOR AFRICA AND INDIA. OTHERS BEING FORMED AT DURBAN, 5th & 9th EACH MONTH. TOKYO HAS REPLIED THAT FORTHCOMING INFORMATION WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE.

PATROL, COPY OF [] SEES AND SUB MUST NOT BE ATTACKED. PREBLE PATROLLING VICTORY CLEAR OF SUBMARINE PATROL. OBSERVATION POST SPECIALLY ALERTED.

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COM 14 132314 -> COMB ((TRAFFIC ANALYSIS)). Traffic Volume above normal base percentage of high precedence despatches x Fourth Fleet Command, Commander's 5 and 6, Comsubdiv 8, Concordia 5, 1 Destroyer of Squadron 6 and 2 others being Rabaul. Radio as originator's call xx SHOKOKU being TRUK and Consul for [] (U.S.). For DF File of Sub. unit MO YU in 10th N on date line xx Northern Island case MO 5 reported sighting the enemy - type/portion not clear. xx BDDIV 3. Seamo to consist of COMBATDIV 3 about HIEI (NOTE 4) KIRISHIMA (S KURO 6) and Kuro 7 is probably KONGO plus BB (what call to TI TUI) (HORUNA?) xx Batch 3 and Carder 12 2 and a new vessel associated with Carder 3 (UMI 2) also all associated with offices in SAISEBO, KURE and YOKOSUKA in dispatch from TOKYO MILITARY SUPPLY (Crediv 8) and a new command KAMA 6 were associated on May 5th with above battle ships xx ASSOC: Case 2nd fleet offers possibility 2nd fleet command move into Indies to take care of western flank. 5th Base Force at SAISON figures in this traffic xx 14th AIR (MEMUS) associated with KAMI and GOSHU Maru suspected of playing a major role in enemy joint air-submarine operation in the Marshalls as a seaplane, outposts planes of MISTWA Air at KISARATSU presumably enroute RABAU. 4th Air units TAINAN, GENSHAN, YOKOHAMA and 4th Air operating with 5th Air Attack Force xx G/S TORO Air addressed URGENT PRIORITY TO G/S 5th Fleet and General Empire Air Staffs info Genet. OMINATO, YOKOSUKA, SAISEBO + KURE xx Continued exercises with SETTSU indicated for carriers, KASUGA, bristly enroute Empire Submarine TEKA 9, believed in Subron 7, addressed G/S Subfor, Comdr KORI 6 ("MO YU"), Staff Comm. after 11th Air Fleet and 4th Air Attack Force. "MO YU" is now near MIDWAY by D/F. ... gives D/F bearings on subs & 5th fleet vessels/craft.

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OPNAV 132300 -> COMB - reports on Rome furnished info to Japan in movement of ships from South Africa -> Australia -> India & Africa.

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OPNAV 140130 -> COMB. NA SA Serial 623 of 12... US RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF THE 11TH TO USUAL ADDRESSES... HEARD 10 FLYING BOATS IN AH (HAWAIIAN ISLANDS) AREA AND 2 IN THE AREA ASSUMED TO BE EITHER KJ OR KD...

BELCONNEN 140407 -> COMB. SOKA 3 Serial 452 of 13... FROM COMCARDIVS TO COMCARDIVS. ZUIKAKU'S ASSIGNED POSITION CHANGED TO FOLLOWING: PLEASE X ON 17 AT 5400RS... SHE WILL BE IN POSITION 17 NORTH 142-50 EAST, COURSE 315 (near) speed 16...

COM 14 140700 -> COMB. COMBATDIV 3 of 13... EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF 30 AIRCRAFT BOMBS TO EACH SHIP OF THIS UNIT... WI MAG Serial 422 of 13... FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE GOSHU MARU... PUT ASHORE AT IMIEJI (JALUIT) ALL FREIGHT ON BOARD [INCLUDING FIRST AIR'S TORPEDOES, PARTS FOR TORPEDO BOATS, ETC.] AND LOAD AIR BASE EQUIPMENT AND MUNITIONS OF THE IMIEJI (SEA PLANE UNIT) AND PROCEED TO SAIPAN BY 'SEINE KA'...

COM 14 140732 -> COMB. KIDOF (COMDESRON 1) Serial 40 of the 11... to Cinc 11... Fleet for Action and Info to Cinc Combined, 5th Fleet, ComCardiv 3, unident, 2 desdivs and Combatdiv 3... OPERATIONS SCHEDULE FOR THIS UNIT [LESS DESDIV 1 and Desdiv 2] IS AS FOLLOWS: 1 THIS UNIT LESS UNITS MENTIONED ABOVE, WILL DEPART SASEBO BETWEEN 18 AND 20 MAY AND WILL BE ON MAY WHEN DESDIV 1 WILL JOIN UP, FROM THERE ONE WILL DEPART FOR THE SCENE OF THE FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS... 2 DESDIV 1 WILL SCREEN CARDIVS AS FAR AS THE OPERATIONS AREA... 3 DESDIV 2 WILL DEPART SASEBO ON MAY AND SCREEN HIEI AS FAR AS SHIMA CHANNEL... 4 DEPARTING SASEBO MAY 26... COMMENT: Note inclusion of Combatdiv 3. He has been connected with Cardiv 1 and 2, who do not appear. This may be a local movement within the Empire but not connected with the projected operations mentioned previously by us. The recent air operations and critique w/ KYUSHU may have been the rehearsal.

COM 14 140900 -> COMB. HIREI (Cinc Combined) Serial 108 of the 12... to Cinc 2nd and 4th (Fleets)... WE ARE NOW ARRANGING FOR THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT, FUEL AND STORES WHICH YOU WILL REQUIRE (AT FIRST) DURING THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN X IF THE SHIP OF YOUR FLEET CANNOT TRANSPORT ENOUGH PLEASE INFORM ME OF THE AMOUNT IT CAN (OR CANNOT) TAKE. AFTER YOU HAVE DECIDED LOCALLY WHAT YOU WILL REQUIRE WIRE IT TO KURE

BELCONNEN 140906 -> COMB. MIKIWI 734 of 12... YOU WILL DESTROY SPECIAL "A" RULES FOR USE NUMBER 37 AND AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NUMBER 2 YOU WILL USE 28 AND FOR 25 USE 27... OPERATION FORCE ARRIVED CHRISTMAS IS (S. OF JAPAN)... OPERATION FORCE MAY BE COCAS ISLAND. Permanent translations provided CARDIVS...

CTF 7 (ComSubPac) 141026 -> TO 7.6.2 (OS Submarine)... AT THE TIME OF USUAL MORNING REPORTS OF ABSENT SICK AND HOSPITALIZED, ON DATE 4 MONTHS 12 DAYS AFTER COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIRTHDAY, A WOUNDED BEAR WILL PASS A POINT 301° DISTANCE 57 miles FROM POINT "P"

CTF 7 (SubPac) 141034 -> TO 7.5.4 (CUTLERISH) ON 1700 0600 ZUIKAKU EST. MATED POSITION 17 NORTH 142-50 East course 315 maximum speed achieved 16 sink this one also x

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ASHIGARA ENROUTE JAPAN FOR REPAIRS X CRUDIV 12 (QUESTION) RE-TURNING TO TRUK NUMBER 60 (CINCOPAC) X UNITS OF DESDIV 9 ECORTING SHOKAKU ENROUTE TO KURE X CRUDIV 8 OPERATING IN EMPIRE WATERS BY D/F SUBMARINES 27-180 X 30-157 X 21-136, ALL NORTH AND EAST. - 140141 Sent at 0230

COM 14 140945 -> COMB. ORA 2 (CINC 2nd Fleet) Serial 618 on 11... to Collective 2nd Fleet into Cinc 4th, Cinc 11th Air Fleet, SAIPAN, Cinc Combined, 6th Air Attack Force, a MARU and Captain MISAWA at KURE Headquarters: 2nd FLEET OPERATION ORDER 22. 1 A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 22?), A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 23?), THE 11th AND 12th (AIR OR LANDING FORCE) OF THE 2nd FLEET, 2 OCCUPATION FORCE WILL BE UNDER COMMAND OF (AIRON 22) FROM 1 MAY X THIS FORCE WILL PROCEED DIRECT TO THE SAIPAN-GUAM AREA AND WAIT FOR

COM 14 (R1 for 14th) 150002 -> COMB. Intercepts continue at high level, mainly concern TRUK-RABAUL area. RABAUL Radio apparently covering for 10 Comands besides own James. Crudiv 5+6, 4th Fleet Command, ComCardiv, ZUIKAKU, Desdiv, 6th Fleet, 3 unidents x Dispatch from 4th Fleet Comdr delivered by "GERMAN" RABAUL calls x TRUK cover used by SHOKAKU, JALUIT by ComSubPac at 1130 (-9) RW 41, Cruise in Crudiv 6 reported enemy plane contact; 1135 being bombed. Another from high north area reported at 1215 enemy contact 20 miles East of KATSUUMA (LATTER UNLOCATED) x Personnel + Supply Bureaus heavy originators... 1st Fleet Command unseen as originator. Combatdiv 3 included C/S 1st Fleet, Batch 3 Supply 01 and OMURA as info addressee in urgent to Tokyo address. 2nd Fleet Command consistently teaking to KAMA 137, BUKE 55, Batch 3 Less Supply 75, Crudiv 7, Desdiv 2 and 4 JINTSU, Hay of Desdiv 2, Airon 2, ICOMICAWA marn, ATAGO, Airon 3, Desdiv 10 SE 1 and RI YU 7, Tentative KORTU (TIEOP), unident 71 YOP, N'HU 2x NOTE: INCLUSION OF QUALIFIED BATTLESHIP AS ONLY COMMAND ADDRESSEE WITH LINEUP OF CARDIVS AND BATTLESHIPS MENTIONED YESTERDAY AFFILIATION 2nd Fleet Command in present role with 4th and East Indies also includes Malay Force to small degree x Area of operations beyond SAIPAN apparent rendezvous zone not indicated other than thru above affiliations x AKASHI addressed JINTSU and Desdiv. Traffic routing points to 2nd Fleet Comdr. still being in YOIKOSUKA area. East Indies forces appeared mainly concerned air supply and base operations (over) (60A)

SERIAL 92 FOR RELIEF OF PERSONNEL? AIR BASE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. INFO FOR US OF CONDITIONS AT THE SAID BASE

BELCONNEN 141725 -> COMB. YAMA 5 of 13... ORGANIZATION LIST CHANGE 9. REVISE THE OF CRUDIV 4? AS FOLLOWS, MAKING THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES IN REGULAR ORDER: SUBPARA "A" AND TAKAO. 2nd FLIGHT SUBPARA "C" - ATAGO. SUBPARA "D" TAKAO EFFECTIVE 12 MAY...

COM 14 142136 -> COMB. REQUEST THIS SHIP BE SUPPLIED WITH FOLLOWING CHARTS. SEND THEM TO 4TH FLEET AT SAIPAN TO HOLD FOR US (add 1000 to following numbers): 10X112X13X15X16X18 AND 20. Can OPNAV identify these charts and inform 142? Cinc 4th wants other drydock stripped for Crudiv 6 how that may be postponed

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OPNAV 140130 -> COMB. NA SA Serial 623 of 12th US RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF THE 11th TO USUAL ADDRESSES "HEARD 16 FLYING BOATS IN AH (HAWAIIAN ISLANDS) AREA AND 2 IN THE AREA ASSUMED TO BE EITHER KJ OR KD. BY D/F POSITION OF THE GGD WAS 53-20N 170-00 W AT 1920. THERE WERE MANY CONTACTS WITH NIPM (RADIO PEARL HARBOR) "... IRI 1 serial 130 of 13th to 4th Combined Fleet info FASEB8. "Ref. Combined Fleet Serial 27. DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE DATE OF CHITOSE DEPARTURE UNCHANGED? "... PART OF BANGKOK PURPLE OF 10th to Tokyo says the TEISHUN MARU due MACAO 16th from KOOSHU MARU x SHINSOKU MARU ENROUTE SHANGHAI TO NAKASAKI VIA KEELUNG WITH 4000 TONS RICE.

BELCONNEN 140407 -> COMB. So KA 3 Serial 452 of 13th. From COMCARDIVS to COMCARDIVS. "ZUIKAKU'S ASSIGNED POSITION CHANGED TO FOLLOWING: PLEASE [] x ON 1747 5 HOURS SHE WILL BE IN POSITION 17 NORTH 142 - 50 EAST, COURSE 315 (near) speed 16. AT PRESENT HAS 200 TONS OF FUEL AVAILABLE AND CAN MAKE 16 KNOTS. NOTE - the 50 minutes of Longitude may possibly be off - code group 84312.

COM 14 140700 -> COMB. COMBATDIV 3 of 13th. "EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF 30 AIRCRAFT BOMBS TO EACH SHIP OF THIS UNIT." WI MAB Serial 422 of 13th. "THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE GOSHU MARU. PUT ASHORE AT IMIJI (PALAU) ALL FREIGHT ON BOARD [INCLUDING FIRST AIR'S TORPEDOES, PARTS FOR TORPEDO BOATS, ETC.] AND LOAD AIR BASE EQUIPMENT AND MUNITIONS OF THE IMIJI (SEA PLANE UNIT) AND PROCEED TO SAIPAN BY 'SO' NE 'KA'. INFORM ME LATER OF YOUR CONTEMPLATED MOVEMENTS WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCE. (2) THE 3rd AIR (A UNIT) WILL LOAD ITS BASE EQUIPMENT AND GROUND CREWS AND ADVANCE TO AF. THE GROUND CREWS, PARTS, AND MUNITIONS WILL BE LOADED ON THE GOSHU MARU AS SOON AS THAT VESSEL ARRIVES. EVERYTHING IN THE WAY OF BASE EQUIPMENT AND MILITARY SUPPLIES WHICH WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE KING CAMPAIGN WILL BE INCLUDED x (3) [] (a tanker) WILL ASSIST IN THE TASKS Laid DOWN IN PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) " Comment: While there are some blanks in above, believe gist of message is as given. No explanation as to why it's aircraft tender had at IMIJI 11 days & several thrs. earlier & 2 Desrons exempted from East Indies collective. 4th Fleet picture remains similar past few days. Nearly all traffic carries high precedence and concealed originator x Increased use numeral code and decrease in 4-Kana type indicates small amount active operations in progress. Subron 7 exempted from 4th Fleet collective and may be on special assignment. Northern Forces - association Cardiv 3 with Desron 1 supplements previously noted affiliation former with Subron 3 and 5th Fleet x MARU SE 418 addressed CMC 5th Fleet and Patrol Force into suspected 1st AIR FLEET COMDR (KEN 9) Cardiv 3 and 5 x Carrier - ZUIKAKU using RABAU call appears headed northward x SHOKAKU made communications zone report to TOKYO, KURE, CHICHIJIMA and SAIPAN Radios x Desron WI NA 2 escorting x AKAGI, KAGA, SORYU, plane groups still appear conducting practice near YOKOSUKA x Sub. presence on Mo Yu reported yesterday at 27-30 North, on this Date line; by indeterminate bearings today appears to be near 21-00N 171-00 East x KIYU 9 in Empire Area; TA E 2 bears 267° from K....

COM 14 140945 -> COMB. ORA 2 (CINC 2nd Fleet) Serial 618 on 11th to Collective 2nd Fleet info CMC 4th, CMC 11th Air Fleet, SAIPAN, CMC Combined 6th Air Attack Force, a MARU and Captain MISAWA at KURE Headquarters: "2nd FLEET OPERATION ORDER 22. (1) A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 22?), A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 23?), THE 11th AND 12th (AIR OR LANDING FORCE) OF THE 2nd FLEET, NO 2 OCCUPATION FORCE WILL BE UNDER COMMAND OF (AIRON 22) FROM 1 MAY. THIS FORCE WILL PROCEED DIRECT TO THE SAIPAN-GUAM AREA AND WAIT FOR THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN. (2) COMDR, 2nd AIR (IN 3rd FLEET) WILL CONFER WITH COMMANDER 11th (LANDING OR AIR) FORCE. 2nd COMBINED LANDING FORCE, 26th AIR (6th AIR ATTACK FORCE) AND 41st USG (one tree = "ICHKI" = "ARMY" DETACHMENT RESPECTIVELY ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SAIPAN AND THE MAINLAND x P. AIRON 23, 11th AND 12th (LANDING OR AIR) FORCE WILL BE AT [] AFTER TOMORROW x P 26th AIR BASE FACILITIES WILL BE ON [] THE 41st USG (see above) DETACHMENT IS IN (THE MANDATES). (3) COMDR, 2nd AIR TO ARRANGE WITH 5th BASE FORCE AT SAIPAN FOR ANCHORAGE FOR SHIPS OF HIS UNITS x AIRON 23 SHOULD DEAL WITH COMDR. MINE SQUADRON 2 FOR HIS ANCHORAGES " Comment by 14: Unless this is a local exercise consider absence of Cardiv 1 and 2 and Betdiv 1 and 2 significant. Do not believe Japanese are planning on carrying out a drill in the Saipan area at this time. Suggest possibility this and preceding two messages all refer to actual campaign or operation with 3rd Cardiv and two Betdivs still not mentioned. Value assumed to be GUAM was "OHYASHIANG".

BELCONNEN 141402 -> COMB. UA 7368 of 13th indicates possible change SHOKAKU schedule. KOKUYO MARU proceed ASAP to point [] (WISUY) - of CHICHIJIMA and on falling in with ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU, proceed to KURE - en route command. COM 14 142136 -> COMB. UA 7 Serial 368 of 13th. THE KOKUYO MARU? WILL PROCEED AT ONCE TO THE AREA WEST OF CHICHIJIMA AND REFUEL THE ZUIKAKU AND SHOKAKU. THEREAFTER PROCEED TO KURE. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING LOCATION AND TIME DIRECT WITH COMCARDIV 5 AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHOKAKU. YOHJI 7 Serial 89 of 12th "BASE 36 HAS BEEN PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR ATTACK (46359) D. AS PREPARATIONS REQUIRE TIME IS THE PROSPECTIVE MOVEMENT OF LANDING FORCE MENTIONED IN YOUR SERIAL 92 FOR RELIEF OF PERSONNEL? AIR BASE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. INFO US OF CONDITIONS AT THE SAID BASE "

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ASHIGARA ENROUTE JAPAN FOR REPAIRS x CRUIDV 18 (QUESTION) RE- TURNING TO TRUK NUMBER 60 CINCOPAC x UNITS OF DESDIV 9 ECORTING SHOKAKU ENROUTE TO KURE x CRUIDV 8 OPERATING IN EMPIRE WATERS BY D/F SUBMARINES 27-180 x 30 -157 x 21 -136, ALL NORTH AND EAST. - 140144 Sent at 0230

COM 14 140945 -> COMB. ORA 2 (CINC 2nd Fleet) Serial 618 on 11th to Collective 2nd Fleet info CMC 4th, CMC 11th Air Fleet, SAIPAN, CMC Combined 6th Air Attack Force, a MARU and Captain MISAWA at KURE Headquarters: "2nd FLEET OPERATION ORDER 22. (1) A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 22?), A 2nd FLEET UNIT (AIRON 23?), THE 11th AND 12th (AIR OR LANDING FORCE) OF THE 2nd FLEET, NO 2 OCCUPATION FORCE WILL BE UNDER COMMAND OF (AIRON 22) FROM 1 MAY. THIS FORCE WILL PROCEED DIRECT TO THE SAIPAN-GUAM AREA AND WAIT FOR THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN. (2) COMDR, 2nd AIR (IN 3rd FLEET) WILL CONFER WITH COMMANDER 11th (LANDING OR AIR) FORCE. 2nd COMBINED LANDING FORCE, 26th AIR (6th AIR ATTACK FORCE) AND 41st USG (one tree = "ICHKI" = "ARMY" DETACHMENT RESPECTIVELY ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SAIPAN AND THE MAINLAND x P. AIRON 23, 11th AND 12th (LANDING OR AIR) FORCE WILL BE AT [] AFTER TOMORROW x P 26th AIR BASE FACILITIES WILL BE ON [] THE 41st USG (see above) DETACHMENT IS IN (THE MANDATES). (3) COMDR, 2nd AIR TO ARRANGE WITH 5th BASE FORCE AT SAIPAN FOR ANCHORAGE FOR SHIPS OF HIS UNITS x AIRON 23 SHOULD DEAL WITH COMDR. MINE SQUADRON 2 FOR HIS ANCHORAGES " Comment by 14: Unless this is a local exercise consider absence of Cardiv 1 and 2 and Betdiv 1 and 2 significant. Do not believe Japanese are planning on carrying out a drill in the Saipan area at this time. Suggest possibility this and preceding two messages all refer to actual campaign or operation with 3rd Cardiv and two Betdivs still not mentioned. Value assumed to be GUAM was "OHYASHIANG".

BELCONNEN 141402 -> COMB. UA 7368 of 13th indicates possible change SHOKAKU schedule. KOKUYO MARU proceed ASAP to point [] (WISUY) - of CHICHIJIMA and on falling in with ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU, proceed to KURE - en route command.

COM 14 142136 -> COMB. UA 7 Serial 368 of 13th. THE KOKUYO MARU? WILL PROCEED AT ONCE TO THE AREA WEST OF CHICHIJIMA AND REFUEL THE ZUIKAKU AND SHOKAKU. THEREAFTER PROCEED TO KURE. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING LOCATION AND TIME DIRECT WITH COMCARDIV 5 AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHOKAKU. YOHJI 7 Serial 89 of 12th "BASE 36 HAS BEEN PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR ATTACK (46359) D. AS PREPARATIONS REQUIRE TIME IS THE PROSPECTIVE MOVEMENT OF LANDING FORCE MENTIONED IN YOUR SERIAL 92 FOR RELIEF OF PERSONNEL? AIR BASE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. INFO US OF CONDITIONS AT THE SAID BASE "

BELCONNEN 141725 -> COMB. YAMA 5 of 13th. "ORGANIZATION LIST CHANGE 9. REVISE THE [] OF CRUIDV 4? AS FOLLOWS, MAKING THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES IN REGULAR ORDER x SUBPARA A [] AND TAKAO. 2nd FLIGHT SUB PARA "C" - ATAGO. SUBPARA "D" TAKAO EFFECTIVE 12 MAY....

COM 14 142136 -> COMB. "REQUEST THIS SHIP BE SUPPLIED WITH FOLLOWING CHARTS. SEND THEM TO 4th FLEET AT SAIPAN TO HOLD FOR US (add 1000 to following numbers): 10x11, 12x13, 15x16, 18 AND 20. Can OPNAV identify these charts and inform 14th? CMC 4th wants other drydock assigned for Cardiv 6 how that is postponed

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COMSOPAC

CINCPAC 150623 -> ALL TF COMDS PAC info: ALL TF COMDS SW PAC & UNIDENTIFIED ORANGE UNIT REPORTED SIGHTING BLUE FORCE OF 2 CV 4 CA AND 8 DD x REBROADCAST FROM TRUK

OPNAV - 150100 -> COMB. OUR VERSION OF SOKA 3 Serial 457 - " I PLAN TO ESTABLISH FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR REPLENISHMENT OF ZUIKAKU x LET ME KNOW THE PROSPECTS AT ONCE x 0800 17th 17th N - (138-140)-50' EAST x THENCE ON COURSE 315 SPEED 16 x BLANK x THIS FROM COMCARDIV 5, INFO CARDIV 5 AND 20thans XX ME SI 6 Serial 632/13th " OPERATING PLANS OF THIS FLEET IN CONNECTION WITH NUMBER 2 OPERATIONS WILL BE DELIVERED BY MESSENGER TO KURE (TRAIN ARRIVING 1637 THE 13th) AND TO SASEBO (TRAIN ARRIVING 1317 ON 14th). PLEASE ARRANGE TO RECEIVE THEM xx SOKA 2 Serial 233 of 3th indicated that the 'MO' MO Campaign were dispatched to the REX area for the purpose of seeking out the enemy striking force x

COM 14 150236 -> COMB. KIE 4 (Comdeson 1) Serial 045/13th - only partly readable - 1) Ref my serial 42 para 7th "THE MOTOR BOATS FOR THE 'AOB' OCCUPATION FORCE... PLANES (DUBASE?) DESIRE HANDLE BLANKS. 2) REQUEST 1200 METERS OF HOSE FOR [] AND [] [OR SOME [] BRAND]". Comment: AOB IS ALUTIAN AREA

BELCONNEN 150335 -> COMB. SOKA 3 305/14th from MO striking force. "AFTER THE MO STRIKING FORCE (LESS A DD AND MARU) HAS COMPLETED [] IN (GRID) POSITION RA N 08 DURING THE 14th IT WILL TAKE POSITION GENERALLY WITHIN 206 MILES OF THE 'RY' OCCUPATION FORCE

BELCONNEN 150450 -> COMB. SOKA 3 Serial 674 of 14th is somebody's operation order #1 (Suggest recently framed salvage price) 1) This force and the first group (or force) will reconnoiter the area to the north or west of RXA (LETA) and RX ((Bougainville?)) beginning at 1600 on the 15th. Will then go south carry out its search and will anchor at RXB (TULAGI). Paragraph 2 unreadable.

COM 14 150514 -> CTF 16 (CHALSEY) ASSUME YOU GET CONTACTS ABOUT YOUR OUTFIT x LAST ONE APPEARED ON JAWIT 9250 KCS REPORTING ENEMY 1 KITI YONO BEARING 194 DISTANCE 472 COURSE 160 SPEED 16 AT 1219 x THIS ONE ADDRESSED MV 0 FROM TIKAI 1.

COM 14 151142 -> COMB. TAKO 6 Serial 577 of 14th. "IF THIS UNIT WILL EXECUTE BLANK 2 BLANK CAMPAIGN x (Place in Northern Japan) HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON AS THE PORT OF DEPARTURE, UPON RECEIPT OF OPERATIONS ORDERS, ALL UNITS WILL COMPLETE PREPARATIONS AND DEPART x TP x TOP OFF FUEL ETC., AT OMINATO II [] ARRANGE FOR BERTHS AT [] PRIOR TO DEPARTURE". This went to a Maru, another Maru now in KURE, a fleet unit believed to be in Cruding now in New Britain and 1 vessel now in Malay force.

CTF 7 (Consaba) 150727 -> TU 7.6.4 ((Submarine)) "ENEMY CARRIER ZUIKAKU ON COURSE 310 PROBABLE SPEED 16 WILL ARRIVE POSIT 142 50 EAST 17 NORTH AT 0600 (M) (MINUS 9) THE 17th x A TANKER WILL ARRIVE POSIT. 21-31N 153-10E. PROBABLY NO SOONER THAN DAYLIGHT 26th. FROM THAT POINT ON COURSE 134 SPEED 14.5 IT WILL PROCEED TO MEET AND FUEL THE ZUIKAKU x POINT OF MEETING UNKNOWN BUT BY CALCULATION NEAR ABOVE CARRIER.

COM 14 151144 -> COMB. HOKO 8 Serial 272 of 14th. "WHAT APPEARS TO BE A BOARD (CALL) GEGG 4265 KCS AT 1915 WAS IN THE VICINITY OF AOI ((ADAK)) COMMUNICATIONS WITH NPR [AOE 7] ((Dutch Harbor)) x TAKO 6 Serial 574 of 14th, only partly readable but indicates that date of attack changed x Date of Cardiv 3 and [] Cardiv departing from port in Northern Japan to sea of [] an SO NI KU (or SO []) [] x Cardiv 3 x Desdiv [] and Cruder [] arrive OMINATO. This one RE went to 45 Combined Fleet.

COM 14 152115 -> COMB. NA SA 4 Serial 638 of 14th. "THE FOLLOWING RADIO INTELLIGENCE IS DEDUCED FROM RECENT U.S. RADIO TRAFFIC x LANDING FORCES OF (MATUNES?) ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO AG, AE, AC AND RYM x IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE LANDING FORCE OF AN ENEMY UNIT WILL MAKE A SURPRISE ATTACK ON []" This only a partial translation. RYM suggests BRITISH SAMOA BOMB FROM [] REF YOUR MESSAGE BELCONNEN 152327 -> COMB. [] FROM [] AT PRESENT TIME TRUK (P.T.) IS UNABLE TO SUPPLY ANY FUEL x FUEL DESTROYERS AT SAIPAN x WILL SUPPLY [] TRUK WITH FUEL [] AS FOLLOWS x 16th [] MARU 15 40 TONS AND NO 2 (FUEL OIL?)...

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COBHU MARU AT IJEWI ABOUT TO DEPART TO SAIPAN x KOKUYO ENROUTE FROM JAPAN TO VICINITY OF SAIPAN TO FUEL ZUIKAKU x DEBRON 2 OPERATING WITH CARDIV 3 AND PART OF BATDIV 3 IN VICINITY OF JAPAN x INDICATIONS OF EARLY CONCENTRATION OF CONSIDERABLE AIR STRENGTH PLUS LIGHT SURFACE UNITS IN VICINITY OF SAIPAN x FORCES IN NEW BRITAIN AREA INCLUDE CRUDIV 6 CRUDIV GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 DEBRON 6 x INFO BULLETIN 51 x COMCARDIV 1 IN ZUIKAKU DEPARTING RABOUL FOR EMPIRE x COMBOPFOR IN JAWIT AREA x BY D.F. SUBMARINE 21-00 NORTH 171-00 EAST ANOTHER NORTH 146-00 EAST

COM 14 152316 -> COMB. Many contact reports intercepted between 815 and 1200 15 MAY (minus 9 time) These probably from planes and concerned enemy force of 2 CV 4 CA and 6 DD x These precipitated many urgent in Mandate-Philippine area, increasing the already high traffic level in heavy traffic from Empire Fleet units, TOKYO Radio Intelligence particularly outstanding x Such traffic routing indicates evaluated intelligence now being sent directly to area where applicable One despatch from this activity was addressed undisturbed N NU 2 which may be air striking force from MARSHALLS and 4th Fleet Task Force, 4th + 5th Air Attack Fleet and KOD 9 x Transmitters heard on 7635 KCS which was used by the COBHU striking force. Appears so movements northward from RABOUL, not many noted coming to RABOUL. Comm. Officer Combined Fleet addressed message into AT (AF) and several Navy yards for action following fleet calls MAHE 7, MAHOO, NA WA 2, SOYO 0, TIA 9, WAM 6 and Yoko 5 indicating papers to three vessels x Confirms belief that Combined Fleet auxiliaries are administered by Staff that Command x Confirms sent one to Desdiv 24 (under 1) info Comdeson's 4 and 7, ATAGO and associated vessel FUNES and destroyer carrier TIE 0. These units continue to appear as a task force in near future, probably in North Pacific. 45 2nd sent message to 45 1st Air Fleet, info Comdeson 2, SORYU and a Desdiv in Desm 2.... Most of high precedence dispatches from Comdeson 4 fleet occurred after contact report of US forces addressed were 4th Fleet force info WAKE, WOTJE and 45 2nd Fleet x others sent to Subron 7 and 4th + 5th Air Attack Forces and others x Normal activity in 5th Fleet but still may be that more fleet units to operate with this fleet in near future x JAWIT info new command KO MA 6 and 45 2nd and Combined Fleets. Desdiv RETO 2 associated carriers busy x 2 units in same outfit in dispatch to KAGA. Desdiv SORYU and her planes active x Subron 1 definitely associated with 5th Fleet and East. RO 1-17N (57E); TAE 2 (new submarine) 29N (45E); MAHE 9-19 North 168 East x

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HALSEY'S FORCE

COM 14 160638 -> COMB WAKO 2 Serial 3227 of the 15th. "R AREA OPORD #85- AN ENEMY STRIKING FORCE (2 CARRIERS 4 CRUISERS AND 5 DESTROYERS) WERE SIGHTED 488 MILES BEARING 96° FROM RXB (TULAGI) COURSE 20° SPEED ABOUT 16 KNOTS AT 1030 ON THE 15TH. IT APPEARS THAT THEY EXPECT TO ATTACK THE 'RYC' AREA AND RX AREA TOMORROW. THE 1ST GROUP (LESS THE 2ND GROUP) WILL PROCEED TO THE AREA ROUGHLY NORTH OF RX AND COOPERATE WITH THE 'AIR' FORCE, THE 'MO' STRIKING FORCE, SOUTH SEAS FORCES AND OTHERS IN WIPING OUT THE ENEMY STRIKING FORCE. THE 2ND GROUP OF THE 1ST FORCE WILL...

BELLS 161103 -> COMB. SAUSU of 14th unreadable but indicate two carriers offloading 600 miles from TULAGI. BELL'S VERSION OF ORA 2 Serial 68 of 11th. Unit 2nd Fleet Opord #22 differs from COM 14 (see page 69 top). "CRUIERS 2 INVAZION FORCES OPERATING IN #22 operations and directs FORCE PROCEED SAIJAN OMIYASHIMA AND CARRY OUT OPERATIONS. (2) COMDR WILL WITH PORT OF HIS FORCE ESCORT (3) 7th AIRRON, #11 AND #12 FORCES BETWEEN JAPAN AND SAIJAN X BRACKET AFTER #12 FORCE. Endless MEIYO MARU with space for 3 or possibly 4 other MARUS X This may possibly connect with number 2 operations reported by OPNAV 100 of the 15th although dates of respective despatches different to mine.

COM 14 161528 -> COMB. So KA 3 Serial 576 of 15th at 1500 " SOUTH SEAS FORCE OPORD #198. IF THE 2 CARRIERS WHICH WERE SIGHTED 445 MILES BEARING 098 FROM RXB AT 0815 THE 15TH ARE DESIGNATED AS THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE ATTACK X IF THE SOUTH SEAS FORCE WILL SEND A UNIT ON THE 15TH/16TH AND WILL COOPERATE WITH THE SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT IN SCOUTING FOR AND DESTROYING THE ENEMY X IF ALL UNITS WILL OPERATE AS FOLLOWS X A X "RY" OCCUPATION FORCE HEAD FOR TRUK. NABIRE MARU AND ESCORT WITHDRAW TO KUSAIE X IF CRUIDV 18 LESS (SHIP) WILL BE ADDED TO THE DETACHED FORCE X THE 2ND COVERING FORCE WILL COMMAND THE DETACHED FORCE X THE 2ND COVERING FORCE WILL DEPART TRUK ABOUT THE 26TH (?) AND PROCEED TO RABUL X AND AFTER ARRIVAL RABUL WILL OPERATE WITH THE SOUTHERN AREA FORCE X IF IS DETACHED FROM THE 'RY' OCCUPATION FORCE AND ASSIGNED TO THE DETACHED FORCE X THE FURUTAKA IS ALREADY PROCEEDING TO ...

COM 14 161542 -> COMB. So KA 3 Serial 958 of the 15th. "MO' STRIKING FORCE OPORD NO 6. THE 'MO' STRIKING FORCE WILL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUTH SEAS FORCE OPORD (1) CRUIDV 5 AND (A-DESIGN IN DESTROYERS, LESS 2-11) WILL BE IN POSITION MURA 32 AT 1800 ON THE 15TH. AT 1200 THE 16TH, AFTER HAVING REACHED POSITION KU WA 68 WILL TAKE COURSE 180° SPEED 16 KNOTS AT 1800 COURSE 300° (2) THE 1ST COVERING FORCE WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH THE 'MO' STRIKING FORCE. (3) THE 2ND WILL POSTPONE FUELING AND RENDEZVOUS WITH...

COM 14 161604 -> COMB. So KA 3 Serial 566 of the 15th. "CRUIDV WILL DEPART AND PROCEED TO MAIZURI AND AFTER DOCKING WILL RETURN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO TRUK. (1) CRUIDV 6 LESS FURUTAKA WILL TAKE ON SUPPLIES AT SAIJAN. (2) AFTER COMPLETION REPAIRS CRUIDV 6 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO 'RY' OCCUPATION FORCE TAKING ON SUPPLIES AT [] JOIN THIS FORCE AT THE LATEST BY 2 MINUS ONE DAY.

CINCPAC 161921 -> ALL TF COMDRS PAC, ALL TF COMDRS SOUTHWESTERN PAC (OPNAV) OCCUPATION OF OCEAN AND NAUTON POSTPONED INDEPENDENTLY X OCCUPATION FORCE WITHDRAWING TO TRUK X CRUIDV 6 DEPARTING FOR MAIZURI FOR DOCKING, RETURNING MID JUNE.

OPNAV 16 2216 -> COMB. So KA 3 Serial 772 of 15th. Search assignments for the 16th by the 4th Air Attack Force. Assigned sectors 180°-220° from RXA (MORAIN) radius 600 miles x 5th Air Attack Force search sectors 49°-79° and 79°-136° from RXS, radius [] and 600 miles ... (movement report)

COMINCH-OPNAV 162228 -> COMB. So KA 9 Serial 676 part 2 of 10th. EXPECT TO CARRY OUT PATROLS IN ACCORD WITH THIS FORCE'S SECRET DESPATCH ORDER NO 6. (A) 2-2 DAYS- 4TH AIR ATTACK FORCE BEARING [] TO 200° DISTANCE 600 MILES FROM RYA (MORAIN) 5TH AIR ATTACK FORCE BEARING 70°-24° (?) DISTANCE 600 MILES FROM RXB (TULAGI) OR [] SECTOR 700 MILES FROM RX. (B) ON 2-DAY, 4TH AAF BEARING [] TO DISTANCE 600 MILES FROM RYA (MORAIN) X 5TH AAF BEARING 49°-79° DISTANCE 600 MILES FROM RXB (TULAGI), BEARING 60°-96° DISTANCE 700 MILES FROM RXE XX ...

COM 14 152312 -> COMB. RE MA 9 Serial 245 of 9th. "BEGINNING 11 MAY MAZULA HARBOR AND BAY MAY BE USED BY ALL TYPES OF SHIPS. SHIPS ENTERING MUST RECEIVE [] 10 MILES (DIRECTION) FROM CORRIGEDOR "U A 7 (STRIKING FORCE) of 14th upon completion of WITH CRUIDV 5 KOKUYO MARU PROCEED KURE. ODDS and ENDS from 14th OAS Serial 551 of 15th "24 FLEET OP ORDER [] TORPEDO BORTS OF 64 [] DEFENSE FORCE (WOTJE ?) ASSIGNED TO OCCUPATION FORCE. EXPEDITE (LOGISTICS) AND REPORT WIP READY TO PROCEED" -- A FRAGMENT FROM MEIYO (LNGS?) Serial 671 indicates that the WARSPIRE SINKING REPORT WAS AN ERROR IN BROADCASTING X CANCEL

see opnav 16-2216-16-2228-16-2230

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CINCPAC 160615
COMINCH/OPNAV
COMSOWEPAC
ALL TF COMDR PAC
ALL NAV SEA FROM COMDRS
LESS LANT GULF CANTIS
COMNAVEU

#62

SECRET 25
PRIOIC 01
RDO 1617

PATROL BOATS ARE OPERATING IN VICINITY OF BOUGAINVILLE X ABOUT
30 HEAVY BOMBERS ARRIVED JAPAN FROM EAST INDIES X SUPPLY VESSELS
IN MANDATES BELIEVED MOVING IN CONVOY X CARRIERS AND UNITS OF A
CRUIDV EXPECTED TO MOVE TO NORTHERN JAPAN SHORTLY X NEW AIR FIELD
IN VICINITY OF KENDARI COMPLETED X 2 WEATHER SENDING MARUS IN
VICINITY OF WAKE 2 OTHERS EAST OF MARSHALLS X CINCPAC 62ND
CRUIDV 7 STILL UNDER REPAIR X AIR SEARCHES FROM JAPAN EXTENDS
600 MILES 160157 MAY Sent 0246/W

CINCPAC 160325 -> COMINCH Info ComSowepac Jn, Com TF 16. PRESENT INDICATIONS THAT THERE MAY WELL BE THREE SEPARATE AND POSSIBLY SIMULTANEOUS ENEMY OFFENSIVES 5X ONE INVOLVING CRUISERS AND CARRIERS AGAINST THE ALUTIAN ISLANDS PROBABLY DUTCH HARBOR X SECOND AGAINST PORT MORESBY INVOLVING PRESENT FORCES THAT WILL PROBABLY BE REINFORCED X THIRD AGAINST MIDWAY-DANU LINE PROBABLY INVOLVING INITIALLY A MAJOR LANDING ATTACK AGAINST MIDWAY FOR WHICH IT IS BELIEVED THE ENEMY'S MAIN STRIKING FORCE WILL BE EMPLOYED X THE TIME THESE OFFENSIVES WILL BE DELIVERED IS NOT CLEAR BUT BELIEVE SIGHTING HALSEY IN SOUTH YESTERDAY CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OCEAN AND NAUTON OPERATIONS AND WILL EXPEDITE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL OPERATIONS X MY ORDERS TO HALSEY 160323 BASED ON FACT THIRD OFFENSIVE IS AGAINST THE MOST VITAL AREA AND THE MOBILE FORCES AVAILABLE TO US ARE INSUFFICIENT TO EFFECTIVELY OPPOSE ALL THREE OFFENSIVES. SHALL ENDEAVOR MAKE USE BATTLESHIPS AND SARATOGA AS SUPPORT AS SOON AS LIGHT FORCES FOR ESCORT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

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COM 14 (71) 170048 series COMB - Volume of traffic reduced, somewhat lower number of urgents from 4th Fleet area, 11th Air Fleet with shore based aircraft searched for Bl E striking force. While several surface vessels this area returned to north. Alternate calls MERI 4, KO HO 99, and TI HO 7, represent old MASU 4 that was identified as a R.D.F activity in Tokyo before April change of calls. Only one contact observed, originated by MARU KOSE 9 reporting one plane course west at 1330 (-9) position may have been represented by 11th WA B E possible grid coordinates. Cinc 2nd may be aboard Desron 2 flagship from analysis originating numbers. Combined Fleet Communications office addressed for action the following rather significant list: 1st Air Fleet collection, Communications 1st Air Fleet, 1st and 2nd Fleets, 11th Air Fleet, Batdiv 3, U/W 4 believed to be Batdiv or BB unit, Crusader 7 + 8, Desrons 3 and 4, Carrier DD Command HAKA 7 and 6th Air Attack Force. Cinc 1st Fleet sent short numeral despatch to NGS, Tokyo address, Cinc Combined, Fujita Collective calls N HU 2 and TA KI 3 x This has appearance of a movement report. Cinc 1st also addressed 3 BB in Batdiv 3 plus Ti TV 2, a BB associated with Batdiv 3 and incident. fleet unit E No 2xx association of 2nd Fleet Command with SAIPAN area and 4th Fleet Staff continues but nothing definite that Cinc 2nd has departed from Eniwetok. Commanders still using RABAUZ radio as originator his traffic x NACM and Subm 1 association continues x Malay force despatches generally concerned with convoy and escort activities. Relative quiet in Indies Seas. Evidence of continued air reinforcements from Empire to Rabaul and Marshalls shown by volume of correspondence between Empire and air supply activities and these units. Carrier 5 now using TRUK radio as cover x 4th Fleet Flagship MU RU 1 addressed Navy Minister x Tokusaka Pres office may indicate return to Empire. C/S 4th Fleet addressed at Tokyo. Consider for continued use of Jaluit cover, 5th Fleet Cinc originate what look like movement report including Crusader 3, Crusader 1 and 5th Fleet detached unit VNI 8 - carrier + plane guards active on 5910 KCS. Cinc 1st Air Fleet address KAGA, Tokyo address RO E MO, generally concerned with submarine activities, addressed 11th Air Fleet Cinc info GS Subm, 4th Air Attack + 14th Air.

Submarine D/F contains...
COM 14 170314 -> COMB. MATES Serial 713 of 30 (April) only partly readable - SEND FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY AIRMAIL TO HEADQUARTERS AT #5 BACE FORCE SAIPAN x 500 COPIES OF NORTHERN AMERICAN WEATHER x something about HAWAIIAN area publications x.....

COM 14 170316 -> COMB. 0 in 2 serial 531 for 2nd FLEET OPORD. IN BASIC OPERATION ORDER CHANGE DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM SAIPAN OF UNIT AND UNIT TO DATE RECOVERED AS IN JUNE AND ALSO AS AFTER 15 MAY. 14 would appreciate as much information as possible on dates latter half of May and June from OPNAV. No data here which can be used in recovering them group. KIMIHI Serial 462 of 12 says in part that ACCORDING TO R.I. Analysis former Asiatic Fleet units are now using DG and DOB as their operating bases.

BELLS - 170340 -> COMB. WIRE 4 576 at 1800 (D) 15th is a report of Crus. Flying boat squadron which sighted (Halsing) 2 CV 4 Crusader + 5 BB at 1000 reported his own position. Please give position "in BASE" while Crusader report using same data said from WRAH. ERA RU 2719 re. Repair Tsurumi's fuel tank at the KURE Navy yard.

COM 14 - 170614 -> COMB. 1st Air Fleet Serial 571 of 18th only partly readable, says that Batdiv 1 + 2 will as quickly as possible do something believe efforts to duplicate as message sent to 1st and another shore address MERB 2 Serial 239 of 2 says AS THE A FORCE and STRIKING FORCE will be in TRUK for a period of about 2 weeks after (9439) plan and arrange for a Designate anchorage; follows list of bearings, distances + weather depth of water or shore area from unrecovered islands of the Marsh.

17 May 42
CINCPAC 170247

#63

CUMING, OPNAV, ACNB
ALL TC COMBDS IN PACIFIC
WZNS COMPANSEAFRON
ALL NAV SEA FRONT
COMGEN PACIFIC

AIR SEARCHES FROM RABAU X TRUK AND MARSHALLS X OCCUPATION OF OCEAN NAURU DELAYED X AUXILIARIES WITHDRAWING TOWARD TRUK X COMBATANT FORCE INCLUDING CRUDIVS FIVE AND EIGHTEEN ABOUT 700 MILES TO NORTHEAST OF RABAU VICINITY OF TRUK ENROUTE HOME FOR DOCKING X RABAU FROM TRUK X CRUDIV 7
63 FROM CINCPAC X CRUDIV 6 IN VICINITY OF TRUK ENROUTE HOME FOR DOCKING X KAMIKAWA MARU SHORE BASED AIR FORCES
PLUS SPECIAL LANDING FORCE AND OTHER UNITS UNDER CINC SECOND AT SASEBO EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR SAIPAN AREA SHORTLY X DEPARTED TO REJOIN FLEET SOON X ZULIKAW DEPARTING TRUK FOR JAPAN
170247 "Sent 0319"

COM 14 171026 -> COMB. HI ME 4 Serial 672 of 16th NUMBER 5 WEATHER OBSERVATION VESSEL UNIT WILL PREPARE TO PROCEED TO [] HOWEVER #1 TO #5 (Billeting party) SHIP WILL BE READY TO PROCEED BY 20 MAY. THIS IS Northern Force SpOrd # 22. A.H. B Serial 570 of 16th partly readable says that THE ENEMY STRIKING FORCE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN AND THAT AFTER FUELING AT TRUK THE MO STRIKING FORCE WILL RETURN TO YOKOSUKA

SELLS 171313. EMA 6 17215... THE ASHIDORA? WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS TO DEPART SUBERABAJA ON [] DATE (early June, or probably late May) FOR SASEBO ENTERING DRYDOCK THERE. ON 30 JUNE DEPART SASEBO? AND RETURN.....

COM 14 172312 MAY. NO SAI Serial 9 of 15th is a change in the Navy List x Deletes 2 DD from a Division in Desron 4 and one DD from another division in Desron 4. E.T.E.S. Serial 24 of 16th, only partly readable says he is sending 16,000 A type incendiary bombs to PESTO as well as a large quantity of other aircraft ammo. SOKA 3 Serial 765 of 15th "April 16 - Cinc 1st Air Attack Force place in effect 25th Air [] plan. Cinc 4th Air Attack Force send CHI TOSE heavy bombers to RABAU.

COM 14 172314 -> COMB. To FU 8 Serial 82 of 16th lists frequencies used by our units as determined from a radio captured at (KEEPING?). KIMIHI Serial 475 of 16th gives details of "ALLIED COLLISIONS". There sections in the publication for "SEA HARBOR LOCAL GENERAL MANEUVERING AND GROUP DELIVERY SIGNALS" x SOKA 3 Serial 576 of 16th - From Cinc Fleet, Crus 18 Ser arrived TRUK

COM 14 171745 -> COMB. AMI 8 Serial 599 of 16th still being worked on - previous follows: LOCATION OF ENEMY STRIKING FORCE NOW UNKNOWN x MO SUPPORT FORCE WILL REVEAL AT TRUK AND PROCEED TO YOKOSUKA..... THE (24522) (Ship in 9th Fleet) WILL PROCEED TO MAIZURU AT ONCE

COM 14 172308 -> COMB. HAME 1 Serial 168 of 17th "COMBINED FLEET Serial 148 x CRUDIVS AND [] (a desdiv in Desron 1) ARE DETACHED FROM THE SOUTH SEAS FORCE AND ASSIGNED TO 2nd FLEET AND NORTHERN FORCE RESPECTIVELY x THE DESDIV WILL BE UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMCRUDIV UNTIL THE DEPARTURE OF CRUDIV 5 TO

COM 14 - 172314 (May) To FU 8 Serial 82 of the 16th lists frequencies used by our units as determined by a radio captured at (KEEPING?). KIMIHI Serial 475, 480 of 16th (etc as above)

COM 14's 180044 → COMB (TRAFFIC ANALYSIS) MALAY, EAST INDIES FORCES IN SOUTH-ERN AREA MORE ACTIVE THAN RECENTLY OTHERWISE ASSOCIATIONS AND TRENDS GENERALLY FOLLOWING PATTERN REPORTED YESTERDAY X TRAFFIC LIGHTER FOR PAST TWO DAYS; LATELY INCREASING EMPHASIS ON COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING CARRIERS, BATTLESHIPS, AIR AND SUBS X CRUDIV 6 AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED UNIT USING TRUK COVER IN ADDITION CARDIV 5 X 4TH FLEET GUNBOAT DIV 8 USING RABOUL X COMSUBFOR JALUIT X COM 14'S 17 MAY RADIO INTEL RECAP X PLANES NI SI 2, KONE 1 HEARD ON 31.7 MEGACYCLES, BELIEVED EMPIRE COASTAL AIR PATROL FREQUENCY X JALUIT (ACTUALLY KAWAJALEIN) INTEL. TRAFFIC EXTRA HEAVY TO 4TH AIR ATTACK, 14TH AIR, CHTOSEAIR, 11TH AIR FLEET COMDR X TOKYO RADIO CONTINUED BIG VOLUME SELECTIVE ADDRESS LISTS X LOOKOUT AND WEATHER MARUS NURO 6 IN 10N 17E X YAWI, 16N-17N TO YA 3 YAME 9 POSIT, 19N-167E. COMBINED FLEET COMMUNICATIONS PARTER NOTED YESTERDAY CONTINUES TO CIRCULATE X SHORT URGENTS FROM SAME ORIGINATOR MAY BE CORRECTIONS TO ABOVE PROBABLE COMMUNICATIONS LINE UP FOR PROJECTED OPERATIONS X 1ST FLEET ASSOCIATED COMMANDERS AND UNITS DESTROYER 1 AND 3, COMBATDIV 3, INCLUDED TODAY ADDRESSED LONG LIST TSURUMI, KAMI-DATED APRIL 26 RECIRCULATED TODAY ADDRESSED LONG LIST TSURUMI, KAMI-KAWA MARU, SUSPECTED KORYU (TIE) AIR TENDERS OTA 3, YOKI 6, KUMI 7, OTHERWISE QUIET X NO FURTHER EVIDENCE WHETHER ABOARD DESRON 2 FLAGSHIP OR NOT X TIE UP BETWEEN 3RD FLEET, EAST INDIES, MALAY AND CHINA FLEET CONTINUING ACTIVITY ESCORT FORCE ASSOCIATED ABOVE INDICATE PROBABLE CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN INDIES THIRD FLEET ASSOCIATION X 5TH FLEET ADDRESSED PROMINENT IN EAST INDIES THIRD FLEET ASSOCIATION X 5TH FLEET ADDRESSED URGENT 3 PARTER TO 5TH 2ND FLEET INFO COMBINED FLEET, DESRON 2, GENERAL STAFF X ANOTHER TO 4TH FLEET DETACHED UNITS, COMBINED FLEET SUFFIX 89, 4TH AND 5TH AIR ATTACK X THIS BELIEVED CONCERN SEARCH FOR BLUE UNITS. DESRON 2 INCREASING, INCLUDED IN CONNECTION 2ND FLEET WHEN LATTER ADDRESSED, CRUDIV 5 AND 6 APPEAR HEADING NORTHWARD; FORMER AND DESDIV RI TE HEARD WORKING TRUK, SUBDIV SUE 3 INDICATED ALSO LEAVING RABOUL AREA WHICH LEAVES LITTLE STRENGTH APPARENT THERE AT PRESENT. ASSOCIATION DESRON 2 INDICATIONS WILL OPERATE IN OR FROM KURILES AREA X UNIDENTIFIED AUK 3 WHICH WENT SOUTH WITH KYUKAKU AS FAR AS TRUK APPEARS TALKING TO 5TH FLEET AND YOKOSUKA MILITARY STORES SECTION X 11TH AIR FLEET ACTIVE AS USUAL WITH COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER ADDRESSING LIST INCLUDING NEARLY ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED THIS COMMAND X 4TH AND 5TH AIR ATTACK MOST FREQUENTLY ADDRESSED X CARRIER TRAFFIC HEAVY X UNITS ADDRESSED INCLUDED CARDIVS 1, 2, 3 AND INDIVIDUAL SHIPS X UNIDENTIFIED NO KA 7 AND KE SI 7, SUSPECTED CV, 0 MI-2 PLUS WHAT APPEARS TO BE 12TH AIR FLEET SUPPLY TANKERS OR PLANE TRANSPORT MARUS SE SI 3, MENE 5, TIYU 9, YO HO 7 (KOKUYO MARU), 0 SA 5 WERE AMONG ADDRESSEES X INDICATIONS CARDIVS 1 2 3 VESSELS EMBARKING PLANES X SUB UNIT IN SUBRON 7 (can high?) REPORTED TO COMSUBFOR, CHTOSE AND 17TH AIR, 4TH AIR ATTACK, 11TH AIR FLEET AND UNIDENT 1 KU 6. RDF POSIT

COMINCH 181255 → SPENAVO LONDON INFO COMSOWESTPACFOR, CINCPAC, REFER TO THIS AS COMINCH 181255 ACTION SPENAVO LONDON INFO COMSOWESTPAC AND CINCPAC REQUEST YOU SAY TO THE FIRST SEA LORD IN PERSON THAT INDICATED IMMINENCE OF ENEMY ATTACKS ON MIDWAY AND ALASKA, PERHAPS HAWAII HAS REQUIRED WITHDRAWAL OF CARRIER - CRUISER GROUPS FROM SOUTH PACIFIC. IF COMSOWESTPACFOR HAS CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS BUT NO CARRIERS WHEREWITH TO WORK AGAINST ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN CORAL SEA PARA WILL ADMIRALTY ENTERTAIN REQUEST FOR CARRIER FROM EASTERN FLEET TO JOIN UP WITH LEARY TEMPORARILY, IF SO MOVE HAD BEST BE MADE AT ONCE. IF AS AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF COORDINATING EASTERN FLEET AND BRITISH SHORE BASED AIR ACTION RANGDON OR ANDAMAN ISLANDS (OR OTHER POSITION) BETWEEN RANGDON AND

COM 14 181900 → COMB. RIA 3 Serial 122 of the 16th. "REFERRING TO 6th COMMUNICATIONS UNIT'S SERIAL 621 X AS WE PLAN TO MAKE ATTACKS ROUGHLY FROM NORTHWESTERN DIRECTION FROM N-2 DAYS UNTIL N-DAY REQUEST YOU FURNISH US WITH WEATHER REPORTS 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF TAKE OFF ON THE SAID DATE X ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY, OR ANYTHING ELSE WHICH MIGHT BE OF IMPORTANCE OR ORIGINATOR X MEMBER STAFF OF FIRST AIR FLEET X REFERENCE TO COMBINED FLEET SERIAL NUMBER ON THE DAY OF THE ATTACK WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO AT A POINT 50 MILES NORTHWEST OF A.F. AND MOVE PILOTS OFF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. * corrections per COM 14 020934 June

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CRUDIV FIVE AND A-DESDIV RETURNING TO EMPIRE VIA TRUK X AREA EIGHTEEN IN TRUK AREA X SURFACE FORCES REMAINING IN RABOUL INCLUDE GUNBOAT DIVISION EIGHT CINC FOURTH FLEET AND A SUBDIV CINCPAC 64TH X MOVEMENT OF HEAVY BOMBERS FROM MARSHALLS TO RABOUL EXPECTED X BY DF WEATHER REPORTING MARUS AT 19-167 X 16-178 X 6-170 X SUBMARINE 17-153 X ALL NORTH AND EAST X SUBMARINES CONNECTED WITH AIR ACTIVITY IN MARSHALLS X 180219 Sent at 0345 G

BELLS 181402 ... NIRA 6 (an old one of no current interest... also a long radio intel report of signal strength & bearings by PY (JALUIT) and PIR (KAWAJALEIN))

OPNAV 181425 → CINCPAC and many others in Pacific, passed by CINCPAC to COMSUBFOR, Dept (M-595) and Com 14's... Force (M-5-96) (Note: hand type of (actually type -)) land based bomber, attachment, faster than 7th (WELL) * RIA 3 Serial 122 of the 16th. "REFERRING TO 6th COMMUNICATIONS UNIT'S SERIAL 621 X AS WE PLAN TO MAKE ATTACKS ROUGHLY FROM THE (NORTH WESTERN DIRECTION) N-2 DAYS UNTIL N-DAY, REQUEST YOU FURNISH US WITH WEATHER REPORTS 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF TAKE OFF ON SAID DAYS; ALSO, WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY, OR ANYTHING ELSE WHICH MIGHT BE OF IMPORTANCE X ORIGINATOR X MEMBER OF STAFF OF FIRST AIR FLEET X REFERENCE TO COMBINED FLEET SERIAL NUMBER ON THE DAY OF THE ATTACK WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO AT A POINT 50 MILES NORTHWEST OF A.F. AND MOVE PILOTS OFF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. * (Note: serial number of COM 14 181900 → COMB) SINCE THE #1 HAKU MARY AT THE 2ND PATROL BURT GROUP IS TO BE USED TO PATROL THE BASE AREA (IS) AT THE

OPNAV 181740 → COMB, INFORMATION FROM TOKYO INDICATES THE NAGASAKI MARU (NYK LINE, 5250 TONS) MET WITH DISASTER AFTERNOON OF 13TH RETURNING FROM SHANGHAI. 4 AB AND 5 AB = 4TH AND 5TH AIR-15 2ND EXPEDITIONARY FLEET; NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH TOON (15) BUTAH (EAST INDIES FORCE) SO AVOID CONFUSION, FORMER SHOULD, FOR CLARITY, BE REFERRED TO AS "2ND INDIES".

COM 14 182224 → COMB. RIA 3 Serial 122 of the 16th. "FROM STAFF MEMBER 1ST AIR FLEET. THE HIYU AND KONGU WILL DEPART SASEBO ON 19TH X AFTER YOU HAVE ENTERED (KAGOSHIMA BAY AREA) IF YOU HAVE ANY DESTROYERS WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED TO PATROL OFF SASEBO, PLEASE ARRANGE SAME" ... ((SAIL OCC. FORCE)) KAND 3 Serial 920 of the 18th. WITH RESPECT TO CHANGING THE DESTINATION OF CRUDIV 5, LESS NAKHI AND (Desdiv in Desron 3) LESS FROM (a seaport in Japan) TO KURE, CANCEL (OUR) DISPATCH CONCERNING SUPPLIES"

SUBMARINES OR BOTH MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE ALERT UNTIL THIS DISPATCH CANCELLED. * Corrections per part 2 Com 14's 020934 June

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OPNAV 181429 → CINC PAC and many addres in Pacific, passed by CINC PAC to COMSUBFOR, Dept (M-595) and COMBON... Force (M-5-96) DDDG (M-595) Type 9 (Factory Type -) and base commander, arrangement, faster than the (WELL)

TRIA 3 Serial 152 of 162. REFERRING TO 5TH COMMUNICATIONS UNIT'S SIGNALS. AS WE PLAN TO MAKE ATTACKS ESPECIALLY FROM THE (NORTH WESTERN DIRECTION) N-2 DAYS UNTIL N-DAY, REQUEST YOU FURNISH US WITH WEATHER REPORTS 3 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF TAKE OFF ON SAID DAYS; ALSO, WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY, OR ANYTHING ELSE WHICH MIGHT BE OF IMPORTANCE X ORIGINATOR X MEMBER OF STAFF OF FIRST AIR FLEET X REFERENCE TO COMBINED FLEET SERIAL NUMBER [] ON THE DAY OF THE ATTACK WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO [] AT A POINT [] MILES NORTHWEST OF A.F. AND MOVE THE PILOTS OFF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. (Note sent to SUBFOR + G.F. COM 14 181900 → COMB)

COM 14 181906 TO COMB. RUTI 1 Serial 129 of 175. "SINCE THE #5 HAKU [] MARU OF THE 2ND PATROL BOAT GROUP IS TO BE USED TO PATROL THE BASE AREA (S) IN THE A.O. AREA REQUEST YOU ARRANGE ONE GUN FOR USE AGAINST SUBS AND DEPTA (OR DEPTA CHARGE EQUIPMENT) INSTALLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" THIS ONE TO A TOKYO ADDRESSEE, 5TH FLEET PATROL FORCE AND NO 2 PATROL BOAT GROUP FROM 5TH FLEET. VERN 8 Serial 277 of 175. "REGARDING THE AMMUNITION WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY [] OUR SERIAL # [], THAT PART WHICH IS DESTINED FOR A.F. SHOULD BE SENT SENT TO IMIEJI X URGENT X" Comment from 14 - my previous message regarding A.F. was sent to SUBFOR and COMBINED FLEET.

COM 14 182040 → COMB. TABU 7 Serial 152 of 162. X CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION LIST X REFERENCE COMBINED FLEET SERIAL [] X IN THE ASSIGNED TABLES FOR THE FOR THE COMING "JOINT ARMY-NAVY OPERATION"; REMOVE THE (TENDER OR LARGE MARU) FROM THE SCREENING FORCE TABLE AND ADD IT TO THE DETACHED FORCE X THE (SAME SHIP!) TASK IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: DEPART KURE ON 23 MAY AND LOAD 5 TORPEDO BOATS AT JALUIT AND WAKE X AFTER (COMBINED FLEET OR FORCE) AND (1ST AIR FLEET?) HAVE RETURNED TO JAPAN X LOAD [] AND UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE OCCUPATION OF A.F. TRANS-PORT IT (OR THEM) TO THAT PLACE"

COM 14 182040 → CINC PAC, NAS KANEHOE, NAS PEARL, NAS HAWAII, OFF SHORE PATROL FORCE IT IS INDICATED THAT ATTACKS ON OAHU BY SEAPLANES OR SUBMARINES OR BOTH MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE X MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE ALERT UNTIL THIS DISPATCH CANCELLED.

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LEVEL OF PRIORITY DISPATCHES REMAINS HIGH IN A NORMAL TRAFFIC VOLUME x ALL SERVICE CALLS APPARENTLY CHANGED AT MIDNIGHT, SHORE STATIONS POSITIVELY AND FLEET PROBABLY x COMDR 14TH AIR AT (MIJ) SENT ONE TO COM OFF 11TH AIR FLEET AND 4TH AIR ATTACK FORCE INFO SUBMARINE UNIT KORYU 5, LATTER BELIEVED ABOARD MOYU, A SUB WHICH WAS PLACED IN WAKE-MIDWAY AREA SEVERAL DAYS AGO x CINCPAC REPORTS A SIGHTING OF A SUBMARINE IN 12-47N AND 167-30W BUT NO RADIO BEARINGS WERE OBTAINED HERE x FROM TRAFFIC ANALYSIS THE FOLLOWING GROUP TO OPERATE IN NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC UNDER CINC 5TH FLEET: SUBRON 1 WITH FLAG IN NACHI, DESRON 1 CONSISTING OF DESDIVS TIKA 8 AND RI TE 9, LATTER NOW IN TRUK AREA BUT MAY REJOIN WITH CRUDIV 5 CARDIV 3 PLUS TIE 9 WHICH IS A CARRIER AND MAY BE KORYU, ATAGO AS A SEPARATE UNIT, 5TH FLEET PATROL VESSELS AND MARUS, PORTION OF AIRON 23 AND 6TH AIR ATTACK FORCE x FOLLOWING TO OPERATE IN NORTH EASTERN AREA: CINC 2ND (FLEET), CRUDIV 7, DESRON 2, 14TH AIR, CHITOSE AIR, SUBRON 2, UNIDENTIFIED COMMAND MUSI 5 (WAS IN MARSHALLS ON 15TH), STRIKING FORCE RATED 2 OF 4 BB, CARDIV 1 AND 2 OF 4 CV, CRUDIV 8 AND DESRON 17 x CALLS SAWA 4 AND MU U 2 ARE BELIEVED TO BE GENERAL COLLECTIVE CALLS CONNECTED WITH OPERATION IN CENTRAL OR CENTRAL EASTERN PACIFIC x CINC COMBINED ADDRESSED ALL MAJOR COMMANDERS AND SHORE STATIONS PLUS 2 SUBMARINE UNITS RO ME 1 AND WE RE 2. THOSE OF THE FOUR UNITS MENTIONED IN THIS DESPATCH AND ONE FROM TOKYO R.I. (RADIO INTELLIGENCE) ARE INCLUDED IN PRIORITY DESPATCHES WITH 4TH FLEET AND 5TH AIR ATTACK FORCE IN NEW BRITAIN AREA x COMM. OFF. COMBINED FLEET ADDRESSED RA U 2 AND SANA 4 AND DESDIV RITE 9 x THIS DIVISION ESCORTED SHIRAKU, RETURNED TO TRUK AND IS NOW WITH CARDIV 5 x AS THROWING SOME LIGHT ON LOCATION OF CINC COMBINED, SAMPAN ACCEPTED ONE FOR DELIVERY TO HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, COM SUBRON 5, COM DESDIV 4 AND CHIEF OF STAFF SUBFORCE x HOWEVER MARU SUBTENDER ACCEPTED A DESPATCH FROM YOKOSUKA FOR C/S COMBINED x NOTHING SEEN FROM CINC 11 FLEET x SEVERAL SEEN FROM COM DESRON 1 WHO IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN 5TH FLEET AND CARDIV 3 x NOTHING MUCH FROM CINC 2ND x CALL IDENTIFIED AS JINTSU, FLAG OF COM DESRON 2 - FUN 3 - SENT URGENT TO SI U 8 INFO C/S 2ND AND 6TH AIR ATTACK (FORCES) x COM CRUDIV 8 ADDRESSED 11TH DIR FLEET, 2ND FLEET, KURE AND MAIZURU RADIO STATIONS, INDICATING A MOVEMENT x C/S 2ND SENT URGENT TO C/S 5TH INFO ATAGO x DOES NOT APPEAR THAT CINC 2ND HAS MUCH OF HIS FLEET WITH HIM x CINC 11 MAY SENT 7 PACT MESSAGE TO COMBINED AND CINC 3RD FLEET x SOME INTELLIGENCE TRAFFIC SEEN FROM SAIGON x NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 3RD FLEET x IN 4TH FLEET CRUDIV 5 USING TRUK AS COVER x ONLY PROMINENT UNITS LEFT IN RABAU AREA APPEAR TO BE CINC 4TH AND GUNBOAT DIV 8 x FLEET CALL MUSI 5 WHICH APPEARED IN MANDATES RECENTLY, HAS ITS COMMANDER ABOARD MARU NE SO 2 x ONE DESPATCH ASSOCIATING HIM WITH 6TH BASE FORCE WAS SENT TO COM DESRON 2 AND C/S 2ND FLEET x INDICATED THAT MUSI 5 IN COMPANY WITH DESRON 2 AS ESCORT AND JUMPING OFF PLACE IN MARSHALLS x IN 5TH FLEET ONE DESPATCH FROM C/S SENT TO 5TH FLEET INFO 6TH AIR ATTACK FORCE, COM CARDIV 3, DESRON 1, SUBRON 1, ATAGO, YOKOSUKA AND OMINATO COMMANDANTS x TRAFFIC FOR 5TH FLEET COLLECTIVE ON THE OMINATO CIRCUIT IS ACCEPTED BY TAKO 6 - 5TH FLEET FLAG, YAFU 6 PATROL FORCE FUN, BRU 4, TEYA 5 AND RE SA 5 ALL MARU PATROL DIVISION FLAGSHIPS x 11TH AIR FLEET AND 11TH AIR FLEET TENDER OSA 5, HAVE BEEN ACTIVE WITH COMBINED FLEET STAFF IN SOME DESPATCHES x MAY BE FUELING ARRANGEMENTS, TODAY OSA 5 (?) IS INDICATED IN 4TH FLEET RADIO ZONE x MANY DESPATCHES CONTINUE BETWEEN CARRIERS, CARRIER PLANES AND AIR STATIONS x CINC 11TH AIR FLEET SENT URGENT TO COM CRUDIV 5 x CARDIVS DESTROYER COMMAND, CARDIVS, 2 PLANE GROUPS AND NATC

BELCONNEN 190145 -> COMB. NO SA 1 Serial 905 of 16th dealo with alterations of following CRUISERS: TAKAO, ATAGO, CHOKAI, SUZUYA, MYOKO, ASHIGARA, AND HAGURO. Last 4 unconfirmed, APPARENTLY DEPTH CHARGE RACKS BEING MODIFIED AND NUMBER DEPTH CHARGES INCREASED BY 4. SU TI NO Serial 175 of 14th WITH REGARD TO SHIP OF CRUDIV 6 (?) AND AUDA (?), IN ACCORD. KURE MANY WORD SERIAL IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET THE DESIGNED DATE, IT IS DESIRED THAT THOSE 2 VESSELS DOCK BETWEEN [] AND 15TH (JUNE ?) x AN ANSWER (IS DESIRED) INDICATING DOCKING ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE x

COM 14 190304 -> COMB. SA SI 2 Serial 281 of 18th. "ATAGO AND TAKAO ARRIVED KURE 1730 19TH. Comment: The 2 may not be so named but are in same section of Com 14. KANG 3 Serial 915 of 17th "FROM COM CRUDIV 5, CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI AND (a desdiv of Desron 1) LESS 1 DD TO DEPART TRUK ON 17TH ARRIVING YOKOSUKA 22ND. CAPTAIN AND CREW FROM RYUKYU (SHOTO) ARE EMBARKED"

COM 14 190346 -> COMB. SA SI 2 Serial 279 of 18th. ON THE 15TH THE ATAGO AND TAKAO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CARRY OUT (TYPE EXERCISE #3) AND TESTS OF D/C RACKS. THESE SHIPS WILL ACCORDINGLY DEPART [] ON THE 22ND AND ARRIVE (IN NORTHERN JAPAN) ON THE MORNING OF THE 25TH. SUTA 1 Serial 429 of 17th. "AFTER ARRIVAL CARDIV 2 LESS SORYU AT [] JINSHI, CARDIV 1 PLANE SQUADRON UNDER COMMAND OF COMMANDING OFFICER KAGA AND CARDIV 2 PLANE SQUADRONS UNDER COMMAND

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ALL NAVSEA/PACOM COMDRS
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DAR-es-SALAM (dawn) I-30
A B SUVA BAY I-21 Dawn

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FLORES AND SOEMBA ISLANDS OCCUPIED x HIRYU AND KONAO DEPARTED BY JASEBU x DEFINITE INDICATION OF EARLY OFFENSIVE ACTION x STRONG NAVAL FORCES x ESTIMATED LOCATIONS CARRIER'S: CARDIV ONE AND TWO OPERATING IN VICINITY OF JAPAN 65TH BULLETIN x CARDIV 3 TO OPERATE NORTH OF JAPAN SHOKAKU IN HOME PORT x ZUIKAKU ENROUTE TO JAPAN FROM TRUK x KASUGA RETURNING TO JAPAN FROM MANDATES x BY DF SUBMARINE 15 NORTH 136 EAST x SUBS STARTED 12-47 NORTH x 167-30 WEST 190015

COM 14 190346 CONTINUED COMCARDIV 2, CARRY OUT (GUNNERY? EXERCISES) x FIRST GROUP USE KAGA x SECOND GROUP USE HIRYU x COM DESDIV 17 FURNISH ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL

CINCPAC 190427 -> NAS MIDWAY INFO COMAIRGROUP 21, COM 14, COMCARDIV 1, I FAF-3 AND 18 SBD-2 PLANES WILL ARRIVE MIDWAY SOON. ONLY LEAST SERVICEABLE SB 20-35 WILL BE RETURNED AT PRESENT KEEPING AT LEAST 9 OF THIS TYPE AT MIDWAY x NECESSARY ADDITIONAL PILOTS FOR AUGMENTED LANDPLANE COMPLEMENT WILL ARRIVE WITH PLANES x MAKE IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS FOR DISPERSION, PROTECTION CONCEALMENT ADDITIONAL PLANES GIVING CONSIDERATION TO KEEPING RESERVE OF PLANES ON SAND ISLAND x

BELCONNEN 190547 -> COMB. SUYO 66 Serial 663 of 17th. ARRIVED KURE 1600 x NISE 6 Serial 019 of 14th. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO ASSIGN THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF [] x PLEASE ADVISE (AMOUNTS ?) 15 MAY KAGA AND ONE OTHER SHIP x 18-26 MAY AKAGI x PRIOR 26 MAY NAGARA AND [] x AFTER 26 MAY [] OF DESDIV IN DESRON 4 x NOTE LAST [] MAY BE "ALL OR PART OF" MAY BE DESPATCHED BY []

BELCONNEN 190517 -> COMB. So Yo 8 Serial 775 of 17th. Looks decidedly pre-operations type. REFERRING TO 2ND FLEET Serial 590 (about) Requests HYDROGRAPHIC SECTION (CHARTS) FOR [] DEGREES (EXCEPT [] AND []) BE SENT AT ONCE (BY AIR MAIL CARE OF 5TH BASE FORCE ((SAIPAN)))

COM 14 190642 -> COMB. KOKO 4 Serial 630 of 17th. "SINCE THE #5 SHIRAKU MARU IS TO BE USED IN THE "AO" AREA DURING THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN, PLEASE HAVE [] COMPLETED" TO ME 3 Serial 368 of 17th. SHOKAKU AND 2 DD ARRIVED KURE "....."

CINCPAC -190725 -> NAS MIDWAY INFO COM 14. BY VARIOUS SHIPS YOUR DEFENSE FORCES ARE BEING REINFORCED BY 12-3 INCH AA, 8-37 MM AA AND NINE DUAL MOUNTED 20 MM WITH PERSONNEL TOTALING 16 OFFICERS AND 455 ENLISTED SEMI-COLON 2 COMPANIES RAIDER TROOPS TOTALING 280; ABOUT 35 MARINE AIR PERSONNEL AND 45 CIVILIAN WORKMEN x RUSH PREPARATION PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND PREPARATION GUN SITES AND HASTY SHELTERS x DESIRE CRANE BE PUT IN OPERATION TO HANDLE LIFTS OF 10 TONS FROM SHIP.

BELCONNEN 190840 -> COMB. SHIP (OR SHIPS) DEPARTING (AROUND KURE) 17TH FOR SAIPAN. ANOTHER MUSI 5 DEPARTED 18TH FOR SAIGON (IPS) ... SA TI 2 of ... CRUDIV 4 AND DESDIV 2 (?) ARE TO BE IN THE NORTHERN FORCE x PROCEEDING TO OMINATO ... ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUELING [] DD OF FORCE x LEAVE KURE 0800 22ND, ARRIVE [] ON THE AM OF THE 25TH. HORE 1 Serial 163 of the 16th. "AS (SPECIAL table group 27 (26) IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INVASION FORCE, [] (page 80)

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DESIRE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DEPARTURE TRUK BY 15 JUNE. KANO 3 Serial 189 of the 15th... Unreadable but refers to replacing the 2 planes aboard each ship with Type 0 seaplanes - possible exception in case of Aoba and another vessel.

COM 14 190946 -> COMB. TOE 2 Serial 165 of 18th tells Air Heads that NEW ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTIVE ON 27TH... KANO 3 SERIAL 914 of 17th SAYS MYOKO AND HAYATO WILL FUEL AND PROVISION UPON ARRIVAL YOKOSUKA X SANO 7 Serial 629 "17 AKAGI FIGHTERS, 16 FIGHTERS AND 17 BOMBERS OF SORYU AND 16 HIRYU FIGHTERS ARRIVED AT 0930"

COM 14 190948 -> COMB. KANO 1 Serial 668 of 18th "FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS FORCE: 1st SECTION CRUIDIV 4-27 MAY 2000 TONS X 1st SECTION BATAV 3-25 MAY 2400 TONS X CRUIDIV 5-26 MAY 1000 TONS X OTHERS FUEL FROM THE YOYO MARU BY THE 24th // S.F.S.I 2 Serial 280 of the 18th "AFTER THE DESTROYERS OF YOUR UNIT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHERN FORCE ARRIVE OMINATO, THEY SHOULD JOIN (2nd Section) Cruidiv 4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, OUR MOVEMENTS ARE: DEPART AT 0800 22nd, ARRIVE FORENOON 25th." COM 14-191116

191116 COM 14 -> CDR, TF 16 (FOR R.I. UNIT) GIL (SLOANING) X CALL SIGN CHANGE SIMILAR TO THAT OF 27 APRIL OCCURRED AT MIDNIGHT 19TH X NEW IDENT'S FOLLOW: JALUIT - HAMI 5, KUMI 6, OSE 8, TOYA 7 X PALAD - HIFU 6, KURE 1, KEMER 8. CHICHIJIMA - FUNA 7 X TRUK FURAB, NEU 1, ROA 7 X OMINATO, MIREB, RUYU 4. YOKOSUKA YOYO 5 X SAPPANNOYA 7, RU 6, YUKA 2 X TOKYO RISE 7. 11th AIR FLEET - HINO 2, NATA 6 X SUBFOR KAND 1, MERO 7, YOE 2 X COMBINED FLEET. SI E 9 X 4th FLEET SO TO 9 TO C 2 X ALL MAJOR COMMANDS SUTU 3, SA KA 5 X DUTCH INDIES FORCE UA 7 X 1st AIR FLEET YA MA 5 X 2nd FLEET USING COVER WITH RESTORATION

BELCONNEN 191229 -> COMB. MUTE 9 Serial 891 of 18th "REFUR - NAVY CODE "Z" DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED X NAMM CODE "S", 1942 EDITION, NOT HAVING BEEN SUPPLIED. (RECEIVER) HAS NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED. BELLS' 210740

BELCONNEN 191610 -> COMB. Partly Readable Cruiser A FORCE CONSISTING OF CVs, of the 18th MAY still undergoing treatment states A FORCE CONSISTING OF CVs, TAKAO, ATAGO AND MICHIO (but possibly MAYA) plus 2 BATAV 3 BBs (HIE AND KONO OR HARUNA AND KONGO) AND DESRON 4 LESS ONE DIVISION LEFT YOKOSUKA 1400 ORANGE TIME THAT DATE X DESTINATION NOT GIVEN

COM 14 192126 -> COMB. change of calls at midnight 18th apparently came into effect 27 April except that several tentatively identified SUBROUS now appear with Chief of Staff suffix and certain other unidentified units xx Tokyo office TEYO N concerned with publications and codes sent a long 5-part radio to ALBAT xx unidentified Cruiser or Desron AKI 3 in CHICHIJIMA area probably enroute from TRUK to duty in 5th Fleet area x Condors 5 and ZERKOU appeared using CHICHIJIMA radio originator xx KOEYANG Radio room TO FU 8 sending Radio Intelligence traffic to Tokyo, 5th Fleet and others. 7th Combined Fleet sent short routine to all major commands ashore and afloat may represent the execution of some plan. Battleship KU RU 7 exchanged dispatches with Combined, First Fleet Commands and others. KUMANO tentatively identified acting as 2nd Fleet flagship rather than Desron 2 flagship xx The 1st Air Fleet acting as 2nd Fleet flagship and ESCORT FORCE continues x DUTCH INDIES FORCE, MALAY FORCE X CHINA FLEET and ESCORT FORCE continues x Area south of TRUK is relatively quiet. COMSUBFOR still using JALUIT (actually KUBOJIMA!) as cover x Command, MU SI 5, that may represent a Convoy continues active in MARSHALLS area x Communications Officer 6th Base Force addressed 8 MARUS besides general Marshall Islands area in one message. Close observations here of all Marshall air and submarine frequencies with no indications of units east of the date line. Conv sub for originated an urgent to Communications Officer Combined Fleet at 2130 the 18th Only three bearings on sub. units were MUN 2 and MIYU 9 bearing 312° from PALMYRA and 1YA bearing 293° from OAHU xx 1st Air Fleet Command returned to AKAGI x Some signs of RUYU 10 to operate with Condors 1 and 2 xx Carriers and plane groups behind in 5910 x AKAGI on 7635 with IWAKUNI A (NU RI 8). Suspected carrier UMI 2 associated with Condor 3 xx High Officials in Tokyo Navy Dept have been fairly heavy originators past few days. Major Commands afloat have sent more than average number of short dispatches to Department which may represent acknowledgments.

OPNAV 191312 -> COMB. SOKA 3 Serial 855 of 10th FROM CO SHOROKU - B. AT 1200/10 JOINED 32763 AND POSIT 35 DE PROCEEDING TO COURSE 69? SPEED 16 X AT 0800/10 40 miles FROM TRUK X AT 1600 13th ABOUT 200 MILES DUE EAST OF SAPPANX AT 1400 18th 90 MILES FROM CHICHIJIMA X ARRIVE AT 58862 AT 0800/17th AT 0600/10th MAKING 16 KNOTS x...

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COM 14 200050 -> COMB... X FOR OPNAV XX NASA 6 Serial 661 of the 18th AVAILABLE HERE UNABLE TO DO MUCH WITH IT DUE NECESSITY KEEPING UP WITH CURRENT TRAFFIC X EXISTANCE OF AF AND AO OCCUPATION FORCES DEFINITELY DETERMINED BY MY PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON SAME SUBJECT X SUGGEST THIS ONE DEALS WITH COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUBMARINES GIVING WEATHER DATA FOR OAHU, See BELLS' 220328 for its version

BELCONNEN 200326 -> COMB. MIYORE (NGS?) Serial 507 of 18th "Due to enemy aircraft strength(s) in the Australian area at the present time it will be impossible to supply (PORT MORESBY) RZP after its occupation by sea route between (R.R. (PALMYRA)?) and RZP. Plans by means of land route to RZP from RZM (LAE). Therefore inform us immediately of the feasibility of this based on your inspection and local you will require in the way of laborers and material // KARU IA Serial 752 of the 17th The 35477 which will depart ICURE (or nearby place) in JAPAN 0760 17th will arrive SAPPAN 0800 the 22nd - north frontiers: 18th-28.40N, 133°E; 19th-25N 137E, 26th-26.26N, 140.20E, 21st-17.40N-143.30E; She will steer course bearing 140° from CAHE SHIMA (S. Tip of KYUSHU) LIGHT.

BELCONNEN 200556 -> COMB. ROTU 1 Serial 171 of 19th reported exercises completed cancelled night exercises due to weather SA SI 2 of 19th ATAGO LEFT 0830 AND ARRIVED ICURE 1100/UA 7 of 18th "CHANGED FLAGSHIP TO AKAGI" MI 190 18th not completely readable but indicates CRUIDIV 5 LESS NACHI and 375 B1 REQUESTED TO CALL AT KURE ENROUTE YOKOSUKA FROM JAPAN (or place nearby) BELLS' 210740

COM 14 200762 -> COMB... MIYORE Serial 507 to 9S 4th FLEET. "WE ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER TO YOUR FLEET THE SMALL TYPE AIRCRAFT DUE TO BE DELIVERED IN JUNE AND JULY UNTIL AUGUST X THIS DELAY IS CAUSED BY A SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL, PLANES AND EQUIPMENT (Rest deals with the replacement in KAMIKAWA MARU and other units)

COM 14 200764 -> COMB. MIYORE Serial 507 of 18th "ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN AREA MAKES A SEABORNE INVASION OR RZP (MORESBY) IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME, THIS FORCING US TO CONSIDER A LAND APPROACH X PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO INVESTIGATE A LAND INVASION ROUTE FROM RZM (LAE) AND INFORM THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY OUT THE TASK. THE general advice of KERU 7 Serial 469 of the 16th IS THAT CARDIV 5 LOUSES IN CORAL SEA (ACTIONS) WERE HEAVY REQUIRING FOUR FIGHTERS, FIFTEEN BOMBERS AND TEN TORPEDO (PLANES) REPLACEMENTS X PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMPAIGN EXPEDITE PREPARATIONS, TRAINING AND QUALIFYING OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. @147

COM 14 200818 -> COMB. VOLUME 9 of the 16th (4 parts) the following has been decided regarding Combined Fleet's Problem (Number) x Phase 1 x Beginning 1800/22nd (Emergency Organization - will be used). Limiting date for dispositions 20(?) MAY, both A and B Fleets will have the mission of destroying the enemy Forces x On Date the B Fleet (Cmc GF) Composed Main Body less Cardiv 3 and part of BASEAIR x The A Fleet (Cmc 2nd Fleet) Screening Force less 2nd Fleet unit and Occupation Force x Point A (an area within 20 kilometers west the center 30 kilometers bearing 160° from (Light house) x Point B (60 kilometers bearing 270° from Point A) these to be occupied not later than 21 MAY. IF Phase 2 - Beginning at 1300/22 May, Fleet B will search for and destroy "A Fleet" xx A Fleet's mission will be to destroy B Fleet's occupation force. On the 22nd B Fleet (Cmc Combined Fleet) Main Body, Occupation Force x A Fleet (Cmc 2nd or Cmc 1st Air Fleet) STRIKING FORCE less (Cardiv 3?). Initial positions - B Fleet, Main Body at Point A, Screen at Point B and Occupation Force at Point C. B Fleet (error for A?) at Point D (70 kilometers bearing 30° from Point C (location Point C not given)). ORGANIZATION. Flagship BataV 3 equals 2 ships of MUTSU class; 1 ship of BataV 3 = 4 ships of Sena class; all units of Cruidiv 8 = 4 ships of same class; All destroyers of Division equals 4 ships of same class. IF Phase 3 - all units training (in aerial combat bombing etc. Areas to be used (assign various areas - unimportant) IF 1st Air Fleet and 11th Air Fleet will institute ASW patrols as follows: 1st Air Fleet - 20th, 21st + 22nd South of 20° North + East of 135° East for approx 150 kilometers, 11th Air Fleet on 22nd for approx. 100 kilometers from to to. 14 Command: Note absence of specific mention of BataV 1 + 2 Condors 1 + 2 and Cruiser Division except Cruiser 8.

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BELCONNEN 201305 → COMB. RETO 2 Serial 016 of 16th. THIS FORCE WILL ARRIVE SASEBO 1500 18 MAY. // KYO 4 Serial 662 of 19th. REFER THIS FORCE MESSAGE 4P x IN SCHEDULE OF THIS FORCE LESS (44358th & 85508) MAKE FOLLOWING REVISIONS: ① THIS FORCE LESS (GARBLE) WILL DEPART SASEBO 1000 ON 10th; WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH (10678) AT [] WILL ARRIVE 8 MINATO ON AM OF THE 22nd. ② DESREN [] (LESS 12588 and 25782) AND 2nd SECTION OF CRODN 4 [] TO 8 MINATO [] x Same originator 063 of the same date is an order for the units in Paragraph ② above, less 25782 to 8 MINATO accordance orders C.O. ATAGO, (25782) will rendezvous with another vessel 21273 on Course 40° speed 16 at 1800, 20 May, 13 miles North of [] light. Remainder not readable. NASA 4 Serial 673 of 18th is a Radio Intelligence Report on our communications. Part 2 may have fix areas. At 0946 picked up call "CR 2 I 2" (strength 2) which is believed to be a vessel in the "AE" area, which communicated with vessels in the "AF" and "AG" areas - call signs "E47E" and "LSE" (the broadcasts on all frequencies were []) sending one dispatch to each....

OPNAV 201430 → COMB. FUKE 5 Serial 159 of 14th - "ASTHS [] UNIT REQUIRES CHARTS OF SOUTH OF 10° SOUTH AND EAST, PLS ARRANGE TO HAVE READY BY THE TIME WE DEPART [] PLACE XX. // Cost not pertinent to AF and AO ops."

OPNAV 201630 → COMB. NEYO NJ 413th mentions HISAWA ((MISAWA?)) orders to Command forces in BATANGA and SOBRIABAYA x will depart Tokyo by plane on 18th... KUNJ 7 → WIN 1 of 14th says YOKOSUKA Supply Section requests SASEBO furnish (some cylindrical object) to the HARUKU and KONGO. However SASEBO can furnish only 20 (5,000) of them to each x Requests that the remainder of the 35 (7000) each be loaded on [] ship in Cardiv 5 (?) possibly at some other place xx KOSU 3 Serial 412 of the 13th TO C/S COMBINED, 2nd 4th FEETS AND 11th AIR Fleet info. KAMIGAWA Mann and unidentified FUKE 5 and MAYA 2 says THE PREP SAIL (JAPAN) [] Force which is concerned in the OCCUPATION OF MI [] (POSSIBLY MIDWAY) IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD AN OPERATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE 26th AND TO DEPART ORS 27th x THEREAFTER THE #5 SHIMA? MARU AND THE [] SHOULD ARRIVE PS BY 1200/26th

OPNAV 201656 → COMB. NASA 4 Serial 661 of 18th ONLY GARBLED COPY AVAILABLE HERE BUT APPARENTLY REVEALS EXISTANCE OF "AF" AND "AO" OCCUPATION FORCES AND MENTIONS POSITION ON A NORTHWESTERLY BEARING FROM "AI" x DOES H OR MELBUNIT HAVE THIS SERIAL See COM 14 2000050 (p. 8)

COM 14 202142 → COMB. AOA IS CHICAGO F AND AOC IS AGATU. THESE IDENTIS FROM MESSAGE GIVING LOCATION OF AOS AND ABS x AOB NOT MENTIONED x NEYO NJ Serial 490 of the 15th. "REPORT OF SHIP [] x YOU WILL CONDUCT A STRICT ANTI SUBMARINE PATROL BETWEEN 2° AND 5° NORTH AND BETWEEN 145°-150° FROM 20 MAY TO (30 JUNE) NO HORI Serial 524 of the 19th - "ACCORDING TO [] INTELLIGENCE THERE ARE AMERICAN FORCES ON TONGATABU (FRIENDLY ISLANDS - BRITISH) AND BORA BORA (SOCIETY ISLANDS, POSITION 16-30 SOUTH, 151-18 WEST) AND ALSO ON FIJI"

COM 14 202236 → COMB. Suffix 95 (Staff Communications Officer), while appearing to fulfil that function in major commands, is fairly well confirmed as attaining chief of Staff status in smaller commands xx Communications and air types predominate in the traffic for the 20th. TIE 0 (Suspected (aircraft carrier) KORYU), UMI 2, quite definitely appear as carriers associated Cardiv 3 xx Combined Fleet and carriers originating increasing amount of 4 kana tactical code dispatches indicating that operations are in progress xx RABAU and KOEPAN have been added to the list of Radio Intelligence originators. Tokyo worked SAMPAN on 8/4/42, an additional circuit indicating increased traffic load that area x Tokyo Radio broadcasting to Northern Forces on 5/6/42,

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ABOUT 20 HEAVY BOMBERS ARRIVED TIMAR AREA x PLANES OF AKAGI, KAGA SORU AND HIRU OPERATING FROM JAPANESE SHORE BASES x CRUDIV 5 AND ENROUTE JAPAN FROM TRUK x CRODIV 7 AND 8 IN HOME WATERS BULLE CRUDIV 18 IN TRUK AREA x BY D/F WEATHER REPORTING VESSELS 10°-175 and 6°-175° NORTH AND EAST

201653 sent at 1710

also a new channel, with Russian Station in the DIOMEDES (UNW) causing interference, possibly intentional. Inauguration this broadcast believed to indicate that the Northern Force has commenced operations TRUK twice accepted traffic addressed tentative Combined Fleet and sent one to all C/S Mops. Does, Unident TE YU 1, K650 118 info SINGAPORE (RE SU 7?) No 1st Fleet originated traffic noted possibly due to lack of identities x Condor 1 Traffic Centres association with 5th Fleet Cardiv 3 and ATAGO Desdes WA HE 8, TIKAB + Unident KAKA 4 x 2nd Fleet Comdr, not active although Suffix 95 addressed ATAGO (Com crn div 9, DD?) MANUP and Unident command YO K66 (possibly 5th Fleet) xx Malay and Indies area traffic increasing with escort and convoy control prominent. Many apparently new calls showing up there. 4th Fleet area maintains high level of despatches between air units, MATSUOKA, TRUK, RABAU and AIR Supply offices in Empire x Suffix 95 of 4th Fleet addressed Kure Personnel info Com crn div 6 plus 3 calls which may be ships in that division (WAH 9, TEV 7, IRE 8) x Also maintains interest Crudiv 5, which may indicate that unit's association with 5th Fleet is to extent of entering Empire area in Navy yard work. GOSHU Mann associated 5th Fleet with 4th Fleet, 6th Base Force Condor 2. Connection latter with 2nd Fleet may associate this Commander with the Marshalls forces. Cmc 2nd, Balth 3, Condor 2 are associated in another. NE TO 8 or KOKU 1, previously called Gunboat Division 8 may be Toped boat Division 6 x This is strengthened by past practice of addressing above separately in some heading with 4th Fleet collective indicating it not a regular part of that command x Cardiv 1 and 2 busy with respective plane groups. Battleship TITO 2 associated with Cardiv 2. Cmc 1st AV Fleet addressed Striking Force (MI SE 4) less Destroyers Cardiv 3 and plane groups information Cmc Combined x AKAGI appears in company with KAGA. Doubtful D/F places carriers in general Empire area x Com sub force still using JAWIT com, originated considerably file to Air and submarine units. Appears to be SOFA Marshalls x addressed 7 sub units in Empire info to Cndrs. 1st Fleet, 1st Air Fleet, 1st Air Fleet, Combat div 3 info 4th Air Attack, Com crn 23, 14th Air, Unident 51 YU 3, KUME? x No mention Cmc 2nd unless one of the Unident calls but appears significant line up. Letter from staff, Com crn 23 info C/S Combined, 4th Fleet, N Gen re-broadcasts of traffic addressed Eastern Patrol Submarines on all Tokyo channels plus JAWIT sub circuits may indicate strict radio silence on part of the sub. operating well inside Central Pacific waters. R.O.F. shot on MI RE 8 from Midway was 290° - no others xxx

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CINCPAC 210137 -> COMINCH: NECESSARY BRING YORKTOWN PEARL FOR FUEL x YOUR 182036 x IF OPERATIONS FEASIBLE CONTEMPLATE USING YORKTOWN AS SUPPORT FOR HALSEY x IF NOT FEASIBLE CONTEMPLATE SENDING TO PUGET

COM 14 210142 -> COMB. JAA 7 Serial 676 of 19th. "CRUDIV [3 SHIPS] x BDTDIV3 [3 SHIPS] AND DESRON 4 [4 DESDIVS LESS 1 DD] ARRIVED [PLACE] 22 HOURS FROM YOKOSUKA - PROBABLY SHOKOKU-KUWASHU REGION] AT 1200, 19th MOROZ Serial 498 of the 20th. "REF UR SERIAL [] WITH REGARD TO THE K CAMPAIGN, CHANGE THE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED FREQUENCY TO 9225 KILOCYCLES (SOMETHING ABOUT PQTB (KOT-KUWASHU)) SENDING ON RECEIVING (above) JALUIT info COMSUBFOR.

BELCONNEN-210924 -> COMB. ... first parts not pertinent... orange operator interrupted a "KIU" ("URGENT") to send TUI 3 Serial 678 of the 20th. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMBINED FLEET OPERATIONS ORDER 12 [] (Tanker?) HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE INVASION FORCE x PLEASE GIVE [] ORDERS WITH REGARDS TO ITS SCHEDULE x THE ABOVE SHIP WILL LEAVE HERE FOR SAIPAN BY THE 25th // TAYOI Serial 606 of 19th. "YOUR SHIP (call is KAMA 7) WILL GO INTO DRYDOCK FROM 3 JUNE (?) UNTIL THE 10th // MU YA 2 Serial 469 of 16th x "1400 DEPARTED PYI (IMIED) FOR SAIPAN" ... THIS ORDINARY LOOKING MESSAGE ADDRESSED 4 SHORE STATIONS FOR ACTION and to 2 SHIP STATIONS, 4th FLEET, and 3 Commands for INFO. A FU 7 Serial 685... (date?) Unreadable but refers to 5th BASE FORCE ((SAIPAN)) message and involves operations of MI OCCUPATION FORCE in connection with mopping up enemy submarines x SI RO WA Serial 489 of 16th. "ALL 15 ZERO FIGHTERS WHICH ARE TO BE SENT BY (PLACE/ACTIVITY 41331) WILL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE 22nd AND WILL BE USED BY ZUIKAKU. PLEASE CARRY OUT REPLACEMENTS PER BUAEV MSG []

BELCONNEN 210740 -> COMB. old one of 17 May Crudiv 5 + [] to North Force HA KA 7 Serial 446 of 20th directs change of date and time for gunnery practice involving KAGA, AKAGI and HIRYU x ((Rear) BELLS YA MA 5 Serial 665 of 18th See Bells 191610, page 80) CRUDIV 4 (ATAKO, TAKAO and []) BDTDIV3 (KONGO HARUNA and []) DESRON 4 (Lano 20 of Squadron 10, [] ship and Desdiv of Desron) DEPARTED YOKOSUKA AT 1400 x KIO 4 Serial 653 of 20th. [SHIP] and Desdiv 3 under orders of C.O. KONGO will arrive in company with the (KONGO and 46599) (Confirmed as both HARUNA and HEI by different sources) [departing SASEBO at 1300 the 22nd (or 23rd?)].

OPNAV 210745 -> COMB. MESI 6 Serial 696 May 13th Sapp Coal 2nd Fleet shifted flag today to KUMANO temporarily. N 41 9 (Kumano) serial 670 May 18th "From ops 2nd Fleet (?) As there has been a change in the movements of part of the vessels of this fleet you will please arrange for new personnel arrivals to proceed to their posts as per the following: for ATAGO (?) and TAKAO (?) to KURE (?); for MYOKO (?) and HARUKO to KURE area (date and hour will be given later)" will submit to French Indochina) MORIE Serial 678 of 20 May. "OCCUPATION FORCE Secret Dispatch Order # 2 x THE COMMANDERS OF THE AIR FORCE (OF THIS OCCUPATION FORCE) SHALL MOVE A PART OF THE REMAINING FORCES TO PS ((SAIPAN)) IMMEDIATELY AND COOPERATE WITH THE 4th FLEET QUESTION IN DESTROYING ENEMY SUBMARINE (See com 14 210908 & belms for its translation/description of MORIE B Serial 678 of 20)

COM 14 210908. UA 7 Serial 439 "SHIFTED FLAG TO AKAGI." TUIYO 4 Serial 877 of 19th. "EFFECTIVE [] YOUR UNIT HAS BEEN ORDERED TO JOIN THE NORTHERN FORCE x THE UNIT WILL PROCEED TO (IN NORTHERN JAPAN) ARRIVING [] DATE x PLEASE INFORM US AT ONCE OF YOUR SCHEDULE". THIS FROM CRUDIV TO ARO 3, a tentative Crudiv. MORI 8 Serial 678 of the 20th. "OCCUPATION FORCE OPERATION ORDER # 2 x COMMANDER AIRCRAFT WILL WITH PART OF YOUR FORCE PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREP (possibly) THESEPHIN IN COOPERATION WITH (UNIT OF AIRCRAFT) OPERATE AGAINST ENEMY SUBMARINES" This was from CUL 2nd Fleet to ARO 23 to Action

COM 14 211105 -> COMB. HAMA 5 Serial 232 of 20th. "YOUR SHIP WHICH WILL SCREENING FREE TO THIS FREE. IRU 1 Serial 197 of the 19th. "YOUR SHIP WHICH WILL PROCEED TO SAIPAN AND THE (BLANK) TAI, WHICH WILL ALSO PROCEED THERE THIS MONTH WILL BE DETACHED FROM THE 4th FLEET AND WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OCCUPATION FORCE" ... rest not pertinent... 3 heavy bombers - Rabaul - 41250 -> SAIPAN. (11th AIR FLEET bombers)

BELCONNEN 211104 -> COMB. KIO 4 - Serial 666 of 20th. "THIS FORCE LESS LEFT SASEBO FOR OMINATO". SI YU 3 Serial 174 of 19th. "BECAUSE CRUDIV'S LEFT (SHOKOKU?) (something to do with NO 1 (N 1) 2 of operation) DESIRE THAT ALL 12 OR MORE FIGHTERS BELONGING TO (AIR UNIT) BE LAUNDED ON HISWAN MARU

(See COM 14 212250 - second part - "MO SE 3 Serial 174 of 19th" (page 86)

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TWO CRUISERS OF CRUDIV FOUR EXPECTED TO OPERATE WITH FORCES NORTHEAST OF JAPAN (BULLETIN NUMBER 67) SUBMARINES ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME ACTIVE IN MIDWAY AND HAWAIIAN AREA 1 SHORTLY x SOME UNITS OF COMBINED FLEET ENGAGED IN TACTICAL EXERCISES IN JAPAN WATERS x AIR SEARCHES FROM TULAGI TO 400 MILES x LAE x ENEMY PLANS TO ATTEMPT OVERLAND APPROACH ON MORESBY FROM INCREASED MOVEMENT OF SUPPLY VESSELS TO MARSHALLS 210329 May '42

OPNAV 211433 -> COMB. NOSSI Serial 898 of 14th x THE NAVY CODE "C-24 AND NUMBER [] WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS OF MAY [] x THE USE OF NUMBER 23 X 15 X 17 X 18 WILL BE DISCONTINUED SIMULTANEOUSLY x THE USE OF ALL THE "NAVY "C" CODES UP TO AND INCLUDING NUMBER 19 SHALL BE DISCONTINUED x 22 IS ALSO DISCARDED" ... rest not pertinent... ESCORTS VIL PHILIPPINES... MAIN TRUK -> KANIGANG...

OPNAV 211447 -> COMB. KIO 4 Serial 652 of 16th. "ORGANIZATION DESDIV 6: 1. IKAZUCHI, 2. SABANAMI, 3. INAZUMA, 4. HIBIKI x DESDIV 21 - 1. NENOH, 2. HATSU-HARU, 3. WAKAGA, 4. HATUUSHIMO x ... rest not applicable nor pertinent

OPNAV -> CINCPAC COMSOPACFOR INFO COM HAWAIIAN FLEET, US NAVAL FORCES EUROPE / 211639 (ONI ESTIMATED ORANGE FLEET LOCATIONS CHANGES. 121 FLEET. CRUDIVS 1 & 2 at KURE expected to depart soon. Crudiv 3 including 2 CV and possibly 2 x CV in home waters may proceed to OMINATO. Crudiv 4, now undergoing tests, expected to arrive North Japan May 25. Desron 1 departed SASEBO May 19th except the Desdiv now enroute home waters with Crudivs which is expected to arrive with 5th Fleet plus Subrons 1, 3. ARO 23 units with 6th Air Fleet Force. Crudiv 9 KASUGA enroute or arrived home yard. 2nd Fleet - nearing completion overhaul at SASEBO KONGO departed YARD May 19th x Crudivs 1 and 2 continue air exercises with the SETTSU in waters near Iquish with nascent Desron 17 providing Anti-submarine patrol. Crudiv 8 in home waters or enroute SAIPAN x Desron 2 with 1 desdiv recently returned to home waters after operating SHOKOKU may soon proceed MARSHALLS x ARO 7 x 22 may be enroute SAIPAN. 4th Fleet Crudiv 18 in TRUK area, Crudiv 6 with 9 TRUK including MATSUYAMA for docking x Crudivs SHOKOKU and home yard preparations May 17th x ZUIKAKU enroute home waters x Desron 6 remains New Britain - Solomons with CUL 4th and one Subdiv x Mandates Base Force returned regular stations x CUL 6th Fleet in TRUK area 5th Subron, part at SASEBO others in Marshalls x Subm 7 in WAKE - Marshalls area with units near Midway. Subron 8, part in Wake, part in SAIGON area x 3rd Fleet - ASHIGARA at SOERBAYA x Desron 3 believed returned home waters x Desron 5 uncertain x Combined Air Force ARO 11 at TINIAN, ARO 24 KAMI in TRUK area and GO SHU Mann enroute IMIED to SAIPAN x ARO 25 KANUKAWA Mann in SOLOMONS, FUJIKAWA Mann at TRUK x others uncertain, ARO 26 KUSARAEU x Tanker TSURUJI damaged, at RABOUL x KOROYO Mann fueling the ZUIKAKU, Japan area.

COM 14 212240 -> COMB. KANO 3 Serial 918 of 18th. "FROM CRUDIVS x THE DESTINATION OF CRUDIV 5 PLUS DESDIV (IN DESRON 1) IS CHANGED TO KURE. EXPECT TO ARRIVE ABOUT 0900 THE 22nd" According to FCNA 7 Serial 316 of the 19th from ZUIKAKU, THAT VESSEL IS SHORT 20 VF, 14 VB and 17 VT. "MENSU Serial

MENU 5 Serial 257 of 15th ORDERS QUANTITY OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT FOR A.F. X

BELCONNEN 212245 -> COMB. RI TE 2 Serial 683 of the 20th IS IMPERIAL HR Secret Radio Order - OCCUPATION FORCE operation Order 1 x ship (in unit - N558) x MINE Sweeper Unit (58686) x ship in unit (36132) x 85th Guard Force x 85th Submarine Base Force x #14 Special Landing (Base) Force and ship (42705) WILL COMPOSE THIS FORCE UNDER DIRECTION (COMBDR 85th GUARD FORCE). START PREPARATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE [] AREA, AND WILL TRANSFER TO TRUK BY 2 (GALLEY) JUNE WHERE IT WILL WAIT NEXT OPERATION X KI MI HI Serial 536 of the 21st "THE AF AIR UNIT SENT FOLLOWING RADIO MESSAGE TO COMMANDANT 14TH NAVAL DISTRICT X AK OF THE 20th X WITH REFERENCE TO THIS UNIT'S REPORT DATED THE 18th X AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE ONLY ENOUGH WATER FOR TWO WEEKS X PLEASE SUPPLY US IMMEDIATELY - THIS WILL CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF [] AF X ADVISE. ((AK IS "PEARL HARBOR"))

MUTE 3 Serial 911 of 20th "SIGHTED PENINSULE OF ENEMY SUBMARINE OFF SAIPAN HARBOR ON THE 19th" MOSE 3 Serial 174 of 19th "SINCE CARDIV 15 (UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS TIME?) IN THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN, IT IS REQUESTED THAT TWELVE OR COM 14 212250 -> COMB. MORE [AS MANY AS POSSIBLE] CARRIER BOMBERS BE PLACED ON BOARD THE (HI SHIP ("NISOHAN a new Seaplane carrier)) - a plane carrying ship) X KO SO 3 Serial 160 of the 19th "DO SOMETHING WILL TAKE PART IN (THE) CAMPAIGN UPON COMPLETION OF [] INTERFERE alone - campaign cannot wait to ZUIKAKU will start at once, ZUIKAKU joining later. All info indicates ZUIKAKU to be part of Northern Fleet, rather than AF force.

COM 14 212336 (R.I.) -> COMB. No noticeable changes in Fleet disposition by Tokyo traffic. Clearly indicated that many movements, including capital ships, taking place in KURE SAPO area. Cannot obtain Belconnen identification of NALS 3 as a Baddiv ... Air - Submarine traffic in Marshalls area at a high level. Com Subtr addressed 4th Air Attack Force 5th Base Force, Chitose Air, 1st Air, 14th and 19th Air, WAKE, WESTJE, UNIDENT. RA SE of and 5th Special Base Force x 14th Air addressed 4th Air Attack Force. C/S Submarine Force, Communications Officer Subtr 3 and Subdiv TEKA 9. From the above it appears that Subtr 3 and practically all air units in the Marshalls are operating in close cooperation x Cmc Combined active with despatches to many Commands x typical addresses follow: 1st Air Fleet, Cardiv 3, Cardiv 5, Main General Staff, Cmc 5th, Beoron 1, 2 and 3, Cmidiv 5, 6, 7, Shokaku, Comcardiv 5 and 1st Air Fleet x 5th Fleet supplies 0435 and 17, 2nd Fleet, 1st Air Fleet same suffixes and 6th Air Attack Force x Cmc 1st Fleet used his Screening Force call several times today to several destroyers Commands and Battleships x He addressed ships of Baddiv 3 and destroyers of Beoron 1 and questionable Beoron 3 to Com Baddiv 3, Cmc Combined, 2nd and 1st Air Fleets x Traffic associates the following Baddiv 3, ships Ku Ro 5 with Destroyer units YUMS 8, FURI 2 and RI TE 9, Batdiv (or BB) UMI 5 with destroyer units RI YA 5, MI MO 1, NOXA 9 and SU MA 6 x Below these all related to screening movements of capital ships. C/S 2 sent report to 5th Base Force at SAIPAN info C/S 4th Fleet Comdabdiv Cmidiv 7, 11th Air Fleet, C/S, HO KO B, AIRON 23 and TIYO 8 x Several other despatches upheld same association x Much traffic between PALAO SAIPAN and JALUIT Base Forces x Cmc 2nd may be the SAIPAN area x Beoron 1 associated with many marus x Wake address SO NO FU sent an urgent to JALUIT x Exchange of despatches indicated return of units of Gumbal Beoron 8 to Empire, Tokyo broadcasting plain despatch to 5th Fleet on 5635 KCS. Maybe that submarines also copy this as that frequency formerly identified with submarines x Comcardiv 3 appeared in several despatches with Cardiv 5 x Since this unit already with 5th Fleet, probable that a unit of Cardiv 5 well from MARCOS 120 appeared on 11346 KCS which is controlled by 11th Air Fleet at JENKIN x Fleet unit MO RI 1 appeared on OMINATO circuit. KAMEKAWA Maru and Airon 23 associated with MANBOTE address and traffic for her sent to TRUK. SORYU appears to be at TRUK without Staff of Cardiv 2; HIRAN active flag and is in Empire. Carriers and planes active on 5910 KCS. KAGA plane group addressed at OITA Air. Com Subtr continues use of JALUIT call. Several submarines continue to be addressed at KURE and several at YOKOSUKA. Subtr 3 seems to be involved in this area. Several single hearings obtained on submarines but no fixes obtained.

CINCPAC 220135 -> CTF 16, 17 INFO CTF 4, 9 (Fletcher, Halsey - Com Air 4th Div, Com Air PAC) DO NOT BREAK RADIO SILENCE TO REPORT POSITION x COM TASK FORCE 17-182322 x SEARCH PLANE WILL CONTACT YOU AND REPORT ON ITS RETURN x ENTRY ORDER WILL THEN BE ISSUED FROM HERE INCLUDING DISPOSITION PLANES x PLANES TO MAINTAIN STRICT RADIO SILENCE AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING WHEN COMING IN TO LAND.

BELCONNEN 220328 -> COMB. Following is own heat of NASSA 4 Serial 661 of the 18th (See COM 14 200750 and OPNAV 201656 -> COMB) x FROM 07338 TO QUESTIONABLE SUBMARINE UNIT (13518) "PLEASE CHANGE THE DIRECTION FOR MOVEMENTS OF THE "A.F." AND "A.S." OCCUPATION FORCE AND RELATED FORCES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER x IN ACCORDANCE WITH [] OPERATION ORDERS THE POSITION IN WHICH SUBMARINES (19050 followed by 96234?) MUST BE PRIOR [] WILL BE 150 MILES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EASTWARD OF AI" ((AI = OAHU IS?))

BELCONNEN 220349 -> COMB. UYO 476 of 20th. Indicated departure of Questionable HISSHIN Maru departing SA-SEBO [] date to arrive OMINATO 25th and depart 26th xx YUKI 5 Serial 218 of the 21st asko if possible HISSHIN Maru load 6 FIGHTER 5 FROM "6th AIR" x KAI KE 4 Serial 479 of the 20th "YOUR SERIAL 208(?) DELETE LOADING 6 PLANES ON ZUIKAKU (Total 36 PLANES)"

COM 14 220732 -> COMB. CONNECTION MELB UNIT DESPATCH REGARDING WATER SITUATION AT A.F. ((See BELLS 212345)) PLAIN LANGUAGE WAS SENT BY MIDWAY TO AF ON SUBJECT OF FEED SITUATION THERE FOR ANIMALS x AS STATED PREVIOUSLY AF IS CONFIRMED HERE AS MIDWAY x RI TE 2 Serial 653 is occupation force order number 1 x Lists small craft which are to proceed (of 20th) to TRUK by unknown date (For OPNAV - group is 34889 - request value for it) This is the date the forthcoming campaign gets underway x MERO 7 Serial 239 of 2 MAY contains this same date and indicates the 4 Frey and Striking Force will be at TRUK in about 2 weeks after this date for logistics.

BELCONNEN 221425 -> COMB. WAKO 7 Serial 857 of 20th. KONGO, CRUIDIV AND CARDIV 2 LESS SORYU LEFT SAENI FOR 72936 the 20th... rest India's note.

COM 14 222024 (R.I.) -> COMB. No contacts; some decrease high precedence traffic - Traffic normal. Indicators Fleet gathering units in SAIPAN area. 5th Fleet concentrating units in OMINATO - KURE area. Baddiv 3 and Cardiv 1-2 increasing KHUSHU activity. Except for air, little strength south of TRUK. Malay busy with transportation, supply x convoy operation with India x Philippine areas. Some increased prominence China Fleet and China Fleet air since NO RI 1 may be connected reports offensive operations in FOOCHOW and other areas. Several ACNAV type messages. Considerable comm. traffic xx C/S Combined Fleet addressed Comcardiv 5, 6 & 8 while Comm. Officer 1st Fleet addressed Cardiv 5 and 6, one msg. fr C/S GF sent by AKAHU to SETTSU fr delivery x Association of 2nd & 4th Fleet Commands. Marshall Air and Base Forces, Subtr and Wake Base continues. One lead has Cmc 2nd in SAIPAN Comm. 3rd xx Air 23 and KAMIKAWA Maru closely associated. SAIPAN Base Force x Com Subtr using JALUIT radio is a heavy originator xx Cmidiv 3rd Air Attack Force addressed C/S 11th Air Fleet, mfr Staff Combined Fleet, 6th Air Attack Force, BITHORO Air, Comdr. OMINATO and enciphered "HOROMUSHIRO" ((PARAMUSHIRO - Northern most KURILES!)) Base Commander.

Two fleet units in Cardiv 3, ? carriers? UMI 2 and TJE 6, believed now in or enroute to Northern area x RYUJO may also be included for future operations in Northern area but not definite x No further Tokyo broadcasts to 5th Fleet on 5635 observed xx at 1336 5th Fleet patrol boat NI-4 sent urgent priority to 5th Fleet xx Carrier frequencies 5910, 7110, 7635 active but all transmitters in patch in the Empire area. Estimated carrier locations. Cardiv 1 and 2 less SORYU in KURE area, SORYU at TRUK x RYUJO in Empire waters x UMI 2 and TJE 6 in OMINATO area, Cardiv 5 in Empire yards KASUGA Maru enroute Empire xx Sub. units TEKA 9, KORI 6, TA-E2 and YU HES active with traffic but unable here to intercept this going to JALUIT OF Screening... RORU in 13N 166E to C/S 11th Air Fleet sent to JALUIT fr delivery

CINCPAC 222101 -> Comdesdiv 57 (in WHIPPLE) INFO RICHMOND. LETTER GIVING DETAILED INFORMATION MOVEMENTS CARGO S/S. PAUL REVERE WRITTEN BY H.J. SCHILLING, MEDICAL CORPS RESERVE FROM THAT VESSEL POSTER BLEACHER x LETTER MARKED CENSORED, R.H. FUNK, U.S.M. LETTER NOT CENSORED, SUGGEST POSSIBILITY FRAUDULENTLY PASSED AND ILLEGALLY MAILED ASHORE BLEACHER. RICHMOND GIVE TO COM. GEN BLEACHER. WHIPPLE ASCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN PAUL

REVERSE AND PASS TO S.O.P. ROSES. ((CINCPAC 222101))

COM 14 222100 -> COMB. WI MA 5 Serial 525 of the 21st to 1st AIR CORPS FOR ACTION. "SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN REQUEST YOU COMPLETE DELIVERY DURING MAY OF THE REPLACEMENT PLANES FOR USE IN THE 2nd PHASE (OF THE CAMPAIGN) x Comment by 14: Originator and addressee indicate that subject campaign is either AFK or AF or both x RI SA 9 Serial 694 of the 21st to 11th AIR Fleet for Action: "SINCE BIHORO AIR'S HEAVY BOMBER SQUADRON IS ADVANCING TO 'N.G.B.', AND IN VIEW OF THE BAD WEATHER THERE AND PROSPECTS FOR MORE BAD WEATHER, REQUEST ((THAT)) YOU DETAIL ONE DESTROYER TO OPERATE UNDER BASE PATROL AND AIR PATROL GROUP". Comment: Suggest HOROMUSHIRO for N.G.B. AS THIS PLACE IN ADDRESS IS "WE-WE" ((Exceptional address)) system x Value for BIHORO AIR not definite. In connection with recently appearing "MI" area, believe this is either new or alternate value in MIDWAY. This based on association.

COM 14 222134 -> COMB. KURU 7 Serial 167 of the 20th to the High Command in Action. "CHANGE OF SCHEDULE - THE HIEI, KIRISHIMA AND DESDIV 1 WILL DEPART SASEBO AT 1500 MAY 21 x KIRISHIMA [OR HIEI] WILL ARRIVE AT POINT "C" AT ABOUT 0800 THE 22nd. THE KIRISHIMA (OR HIEI) WILL ARRIVE AT POINT "D" ABOUT 1300. AFTER PARTICIPATING IN COMBINED FLEET (EXERCISE) THE SHIPS WILL RETURN TO (KAGOSHIMA OR ARIAKE BAY)". Comment by 14: This has to do with the fleet exercises now underway. 10 + Serial 065/20th deals with same topic

COM 14 2142 -> COMB. SIROWA Serial 502 of 20th to ZUIKAKU. "REPLACEMENT PLANES OF ((FOR!)) THE ZUIKAKU WILL BE (LOANED?) AS FOLLOWS: 20 Type 9 VF, FROM 1st AIR UNIT ARRIVING THE 25th x 13 DIVE BOMBERS FROM SUKUGAWA AIR ARRIVING THE 28th x 2 DIVE BOMBERS FROM 11th AIR ARRIVING 28th x TEN VTB FROM 1st AIR ARRIVING 26th AND 1 VTB FROM SUKUGAWA AIR ON 26th. Com 14 Comment: Some of above translation doubtful but believe general idea is to provide replacement for ZUIKAKU losses as indicated x Dates are good therefore believe ZUIKAKU will not depart prior to 28th.

OPNAV 222230 -> COMB. MASE 5 Serial 196 of the 20th. "DURING THE PERIOD OF THE (92892) OPERATION THE AREA DESIGNATORS FOR THE VARIOUS CENTRAL POINTS SHALL BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS (INTELLIGIBLE ONES FOLLOW) CHICHIJIMA - "CHI"; RUSTO - "RU"; KWABALEN - "KE"; TRUK - "TO"; RABAU - "RA"; YAP - "YA"; TARD - "TA"; AF - "MI"; AFG ((KURE 12)) - "YU"; AFH ((EASTERN ISLAND)) - "FU"; 4 MORE DUBIOUS x SAIPAN - "SA" (?); OMIYAJIMA (GUAM?) - "WO"; TULAGI - "TSU"; MOKH - "MA"

COM 14 222342 -> COMB. UNKNOWN ORIGINATOR Serial 907 of 20th "CARDIN 2 LESS SORYU, KONGO AND (Desdiv in Desron 2 or 17 ((10!))) DEPARTED SASEBO FOR TO SA (OR ARIAKE) BAY AT 1100. For opnav: Code group 67377 has been identified as 2nd Fleet because of the use it in his capacity as a Task Force Commander of Western, Southwestern or similar fleet a value as Cinc 2nd Fleet not so good but it is same origin

CINCPAC 222345 -> Com Task Group 21 Info Comdespac, COMINCH. INDICATIONS ARE THAT JAPANESE INTEND ATTACK ALASKA ABOUT ONE JUNE x CAUCAL UNCOMPLETED PORTION MY OPOD 24-42 x PROCEEDED TO KODIAK VIA DUTCH HARBOR FUELLING TO CAPACITY LATER PLACE x ASSUME TASK UNIT DESIGNATION 8.1.1 x COM TASK FOR 8 RAD THEOBALD IN REID ARRIVES KODIAK 27 MAY AND MAY TRANSFER TO YOU ON YOUR ARRIVAL x FROM DUTCH HARBOR, ADVISE HIM WHEN TO EXPECT YOUR SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS ACCORD MY PLAN 28-42 WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU BY CTF 8 x MAINTAINS RADIO SILENCE x PAC TO GOVERNS COMMUNICATIONS.

COM 14 222350 -> COMB. RARI 9 Serial 702 of 21st to 9th COMBINED FLEET FOR ACTION. "PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE THE TERROR GUNS OF THE EIGHT AND 16 (CENTIMETER) TYPE WHICH WERE SEIZED AT WAKE AND TURNED OVER TO THE YOKOSUKA COMBINED LANDING FORCE BY THE 4th FLEET, ASSIGNED TO AND LOADED ON TENDER BY 4 JUNE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AF RI SU 8 Serial 080 of 22nd addressed to the AOB Occupation Force. Expect to ENTER OMINATO AT 1100 THE 23rd. WI MA 6 Serial

Serial 573 of 21st "MARSHALLS AIR FORCE SERIAL REQUEST REPLY AS TO YOUR INTENTIONS IN REGARD TO (PERSONNEL?) FOR THE K CAMPAIGN.

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COMINCH 22 MAY 42 OPNAV ALL NAVSEA FRONT COMDRS ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC ACNB LESS LANT etc COM NAV FOR EU NZNS COMAIR PAC
NATORI EXPECTED TO LEAVE JAPAN FOR EAST INDIES SHORTLY x KAMIKAWA MARU ENROUTE SAIPAN BULLETIN 68 CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHI ARRIVING JAPAN x BATDIV THREE WITH PART OF CRUDIV FOUR AND A-DESRON OPERATING IN VICINITY OF JAPAN x WEATHER LOOKOUTS TEN ONE SEVENTY FIVE x SIX - ONE SEVENTY FIVE x NINETEEN AND 166 x ALL NORTH AND EAST x ATTENTION INVITED TO FACT THAT FIGHTER FLEET PLAINES HABITUALLY OPERATE FROM JAPAN'S SEAPLANE TENDERS WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN ADVANCED OPERATIONS 220333 "sent 0410"

CINCPAC 220219 -> COMSOWESPACFOR, COMINCH FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMSOWESPAC INFO COMSOWESPACFOR AND COMINCH x LEARY DELIVER MAC ARJHR x JAPANESE COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE STATIONS ARE INTERCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO ALL FORCES CONCERNED THE CONTACT REPORTS MADE BY ALLIED PLANES TO BASE AT PORT MORESBY x IF THESE REPORTS ARE ENCRYPTED THAT CIPHER IS BEING QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY READ.

COMSOWESPAC ((MACARTHUR)) 221042 -> CINCPAC. MORE INFO DESIRED URDIS 220219 ((above)), OF NECESSITY HAVE BEEN USING PLAIN LANGUAGE FOR VITAL CONTACT REPORTS, MANY OF THESE 6-3 MAY x WHAT DATES WERE INTERCEPTS YOU SPEAK OF x REQUEST DESIGNATION "QUICKLY" IN TERMS OF HOURS.

CINCPAC 222115 -> GEN. MACARTHUR Info COMSOWESPACFOR, COMINCH, PERIOD EXTENDING 8-14 MAY x MAXIMUM 11 AND 12 MAY x CIPHERED RETRANSMISSIONS BY JAP TO OWN FORCES WERE FROM FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ONE HOUR AFTER ORIGINAL ALLIED TRANSMISSION. CINCPAC REPLYING TO COMSOWESPACFOR 221042 x IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE ALLIED PLAIN LANGUAGE CONTACT REPORTS AND PRESS RELEASES ARE FREQUENTLY SIMILAR TO ENCRYPTED DESIGNS SENT TO THIS COMMAND.

COMSOWESPAC 220725 -> CINCPAC. FROM COMMANDER ALLIED FORCES SOWES PACIFIC, APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YOUR 220219 WHICH MADE POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE CODE CHANGES x INVESTIGATION HERE FAILS TO REVEAL SIMILARITY IN PRESS RELEASES AND ENCODED MESSAGES FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS REPORTED IN YOUR 222115 x PLEASE LET ME HAVE SPECIFIC INSTANCES UPON WHICH I CAN BASE ACTION SIGNED MACARTHUR. (CHAPTER VERSE WOULD BE TENDENTIOUS AND PROVIDE DENIAL SO NO FURTHER ACTION)

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COM 14 230302 → COMB. MIYORE (NCS) Serial 744 of the 22nd. "SEND ON THE AIR PICTURES TAKEN IN THE ((BATTLE OF THE)) CORAL SEA x IF ALREADY SENT INFORM ME OF DETAILS" Comment by 14- this has to do with photos in order to refute British propaganda reported previously. SASI 2 Serial 292 of the 22nd. "ATAGO, TAKAO x (may be other 2 carriers included) AND DESDIV LEFT KURE FOR OMINATO". MIYO P Serial 28 of the 22nd to UNC 2nd Fleet says THIS UNIT WILL ARRIVE IN SAIPAN ON 24th - then something about some aerial photographs of MI (MIDWAY). (Maybe he thinks the Emily reconnaissance flight was successful or were there a few days ago)

BELCONNEN 230426/0427 → COMB. AVIGAS KENDARI → JOK... So SA 3 JUNAL 577 of 21st. COMBINED AIR FORCE PLANES ARRIVED TRUK VIA IMIEJI AT 1815 x DEPARTING FOR SAIPAN 0700 TOMORROW 22nd x KUSA 8 Serial 465 of 20 MAY x AT 0800 THE 22nd THE [] AND [] (1st probably a BB; 2nd either KONGO OR MARUNO) WILL DEPART BUNGO CHANNEL (#2 WEST CHANNEL ENTRANCE) FOR [] THE COURSE GENERALLY WILL BE 146° SPEED 16. (2) DO SOMETHING ABOUT ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROLS [] TO 200° FROM [] LIGHTHOUSE, READING 20 MILES x KIRISHIMA WILL JOIN THIS UNIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE x Rest of Para (3) about dispatch of escorts prior to assembly ex rendezvous with request for the time and place of arrival of escorts x Note - course indicates SAIPAN possible destination (More likely... the Fleet exercises on that date). RARI 9 Serial 162 of the 21st. "OF THE ITEMS AMONG THOSE CAPTURED ON WAKE AND FORWARDED TO UNIT BY 4th FLEET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4th FLEET ORDER [] THE 8 AND 10 [] AND THE 2 (TORRETS OR TORPEDO TUBES) SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO AF ON THE [] MARU WHICH IS ATTACHED TO YO TU KA [] AND WHICH WILL COME INTO PORT HERE." HOKARU's 496/22nd. Not clear but includes Army and a Consulate regarding operations after which Chief of Staff (or Staff Officer) IMOTO will be dispatched to OMINATO to arrive morning of the 24th.

BELCONNEN 230423 → COMB. HORI 3 Serial 230 of the 21st indicates departure from IMIEJI for CINCHEJIMA 0330 on 21st x RISA 5 Serial 694/21st partly readable indicates at least part of BISHOP AIR heavy bomber detachment is returning to EMPIRE (KGS). IRI 1 Serial 200/22nd. WHEN [] UNIT LESS THE KAMIGAWA MARU AND A DD (1st Fleet's screen frigate) ARRIVE AT SAIPAN ABOUT 0900 ON 26th, PLEASE ARRANGE TO FUEL THE [] TONS FUEL OIL x Rest unreadable x SA 51 2 Serial 289/20th x PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE [] AMMUNITION OF THE ATAGO AND TAKAO, WHICH PER SCHEDULE WILL DEPART KURE EARLY AM. OF THE 22ND AND ARRIVE OMINATO DURING THE 24th.

COM 14 231024 → COMB. YAKI 9 Serial 389/20th - Only fragmentary indicates a D/F IS TO BE SET UP AT WAKE x KAME 4 Serial 488/21st tells unknown ship to load up with 11,000(?) tons fuel oil, 600 tons of miscellaneous stores and 1500 tons of fuel and rendezvous in position 28-30N with 138 East. KIRU 8 of 23rd. "DEPARTED TRUK FOR RAFAUL ISL"

OPNAV 231400 → COMB. RAYA 9 Serial 208/18th x "THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO FREQUENCIES REFERRED TO IN MY SERIAL 26: (1) YOKOSUKA WILL USE 6705 KCS FOR BOTH SENDING AND RECEIVING x (2) SAIPAN RECEIVING ON 7680 KCS, SENDING ON 6705 KCS x RUWA 4 of 23rd. TO FIRST AIR ATTACK FORCE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW THE 19TH AT 1730 x OTU 7 Serial 22nd. "THE [] MARU (#2 HISHI MARU?) SHALL DEPART [] AS SOON AS SHE LEAVES DRY DOCK AT 0800 AND WILL ARRIVE KURE ON THE 24th x AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER LOADING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED SHE SHALL DEPART KURE AND ARRIVE OMINATO (?) ON MAY 24th. OTU 7 Serial 22nd. Very fragmentary. indicates NO 2 HISHI Maru with 800 drums of oil will arrive KURE early the 24th ((2 HISHI Maru (other) 856 tons)

BELCONNEN 231705 → COMB. HAKA HU Serial 724 gives schedule of [] maru leaving YOKOSUKA for SAIPAN about 0900/22nd carrying military stores, including aircraft parts, trucks, mail and construction equipment scheduled arrive SAIPAN 1400 the 27th passing thru points enroute: (A) 31-30 and 1400; (B) 23-40/142-50 (C) 19-31/143-50. All position North latitude and East longitude.

COM 14 231922 → COMB. MOSE 5 Serial 864/22nd. "THIS UNIT WILL DEPART OMINATO AFTERNOON OF 24th x AS SOON AS DESDIV [] PREPARATIONS COMPLETED ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL OMINATO". UKO 2 Serial 685/20th to COMNAV 4, COMCBROW 3, 2 CRUISERS x AIR UNIT AND VARIOUS UNIDENTIFIED - "AT 1300 [] DATE, WILL HOLD CONFERENCE ON BOARD NACHI REGARDING FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS x ALL DIVISION COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND" Comment 14: From fragments - date departure OMINATO, commencement of operations on 27th at earliest.

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FORCES OPERATING IN NORTH JAPAN KURILE AREAS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE RYUJO AND POSSIBLY 2 CONVERTED CARRIERS 2 CRUISERS OF CARDIV 4 SUBRON DESDIV 1 SMALL PATROL VESSELS AND SHORE BASED AIR. A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF BATDIV 3 CARDIV 1 AND 2 CRUVIS 7 AND 8 DESDIV 17 ORGANIZING IN JAPANESE WATERS INDICATION UNC 2nd NOW IN SAIPAN AREA x ZUIKAKU ARRIVING HOME (SAME) VESSELS x GENERAL LOCATION AS YESTERDAY PLUS ONE AT 54N, 154 East SUBMARINE AT 13N 164E.

69th BULLETIN FROM CINCAC HOME
ZUIKAKU ARRIVING (SAME) VESSELS x

COM 14 232022 → COMB. SI MA 6 Serial 529/21st. "SENT K. CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ADDRESSED TO 14th AIR VIA A TRANSPORT SEAPLANE OF THE 11th AIR FLEET YESTERDAY" KUMI 6 Serial 714/21st part 1572 says 2V239 WERE PATROLLING IN THE VICINITY OF JOHNSTON ISLAND x THEY LANDED AT JOHNSTON ISLAND AT 2204. Comment by 14 - Numerous messages of this type are sent daily with particular emphasis on aircraft activity, number of planes, hours in the air, direction of scouting, etc., in the HAWAIIAN, ALASKAN and SAMOAN - CANTON areas.

CINCAC 232011 → NAS DUTCH HARBOR, FURNISH BY DISPATCH THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION DUTCH HARBOR RADIO STATIONS NGT-2 AND NGT-3. FROM CINCAC (IN CONNECTION JAPANESE R.I. D/F BEARINGS etc)

COM 14 232108 → COMB. MOSE 5 Serial 865/22nd says CARDIV 3 PLUS ONE DESDIV LESS 1 DD LEFT TOKUYAMA FOR OMINATO. In connection MASE 5 Serial 196 ((26 6PNAY 22233)) THE DESIGNATORS ARE ALL FOR PLACES ARE IN JAPAN AND MANDATES INCLUDING NEW BRITAIN EXCEPT LAST FOUR WHICH ARE "MI" FOR AF (MIDWAY) x [] FOR AFG (NEAR MIDWAY) ((KURE IS)), "FU" FOR AFH (HERMES REEF?) ((FRENCH FURIGATE SHOALS?)); "RE" (FOR LAYSON?) x IT IS NOTED THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE DESIGNATOR IS THE FIRST KANA FOR THE PLACE NAME DESIGNATED x ALSO NO AREAS IN NORTH AND NONE IN OAHU COMTASFOR 7 ((COMSUBPAC)) → TU 8.5, 11 ((US GROUPER)) INFO CINCAC 232110 GROUPER ASSIGNED NEW DESIGNATION 7.1.1 EFFECTIVE ZERO HOURS (ACT) MAY 25 x PROCEED IMMEDIATELY AND ESTABLISH SURFACE PATROL IN SECTOR 320-340 TRUE FROM MIDWAY AS CENTER, DISTANCE 150 MILES FROM CENTER x ... DISREGARD SECTOR BOUNDARIES WHEN IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY x AN ATTACK IN FORCE ON MIDWAY IS EXPECTED x JAPANESE SUBMARINES MAY BE OPERATING IN VICINITY OF MIDWAY x

COM 14 232226 ((RI)) → COMB. LIGHTER TRAFFIC VOLUME with large number old dispatches being retransmitted x Several contacts x first re designated by RIRI 7, apparently in 5th Fleet at 1130 reported one plane at 800 meters course east of YO HA, doubtful grid position x another originated by YU H 9 at 1140, reported planes sighted, no position given. Third report originated by MARU No 67 at 1445 says UNDER ATTACK BY ENEMY SUBMARINE IN 2-22.5, 118-40E. Fourth contact included the word MISU repeated 3 times and position 29°30'N, 127°55'E at 1005 on 24th, originated by A WI KU XX New Station TAYA 3 near KURE

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ORIGINATING RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS TO SASERQ CHINKAI and OMIVATO. KOEPAIS station seems well established as intercept Intelligence station xx Traffic picture today was one of heeded fleet organization confirming previous assignments xx Cmc Combined shows increased interest in activities in SAIGON and SINGAPORE areas, possibly connected with escort force xx Chief of staff 11th Air Fleet addressed at TRUK Weather traffic considerably increased in MANDATES addressed to 11th Air Fleet x Weather reporting Moresb located as follows: NURD 6 10°N to 17°51' N 151°E, TEYO 6 in 19°N 167°E; FUJ in 14°N 93°E, TEEMA-SANISSE 17°51' N 151°E in Betdir 3 active in traffic associated Dusrin 1 and SBERK AIR and unidentified KOMA-6 and KU ME 5 xx Cmc 2nd dispatch to Comdusrin 4 info destroyer calls originated on 18 May today passed to SORYU by AKASU for delivery to Comdusrin 4, CARRON TIEP, TSURUMI and others xx Crusdr 7, or part thereof, may join 2nd fleet units at SAIPAN xx One despatch originally addressed C5 2nd fleet and MARU MUNI G by TEYO and retransmitted by Cmc 2nd to WAKE, Comdusrin 2, Comdusrin 123 and Comdusrin 7. NOTORO associated in traffic with MALAY force and 3rd fleet. Base x 16th Army continues association with MALAY force, Commander around the Suspected new Base Force TIO in SAIPAN area, Commander around the BRAZIL MARU RESE 6 xx Enciphered address "Ro" ("B") Combined Air Force appeared xx Subron 7 unit moving to SAERQ from the TRUK area xx 5th fleet traffic (includes?) Candur 3, Candur 5, Section of Crusdr 1 and 2 Subron 1xx KAMIGAWA MARU in the TRUK area x Candur 1 and 2 Base on SGP 5 KES with 2 Kava call N KU controlling latter believed AKAGI x HIMA on this circuit is SORYU, located by DJF in general CHIKIJIMA area by doubtful bearings x Comdusrin 3 using JACUIT Radio for originator as area combat force. Former keeps following advised in despatches: Cmc 1st, 2nd and Combined fleets, 11th Air Fleet, Com Subron 5 and Subdir ("13?") TE KA 9 xx One despatch originated at 1430 on the 22nd appeared as starter for Subron 3 operation xx DJF bearing RERU and HU MA 213° and 214° from Dutch Harbor x 080° from PALMYRA; WAKA bears 271 from DUTCH.

CINCPAC 232323 → COMCON. REQUEST COMMING CONF. (GEN.) MARSHALL AND NEW ZEALAND AUTHORITIES MY 1909'S BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONERS 221005 IN VIEW OF UNITED STATES HAVING ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY PACIFIC AREA CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND STRATEGIC CENSORSHIP CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL ON THESE OUTLYING ISLANDS OCCUPIED BY U.S. MILITARY FORCES & FACILITIES OF MILITARY STATIONS AVAILABLE TO CIVILIAN OFFICIALS

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR WESTERN PACIFIC 221005 TO CINCPAC: (1) YOUR 190983 CANTON ISLAND WIRELESS X ON 11 MAY BRITISH OFFICER IN CHARGE REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER THAT LATTER WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY MORE MESSAGES TO BE TRANSMITTED FROM BRITISH STATION BUT HAD OFFERED TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES ON BEHALF OF BRITISH OFFICER SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP BY MILITARY COMMANDER. (2) IMMEDIATELY REPORTED POSITION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN UNITED KINGDOM BY TELEGRAPH ADDING THAT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OR CONSULTATION WITH ME AND THAT IN THE HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO SETTLE THIS MATTER QUICKLY, I PROPOSED TO TAKE IT UP (AS WELL AS THAT OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND WHERE A SIMILAR SITUATION HAD ARISEN) WITH ADMIRAL GORMLEY ON HIS WAY THROUGH SUVA ENROUTE TO NEW ZEALAND (3) I DISCUSSED BOTH MATTERS WITH ADMIRAL GORMLEY ON THE 18TH MAY. (4) ON 19TH MAY I RECEIVED THROUGH UNITED STATES SERVICE CHANNELS A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH OFFICER IN CHARGE DATED 16TH MAY REPORTING THAT UNITED STATES ARMY AUTHORITIES HAD THAT DAY TAKEN POSSESSION OF ALL BRITISH WIRELESS TRANSMITTERS (5) IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION WITH SUVA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE JOINT ANGU-AMERICAN REGIME UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THE 6TH APRIL 1939. THE BRITISH WIRELESS STATION IN CANTON ISLAND ACTS AS PARENT STATION FOR COMMING WITH SUVA, FOR THE STATIONS IN OTHER ISLANDS OF THE PHOENIX GROUP IN THE ABSENCE OF SHIPPING OR OTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE ISLANDS WHICH HAS NOW CEASED DUE TO THE WAR SITUATION, THIS WIRELESS LINK IS VITAL FOR THE WELFARE OF THOSE ISLANDS AND ITS INTERRUPTION IS A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN. THOSE ISLANDS WERE ALSO LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF COAST WATCHING STATIONS ESTABLISHED FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES & CANTON ISLAND WAS ALSO A LINK IN THE METEOROLOGICAL CHAIN OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO SHIPPING DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS SERVICE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ON THE ISLANDS. (6) (Donko reports movements of ships) been transmitted - aircraft movements confined to brief warnings (7) expected arrivals & departures in order. I can make arrangements for their reception & copying to radio and ETA in secret cipher (8) unimportant security. (9) strict censorship - all same 210 info of value to enemy etc. (Please) keep you advised and allow) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

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BELCONNEN 240507 → COMB. ... FUA TU Serial 894 in 2 parts of 1 JANUARY 1942 is a supplement to several indicator lists. In it AOA is CHIKIAGOF, AOE is AGATTU ISLAND, AP IS UNIMAR AND AOB IS NOT MENTIONED x If a later directive changing these was sent, we did not intercept x Generally indicates AO designation used for ALEUTIAN ISLANDS proper while AP used for locations on or near the ALASKAN Peninsula. Above serial was previously reported from CAST but cannot reference dispatch x Will send complete translation if requested.

COMSOWESPAC 240543 → CHINCPAC Info TANGIER. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS SUGGEST USE OF RADIO DECEPTION TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT TASK FORCE IS IN THE NEW HEBRIDES-CORAL SEA AREA MAY CONTRIBUTE TO SOME EXTENT BY (A) DELAYING OR POSTPONING ANY NEW GUINEA INVASION, (B) DIVERTING UNITS FROM MIDWAY FORCE TO THIS AREA, OR, (C) CAUSING ENEMY TO UNDERESTIMATE FORCES AVAILABLE TO YOU.

ANALYSIS RADIO TRAFFIC 28 APRIL TO 5 MAY CONNECTED OPERATIONS THIS AREA INDICATES CINCPAC ORIGINATED 7 MESSAGES, UNITS AT SEA 5, SYSTEMS USED "LEPAJ", "CUPID", "JITAS", "BYPAJ", "GALUG". SOME MESSAGES FROM FORCES AT SEA SENT DIRECT BY RADIO OTHERS APPARENTLY FLOWN TO SHORE RADIO STATIONS OR TENDERS FOR TRANSMISSION & MESSAGES ORIGINATED BY ME DEPENDED ON ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. SUGGEST FOLLOWING PLAN, NEAR FUTURE SHIP AT SEA NEW CALEDONIA AREA TRANSMIT DUMMY MESSAGE IN "GALUG" ON TASK FORCE COMDRS FREQUENCY ADDRESSED YOU AND ME. TWO DAYS LATER TANGIER TRANSMIT SIMILAR MESSAGE WITH TIME GROUP ABOUT SIX HOURS OLD IN "JITAS" TO YOU AND ME INFO SEVERAL CALLS TO SIMULATE. TANGIER ARRANGEMENTS AND MESSAGE BEING FLOWN IN TO TANGIER x TWO DAYS LATER, MESSAGE SIMILAR TO ABOVE BUT IN "GALUG" FROM TANGIER SIMULATING EXCHANGE OF PLANS BETWEEN TASK FORCE COMDRS.

NO DUMMY MESSAGES NECESSARY FROM YOU AS LEGITIMATE TRAFFIC TO TASK FORCES WILL PROBABLY SUFFICE, HOWEVER RECOMMEND INCLUDING ME AS ADDRESSEE SUITABLE NUMBER. I WILL CONTINUE INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES TO TASK FORCE COMMANDERS YOUR FLEET, VOLUME AND FREQUENCY DEPENDING ON ACTUAL INFORMATION. ON CERTAIN MESSAGES WILL INCREASE THE PRECEDENCE TO SIMULATE INFO THAT A STRIKING FORCE IN THIS VICINITY WOULD REQUIRE FOR ATTACK x DUMMY TRAFFIC TO USE ONE OR MORE CALL SIGNS PARAGRAPH SIXTEEN CALL SIGN BODIX BELIEVE ABOVE PLAN MIGHT ACCOMPLISH DESIRED PURPOSE WITH VERY LITTLE ADDITION TO TRAFFIC ON RADIO CIRCUITS.

BELCONNEN 240550 → COMB. ... Malay Op ord ... AKU 3 Serial 43/22 "CRUDIS" (?) IN COMPANY WITH 87963 DEPARTED KURE FOR YOKOSUKA. "KURE 3" KUSH → WOTJE ... WAKO 2 Serial 427/22 ... mail to be sent via KAPPAUL ... KANA 5 Serial 026/22 mostly bad but states 5 unidentified ships (or units) [including one very questionable group recovered as CHUYODA, arrived OMIYASHIMA 1700/21].

PREBLE (DUB) 240605 → COM HAWSEAFRON. Y.P. 277 DESTROYED BY A MINE ON ENTERING (FRENCH) FRIGATE (SHOALS) x PREBLE RETURNING SURVIVORS.

COM 14 240656 → COMB. SA HI 8 Serial 276/22. "CALLS ASSIGNED FOR USE IN [] OCCUPATION x 2 KI HA = OCCUPATION FORCE x SANA = [] OF OCCUPATION FORCE x [] = FLAGSHIP x KOYA = ESCORT x RU MA [] FORCE x FUKA = OCCUPATION AIR FORCE x SE HI = (INVASION FORCE?) .. unreadable

COM 14 240654 → COMB. JE TU 295/22 gives the usual Radio intelligence dope interesting part is that AOE Radio station is "NPR" (DUTCH HARBOR - formerly reported), KCN Radio station is "NIB" (KODIAK) .. these stations were transmitting to each other. Also what appears to be a plane on patrol, call sign DB2H was sending to AOE (Dutch Harbor). Aircraft in PALMYRA and Johnston Island were also heard. Comment by 14- It is apparent that the entire Japanese Radio intelligence organization is concentrating on the HAWAIIAN and ALASKAN areas and GETTING RESULTS."

COM 14 240802 → COMB. SI YU 3 213/22 order a Maru to load munitions and supplies for the Occupation Force and the Striking Force and by June 2nd (or 3rd) depart KURE for TRUK. After supplying as directed by Unit Comdr, ship to return to KURE. Rest of message deals with similar orders. Comment by 14: INDICATIONS FROM THIS AND OTHER TRAFFIC THAT CAMPAIGN STARTS FROM TRUK ABOUT 15 JUNE (NOT THE MIDWAY-ALEUTIANS CAMPAIGN!! LIKELY COM 14 confused and this probably concerns another campaign after the MI. @operation))

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COM 14 240804 -> COMS. To YA 7 Serial 728/24 is another Radio Autologous message x Uninteresting except he says "NGZ" (ALAMEDA) is a radio station at KMC x TUWA 0 Serial 714/24. SHIPS NAVIGATING IN THE AREA ABOUT 100-150 MILES SOUTH WEST (?) OF CHICHIZIMO, WHERE ENEMY SUBS ARE LIKELY TO CONCENTRATE, WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT. TO THIS END [] WILL BE DONE EVERY 5 OR TEN MINUTES! Com 14 Comment: This alone a very fine translation

OPNAV 241130 -> COMB. AKU 3 Serial 345/24 (1) ONE SECTION, THIS UNIT WILL LEAVE KURE ON THE 22nd ARRIVING YOKOSUKA 23rd. 2 DAYS WILL BE NEEDED FOR REPAIRING EQUIPMENT. WILL BE ABLE TO DEPART YOKOSUKA ON THE 26th (2) DD (1931) WILL REMAIN AT YOKOSUKA. (3) REGARDING (56724) - MENTIONS ARTICLES WHICH ARE NOT RECEIVED BY HIM OF DEPARTURE FROM KURE ON 22nd WILL BE REQUISITIONED AT YOKOSUKA UPON ARRIVAL. KUME 5 Serial 531/24 indicates 2 anchorages are assigned to Crudiv 5 at (ARIAKE Bay?) x OSE 8 Serial 628/24 to O 509 begins "AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF AF" remainder unreadable. (Best inconsequential)

OPNAV 241332 -> COMB. NRI Serial 489/17 MAY. 22 PLANES CAN BE USED FOR OPERATIONS AS OF MAY 17 x 24 PILOTS AVAILABLE, WHO CAN OPERATE [] AND 14 (WHO CAN []?). 6 OF THESE ARE INEXPERIENCED IN ZERO TYPE FIGHTERS x PLANES LOST SINCE MAY 1st - 17 [] TYPE AND 1 [] TYPE x PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENDING RELIEF PILOTS AND ADDITIONAL PLANES IMMEDIATELY x ...

OPNAV 241925 -> COMB. YAKI 9 Serial 387/24 (1) CONCERN REMOVING RADIO STATION FROM WAKE IS TO PEALE ISLAND x REQUESTS 3000 meters of wire to be sent for defense lines. (2) rather fragmentary, indicates this is no appropriate location for runway on WAKE'S ISLAND. THE DF STATION PRESENTLY LISTED FOR AA ((WAKE)) IS TO BE PLACED ON PEALE ISLAND. TIKAB (Desdiv?) Serial 236/20 MAY. DEPARTING YOKOSUKA 21st FOR COMINTRO? KAI 3 Serial 678/20 MAY TO 2nd FLEET. ACCORDING TO COMBINED FLEET COMMUNICATION ORDER 12 ((OPORD 12?)), SHIP (42705) IS TO JOIN THE OCCUPATION FORCE x PLEASE ISSUE ORDERS FOR MOVEMENT ABOVE SHIP x WOULD LIKE HER TO BE AT PS ((SAIPAN)) BY THE 25th (?-code group 8357)

OPNAV 241335 -> COMB [] Serial 50/20 MAY ... deals with a ships movements to KWASALEN and WAKE... including ROT... MENU [] Serial 293/20 MAY 19th seems to indicate next address for 1st AIR to be AF ((MIDWAY))

OPNAV 241930 -> COMB. To YA 7 Serial 719/24. "ONE CONTACT EACH BETWEEN COMBATWING 2 AND AF ((MIDWAY)), AG and AE AND BETWEEN AE, AG AND THE PATROL WING COMMANDER, FROM THESE INDICATIONS AND OTHER RECENT TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT OF PATROL PLANES TO ALL THE PACIFIC BASES. HAM 15 Serial 719/24 mentions planes heard A H ((HAWAIIAN ISLANDS)) area yesterday and also what was assumed to be a submarine bearing 61° from PUL ((JALUIT)); also other planes on direct frequency, one appeared to have moved from AE to AE area... FUKU 3 Serial 420/24. After [] date frequency for this force will be 12215 Kcs (N-732) and (or instead of) 7416 Kcs

OPNAV 241935 -> COMB. HAKA 7 Serial 49/24. Indicates this force wants to hold day and night gunnery practice from 1530 to 2045 in [] area on [] date mentions NAGARA. MATI NO Serial 291/18th to DESRON 1. Reference you serial [] the 12 torpedo for Desdiv 27 will be loaded on the SHIGURE leaving May 20th and arriving YOKOSUKA 22nd x NA 513 Serial 258/24 to CTRDIV 3. This force has orders from Combined Fleet to carry out (gunnery practice) at [] during the afternoon and night of the 24th x At the target practice by you, free, it has been decided that you shall use [] x ((Best inconsequential))

COM 14 242006 -> COMB. TE W 4 Serial 292/24 is Intelligence Report and says in part "NGT-2 15 (at) AOI" Comment "NGT-2" is (US) radio station at DANEBW and AOI from previous translation is ADAK. Another part says "NGT-3" is (at) AOB or AOC. Comment: "NGT-3" is at KISKA x AOC and previous translation is AGATTU. This would place AOB in vicinity of KISKA. In OSE 8 Serial 725/24 says radio station "NPG" is at KM ((Mare Island?))

CINCPAC 242041 -> PACIFIC FLEET INFO. COMBENTHAW. DEPT. NOTE PAC 10 x IN CONTACT REPORTS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NOT ONLY THE TYPE OF ENEMY SHIP BE REPORTED BUT ALSO ITS CLASS x EXAMPLE "2 NACM CRUISERS SIGHTED ETC" x EXPEDITE TRAINING OF PACIFIC PERSONNEL IN IDENTIFICATION ENEMY SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT BY TYPE AND CLASS

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CINC 2ND HAS WITH HIM IN SAIPAN AREA KAMIKAWA MARU, GOSHU MARU DESRON 2 x (NUMBER 70 BULLETIN) x CRUDIV 7 ENROUTE TO SAME AREA INCREASE CARDINS ONE AND TWO EXPECTED LEAVE EMPIRE SHORTLY x MARSHALLS IN WEATHER REPORTS FROM MANDATES x AIR SEARCHES FROM EXTEND TO 600 MILES x CRUDIV 5 ARRIVED JAPAN

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COM 14 242344 TO COMB. RUUB Serial 726/24. "REFERRING TO 1174 AIR FLEET SERIAL [] x THE PREPARATION OF AIR FIELDS AND THE STORING OF AS MUCH FUEL AS POSSIBLE IS UNDERWAY AT OOTORISHIMA (WAKE). IT IS DESIRED THAT DURING THE FIRST PHASE, ALL THAT CAN BE TRANSPORTED BE LOADED ON THE [] x INFORM AT ONCE THE AMOUNTS x x HIYU 3 Serial 243/24 refers to the same subject and mentions the 2nd PHASE also. Comment by (14) Several messages recently have referred to work underway at WAKE... Believe a D/F is to be included.

COM 14 242354 -> COMB. NIYO 2 Serial 197/24. "REGARDING THE YARD OVERHAUL OF THE (1st Section?) x THE [] UNIT 9 June, the [] unit 12 June... EXPECT TO DEPART BY THE 14th (went to Cinc 4th Fleet for Action) KUSA B Serial 065/24. CRUDIV B PLUS KONGO WILL DEPART BUNGO CHANNEL (WEST CHANNEL) AT 0800 THE 22nd HEADING FOR [] COURSE APPROX. 140° SPEED 16 x IP x DESDIV 4 WILL ON [] DATE SEARCH AN AREA BETWEEN 09° AND 18° FROM (A LIGHTHOUSE) TO A DISTANCE OF 20 MILES AND WHEN YOU WITH THIS FORCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE x PRIOR TO RENDEZVOUS ESTABLISH ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL, INFORMING US OF LOCATION AND TIME" NV M 17 Serial 554/24. LISTS KOTOKU MARU AND 6 UNIDENT VESSELS - SAYS ON [] DATE THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO CINC 2nd FLEET AS SUPPLY SHIPS FOR THE THIRD PHASE OF THE COMBINED FLEET'S CAMPAIGN UNDER THE COMMAND OF (MARU CAPTAIN) THEY WILL RETURN TO YOKOSUKA x PUT IN AT SASEBO AND RECEIVE ORDERS THERE FROM THE COMMANDANT x OTA 4 Serial 217/24. SEARCHED 400 MILES ALONG WITH THE DAILY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS x BELIEVE THE PLANES SIGHTED BY #5 SENYU MARU AND REPORTED AS ENEMY WERE PLANES FROM MARCUS 12"

CINCPAC 242359 -> NAS MIDWAY INFO: CTF 9, CTF 9, COMCORPAC (ADMIN) (4th) MY 190427 (see page 79) KEEP ALL SB 2US THAT CAN BE FLOWN x CTF 4 AND AND COMARRANG ADMIN INFORMED BY ORIGINATOR, CINCPACX YOUR 240745 DO NOT BEGIN LONG RANGE SEARCH BEFORE 28 MAY x CONCENTRATE MEANWHILE ON TRAINING FOR WARMEST POSSIBLE WELCOME FOR STRANGERS x YOU 4 240645 TO TO TF-9, CONTINUE SPECIAL PATROL UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS x EXPECT TO SEND YOU MORE GASOLINE) SOON, PROBABLY DRUM POSSIBLY DRUM AND BULK BUT WITH YOU IN FEW DAYS AND TF-9 WILL FLY OUT SPECIAL TORPEDOES FOR THEIR USE x MORE INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE x I KNOW YOU WILL MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITY

COM 14 (R.I.) 250046 → COMB. New submarine frequency 856 & KCS picked up by MIDWAY & JAWIT and Subs. both use it. RE HO (unread) worked JAWIT on 6980 x Aircraft heard on 9225 and 7000 KCS which are used as alternates. MIYORE TOKYO (NAB?) sends daily despatches to all Naval Stations, Comd Escort Force, Unident KOMO 7, info Cinc 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Fleets, 1st and 11th Air Fleets, Subforce, Malay and Indies Forces x Condern 2 made a special info addre in a despatch from Cinc Combined to RoTE 1 info Cinc 2nd and 4th Fleets, 6th Base Force, WAKE and Suspected Base Force. TIYO φ. Cinc Combined also sent several messages to general collective calls x Staff Communication Baku 3 sent Urgent to KONGO (KURU 7) x Cinc 2nd actv hit no indications that he has commenced operations x Staff Com. officer addressed an urgent to Cinc 5, TSURUMI and MARU KU 51 2 plus 4 shore addresses. 2 Ships of Guller 4 are now in the OMINATO area, 3rd Fleet appears to be concerned with convoy, supply and administrative work rather than operations. Consubin 7 to on the TRUK area using TRUK radio call x Detachment of 1st Air addressed abroad MARU HANE 3 which vessel shifted from JAWIT to TRUK zone today x Consubin and Consubin 3 both using JAWIT call and are active x Traffels for ROBERT area largely originated by 5th Air Attack Force x Marshalls Air units still addressing procurement agencies in Empire x Association of KAMIKAWA MARU with Avron 23, central Mandates and Marshalls Base Force continues x Consubin 6 addressed Cinc 4th info Cinc 6 + Cinc Combined + 1st Fleets. WAKE Base was heard on 6610 KCS submarine frequency x Jim Marshalls area submarine traffic fairly heavy x Tokyo RJ at 0800. 24th sent an urgent to Cinc 5th Fleet and 5th Fleet Patrol Force info to OMINATO. List of units previously reported as comprising 5th Fleet forces is unchanged and they seem now ready for operations x Little carrier traffic seen today which may indicate that their exercises have been completed x Cinc 1st Air Fleet addressed Cinc Combined for Action and the following for information: Cinc 1st and 2nd Fleets, Consubin 3, Consubin 7 and 8, Consubin 9, Condern 10 (HAKA 7), Tokyo Hydrographic and KURE Movement Report office, Consubin addressed Subfor less Subron 8 info Cinc Combined, 1st and 2nd Fleets, 1st Air Fleet, 11th Air Fleet, Baku 3, Avron 23, 14th Air and 4th Air Attack Force x Submarine DF's KA V 34N 146 E x others single bearings all to the westward x Cinc Combined Air Force sent a 4 numeral which was seen on many circuits and its address contains apparently a full list of units operating with Combined Air Force: Following are DIS: NORU 7, NO RE 4, HO 0 φ (ARIKAZE), EMA 4, E HI 3, MO TI φ; MARU RO 4 φ (KOKITSUMI), VOAMU 2, MESE 6, MANI φ, RISO 8, KAMA 7, TU KU 2, TAWI 1, NI YO 4, TEU 5, RU WA 4, YO KE 5, HE 0 4

COM 14 250108 → COMB ASI 1 Serial 728/23rd. "IN ORDER TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF COMING OPERATIONS WITH YOUR STAFF AND (NGS) AM SENDING 3 SENIOR MEMBERS OF MY STAFF TO YOKOHAMA ON THE 25TH. CONFERENCES ARE DESIRED FROM 26TH TO 27TH x ADVISE" This on to Combined Fleet who replied in his 0509 Serial 238/23rd. "YOUR SERIAL 728 x MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WILL MEET YOUR STAFF ((MEMBERS)) AFTERNOON OF 26TH AFTER ARRIVAL TOKYO"

NAS DUTCH HARBOR 250230 → CINCPAC. AMPLIFYING REPORT REQUESTED FROM KISKA REPORTS PLANE AS EITHER SOC OR JAPANESE 95 TYPE.

BELCONNEN 250310 → COMB. FUKE 5 Serial 169/19th. 22nd Base Force (32472 Special Table) LEFT BAKO for SAIPAN x YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE telegram 786 (not 5-numeral) broadcast to all ships x Suspect enemy submarine in an area 100-150 miles west of CHICHIJIMA x Ships crossing the area exercise strict caution and observe regulations to the letter, namely they must zig-zag enemy 5 to 10 minutes x RIYO 8 Serial 186/23rd. "THIS SHIP PLANS TO ARRIVE SAIPAN 8 HOURS 24TH x INFORM ME WHAT MY ANCHORAGE IS x NOTE x ACTION ADEE. RUU 364.

COMDR. NAVALBASE DEFENCE AIR FORCE. 250405 → NAV. BRIDGE DEF. AIR FORCE. ALL PLANES MAINTAIN STRICT RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT TO REPORT CONTACT WITH ENEMY OR OWN EMERGENCIES AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BELOW x NO WEATHER REPORTS OR RADIO TESTS WILL BE MADE x PLANES EQUIPMENT PROPERLY OPERATING "ABD" (IFF) EQUIPMENT WILL NOT MAKE "PLAN" REPORTS ((PATROL PLANES ROUTINELY TRANSMITTED "PLAN" ON REACHING LIMIT OF ASSIGNED SEARCH SECTOR ON COMMENCING THEIR RETURN LEG)) x PLANES NOT SO EQUIPPED WILL MAKE NORMAL "PLAN" REPORTS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SUPERCEDING ALL CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS x DOES NOT CHANGE SPECIAL APPROACH PROCEDURE FOR SEARCH PLANES x X PASS INFORMATION TO ALL RESPONSIBLE LOCAL PARTIES.

BELCONNEN 250517 → COMB. SAHI 8 Serial 226/22nd mentioned by COLOMBO and read by HYPO 240656 ((Page 93)) x UNRECOVERED values will be indicated by code groups where possible, "A" CALL LIST x 1 JUNE x TASK FORCE (REVISE) x MO YA x OCCUPATION FORCE ESCORT FORCE x OCCUPATION FORCE FLAGSHIP FORCE x N HE x x NOT CLEAR x x x x

BELCONNEN 250740 → COMB. SAHI 6 Serial 139/24th. "THE OSHIGARA WAS RELIEVED BY THE NAOTO AS FLAGSHIP XX KEMI 7 Serial 248/24th. "THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW COMBINED FLEET COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION WILL BE JUNE (95682) x HAKA HU Serial 787/3 x MARU, YOKOSUKA 100927, WAKE 1000/31st..

COM 14 250926 → COMB. MAMI 2 Serial 702/23rd. "LEFT KURE FOR CHICHIJIMA WITH Desdiv 34 x RIYO 8 Serial 783/23rd. "THIS VESSEL EXPECTS ARRIVING SAIPAN 0800. 24th REQUEST BERTH ASSIGNMENT, ENTRANCE INSTRUCTIONS ETC., AND A SW SCREEN." SIYU 3 Serial 243/24th. "CINC COMBINED DESIRES AS LARGE A QUANTITY OF AIR BASE EQUIPMENT AS POSSIBLE BE TRANSPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCE x INFORM ME AT ONCE THE AMOUNT WHICH CAN BE CARRIED FOR THE AND SECOND PHASES x IN THE FIRST PHASE USE THE MARU AND HANDLE DIRECTLY WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCE. THIS MESSAGE GOES TO Cinc 4th and Cinc 2nd Fleet for action."

BELCONNEN 251020 → COMB. YUKI 3 Serial 216/23rd. "THIS FORCE'S SEARCHES AND OPERATIONS SCHEDULE ARE AS FOLLOWS [REFER TO RELATED DOCUMENTS AND OPERATION ORDERS] (1) SEARCHES - 24th to 27th - KISARAZU 4 PLANES 55-90 700 MILES x MARCUS ISLAND - 3 PLANES - 15-55-600 MILES. FROM THE 28th (unless changed by higher orders) A, B, C ZONES, NUMBER 2 ASSIGNMENT: [A - 9 PLANES, B - 5 PLANES, C - 6 PLANES] (2) (A) -- [ZERO TO 36] by depart KISARAZU AIR by 24th, BE TAKEN ON RESPECTIVE CARRIER DIVISIONS (?) [CARRIER PERSONNEL CONNECTED WITH OBSERVATION AND FIGHTER PLANE MECHANICS (?) TOTAL ABOUT 200 MEN] (B) KISARAZU AIR ON 25th SEND FOUR HEAVY BOMBERS TO MARCUS ISLAND [TOTAL 13 PLANES] x KISARAZU AIR ON 26th SEND 14 FIGHTER/INTERCEPTOR PLANES TO PLANE [BETWEEN THE AND THE 20th] (or during the next 20 days?) x IF MISAWA AIR DEPART FOR "A" (HOWLAND IS) THE REMAINDER WILL, UNTIL THEN, BE ASSIGNED TO KISARAZU AIR.

BELCONNEN 251105 → COMB. NAMU 7 Serial 267/23rd. "THE FOLLOWING CODE WAS FOUND AMONG THE PAPERS TAKEN FROM THE PILOT OF AN AMERICAN PLANE SHOT DOWN OVER THIS PLACE ON THE 22nd x remainder gives details of signals which are local additions to the regular Q code used by the Department of Civil Aeronautics and ground stations. Not considered Classified Matter, 22nd from A RU 3 read by COLOMBO as naming rendezvous as OMINATO STRAITS of TSURUMI Straits x own reading differs in that Serial 347 of the 22nd Serial "CRUDY" EXPECTS ARRIVE OMINATO 1200/26th x I HAVE ALREADY ORDERED (duplicate on 15th) to rendezvous with CAROW 3 x NOTE NO TIME OR DATE MENTIONED x PLEASE ASSIGN CALLS SERIAL 370 of 23rd JUNE. "THIS FORCE SCHEDULED ARRIVE OMINATO 1300/25th. HAVE NO INFO [TIME FIELDS OR NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS] FOR OMINATO AREA, PLEASE INFORM VS WITH REGARD TO (7 Groups) BEFORE WE ENTER PORT THERE"

BELCONNEN 251235 → COMB. HINO 2 Serial 315/24th. "PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY THE ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF ZERO FIGHTERS WHICH WERE LOADED ON BOARD." Addressed E HI 3 x N SO 5 Serial 011/24th. "ON THE 25th AT HOURS WILL ARRIVE OFF SAIPAN AND AFTER ANCHORING TEMPORARILY AT 1900 HOURS WILL CONFER x PLEASE LET ME KNOW NAME AND WHEREABOUTS OF FLAGSHIP." FUKE 5 Serial 172/24th indicates arrival SAIPAN 25th. requests ME

OPHAN 251300 → COMB. RIYO 8 Serial 787/23rd. "ARRIVE SAIPAN TODAY 24th CONDUCT A'S PATROLS IN ACCORD AIR UNITS OPORD #1. RA RI 9 739/24th → RU 50 6 (KAMIKAWA MARU) OOHIGO anchorage x META 8 SAIPAN, "NACHI ARRIVED OMINATO AT 1400" x KAMA 7 Serial 87/24th. "THIS SHIP HAS ONE (TYPE) GUN FOR YOUR SHIP x LEAVING ON 24th TO ARRIVE YOKOSUKA PM 27th. RU VA 4 Serial 17/24th → 5th Base Force SAIPAN... queried arrival between and 26th. wants fuel oil by 26th."

CNO 251925 -> COMB... HAKA 7 Serial 839 18th Sexp ship (03096) (150KAZR) HAS COMPLETED AND BEING ADDED TO THIS FORCE x HAKA 5017 "FROM COMMANDER KUROSE x OF THE TORPEDOES BEING SENT, TEN ARE THOSE WITH "KOBU" ("a bump/bump") AND 40 ARE WITHOUT A "KOBU" ("bump"). THOSE WITH THE "KOBU" ARE FOR DESRON 4. COMMENT: meaning of LUMP or BUMP not clear x COLOMBO reports ZUIKOKU ARRIVED KURE on the 25th.

COM. GEN. HAWAIIAN DEPT 251930 -> CINCPAC "THOUGH I DO NOT HAVE FULL DETAILS OF ENEMY INFORMATION BELIEVE THERE IS SOME DANGER, DRAWING DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS THAT MAJOR JAPANESE EFFORT IN HAWAIIAN AREA WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST MIDWAY STOP JAPS MAY BE PRACTISING DECEPTION WITH RADIO ORDERS INTERCEPTED BY US STOP ESTIMATES SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT CAPABILITIES RATHER THAN PROBABLY INTENTIONS STOP FORCES IN GUAM-SAPAN AREA REPORTED IN COMB (C) DISPATCH 211930 HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO MAKE DAMAGING RAID ON OAHU WITH VIEW WRECKING FACILITIES PEARL HARBOR AND HONOLULU. (COMINT 211930 IN AIDAC FILE)

COM 14 252126 -> COMB, YAYO 2 (CINC 2nd Fleet) Serial 517 20th to 11th Air Fleet and 6th Air Attack Force for Action: "From AIR COMMANDER IN CONNECTION WITH 6th AIR ATTACK FORCE Serial (near 200) PLANES WILL BE (DELIVERED, EXCHANGED, ETC) AS FOLLOWS: ZERO TYPE FIGHTERS x 6 TO AKAGI [9 AVIATION PERSONNEL] x 9 TO KAGA x 3 EACH TO SORYU AND HIRYU and 12 TO (HISHIN MARU - which is not confirmed) x TOTAL 23 PLANES. Comment by 14: Suggest possibility these planes, if not replacements, will be moved to advanced bases in the MARSHALLS as spares for carriers.

COM 14 252140 -> COMB, RUUB 208 25th "THE SHIP [WITH BOATS AND CAPTURED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LOADED ON BOARD] WILL DEPART WAKE ON N-3 DAYS FOR MIDWAY x ICEP THAT VESSEL INFORMED OF MOVEMENTS OF YOUR UNIT" ORO 5 Serial 194 25th Sexp that Crudiv 6 less one ship arrived in KURE x RI TE 2 Serial 708 25th "OCCUPATION FORCE OPORD #4 x IP. AFTER 1200 24 MAY COMDESRON 4 WILL ASSIGN DD TO THE KAKU x IP AFTER OPERATIONS OF THE KAKU ON THE 24th, DD WILL OPERATE AS DIRECTED BY THE KAKU x IP (DESDIV IN DESRON 4) AFTER ABOVE DATE WILL COME UNDER COMMAND OF (SATA-(AO)) AT KURE AND IS ASSIGNED DUTY OF SCREENING SATA AND TSURUMI (AO) x ON DATE (LATE GROUP 74448 FOR OPNAV, THIS DATE IS IMPORTANT) DEPART KURE x ON N-5 DAYS BE IN POSITION 26-28 NORTH, (THIS GROUP HOPELESSLY GARBLED) 15 EAST x THENCE PROCEED TO JOIN MAIN BODY OF OCCUPATION FORCE."

COM 14 252254 -> COMB, LARGE PERCENTAGE of old traffic circulating, Nav General Staff at 1920 on 24th sent a 7 pager to all shore Chiefs of Staff, Escort Force and Crudiv 2nd Escort Force (?) Info All major commanders except COMINT outfits. This appears to be daily info summary mentioned previously. S/S ESCORT sent 4 numeral to all ships under his command - widely circulated. MARU SUKE 1 reported to RO RI 2 sub attack on 013N 0118-41E at 1600. Combined fleet believed arranging weather reports in dispatch Action 1st and 5th fleets, 1st Air Fleet plus weather maras RATO 2 (by ROF 24th very close to OMINATO), SEYA 6 (bearing 295 from SITKA), Info BUMIL, NAV. GEN. STAFF, YOKOSUKA CINC and OMINATO S/S x Another ACTION to JAPAN, KAMIKAWA MARU, TSURUMI, Sub. Command RO HE 1 suspected flagship, BITHO AIR (SR 1-3 - which by other indications is in SBIKOU Comm. Zone) Fleet units YA 1418, ME RI 8, Air tender FU ICE 5, MARU YA 119 and KO ME 2, unidentified NU SO 3, info. TU YU 9 Air Activity from MAIZURU, encrypted "SHOKUSHA UNIT" at 1908 plus 1 garble x No major commands addressed, unless concealed, but looks like possible invasion line up x 1st Fleet addressed 2 Crudivs in Crudiv 6 plus flagships Desron 1 and 3, otherwise quiet. 2nd Fleet active with this force concentrating in the TRUK-SAPAN area with indicated imminent move to MARSHALLS with emphasis on WAKE x TIYO 6 on BRAZIL MARU included in all (messages?). Believe BELCONIEN test time title "MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE" good x Desron 4 and units active with KI SE 1 Sending movement info. SORYU. Assignment Desron 4 not yet clear Crudiv 7, Desron 2, Airon 1 RI 1 (Belonan says Airon 7 but a carry over

25 MAY 42 AS I-9 KISKA, AMENITKA #71 OUTGO SECRET 25 PRIORITY 02 18, 17

CRU DIV E, 2 BB of Batdiv 3 and a Desdiv Departed Inland Sea x CINCPAC 71ST TWO SHIPS OF CRU DIV SIX UNDER OVERHAUL x SUPPLY VESSELS WILL COMMENCE MOVING TO TRUK AND SAPAN SHORTLY x COMSUBFOR AND SUBRON 3 IN MARSHALLS AREA 250323 sent 0255 of

"C" ident of E FU 4 December call as Avion 23), Sub. Command RO HE 1, TIYO 6 Force, Unident TUKI 9 expected more Eastward from SAPAN-TRUK x CINC 2nd sent urgent to suffix 35 x KORYU and FUME 5 info NAV. GEN. STAFF, CINC Command Fleet. KORYU (TIE 6) previously indicated as with Crudiv 3 scheduled for HIGH NORTH CINC Indies or 3rd Fleet addressing re: his important comments also included 1st an attack which may supplement 2nd Air in Western Australia air operations x In 4th Fleet area increase in number of MARUS associated with WAKE noted x NO RI 5 in Desron 6 appears enroute TRUK area to Empire. ComSubron 7 using TRUK cover has units in SASEBO, MAIZURU-TRUK. TE KA 9, believed unit in Subron 7 connected Joint Air Sub operations from Marshall not seen today..... Carriers quiet. S.C.O. 1st air addressed by's Command and 11th Air Fleet plus S.C.O. 6th air attack. MISAWA air normally based at KISAPANTSU hears to be moving to WAKE. Traffic anxieties: WAKE, 4th Air Attack, CHITOSE x MISAWA Air. JAVUIT and TOKYO Radio Intelligence pending long urgent priorities to naval lineup of Eastern Frontier and Empire addresses.... Western Marus TE E MA at 544, SSE; N 51 6 - CN-17SE; SU TO 6 - 10N 17SE; ROUC - 9N-94E; FU 1 2 - 15N 93E. Sub-OK bearing, DF, fixes (- Tender RO RI 2 45N 147E; KAV 16N-165E-....)

COMINT 252321 -> COMB, REWORKING OLD DISPATCHES GIVE THE FOLLOWING, FUA TU Serial 776 of 0134 x BLANK OR PLOIN ROGERS - BISMARCK ISLAND and SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN x AO = ALEUTIAN ?? (ISLANDS?); A H - HANA LEI; AIG - EWIA; AOB - KISKA; AGE - DUTCH HARBOR (?); AX - PANAMA; IPB - SAMA; IPG - HOIHOW; MPE - VIGAN; NM-23655 41304; NMA - CHICHIJIMA; NMB 4853; NMK - 19338 MARU 111and (?); NS - 38577 (SAIKI ?); TAAO Area; MAIZURU?; NSB 37614 - ARIAKE BAY (?); NY EAST 36039, 53376; NVB - WEST 36039, 53376; NVD - SOUTH 36039, 53376; NVG - 43166; PNB - HARAB ((MAGELAP !!)); PQB - RUOTTO ((RO)); PS - 53256 and 05729 ((SRI "x PAN" ?)); RXX - NEW CALEDONIA; RYS SOCIETY ISLANDS; RYT - TAHITI; RYU - TAMOTU ISLANDS; TTY - MARQUESS ISLAND."

OPNAV 252347 -> COMB, Same system FUA TU January, 1st Serial 894 - "AOG-ATKA; AOI - ADAK; AOA - CHICHAGOF; AOC - AGATTU IS; AOD - UNALASKA; AOF - UMINAK IS; AOH - KAZAN BAY; AOK - Bay of Islands; AOK - URETOVAL Bay; AP - UNIMAK Channel; APA - AKUTAN IS x Strait; APC - TANAGA IS/Bay; APE AMCHITKA IS; APF - Constantine Hdg; API - SEMICH 15; BME - LEDO; ... FEF - CAMRANG Bay; ... PG - GREENWICH IS; PH - CANTON IS, PHD - PHOENIX IS (?); RLA - KIETA; RLB - TULAGI; RXD - ROSE IS; RLM - SANDWICH IS; RLS - NOUMEA; RYA - MAKIN IS; RYD - TORARU IS."

BELCONNEN → 260007 → COMB. MUNI 6 1000 indicates departure YOKOSUKA for WAKE 10 HOURS x... E HI 5 060. "REF. YOUR SERIAL 380; HAVE COMPLETED LOADING THE NINE METER BOATS x MD RO 2 515. "REF. 65th GUARD FORCE SERIAL 1. WHEN THE MISAWA AIR GROUP TRANSFERS TO AB (#HOWLAND) IN THAT PLACE WILL BE PREPARED BY CHITOSE AIRX..."

BELCONNEN 260421 → COMB. 24 MAY YOKOSUKA NAVAL STATION COMMERCE PROTECTION REPORT #59; AT 2200/24th ONE OF OUR SUBMARINES WILL BE PROCEEDING TO THE EAST, 20 MILES SOUTH OF HACHIJUJIMA x FROM TOMORROW ENEMY SUBMARINE INTELLIGENCE WILL BE BROADCAST BY IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS ON 33, 4639, 9260, 12640 AND 18520 (KCS) AT 0830 AND 1730 DAILY. WHEN THERE IS NO REPORTS, PRESS TELEGRAMS WILL BE BROADCAST.

COM 14 262036 → COMB. HIRE 1 Serial 211. "FOR KAWAGUCHI (OR DAGUCHI) 4th Fleet Staff. IN CASE THIS FLEET IS ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF SUPPLY AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF AF ((MIDWAY)), REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR THE MO' FORCES TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLY LINES". Comment by 14-ALL Traffic referring to AF operations treat the occupation as an accomplished fact and discuss steps to be taken after the occupation. This message probably to a part of the 4th Fleet Staff now in Tokyo for conference with the Big Staff, as previously reported.

COM 14 262048 → COMB. WA KO 1 Serial 438 of 23rd. "Refer Gen. Staff Serial 507, reporting the following which was obtained with the aid of 106th (3) AIRX for information about the MAMBARE - YARUDA Road see on # 79 which was based on conversations with natives x THIS ROAD BEGINS IN MAMBARE BAY AND RIVER VALLEY AND PASSED THRU TOMA (LOMA), YODDA AND KOKODA, SKIRTING MOUNT SERVICE TO THE SOUTH(?) AND 2 PASSES OVER A RANGE OF MOUNTAINS ABOUT 2300 METERS IN HEIGHT [THIS AREA IS NOW UNDER STUDY], PASSES THROUGH LALOKI RIVER AREA [AN EXTENSION OF THE BROWN RIVER] AND ON TO MORESBY x [40 YEARS AGO A ROAD WAS BUILT IN ORDER TO HAUL OUT ORE FROM THE MINES AT YODDA (some blanks than than 8-10 DAYS)] x NO OTHER SURFACE ROAD RUNNING ACROSS THE ISLAND. IF EVEN THOUGH THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS A ROUTE FOR A CAMPAIGN, WE ARE NOW STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A SUPPLY ROUTE TO BE USED FOLLOWING THE OCCUPATION OF MORESBY."

OPNAV 262106 → COMSWPACFOR; CINCPAC INFO; COMUSNAVFOR EUROPE ON ESTIMATED CHANGES ORANGE FLEET LOCATIONS. COM 14 WISEA FROM 1st FLEET: BARDON 1 and 2 MAY HAVE DEPARTED KURE BUT BELIEVED REMAIN HOME WATERS x CARDIV 5, KORYU UNCERTAIN LOCATION IN JAPAN WATERS. KASUGA ARRIVED HOME YARD x DESRON 3 IN HOME WATERS x 2nd FLEET! CINC PAC ARILY IN KUMANO ENROUTE SAIPAN WITH CRUDIV 7 x BROWN 3 OF 4 BB, CARDIV 1 and 2, LESS BORYU, CRUDIV 8, DESRON 1 IN KYUSHU WATERS x SORUN IN MANDATES AREA x DESRON 2 IN SAIPAN AREA AND ANOTHER DESRON BELIEVED IN HOME WATERS x SUBRON 3 OPERATING MID-PACIFIC FROM MARSHALLS x 4th FLEET! CINC PAC OIL AREA BUT REMOVED CRUDIV IN TRUK AREA CRUDIV 6 ARRIVED KURE FOR OVERHAUL x DESRON 6 IN THE TRUK-ROBAUL AREA x GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 RETURNED JAPAN x 5th FLEET! CINC IN NACHI, CARDIV 3 IN RYUJO PLUS ONE OR TWO XCV, CRUDIV 4, DESRON 1, SUBRON 1, NORTHERN DETACHMENT OF ABOUT 15 ARMED MERCHANT MEN ALL IN OMINATO - KURILES AREA x REMOVED CARDIV 3 IN HOME WATERS x CRUDIV 5, ZUIKOU ARRIVED KURE 25 MAY, SHIMAZU LONDON REPAIR HOME YARD x CRUDIV 5 IN HOME WATERS x 6th FLEET! CINC IN JALUIT AREA x SUBRON 7 UNITS AT SASEBO, MAIZURU AND TRUK x SUBRON 8 UNDEPARTED SUBRON 6 IN TRUK AREA x 3rd FLEET CINC SHIFTED FLAG TO NATORI AT JOEYBAYA x ASHIGARA ENROUTE SASEBO x DESRON 5 ON ESCORT DUTIES PHILIPPINE DASH INDIES AREA x SUBRON 4 OPERATING FROM DENZAN EXCEPT ONE UNIT HOME WATERS x NOTORO IN SINGAPORE AREA x COMBINED AIR FORCE! AIRON 7 IN SAIPAN AREA x AIRON 22 - UNITS OPERATING WITH SHORE-BASED AIRCRAFT KURILES x AIRON 23 UNITS IN SAIPAN AREA. AIRON 25 KAMOJ AT TRUK, GOSHU MARU AT SAIPAN, AIRON 25 KAMIKAWA MARU IN SAIPAN AREA x FUJIKAWA MARU UNCERTAIN x FLEET TRAIN TSURUBA ENROUTE KURE FOR REPAIRS

→ RDF places 1 unit at 10N 179E; 2 others indicated east of date-line probably near vicinity MIDWAY but no fixes obtained. 5th Fleet area: Enciphered address "Comdr HORA MUSTARD AIR BASE traffic fits NE US 6, comprising identification HORA MUSTARD Radio x Assurton indicates 1st HORA on now at TOYONOMA Air Station is enroute to HOROMUSHIRO Base. Traffic routing places Subm 2 and 4 units addressed by Comdr at YOKOSUKA x may be orders to get underway

I-9 KISKA

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ONE CV PLUS POSSIBLY ONE XCV, 2 CA, 3 DESDIVS, ONE SUBRON, SMALL CRAFT AND TRAIN EXPECTED TO DEPART OMINATO AREA SHORTLY PROBABLE DESTINATION WESTERN ALEUTIANS CINC PAC BULLETIN 72X SUPPORTED BY ABOUT 30 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM NORTHERN KURILES x DAILY AIR SEARCH FROM KURILES MAY BE EXPECTED x NATORI ASHIGARA IN EAST INDIES x LATTER ENROUTE JAPAN RELIEVED

260345 sent 0400

COM 14 R.I. Summary (262134 262234 262136 262244 26 2226) → COMB. Weather reporting Marcus on 25th TEEMA 53°N 155°E; SU to 6 and N SI 6 unchanged from 24th x Traffic volume slackened but proportion high precedence messages increased x KANA SYSTEM USED BY NEARLY ALL Major Commands and RADIO INTEL CENTERS for Urgents interspersed numeral code for apparent more detailed info x JALUIT using double 575 series Tokyo using 7005 AND HARMONIC worked high speed tape 3 hours indicating inauguration heavy traffic circuit for operations basing MARSHALLS x SIMILAR HIGH SPEED CIRCUIT SET UP TOKYO-TAKAO during campaign South China, Indochina, Malay, etc x R.I. Centers heavy filers, especially JALUIT. Registered Publication officers Empire active to all units, indicating forthcoming distribution (or code change) x BUMIL addressed striking force units, Combat Divs, Command Divs 7 and 8, Cardiv 1 and 2 plus individual vessels these commands, info Staffs Combined, 1st, 2nd, 11th Air Fleets x Escort Force Action Addresses, Empire Personnel and Aircraft Supply Activities active; LATTER corresponded heavily with units of 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th. Force addressed at TRUK x GOSHU MARU in SAIPAN Zone x Renewed 4th Fleet interest in forces associated recent CORAL SEA action noted xx 4th and 2nd Fleet Staffs maintaining close liaison, exchanging for info dispatches not including SAIPAN, on 5370, worked BUAZU MARU, flagship TIYO of (Midway Force?), 2nd Fleet units N 50 S, KUMIS, Tanker RU HAI, plus 7 MARUS. These called individually but may represent components of alone BASE FORCE. Combined Fleet dispatch to Desdiv 51 N 2 was sent on Sub UTU (Brest?) to collective Sub for call may indicate 5th Fleet quiet. 3rd Fleet and other Southern Ocean continue covering significant Carrier quiet except for TIEP, appears slated operate with units Desdiv 4 in 2nd Fleet operations. definitely a CV but KORYU 1 dead appears erroneous. Lack of carrier traffic usually means they are at sea. Sub for activity continues high

BELCONMEN 270163 -> COMB. MASE 5 Serial 196/30th " DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1ST (OR 2ND) OPERATIONS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO REVISE (USE) THE AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR THE CENTRAL POINTS OF THE SECOND RULES [ABBREVIATIONS ARE WITHIN PARENTHESES] X YOU WILL 880883 (Belcon this means add in pencil) X THEN ENUMERATE THE FOLLOWING PLACE NAMES WITH THE SINGLE SPELL ENGLISH PLUS SINGLE KANA VALUES IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER X PLACE (42795 R) A-SI X PLACE EAST COAST OF HONSHU (44813) B-I X KUSARATSU C-KI X BIHORO (OR BIHARU HARA) 08679-DHI X PLACE (33762 PLUS 24897) G-ARL X CHICHUJIMA MI TI ((F TI ?)) X PLACE (58734R) G-RO OR G-SA (17390 for KANA) (E-O) X MARCUS-H NA X SAIPAN I-MA OF I-WI (27337) X PLACE (garbled but believe) GUAM (22117) J-WO X PLACE (35274) - KEY X TULAGI L-O (50505) X MAKIN-MI X MAX RUTTO N-RU X KWADALEN O-KU X TRUK - I-TO X RABAU? Q-RA; JALUT-RYA; TARA-S-TA; TENAN-T TE; PLACE (6183 + 8497) U-KA; AND PLACE (70923 + 41807) V-A X FOLLOWING PLACES WERE SENT WITH A SINGLE KANA IN BRACKET FOLLOWING X AF-MI; AFG-YU; BFA-FU AND AGD (90567)

COM 14 270228 -> COMB. RE WIRE Serial 376 7/25th May " REQUEST NOTORIC PROCEED WIRE ENROUTE TRUK FROM SASEBO AND LOB 2-type Shipboard Seaplanes AND 6 CARRIER PLANES - EXPECT ARRIVE TRUK BY 15 JUNE (96876)." MOTO 2 Serial 563 7/26th " WHEN WILL THE REPLACEMENTS OF 14TH AIR'S PATROL SEAPLANES ARRIVE SAIPAN X FOR OPERATIONS REQUIRE THEM BY 3 JUNE X IF YOU CANNOT MEET THIS DATE (rest unreadable) X TU YO 4 Serial 871 7/25th " CARDIV 3 AND (rest unreadable) (BELS 270317 Log, HBIK) ARRIVED OMINATO "

BELCONMEN 270317 -> COMB. ... KOMO 4 010/15 " (14550) ARRIVED SASEBO THE 24th AT 16 HOURS " X COMMENT: KOMO 4 IS A NEW UNIT IN 2nd FLEET RI 50 8 031 reports arrival YOKOSUKA 16 HOURS XX SRE 7 031 partially readable - " REPAIRS TO (EXCLUDING) ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AM OF 27th .. DEPART SASEBO 12 HRS/27th ARRIVE OMINATO SHRS/25th

COM 14 270662 -> COMB. YUME 8 Serial 744/26th to 2nd FLEET: " OCCUPATION FORCE OPORD. NUMBER 8 X COMMANDER FIRST OF OCCUPATION FORCE, UTILIZING PART OF SECOND WILL OCCUPY MIDWAY PERIOD TSUTAN ISLANDS " Suggest EASTERN Island. We already have JON from tank traffic. group is garbled. This has a typical operation order form and is first one of this type received in this campaign.

COM 14 270946 -> COMB. A SA RU Serial 369 7/30 December 1941 Saipan part - " IN THE HAWAIIAN AREA THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE PACIFIC FLEET SENT THE FOLLOWING CIPHER MESSAGE TO THE NAVAL AIR STATIONS MIDWAY AT 1635 THE 19th " AT ABOUT 2000/23th THE AND WILL ARRIVE MIDWAY AND WILL BECOME TASK FORCE 17 X PRESERVE RADIO SILENCE " Such a message was sent in a system now unpracticed X (a cipher captured on Guam 7-19 Dec prior to this)

COM 14 272058 -> COMB. NOYA 7 Serial 429 7/26th to Cinc. Command, Cecil 2nd Cinc 48, Cinc 1st Air, Cinc 11th Air, Consul for and a Task Force of 2nd Fleet for Action. " FROM CONSUL 4 (not unprimed) X Schedule of accept Depart on 28 May X at 11 knots proceed to the south of PST (TENAN) and on 1 June rendezvous at 26th YAFURU X at 1900 6 June arrive at AF (MIDWAY) FEB II. ship and ship at 1400. 26 MAY DEPART AND ON 30 AND 31 MAY FEB (OR TAKE ON STORES) AT WAKE X AT 1200 6 JUNE RENDEZVOUS WITH ESCORTS. ship of Desdiv at 1900/26 MAY DEPART KAMOMISAKI X speed 9. Command by 14 - Dates given above determined from solution of 3 KANA DATE DESIGNATORS X SOLUTION OF WHICH FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY.

COM 14 272118 -> COMB. GARBLE TABLE FOR 3-KANA DATES AS FOLLOWS: RECTANGULAR TABLE WITH LEFT EDGE REPRESENTS MONTHS X JAN-SA, FEB-SI, MAR-SU, APR-SE, MAY-SO, JUNE-TA, JULY-TI, AUG-TU, SEPT-TE, OCT-TO, NOV-NA, DEC-NI X TOP EDGE REPRESENTS DAY OF MONTH FROM KANA A-1st to MA-31st IN A, I, U, E, O ORDER PLUS MI, MU AND ME AS ADDITIONAL. 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of month at end of top edge. BODY OF TABLE IS TOP ROW SLIP TO LEFT ONE SPACE AT A TIME X BOTTOM ROW GARBLE CHECK BEGINNING WITH 'NI' THROUGH 'ME' AND 'A' THRU 'NA'. EXAMPLES COMING IN NEXT despatch

COM 14 272158 -> COMB. EXAMPLES FOLLOW OF 3-KANA DATE Basing Garble Table explained in previous despatch X SO HA KU X SO from left edge gives MAY, HA from top edge gives 26, following so line in body of table to HA and produces MAY 30th and TA-KANE gives June 6th X occasionally then 3 KANA dates are followed by Kana 'RE' in parenthesis X Believe this to be a zone designator and RE represents zone zero time (actually Tokyo Standard Time - zone MINUS 9 ... but a Tokyo zone zero time, was the less)

27 MAY

H-19 while preparing for a night flight on the north side of Belcon is an enemy destroyer was sighted and was submerged, badly damaging our plane
H-25 Kodjok Day #73

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 MEDITERRANEAN AREAS X EXPECT 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 BY D/F SUBMARINE X 50 NORTH 179 WEST.

27 May 1942

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COM 14 272332 Serial -> COMB. Except for carriers and under 1st air fleet over all traffic remains about the same, no traffic from carriers/commands. Submarines not active except Saburo I, Flaggship 2/1 is 36N 168E. JALUT using high speed automatic to Tokyo. More traffic from Issuing Office, Manila Base and Davao Base. Force included in Gen. Serial. Sent out to major Commands: Action 9s Combined.

Table with columns 1-31 and rows JAN SA, FEB SI, MAR SU, APR SE, MAY SO, JUN TA, JUL TI, AUG TU, SEPT TE, OCT TO, NOV NA, DEC NI. Each cell contains a 3-letter Kana code (e.g., A I U, E O K, A K I, K U K E, K O S A, S I S U, S E S O, T A T I, T U T E, T O N A, N I N U, N E N O, H A H I, H U H E, H O H A, M I M U, M E M O, Y A Y I, Y U Y E, Y O Y A, Y I Y U, Y E Y O, R A R I, R U R E, R O R A, R I R U, R E R O).

CINCPAC 272033 -> MIDWAY (VIA CABLE) SUBMARINE REPORTED YOUR 270955 PM ONLY NOT FRIENDLY. (REF-sub signed 1830/26 periscope depth bearing 103 distant 140 miles) Midway. Sub. div. immediately

BELCONNEN 270103 -> COMB, MASE 5 Serial 196/20... DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1ST (or 2nd) OPERATIONS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO REVISE (USE) THE AREA DESIGNAT...

COM 14 270238 -> COMB, RE WIRE Serial 376 725... REQUEST NOTORO PROCEED KURE ENROUTE TRUK FROM SASEBO AND LOAD 2-4... SHIPBOARD SEAPLANES...

COM 14-270662 -> COMB, YUME 8 Serial 744/26... OCCUPATION FORCE OPORD. NUMBER 8 -> COMMANDER FIRST... OF OCCUPATION FORCE, UTILIZING PART...

COM 14 270946 -> COMB, A SA RU Serial 369 of 30 December 1941... IN THE HAWAIIAN AREA THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE PACIFIC FLEET SENT...

COM 14 272... CMC 4B, CMC Action... 28 May x at... (OR TAKE ON...)

COM 14 272... GULAG TABL MAR-SU, DPA NOV-N, DE to MA-31... 1st, 2nd and 3... SLID TO LEFT... NI THROUGH...

COM 14 272... explained in... HA from top... reading with... provides MA... 3 KAWA date... to be a zone... Tokop stands... the less)

CINCPAC 27203... ABLY NOT FRIENDLY... (REF-sub sighted 1830/26...)

27 MAY... H-5 -> I-19 while preparing for a night flight on... the north side of Bougainville an enemy destroyer was... Sighted and one submerged - badly damaging on plane... H-25 Kodjank Day #73

BELIEVE WAKE BEING REINFORCED BY AIR - EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION WAKE ACTIVITIES INDICATED x INCREASED NUMBER OF NAVAL AUXILIARIES NOTED IN MARSHALLS x JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES INCREASING WITH EMPHASIS ON HAWAIIAN AND PLEUJIAN AREAS x EXPECT 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 BY D/F SUBMARINE x 50° NORTH 179 WEST.

27 May 1942 270233 0331/27

COM 14 272332 series -> COMB, Except for carriers and land 1st av fleet over all Pacific remains about the same, No traffic from carriers/commands, Submarines not active except Subron 1, flagship d/f 14 36N 168E, JALUIT using high speed automatic to Tokyo. More traffic from Issuing Office, Manila Base and Dando Base force included in Gen. Staff msg to 5th Area Command, BUMIC sent re to major Commands: Acton 95 Combined, 1st and 2nd av Fleet info to Command 3, Command 7, 8, Com Command 1+2, and KURO 6, Note 4, KURU 7, TI TU 2, all BBS in Bougainville, NO MO 6 flagship Command 8, SE 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 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COM 14. 28003d → COMB. MUTI 1 Serial 274. 927th "AS OF 20 MAY, KAMIKAWA MARU IS ATTACHED TO AIRRON 23. JIMUKA Serial 741 926th "WHILE THE FOUR SHIPS OF CRUDIV 6 ARE AT KURE (88761) REPLACE THEIR PLANES WITH TYPE 0 SEAPLANE SCOUTS." In connection my 272058, the time of arrival of first group at MIDWAY was 1700 on date followed by "RE" suggest local time of arrival is 0700 making "RE" equaling zero zero time. This in consideration as no way of checking here. (21 believed "RE" is zero zero or -9 zero zero Japanese)

COM 14 28004d → COMB. META 8 (COM. 5th Fleet) Serial 743 925th: "IN CALL LIST NUMBER 11 AND IN COMBINED FLEET TACTICAL LIST ENTER THE FOLLOWING CALLS [NORTHERN FORCE CHANGE NUMBER 2] (TACTICAL CALLS IN PARENTHESES) PAGE 8. TUFU 6 (HENU) #2 STRIKING FORCE. KUN 9 (□) - A Q OCCUPATION FORCE, FUMI 3 (□) - A Q B OCCUPATION FORCE. (next one unreadable), KE 4 (TAWI) - NORTHERN FORCE SHORE BASES AIR. HANA 2 (KANU) - SUBMARINES NORTHERN FORCE. NI SO 5 (□) - ATTACHED UNITS NORTHERN FORCE. YAKO 9 (NIO) - AOB FORCE. RUSI 6 (□) - ARMY FORCE UNIT" Comment by 14 - First appearance of A Q (□)

CINCPAC 280105 → TF 16; Info: CTF 4, 7, 9, 15, Comair for, CTF 45 (VISUAL) TF 16X REARADMIRAL SPRUANCE X DESTROYERS BALCH, MAURY, BENHAM, ELLET, CONYNGHAM, PHELPS, DEWEY, WORDEN, MONAGHAN, MONSIEUX X CRUISERS ATLANTA, NORTHAMPTON, PENACOLA, VINCENNES, NEW ORLEANS, MINNEAPOLIS X CARRIERS ENTERPRISE, HORNET X OILERS PLATE, CIMARRON X SORTIE FROM PEARL HARBOR ZERO HOUR 2036 GCT 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 MINUTES X SOUND LANE 225° FROM XRAY TO OPTION X FURNISH OWN AIR COVERAGE X AT 0130 GCT 29th PASS THROUGH POSITION 21-00 NORTH 158-40 WEST COURSE 090° SPEED 15 AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE AIR GROUPS RESEMBLYOUS OVER CARRIERS PREPARATORY TO LANDING X GWIN AND NEWIN WILL BE DIRECTED TO JOIN LATER. HUGHES HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM TF 16 TO TF 17. (NOTE VISUAL ENEMY)

COM 14 280218 → COMB. YUKA 2 Serial 4 925th "FROM COMDR 11th PIONEER BATTALION X WE REQUIRE AS MUCH SUPPLIES AS CAN BE TAKEN INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: WHEELBARROWS, ROLLERS, BULL DOZERS AND DRAGLINES X REQUEST THAT THESE BE TRANSPORTED WITH THE FIRST PHASE". NA RU 9 Serial 325 36th says that TSURUMI left KURE COMMUNICATIONS ZONE and entered 2nd FLEET FLAGSHIP ZONE. It will be noted that he was one of the tankers ordered to rendezvous. (Radio)

CINCPAC 280245 → CONTACT FOR B (NORTHERN FORCE) Info COMINT x COMMOBEST THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY FORCE ENROUTE FOR ALEUTIAN ATTACK HAVE DEPARTED FROM JAPAN X ESSENTIAL SHIPS YOUR COMMAND. KEEP RADIO SILENCE. (Radio)

CTF 9 (PATROL WINGS) 280306 → C.O. USS THORNTON (AVP) Info COMINT x COMMOBEST INFORMATION: CINCPAC 282311 and Com. Howson form op orders 12-13-17-18-19 22/45. Copies of which attached. Other intelligence information given C.O. verbally. MISSION: PROCEED FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND PATROL VICINITY TO PREVENT USE THAT AREA AS BASE FOR REFUELLING AIRCRAFT BY ENEMY FORCES AND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FACILITIES FOR OWN PLANES IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON MIDWAY, ARMY AND NAVY PLANES MAY RETIRE TOWARDS PEARL VIA FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND MAY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE X BE PREPARED TO SERVICE PATROL PLANES AND TO RESCUE PERSONNEL OF ARMY AIRCRAFT FORCED TO LAND IN THE WATER IN YOUR VICINITY. MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT FOR ENEMY CONTACTS AND EMERGENCIES. ... frequencies to guard etc. (Radio)

CINCPAC 280333 → TANGIER, COMSOWESPAC. TANGIER USING 4235 SERIES MAKE FOLLOWING TRANSMISSIONS ① ON 28 MAY FROM CONTACTOR 13 TO LEARY AND CINCPAC INFO CONTACTOR 18 AND CONTAINING 40 OLD GROUPS OF MEANINGLESS TEXT ENCRYPTED IN CHANNEL 133 BUT CARRYING EXTERNAL INDICATOR GALUG X ② ON 30 MAY, ABOUT 60 GROUPS IN JITAJ FROM CONTACTOR 13 TO TASKFOR 13 INFO CONTACTOR 18 X ③ ON 2 JUNE AN OP (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY) IN GUARD FROM CONTACTOR 18 TO TASKFORCES 18 AND 13 INFO LEARY AND CINCPAC X CINCPAC WILL SEND A SERVICE ON THE DISPATCH X ON ALL ABOVE USE ONE OR MORE CALLS FROM PARA 16 CALL SIGN BOOK AND UNITS RELAY VIA NPMI WITH PROSIG ZRG 2 X SEC COMSOWESPAC 280522 X HE IS REQUESTED TO CARRY OUT HIS PART OF THE PLAN AND IN ADDITION, PLACE TANGIER'S MESSAGE ON THE WS INTERCEPT AND THE OTHER 2 ON THE AZ.

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FORCE CONSISTING OF TWO CARDIVS X TWO CRUDIVS AND A DESTRON 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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BELCONNEN 280352 → COMB... I will arrive TAKAO 26th. KISEI 231 214. DEBON 4? LESS (Dushii) DEPARTED YOKOSUKA AT 11 HOURS FOR (KETCHI) SPEECH? ... HE MI 4 Serial 184. DUE TO FACT THAT NAVAL CODE D-1 AND GENERAL CIPHER TABLE [series 9] C (3) WHICH ARE TO GO INTO (EFFECT) FROM 1 JUNE, HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, REQUEST THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR THIS VESSEL TO HANDLE SUCH TRAFFIC USING 'S' C, KG AND Z KO UNTIL RECEIPT IS EFFECTED X ...

BELCONNEN 280428 → COMB - TEN INTERCEPTS, EARLIEST TIME GROUP 0700 ON 28th INDICATE 5 NUMERICAL SYSTEM HAS CHANGED X EXTENT UNKNOWN. BELCONNEN 280435 → COMB: NY 44 Serial 497 and not quite readable - best aboard THE ARAGI BEGINNING 0830 THE 26th

BELCONNEN 280532 → COMB. NATION 9 863 "IN ACCORD, AIRRON 22 SECRET DISPATCH BLANK UNIT (24816) HEAVY BOMBER FORCE WILL ADVANCE TO NGB (HOROMUSHIRO) AND GDH AREAS FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 20 DAYS BEGINNING 29 MAY. IN VIEW FACT THAT 12 DESTROYERS WILL BE IN OUR FORCE, ONE SHIP (DD?) WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE NGB (HOROMUSHIRO) AREA, REQUEST A PLAN FOR COOPERATION FROM UNIT (08679 (SHIRO AIR?)) X ...

OPNAV 281650 → COMB. OPNAV VERSION OF YUME 2 Serial 744/25 reported in Com 14's 270602 X OCCUPATION FORCE, OPORD N° 8 X DISPATCH ORDERS TO COMMANDER (IKKI) (ICH-ONE; KI-TWO) ARMY DETACHMENT X COMMANDER OF THE (IKKI) ARMY DETACHMENT WILL TEMPORARILY COMMAND A PORTION OF THE 2nd SPECIAL LANDING FORCE AND WILL OCCUPY (including 57693) AND ISUTAN ISLAND. Opnav Comment "HOLDING FORCE" IS ARBITRARY TRANSLATION OF "SENYO" (code group 49167) "TAI" ... EASTERN seems most probable.

OPNAV 281720 → COMB: ... RARI 9 Serial 146/36 "OCCUPATION FORCE SECRET DISPATCH ORDER NUMBER 2 HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE IKKI DETACHMENT X WILL YOUR FORCE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND MEANWHILE ARRANGE TO INFORM THE ABOVE DETACHMENT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER X ...

OPNAV 281800 RI TE 229 Serial 603/20 to MORI B fragmentary read "OCCUPATION FORCE SECRET OPORD NUMBER ONE BLANKS THE 85th COMMUNICATION CORPS, 85th FORM THE WAITING? FORCE BLANKS REACH TRUK BY JUNE 20th TO ASSIST IN THE NEXT OPERATION.

COM 14 282009 → COMB. NOTA 6 Serial 890. "REFERENCE THE ENEMY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT NOW ON WAKE (THERE IS ALSO SOME ON 'G' ((GUAM))) X REQUEST THE MACHINERY AND RESERVE CONSTRUCTION OFFICER BE PUT AT MY DISPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIR BASE AT MIDWAY X IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST THAT THE ENEMY ENGINEERS (NOW ON WAKE) ABOUT 60 BE SENT ALSO X FUEL ALSO NEEDED X THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT IS AS FOLLOWS X AMOUNT OF FREIGHT SPACE IS ABOUT 1200 CUBIC METERS (FOLLOWS A LIST OF EQUIPMENT)"

COM 14 282020 → COMB (part 2 of above dispatch re Com 14 282009)
 Additional work and research on YUME 8 Serial 741 of the 26th, previously reported ((See Com 14's 270602 page 102)) produces following smooth translation:
 "OCCUPATION FORCE OPERATION ORDER NO 8 x ORDERS FOR COMMANDER 'KAZUKI' ((IKKI ~ ICHIKI)) DETACHMENT x THE COMMANDER 'KAZUKI' ((IKKI ~ ICHIKI)) DETACHMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN AND WILL COMMAND THE 2ND COMBINED LANDING FORCE, WHICH COMES UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMMANDER LANDING FORCES OF THE OCCUPATION FORCE, AND WILL OCCUPY MIDWAY PERIOD EASTERN ISLAND!! 14's Command still no positive check on the first KANA of EASTERN ... strong likelihood of EASTERN rather than JOHNSTON

COM 14 282122 (TA Summary) → COMB. At 1355 incident Yo Ko 9 reported a submarine attack 37 miles bearing 235° from MARUTA Light, believed to be the PALAO area x bearing a submarine unit FUHI on 6500 KES was 0822 from OATH - this unit working NEVA (low sub) x only 1st Fleet dispatch addressed to detached forces of NO YE 3 x 4th SE WE 2, Tokyo Communications and Screening Force. 2nd Fleet Comdr shifted flagships on 25 May. New flagship may be MANU 0, DD or cruiser x 5th Fleet units believed underway x 1st Fleet, the tanker KOKUYO Maru and BONINS Base Force (were) associated in a dispatch heading x Sateki Personnel addressed SHOKAKUJI Carriers quiet x location of operating areas of Subs: 1st in North Pacific; 2nd - several in YOKOSUKA area; 3rd and 5th - operating from the Marshalls and Wake probably to Eastward x 4th - unlocated - maybe in Empire x 6th - unlocated - maybe dissolved x 7th - Comdr at TRUK with at least one unit in TRUK or south of TRUK, with at least 2 subs in Empire ports. 8th addressed under area Designators KOU ((甲. A)) and TOU HOU ((東方 - EASTERN)). DJK PORTS KAV bears 241 from DUTCH HARBOR; KOTE, Subron 1 flag in 45N 100E; FUHI bears 022 from OATH; KI Ro - port fix - 47N 157E x MARU ((WA MU 2)) IN 46N 151E East

CINCPAC 282153 → CTF 8 INFO CONNORNS SEAFRON, COMMENCE TASK ORANGE/NORTHERN FORCE INDICATED TO SEIZE AND SECURE ADVANCED SEAPLANE AND NAVAL OPERATING BASES IN ALEUTIANS (KISKA OCCUPATION FORCE DESIGNATED PLUS OCCUPATION FORCE FOR ANOTHER PLACE, POSSIBLY ATU) x INDICATED STATIONS 1 NACHEI, 2 MAYA, 1 RYUJO, 1 XCV, 1 ABUKUMA, 1 KUMA, 4 HIBIKI, 8 SHIGURE, 1 CHITOSE, 2-3 XAV, 8 SS PLUS TRAIN, TRANSPORTS, CARGO VESSELS x ORANGE HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BASE AT HOROMUSHIRO ON PARAMUSHIRO ISLAND KURILES FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND SUPPORT

COM 14 → 28 2016 → THORNTON VIA NAS MIDWAY info CINCPAC UPON ARRIVAL YP 284, 290, 345, 350, REFILL GAS DRUMS WITH AMIATION GAS, SUPPLY WITH NECESSARY FOOD AND WATER AND 284 TO PROCEED TO LISIANSKI x 290 TO LAYSAN x 345 TO GARDNER'S PINNACLES x 350 TO NECKER ISLAND. ALL CRAFT REMAIN IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THESE ISLANDS x BE PREPARED FURNISH GAS TO PATROL PLANES OR RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM AIRCRAFT x CAUTION ALL BORDS WHEN APPROACHING FLEET PRIVATE SHORLS TO STAY OUTSIDE 100 FATHOM CURVE IN ORDER AVOID MINE FIELDS.

HOW TO MISREPRESENT INTELLIGENCE TO SUIT ONE'S OWN PURPOSES !! *O.O.I.R.*
 COM 14 282153 → CTF 8 ((The West Coast BB force)) INTELLIGENCE INDICATES PROBABILITY OF JAPANESE AIR RAID ON ALASKA OR SAN FRANCISCO LOS ANGELES AREA DURING COMING WEEK x COM WESSEAFRON HAS DECLARED A MILITARY EMERGENCY ALL SHIPS MAINTAIN ALERT STATUS x ALL ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES FULLY MANNED MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO OR EQUIVALENT MODIFIED AS REQUIRED FOR VENTILATION AND ESSENTIAL WORK x NO LIBERTY OR SHORE LEAVE TO BE GRANTED SITUATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS TAKEN TO INSURE THAT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION BE NOT UNDULY ALARMED O# 119710

OPNAV 290030 → COMB. YUME 8 #697 of 21st. "SCHEDULED DEPART 35894, EARLY AM 29th" T8YO 4-58514 Action MASES. PLANES ON HAND IN 26373 (same as originator?) ARE 20 TYPE 0 VF (OF WHICH 12 BELONG TO 6th AIR [ATTACK FORCE?]) AND 19 ATTACK? PLANE PILOTS x PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY FIGHTER PLANE PILOTS SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM (X 02931 - Candis?) THIS UNIT WILL DEPART ON 22nd, ARRIVING OMINATO 25th AND DEPART THENCE ON 26th NUMETI/RE WIRE Serial 554/23rd TO RTE 2 AND HOTAIRU x SEVEN UNITS INCLUDING KOTOKU MARU ACE SUPPLY SHIPS FOR COMBINED FLEET THIRD PHASE OPERATIONS.

COM 14 290216 → COMB. KIRI 4 Serial 337. Only Fragmentary says that Investigation of CORREGIDOR facilities and examination of Captured Communications personnel has revealed the following: TZN is the Comdr. AT BELCONNEN x J9M IS CSWP ((Capt. South West Pacific?)) x NPO (Radio Room Harbor/Homolulu) changed calls daily x (Follows list of major Commands unenciphered calls only) x ANY OR ALL NAVAL STATIONS USE NERK. Call cipher instructions are a book of about 8-10 pages x 7 sheets are used for enciphering.

BELCONNEN 291330 → COMB. ISURE Serial 6 partially readable. "Operation Order 45 x 1) For the attack by the NORTHERN (52806) force, following units will leave - place, at times and dates indicated x 28th 1200. 1st Base Force flagship or ship Maru x KAWA Maru, ship or unit, 1st Section Desdiv 6, NITTA Maru? x 29th 0900. Destroying ship/unit 5th Fleet. Ship in Desron 30 x ship Maru x 2900 29th NACHI (?), 2nd Section Desdiv 6. 2) The Defense Force under the direct orders of its Commanding Officer, will escort/screen the landing(?) as well as in an unrecruited place and an adjacent area. The Air Group will carry out patrol under its own orders and will also patrol the landing(?) as well as in the place mentioned in Paragraph 2, above.

OPNAV 291533 → COMB. U A 7 Serial 436 of 15th. 6th AIR GROUP LAND BASED FIGHTER PLANES WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE AF ((MIDWAY)) AREA AS FOLLOWS: AKA 41 AND KAGA - 6 PLANES EACH x HIRYU AND SORYU - 3 PLANES EACH x ZUIKARU ((26373) 12(?) x PLANES TO BE LOADED IN CAVDVIS 1 AND 2 ARE TO BE FERRYED TO [17937] BY THE 22nd AND WILL BE FLOWN ON BOARD BY PILOTS OF THIS FLEET. 14's Comment - This probably concerned with YA Y02 Serial 512 of MAY 24th, reported in Com 14's 252126 ((Page 98 p)) (THIS IS SUPERCEDED BY (U) 252126.)

OPNAV 291539 → COMB. U A 7 Serial 470 of 20 MAY refers to times assigned by 10th Squadron Serial 43 to KAGA, AKA 41 and HIRYU for unknown business on 21st and perhaps another date. Comment - This is OPNAV's first notice of 10th Squadron (Codegroups 1164 plus 13992. DON JUV-SENTER) and search of all available intel material reveals no other occurrence. We note that H4FO has identified HA-KA 7 as Desron 10 but OPNAV heretofore unaware of existence of that organization either... etc... please comment

OPNAV 291652 → COMB. Plain language HANI 6 broadcast to SEWD by RU 51- ENEMY AIRCRAFT SIGHTED. Traffic routing 28th indicates part or all of forces operating under Com 5th Fleet are at sea x Definitely the C/S 5th Fleet ABUKUMA and units of Desron 1 plus Candis 5 x OMINATO broad cast operational traffic for 5th Fleet during the day. Radio Intelligence type messages being sent by JALUT and an unit in MARSHALLS and at WAKE to 5th Fleet among other radio messages. T1YO 0, suspected of being Comdr of Occupation Force aboard JINTSU today; his traffic determined by Tokyo broad cast. ((IS THIS COM 14's type)) YICEHIEF NAV. OPNS. 290032 → (SEC. BASE KETCHIKAN ALASKA, NAS SITKA SEASIDE, COMALASKA PFC Com 7-8, CINCPAC, COM NUSSEAFRON, COM ALASKA SEC NUSSEAFRON)

BURN ALL US NAVAL AND COMBINED CRYPTO GRAPHIC AIDS EXCEPT THOSE CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE AND ONE, REPEAT ONE RESECURE ON BOARD FOR EACH EDITION x BE PREPARED TO DEMOLISH ECM AND ALL AIDS.

OPNAV 292045 → COMB. Following 2 messages indicative of forces operating at sea under Commanders 5th and 2nd Fleets respectively x OMINATO radio broadcast to IAFPO incident, said Commander KI No 5 x TOKYO broadcast to general collective call x from Comdr 2nd Fleet Action Comdr incident. RU 51- info. Comdr 2nd Fleet Comdr 7, Comdr T1YO 0 (AF Occupation Force?) on board JINTSU (RU 51) message originated 20 MAY and transmitted that date when Comdr T1YO 0 not aboard JINTSU x "HIKOGUN" [ARMY] shown aboard E15 today 29th. IKKI Detachment transmitted several messages to Com 2nd Fleet on 28th

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AS 1-21 SYDNEY (Dawn)

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BY DOG FOX SUBMARINES 45-150 x 47-157 x 46-157 x ALL NORTH AND EAST x BATDIU 3 MAY OPERATE WITH CARDINS ONE AND TWO x BATDIVS ONE AND TWO LOCATION UNKNOWN x CURT 75TH x AKASHI (AFIRM ROGER) DEPARTS EMPIRE SHORTLY FOR MANDATES

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Sut 0309/39 WPM

COM 14 29226 -> COMB. NI MO 4, noted yesterday, appears confirmed as 1st Air Fleet. CARRIERS apparently maintaining strict radio silence. All Radio Intelligence centers busy with Tokyo sending info Subron 10 G. Dr. Attack x SAIPON appeared with R.I. Traffic, Major Force Commanders less 1st Air Fleet originated traffic today. COMBINED very active lengthy dispatches to major commands also especially interested (Subrons 3, 5, and 8. 1st Fleet message noted yesterday sent transmitted today info to MARU's HUKA-3 + KO ME 2x. Latter made code movement 1100 May 28 to Flagship. Combined, First Fleet (Chichima Radio and MINESWEEPER MARU x DD-SWE 7 (HUBIC?) reported shifting from OMAHA to SHIMAZONE, previously went SASEBO to OMAHA + Supply vessels associated 1st Fleet and 1st Air Fleet appear usually in heading associated CHICHIMA or 2nd Fleet Flagship shift noted 28 May may be additional Combined Fleet system of scrambled station numbers to baffles Radio Intelligence. Numbers jumped at random today x AKASHI moving southwards (under TIYO (Midway force?) addressed about JINTSU, flagship Seiran 2 also Commander FURE 5 same ship, 7's 2nd addressed for Action Force, under his command. Info to Major Commanders and units associated striking force and Northern Force x (Committed S. Western Force/Caucasus - Convoy/Supply - India Sea/Manila/Davao - Escort Force) 4th Fleet Comdr, addressed 6th Fleet Force info Combined 1st Air Fleet, 4th Air Attack, WAKE and incident ROHE). 6th Fleet Force continued associated above plus TIYO, TRUK Base Force arranged connection 4th and 5th Fleet Comdr plus Supply Base bases, SAIPON and CINCASIMA. Continued strengthening RABAU Air Forces indicated, Concur BELCANTON no concealed commands at RABAU Radio in placing Avon 7 under SAIPON accepted under SAIPON; message serials check but station serials date x 4 other series also appear to fit SAIPON's own x TOKIO and BUKORO Air still appear slated Northern Duty x latter shows some connection WAKE which may develop later x Sub. picture yesterday - points KA U (AKU?) 29.5N 176.0E; H1 MO 31.0N OAHU; NUWO 209 from DUTCH x KATERI 31.8, TO KU H1 32.0 from SAMOA; MARU'S: 31 H01-6'N 175'E; 50 TO 6-10'N 173'E, YA H29-19'N 169'E, FU 12 at 13.7N 93'E..... MAM Broadcasts reported yesterday carry SMS as last group and fit MIYO RE Series. TOKIO went from VTU 907 to 901 but is sending skipped numbers on 9260 KCS. H1 MO 4 Dispatch noted yesterday appears confirmed as 1st Air Fleet interest one dispatch originated by AKASHI to TOKYO from (TKU) and SE 51 3 which carried most consecutive station number x carriers apparently maintaining strict radio silence except these two exceptions. All Radio Intelligence centers busy with Tokyo sending info to Subron 10 G. Dr. Attack

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MAILGRAM 109

COMDR. NAV. BASE 300424 -> COMB. GEN. INFO (CINCAC, COM SE. T. AIR FORCE AIR DEFENSES 700000) (CINCASIM, DEPT. COM. NAV. MIDWAY) INFORMATION. CINCAC DISPATCH 300151 (Not available) - THE ENEMY IS EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT THE CAPTURE OF MIDWAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. COMPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES IS EXPECTED TO BE 4 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, 2-4 FAST BATTLESHIPS, 3-5 CRUISERS, 16-24 DESTROYERS, 8-12 SUBMARINES, A LANDING FORCE IN TRANSIT WITH SCAPLANE TENDERS, OWN AIR FORCE AT MIDWAY CONSISTS OF 24 YFS, 4-B-26 BOMBERS, 27 VF AND 36 VSB X OWN CARRIER TASK FORCES ARE MOVING TO INITIAL POSITION NORTHEAST OF MIDWAY X OWN SUBMARINES ARE AT OR PROCEEDING TO INITIAL POSITIONS INDICATED IN CINCAC OP ORD 29-42 ANNEX A (7 COPIES ATTACHED FOR ACTION ADDRESSEE) X 11 PT (MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS) ARE ENSURE MIDWAY ESCORTED BY BALLARD (AVD - DESTROYER TYPE SCAPLANE TENDER). BALLARD RETURNS PEARL AFTER DELIVERING PTS TO MIDWAY AND MAY BE ENROUTE PEARL ON 30 MAY. KITTYHAWK (AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT) WITH ESCORT IS RETURNING PEARL FROM MIDWAY X THORNTON (AVD) IS AT FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS. YFS (SMALL PATROL BOATS) WILL BE STATIONED ONE EACH AT LISIANSKI, LAYSAN, GARDNER'S PINNACLE, AND NECKER ISLANDS FOR RESCUE PURPOSES. VPS ARE CONDUCTING LONG RANGE SEARCH FROM MIDWAY AND JOHNSTON ISLANDS X IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONTACT WITH ENEMY CARRIERS MAY BE MADE AT LONG RANGE X IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ENEMY CARRIERS DECKS BE DAMAGED TO IMMOBILIZE ENEMY PLANES, OR THAT ENEMY CARRIERS BE SUNK BEFORE THEY GET WITHIN STRIKING RANGE OF MIDWAY. BUT THE ONLY LONG RANGE STRIKING AIRCRAFT AT MIDWAY ARE THE 4-B26 AIRPLANES AND THE 24 PBV AIRCRAFT. THE LATTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT ATTACKS ONLY SINCE THEY WILL BE EMPLOYED FOR SEARCH DURING DAYTIME.

THESE 7TH BOMBER COMMAND DISPATCH 6:0-17 BOMBERS TO MIDWAY ON 30 MAY IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE LONG RANGE AIR STRIKING GROUP. BOMBERS REPORT TO COMMANDING OFFICER NAS MIDWAY FOR DUTY UPON ARRIVAL, ENROUTE MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT IN CASE CONTACT WITH STRONG ENEMY FORCES OR ENEMY AIRCRAFT. DO NOT ATTACK OR REPORT SUBMARINES WHILE IN THE AIR BUT REPORT SUCH CONTACTS TO COMMANDING OFFICER, NAS MIDWAY, UPON ARRIVAL MIDWAY. COMMUNICATIONS: DO NOT REQUIRE MOS EXCEPT IN DIRE NECESSITY.

OPNAV 300430 -> COMB. NE YO NI Serial 511/21 May. "The following new regulations regarding relaying and re-sending messages is to be added to the 2nd part of Naval Communications Instructions #9 and to be put into effect from 1 June 1942 x Part 1, when relaying or re-sending messages which includes the originator's name in the text of the message, the frequency used by the ship/station is to be multiplied by 2 and then 255 (?) added to this figure and the result put in parentheses. (For example) if the reception of the message was on 7600 KCS (7400?) would be used to designate this. This is to be added to the head of message. Part 2, if the date on which the message is sent the message is relayed or re-sending the message the numeral showing its day on which the originator sent the message is to be designated (by using 2 numerals) in parentheses. For example: if it was the 24th it would be shown (24) and this is to be placed (after the numerals designating the time of relay or re-sending) "xx MITA 1 Number 288 924. (2) (2) ARRIVING SASEBO ON THE 2ND AFTERNOON (06397) ASHIGARA (?) TO TAKE UP DUTY."

BELCANTON 300448 -> COMB. KE OS 04326. INVESTIGATE THE SOVIET WHALER "ALEUT" (7600 TONS, REGISTERED VLADIVOSTOK, CALL LETTERS UDFK) WHICH IS UNDERWAY IN A POSITION [] MILES 120 DEGREES OF CAPE [] x IF THERE IS ANY SUSPICION, DO SOMETHING OR OTHER x RO YU 2220. THE MOVEMENT OF THE MISAWA HEAVY BOMBER UNIT WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS FOLLOWS: (1) SCHEDULES - ON 1 JUNE 10 Type 1 HEAVY BOMBERS ("BETTY") DEPART KISARAZU 0700 FOR PST (TENIAN) x 0600/2nd DEPART FOR PQB ("RO") (KUNAWAN?) x 0600/3rd DEPART FOR WAKE (2) (WEATHER, COMMS)

COMBATWING 2 -> MAILGRAM 30054 (VIA CABLE) -> COM NAS MIDWAY INFO CINCAC. INTELLIGENCE SECTION CINCAC PROVIDES ESTIMATE ENEMY SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT AT WAKE ON OR ABOUT 31 MAY AS FOLLOWS: 36 HEAVY LAND BASED TWIN-ENGINE BOMBERS, 8-12 4-ENGINE PATROL PLANES 36 TYPE 0 FIGHTERS, 8-12 TYPE 0 SCAPLANES (SINGLE ENGINE FLOTT PLANE) COMBATWING 2 MAILGRAM 30054 (VIA CABLE) -> C.O. NAS MIDWAY INFO CINCAC. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE POINT AT 27-00 NORTH, 170-00 EAST MAY BE USED BY ENEMY RENDEZVOUS POINT x NUMBERS AND TYPES OF SHIPS AND TIME OF TIMES OF RENDEZVOUS UNKNOWN x U.S. SUBMARINE IS PATROLLING THE VICINITY CINCAC OP ORD 29-42 PARA 3 (X) (1) APPLIES TO THIS AREA.

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COMBATING 2 (MIDWAY) VIA CABLE (MIDWAY) → 20 NRS MIDWAY and CINCPAC
 YOUR 300151 (... IT IS DESIRED THAT ATTACK ON WAKE BY LONG RANGE BOMBERS, REFUELING AT MIDWAY BE UNDERTAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) COMGEN TRUK FOR NOW ADVISES LONG RANGE BOMBERS HAVE INSUFFICIENT RANGE TO MAKE ATTACK ON WAKE FROM MIDWAY.

MIDWAY 300620 → CINCPAC. PATROL PLANES REPORT ONE SUBMARINE SIMILAR I-68-75 (LUSS) EXCEPT HAS 2 GUNS, ONE FORT, ONE ART; POSITION 085°E (142) LAT 24.34N LONG 177-51 EAST COURSE NORTH-EAST SPEED 18 SIGHTED AT 8 MILES AND SPOTTING PLANE BELIEVES HE WAS UNOBSERVED & SUB DID NOT GIVE ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR SIGNAL & ANOTHER PLANE REPORTS SUBMARINE BEARING 287°T DISTANT 455 MILES AT 1240, COURSE 200° SPEED 18.

TANGIER (CTF 13) → TR 13 INFO CTF 18, Deception Message - See CINCPAC 280333 (page 104) and Comsopac 240543 (page 93) (to lead Jap. High Command to believe American carriers still in Coral Sea area)

OPNAV 302025 → COMB. Ominato broadcasts to RYUJO indicating this unit at sea with other units of Northern Force, Group 3rd Air Attack Group at (HAKU) (AKA) (or BIHORO) Air ... Unidentified Air Group (Mo 0 44) Commander is on board AKAGI Traffic for this Comd. associated with 6th Air Attack Force, 14th Air Corps and Com 11th Air Fleet's Comd. KISARATSU Air at unident. air station (B.H.E.?). A detachment of the 11th Air Group is at, or in the vicinity of OMINATO. Arrive 31 is at NICHOLS Field, TRUK calling 2nd Fleet sends traffic for the KAMIGATA MARU and Comair 23 & Tokyo broadcast traffic for SHOKAKU...

CINCPAC 302057 → TASK FORCE COMBRS. ENEMY SUBMARINES ON 29th ONE SIGHTED 345 MILES 230° FROM MIDWAY APPROX. COURSE 45° & ONE SIGHTED 455 MILES 287° FROM MIDWAY, APPROX COURSE 200° ONE BY RCF 660 MILES 345° FROM SAHU & POSSIBLE SIGHTING NEAR MOLDKAI

COM 14 302128 → COMB. RITA 1 Serial 01795 "FROM COMBR. YOKOSUKA LANDING FORCE & TO YOKOSUKA LANDING FORCE & AT 0900/15th (WILL) SHIPT FLAG TO BRAZIL MATU". RE WIRE Serial 295/21st States that the tanker which was to proceed to TRUK with fuel was, instead, unladen at YOKOSUKA.

MIDWAY → CINCPAC Info CPW-2. PLANE REPORTS POSITION 173-20E and 2655N with another plane 400 miles bearing 213° reports APPROX BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 0200 YOKE (PLUS 12). No identification of attacking types & believe contacts between patrols for MIDWAY and WAKE.

MIDWAY 302320 → CINCPAC Info CPW-2. THIS FROM PLANE PATROL BEARING 200° ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT MITSUBISHI TWIN ENGINE HEAVY BOMBING PLANE

MIDWAY 302325 → CINCPAC Info CPW-2. THIS FROM PLANE PATROL BEARING 213° ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFTS & MOTOR BOMBING PLANE ONE (CPW) WAS HIT ON RETURNING TO BASE.

CINCPAC 302339 → CTF 16, 17 Info Cominch. MIDWAY SEARCH TODAY COMMENCING 0500Y (4th) SECTOR 200-020 TO 700 MILES & HEAVY PLANES MIDWAY TODAY 24 VP, 4B-26, 6-B-17, JOHNSTON; 6 VP; BELIEVE SOME ENEMY FORCES AT RENOVENOUS L 27N, 170E IN NEAR FUTURE. POSSIBLY REVEALING STRIKING FORCE THERE & FLETCHER DEPARTED AT 1830Z 30th.

COM 14 - 302342 (TI Summary) → COMB. Several dispatches deal with a submarine attack on MARU HAKUHO in 3-38N-142-40 East at 7th 30th. Attack apparently continued to south west of that position. CHICHUJIMA relayed report of another attack to 7 MARUS. This occurred in 26-40N, 129-30E at 1730X OMINATO now seeing submarines in Northern Pacific in same manner as JALUIT has served submarines in past. Coast Guard reports a total of 57 MARUS working (stations) JUV or JOR. Com Sup for JALUIT sent priority to MIA & RO 1, info KUI and ICA MA & all of them believed to be in Central Pacific & at 1535 JALUIT sent short dispatch to Comsub for and 4th Air Attack Force which was transmitted on several frequencies over considerable period of time. This appears to have been originated by MIA at 1535. Comment - appears this sub. either reported something or had initiated a zero hour. At 1830 today TOKYO Radio sent to Subron 8 as follows: "2600 GAI 1830" This may have been origin to execute something at 2000

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H-5 I-10 Diego Suarez (mju)

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CLASSIFIED OUTGO

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ESTIMATED LOCATION OF CARRIERS & KAGA AKAGI SORU HIRYO WITH STRIKING FORCE AT SEA & RYUJO IN NORTHERN WATERS & KASUGA SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU IN EMPIRE

SUBMARINE 29-30 NORTH 196 EAST.

30 May 1942

3000 24 May 42

CINCPAC 76th BY D/F sent at 0400

(Continuation of COM 14: 302342 Serial to COMB)
 PARAO broadcast a dispatch containing single group MINESE originated by "ALM" and addressed to "ABS". 3rd Air Attack Force seems located in same area as Cardiv 5. Combined Fleet Staff continues to send dispatches to collective info CAC Combrd, 2nd and 4th Fleets, Bonins Base Force and MIDWAY Force. This call may be 1st Fleet. Another dispatch by ENO 2, detcom CAC 1st and combined info to RYUJO, YOKE 3 and TEFU 6. BELCOMSEN identifies RYUJO 5 as HUYGA and as the other calls have been loosely associated. Betdiv 3 in past possibilities are that Betdiv 3 has not yet departed. Ensigns in Desron 3 & Indectors are "TAKI" Force at SASEBO and MARU YOKI 6 at KURE & NU YO 0, tentative MUYO, JALUIT relayed to Tokyo & message for delivery to Com 2nd and Comair 2. This seen as only slight indication that these units have departed SAIPAN-TRUK area. TRUK weather Bureau continues with greater than normal traffic. CAC 4th sent a dispatch which appears to affect Subron 5 in unknown manner. Communications of 4th Air Attack Force sent urgent to 11th Air Fleet Communications info 4th Air Attack Force (less GASTU MARU), 3rd and 6th Air Attack Forces, Subron 6, 6th Base Force and Tokyo Communications & Coordinator of communications between 3rd, 4th and 6th Air Attack Forces has been very prominent in anticipation of operations in Northern and Midway areas. Part of Desron 6 appears enroute to Empire. Detachment addressed at TRUK, 3rd and 6th Air Attack continues association with 5th Fleet & RYUJO on OMINATO circuit. If MO NE 7 contact for Commander North Pacific Area, then 3rd Air Attack will operate in north as his call, in parenthesis, followed above & dispatch sent C.O. AKAGI for special information - may indicate that later not aboard. Subron 2, TAKAO and KURE Radios, Cardiv 5 and all Communications units on the Combined Fleet & Carriers other than RYUJO unheated & Submarine traffic heavy. Subrons continuing association with mid-Pacific operations in 3, 5, and TE KA 9, which was thought a Squadron instead of a Desron. Later not a part of Subron 7 but 4th Fleet association may have been caused by stationing at WAKE & Subron 1 in North Pacific and what few bearings obtained indicate that some angles were acute (units) may be as far east as Alaskan coast... D/F heavy...

CINCPAC 311221 -> ALL TF COMBRS PACFLT INFO - COMINCH. CINCPACIFIC 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 CV OR XCV 2 KIRISHIMAS 4 MOGAMIS 2 ATAGO 10 DD SCREEN XX OCCUPATION FORCE 1 TAKAO 1-2 MYOKOS (QUESTION) 1 CHITOSE, 1 CHYODA, 2-9 KAMIKAWA MARU 4-6 AK 8-12 AP 12 DESTROYERS X APPROXIMATELY 14 SS ON RECONNAISSANCE AND SCOUTING MISSION MID PACIFIC - HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AREA ((actually sent "ROUTE at 312242"))

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COM 14 310934 -> COMB. UYO 4 Serial 497 of 22nd " WILL HOLD CONFERENCE ON BOARD AKAGI AT 0830 26 MAY REGARDING AIR OPERATIONS OF STRIKING FORCE X [] WILL ATTEND". This was sent ACTION COM COMDIVS 1 and 2, KAGA, AKAGI, SORYU, HIRYU, CRUDIV B, KIRISHIMA, a battleship NA TO 5, SA 407 and MI SU 9. Originator was CMC 155 Air Fleet. 14's Comment - gives probable organization of striking force.

BELCONNEN 311420 -> COMB. YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE SECRET TELEGRAM 803 OF 29 MAY EOT 5 NUMERAL X " PASS TO ALL SHIPPING IN VICINITY X TODAY, 29th AT 1905 AN ENEMY SUBMARINE WAS SIGHTED 5 MILES BEARING 165 FROM INATORI SAKI AND AT 1925 IN POSITION 13 MILES BEARING 240 FROM KAZEHAYA SAKI X SHIPS ENTERING TOKYO BAY SHOULD HAVE THE COAST AFTER PASSING BETWEEN ISHIMURO SAKI AND TOJIMA; THEY WILL THEN RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LOOKOUT STATIONS AT KAZEHAYA SAKI AND TOJIMA WHEN CONDITIONS ARE SUITABLE FOR ENTERING THE BAY AT FULL SPEED WHICH THEY WILL DO, PASSING CLOSE OFF TATEYAMA."

OPNAV 311400 -> COMB. ((3 fragments having no immediate bearing on the intelligence situation - dated May 22, 24 & 25))... E T E S U Serial 9 May 23 FURNISHED 1ST AIR GROUP WITH 15 Type 76 FIGHTER PLANES ON (9316) plates X RATO C Serial 763/26 REF. (01268) Serial 14 X DESIRE TO ATTACK THAT VESSEL TO THE OCCUPATION FORCE. ACTION TO COMBINED FLEET MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE.

OPNAV 311405 -> COMB. KO MO 2 Serial 357/22 May 24 Type 1 (Heavy Bomber) departed RRE ((Raban/Vunakanov?)) FOR PST ((TENKAN)) of... KIMI 1 Serial To 6/24 May. The Number 2 instructions for use of Navy code [] has not been received. We received only 47 each of Number 2 Special B code volumes [] to 16 but as the number of planes in ordinary use in this force is sixty planes, please arrange to supply sufficient number of copies. YA KI 9 Serial 395/24 May (unrecorded) Main arrived AA ((wake)) at 0540 and will leave at 1000. Plans to arrive PS ((PADAN)) at 0300 the 27th e.....

OPNAV 311410 -> COMB. DRU 5 Serial 196/25 May refers to Comdiv 6 Serial [] THE RESERVE PILOTS OF THE (36162) SHALL BE TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED TO THE (X12746-ship in Comdiv 6) and notify 1st Fleet Headquarters X MU TI 1 Serial 273/May 26th. "THE THIRD PHASE ORGANIZATION PLAN WILL BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS (21936 ship) IS TO BE DETACHED FROM [] AND ATTACHED TO THE OCCUPATION FORCE... (and another out pertinent from 71 to 6 of 7 May 21

OPNAV 311530 -> COMB. Additional info on NO YA 7 Serial 425 reported in Comdiv 272058 and 280030. Concealed originator is... Desrom 2... THE ARRIVAL AT (1000) YA TU RU IS AT 1200 1 JUNE. UNITS DEPARTING AT 1400 MAY 26 VIA WAKE INCLUDE 2 SUPPLY SHIPS. ALL DATES FOLLOWED BY same value in parentheses ((re))

I-10 DIEGO SUAREZ (night) #77

NACHI OPERATING WITH TWO UNITS CRUDIV FOUR NORTHERN WATERS X INDICATION ONE SHIP OF CRUDIV J WITH WITH CRUDIV B IN STRIKING FORCE X CRUDIV SIX IN EMPIRE X CRUDIV SEVEN AT SEA X CRUDIV EIGHTEEN IN TRUK AREA OR ENROUTE JAPAN X ASHIGARA ENROUTE EMPIRE FROM EAST INDIES X HATOGI IN JAVA VICINITY. 310151 May '42 Sent grib

COM 14 312106 -> Summary to COMB. Major Commanders unusually quiet. Roman letter calls appeared in the MARSHALLS area on 30th, ALM is fair. Attack. BED is JALUIT area. ALSO 31 MAY 1942

CINCPAC 310355 -> NAS MIDWAY, INFO - COM GEN HAWAII DEPT. ((I AM)) SHIPPING MATERIALS FOR PREPARATION MOLTOTY OR VICTORY COCKTAIL X THIS FOR SHANNON ((COL. USMG)) FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ENCLOSED IN BOXES X PRESCRIBED AS SHURE FIRE KILL TO TANKS X MAY HAVE OTHER INTERESTING USES IF TOSSED AND SURELY BROKEN IN RIGHT PLACES X THESE A PRESENT TO YOU WITH COMPLIMENTS FROM THE ARMY X FROM CINCPAC DE GEN HAWAII DEPT INFORMED

BELCONNEN 310530 Serial 227/27 MAY. WITH REGARD TO 6TH AIR ATTACK FORCE OPERATION ORDER 22 X MAKE THE TIME FOR DEPARTURE FROM KISARAZU AND [] 0630 AND FROM MARCUS 0500 IN ACCORD WITH 6TH AIR (OR BASE) FORCE OPERATION ORDER [] X NEXT TWO FROM COLOMBO X KUMA 9 Serial 343/26th X UNKNOWN TANKER FROM TAKAO FOR KWADOLEIN VIA SAIPAN X CARGO GASOLINE X DEPARTURE ABOUT JUNE 1ST X TA TIE Serial 603/24th X UNKNOWN VESSEL ARRIVING TRUK 1 JUNE WITH WAR MATERIALS FROM (SAKO AND TRUK ((?)) X COMMENT X THIS vessel reported by Belconnen's 251235 05 2nd item and believe 1st TRUK in COLOMBO reading should be PALAD (02547 special table) and that 2nd TRUK should be TAKAO (25140 special table).....

BELCONNEN 310233 -> COMB. To YA 7 Serial 753/27 May. "REPORT OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS. 1 CALL 'NERK' (STRENGTH 3) MADE CONTACT WITH STATION NBA AT 1442. BEARING WAS 89 FROM PQ (WAKE). 2 FROM 1400 TO 1530 INTERCEPTED 6 AIRCRAFT TRANSMISSIONS ON BN 3 (WAKE). 3 FROM 1400 TO 1530 INTERCEPTED 6 AIRCRAFT CONFIRMS DSN AS TOWNVILLE WHICH WORKS AIRCRAFT ON 3575 AND 6275 AMING OTHERS".... YUKA 2 Serial 203/26 May - From AIRRON 7 - THIS FORCE DEPARTED BASE/50 AT 1100/22nd AND ARRIVED SAIPAN AT 1000/26th. CONFIRMED BY COLMBO AS CARDIV 7 AND BY "H" AS AIRRON 23 X EVIDENCE - AIRRON 7 IS

A.T. FORT RICHARDS 311932 -> COMALSEC -> NAS DUTCH HARBOR, COM 13 SHORT JAPANESE RADIO MESSAGES BEING TRANSMITTED OVER 6650 KCS FROM SEVERAL STATIONS POSSIBLY TACTICAL TRANSMISSIONS STOP TIME 1015 AM 31 MAY STOP STATION NE 7 MU TO 18 RA (KAWA) SOUNDS CLOSE. F.Y. Informant.

CINCPAC 311221 -> ALL TF COMORS PACFLT INFO - COMINCH. CINC PACIFIC FLEET ESTIMATE MIDWAY FORCE ORGANIZATION X STRIKING FORCE 4 CARRIERS (AKAGI, KAGA, HIRYU, SORYU) 2 KIRISHIMAS, 2 TONE CLASS COULSERS 12 DESTROYERS SCREEN AND PLANE GUARD. X SUPPORT FORCE 1 CV OR XCV 2 KIRISHIMAS 4 MOGAMIS 2 ATAGO 10 DD SCREEN XX OCCUPATION FORCE 1 TAKAO 1-2 MYOKOS (QUESTION) 1 CHITOSE, 1 KAYODA, 2-9 KAMIKAWA MARU 4-6 AK 8-12 AP 12 DESTROYERS X APPROXIMATELY 14 SS ON RECOMMISSANCE AND SCOUTING MISSION MID PACIFIC - HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AREA. ((actually sent "ROUTE of 312242"))

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BELCONNEN 311420 -> COMB. YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE SECRET TELEGRAM 809 OF 26 MAY ENT - "MIDWAY" " "

112A ALSO 31 MAY 1942

COM 14 310545 -> COMB. TUKA 2 Serial 131/28th. " FOUR ZERO FIGHTERS OF ZUIKAKU ARRIVED (OR DEPARTED) [] AIRBASE AT 1250 " TUYO 4 Serial 851 of 19th. " PRESENT NUMBER OF PLANES OF THE (X 26313 and 32037) AS FOLLOWS: ZERO TYPE FIGHTERS 20 (OF WHICH 6 ARE [something]) AND 12 ARE [something], 19 BOMBERS (OF WHICH 4 ARE [something]) X P. PILOTS: FIGHTER PILOTS 10 X BOMBER PILOTS 19 X P. EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF FIGHTER PILOTS FROM CARDIV 5 X P. THIS UNIT WILL DEPART TOKUYAMA 22nd, ARRIVE OMINATO 25th AND DEPART ON 26th "

To supply sufficient number of copies. [unclear] arrived AA ((WAKE)) at 0540 and will leave [unclear] plans to arrive PS(?) (SANDAN) at 0300 the 27th e.....

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NACHI OPERATING WITH TWO UNITS CRUVID FOUR NORTHERN WATERS X 77th Bulletin INDICATION ONE SHIP OF CRUVID J WITH CRUVID 8 IN STRIKING FORCE X WITH CRUVID

SEVEN AT SEA X CRUVID EIGHTEEN IN TRUK AREA OR ENROUTE JAPAN, AGHOGARA ENROUTE EMPIRE FROM EAST INDIES X NATOR: IN JAVA VICINITY 310151 May 42 Sent for [unclear]

COM 14 312106 7/2 Summary to COMB. Major Commanders unusually quiet. Roman letter calls appeared in the MARSHALLS area on 30th. ALM is 4th Air letter calls designed especially for submarine - air operations from Marshalls for use in Hawaiian area. 2-KANA calls changed at midnight regular service calls apparently unchanged. No dispatches seen originated by Combined 1st or 2nd Fleet commanders. Naval General Staff despatch went to 5th Combined, 3rd + 4th Fleets, 11th Air Fleet in Astora and to 2nd + 5th Air Fleet in Eniwetok. Tokyo Radio Intelligence addressing traffic to Northern Fleet. Tokyo Hydrex/WEATHER reporting Maru (giant) JGS Combined, 5th Fleets and unidentified SU KE 3. Consub for using JALUIT call and unident MIA continue receive traffic associating all major commanders involved in the operations Hawaiian area. Believe submarines have been given green light for their part in campaign. Unident MOO 4 addressed care of AKAGI vessels, weather reporting Marus and for screen using 3 KANA calls appear to be equally spread from KAMOHATIGA down 155° Meridian East to below 25° North Latitude; ANU KA - 53°N; E MA NA 32-30N; WI SA SI 25N all three at 155 or 156 East. TE MA, E U TI, MO ICI TI and NA FU NA may be between E MA NA and A NU KA.

BELCONNEN 310235 -> COMB. TO YA 7 Serial 753/27 May. "REPORT OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS. (1) CALL 'NERK' (STRENGTH 3) MADE CONTACT WITH STATION NBA at 1442. BEARING WAS 89 FROM PQ ((WAKE)). (2) FROM 1400 TO 1530 INTERCEPTED 6 AIRCRAFT TRANSMISSIONS ON BN 3 (DSN) CHANNEL (USING FREQUENCY [] TS) COMMENT - THIS CONFIRMS DSN AS TOWNSVILLE WHICH WORKS AIRCRAFT ON 3575 AND 6275 AMING OTHERS" YUKA 2 Serial 205/26 May. From AIRCON 7 - THIS FORCE DEPARTED SASEBO AT 1100/22nd AND ARRIVED SAIYAN AT 1000/26th. CONFIRMED BY COLOMBO AS CARDIV 7 AND BY "H" AS AIRCON 23 X EVIDENCE - AIRCON 7 IS ATC FORT RICHARDSON 311932 -> COMALSEC -> NAS DUTCH HARBOR, Com 13 SHORT JAPANESE RADIO MESSAGES BEING TRANSMITTED OVER 6680 KCS FROM SEVERAL STATIONS POSSIBLY TACTICAL TRANSMISSIONS STOP TIME 1615 AM 31 MAY STOP STATION NE 7 MU TO 18 RA (KANA) SOUNDS CLOSE. F. Y. Informant.

COMSOWESPAC 010324 -> CINCPAC, ALLTF Comdr Pacific Fleet
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT, probably one only, heard or picked up by radar Sydney area between 1332-1427 GCT 30th. Indicated enemy submarines in Sydney Harbor last night. HMS KUTTABEL, converted depot ship lying off GARDEN Island suffered underwater explosion at 1435 GCT/31st and was down by the bows x due 18" torpedo reported ashore north east side BARRED Island x one submarine reported sighted standing up harbor and fired on by CHICAGO at 23 HRS (K) (2/10)

CINCPAC 010333 -> COMINCH. THE ORANGE VES IN CONTACT WITH OUR MIDWAY SEARCH POSYS YESTERDAY WERE BOTH TWIN ENGINE x ON PATROL 700 MILES WEST OF MIDWAY THE CUTLEFISH SIGHTED 3 ENEMY PLANES
--- WITHIN THE LIMITS OF FORCES AVAILABLE TO ME, THE DEPLOYMENT TO OPPOSE THE ENEMY IN BOTH CENTRAL AND NORTH PACIFIC IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY x I NOW ESTIMATE THE ENEMY WILL EMPLOY 34 DESTROYERS AT MIDWAY

BELCONNEN 010527 -> COMB..... Following from "SEC" ((COLOMBO?)) translation - KONA Serial 748/21 May addressed KO SO 4, Info MENB SU HAS, KUYUSA. SECRET, ACCORDING TO THE MARITIME (AND SUPPLY?) OPERATIONS SECTION Serial 1, THE SCHEDULE IS TO HAVE THE SEIZED "GENOTA" PROCEED TO JAPAN AND RELIEVE THE PRIZE CREW AND ASSIST THIS VESSEL TO THE NAVY AS A SPECIAL SERVICE SHIP (OILER) BUT AT PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUESTED FOR HER TO PROCEED TO TAPURAK AND AFTER LOADING OIL THERE TO TRANSPORT IT TO JAPAN. COMMENT - GENOTA, DUTCH TANKER-7987 tons... Following read by local British "KA" BREAK SYSTEM "SECRET TELEGRAM 812 x YOKOSUKA Commerce protection Report 608. At 1300/31st a friendly submarine will be leaving the entrance to Tokyo Bay and proceeding to the west passing through ENSHUNADA and KUMAMONARUA.

BELCONNEN 011000 -> COMB. Further indications noted that Subron 5 will operate eastward from Marshalls and Chichi Jima. Associations indicate some units this force in northern area while HIKE 6 (unit of Subron 5) was associated with BRAZIL Marn (flagship of MIDWAY Occupation Force). Slight indication that KUSI (Marn tanker) will operate with 2nd Fleet while KOMES (tanker?) serving 2nd fleet is enroute SAIPAN to YOKOSUKA x Traffic routing indicates 2nd Section of Comdr 6 may be enroute KURE to support fleet in TRUK area. One detachment of TOKO Air is now at HOROKANISHIRO (in Kuriles). ASHIGARA enroute to Empire is now in Sasebo area. Heading associations indicate Airon 31 (at MANILA) may move south to join Avon 23 (KENDARI area). Consub 1 appears to be at OKINAWA using that station as originator. HOME 0 appears to be new submarine and assigned to Subron. KONA 07 and TO 04 are apparently new or re-commissioned units in the Combined Fleet - maybe vessels of Combined Fleet train.... Slight indication that one of them may be moving toward SAIPAN area. Several dispatches routed to SAIPAN by Tokyo for delivery to Cinc and 4th Fleet - but could be an error in routing

BELCONNEN 011120 -> COMB..... FROM "SEC" ((COLOMBO)) KUYUSA 16 May - no serial 9 hours (Z). SECRET - THE GENOTA MARU WAS CAPTURED BY THE AIKOKU MARU AT NOON 9 MAY IN LATITUDE 17-40 SOUTH, 76-20 E EXPECTS TO ARRIVE PENDING AT NOON 17th..... REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.....

BELCONNEN 011230 -> COMB. OSE 8 Serial 727/25 May (60084) x Special detachment OPERATION REPORT - (1) Some detachment after participating in the MO operations (morrow a submarine unit) after return to TRUK on the 19th, fuelled from (2) and immediately departed for Australian (Islands?) x (29/24) will return to Japan from TRUK x (3) Southern Intelligence Report - (a) a submarine (n sub. unit) made the following observations regarding SIWA between 19 and 23 May. One 2nd class cruiser (KURUSU class), 7 of some other type, 8 small patrol boats, no merchant ships at anchor. (b) IP2, some submarine vicinity SYDNEY (B) there is a battleship or cruiser 1/2 miles to the east of SHARK Island (c) there is a battleship in drydock at SOCKOTOO and 1 cruiser off the coast, (c) 2 medium class destroyers (n 2nd class cruiser) and 3 CRUISERS at or off GARDEN Island, 3 CRUISERS (or Swarships) on patrol south of SHARK Island. Much merchant shipping in (d) area and shagged anchorages at HORROR BRIDGE. Subparagraphs d, e, f, g, h, not

I-10 search of coast of Diego Suarez (night)

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INCREASED AIR AND SUBMARINE ACTIVITY FROM MARSHALLS X RECENTLY LOCATION OF JEROME X FIRST IN NORTHERN WATERS X SECOND EMPIRE WATERS
SAIPAN AREA NOW HEADED EAST X THIRD PROBABLY IN FIFTH PART INDIA ONE DESDLY WITH AIR TENDERS X SIXTH BETWEEN TRUK AND JAPAN SEVENTH 7th X TENTH CARRIER PLANE GUARDS WEATHER KAMCHATKA ANOTHER AT 27 NORTH AND 173.5 EAST

010153 1 JUNE sent 0220/3

Clear, Part III Reconnaissance Report of the SYDNEY AREA: (1) On the 16th there was 1 Destroyer and on the 19th, 1 Patrol Boat patrolling off Port KEMBLAK (not readable) - (2) On the 16th at 1800 fired 2 judoes at a 500 ton merchant men off NEWCASTLE but both missed, followed that with several rounds of gunfire but she evaded any hits x on the 22nd attacked (2) to the eastward of SYDNEY x DESIRE that (ship or sub) reconnoiter several blanks should begin proceeding to that place (3) on 31st (4) - Slof (Lorenzen & KENNEDY)

OPNAV 011300 -> COMB. Several bits/pieces re logistics & Mandate movements... OPNAV 011800 -> COMB. Cinc 4th Fleet and Staff 11th Air Fleet on board 4th Fleet flagship, MIU Ro 1, June 1st x Traffic for them Commando is delivered by broadcast from TRUK to flagship, CYS 17th Air Fleet also addressed on aircraft shore point channel 113 to KCS at HNO 2. SHIMAZO sent message 1 June to several ships and units. From traffic routing Desdly 2 (KUSU 2) not in company with flagship 4th Fleet. Comdr. ROYU 2 is at KISARATSU Air Station. Traffic for Sub. Call No 100 55 sent to CHICULIMA for delivery... MORIMOTO. Force Commander continues to receive traffic from "HIROSHIMA" and is in TRUK in night

CINCPAC 012157 -> CTFB Info COMALSEC. YOUR ATTENTION INVITED TO NPM NUMBER 4 (FORM 011900) SUWA MESSAGES SUDDENLY APPEARING ON THE NPM FOX MAY MAKE POSSIBLE CORRECT DEDUCTIONS YOUR ACTIVITY x WEIGHT VALUE AND USE YOUR DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER SUCH DISPATCHES SHOULD BE SENT BY OTHER THAN NORMAL CHANNELS

COM 14 020024 → COMB (TI Summary) There appears to be line of weather reporting ships - one possib 38N 137E, another 65N 176W (very doubtful). (JCS-Beang)
 Major Commands continue apparent silence, unless message arrives too shifted, the last intercepted traffic from Combined was originated 28th at 0900 - 2nd Fleet was 29th at 0520; 1st Fleet was 28th at 1200 & 3rd Fleet - 1 June at 1840. 4th Fleet at noon the 1st; 7th Fleet 29th at 1750; Sub for 1st June at 1440, 1st Air Fleet 28th at 1030, AKAGI same date 1245, 11th Air Fleet at 2010. WA 419 and TE 407 (in CruDiv 6) using TRUK radio coverage originated movements believed indicate going KURE from TRUK area. A dispatch from CMC 2nd Fleet dated 28th to HURO MARU at KURE info CMC 4th + Combined + TRUK Base Force intercepted today. MALAY Force, Escort Force, China Fleet, NEI Force combination appear prominent probably due to lack of traffic from present operating commands. Indicates continued and heavy volume convoys between Occupied Areas and Empire.

Ho Ko 8 (2nd Escort Force?) Conv. in TRUK area. Romona letter calls noted yesterday appeared in Marshalls area again today but activity less and significance obscure. An and sub. traffic continued most prominent in the upper Mandate sector with old traffic still circulating. RABAW Air Force most active of 11th Air Fleet components, talking to other air units and procurement agencies in Empire indicating urgent need for replacements or reinforcements. Comdr KISORATSU Air addressed in Marshalls, 12th Air at RUVORO, TOKO Air at HORONUSHIRO, BISHORO Air Comdr at TATEYOMA, Comdr MISAWA Air addressed at KISORATSU Air Station. Air tender WAMU 2 in Marshalls. Desdiv 34 associated KAMAI, 52nd Sp. Base Force, unident YUICE 3, NO TE 3, 6th Base Force, 4th Air Attack Force plus CMC 11th Fleet believed indicate portion of this Desdiv to operate with Marshalls Air.

High North station KE MO 8 addressed CMC 5th Fleet and Patrol Force, 11th Fleet Task Force (less KINO 5), Com screen for, 6th Air Attack Force, Encircled CHISHIMA DEFENCE FORCE ((KURILES Def. 2)), CMC Combined and 4th Fleet's x Cardv 3 and Subm, linked in headings, appear separate from main task force. Subron 5, prominent addressee lately, originated dispatch to a lengthy list including Chiefs of Staff Combined, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 11th Air Fleet, Combs, 3rd, 4th Air Attack, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Base Forces, Combined etc, which appears to indicate changed orders and a wide area of operations. Com Subron 3 appears associated TI 408 (Yokosuka Special Landing Force or Midway Occupation Force) x Carriers silent. Various Radio Intelligence Centers very active with TOKYO at 2210 on the 1st. Sending urgent over 1300 count to all major commanders (less SO NO 6) & Naval Operatives (MI YOKE) addressing subs by area, Subron 1 in North, Subron 8 based in the South West, other Central Pacific-Marshalls Sector xx Weather Ships... D/F bearings conflicting & and flee anywhere in triangle from Lower Marshalls - Midway.

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 CINCPAC → COM 14, COMBENHAWDER INFO MIDWAY IS. ENEMY TRANSMISSION APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES SOUTH WEST ORHU AT 0140 GCT SUGGESTS WEATHER REPORT POSSIBLY PRIOR TO SEA PLANE RAID THIS AREA TONIGHT. Cancelled by CINCPAC 020639... transmission not Hawaiian area by later bearings.

BELCONVEN 020630 → COMB. MU SI 5 (Desdiv in Destro 2??) in Marshalls area originated several high precedence operational type dispatches to addressees which possibly indicate this Desdiv as screening unit for Midway Occupation Force (Yokosuka Landing Force) x Arron 24 is evidently engaged in extensive aerial reconnaissance in Marshalls area, reporting to 9th Combined, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Fleets plus Subs, 3rd and 6th Air Attack Forces & Tanker SHURETOKO (apparently in Empire) may proceed to Mandates to service 4th Fleet units. TI 413 (Don Desdiv in Destro 6) is in SASBO area. CMC 4th Fleet sent considerable volume volume high precedence traffic probably relative to logistics for striking forces of 2nd Fleet and Midway Occupation Force. Comdr. KISORATSU Air is shown at KAWASWAN and slight indication noted that Comdr. BISHORO Air may be at RUVORO. Several dispatches involving RESA 2 (Director's Transportation) and addressees in Java, Singapore, Saigon and Philippines areas appear to concern the forming and dispatching of convoys. Desdiv 22 is one of escort boats connected with this activity... post 25-39N, 127-30E at 0058/2nd scene of sub. attack?

COM 14 020932 → COMB, HA KAFU Serial 687/10 MAY. "#2 □ Maru leaves Yokosuka 1000/18 May x Arrives Truk 27 May x Has on board 90 passengers, 500 cubic □ (metre?) cargo and 125 bags mail etc." Comment from 14. It is possible that MIDWAY OPERATION was advanced to present date x original information indicated that kickoff was around middle of June x Alternative is that striking force plans on returning to TRUK, change 1st sentence to "AS WE PLAN TO MAKE ATTACKS FROM A GENERALLY NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ETC. See 4th page 118"

COM 14 020928 → COMB, SE O To Serial 247/14 MAY "REQUEST AIR TRANSPORT FOR R.F.S. ((Registered Publications)) SHIPMENTS TO BELOW: TO SABAN for administration Arron 21 and KANDYA Arron to ANDAMANS FOR TOKKO AIR x AVIATION CHARTS COVERING AREA FROM HANOI TO COLOMBO x TPx To KOEPANG FOR TAKAO AIR x 31st AIR x 35th AIR x 21st SPECIAL BASE FORCE AND 23rd SPECIAL BASE FORCE x AVIATION CHARTS FOR NORTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA AND FROM CAROLINES TO NEW CALEDONIA

DUTCH HARBOR 021430 → CTF 8 Info CINCPAC and many other area units. UNUSUAL ENEMY RADIO ACTIVITY ON LARGE SCALE NOTED ON BEARINGS BETWEEN WEST AND 290° FROM HERE APPARENTLY CONFIRMED BY MANY RADAR CONTACTS BY ONE AIRCRAFT AT 2130 GCT 1 JUNE IN LOW VISIBILITY IN POSITION BEARING 275° DISTANT 200 MILES FROM DUTCH HARBOR. DIRECTION FINDER BEARINGS PLUS EXCELLENT ONES ON 320° AND 034° ARE IN SOME CASES FROM MARUS SEEMINGLY TRANSMITTING WEATHER & ORDINARILY DUTCH HARBOR UNABLE PICKUP SUCH ENEMY HIGH FREQUENCY BEARINGS IN DAYTIME PARAGRAPH INDICATIONS POINT TO EARLY IMPROVEMENT PRESENT IMPOSSIBLE WEATHER HERE AND TO WESTWARD

OPNAV 021745 → COMB. COLOMBO says that a 5th carrier is operating with Cardv's 1 and 2. It is a new one, possibly the TAKASAGO. Comment by Opnav. Believe this new carrier, represented by code groups x 57312, x 27315 and 32037 appearing in YAYO 2 Serial 512 of 24 May and which field units have been currently translating as HISHAN Maru. Research of other occurrences of the above groups gives strong indication that they represent an aircraft carrier. Believe that the 2 special table groups are used to locate a single (Chinese) character in the Chinese (character) telegraphic list.

KU SI 1 Serial 115/295 to CMC 2nd Fleet says "WILL ARRIVE AT 0233Z and 7609Z - (POINT C (D)) at 0500 the 6th. YUME 8 Serial 747/275 "OCCUPATION FORCE OPERATION ORDER #9 x (group X 01269) IS HEREBY ATTACHED TO THE OCCUPATION FORCE "Notice": Code group # 15 unit whose shore call on 1 April was N10 8, believed connected with SAIPAN Cam Force and having complement of 5400 personnel.

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ENEMY RADIO INTELLIGENCE UNUSUALLY ACTIVE x INDICATION OF AIR MOVEMENTS TO KURILES x ESTIMATED LOCATION OF SUBRONS x FIRST: IN NORTHERN WATERS x 7 9th BULLETIN x SECOND, PART IN EMPIRE PART IN EAST INDIES x THIRD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS xx FOURTH UNLOCATED x FIFTH SAIPAN AND MARSHALLS x SIXTH UNLOCATED SEVENTH PART IN TRUK AREA WITH MOST UNITS IN PORT x EIGHTH DIV- IDED BETWEEN RABAW AND SAIGON x US PATROL PLANE MADE CONTACT WITH JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BEARING 231 DEGREES DISTANT 560 MILES FROM MIDWAY AT 2140 Z 1 JUNE x D/F BEARING PLACE JAP UNIT AT 26 NORTH 176 EAST FOR FX

020347 sent p 415

OPNAV 022231 -> CINCPAC, COMSOWESPAC, COMNAVEU, INFO COMSOPAC COMNAVEU/SEAFRON
ONI ESTIMATED CHANGES ORANGE FLEET LOCATIONS; Batdiv 3, 1, 2, 1st Fleet believed in BONINS - HOME WATERS AREA x 2nd Fleet enroute offensive operations in easterly courses include Batdiv 3, Cardiv 1 and 2, probably plus ZUIKAKU, Crudivs 5, 7, 8; Desrons 2, 4, 10 and Subrons 3, 5 and 8 scouting in Mid-Pacific, the first two operating from Marshalls, the last to southward probably from PEARL AND HERMES...

OPNAV 022233 -> COMB, 1 SURF Serial 390/25th OCCUPATION ORDER 43 IN THE (59156) DEFENSE FORCE WILL COOPERATE WITH THE (52800 NORTHWEST) FORCE IN THE AL OPERATIONS x IT WILL COME UNDER THE ORDERS OF (2807) 6th Activity IN SO FAR AS DISPOSITIONS AND OPERATIONS ARE CONCERNED BLANKS NACHI WILL ARRIVE AT 2 ANCHORAGE EARLY MORNING OF 3rd x Washington Unit says there is a remote possibility AO was meant...

OPNAV 022255 -> COMB, DESDIV (NAMI 2) CONSISTENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH 4th AIR ATTACK FORCE and the JALUIT Base Force x 4th Air Attack Force traffic goes to chain of command; WAKE, KUPAHELEN Detachment, GENZANAN group and 6th Base Force (Subunit) x traffic for Cdr TAINAN Air is routed thru SAPPAN x Traffic from 6th Air Attack Force is delivered to 5th Fleet by OMINATION NO TRAFFIC RECEIVED 1 or 2 JUNE FROM ANY FLEET CINC EXCEPT 4th & CHINA Fleets.

CINCPAC 022319 -> MIDWAY (via cable), CTF 4, 9, 17 & 16. 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 SERVICES ARRIVED FOR IMMEDIATE USE BY ORANGE PLANES x JAP CARRIERS AND SEVERAL 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 SABARHEAD OF LANDING FORCE INDICATED AS JAP MARINES PLUS SPECIAL ARMY UNIT x PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE INDICATED AS EASTERN ISLAND x PARAX 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

COM 14 part 2 of his 020932 (020934 June) RIA3 Serial 385 reprinted in my 181900 ((page 77 &)) - change first sentence to read "AS WE PLAN TO MAKE ATTACKS FROM A GENERAL NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM N-2 TO N DAY INCLUSIVE, PLEASE SEND WEATHER 3 HOURS PRIOR TO TAKE OFF"

COMALSEC 022130 -> CINCPAC info NAS DUTCH HARBOR x DISPATCH AT 021920 FROM COMD 4th GEN ADC, PORT RICHARDSON REPORTS INDICATIONS ORANGE CARRIER BASED PLANES LESS THAN 400 MILES SOUTH OF KISKA x I ASSUME THIS TO BE A RDP FLX x PASS TO CINCPAC, COMTASKFOR B x HAVE REQUESTED AMPLIFICATION

COM 14 030046 -> COMB. Traffic picture continues about same as for past few days x S.E. Asia continues normal x Radio Intelligence activities maintain constant stream of traffic x Major commands interested in operations against U.S. possessions appear to be C Combined in general charge, Cinc 2nd in Command of Invasion Forces in Midway area Cinc 1st Air Fleet in Command of Striking Forces against Central Pacific bases, Cinc 5th in Command of Invasion and Striking Forces in North x Cinc 11th Air Fleet in charge shore based aircraft in both areas Cinc Subfor in charge of observations. Cinc 1st Fleet appears interested only to extent his position as Cinc 5th in Command. Hence significant that no traffic has been originated by first four Commands listed above since 28/29 May x Study of WAKE traffic to determine its relation to indicated campaign, which traffic has increased considerably over past month, Cinc 2nd Fleet has included WAKE in despatches only since middle May and only two have been sent to Wake to 2nd Fleet during same period. Most of WAKE traffic has been to 6th Base Force and 11th Air Fleet units x Conclude that WAKE is not a stopping point for Invasion Forces x Line up of forces comprising Striking Force remain unchanged except that NAGARA is flag of destroyer or plane guards of this force x General Staff addressed Aug 2 part to Cinc 3rd info Cinc 2nd, all major Commands and China Fleet, another went to Cinc 3rd, 4th Fleets, Cinc Combined and 11th Air Fleet, Info 2nd and 5th Air Attack Forces, 8th Base Force and Fleet unit WA 447 and Green MARY Force for special information. No information on Combined and 1st Fleets. Despatches being sent from Personnel Bureau to Fleet x suggestion is offered that these do not go to units in operations. If this like then tentative CB WISA 3 and HAGURO not work operating forces at present time since they received Personnel despatches, MO 515, a minor command in 6th Base Force addressed Midway Occupation or Okonaka Landing Force (TIYO 8) x latter has not originated any traffic since 20th hence believed at sea enroute destination x No new developments 3rd Fleet, Cdr MORGAN active with despatches relative to convoy and supply matters, Heavy traffic in 2nd Fleet - most deals with Base Forces and is of high precedence. Impression gained that preparations not yet completed in Base Forces in addition to a construction unit at Occupation Forces x 5th Fleet quiet x 6th Air Attack Force Cdr addressed part of unit at MARCUS Island info to supply 12 of 5th Fleet and Communications major Commands x This may be movements in Communications between MARCUS and forces to the eastward x MISAWA sent priority to GUAM info Chichijima, Ipojima, Saibut and others. May indicate movement of MISAWA Air to GUAM. Cdr 11th Air Fleet shows at TRUK. 14th Air Detachment at ROTO sent one to 4th Air Attack Force, Cdr 12th Air, Info 9th 2nd Fleet, Subfor, 15th Air Fleet and 11th Air Fleet Yokosuka Air at 1648 1 June addressed KAGAWA. Cinc Subfor using 2 Kaula calls in readings of his despatches. One of the Subfor 3 units believed to be concerned in MIDWAY operations addressed Incident Command MO NE 7 (Cinc Combined?), Cinc 2nd, Cdr 1st Air Fleet and Subfor x Submarine D/F - all single hearings ... no forces obtained.

GORMLEY -> CINCPAC Inf Com Aircraft So Pol For. AM INFORMED BY NEW ZEALAND AUTHORITIES THAT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT JAPS HAVE CARRIED OUT A SUCCESSFUL RECONNAISSANCE OF SUVA HARBOR ... (See BELLS 01230 page 114)

CTF 9 030251 -> BALLARD (AND) info CINCPAC, COMINCH, COM 14. INFORMATION: AN ENEMY ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE MIDWAY IS EXPECTED. ENEMY MAY ALSO ATTEMPT TO BOMBING ATTACK ON OAHU x THORNTON ON PATROL AT FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND REQUIRES RELIEF PRIOR TO 5 JUNE 1942. A MINE FIELD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS, THE EXACT POSITION OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE C.O. USS BALLARD BY COMDR. HAW, SEA, FRON x A MARINE DETACHMENT IS BASED ON EAST ISLAND AT FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS. YPs HAVE BEEN STATIONED ONE EACH AT LISIANSKI (YP 204), LAY SAN (YP 290), GARDNER'S PINNACLE (YP 344) AND NECKER (YP 250) FOR AIRCRAFT RESCUE PURPOSES.

CINCPAC 030325 → MIDWAY (Lark) CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17. SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY EMPLOYMENT STRIKING FORCES CURRENT OPERATIONS ALMOST WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON RELIABLE COMBAT INTELLIGENCE WITH EMPHASIS ON ENEMY COMPOSITION POSITION AND COORDINATION. DAMAGE TO ENEMY MUST BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED AND ONLY REASONABLY CERTAIN RESULTS BE REPORTED. REPORTS MUST GET THROUGH PROMPTLY.

OPNAV 030724 to Comb. PD VU 2 Serial 220/2 May. ADVANCE OF MISAWA HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: P. 16 HEAVY BOMBERS TYPE 2 WILL DEPART KUSARATSU AIR FOR PST (TENIAN) AT 0700 1 JUNE, x AT 0600 JUNE 2nd DEPART PST FOR PQB (RUTTO) x AT 0600 JUNE 3rd DEPART PQB FOR AA (WAKE). P. Communications / frequencies / calls. PQB PREPARE THE CRYSTALS FOR 8105

BELLOUEN 030728 → COMB. MIKUNJ Serial 186/21. "SINCE TRANSLATION OF [] IN THE PRESENT COMMUNICATION [] IS DIFFICULT, AFTER THE 25TH OF MAY, WITH THOSE USING THE SECRET [] CODE [ENCODE SECTION] TO PLACE PAGE AND LINE NUMBER, AS WELL AS LINE [] IN BRACKETS, FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU WANT TO SEND KOOKUBOKAN TWO SEKI ("2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS") YOU WOULD SEND KOOKUBOKAN BRACKET 237 03 BRACKET TWO BRACKET 27 21 BRACKET SEKI, IN WHICH CASE KOOKUBOKAN WOULD BE FOUND ON PAGE 237 (LINE) 03 WHILE TWO (2) WOULD BE FOUND ON PAGE 27 LINE 21. Comment Code unknown but suggest use of a supplementary table with this system adopted to prevent confusion.

BELLOUEN 030807 → COMB. Use of especially assigned tactical (2-kaa) calls one of which is identified as "2 striking force (written area)" in headings of apparent submarine intelligence reports and dispatches from Subtr HQ at Jaluit strongly suggests ALEUTIANS campaign is developing. These probably also addressed to MIDWAY striking force. Since several calls are unidentified and dispatches broadcast by Tokyo, EKO 2, flagship Desron 1 called by OMINATO in delivering one of these. ASHIGATA indicated as having arrived SASEBO from SURABAYA. Tokyo Naval Staff (operations) sent 7-part KANA code to all fleet Chiefs of Staff plus various air and unit commanders of Northern & Midway Striking Forces which appears to be operative order effecting the greater part of the ORANGE navy with special emphasis on units involved in Midway and ALEUTIANS Campaign. Lack of traffic from major fleet commands excepting 4th Fleet, Sub force (at Jaluit) and short service from Cinc 2nd to TRUK, JAPAN and JALUIT directing shift to TO-20 (5125KCS) and N-113 (unknown) at 2345 (-9) the 2nd, considered particularly significant at this time, in view of impending operations and indicates they are at sea according to prearranged plan and maintaining comparative radio silence. Unidentified command, ROME 1, associated with MIDWAY Occupation Force, is indicated as not in company with Cinc 2nd and apparently designated to take part in a later phase of the campaign. Some indication Desdiv 29 (NO 8) will depart Rabaul area to join Cinc 4th. KAMI (CAME) MARU with Avron 7, now included in collective MO REI 8 (2nd Fleet) in TRUK broadcast. Indication from Australian D/F stations that ORANGE Submarines E O, RE KU, KE TA, RI 1, and JO NU in vicinity SYDNEY.

* RADIO DUTCH HARBOR URGENT (rec'd 031757) → Radio BREEMOON + Radio KODIAK. UNIDENTIFIED HEAVY BOMBERS AND 14 FIGHTERS OVER DUTCH HARBOR. 50 WILLIAMS ENGAGED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

CINCPAC 031909 → ALL TF Comds Info COMINCH. RECENT ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS BELIEVED RECONNAISSANCE x FROM CINCPAC INDICATIONS THEIR ORDERS NOW CHANGED TO ATTACK.

CINCPAC 031927 → MIDWAY INFO ALL TF COMDRS PACFLT. THE ATTACK ON DUTCH HARBOR 1553Z WAS REPORTED MADE BY 4 VS AND 14 VF KAWA. THE ATTACK REPORTED AT 1804Z/3X.

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REMARKS
B	25		
P	41		
R	16 17		

RANGE LOADED OIL AT TARAKAN FOR TOKUYAMA X FACILITIES BY PAIRED X TWO CRUISERS OF CRUDIV 6 MAY BE ENROUTE TO TRUK. NAGARA ARRIVING HOWE X NUMBER 89 BULLETIN X INDICATION WITH STRIKING FORCE X ONE DESDIV OF DESRON 5 BELIEVED ENHAUL.

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COM 14 032034 Series (TI) → COMB. At 1804 Tokyo Time 3 June, Tokyo sent to Sub for collective a 3 group despatch x 1900 GA1 GA1-0700 x Similar despatch was sent by Tokyo to Subron 8 on 30 MAY. Suggest latter was possible signal of execution for midget sub. operations AUSTRALIA xx Long 7-part 9-KANA despatch from Naval General Staff was addressed to Consusub 1, Chiefs of Staff all major commands, Comcard 3, Comcard 7, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Air Fleet Forces, Desron 1 and fleet unit in 5th Fleet, NU NO 2 x Another N.G. Staff despatch sent to To Ho (Eastern) Subron B and usual commanders x JOINT NAVAL GENERAL STAFF originators, Miyote dash MO A.U. addressed all naval station Chiefs of Staff, 4th Fleet, Indies Force, Malay Force, China and South China Fleets, Comdr 1st, 2nd and 3rd Escort Forces x 4th Fleet's continued association other commanders in this area, indicate closer liaison and possible moves against AUSTRALIA from Indies area, x Falling off of TRUK - RABAU MARU movements may mean routes further to the west being used xx Some plain text despatches on 8915 KCS indicated, or more planes made forced landing on MUSTASH WAN (HORN MUSHIRO Island) at 1705 x Plane reported unable to take off from water in submarine REU placed by D/F near Dutch Harbor addressed Cardin 3 sent despatches for delivery via OMINATO. This is usual procedure as OMINATO same clearing point for North to Jaluit in South xx Tokyo Radio Intelligence sent urgent 4 Kana to collective MUSE 5, believed represent Northern Striking Force xx MIDWAY reported unident. station using 488 KCS bearing 109 289 at 2130 xx Cinc 1st, 2nd, 1st Air Fleet, and 5th Fleet commanders quiet x Commanders in SE Asia normal traffic x Important vessel in Midway Occupation Force, ROME 1, originated dispatches up to 1 June - those being relayed today special information Naval General Staff xx WAKE base and associated Air units, Desron 2, ROME 1 traffic prominent xx Sub D/F possible (bearings mostly).

CINCPAC 032153 → ALL TF Comds Info COMINCH. PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARLOAD VESSELS x PLANE CONTINUED SEARCH. ORANGE MAN'S BODY SIGHTED 261 DISTANT 700 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3X.

CINCPAC 032201 (via cable) → MIDWAY. FORCE REPORTED IS BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND OCCUPATION FORCE x STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE SEPARATED.

CTF 7 ((COMSUSPAC)) 032203 → TO 7.1.10 ((Sub. CUTTLEFISH)) LARGE ENEMY FORCE SIGHTED 261 TRUE DISTANT 700 MILES FROM MIDWAY AT 2100Z, 3rd x

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CINCPAC 040245 -> COMINCH info All TF Cds, Co Midway, CG Hawaiian Dept, COMNAVSTAF, COM WESSEAFRON, COM NORTHWESTAFRON - DAYS DEVELOPMENTS TO PRESENT TIME APPARENTLY SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: THIS MORNING THERE WAS AN ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE OF DUTCH HARBOR AND VICINITY & BELIEVE REPORT OF CARRIER THERE WAS ERRONEOUS AND OUR SEARCH HAS NOT LOCATED NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE & 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 & BELIEVE THE STRIKING FORCE HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED & 9 B-17S ARE ENROUTE TO ATTACK THE SUPPOSED ESCORT GROUP AND 6 MORE ARE MOVING FROM HERE TO MIDWAY & 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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COM 14 042114/16 -> COMB (TI) Traffic volume normal. RI and D/F stations in Condition 1 but freqs approaching Midway have maintained silence so far as WAKE Air originated several despatches.... no indications from RI so far of any activity at Dutch Harbor.

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CINCPAC 050611 → CTF 16 & 17, ENEMY PLAIN LANGUAGE CONTACT REPORTS INDICATE BLUE FORCE 3 CA 6 DD ON COURSE 670° SPEED 20 POSITION UNRECORDED.

COM 14 050812 → COMB. PRINCIPAL AND MOST ACTIVE FREQUENCY MIDWAY AREA 7110 KCS FOLLOWING UNITS, MA RI MOST PROBABLY COMBAT DIV 3 ALSO LIKELY ALTERNATE FOR SE 50, DEFINITELY A CARRIER, PROBABLY HIRYU OR SORYU, MA 50, UNIDENTIFIED BUT SIMILAR CALL TO IDENTIFIED CARRIER CALLS, 3 FLEET UNITS HA MI 4, EN I, AND KANA I, FORMER ASSOCIATED SUBMARINES AND AIR UNITS, AND 5 OTHER UNIDENTIFIED UNITS - 4 OF WHICH IDENTIFIED AS PLANES, AND KI MU I - POSSIBLY A BASE FORCE ON LINE 5 OF GARBLE TABLE, 1ST CONTACT DESPATCHES ORIGINATED IN MIDWAY AREA REBROADCAST BY UMINATO TO 5TH FLEET, JALUIT JOINED THIS 7110 KCS CHANNEL SOMETIME PRIOR TO 0905 TOKYO TIME AND EXCHANGED SOME SHORT DESPATCHES WITH SE 50, A CARRIER, 66225 KCS ALSO USED "MIDWAY AREA BY SA 50, DEFINITELY A CARRIER, PROBABLY HIRYU OR SORYU, WI TI, WHICH MAY BE ALTERNATE OF SA 50, AND PLANES MU N I, 3, ETC, ABOVE SUGGESTS ONLY 2 CARRIERS, DEFINITELY AS SE 50 AND SA 50 - MOST LIKELY ARE GARDN 2

COM 14 050732 → COMB, TODAY'S TRAFFIC CONTAINS MANY CONTACT REPORTS, SOME IN PLAIN TEXT. AT 0635 (-9 TIME) ME KU 4 (PLANNING LEADER) SAID TO CARRIER SE 50 "OUR PLANES RUNNING SHORT OF FUEL, WILL STOP THE CONTACT AND RETURN", AFTER WHICH CARRIER TOLD HIM "WAIT TILL 0700 TO LAND. COURSE OF CARRIER HEAVY SHIP WITH AT 0913 WAS 135° AT 0749 CARRIER SE 50 ASKED WE KU 4 TO ADVISE OF POSITION OF ENEMY CARRIER. RDF POSITION SE 50 IN 31-45N - 179-23E AT 1215 TOKYO TIME. JUST RECEIVED MESSAGE SENT BY MA HI TO HA MI 2 IN 4 KANA WITH SE 50 IN PARENTHESES, INDICATING FINISH OF ONE CARRIER

OPNAV 051715 → COMB, CARCARDIN 3 SENT ONE ACTION UNIDENTIFIED NI YU 3 (BELIEVED IN 4TH FLEET, BUT NOW ATTACHED 5TH FLEET AND MARU RI 50 x DESPATCHES PROBABLY DEALING WITH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS BEING SENT FROM JALUIT → 2ND CINC COMBINED 6 2ND FLEETS, COMBATS 1ST AND 11TH AIR FLEETS AND COMCRUDY AS THOUGH LATTER IN COMMAND DISTRICT TASK GROUP

COM 14 051838 → COMB, SI YU 3 SUW 298 OF 5 JUNE x FROM CINC GF TO ALL MAJOR COMMANDS LESS MALAY FORCE IN JN 4 SYSTEM ONLY FRAGMENTARY BUT IS APPARENTLY A RADIO ORDER DIRECTING OCCUPATION OF AN AREA, PART ONE DIRECTS CARRIERS PROBABLY TO CLEAN UP ENEMY. PART 2 DIRECTS A UNIT TO OCCUPY x PART 3 DIRECTS OCCUPATION FORCE STRIKING FORCE AND SUBMARINES TO EXPEDITE SOME ACTION. SUGGESTS MIDWAY AS OBJECTIVE, OR POSSIBLY ALEUTIAN AREA ALTHOUGH NO STRIKING FORCE HAS BEEN NOTED IN ALEUTIAN AREA EXCEPT ONE REFERENCE OF ASSIGNING A RADIO CALL TO NUMBER 2 STRIKING FORCE. ABOVE MESSAGE SENT IN SYSTEM "C".

CINCPAC 051915 → TF 16 INFO MIDWAY (CABLE) THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS ORANGE MAY ATTEMPT ASSAULT AND OCCUPATION MIDWAY REGARDLESS OF LOSS

MIDWAY 052559 → CINCPAC, DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE ON 4265 WHEN WE SEND, STOPPING WHEN WE STOP, WE ARE OVERRIDING AND GETTING THROUGH

MIDWAY 051345 → CINCPAC (CABLE) SHELLING APPARENTLY BY SUBMARINE HAS CEASED, FIRING 8 ROUNDS x ANSWERED BY 3 (OF ?) 4 MATCHING BATTERIES

MIDWAY 051546 → CINCPAC (CABLE) BOMBARDMENT IS LIGHT. BELIEVE SUBMARINE

COM 14 051006 → COMB, MOST ACTIVE FREQUENCY MIDWAY AREA INCLUDE 6440 USED BY FLEETSHIP DESRON 2 AND SEVERAL TWO KANA CALLS AVERAGE BEARING 292 FROM OAHU x 5964 KCS WITH AT LEAST 6 UNITS, 4 OF WHICH ARE TENTATIVE AND NE 30 2 FLEETSHIP OF TORPEDO BOAT OR MINE VESSELS? ACCOMPANYING 2ND FLEET GROUP, LATTER BEARS 285° FROM OAHU x MA U, POSSIBLE SUB, PLACED VERY APPROX IN 26N 175E, SI YU, SAME CATEGORY, PLACED 30N 178W (approx)

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

CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

DATE: 05 JUNE 1942

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TO: COM 14 051915

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DESRON 34 IN MARSHALLS x KAMIKAWA IN TRUK AREA x 82ND FROM CINCPAC x BY DF 4 WEATHER REPORTING MARUS 17SE 4BN x KAMOI

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ENEMY CARRIERS 1 CRUISER BURNING x SUB ATTACKED HIT DAMAGED ENEMY CARRIER SORYU CLASS.

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RA BELCONNEN 050631 → COMB SUBMARINE E.O SENT DESPATCH ORIGINATED BY MA HI (DIV. COMDR ?) TO JALUIT... PROBABLY CONCERNED ACTIVITY IN SYDNEY AREA... HAKI 8 (in Subron 3) ADDRESSED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS TO CINC COMBINED 2ND FLEETS PLUS COMBATS 1ST AIR FLEET AND SUBMARINES, SUBRON 3 COOPERATING IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST MIDWAY, SEVERAL SHORT REPORTS WERE ORIGINATED BY AIRCRAFT BUT WERE MOSTLY UNINTELLIGIBLE, ONE FROM ME MU 4 APPEARED TO BE SIGHTING REPORT OF 15 FLYING BOATS BUT NO PARTICULAR AREA INDICATED AND NO AMPLIFYING REPORTS FOLLOWED, UMINATO AND TOKYO BROADCAST ABOVE MESSAGES x URGENT DESPATCH FROM MARU SE HO 2 SENT TO CINC 5TH FLEET AND ANOTHER NORTHERN COMMAND SUGGEST ATTACK OR SIGHTING IN NORTHERN AREA

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CINCPAC 060230 → MIDWAY / ALL TFCORSPAC. BELIEVE ENEMY WHO IS LACKING AIR SUPPORT PROBABLY CONSIDERS HE IS UNABLE CARRY OUT LANDING AND IS RETIRING

COM ALASKAN SECTOR → CINCPAC, FROM COM TASK FORCE 8. TEMPORARILY ALL QUIET HERE. IF ENEMY ATTACKS ON ALASKA TO DATE ARE FOR DIVERSION SUGGEST POSSIBILITY ONE OR TWO HIS CARRIERS MAY HAVE LEFT ALASKA FOR MIDWAY AREA TO COMPENSATE FOR HIS LOSSES THERE. ANOTHER 24 HOURS WITHOUT CARRIER ACTIVITY THIS AREA WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THIS POSSIBILITY

BELCONNEN 060422 → COMB. YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE OF 3 JUNE IN NA BRIGAK ((NA SEPARATOR)) REPORTS SUB ATTACK WAKANS ALL VESSELS ETC. 275° 16 MILES FROM SUDO MISAKI ... ETC

BELCONNEN 060505 → COMB. EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE VOLUME 4 KANA CODES AND SECRET CALLS NOTED INVOLVING UNITS IN MIDWAY AND ALEUTIANS AREA, ONLY 2 MAIN LANGUAGE SIGHTING REPORTS APPEARED AND THESE WERE SIGHTINGS OF PLANES. CONTACT APPARENTLY MADE IN NORTHERN AREA BETWEEN 1500 AND MIDNIGHT / 6TH. CINC 24 FLEET SENT SHORT OPERATIONAL TYPE DESPATCH TO AIRRON 7 INFO. CINC COMBINED, COMDR. COMBINED AIRFORCE, COMDESRON 2 AND 4 PLUS COMDR. COMBINED SPECIAL LANDING FORCES... MAYBE ORIGINAL PLANS ALTERED. CARDIV 1, 2 & 5 FAILED TO APPEAR IN HEADINGS CONNECTION PRESENTATION BUT THIS PROBABLY DUE LACK OF SUFFICIENT SECRET CALL SIGN RECOVERIES x CARDIV 3 AT PRESENT OPERATING WITH NORTHERN FORCES, SHOWS SLIGHT INDICATIONS OF PROCEEDING SOUTHWARD TO JOIN FORCES IN MIDWAY AREA. ASSOCIATION BETWEEN COMDESRON 2 AND CARDIV 3 NOTED IN SEVERAL DISPATCHES x TRAFFIC HEADINGS INDICATE THE FORMING OF LARGE CONVOYS AT MOJI AND OSAKA x CONVOYS SEEM DESTINED PROCEED RABOUL VIA PALAO AND MAY INCLUDE TROOP TRANSPORTS x " ENCRYPTED ADDRESSES INDICATE KAWARUCHI ARMY DETACHMENT AT MINDANAO, POSSIBLY DAVAO HAS BEEN NOTED ASSOCIATED WITH AOKA DETACHMENT IN RABOUL, INDICATING THIS DETACHMENT MAY BE SHIFTED TO RABOUL OR NEGOSINGA.

COM 14 060916 → COMB. IN AKANA NIGORI SYSTEM - FROM NO ME TO FU MA FOR ACTION AND COMCRUDIV 7, CINC 2ND AND COMSUBFOR FOR INFO. SERIAL 154 OF 6TH VERY FRAGMENTARY BUT SAYS - WILL (JOIN YOU?) ON 7 JUNE. INFORM ME OF YOUR MOVEMENTS UP TO [BLANK] TIME, THEN SOMETHING AT 1730 AND THIS UNITS MOVEMENTS [BLANK].

COM 14 062144 → COMB. SEVERAL FRAGMENTARY MESSAGES IN JN 4 SYSTEM INDICATE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS BY FORCES AFLOAT FOR ADDITIONAL AIR PROTECTION x ALSO MOVEMENTS OF SHORE BASED AIR TOWARD WAKE. CARDIV 3 INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ADDRESSES INDICATING THIS UNIT MAY BE ORDERED TO JOIN 1ST AIR FLEET

SRNS 0054 (June 6 '42) *White House War Room Supplement*
A despatch sent by Cinc Pacific Fleet to NASS Midway on 19 December 1941, which directed the assignment of 2 DD to TF 17, appears to have been deciphered by (the) Japanese ((R.I.)). However it was sent in a cryptographic system which was *discovered* on December 25 after knowledge was received of its *breakthrough* compromise at WAKE

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INFORMATION OF FORCES NOT INVOLVED IN MIDWAY CAMOONK
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COMINCH 062050 → CINCPAC. CONTENTS OF YOUR 310221 ^{MAY} PACIFIC FLEET ESTIMATE MIDWAY FORCE ORGANIZATION... WERE PUBLISHED ALMOST VERBATIM IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS YESTERDAY. ARTICLE ORIGINATED WITH CORRESPONDENT STANLEY JOHNSTON EMBARKED IN BARNETT UNTIL JUNE 2ND. WHILE YOUR DESPATCH WAS ADDRESSED TASK FORCE COMMANDERS IT WAS SENT IN A CHANNEL AVAILABLE TO NEARLY ALL SHIPS WHICH EMPHASIZED NEED OF CARE IN USING CHANNELS. PARA COMINCH INVESTIGATION ON BARNETT AND AT SAN DIEGO.

COMTF 16 062123 → CINCPAC AT 1250 GCT 6TH ONE BB 6 DDS LAT 29° 30N 174° 30E COURSE 270 SPEED 10, SAME TIME 2 CAS AND 2 DDS 25-54N 175-11E COURSE 215° SPEED 15 x AM ATTACKING BATTLESHIP. WILL SEND DESTROYERS LOW IN FUEL TO OVARROW AS NECESSARY MY POSIT ABOVE TIME LAT 30-49N LONG 176-39 EAST.

OPNAV 062150 → COMB. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF MIDGET SUBMARINE RAISED FROM SYDNEY HARBOR REVEALS ACCESS HATCH UNDER SUBMARINE WITH 4 HOLDING DOWN BOLTS. THIS SUGGESTS MIDGET SUB IS CARRIED ON DECK OF LARGE SUBMARINE WITH ACCESS THROUGH DECK OF LARGE SUB INTO BOTTOM OF SMALL x... NUMBER 21 PAINTED ON SIDE.

* See OPNAV 092322
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COM 14 070222 (actually 1800/6th at Pearl Harbor) HEAVY FLOW OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC FROM UNITS INVOLVED IN MIDWAY OPERATIONS CONTINUE. TOKYO TRAFFIC CONSISTS MAINLY OF INTELLIGENCE TRAFFIC DIRECTED TO COMMANDERS INTERESTED IN MIDWAY AREA SPECIFICALLY EXCEPTING ASIATIC, MALAY, NEI FORCES, JALUIT, OMINATO AND TRUK MOST ACTIVE RI CONTRIBUTORS. FROM TRAFFIC HEADINGS IT IS DEFINITE THAT COMMAND OF 1st AIR FLEET HAS SHIFTED FROM AKAGI TO NAGARA, INDICATING LOSS THAT CARRIER. SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO TRAFFIC HEADINGS FOR INDICATION REINFORCEMENTS FOR MIDWAY OPERATIONS BUT NO INDICATIONS FOUND.

CARDIV 3 IN NORTH IS BEING ADDRESSED BY CINC COMBINED AND 2nd FLEET INFO CINC 5th. GENERAL STAFF ALSO ADDRESSED CARDIV 3 AND DESRON 2. ASSOCIATION THESE 2 UNITS STRENGTHENS ASSUMPTION CARDIV 3 HAS BEEN ORDERED BACK TO REPLACE CARDIV ONE AND TWO IN 1st AIR FLEET. GENERAL STAFF ALSO ADDRESSED CARDIV 5 INFO 5th AND MARU TU U. BY 2400 CINC COMBINED PLACED AT 31 NORTH 170 EAST AT 2300 5 JUNE AND IN THE VICINITY OF 33 NORTH 175 EAST AT 2100 6 JUNE. CINC COMBINED BEGAN TAKING A HAND IN THE MIDWAY AREA AT 1700 5 JUNE AND SENT TRAFFIC OF TACTICAL TYPE. TODAY SENT ONE TO UNIDENTIFIED YANI AND KI KU 2, ORU 4 and YANE 3 AIR TENDER ASSOCIATED 1st AIR FLEET. INFO TO SCREENING FORCE, CINC 2nd FLEET and Unident collective TE RA 3. CINC 1st still silent. FURUTAKA (C) of Cardiv 6 sent movement report indicating departure from MANDATE area. CINC 2nd a heavy quantity of tactical traffic. D/F 071330 6 June 32; NORTH 178. Sent one dispatch to DATA TSURUMI; AIR TENDER O TA 3, MARU KUSI 1 and Basdir FURU 5 info CINC 2nd 1st Air Fleet and others. One also to Comair 23 (or 7) info Cinc Combined special landing force, C/S Combined and 11th Air Fleet Com Cardiv 7 and Comdesron 2. CINC 2nd sent dispatch to Hospital ship ASAMI MARU info 4th Base Force, SUMMARY. CINC 3rd addressed Cinc GF + General Staff info 3rd + 4th Fleets collective, Comdr Malay Ine, C/S Southern and 16th Armies. C/S 4th Fleet at TRUK. Comm. off. addressed NEW WINA occupation force, Desdrw NO RI 5 of Desron 6 in TRUK Area. CINC 5th Fleet addressed all major commands less Inche Ine, General Staff + Com Cardiv 3. CINC 1st Fleet addressed 4-partner to Cinc GF, General Staff, info Cinc 1st, 2nd + 3rd Fleets, Comsubfor, Comdr 11th Air Fleet and Comdesron 3. Comdr. Northern Air aboard REUDO sent urgent to Cinc Combined + 3rd Fleets, info General Staff. KASUGA MARU seen for first time in long while in dispatch from BURER. Comdr WAKE Detachment addressed MISAWA DIR CARDOSE AIR info 11th Air Fleet, 4th Air Attack Force, 6th Base Force and WAKE Radio. Comsubfor originating many tactical dispatches + COMSUBFOR and Comsubfor's both use JALUIT as cover.

CINCPAC 070225 -> CTF 11, 16, 17. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SURFACE FORCES SHOULD NOT SEEK DAYLIGHT ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES, PARTICULARLY IF ENEMY IS WITHIN BOMBING RANGE OF OWN AIRCRAFT + UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES CONFINE OPERATIONS TO TROILING AND REPORTING TO APPROPRIATE AIR BASES + MIDWAY STILL HAS LONG RANGE BOMBERS.

BELMONTEN 070629 -> COMB. Considerable volume operational type traffic noted today. Cinc GF + 2nd F active - traffic from both noted to Tokyo by JALUIT. Suggest Cinc GF in JALUIT area. CINC 2nd originates dispatches to DATA TSURUMI and 3rd Marine Tankers plus one unident, probably in connection finding the force. Cinc Combined sent 2 short operational type dispatches to the Akagi, Desdrw 4 and Comdr 1st Air Fleet info NG staff at 2300 on 5th and returned later it was noted that the C/S 1st Air Fleet was addressed about 2100 5 (NAGARA - flagship Desron 10) suggests AKAGI sunk or ordered retire under escort of Desdrw 4. CINC 1st Air Fleet originated long 4 part urgent to Cinc 1st 2nd 3rd Fleets, Comdr Combined Co Ine, Comsubfor and Comdesron 3, probably concerns active Midway area and probable detachment of Cardiv 3 from 5th Fleet to Midway area.

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CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

DOPE ON FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVED IN MIDWAY ACTION X A UNIT OF CRUDIV 6 APPARENTLY DEPARTING JAPAN FOR MANDATES X ONE DESDIV OF DESRON 6 AT TRUK X AIR MOVEMENTS FROM MANDATES X TO WAKE X BULLETIN B4 X BY DF SUBMARINES 7 NORTH 171 EAST 35 NORTH 160 EAST 30 NORTH 177 WEST

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COMINCH 071354 -> CINCPAC info Com Nor West Sea Frn, Com Alaska Sea Frn, CTF 8 IN VIEW SITUATION COM NOR WEST SEA FRON 071611 WITH INDICATIONS OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ORANGE FORCE IN ALEUTIANS SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER SENDING NORTHWARD STROING FORCE FORMED ON SARGATOGA. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO STIP WEST COAST OF PATROL PLANES IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEND ANY FROM HAWAII X ARMY REPORTS B-4-25 and 6 B-17 LEAVING EDMONTON TODAY FOR ALASKA AREA AND 6-B-24s EQUIPPED WITH ASV (RADAR) ORDERED LEAVE CALIFORNIA TODAY FOR ALASKA PARA ASSUME YOU HAVE CONSIDERED USE OF LONG ISLAND TO FERRY PLANES TO HAWAII

COMINCH 071530 -> CINCPAC. LAST SENTENCE YOUR 070603 - SERIOUSLY DOUBT CORRECTNESS OF REPORTED CONTACTS WITH ORANGE ALEUTIANS FORCE. CONSIDER STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT PART OR ALL THIS FORCE DEPARTED THAT AREA NIGHT OF 4/5 JUNE FOR RENDEZVOUS TO THE SOUTH WEST WITH RETREATING MIDWAY FORCES AND POSSIBILITY WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE COMBINED FLEET.

"The forces which attempted to enter Midway have retired... South of Aleutians a force of 1 CV, 3 CA + DDs was again sighted."

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COM 14 080006 series -> COMB. Commencing at 0323 (-9) on 7th intercept reports of defensive type originated by unidentified FU MA (believed part of Cruiser 7) continued active operation 4 KANA to CMC Combined 2nd Fleet's Combined Screen, interspersed reports of plane attacks up to 0930 when cleared abruptly. 1st Air Fleet sent report to CMC and 5th Fleet, may be order for ZUIKAKU to come out and screen 4th Fleet attack using call 4HEE east operations prior to 10 to his collective force less 8 SUI for Action, and info CMC Combined 2nd 1st Air Fleets, 11th Air Fleet, Cruiser 7, 4th Fleet and unidentified FU MA timed 0930. Believed arranging air screen from Marshalls and Wake. This followed one in 5 minute from 11th Air Fleet Comdr to same line up, originated at 0800. Position of 1st Air Fleet Flag (aboard NAGARA?) by good RDF 31° 45' N 178-30 East at 1600. Sub-METO (allard for CMC TEKA 9) at 1900 RDF 24-30N 168-30W x IKE (TA 2 in TEKA 9) 23 30N 167.30 WEST, both vicinity French Frigate Shoals. No contact type intercepted after about 1000/7E. Summing up - at 1900 no carrier heard for 34 hours NAGARA last heard at 1800 x 2nd Fleet flag at 2100 x Combined Fleet Comdr. (by D/F at 32N 163E at 1700) actively concerned in Midway operations. Traffic for Empire addresses relayed via JALUIT to TOKYO. Standard addresses line up 2nd and 5th Fleets, Comdr for, naval general staff addresses 2 part of major commands Wake Air Base, CMC and 8 and Cruiser 7 unit info Gen Staff. CMC 1st addressed all major commands less NEI force info Gen Staff. 1st Fleet Flag heard on major command circuit (11750) bearing generally in YOKOSUKA direction - may be underway to screen units attempting to return to Empire. 2nd Fleet Comdr. appears to be present SOPA of remaining units of "MIDWAY STRIKING FORCE". Indifferent RDF fix at 1700 - 28°N 172°E. 5th Fleet area relatively quiet from a traffic viewpoint. Detachment of BISHOP Air at unidentified base 160 RE of COMSUBPAC sub. units were originators of heavy volume of traffic, probably ordering active protective screen plus greater offensive sub. action. Units of Subim 3 mainly affected, sub-RDF positions xx message sent from information 18/11 MU 4 (Comdr 1st Air Fleet) sent from OMINATO to RYUJO - believe suffix for Comdr in error and meant for Collectine. However if correct may mean Admiral aboard AKAGI killed and CMC and 3 now senior Air Fleet officer.

COM 14 080158 -> COMB. JN 4 SYSTEM AS FOLLOWS: RISO 7 (TOKYO) TO NO NE FRAGMENTARY SAYS REPORT 0900 POSITION OF US(?) FLEET UNITS AND AIRCRAFT. NO TA 6 Serial 519 OF 75 TO AIR UNIT AT MARCUS SAYS THAT AT 0730/8TH AN AIR GROUP WILL DEPART TENIAN FOR MARCUS...

COM 14 - 080544 -> COMB. IN JN 4 SYSTEM MU NU (JALUIT RADIO) TO UNIDENT ONLY PARTLY READABLE x CONCEALED ORIGINATOR IS COMSUBFOR. MESSAGE CONTAINS ORDERS FOR A x PEARL HARBOR IS MENTIONED ALSO ENEMY & ENEMY AREAS. Comment by 14 - Believe this order to subs to operate against our units during return to and off PEARL. Another message indicates that Screening Force is at sea proceeding to Eastward probably as screen for xx-MIDWAY OCCUPATION DRIVE, GOOD? POINT OUT AT 1700 ACT Puts CMC 32°N-163E.

BELCORNEN 080700 -> COMB. Traffic Association now indicates CMC GF has assumed general direction of all operations in Western and Central Pacific... Comdr 1st Air Fleet (initially in NAGARA) sends most urgent operational message to CMC and 5th Fleet - suggests urgent need for additional carrier support. Comdr's sent one despatch to 5th Fleet in delivery under 1st Air Fleet - indications have been currently noted that RYUJO would proceed from northern area to join Midway forces and foregoing routing suggests this action already accomplished. 1 striking or covering force in Midway appears to contain one selection Battleship 3, Kamikaze Mamm and Cruiser 8. NI 07 (shore station in Marshalls) is indicated as possibly equalizing or rendezvous point for 2nd Fleet units.

OPNAV 081530 -> COMB. KARO 6 Serial SD. 070015 TO KA SO NAVAL GP. STAFF, STAFF 5th FLEET INFO COMBINED FLEET (LESS 3rd 5th Fleets?) Fragmentary but reads "FROM AP OCCUPATION FORCE 3 BLOCAS"

OPNA 08155 -> COMB. From JN 4, HNO 3 Serial 76 071530 to 4th 6th Air Attack Forces WANCE and MISAWA Air Groups info 5th GF and 2nd F. FRAGMENTARY MENTIONS "TOMAROUS 8TH" - SOMETHING TO BE DONE OR TO TAKE PLACE AT WAKE AND MARCUS

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ACTION AT MIDWAY DOPE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN x INDICATION MARCUS BEING USED AS REFUELING POINT FOR AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO WAKE AND MARSHALLS x OUR B5TH x SOP FIRST AIR FLEET SHIFTED FLAG TO NAGARA x FROM 1000 TO 1400 LT BY DF SUBMARINES 23-30 167-30 x 24-30 168-30 x 30-10 171-15 x 44, 171 x ALL NORTH AND WEST

080511

COM 14 082030 -> COMB. NO CONTACTS OR PLAIN LANGUAGE DESPATCHES SEEN HERE. TOKYO HAS INITIATED RADIO DECEPTION. YESTERDAY 12750 KCS VERY ACTIVE WITH AT LEAST 18 TACTICAL CALLS IDENTIFIED AS SEPARATE COMMANDS BUT ONLY 2 ACTUAL TRANSMITTERS FOR THE LOT. TOKYO ATTEMPTED GIVE IMPRESSION LARGE FORCE WAS MANEUVERING. CINC GF 27N 165E CMC 28N-172E enroute southwest. Cruiser 7 - 30N 171E bound for MARSHALLS. TANKER KUSI 1 in same position by D/F as CMC GF and Comd all on by poor fix. CMC 5th bore 330° from. COMDESIGN 1-47N 179E xx General Staff sent several despatches probably operation order - one addressed 5th base force info 5th Fleet. CMC GF originated several despatches, one a 4-part report to unidentified E NI 4, all major commands info General Staff. Another went to all major commands etc. Subim and 5th fleet also addressed in other despatches. All indications point to CMC GF taking over tactical command of Central Pacific and directing operations of 5th Fleet. CMC 1st is active as Screening Comdr in returning damaged ships. CMC 2nd sent high precedence to CMC and 7.

COM 14 082230 -> COMB. OMINATO STILL BROADCASTING TO 5th FLEET AND RYUJO x SOME indications Subim 2 units, mostly in port, will relieve Subim 1 in port. CMC and 5th Fleet info GF, ZUIKAKU and TOKYO xx Com Subim address - heavy traffic mostly to Subim 3 and 5. Subim 3 by D/F...

MIDWAY 082135 -> CINCPAC. PATROL PLANE REPORTS 4 ENGINE ENEMY AC WAITING IN AREA BEARING 274° DISTANCE 276 IN BAD WEATHER AREA POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY.

CTF 7 (COMSUBPAC) -> TASK UNITS 7.6.3 and 7.6.6 info CINCPAC. "CINC COMBINED FLEET IN A BB IN AREA 30-34 NORTH. LATITUDE AND 140-160 LONG. EAST"

OPNAV 090100. Cinc 29 at 0726 June 8 originated msg Action encrypted address
 "THE FORCE WRITING ORDERS AND UNIDENT 1RU 2 and Marin Yokis info Cinc 29 4th F
 1st Air Fleet, 4th Fleet TRUK, unident KOME 44, FUKU 08, MARU NEU 9 at KURE X
 This strengthens deduction that forces under Cinc 29 are returning to TRUK and logistic
 requirements are being arranged. At 1600 June 8, ABUKUWA, (Desim 1), called SHIMAZO,
 5th Fleet + unident N0MU 2 (DD in Desim 1) to deliver traffic for Condorm 4 and 7
 indicating ABUKUWA separated from Cinc 5th who normally he expected relay traffic for
 1st Air Fleet originated urgent at 1900 6th and sent by Fleet Xeg at
 1955 action 1st Air Fleet, 5th Fleet w/ GF, Condorm 4, YA To 3 and ZUIKAKU
 Note inclusion of Condorm 4 and ZUIKAKU

BELCONNEN 090649 - Units involved in Northern area more prominent in traffic
 indicating increased activity with possible attempted landing/air engagements with
 Blue Fleet, KOW 9 (Ag occupied area) Marum #3 sp. landing force) and NLS MU 2
 noted particularly sending high precedence traffic to Cinc 6th, 5th, and others
 Cinc 5th Fleet addressed 5th Fleet Subs 1 plus Butch 3, Gumbo 8, beam 10, carrier
 TIE 6, Desim 7A To 3 of Desim 1, KAMIKAWA Maru and ^{MARU} 2 Tankers (3). These units
 was appears to be under direction of Cinc 5th Fleet with KAMIKAWA Maru (detached
 from Arrow 7) and carrier TIE 6 operating together. Service air strength about
 in this area are indicated as Carrier 3 (RYUDO and TAKASAGO (2) or NISSHIN MARU)
 carrier TIE 6 (possibly JUNYO or HIYO) and KAMIKAWA Maru: a merchant
 at YOKESUKA and a Maru Tanker (2) at apparently Cinc 29 to proceed to TRUK area
 to proceed to TRUK area to service 2nd Fleet units which from other indicators, will
 go to that place after refueling in the vicinity of IAWASOMI. Need for repairs
 to ships of Condorm 7 indicated by ascensions.

BELCONNEN 090705 - Unit, RE E? to 3 ONE, E'N TO and TE RA Serial 237
 of 6 June at 1400. FROM SENIOR OFFICER NORTHERN FORCE. NORTHERN FORCE
 ORDER # [] TEXT MOSTLY INDECIIPHERABLE BUT MENTIONS AOB ((KISKA))
 INVASION FORCE AND ALSO AOA ((CHICHAGOF))

BELCONNEN 091345 - Unit, PLAIN LANGUAGE FROM WA YU 2 at 2146 (-9) June
 addressed to TI MA 2. "BECAUSE OF AN ENEMY SUBMARINE, IT IS DIFFICULT
 TO PROCEED A POSITION 28 NORTH 174 EAST." Wording peculiar but
 indicates probably hit by torpedos. Originator identified here as Cinc
Command. Secret call SE HE and WA YU 2 are same. ((Deception!!))

BELCONNEN 091530. Another from WA YU 2 at 2300 (2) (19) says
 "COURSE 180° SPEED 4 KNOTS, THIS INTERESTED ON 6425 KCS ((Deception!!))

CINCPAC 091803 - CTF 16, Midway, CTF 7 (consult file - see page 131) THE
 FOLLOWING PLAIN LANGUAGE DESPATCH IN JAPANESE ON 6425 KCS WAS
 RECEIVED AT 1315 GCT "BECAUSE OF MY BLANK BLANK I AM UNABLE TO
 NAVIGATE 28° NORTH 170° 40' EAST 2146 (-9)" LATER SAID THAT HE
 WAS ON COURSE 180° SPEED 4 KNOTS. THIS MAY BE DECEPTION AND IS
 SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATION

COMINCH 091848 - U.S. FLEET. A VERY SECRET INCIDENT LEADING TO PUBLIC
 DISCLOSURE OF THE CONTENTS OF A SECRET NAVAL DESPATCH REQUIRED EMPHASIS
 ON THE FACT THAT THE BORDEN OF PROOF IS ON ANY FLAG OR COMMANDING OFFICER WHO
 CAUSES ANY DESPATCH TO BE DECODED WHICH IS NOT REPEAT NOT ADDRESSED TO HIM
 ORIGINATING OFFICERS ARE ENJOINED TO SEE TO IT THAT ACTION AND INFORMATION
 ADDRESSEES ARE RIGOROUSLY RESTRICTED TO THOSE WHO NEED REPEAT NEED TO
 KNOW AND THAT THE TRANSMITTING AND CRYPTO CHANNELS USED ARE SUITED TO CARRY
 OUT SUCH RESTRICTIONS IN THE CONTENTS OF SECRET DESPATCHES MUST BE COMMUNICATED
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 SECRET INFORMATION IS NOT DISCLOSED TO ANY OTHERS WHATSOEVER, EITHER DIRECTLY
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CINCPAC 092201 - CTF 16 + 17 info ComNavJap, Cominch. NEGATIVE CONTACTS
 ALEUTIAN AREA COUPLED WITH FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION SUGGESTS ALEUTIAN FORCE
 WITHDRAWING TO WESTWARD, REFERRING TO MY BULLETIN 69 ((CINCPAC 23023))
 OF MAY 23rd BELIEVE CARRIERS IN ENEMY NORTHERN FORCE MAY BE ONE MODERN
 CARRIER, ONE KCV AND RYUDO.

OPNAV 092322. ADDITIONAL TO COMNAVJAP FOR 060959 ON CHEST RECOVERED FROM
 MIDGET SUBMARINE INDICATES ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY MIDGETS RELEASED FROM SIBI.
 I-21, I-22, I-24, I-27 AND I-29. PRELIMINARY INSPECTIONS ... SAME AS
 PEARL HARBOR MIDGETS

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FAIR DIRECTION FINDER FIXES ALL NORTH AND EAST FOLLOW & CINC COM-
 BINED IN GENERAL AREA THIRTY ONE SIXTY FIVE X COMMANDER SECOND
 FLEET AT ZERO TWO HUNDRED ZED EIGHTH TWENTY SEVEN ONE SIXTY NINE
 APPARENTLY HEADED TOWARD TRUK AREA X CRUDV SEVEN AT ZERO HOURS
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 SIXTH BULLETIN X CONDORM ONE AT TWENTY THREE HUNDRED ZED SEVENTH
 FORTY SEVEN ONE SEVENTY NINE X CHIKUMA AT 1500 ZED EIGHTH FIFTEEN
 ONE SEVENTY FOUR X ENEMY 4 ENGINE SEAPLANE SIGHTED AT 2130 ZED EIGHTH
 TH TWENTY EIGHT THIRTY NORTH ONE SEVENTY SEVEN THIRTY EAST X SEVE-
 REAL ENEMY SUBMARINES IN HAWAIIAN DASH MIDWAY AREA

090225 June 1942

SRAS 0057 (White House Map Room system) Tokyo has transmitted a large
 volume of radio deception in an effort to give the impression of large
 forces operating at sea.

COM 14 102325 → Cont. RDF BEARINGS REQUIRE CAREFUL ANALYSIS DUE TO USE OF CALLS DECEPTIVELY x SHORE STATION CALLS CHANGED AT MIDNIGHT THE 10TH, INSUFFICIENT TRAFFIC DATED 11TH TO DETERMINE FULL EXTENT SHIFT x ROUTINGS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE DEFINITE INDICATION OF OPERATING AREAS FORCES Afloat AS POSSIBLE USE OF STATIONS REMOTE FROM ACTUAL VICINITY INDICATED TO SOME EXTENT. EXAMPLES: OMINATO worked KAMIKAWA MARIU x Baidu's originated traffic observed coming from TRUK UTU x E TI (KINSHIMA bearing night 9 10th placed between WAKE and JALUIT whereas traffic direction October 3 broadcast with 5th Fleet, Tokyo Personnel, Intelligence addressed MI Headquarters Naval Gen. Staff jointly with Tokyo Intelligence originated Serial 789 at 2030 June 9 to C/S Combined, 2nd, 4th Fleets, Consul, 11th Air Fleet, Comdus for Acton and TRUK, JALUIT, TAKAO Radios, 4th Air Attack for Info. Association Baidu's 3 and others listed yesterday with the Northern Area continues x RE MA 3 mentioned as RDF station or air base. Seen today with 69 suffix, apparently confirms air elements. Slight indication located near HOKKAIDO. RDF protection purported Combined Fleet flag at 1100 10th is 37N. 144E. believe some bearings used originated Tokyo or other deception station using GF call. No traffic noted from 2nd Command although received many. Comdus 2 Serial 443 at 0430 got to Comdus 7 Info Comdus WNA 2, Midway, France Comd and C/S 2nd.

Deson 2 has some association with WAKE base, possibly escorting some vessels of invasion force to that point. Underst MAW 5 Serial 161 at 1530 10th to Comdus 5 and another Serial 103 at 1800 10th in 4100A to C/S 2nd Comdus 5, Comdus 4 Info, Comdus 7 and 8. May be a cruiser assigned to Comdus 5 temporarily. Increase in traffic for 2nd Fleet units believed indicate arrival own waters and mandates. Navy Gen. Staff at 1000 10th addressed C/S GF Info C/S SE, at 1030 addressed C/S 5th Info GF. Element associated with October 3, Comdus 8, Deson 10 Baidu's TA to 3, carrier TIE 8, KAMIKAWA MARIU, tankers or tenders SE SI 5, OHA 5 with 5th Fleet Command forecasts formation principal striking force for use somewhere Central or North Pacific. Detail of Subm 2 to far north free appears confirmed. High North shore based activities increasing. These include TOKO, BIHORO, 3rd and 6th Air Attack Forces. Sub line appears to be Subm 122 - High North; 314 (TE KA 9?) and 5 - Central Pacific x 6th undetected and unlocated x 7th track with some units Empire; 8th Australian operations, Comdus 5 1200 got addressed GF and IAF Yokosuka 9's, ZUIKAKU info NITIE 1 (CHITOSE?), DD with KI RO 8 and Comd. KORE. CHITOSE addressed C/S GF, ZUIKAKU and KURE movement date time garbled. Appears CHITOSE may accompany ZUIKAKU somewhere. No IAF traffic observed. Small amount of traffic dated 10th intercepted and traffic to 0600 11th practically nil.

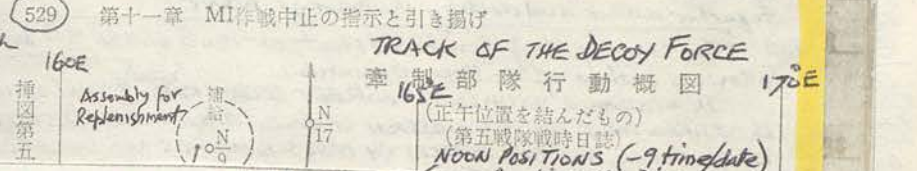
OPNAV 100103 → Cont. KAMIKAWA MARIU and ZUIKAKU may be moving into area of the Northern Area as evidenced by broadcasting of traffic for these units by OMINATO and association with C/S 5th Fleet traffic x large volumes traffic related to our communications, particularly air craft being sent to units involved in AF and AOB attacks. These messages deal largely with signal strength and bearings and are, of themselves, of no particular interest. This traffic originates in JALUIT and TOKYO and included Sub force as addressees. Secret dispatch orders continue to be sent by Comd, Submarine Force through JALUIT to Submarine units of the Pacific Sub force. Revised text is too fragmentary for translation. Sub force is linked in addresses with C/S 5th and 2nd Fleets and 1st and 11th AV Fleets.

COM 14 100234 → Cont. ... A 0940 9th C/S 4th Fleet sent priority to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Fleet Force Info General Staff, Combined, 2nd and 11th Air Fleets, Comdus 7, Comdus 2, YOKOSUKA Combined Spec. Landing Force, 4th, 5th Air Attack Forces. Believe this arranges for reception of units formerly under C/S 2nd into 4th Fleet bases for repair and possibly reassignment x C/S 5th Fleet at 2310 on the 8th addressed Comdus 3, Comdus 8, Comdus 2 and carrier TIE 8, KAMIKAWA MARIU, Comdus TA to 3 and tender OHA 5 and SE SI 1 Info. to Comdus 4 and Comdus 7. Bulk of traffic unarmored units with Central and North Pacific - other traffic very light. Submarine generally quiet, SAME PLAIN LANGUAGE FROM WA YU 2 as mentioned by Belermeu RECEIVED HERE, VIEW

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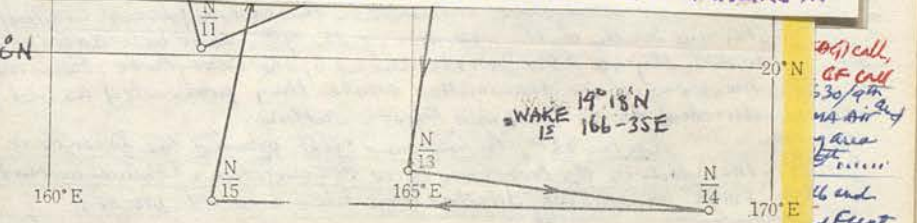
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CINCPAC 101931 → CTF 16 Info Comdus, CTF 6. "AFTER AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TODAY ((FROM JAPAN TO TF 16+17)), TF 16 REMAIN IN AREA NEAR PRESENT RENDEZVOUS MY 080429 UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS x MEETING WITH THE GARD WILL BE ARRANGED LATER x TF 17 RETURN PEARL TO ENTER FORENOON 13TH. ((COMMONWEALTH FROM AND COMANSEC added Info address))

CINCPAC 101917 → COMALASEC Info COMNORWESSEAFRON, CTF 6. "NAS KODIAK 101339 x DESIRE POSITIVE INFORMATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT x CAN STATIONS INVOLVED BE CONTACTED BY RADIO x EARLY AND CLOSE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE SHOULD BE MADE. (REF. CINCOM 10025 AND 100829 TO COMALASEC WHO HAS THE FROM COMBATWING 4 WHO IS ANSWERING. ATKA OK BY CATALINA OVERNIGHT THERE 8 JUNE, TRANSMITTED WEATHER 101645 x KISKA SCOUTED 9 JUNE BY B-17 x NO APPARENT ENERGY ((??)) ..."

OPNAV 101910 → COMB. ORANGE PURPLE TOKYO # 513 / JUNE 3 TO HAND. "2 6000 TON SHIPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE 20TH AND THE END OF THE MONTH RESPECTIVELY TO LOAD THE JUNE ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE. THE ORE ON THE 20TH IS TO UNLOAD AT MURORAN THEREFORE WE WISH TO HAVE TAKAMA AND SONIMAMU PREPARED x SHIP'S NAMES ETC. WILL BE WIRED LATER x FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE TOKYO BRANCH OF TAITAKU IN



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SPNS 0058 (White House Memo) It is indicated that some unidentified ship of the forces withdrawing from Midway may have been attacked by a Δ in Lat 28°N 170°E at 2146 (Z) June 7. At 2306 (E) same date this ship reported she was on course 180° speed 4 knots

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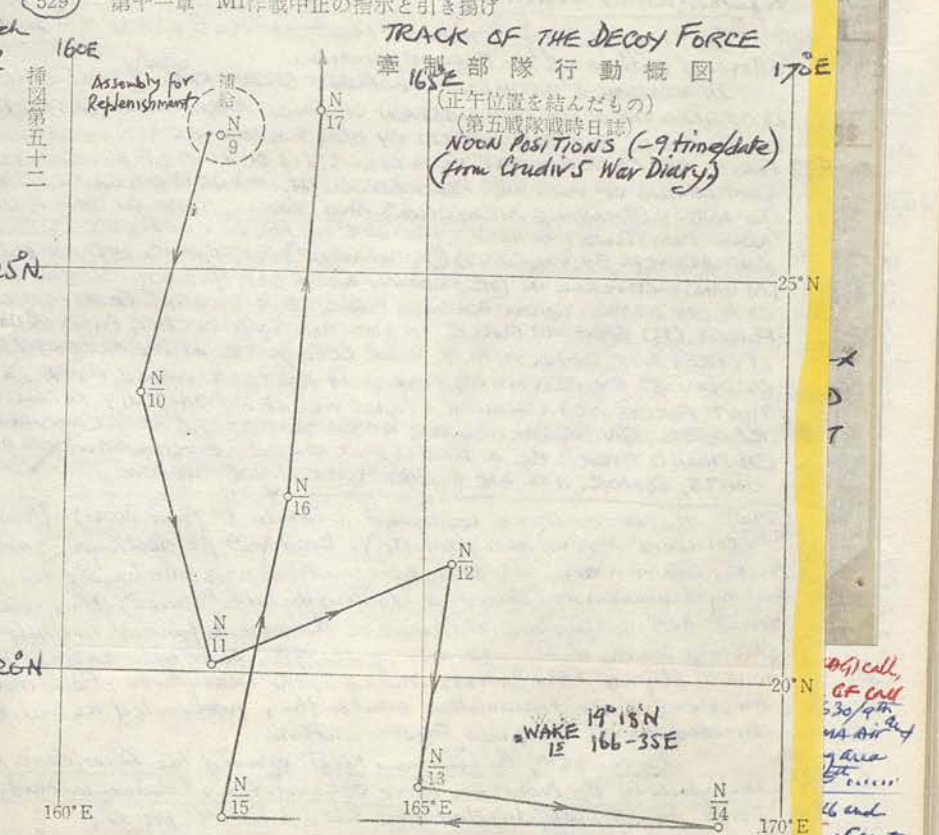
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335B QUOTATIONS FROM "SENSHISOSHU" - "MIDWAY" Pages 528 and 529

528 From the diary of Ryadun, Mitsumir UGAKI, 9th COMBINED FLEET
" (Past 10 pm.) Just now formed a 'Decoy Force' of one section of Crudiv 5, one Desdiv and a tanker, to operate at will to the west, south and east of WAKE Island sending false radio messages, using the frequency of the Main Force, to decoy the enemy carrier-task force from the MIDWAY area so that our submarines and air force can together attack and destroy the enemy's power."

528 The Chief of Staff Combined Fleet at 1900 on the 8th sent the following outline of the Decoy Operations.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMBINED FLEET SECRET RADIO # 332 (081100) IT IS DESIRED THAT THE TRANSMISSION OF FALSE RADIO MESSAGES BY THE DECOY FORCE AND THE ATTACKS BY OUR SUBMARINES AND SHORE BASED AIR FORCE BE CARRIED OUT AS FOLLOWS: (1) OUTLINE OF MOVEMENTS. ON COMPLETION OF FUELING, PROCEED SOUTH, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ANTI-SUBMARINE MEASURES AND PASSING THROUGH THE FOLLOWING NOON POSITIONS (AUTHOR'S NOTE See sketch on reverse). (2) SEARCH AND ATTACK BY VANGUARD (SUBMARINE) FORCE AND 24TH AIR FLUTILLA. (A) VANGUARD FORCE IN THE MIDWAY AREA USE RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS FORCE TO ATTACK THE ENEMY CARRIER TASK FORCE. (B) BASE AIR FORCE, IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING PATROLS USING ITS PRESENT DEPLOYMENT, WILL COOPERATE IN THE MOVEMENTS OF CRUDIV 5 BY PROVIDING MAXIMUM ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROLS FOR THAT FORCE. (C) COMMUNICATIONS FORCE. TRANSMIT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE AREAS INVOLVED. (D) SHOULD THERE BE A NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION OF ALL UNITS, COMDR. 11TH AIR FLEET WILL TAKE CHARGE.

530 The DECOY FORCE consisted of Crudiv 5 (less NACHI) - (heavy cruisers MIYOKO AND HAGURO), Desdiv 9 (3 destroyers) and the tanker GENYO MARU; its area of operations was one having many enemy submarines (according to Intelligence Reports), thus requiring strict Anti-Submarine measures. These were placed in effect on starting south on the afternoon of the 9th, shore base aircraft from WAKE flying ASW patrols ahead of the Decoy force. False radio messages were transmitted while they proceeded as had been directed in the Combined Fleet's outline.

On the 13th, the Combined Fleet ordered the Decoy Force be included in the Northern Force organization. Commander Northern Force immediately informed that force where to proceed

- 527 CINC COMBINED issued the following operations policy at 081100 Secret radio # 332
1 THE COMBINED FLEET IN THIS AREA WILL USE A PART OF ITS FORCE TO DECOY THE ENEMY CARRIER FORCE AND WILL ALSO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO THE NORTHERN FORCE TO PREPARE TO ATTACK AND DESTROY THE ENEMY CARRIER FORCE THAT MAY APPEAR IN THAT AREA
2 COMBINED FLEET ORDER #163 (TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO NORTHERN FORCE) WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE 1200 9 JUNE
3 CRUDIV 5 (LESS NACHI), 1 DESDIV OF DESRON 4 (EXCEPT 1 DESTROYER ASSIGNED TO INVASION FORCE'S TANKER) ARE HEREBY ORGANIZED AS A DECOY FORCE
4 THE DECOY FORCE WILL OPERATE AT WILL TO THE NORTH EAST OF WAKE UNDER WAKE AIR PATROLS, AND USING FALSE RADIO MESSAGES WILL DECOY THE ENEMY CARRIER TASK FORCE TO THAT AREA WHERE THE VANGUARD (SUBMARINE) AND BASE AIR FORCES WILL ATTACK AND DESTROY IT.
5 11-11 6 11-11 (deal with routing of Invasion Force/Main Body/Carrier Task Force)

528 Captain Kuroshima (Plans Officer) had doubts as to the success of attacking and destroying the enemy fleet by the decoy operation but believed it would cause the enemy to delay sending his carriers to the Northern Area.

528 The decoy operation was planned as planned but nothing indicated any success in it. Radio intelligence on the 13th reported the enemy carrier-division to be east of MIDWAY. Admiral Yamamoto ordered the Decoy operation ended.

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Consolidation of the two Eastern Pacific fleets. Three radio intercepts seen tonight re ATOKA call, MARU MARU and MA-17 OHTSUKA call were used by JAVUIT radio. TOKYO used Cinc GF call and some 5th Fleet units using OMINATO call. Cinc GF addressed Cinc 1st at 0630/4th and Cinc 2nd + 4th + 5th Fleets, 11 Air Fleets into YOKOSUKA, KURE, TOCUSHIMA, HAWAIIANA Air 4th and 6th Air Attack Forces via the links like Nishipetani of setting site screening area and possible destination as CHICHIJIMA... by 0745 in 28N 167E at 1400 GCT/15th.....
BELCONVEN 101010 - Comb. TWO plain language despatches were noted at 2156 and 2300 originated by WA YU 2 (secret call SEINE, identified as Flagship Combined Fleet by "H"). first despatch "BECAUSE OF ENEMY SUBMARINE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROCEED, POSITION 28 NORTH 170-40 EAST". Second despatch - "OUR COURSE 180 SPEED 4" WAY 2 also noted accepting traffic for WISA 2 (submarine MUTSU) and FUJI 2, which in past acted as plane guard for SHOKAKU -- this leads to belief that MUTSU in company with WA YU 2 + FUJI 2 Cinc GF + a DD) later acting as DD screen. No traffic noted from Cinc 1st Fleet today. Cinc 2nd in despatch at 2300 (15th 9) got to NEU 9 (auxiliary tanker or repair ship in NEI area) appears to have been directed proceed TRUK to service 2nd Fleet units. Further indication of this indicated by urgent despatch from Cdr. NEI force at 1030 (-9) got to NEU 9 and in info to Cinc 2nd Fleet and 4th Air Force at TRUK. Traffic indicates Subron 2 now under Cinc 5 F and will operate with Subron 1 in Northern area. Also indicated as being under command of Cinc 5 F by association in Butcher's, Crudiv 8, Desron 10, unident CV TIE P and KAMIKAWA shares. Very unusual associations noted in despatch originating at 0100 by 5th Air 25 (at Rabaul) addressed to Cinc 5th Fleet and Comsubfor info 5th 2nd Fleet. This association plus current retirement of 2nd Fleet units to TRUK area again suggest renewal of activity in Southern waters. At least part of Crudiv 6 and Desron 6 were now at TRUK and in heading of despatch 081900 from Operations Section Tokyo Navy General Staff, slight indication suggests that Crudiv 5 may return to that area - may replace units of Crudiv 7 lost or damaged plus ZUKAKU and possibly SHOKAKU would constitute a formidable striking and occupation force. Comd. MISAWA Air group apparently furnishing additional replacements for Subron 4, or possibly ordering such reinforcements to cooperate with units returning from Midway operation by furnishing air support. Traffic headings indicate Comsubfor at OAHU; Cinc 1st Fleet Air group at WAKE; a detachment of SHIBUKAWA Air is at TATEYAMA
MINUT -> CTF No. 8, etc. CALL IDENTS SHOULD BE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION BECAUSE OF CURRENT USE OF DECEPTION (BY ORANGE). CINCOPIC HAS REPORTED 5TH FLEET UNITS EMPLOYING STATION CALL SIGNS.....

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OPNAV 11 0011 -> Cont. Between 20-2100/10 June (-9) TRUK broadcast traffic for Comdiv 2 and 4, Comdiv 8, ZUIKAKU, KAMIKAWA, Mami, Comdiv 3 and Comdiv 3. This traffic continues to be associated with 5th Fleet, at 2100 OMINATO called ZUIKAKU to deliver one message for that ship, in a 2 part message. Call 5th Fleet originated at 1330/10 June to the "2 STRIKING FORCE" of the Northern Force and the Blank Army unit & other addresses were Destroyers and Patrol units of the 5th Fleet. At 1630/10 June Comdiv 1 originated message to 5th Fleet, AOB (KISKA) Occupation Force (Traffic ship or Communication Craft) info Staff Officer 6th Fleet, RAHINU and [Blank] Army unit of the Northern Force

COMINCH 111306 -> OPNAV, CINCPAC, SEAFRON COMS. 11 EXAMINATION CHARTS RECOVERED FROM SYDNEY'S MIDGET SUBMARINE DISCLOSES S-I CLASS SUBS TRUK PART IN OPERATION & 3 BOATS' NUMBERS 21, 22, 24, 27, 29 x GOOD EVIDENCE THAT MIDGETS WERE RELEASED FROM ALL EXCEPT I-21 WHICH APPARENTLY WAS FLAG-BOAT AND MAY HAVE CARRIED PLANE. EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHS IMPROPER MILITARY TARGETS PRINTED ON THESE CHARTS AS INSETS NEAR SUCH OBJECTIVES & CHARTS ARE REPRODUCTIONS ADMIRALTY ISSUES

112209 NASS DUTCH HARBOR 112230 CINCPAC, OPNAV, CTR, Com 13, COMALSEC, NORTHWESTERN, IN VIEW ENEMY PRESENCE KISKA RECOMMEND ASSUMPTION THAT CODES THERE BE CONSIDERED CAPTURED BY ENEMY DESPITE PREVIOUS WARNINGS TO KISKA AND REMINDER OF 30 MAY. CODES HELD THERE CSP, C, C, etc, AS WELL AS COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, OPERATORS PROCEEDURE SIGNALS AND NAVY CALL SIGN BOOK PART 1 AND 2. NO OTHER ALEUTIAN STATION WEST OF POINT GLENN UMNAX HOLD ANY CODES THAN WEATHER CODES

112209 CINCPAC -> CTR 8 Info COMINCH, COMALSEC, COMNORSEAFRON, CTF 1 HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF ENEMY IN KISKA AND ATTU ARE COVERED BY CARDIV 3 AND REDEPLOYMENTS FROM MIDWAY FORCE WHICH MAY INCLUDE UNDAMAGED SHIPS OF CARDIV 3 AND CRUDIV 8. TASK FORCE 16 IS RETURNING TO PEARL TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. TASK FORCE 8 OPERATE VICINITY OF POINT BLOW FUELED AND READY TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

COM 14 112214 -> Cont. Change of calls involves only major Commanders and radio stations. However there is the possibility that during change not confined within each category as previously - i.e., that major command has taken from radio station's call and vice versa xx at 1655/11 5th Air Attack Corps sent contact report of enemy aircraft - At 1200/11 Gen Staff addressed 4 unidentified chiefs of staff and 11th Air Fleet into Comdiv 3, Comdiv 3 and 4th Air Attack. At 0800/11th Gen Staff issued what appears to be movement order, possibly to Cardiv 5 that went to unidentified RV SA 5, YOKOSUKA Movement office. Info Comdiv 5, Sasebo and unidentified NU RU 3. Bearing of 263 from Dutch Harbor indicates Carl Comdiv close to HONSHU x only bearing on Carl 2nd was 290 from MIDWAY. Activity in Indies area continues connected with convoy operations from association with TRUK and RABOUL Base Forces. #2 Escort Force largely concerned convoys TRUK - RABOUL area to, and from. Some indications Comdiv 5 to enter Marshalls area. Apparently new sub unit HNI 8 sent first dispatch to Com Staff for Empire movement offices and KURE coastal patrol force at 1100/10th indicating joining Subron 1 in North. Subron 1 by DF in 52N 176W. The call RE 3, formerly believed to be a DF station in High North, now believed unit of larger proportion - 2 bearings place it at 47N 179E. Subron 2 to operate under Carl 5th Fleet, Comsubron 3 continues very active. General Staff addressed at 1800/11th a fleet unit RE WATS info NU RU 3, Comdiv 5 and Sasebo. RDF bearings.....

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U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
11 JUNE 1942
CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

#88

REGENT	25	TRK
PRIORITY	35	CRUI
RADIO	14 OR 17 23	

BY DF CINC COMBINED 164 EAST 37 NORTH 1100 X COMSUBFOR 178 EAST 10 NORTH 1300 X X (THIS IS BULLETIN 88) INDICATION CHITOSE IN COMPANY WITH ZUIKAKU AT SEA X SUBRON 2 WILL OPERATE WITH SUBRON 1 IN NORTHERN AREA X NOTED ENROUTE SAMPAH TO TRUK X ENEMY ZERO FIGHTERS HAVE ATTACKED FORMATIONS OF FORTRESSES DROPPING GRENADES WHICH EXPLODE WITH VIVID BLUE EXPLOSION AND LEAVING STREAMERS OF WHITE SMOKE X AT 2250 GCT COMBR. SUBRON 1 LOCATED BY FAIR DF FIX AT 50 NORTH 176 WEST

110253

Checked off
Sacked 113315

CINCPAC 120019 -> MIDWAY info CTF 9 (CPWing 2). IN SECTORS WHERE PATROL PLANES HAVE ENCOUNTERED WAKE JAPANESE PLANES SUGGEST HAVING B-17 SHADOW PATROL PLANE WHEN ENEMY IS CONTACTED, B-17 KNOCK THEM DOWN

CINCPAC 120107 -> TASK FORCE 8, RDF FIXES SUBRON 1 AT 0900 Z 11TH IN 52 NORTH 176 WEST x UNIDENTIFIED UNITS 50 NORTH 171 EAST AND 53N 175E 0900 Z/11TH.

COM 14 120338 -> Comd, NAGARA sending much routine traffic indicating arrival home waters. As CHICHIJIMA handled his traffic to Tokyo & Berlin NAGARA in vicinity of BONINS. OMINATO broadcasting traffic to Batdiv 3 Cardiv 3 in addition to 5th Fleet. Traffic enciphered (incl ComBatdiv 3, ComCardiv 8, ComCardiv 3, Center TIEP, and Subron 1 in some general communications area served by OMINATO.

Bellemeun 120620 -> Comd. Traffic routing indicates Cardiv 3 (63) has arrived in TRUK area. Indications that MI SU 9 (aka Jachie NAGARA) may be controlling several organizing units, the Commanders of which may not actually be in the NAGARA. 3 despatches noted in this connection, 2 at 1000 and 1 at 1100 (-9) 11th in which "SMS" numbers were enciphered but Station Serial numbers were different. ComCardiv 5 shown as undetected HANU 9 on one of the foregoing NAGARA despatches and was associated with Northern Force.

COM PATWING 4 -> COM FLT 19 info COMINCH, CTF 8, CTF 16. AT 100615 ARMY REPORTS ENEMY FLEET ASSEMBLING KISKA x 15 VESSELS IN HARBOR CONSISTING OF CRUISERS DESTROYERS AND TRANSPORTS x MORE APPROACHING FROM SOUTH x NO CARRIERS OBSERVED. (written up for CINEPAC info.)

C. G. ALASKA DEFENSE FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA. 122331. NORTH OF KANAI MOVING EAST REPORTED BY WARDEPT. 2 HEAVY CRUISERS, 1 LIGHT CRUISER, 4 TRANSPORTS x AT KISKA ANOTHER FORCE OF 8 DESTROYERS AND HEAVY CRUISERS 4 LARGE FLYING BOATS 1 LIGHT CRUISER AND 4 TRANSPORTS.

COM 14 122322 -> Comd. NO CONTACT REPORTS RECEIVED FROM NORTHWESTERN AREA despite reported air attacks on KISKA. Comd 2nd Fleet using CHICHIJIMA cover for origin of despatches, suspected that Com 1st Fleet also using same cover, but this not yet substantiated. KAMIKAWA Maru or OMINATO circuit. Despatch from Northern Force Maru 3 MU 3 at 1400/10th went to Com 5th & KAMIKAWA Maru. Info 5th Fleet suffix 12 - by routing, 40 MU 3 believed to be NE of HOROSHIREO. Cardiv 3 now appears associated with Batdiv 3, Cardiv 8 and TIEP (20505) routing. KAMIKAWA no longer in this association. Tokyo Radio Admittance at 0945 sent priority to TEMA 3 (an air station or base in the high north), unidentified TAHEM, Subron TERA 9, ComCardiv 5, Grid 4th, Subatack Comd info 25 Combined, Sulfor and 11th Air Fleet x same organization approach. Subrons 1 and 2, 5th Fleet suffix 12 info Combined Fleet, 45 OMINATO Radio (WIPRA) which is believed to be a base in high north possibly ATU. Tokyo Radio suggested another signal to Sulfor "1900 GAT 1700". Staff Officer Cardiv 5 at 1600 address Comd CHITOSE air at WAKE info Communications (10th Air Fleet) and 11th Air Fleet and 4th Air Attack Comd x CHITOSE air had addressed one at 1120, sent a priority to ComCardiv 5 info 11th Air Fleet and 4th Air Attack Force x these appear to place Cardiv 5 as going to WAKE probably enroute to Marshalls. 95 GF at 1730/11th sent one to Yokohama (6th Fleet?) ComBatdiv 3, ComCardiv 8, ComCardiv 3, Center TIEP, ComSubron 1 info Naval General Staff and 40 MU 404. No other info on this Command. Messages coming out of CHICHIJIMA which might be Com 1st are Spis 171 at 0840/10 detach 12th Fleet unit (ATU) Hospital ships Yo Ni 1, AE 3 info Comd Combined and KISJ 5 x Next number at same time to Yokosuka Landing Force, KAMIKAWA Maru and undetected Major Commander O 507 and MU 07. SMS 5113 at 0850 to TEMA 6 who is either Subfor or Combined Fleet, info 11th Air Fleet and ComCardiv 5 x at 2340/11th, Comd 2nd Fleet traffic appeared under CHICHIJIMA call.

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Date 12 JUNE 42

CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

#89

From: CINCPAC 120130	To: COMINCH COMUSPACFOR ALL TF BONDOS PAC OPNAV AGO KZRO	Subject: OUR BATTORGES EUROPE ALL HAYDENSON CWS LESS: EAST GULF	Priority: 25	RHT
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			16-27	1338

INDICATIONS CARDIV 5 LESS NACHI MAY GO TO MARSHALLS x MINDIV 16 MOVING FROM SAIPAN TO TRUK (INTELLIGENCE NUMBER 89) x BY DF COMSUBRON 1 POSIT 50 TEN NORTH 176 EAST AT 0900 GCT 11TH x BATTDIV 3 STILL AT SEA POSSIBLY JOINING WITH CARDIV 3 DESTINATION UNKNOWN x SIGHTED IN KISKA HARBOR 1745 GCT 11TH 1 HEAVY CRUISER 2 LIGHT CRUISERS x 1 DESTROYER AND SIX TRANSPORTS x AT ENTRANCE TO HARBOR SHIPS BELIEVED TORPEDO BOATS OF TOMIZURU CLASS.

120135
chono
3 JUNE PURPLE

OPNAV 121810 -> COMB. TOKYO -> BERLIN. ACCORDING TO WHAT [] TOLD THE BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, GERMANY WOULD LIKE US TO USE 7 SHIPS, 4 OF WHICH ARE ALREADY IN JAPANESE PORTS AND THREE OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO REACH JAPAN SOON TO CARRY COMMODITIES (SEE OUR MESSAGES 457 AND 463) TO BE SUPPLIED BY US IN JULY AND AUGUST. FOR THE BALANCE TO BE SHIPPED TO THEM THEY ARE PLANNING ON SENDING US A TOTAL OF 14 OR 15 SHIPS BY APRIL OF NEXT YEAR AND REQUEST OUR VERY BEST EFFORTS IN ORDER THAT SHIPMENTS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT A HITCH. TO THIS THE CHIEF OF THE COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS BUREAU REPLIED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS IN THE GERMAN LIST WHICH WE CANNOT SUPPLY AND GERMANY WILL BE NOTIFIED AS TO WHAT COMMODITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE x THEY WOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED AS TO WHAT COMMODITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE SHIPPED IN INSTALLMENTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT WE WOULD GIVE DEEP THOUGHT TO THE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTED ABOVE. (MISSING) ...

OPNAV 121817 CONTINUATION -- OXIDE OF MERCURY 300 x VEGETABLE WAX 100 x 8-STICK LACQUER ?? x 9-RESIN 2000 x 10-SHELLAC 30 x 11-(BANANU ?) RUBBER 350 x 12-(SUYOTO ?) 5000 x 13-ANTIMONY 1000 x TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 250,000 x TO BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY x 6(A) SOUTHERN MANGANESE ORE 500, 6(B) OPIUM 500 x 6 C-50 x 6 D-50. 6 E 56 FOR 150 x (7) VEGETABLE WAX 50 x 9 (RESIN) 500 x 10 (SHELLAC) 100 x TOTAL APPROXIMATELY TO BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY 25,000 x

IF, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING: FERRO-MOLYBDENUM AND MOLYBDENUM ORE x UN 80?, ASBESTOS x DIAMONDS USED IN INDUSTRY, AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS, THIS TOTAL FOR NOW WE HOPE.

CONVOLUTION TOKYO -> BERLIN JUNE 10 x ATLANTIC MARU 10 JULY [] ? 1200 TONS RICE, PS BOUND FOR HAIPHONG TO LOAD IRON ORE FOR BERLIN x [] DO [] x SAME COLUMN - TASHANHA MARU 19 JUNE 5800 -> MURORAN x MADRAS MARU 30 JUNE 5600 KARAKAKI LOAD 70 TONS APATITE FOR KBELUNG AND NAGDIA x ...

IRE HA Serial 632 of 21st (May?!!) FRAGMENTARY BUT STATES - NO OBJECTION TO MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT OF CASUALTIES ON MIZUHO AND SHOHO x

COM 14 13004. A new air unit NARE 8 appears with number featuring HI FU 3, a Northern Patrol Force Station, at 1750/10th he addressed Cinc 5th info 25 1st Air Fleet, 5th Fleet, 11th Air Fleet and 6th Air Attack Force, RUSI 6, tentatively identified as KISKA Occupation Force - by hearings close to ATTU main reported landings in that area, Station NARA 7 observed from ship traffic for RUSI 6 and RE HA 3 x Ominato broadcasting to 5th Fleet, Betdu 3 and Cardu 3 x Today NABARA being called by OMINATO, NABARA believed to have taken aboard 1st Air Fleet Staff after Midway x Staff Comm. Officer Subron at 0430/11th addressed Communications 5th Fleet. This call last seen at 0800/11th at 2350 he addressed C/S 4th Fleet info GF, Avron 7, KAMUKAWA MARU, Yokosuka Special Landing Force and general Staff. This appears to contradict earlier indication that he (C Cardu 5?) was going to TRUK via the Marshalls (is a part missing just before "at 2350 he addressed etc") but he endures appreciation with that area. 3rd Fleet C/S at 1300/11th addressed 10th Base Force ((SINGAPORE)) at AMBON ((?)) info fleet unit KE CA 6 and enciphered address "N 2 10 Base Force Detachment at CHRISTMAS Island". 4th Fleet Staff very active sending 20 despatches between 1100/11th and 1400/12th - 14 of these intercepted here, the one of highest priority at 1510/11th went to General Staff info 3rd Base Force at PALAU, 4th Base Force and TRUK and BUBER x PALAU x PALAU very popular as an address see x was also seen in a message from 7th Base Force at 1600/11th to Cinc Combined, 4th 5th Fleets, Nav Manila, Yokosuka, 3rd Base Force info 5th Base Force at 0940/12th Cinc 4th addressed Cinc 5th 8 and 16 info. Combined and 4th Fleets 80% KIS being used by stations handling traffic from units in western Aleutians to OMINATO. Letter sending considerable RI traffic to 5th Fleet forces.

COM 14 130100 This may tie in with reported sinking of sub near last D/F position to Subron 1 at 52 N 176 West. BIHORO air appears moving north along Kuriles probably to HOROMUSHIRO as indicated by despatch at 1400/12 when Comd. That unit addressed Detachment BIHORO AIR at NORA (Air Station in North) info 5th Fleet, OMINATO, Tachiki x Air Bases NIRA 7, KE MA 9, and YAMA 5 and enciphered MATSUWA Air Base and TERNEI Air Base. Subron 2 believed enroute North, NUNU 2, associated with KISKA Occupation Force sent urgent to Cinc 5th at 0210/12th. At 1100/11th Tokyo addressed fleet unit KIRO 8, CHITOSE info Comcardu 5, Iben Staff, GF, Sasabro and YOKOSUKA Coastal Patrol Forces. at 0810 KIRO 8 addressed Comm. Off. Cardu 5. This call may be encoding destroyer division to CHITOSE + ZENKAWA. Only submarines heard today were those in Australia area - no prizes.

Belonging 130655 - Comb. Numerous despatches today indicate units of MIDWAY Campaign Force about to enter various parts in Mandate and CAROLINES. Apparently Avron 7 and several units of Desron 2 plus 4 Marus withdrawn to TRUK while others will proceed SAIPAN and CHITOSHIMA. MA TE 4 (tentative CHICHISIMA Radio) active as originator of several despatches at 2350/11th addressed to Cinc Midway Occupation Force, Cinc 5th, Cinc Combined and 4th Fleet, Cinc 5th and several others. Study of numbers on these despatches and the variety of addresses suggests one of the major commanders, probably Cinc 2nd is now at Chichijima. Cinc 5th noted originating several high precedence despatches to be freed, about 1000, SAIPAN, TRUK, PALAU and RABAU, apparently in connection arrival of units of Midway Campaign Force. Cinc 5th noted as being addressed in Galiet intelligence despatches, along with Fleet commanders, suggesting that unit may be operating as a separate Task Force, while enroute to Mandate area.

OPNAV 132010. Call address MO 9, primarily in AKAS and identified as air unit of 6th Air Attack Force appeared in message from KO NU 2 (Air Group) on 11th. It is clear that at least one ship of Cinc 6 is in Marshalls, O TE KI (2nd Transport) originated message to a collective call YA ME 3 and listed 19 Marus in this collective. Possibly large Convoy being made up? Call for SURYO appeared in a message from an unidentified Air Group NU N 7 on the 11th. The inclusion of Comcardu 5 in intelligence messages together with usual fleet commanders suggests he may be a Task Force Commander.

130350
CTG 8.15 - COM ALASKA INFO CTF 8, TG 8.5. YOUR 12210 GCT SUBMARINE ATTACKED IN DUTCH HARBOR'S 121030 WAS S-26. DAMAGES LIGHT. REQUEST TOTAL BOMBING RESTRICTION ON SUBMARINES BY ARMY AND NAVY AIRCRAFT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WEST OF COLD BAY x TIMELY ARRIVAL SUBMARINES IN ASSIGNED AREAS REQUIRES THEY PROCEED ON SURFACE

NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

TO: CINCOPAC
ALL US COMBAT CPTAY
LANT BARTO GILF

FROM: CINCPAC
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CLASS: SECRET
PRIORITY: PRIORITY
RECEIVED: 16 17 1318

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INDICATIONS CINC 2ND FLEET IN CHICHIJIMA AREA x KAMUKAWA MARU IN NORTHERN AREA x ONE UNIDENTIFIED CV AND CRUDIV 8 WILL OPERATE WITH BATTIN 3 x 96th BULLETIN x HEAVY BOMBERS MOVING FROM HOME-LAND TO HOROMUSHIRO x VISUAL SIGHTING ENEMY AT KISKA 0350 GCT 12TH TWO HEAVY CRUISERS ONE LIGHT CRUISER EXACT DESTROYERS x EVIDENCE SEEN OF ENEMY OCCUPATIONS OF ATTU AND KISKA x THREE ENEMY CRUISERS REPORTED LAT-52 LONG 177-35 WEST AT 0215 GCT 12TH

130219

Chronological ORIGINATOR

OPNAV 130425 - Comb. Tokyo -> BANGKOK - Purple Serial 1030/JUNE 10 GIVES ASSIGNMENT OF SHIPS FOR HAULING RICE AND IRON ORE. (1) SHIPS BOUND FOR BANGKOK TO PICKUP RICE, TOTAL TONNAGE 76,500 TONS.

NAME OF SHIP	ARRIVAL DATE	TONNAGE	PORT UNLOAD	CARGO
FLORIDAMARU	27 JUNE	8300	TOKYO	
NAMIMARU MARU	1 JULY	8600	SHIMIZU	
AKAGIKAWA MARU	4 JULY	6500	OSAKA (TENT)	400 RICE
DURBAN MARU	6 JULY	8000	TOKYO	
YAMAKAGI MARU	8 JULY	7700	TOKYO	1000 RICE
BELGIUM MARU	8 JULY	8000	TOKYO	
SEINEI MARU	9 JULY	6500	KU SHIRO	
HIBERI MARU	23 JUNE	.....	TOKYO	EMPTY
BANKIBAY MARU	28 JUNE	.....	FUSHIKI	EMPTY
HAKADATE MARU	10 JUNE	.....	NOT DECIDED	BARRIED RICE
(2) SHIPS BOUND FOR SAIGON TO PICKUP RICE - TOTAL TONNAGE - 59,100.				
KIRIYAMA MARU	3 JULY	8200	KOBE (TENT)	450 TONS TO CAGAO
EIBADO MARU	7 JULY	8200	NAKAYA	370 RICE
DAIJIN MARU	10 JULY	7300	NAGOYA	MILITARY CARGO (COAL)
NIBORE MARU	16 JUNE	.....	YOKOHAMA	MILITARY CARGO
HIYAMA MARU	26 JUNE	.....	NAKAYA	200 TONS RICE
ATARO MARU	3 JULY	.....	YOKOHAMA	EMPTY

OPNAV 132345 - COMB CRUDIV 5 (RO SI 4) (WAYO 2) IS ASSOCIATED IN TRAFFIC WITH WAKE AIR BASE, 11th AIR FLEET, 4th AIR ATTACK FORCE, SUBFOR (KUTA 7) x DESRON 2 (NETI 7) ASSOCIATED WITH MARUS, TRUK BASE FORCE AND HARBOR MASTER. SERIES OF AT LEAST 8 DESPATCHES ORIGINATED BY TRUK HARBOR MASTER, EACH OF ALMOST IDENTICAL LENGTH AND INCLUDING A DIFFERENT MARU AS THOUGH BERTHING INSTRUCTIONS WERE BEING ISSUED FOR EACH SHIP OF A CONVOY UNDER ESCORT OF DESRON 2.

COM 14 140034 → COMB HIGH NORTH channels produced only moderate results. 8930 and 3525 KES used by Aleutian Occupation Forces and Omikato. at 0400 WAWAS sent contact report incident (MIKU MIKU MIKU) Lat 36-15N 161-15E x 0905 To 07-(-9) 3 plane contacts intercepted fragmentarily, NGS at 1230 and 1530 on 12th advised GF of the NAGARA & at 1400 addressed GF & 2 Fleets info Desam 2 Div 7 Xokosubo GF and the NAGARA 0540/13th addressed all major commands, 4th Fleet Task Force, Command 5 for Action with GF, 11 AF 25th Air Attack for info, indicated units partici-
 Detach MIDWAY Campaign have now arrived various destinations & 2nd Fleet land
 and KAWARA with 12 AF Staff CHICHJIMA, some unidentified at WAKE Cradw 7
 No units to receive reports from AKASHI, possibly at TRUK, or MARSHALLS. No
 GF issued traffic seen since 11th x Unless CHICHJIMA series with messages around
 130 message serials in 1705 15th Fleet, that Cmdr also advised. 2nd Fleet not
 seen since 11th under Chuchyria cover. Com Cradw 7 at 0930/12th addressed
 all major Staffs, MAIZURO, TRUK, 2nd Base for, AKASHI for Action with Com Div 24,
 GF and 2nd for info. Believe that some conflicting headings may be ac-
 counted for by split up of Cradw, Desams, etc, some units being detached from
 their regular command x Cradw 5 very closely associated Marshall's air
 activity and slight indication may be already in KUROSIKI & ASSOCIATE
 WHICE, 4th Air Attack, 11 AF plus 5th Air Attack may indicate early departure
 from WAKE-KAWAS area on mission ending in New Britain x Prominence
 Cradw 5 indicates considerable importance attached and may involve visit of some
 minor base such as Johnston Is., proceeding south. 4th F. Staff comparatively inactive.
 ... MUI 5 (Minor Com. in 6th Base Force) still in WAKE vicinity. HIGH NORTH, KISKA
 Occupation Force sent dispatches in 4 numeral Army system - no filing times - one to
 enclashed SHIPPO address x another to KUROSIKI Staff Personnel Officer. OMIKATO at 1530/12th
 sent a priority to 5th F less ME SUI, NUNU 2 appears active in Aleutian Occupation Operation
 and at 2200/13th sent long 4 KAWA urgent to Com 5th F, GF, Tokyo Intelligence info
 5th Fleet Task Force x Radio reception from on frequencies used in this area and nothing
 indicated other than apparent arrangements for supplies and reinforcements underway, no
 subs heard in North. ... KASUWA MUM appears to be operating again. ... Com Cradw 3
 at 1900/12th addressed SICO. 5th info TOKO for detachment of Unsubd'ed. TU YIS.
 ISOKAZE (Plane Guard) made movement report addressed GF 1st Air Fleet NAGARA,
 Tokyo Radio DD TWA 4 and incident in HANU 9. 23rd Base Force in Indies been
 addressed SORUO at 1710/11th - believe either circuit error or originator ignorant
 Midway results. Note Indian Forces have been exempted from first general
 address lately. 11th Air Fleet units active as usual. GF at 1310/13th addressed
 lengthy list which included 13 marus plus KAWA, ROSUO, FUKUKAWA R, GF & 4th
 Cradw 4th 5th Air Attack Cont for info sent to XOKOSUBA, KURE - SAS EGO MIL. Staff in Action.

CINCPAC 140115 → COMALASAC Info 8, CTF 8.5 Com NWCFM. PRESENCE
 OF ZERO FIGHTERS AT KISKA INDICATES CLOSE PROXIMITY OF CARRIER X
 THIS INFORMATION OF MUCH VALUE TO THE SUBMARINES X I WISH THEM
 BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR HUNTING

BELCONNEN 140250 → COMB. CIRCULAR 1015 TOKYO → JAP. MIN. LISBON - LA DIP SYSTEM
 IN ADDITION TO THE 3 HOSPITAL SHIPS PREVIOUSLY LISTED, JAPAN WILL USE FOLLOWING
 7 VESSELS AS MILITARY SERVICE UNDER ART. 2 OF GENÈVA TREATY - ALL WILL HAVE WHITE
 HULL, LATERAL GREEN STRIPES & RED CROSS PAINTED IN CENTRE PLUS RED CROSS
 ON FUNNELS - ILLUMINATED BY ELECTRICITY OR SEARCHLIGHTS AT NIGHT -
 SHIP GLASS TONNAGE

VITAL MARU	6374	123.5	1	2
AMERICA MARU	6069	226	2	2
MANILA MARU	9486	14.5	1	2
RAIKO (?) MARU	2968	90	1	2
TEIKEL MARU	5266	121.8	1	2
SEATTLE MARU	5772	124.9	1	2
HOKUSUIA MARU	5819	122.1	1	2

COMINCH 141510 → CINCPAC COMSOPFOR ADMIRALTY'S 1728 B/13 - LISTS SHIPS THAT
 MAY ATTEMPT TO RUN CARGO BETWEEN JAPAN AND BAY OF BISCAY PORT IN NEAR FUTURE
 (German by name - 4 Italian - from France) (8 German, 3 Italian - from Japan) etc

BELCONNEN 140230 → Com: Genes TACTICAL CORPS thru 31 May, and 1 June onward for
 Submarine task force + Submarines No. 10, 1-16, 1-18, 1-20, 1-24, 1-27, 1-28, 2-29 + 3-30 plus
 5, HOKOSU, AKOSKI MUM, their wife and for midgats 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 + 28 received
 from midgats submarine sunk in Sydney harbor & salvaged.

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMSOPFOR, CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 14 JUNE 42

To CINCPAC 140231

From COMINCH, COMSOPFOR, ALL JAP VESSELS, ALL JAP AIR CRAFT, ALL JAP SEA FRONT CRAFT, LOSS LANT, OARIS, MALP, KOB, JAKRA, OPEN AIR FORCES EUROPE

CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

Priority: SECRET, PRIORITY, RADIO

Time: 11, 16, 17

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NAGARA BELIEVED ARRIVING CHICHJIMA AREA X 2 HOSPITAL SHIPS
 ALSO ENROUTE SAME VICINITY X CRADW 7 AND REPAIR SHIP
 AKASHI IN TRUK AREA X SOME UNITS OF DESAMS 2 AND 4
 APPARENTLY WITH THIS CRADW X INFORMATION BULLETIN NUMBER
 91 X CRADW 5 NOW IN MARSHALLS POSSIBLY SCHEDULED FOR
 OPERATIONS FURTHER SOUTH X INDICATION NOTED NOW AT TRUK
 MAY GO TO RABAU X RECONNAISSANCE ENEMY AT KISKA SHOWS 2
 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 OLD MEDIUM CRUISER 4 LIGHT CRUISERS
 1 TENDER 4 TRANSPORTS X 2 DIRECT BOMBHITS SCORED ON 1
 LARGE CRUISER X HEAVY TYPE ZERO FIGHTER OPPOSITION
 REPORTED 23 HOURS GET 1274.

140231

BELCONNEN 140735 CRADW 5 IS NOW ADVISED CRADW 2 ((??)) Arron 24 and other
 in units in Marshalls & appears to be proceeding to that area. This division has been
 particularly prominent in traffic for past 2 days. ... Comdr MO OY carrier based air
 group (based in AKASHI) now show around NAGARA, NAGARA accepting traffic from
 Omikato for delivery to Desam 10. Comdr 12 AF no longer around NAGARA in destination
 MIDWAY occupation force Desams 2 and Arron 7 suggested as TRUK rather than SOJAPAN
 as noted previously. ... The MO Occupation Force appeared as action address in
 dispatch for Com 4 F at 1610/13th. This again suggests a renewal of occupation attempt
 on Morosby, ...

Com 14 142216 to Com, at 1200/13th Comendin addressed WAKE Air and MARCUS Air
 info 4th Air Attack, 11th Air + Com. Fleet. ... High priority dispatches indicate Cradw 6 is
 leaving KURE for 4th Fleet with (tentative) Cradw 18. ... No 10 in TRUK area. GF 4th
 addressed URGENT at 1400/13th to Com GF xx Com 5th F sending dispatches, some
 urgent to Aleutian Forces. ... Com Cradw 5 addressed Com 5th F and GF but
 not considered significant probably due NACHT being with 5th F. 7th 5th Fleet
 contacts heard today. Signs of reorganization 1st Air Fleet Staff continue as
 comments addressing Submar 1 + 2. (Include radio intelligence traffic noticeably
 increased - addresses include all units operating in the Pacific x Cradw 2
 using TRUK radio call x This command closely associated MI 5th Fleet Area
 (Yokosuka Landing Force), Arron 7, and Com 2nd x to a lesser extent Cradw 7
 and Desam 4 also connected x Foregoing amounts to practically same grouping
 of commands in the TRUK-SHIPPO area as existed prior to MI operation x
 No traffic observed from Combined, 1st or 2nd Fleet Commands.

COMINT 150035 → Cont. Recent Cmdr 5 (Ros 14/wa 402) prominence noted by all units past several days. Traffic Study for 13-14 June leads to the following conclusions: (A) Com Cmdr 5 is an independent Task Force Command present (B) MYOKO (NUYU) not in company with Com Cmdr 5 (C) This Task Force probably operating somewhere between MARCUS and WAKE and maybe enroute TRUK - also possible this group is further to eastward since Com Cmdr 5 is address of recognizable intelligence reports from 5th Fleet operations area (ALEUTIANS) and from air and submarine operating from eastern Marshalls and WAKE; also apparent that Cmdr 5 keeping Com 5th informed its activities. Linkage between Cmdr 5 and Cmdr 5 indicated in despatch of 14 June from Com 5th to Com Cmdr 5 and Com Cmdr 5 info all major force Commanders, Com Cmdr 3 and Com Bat div 3 - also in a message from Com 5th Action to same 4 Division Commanders (as above) info all major commands, less N.G.S. but these associations unclear. (D) Com Cmdr 5 address in one message MISAWA BR Group, believed at MARCUS and WAKE Island air, thereby possibly suggested this Task Force making a sweep eastward to gain intelligence of our forces which might affect either retiring MIDWAY Forces or Aleutian Forces, or be in area should one of our Task Forces advance to the westward. Association with 5th Fleet plus submarine and air units known to be operating in the eastern Marshalls and at WAKE and MARCUS does not readily permit of interpretation that Cmdr 5 simply succeeding to TRUK. Traffic from Com 5th Fleet on 14th involved following, in addition to those listed above: Subrons 1 and 2 (latter definitely a part of the 5th Fleet), Desron 1. Nothing noted to or from ZUIHO. J Geizan Air Group at WAKE ("UEVKU"), ICAMEL + Desdiv 34, JakuTara.

BELCONNEN 150745 → Cont. Successive deeppatches from C/S Staff Com Off. 5th Fleet at 0010, 0900, 1030, 12th Actn C/S GF Info MI Occ. Force, Cmdrsm 2, 9s 2nd and 4th Fleets, 9s Yokosuka & Tokyo Operations Sec (NBS) plus C/S GF → almost same Cmds... strongly suggests MI occupation zone in Saipan-Truk area has at request of Com 5th been ordered to joint Aleutian Campaign, or at least been placed on Stand-by Status. More north would be under extent of Com 2. Com Cmdr 5 associated for past several days with Arron 2 (p) air and 6 units Marshalls area, who the Actn address with Com Cmdr 5 in a despatch from Com 5th Fleet at 1500/14th. Information Com Cmdr 3, Com Bat div 3 and all Coms less 3F. Cmdr 5 has been previously associated with northern Campaign. Cmdr 3 and at least part of Bat div 3 now in Aleutian area. Associations of past few days and apparent importance given Com Cmdr 5 as an Actn address in intelligence despatches suggest that a Task Force is being formed under Com Cmdr 5 which could include Cmdr 5 less tentative MYOKO, SORYU (??) of Cmdr 2, FUKAKI of Cmdr 5, part of Desron 4 plus additional auxiliary units to be diverted northward, possibly to assist gains already made and to continue campaign in Aleutians or carry out attack on some other selected Pacific base as a diversionary move. Traffic headings indicate extensive submarine operations in Pacific with 5 Squadrons involved - Subrons 1 & 2 in Northern area, 3 - 5 and (tentative) Subron 6 (TEKA9) operating out of (SLEET) Subron 8 operating in Indian Ocean with HQ at SAIGON... enciphered address indicates part of Bihoro Air at PARAMUSHIRO in Kuriles...

OPNAV 151812 → Cont. At 1900/14 C/S GF originated short despatch to Com Subron 1, Com Subron 2, 9s 5th Fleet, Com Cmdr 8, Com Cmdr 3, Com Cmdr 5, Com Bat div 3, Com Desron 1, Com 6th Air Attack Force, 9s 11th Air Fleet, Info Naval General Staff. This looks like the principal Cmdrs in the Northern Force.

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Part 2 - Chapter 1 "OPERATIONS TO OCCUPY THE WESTERN ALEUTIANS"

Page 257 (Condensation/gist) The KISKA Occupation Force landed there the evening of the 7th June and the 8th established ashore the seaplane base, the Communications facilities ashore were completed on the 9th but on the 5th air patrols by the KAMIGAWA MARU commenced. The four engine "MVIS" patrol planes moved over to KISKA from KAKUMABETSU Bay, PARAMUSHIRO Island, Northernmost KURILES - 50° 23'N - 155° 37'E on the 5th. (The KAMIKAWA MARU, ex MIDWAY Invasion Force, arrived the 15th). The Northern Force was organized into a Main Force, a Support Force and a #2 Carrier Strike Force.

258 (11/200) Navy Staff Section, Imperial General Headquarters Secret Radio # 776 (11/200) to C/S Combined Fleet and C/S 5th Fleet:

"(1) THE ENEMY IS POSITIVELY ATTEMPTING TO LEARN OF THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR REINFORCEMENTS BEING SENT TO THE NORTHERN AREA, USING OUR RADIO TRANSMISSIONS TO ACQUIRE THAT INTELLIGENCE. YOU ARE URGED TO PAY ATTENTION TO AND LIMIT YOUR RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

(2) AS REPORTED IN 5th COMMUNICATIONS UNIT'S (KWAJALEIN) SECRET RADIO # 908, STRONG ENEMY FORCE WAS IN 32° 15'N, 176° 00'E AT 2020 THE 5TH ((NNW OF MIDWAY)) HEADED NORTH. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE SHOULD HAVE OUR FLANK PATROLLED BY SURFACE FORCES, PATROL PLANES AND SUBMARINES TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE IN VIEW OF THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT 3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

259 On the 11th at 1730, the C/S Combined Fleet referred to the intelligence in paragraph (2), above, in a message, part of which said "THE ENEMY HAS DEFINITE PLANS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST OUR NORTHERN FORCE..."

On the 12th, the HIBIKI was damaged by enemy bombs and was sent to OMINATO, escorted by the AKABUKI... In compliance with Navy Staff Section's Order # 776 (11200), the Cmdr Northern Force (flag in CA NACHI) had the NACHI establish direct communications with the PARAMUSHIRO Communication Unit on low frequency/long wave to preserve secrecy of the Northern Force's location and had PARAMUSHIRO relay the necessary communications to all forces concerned on short wave/high frequency. Cmdr Northern Force's order of 12/1400 was:

"FROM COMDR NORTHERN FORCE. (1) FOR COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON, NACHI AND SECOND SECTION DESDIV 6 WILL SHIFT TEMPORARILY TO 47°N 163°E. (2) DESRON 1 (LESS NENOH and Desdiv 6) WILL OPERATE AS DESIRED WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS OF 51° 23'N, 173-25E."

Next (122330) was. Cmdr Northern Force Op. Order # 105 read: "UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, BEGINNING THE 13th, THE MAIN FORCE (NACHI AND SECOND SECTION OF DESDIV 6), THE SUPPORT FORCE AND THE #2 CARRIER STRIKE FORCE WILL BE DEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) #2 CARRIER FORCE - POINT X (50°N 171°E); MAIN FORCE - POINT M (60°-110 MILES FROM POINT X); SUPPORT FORCE - POINT W (120°-110 MILES FROM POINT X).
- (2) ALL FORCES OPERATE AS DESIRED WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POINTS X, M, AND W, RESPECTIVELY.
- (3) PATROLS FOR THE ENEMY WILL BE CARRIED OUT WHILE SO DEPLOYED WAITING FOR THE ENEMY. ((POINT X - APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES SOUTH OF THE LEFT TANGENT OF UMNAK IS.

All forces completed taking up their assigned positions during the 14th

COM 14 160316 -> COMB ALL MAJOR COMMANDS except 1st Fleet active in despatches. Radio Intelligence continues at the same abnormally high level that has persisted for the last 3 days. Chief Naval General Staff originated several despatches at midnight 16th addressed to ael mgr for commanders and first and second class Naval Stations, NIKAI 7 which handled Com 5th fleet to OMINATO is (Cident) as HOROMUSHIRO by Fujie + RDF bearing. Both this station + Marcus originated considerable D/F despatches. Submarines in Central Pacific became active last night and fixes were obtained on 2 units of TEKA 9. Units of TEKA 9 addressed each other and ComSubfor, Subron 5 units addressed each other, their Sqd Cdr + ComSubfor. No units of Subron 3 heard but was addressed with the other two by ComSubfor and JAGNT. Because of delivery of traffic by OMINATO to TEKA 9 it was thought this unit heading north but D/F positions indicate that not true and the 5th fleet association may indicate that he is forwarding intelligence of our movements in the Midway area. At 1000 14th Com Combined addressed 9/5 5th Fleet 4th Div Fleet, ComSubfor 3, ComSubfor 3 & 5, ComSubfor 8, ComSubfor 1, ComSubfor 1 and 2 and Cdr 6th Air Attack Force. At 0810 on 15th another despatch sent to the same addresses. At 1700/14th 9/5 Combined addressed 9/5 Subfor info TEKA 9 and 9/5 5th Fleet. Note - in all this traffic today Com Combined did not include Com 1st Fleet. Com 2nd very active with most traffic going to collectives. at 2100/14th, a 4-part despatch went to Com Combined, 2nd Fleet collective, 4th, 5th and 1st Air Fleet and Com Staff. In 4th Fleet area the heavy between islands in Mandates. Trunk concerned with Cdr 7 + Desron 2. JAGNT (Kurogawa!!!) with Submarines and Radio Intelligence Traffic. Budiv 5 association with Marshalls continues but some associations with 5th Fleet are appearing. Ominato radio going traffic to Batdiv 3, Cdr 3, NAGARA, KAHIKAWA MARU in addition to Subrons 1 and 2, Desron 1 and Occupation Force. Com 1st Air Fleet at 1700/14th addressed Desron 10 info Com Combined + 5th Fleet, Com Cdr 3 and 5 x 4 0900/14th Communications Cdr 5 addressed OMINATO, HOROMUSHIRO, Comm. Office 5 Fleet, Chichijima, Tokyo, Yokosuka and Kure radios. This indicates departure of Cdr 5 (ZUIKOU only?) to the north. At 0930 Com Cdr 5 sent one to 9/5 5th Fleet info OMINATO, Com Cdr 5, 7th Base Force (CHICHIJIMA) and incident RE YA 6. This may indicate a rendezvous at Chichijima for Cdr 5 and Cdr 5 before heading north.

OPNAV 162330 -> Comb. TOKYO J-19 TO BANGKOK SANTIAGO 212Z of 12 June, "THE FOLLOWING FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES IN THAILAND X PARA (1) - JAPAN'S SUPREMACY IN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS BY THE IMPERIAL NAVY UPON THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, MIDWAY, SYDNEY AND MADAGASCAR. FROM A TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, THEIR MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY A WIDE MARGIN. X PARA (2) AMERICA'S OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE POWER WERE BOTH PRACTICALLY DELIVERATED BY THE MIDWAY ATTACK EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICAN BATTLE FORCES TO ENGAGE IN GUERRILLA WARFARE. X PARA (3) OWING TO OUR ATTACKS UPON THE ALEUTIAN AND MIDWAY, AMERICA'S SEA ROUTES FOR ATTACKING JAPAN HAVE BEEN BLOCKED AND THE SCOPE OF OUR NAVAL ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN GREATLY EXTENDED."

BELCONNEN 160742 -> Comb. Com Combined actually continued in operations in Northern area x 2 despatches originated by this command. at 1900/14th and 11th were addressed to Cdr 5th Fleet, Batdiv 3, Cdr 3 & 5, Subron 1 & 2, Desron 1, Cdr 6th Air Attack Force, OMINATO Radio broadcast traffic addressed to ((CAS)) TAKAO, ATAGO, CHIKUMA and TONE plus the ((CV)) KUROSO. Further association noted today between Com Cdr 5 and 5th Fleet plus other units in the Northern area.

OPNAV (Stam N) 161635 -> Comb. 1430/15th (Cdr 5th) originated me to Subj. Com 5th Fleet info Com Cdr 5, Batdiv 3, Cdr 8, Cdr WAKE and incident Com Cdr 5 3 n. 4? (???)

OPNAV 161125 - MIDGET SUBMARINES FABRICATED 3 SECTIONS JOINED BY INTERNAL FLANGES BOLTED TOGETHER WITH INSERTION BETWEEN. OVERALL LENGTH 80.6 FEET, FOR'D SECTION - 17 FEET, MIDSHP SECTION 34' 11", AFT SECTION 22' 04". BALANCE NOSE GUARD 3 FEET, PROPELLORS AND GUARD 3'-03", MIDSHIPS DIAMETER 6', HEIGHT CONNING TOWER 4' 06" WITH ADDITIONAL 15" GUARD STRUCTURE. MIDGET APPARENTLY SECURED ABOVE PARENT BY (1) CHOCKS UNDER AND HOLDING-DOW BANDS OVER AFT PART AND BY (2) BY 4 SUBSTANTIAL LUGS WELDED IN WAKE OF HATCH ON UNDER SIDE. APPARENTLY (1) SUPPLEMENTARY FOR OCEAN VOYAGE DISCARDED BEFORE FINAL RELEASE WHICH OBTAINED BY LETTING GO (2) FROM WITHIN SUBMARINE

COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMPANY U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. Date 16 JUNE 1942. From CINCPAC 160221. To COMNAV. #93. CLASSIFIED OUTGOING. 0758/16. ORIGINATOR.

ENEMY SUBS BY D/F ALL NORTH AND WEST AND DATES OCT 15TH X 26 30-179 AT 1400 X 25-30 17B AT 1000 X 28 171 AT 1900 X A 4TH ABOUT 300 MILES NORTHWEST MIDWAY AT NOON X 93RD REPORT X INDICATIONS BATDIV 3 NAGARA KAHIKAWA MARU IN NORTHWEST PACIFIC X ARMY PLANE SAW AT LEAST 16 SHIPS AND 3 SEAPLANES SINGLE FLOAT TYPE AT 2330 OCT 14TH AT KISKA HARBOR

CINCPAC 160221 June '42

COMINCH 161730 -> CINCPAC, COMNAV, CTF-6. HEAD OF RUSSIAN MILITARY MISSION ADVISES THAT JAPANESE GIVE EVERY INDICATION OF INCREASING THEIR FORCES ON SIBERIAN FRONTIER AND THAT RUSSIANS ARE MAKING ALL PRACTICABLE PREPARATIONS AGAINST ATTACK ON SIBERIA WHICH APPEARS IMMINENT.

CNO 162255 -> CINCPAC, COMNAV. ACCORDING TO TRANSLATIONS JAPANESE MARITIME INSTRUCTIONS, JAPANESE NAVY FROM NOVEMBER 1941 PLACED OBSTRUCTIONS IN URAGA CHANNEL AND FROM NOVEMBER 10 1941 RESTRICTED ALL SHIPPING IN FOLLOWING AREAS: MUTSU BAY, ENTRANCE TO TOKYO BAY, KII CHANNEL, BUNGO CHANNEL, SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AND WESTERN APPROACHES TO SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS, WAKASA BAY, APPROACHES TO SASSEBO NAVAL BASE BETWEEN TWO ISLANDS AND KYUSHU, CHINKAI BAY, EAST NORTH AND WEST APPROACHES TO BAKO NAVAL BASE, WATERS ON EAST AND WEST SIDES OF DAISO TO AT ENTRANCE TO RASHIN HARBOR CLOSED TO ALL SHIPPING FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 8 1941.

CINCPAC 170245 -> COMINCH. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT. JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, LOCAL ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE F.B.I. REQUESTS COPY CINCPAC 311221 OF MAY ALSO "NAMES OF MONITORING OFFICIALS AND PERSONS RECEIVING ORIGINAL JAPANESE MESSAGE INTERCEPTED WHICH REFLECTED MAKEUP OF JAPANESE FLEET IN PACIFIC FOR MIDWAY BATTLE". RECOMMEND COMINCH HANDLE ABOVE DISPATCH AND THAT LATTER INFO BE NOT FURNISHED

COMINCH 172050 -> CINCPAC. THIS DISPATCH IS TO BE HANDLED WITH THE GREATEST SECRECY. DO NOT FURNISH NAMES OF MONITORING OFFICIALS AND PERSONS YOUR (170245) x FORWARDED COMINCH AIRMAIL PHOTOGRAPH OF ORIGINAL SUBJECT DISPATCH TOGETHER WITH OFFICIAL DEPOSITION AS TO AUTHENTICITY OF PHOTOGRAPH x ALSO FORWARD COPIES OF ALL CINCPAC OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF MIDWAY ISSUED FROM 31 MAY TO DATE.

("No Distinction of Copies")

OPNAV 172031 -> Com. SHIRIYA possibly in company with 5th Fleet. CHIKUMA called for delivery of message from COMNAV 2122/16 (2) x COMNAV 5th Fleet "Seaplane Five" ((??)) "SUJO BITH" ((Surface fire!!)) originated one to Com 5th Fleet and 5th Fleet suffix 12 - noted that 12 suffix is always used in Fleet address for messages concerned with aircraft scouting operations. Traffic routing indicates Comcodiv 5 not in company with Com 5th Fleet. Comcodiv 6 included in addresses with Comcodiv 5

COM 14 172130 -> Com 6, JN 4 DISPATCHES indicate JAPAN Radio Intelligence action in broadcasting information regarding aircraft operations in AUSTRALIA and MORESBY. EVIDENTLY OUR PLANES USE RADIO on take offs. EXAMPLES follow: On 13 May at 2205 "at 2200 one plane took off from Darwin". On 10 May at 1620 - "at 1620 two aircraft took off from Moresey" On 14 May at 1600 - "at 1600 2 enemy planes took off from DARWIN" at 1720 "on 29 March" at 1715 enemy plane, call D - defeated DARWIN, flying 7702

COM 14 172338 -> Com 6 TRAFFIC LEVEL LOWER THAN USUAL WITH FEW URGENT MESSAGES OBSERVED HERE. Joint Originators General Staff and BUMIL, at 1530/16th Actin to Combined Staff, all Shore Stations and Chiefs of Staff of Commands interested in Indies-Malay area including 4th Fleet, Malaya Force, info to practically all bases and base forces in this area emphasizes importance of controlling operations and lines of communication, also suggests change in logistic plans northern part of area. at 0910 4th GF sent 2 messages - 1 to 5th 2nd Fleet Info General Staff - others to 4th and 11th Div Fleets info 5th Air Attack 5th Base Force and General Staff. at 0950 Com 6 or 4th GF originated 4 dispatches: 1 to 4th Fleet Staff, 5th Base Force, info Comd YOKOSUKA S.L.F. about BRAZIL Mern. Info 4th GF + 3 Tokyo addresses. 2 to Com 4th, 11th Air Fleet, Com 2nd Fleet and Incident Info NGS + incident. 3 went to 4th Fleet Staff, YOKOSUKA S.L.F., 3 incidents + 5 Shore Stations. Impression still held that Yoko S.L.F. will move north to Empire. Arrivements of 4th and 2nd Fleets and units in New Britain area suggest that orders have been given to these activities. - further identification of calls should clarify their activities. at 1800/16th Com 4th sent a 2-part urgent to 4th GF info 4th + TRUK Base Force re address ITIKI SITH ((CUTTER SITH)) that may have been in TRUK Area on 13th now appears associated with 5th Fleet. Dispatch addressed this encrypted address in a 4 numeral by incident III A was promptly Army Command, was given to Comdiv 6 unit WAHIG by COMNAV 6 radio yesterday. Com subm 3 continues use SALUT ((Ring!!!)) Radio D/F Sub-printing. Comment on Belmonten remarks on SORYU - Captured call list identified WITI as SORYU. This call very active and definitely took part in MIDWAY operations x Transfer of Com 14th Air Fleet to NAKASHI after bombings at MIDWAY indicates WITI (SORYU) sunk.

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 17 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 170155

To OPNAV COMINCH
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COMSOWSPAC ACNA
COMNAVROREU NZNB
ALL TF COMSPAC

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INDICATION TAKAO ATAGO NACHI TONE CHIKUMA ARE IN NORTHERN AREA x TRANSPORTS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH MIDWAY OPERATIONS BELIEVED GOING FROM TRUK AREA TO EMPIRE DESTROYERS FROM DESRON TWO ESCORTING x OUR 94TH x ENEMY SUB POSITS BY DOG/FOX ALL NORTH AND WEST x ADDITIONAL SUBS 15TH GCT x 29 174 x 19 169 x 36 177 x FOLLOWING TWO ARE 16TH GCT x LAT 20 AND 21 x LONG AND TIMES SAME FOR BOTH 177.5 AND 1600x

CINCPAC -> 170155

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Sent

(150) Commences 18 June 1942

BELCOWEN 170738 → Comb. Indications of another move against
Moresby and Australian entrance. at 1800/16th Comd 4th Fleet originated
2 messages involving Base Forces at DAVAO, TRUK and RABAU. Port
Director, Transportation. Secondary patrols forecast TRUK, Comd Philippines
Malaya East Indies and Central Fleets. This may concern transfer & transportation
of the BKS and other army detachments from DAVAO to RABAU via TRUK.
Traffic routing indicates units 4th Fleet, including Condors 6, Crusis 6
and 18 are at or proceeding to TRUK. Condor 7 and sections of both
Desoms 2 and 4 are already in that area. Several seaplane tenders are
involved in this activity including CHIKODA, FOSIKAWA, Mann and NOTORO,
later two vessels appear to be proceeding to RABAU & 3rd may be available
to operate with this group ((?!?!)) since indications have been noted this
vessel not in Midway action ((?!?!))

BELCOWEN 180700 → Comb. Comd MIDWAY Acc. Force originated dispatch at
0800 apparently movement report. Number series indicates command still
aboard BRAC man which was shown at SANDARS on heading of dispatch of
1705/16th. The above indicates MIDWAY Force departing SANDARS probably for
YOKISUKA thence to 5th Fleet operating area. Indications previously have
appeared to affect this command would be split but no definite info.
Bureau SASEBO to 5th Fleet which was apparently a unit of the MIDWAY
Force may be a section destined to proceed to RABAU. Condor 30
originated encoded zone communication report which appears to be a shift
from SASEBO to SAMPAN at 1000/17th. This unit also appears to be escorting
a convoy estimated at 30 vessels including NOTORO and sections of Crusis 6
and 18. MARUKI noted in communication with TATSUTA which will
probably join the above convoy. RABAU very active with Avron 25 origin-
ating traffic for Inpa Avron 23 (TRUK area). Same type traffic was noted
in great quantity before CORAL SEA engagement and possibly concerns
arrangements and coordinated operations of their air groups. Traffic
arrivals indicate Desom 34 (now in this area) will surge to the RABAU
area to serve Avron 25 and 5th Base Force units
OMINTO radio delivered dispatch to 5th Fleet for Action Crusis 5
that command and possibly Crusis 5 (in EWIKKI) indicated as joining
Northern Forces.

OPNAV 181835, c/s 5th Fleet addressed Yokosuka Force and Tokyo Bu
Civil Eng. at 0800/16th. This further indicates probable movement this
landing force to Aleutian area. Positive location 11th Air Group Detach-
ment at KISKAP from encrypted address at 1700/18th OMINTO called
5th Fleet and Crusis 5 for delivery dispatch from Condor 5.
Command no longer appears as addressee of Radiotelegraph traffic
from Marshalls Riv and sub. units & below Crusis 5 has joined Northern
Force and Crusis 5 not now with Northern Force. Traffic for TRUK
for Comd 2^d Fleet routed from TRUK to Tokyo Broadcast

Continues 18 June 1942

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
CLASSIFIED OUTGOING
Date 18 JUNE 1942
COMMANDEER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
From CINCPAC 180700
TO: COMISOP, COMUSARPAC,
ALL TF COMOPS IN PAC
OPNAV, ALL NAVSTA/PAC
COMOPS LESS LANT,
CARIB, GULF, ASD,
RZNB, COMNAVFORC
Classification: SEC
Priority: 25
Release: PPP
Excluded: RDO
C. S. O.: FLK
C. S. O.: (blank)
Show to: 16-27 159-8

#95

DESDIV 8 PROBABLY ABOUT TO MOVE FROM TRUK TO EMPIRE X SUBMARINE
POSITIONS BY DF NORTH AND WEST X LAT 19 LONG 176 X LAT 20 LONG 176
X LAT 21 LONG 177 X LAT 22 LONG 176 X CINCPAC 95 X ALSO 7 SOUTH
177 WEST AND 9 SOUTH 175 WEST X NO CONTACTS ALEUTIAN AREA FLYING
CONDITIONS BAD WEST OF ATKA

CINCPAC 180439 JUNE '42

Operator [Signature]

ABB HOWLAND IS
 AB - GARDNER IS
 AH - HAWAIIAN IS (HAWAII) HAWALEI
 AK Pearl Harbor AIG EWA
 AF MIDWAY
 AI - AIFH - Eastern Island French (E) ✓
 AFG = KURE IS AT = OAHU?
 AGD LAYSAN IS AG = JOHNSTON IS (?)
 AIG = EWA AE = PALMYRA (?)
 AO = ALEUTIANS AC = Easter Christmas
 AOE Dutch Harbor (MNR) ADD = TUTUILA (AD = American Samoa) AX PANAMA
 AOB CHICAGO IS
 AOC KISKA
 AOD AGATTU
 AOE UNALASKA
 AOF DUTCH HARBOR
 AOF UNIMAK Channel IS
 AOG ATKA
 AOH KAZAN BAY
 AOK WAIFALL BAY
 AP UNIMAK CHANNEL
 APA AKUTAN IS
 APC TANAGA IS/BAY
 APE AMCHITKA
 APF CONSTANTINE HBR
 APZ SEMIQUH IS
 AQK BAY OF ISLANDS
 AX - PANAMA
 BME LEDO
 FEF CAMRANH BAY
 PG GREENWICH IS ?
 PH CANTON IS ? (AC)
 PHD PHOENIX IS ?
 PP PMB "HARAO" (TARAO - Malolap)
 PQB RUOTTO - ROI "BILAO"
 PS SAIPAN
 RXQ New Caledonia
 RYS Society IS
 RYT TAHITI
 RYU TUAMOTU IS
 RYV MARQUESAS IS
 NS (SAEKI ?)
 NSS ARIAKE BAY ?
 NV EAST (IJIMA ?)
 NVB WEST (IJIMA ?)
 NVD SOUTH (MINAMI IJIMA ?)
 NM BONIN IS (?)
 NMA CHICHIJIMA
 NMB (HAWAJIMA ?)
 NMX MARCUS IS
 RX (50 LOMONS ?)
 RYA KIETA
 RXB TULAGI
 RXD ROSE IS
 RXM SANDWICH IS
 RY RXS NOOMEA GILBERTS
 RYC RYA MAKIN OCEAN
 RYD RYD TARAWA NAURU
 RYM (British Samoa ?)
 RZM LAE
 RA - RABUL
 REJ = SUNA
 RXQ - New Caledonia
 RYM - FIJI

AA - WAKE
 (4) 180
 A American Recip Islands
 B Borneo
 C Hong Kong
 E Br. Malayan
 F FC
 G Guam
 H NEI
 I China
 J Java, Lesser Sunda IS
 L Celebes/Molucca
 M Philippines
 N Japan
 P South Sea Is (Mandates)
 R Borneo, Di. prausen in the Pacific
 S Sumatra
 U Burma
 Z Thailand
 DA = AUSTRALIA
 DSN - Townsville Australia
 DOB
 DG = CEYLON ?
 DGC = COLOMBO
 DGP = TRINCOMALEE
 DP - DARWIN
 JXK KUEPANG
 KA - SAMA BAY, Comm. Base
 KCN - KODIAK (MNHG)
 KM - MARCE ISLAND (MNG)
 KMC - ALAMEDA (MNG)

PX = Marshall
 PMB MALOEAU TAPON
 PQB = Ruotto (ROI)
 PY Jaluit
 PYI Imiei
 PG Kwajalein
 PST Tinian
 PPT - TRUK
 PTN - NERETON (NELEAT)
 PTY - MCRESTON #3 Air Base.
 RYM (Br. Samoa ?) FIJI
 RZJ =
 PPV - YAP
 PU - ULITHI
 NGB HOROMUSHIRO
 NUB BAKO

MI - ILOILO ?
 MM MANILA
 MPE MAN
 MMU - EASUGAO
 MT - Province of Jolo
 MIA - CABAAN, Del Norte
 MCE - FLORIDA, La Carlota, Tolong
 MB - MARIPIPI X LATABALOGAN
 MBC - TACLOBAN, LILOAN, BAYBAY
 RXI - Guadalcanal
 RXJ - Santa Cruz ?

(4) 180-181
 AE PALMYRA
 AEB KINGMAN REEF
 AF MIDWAY
 AFB SAND IS
 AFG "Cure Is" (Kure Is)
 AFH F.F. Shoals
 AG Johnston Is
 AGB Lisianski Is
 AGD LAYSAN IS
 AIT HAWAII IS (Hawaii)
 AHC NIHAU
 AHE KAWAI
 AIH Hamalei
 AI OAHU
 AIC Honolulu
 AID Barkers Point
 AIE Diamond Head
 AIF Maunaloa B.
 AI EWA
 AIH Waialeale P.
 AIS KAUAI
 AIL WAIMEA

Mar 10 1942
 9th Special Base Force PENANG
 10th " " " SINGAPORE
 11th " " " SAIGON
 12th " " " RANGOON
 21st " " " SERARAYA
 22nd " " " BANGKAPAPAN
 23rd " " " MAKASSAR
 24th " " " AMBON

NPM Pearl
 NPG Mare Island?
 NPR Dutch Harbor
 NHB Kodiak
 NGZ KGM Alameda
 NTFM Manus (fox)
 YHC (DARWIN)
 ZGN (SUVA)

