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U. S. S. HURON Place At sea enroute to Yokohama, Japan Date 31 March 1923

Name of Intelligence Officer Lt. R. H. Grayson, USN Name of C. O. Cinc Asiatic Fleet

Source Reliable Reliability of source (mark on scale 4.0) _____

Subject Dutch East Indies Commerce Oil

(Nation.) (City.) (Index title.) (Subtitle.)

1. The principal oil fields today are in Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, Timor and to a lesser extent in Eastern Java. I was reliably informed that an exceptional basin exists in New Guinea and that certain American interests hope to participate in its development. The Standard Oil Company lost heavily in its effort to get into the Sumatra fields. It is now under more efficient management with good prospects for the future. The Standard Oil distribution has been excellent in the Dutch Indies and is today the leading company in that line.

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Submitted by R. H. GRAYSON Forwarded E. A. ANDERSON

(To be signed by the officer who compiled this report.) U. S. N. (Sign only Page 1 of original.) Commanding Officer.

Fleet Intelligence Officer. Admiral, U. S. Navy.

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U. S. S. HURON Place at sea, enroute to Date 31 March 1923
 Name of Intelligence Officer Yokohama, Japan Name of C. O. Cinc Asiatic Fleet
 Source Reliable Lt. R.H. Grayson, USN Reliability of source (mark on scale 1.0)
 Subject INDIA EAST INDIES Coastlines (Subtitle) Coal

1. The coal output is small, and is under control of the government. About 75 percent of the product is used in the railways and government shipping, which fact is given as the reason why oil is not used on the government railways. It is probable, however, that twenty large American passenger locomotives will be converted into oil burners.

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U. S. S. PAUL JONES Place Balikpapan, B. I. Date 30 March, 1923
 Name of Intelligence Officer R. E. Jennings Name of C. O. H. A. Flanigan
 Source Personal observation Reliability of source (mark on scale 4.0) 3.5
 Subject Netherlands East Indies, Balikpapan Oiling facilities
 (Nation.) (City.) (Index title.) (Subtitle.)

Oil is piped from the fields, about 15 miles inland, to the town, distilled, and stored in surface tanks, of which there are said to be over 100, and a subterranean tank. Approximate location of the latter is shown on the chart. From the tanks the oil is piped by gravity to the docks where it is loaded into ships alongside.

Additional information obtained by Commanding Officer:

Balikpapan. The harbor of Balikpapan is an easily navigated one or large area. The docks are built out to deep water, and two of the docks will accommodate vessels drawing 35 feet. It is

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U. S. S. PAUL JONES Place Sourabaya, Java. Date 17 March, 1923
 Name of Intelligence Officer R. E. Jennings Name of C. O. H. A. Flanigan
 Source Personal observation Reliability of source (mark on scale 4.0) 3.5
 Subject Sourabaya, N. E. I. (Index title) Oil (Subtitle.)

Oil.

There is oil land in the immediate vicinity of Sourabaya, and some of it is producing on a small scale at the present time. However it is believed that prospects of heavy production are not bright, as Standard Oil, after having established themselves in the territory, and importing some oil, have reduced the size of their office there to one official, and are apparently only holding on in case anything develops.

~~Additional information obtained by commanding officer.~~

At Balikpapan the old field lie to the northward and eastward of Balikpapan, at a distance of about 70 miles from the town. From this point northward towards Tarakan the country is considered as a vast oil field, and the

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Tahiti

Establishment of Fuel Oil Station
at Tahiti (Society Islands)

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In connection with the French Government's decision to make Tahiti (Society Islands) a great fuel oil station for steamers, three large tanks capable of storing thousands of barrels of oil are now under construction.

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Source: Fairplay, Nov. 11, 1921.

From: U.S. Shipping Board Digest of the
British Press Week Ending 13 Nov. 1920.

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Source: "Marine Journal" of 7 August, 1920.

Subject: NEW FUEL OIL STATION, SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

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"The French possession of Tahiti, in the South Pacific, is soon to become one of the world's greatest fuel oil stations for ships. The construction of three large tanks capable of storing thousands of barrels of oil is under way, under the shipping and trading policy of the French Government. The station is being erected primarily for the use of vessels operating from San Francisco and Vancouver to Australia and New Zealand, but vessels on the run from Australia to New York, France, Great Britain and Italy, by way of the Panama Canal, will also be served."

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