

~~SECRET~~

28 December 1942

PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] FROM THE PRESIDENT TO EISENHOWER
FOR GENERAL GIRAUD.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS GRATIFIED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL CARRY ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE AXIS POWERS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST YOU IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. WE SHALL HAVE OUR JOINT REWARD WHEN FRANCE IS RESTORED TO HER RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS.

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at 1305, EWT, December 28, 1942.

/s/ Chester Hammond

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
Assistant to the Military Aide.

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~~PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
GENERAL GIRAUD~~

*President to Eisenhower for General
Giraud*

The United States Government is gratified
~~to learn that you have been selected by~~
to learn that you will
~~your compatriots to~~ carry on the fight
against the Axis Powers in collaboration
with the United Nations. You have undertaken
a great responsibility and you may be assured
that this government will assist you in every
way possible. We shall have our joint reward
when France is restored to her rightful place
in the Family of Nations.

F D Roosevelt
WJL

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6 December 1942

P R I O R I T Y

FROM: OPNAV
TO : ALUSNA WELLINGTON

FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR FRASER PERSONAL AND [REDACTED]

I HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO LEARN YOU ARE LEAVING THE NEW ZEALAND DIVISION IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE PRESENT. THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IS A RENEWED EVIDENCE OF OUR MUTUAL MILITARY INTERESTS.

I BELIEVE YOU HAVE DONE THE RIGHT THING. IT IS ALTOGETHER GENEROUS.

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E. I. Carson, Lt.(jg) USNR
WATCH OFFICER

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To ^{Repeat to former}
^{Naval Officer}
Prime Minister Fraser
New Zealand

I have been delighted
to learn of your leaving the
New Zealand division in
the Middle East for the
present. This action on
the part of your government
is a renewed evidence
of our mutual military
interests. I believe you
have done the right
thing. It is altogether
generous
Roosevelt

September 15, 1942

PRIORITY

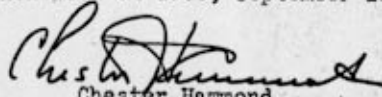
FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA MOSCOW

FOR STANDLEY FOR DELIVERY TO WENDELL WILLKIE

I HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THE JAPANESE ARE INTENT ON CAUSING TROUBLE FOR US BECAUSE OF OUR INABILITY TO IMMEDIATELY MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE GENERALISSIMO. BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN FRANKNESS AND INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN FRIENDS I SUGGEST YOU TELL THE GENERALISSIMO OF THIS WHEN YOU FIRST MEET HIM. I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE NANKING GOVERNMENT IS COOPERATING WITH THE JAPANESE IN THIS DESIGN. ALL GOOD LUCK TO YOU.

ROOSEVELT

Released at 1900, September 15


Chester Hammond
Lt.-Col., G.S.C.,

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1942

FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: AMBASSADOR BIDDLE, LONDON

PLEASE TELL MRS. SMITH HOPE FOR BAPTISM TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY X
ALL GOES WELL.

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W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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July 29, 1942.

FROM: OPNAV
TO: AMERICAN EMPASSY, LONDON

PRIORITY

FOR AMBASSADOR BIDDLE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PLEASE TELEPHONE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE CROWN PRINCESS OF NORWAY
FROM THE PRESIDENT QUOTE KENTUCKY HOME AND EINAR ALSO GEYSER BUT NO
NEWS ABOUT OYSTER UNQUOTE

ROOSEVELT

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John L. McCREA
JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide

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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO BE SENT THROUGH THE WAR DEPARTMENT:

42
24 June 42.

TO: LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOSEPH W. STILWELL, U.S.A.

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU IN THE LOSS YOU HAVE SUSTAINED IN THE
PASSING OF YOUR DEAR MOTHER, THE NEWS OF WHICH CAME TO YOU IN YOUR
FARAWAY POST OF DUTY. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

RELEASED 1310, JUNE 24, 1942.

Chester Hammond
CHESTER HAMMOND
Major, J.A.G.D.
White House Map Room

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STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1925

FROM

The White House
Washington

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

June 24, 1942

Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell, U.S.A.,

My heart goes out to you in the loss you have sustained in the passing of your dear mother, the news of which came to you in your faraway post of duty. My deepest sympathy.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

June 14, 1942.

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PRIORITY

FROM: CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
TO: AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON

FOR AMBASSADOR BIDDLE FROM THE PRESIDENT THE AMBASSADOR AND I
AWAIT NEWS OF TIME ARRIVAL IN CANADA CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN ME

ROOSEVELT

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J. L. McCREA

JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide

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CABLE

JUNE 10, 1942

TO: LONDON

[REDACTED] TO BE DELIVERED IN PERSON BY AMBASSADOR
BIDDLE TO QUEEN WILHELMINA.

HER MAJESTY WILHELMINA
QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND AM SURE YOU WILL
HAVE A PLEASANT JOURNEY OVER.

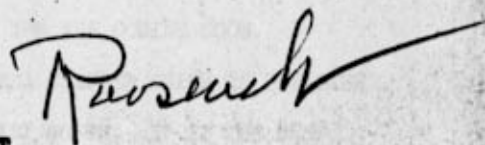
I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING YOUR IMMEDIATE ITINERARY AND FEEL
VERY STRONGLY THAT YOU SHOULD FLY DIRECT TO CANADA IN ORDER THAT
YOU MIGHT GIVE YOUR PERSONAL THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND
TO PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING FOR THEIR COURTESY TO THE
PRINCESS AND HER FAMILY. THIS WILL ALSO SAVE YOU ABOUT SEVEN
HOURS FLYING TIME. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY ALSO OF
SEEING YOUR DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN IN THEIR OWN SURROUNDINGS
IN OTTAWA.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A VERY DESIRABLE HOUSE
ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS AWAY FROM HYDE PARK BY MOTOR. THIS
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JUNE 15. I THOUGHT THAT AFTER YOU HAVE
RESTED A BIT IN OTTAWA YOU MIGHT COME DOWN THERE AND AS SOON
AS YOU GET SETTLED COME AND SPEND A FEW DAYS INFORMALLY WITH
ME AT HYDE PARK. THEN WE COULD TALK ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR PLANS.

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I HAVE ARRANGED WITH PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS THAT THE
PLANE TAKE YOU TO ANY POINT OF DESTINATION YOU DESIRE. THE
MOMENT I HEAR THAT YOU ARE COMING TO CANADA I WILL GET IN
TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE PRIME MINISTER. ALL
OF THIS WILL BE DONE IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.



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TELEGRAM

MAY 21, 1942

TO: HER MAJESTY WILHELMINA
QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS
LONDON, ENGLAND

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE COMING SOON.

WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CLIPPER WHICH IS THE SAME
PLANE THAT BROUGHT HOPKINS BACK LAST MONTH. IT IS THE BEST
AIRPLANE WE HAVE AND FLIES AT LOW LEVELS. IT CAN BE MADE
AVAILABLE EITHER ON JUNE 7 OR JUNE 11. IF YOU WILL LET
AMBASSADOR ^{Biedla} ~~WELLS~~ KNOW THE DATE YOU ARE COMING HE WILL MAKE
THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

I SHOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW OF YOUR PLANS AFTER YOU ARRIVE
AND CAN ADJUST ANY ARRANGEMENTS HERE TO SUIT YOUR FULLEST
CONVENIENCE.

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AWAITS YOU.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

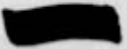
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TELEGRAM VIA NAVY RADIO

(SENT AS OPNAV'S Ø31625 CR Ø629)

3 January 1942


TO CAIRO

FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR BULLITT
REPLYING TO YOUR CR OF JANUARY 2 BELIEVE ADVISABLE
THAT YOU REMAIN CAIRO AND MIDDLE EAST FOR THE PRESENT AND
UNTIL YOU HEAR FURTHER FROM ME.

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Copy to file



December 23, 1942.

His Excellency,
The Minister of Australia,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Minister:

It is requested that the following communication be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Australia in reply to his message of December 8th forwarded by you:

"Dear Mr. Curtin:

I can appreciate your concern regarding the battle wastage in your current operations in New Guinea, because it coincides with the experiences of our troops there and in the Solomons. It is hoped that these fine Australian and American fighters may be given the rest they deserve, and that their units may be restored to full strength.

With regard to the Ninth Australian Imperial Division, I feel that its withdrawal should be contingent on the conditions stated in my message to you of December 2nd. When the decision has been made regarding its return to Australia, the equipment which is to accompany it should be a matter of determination by the Australian and British Chiefs of Staff. They will be influenced by the need for the equipment in the Middle East and by the cargo space available.

Sincerely yours,"

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Reply to Mr. Curtin's message concerning the 9th Australian Division.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that you send the following message to Mr. Curtin in response to his message to you asking that certain equipment be returned with the 9th Australian Division when they are withdrawn from the Middle East.

"Dear Mr. Curtin:

"I can appreciate your concern regarding the battle wastage in your current operations in New Guinea, because it coincides with the experiences of our troops there and in the Solomons. It is hoped that these fine Australian and American fighters may be given the rest they deserve, and that their units may be restored to full strength.

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"Sincerely yours,"

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



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JCS letter, 9-18-73
& OSD letter, 5-3-72
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WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

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FROM The President	TO PM Curtin, Australia
SERIAL Unnumbered	DATE 23 Dec 42.
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TOR MAP ROOM	VIA
SUBJECT Return of Ninth Division from Mid East to Australia.	

ACTION

Answers CURTIN-PRES. 8 Dec 42. which by direction of President was sent to Admiral Leahy for preparation of reply. Admiral Leahy referred copy to General Deane, JCS, for preparation of draft reply by Joint Chiefs of Staff. Draft of this reply submitted to President by Joint Chiefs of Staff by memo, 22 Dec 42 (copy attached); approved by the President without change.

Answered by CURTIN-PRES. 28 Dec 42. (Also see CURTIN-PRES, 22 Dec 42.)

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December 2, 1942

My dear Mr. Minister:

I am forwarding herewith a despatch to the Prime Minister, which the President requests that you undertake to transmit to him.

Very Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. McCREA,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.

Sir Owen Dixon, K.C.M.G.,
The Australian Minister,
3120 Cleveland Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

December 2, 1942

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MR. JOHN CURTIN

Careful consideration has been given to your dispatch with reference to returning the 9th Australian Imperial Division from the Middle East to Australia. Before proceeding further, I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to you and to the officers and men of the 9th Division on the heroic part it has played in the recent victory in the Middle East.

In view of the strenuous period of combat service which it has endured and its long absence from home, it is my belief that the 9th Division should be returned to Australia at the earliest date practicable. This date should be dependent, however, on two factors: -first, the 9th Division should remain in the Middle East until the pursuit of Rommel's forces has resulted in final and decisive victory; and secondly, it should not be returned until its movement can be accomplished without a too serious drain on available shipping.

Under existing conditions I am of the opinion that the present engagement in the Middle East will be concluded satisfactorily early in the year. Once this has been accomplished, I shall urge that the 9th Division be returned to Australia as soon as shipping becomes available. In this connection I feel that the movement home should be accomplished on one of the larger liners returning from the Middle East to the United States, via Australia. To conserve shipping, the movement should include only personnel. The division should, I hope, leave its equipment in the Middle East and be reequipped upon its arrival home.

Our operations in the Southwest Pacific are affected more seriously by the scarcity of shipping than by a lack of available troops. The campaign now being undertaken in North Africa, including

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One action in which the 9th Division is engaged in the Middle East, will have the result, we hope, of opening the sea lanes of the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal. You can appreciate how this will alleviate the critical shortage in shipping. The benefits thus derived will be felt in the Southwest Pacific just as they will be in all other theatres in which troops of the United Nations are engaged. I feel that by contributing to our success in the Mediterranean the 9th Division has added to the security of Australia more than it would have, had it remained at home.

Present plans contemplate sending the 25th United States Division from Hawaii to the Australian Area on the following schedule: - one regimental combat team sailed November 23rd; one and one-half combat teams to sail immediately; the remainder of the division to sail during the month of December. With this division arriving prior to the first of the year, and the 9th Australian Division arriving home as soon as possible after the first of the year, I feel that you can be reassured as to the adequacy of troops available to drive the Japanese away from Australia to such a distance as to make an invasion impossible.

I greatly hope you will cooperate in seeing this plan through.

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C. A. Sullivan, Jr.
C.A. SULLIVAN, JR.
1st Lieut., Inf-Res.

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*Prime Minister Australia
Canberra*

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ROOSEVELT

Roosevelt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11/24/42

Memo. for the President:

Attached is
Admiral Leahy's draft of
the message to Mr. Cauter

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Attached hereto is a proposed reply
to the message which you received from the Prime
Minister of Australia with reference to sending
18 Nov 42.
the 9th Australian Imperial Division home from the
Middle East.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

Encl.

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JCS letter, 9-18-73
& OSD letter, 5-3-72

By RHP, NLR, Date NOV 30 1973



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1942.

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The Right Honorable John Curtin,
Prime Minister of Australia,
Canberra, Australia.

Dear Mr. Curtin:

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I hope

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FROM The President

TO PM Curtin, Australia

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VIA

SUBJECT Return of 9th Australian Division to Australia
from Mid East.

ACTION

1. Answers CURTIN-PRES 18 Nov 42, which was referred to Joint Chiefs of Staff, 19 Nov 42, by memo signed "F.D.R." for preparation of reply. Draft reply forwarded to President by Admiral Leahy, 23 Nov 42. Slightly altered by Mr. Hopkins; para added by the President.
2. This message sent via Australian Legation.
3. Answered by CURTIN-PRES, 8 Dec 42.

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November 19, 1942.

My dear Mr. Minister:

I am forwarding herewith a
despatch to the Prime Minister, which
the President requests that you undertake
to transmit to him.

Very sincerely yours,

John L. McCrea,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Naval Aide to the President.

Sir Owen Dixon, K.C.M.G.,
The Australian Minister,
3120 Cleveland Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

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November 19, 1942.

Honorable John Curtin,
Prime Minister of Australia,
Canberra.

My dear Prime Minister:-

I am very grateful to you for your telegram of congratulations on the Solomon Islands' battle and I am delighted that our joint forces are doing so splendidly in New Guinea.

I am taking up immediately with the Combined Staffs your other telegram in relation to the Ninth Division.


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JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U.S.N., Aide

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OCTOBER 28, 1942

FROM: OPNAV
TO : AIRCHA, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

FOR DELIVERY TO PRIME MINISTER CURTIN.

DEAR MR. CURTIN:

I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED YOUR LETTER REGARDING THE STRENGTH OF ARMED FORCES IN AUSTRALIA, WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO ME THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OCTOBER 18, 1942.

I APPRECIATE THE ANXIETY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE ABSENCE OF FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM, HOWEVER, CONVINCED THAT OUR COMMON CAUSE CAN BEST BE SERVED IF THE 9TH A.I.F. DIVISION IS ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THE MESSAGE TO ME WAS A COPY OF A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL, AND I AM AWARE THAT HIS ANSWER TO YOU MAY BE FROM AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. HOWEVER, I AM PREPARED TO OFFER A MEANS TO AMELIORATE NOT ONLY AUSTRALIA'S PRESENT POSITION, BUT THE POSITION IN THAT AREA OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL.

IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DISPATCH A U. S. DIVISION TO AUSTRALIA FROM HAWAII. THIS IS A READJUSTMENT IN THE PACIFIC WHICH I FEEL IS JUSTIFIED IN THE EXISTING SITUATION. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE APPRECIATED THAT THE SITUATION MAY DEVELOP IN SUCH MANNER AS TO REQUIRE THE DIVERSION OF THIS ADDITIONAL DIVISION FOR AUSTRALIA TO ANOTHER LOCALITY WITHIN THE SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS WHERE ITS EMPLOYMENT WILL BE OF GREATER ADVANTAGE TO THE DEFENSE OF AUSTRALIA.

I ASSUME THAT SENDING THIS DIVISION WILL ORVIATE THE NECESSITY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN WAR COUNCIL TO CALL BACK THE 9TH A.I.F.

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By W. J. Stewart Date

FRES-CURTIN: PAGE TWO.

DIVISION FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. I CANNOT TOO STRONGLY STRESS
THAT LEAVING THE 9TH A.I.F. DIVISION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL
BEST SERVE OUR COMMON CAUSE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROOSEVELT

Released from Map Room at
1930, FWT, October 2nd, 1942

W. C. Mott
W. C. MOTT
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

MESSAGE		NAVY DEPARTMENT	
FROM	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>OPNAV</u>		ALUSNA MELBOURNE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>LT GARTH</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>31 OCT 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2150</u>	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>J ALLEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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AFFIRMATIVE YOUR DESPATCH 311415. REQUEST ADMIRAL LOCKWOOD ACKNOWLEDGE TO NAVAL AIDE VIA OPNAV WHEN DELIVERY IS EFFECTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

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REFERRING YOUR 310740 AND 291635 WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

MR CURTIN IN WEST AUSTRALIA. MAY THIS LETTER BE DELIVERED THROUGH ADMIRAL LOCKWOOD? ADVISE.

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16-50139-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

October 29, 1942

From: OPNAV

To: ALUSNA MELBOURNE

THIS FROM NAVAIDE TO CAPTAIN CAUSEY X ACKNOWLEDGE DELIVERY OUR
282351 TO PRIME MINISTER CURTIN X

Released WHITE HOUSE MAP ROOM

W. C. MOTT

Lieut. U.S.N.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

CAPTAIN JOHN McCREA

Will you send a dispatch
to Churchill saying "I have sent
the following to Curtin in reply
to his of October eighteenth and
I hope you will approve"

F. D. R.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON
October 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Attached hereto is a proposed reply which the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff recommend that you send to Mr. John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister, in response to his message to you dated October 18th, which had enclosed a copy of a message which he had sent to Mr. Churchill. His message to Mr. Churchill indicated a desire on the part of the Australian Government to have the 9th Division, A.I.F., now in the Middle East, returned to Australia.

In the reply proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff you will note that the statement is made that it will be possible to dispatch a U. S. division from Hawaii to Australia. Instructions have already been issued which will send the 25th Division, now in Hawaii, to Australia or to stations in the Southwest or South Pacific Areas, depending on the situation, between November 15th and December 1st.

The Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff consider it imperative that the Australian division now in the Middle East remain there. It is not only urgently needed in the operations now being conducted, but to return it to Australia and replace it with another division would involve a drain on the available shipping through which all of the United Nations would suffer.

For the Joint United States Chiefs of Staff:

William D. Leahy
WILLIAM D. LEAHY
Admiral, U. S. Navy
Chief of Staff to the

Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy



Enclosure

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JCS letter, 9-18-73
& OSD letter, 5-3-72
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REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER
PROPOSED BY THE
JOINT U. S. CHIEFS OF STAFF

Dear Mr. Curtin:

I have carefully reviewed your letter regarding the strength of armed forces in Australia, which was presented to me through the Department of State October 18, 1942.

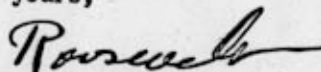
I appreciate the anxiety of your government concerning the absence of forces in the Middle East. I am, however, convinced that our common cause can best be served if the 9th A.I.F. Division is allowed to remain in the Middle East.

I realize, of course, that the message to me was a copy of a similar message to Prime Minister Churchill, and I am aware that his answer to you may be from an entirely different point of view. However, I am prepared to offer a means to ameliorate not only Australia's present position, but the position in that area of the United Nations as well.

It will be possible to dispatch a U. S. division to Australia from Hawaii. This is a readjustment in the Pacific which I feel is justified in the existing situation. However, it must be appreciated that the situation may develop in such manner as to require the diversion of this additional division for Australia to another locality within the South or Southwest Pacific Areas where its employment will be of greater advantage to the defense of Australia.

I assume that sending this division will obviate the necessity for the Australian War Council to call back the 9th A.I.F. Division from the Middle East. I cannot too strongly stress that leaving the 9th A.I.F. Division in the Middle East will best serve our common cause.

Sincerely yours,



/s/

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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JCS letter, 9-18-73
& OSD letter, 5-3-72

By RHP, NLR, Date NOV 30 1973

FROM The President

TO PM Curtin, Australia.

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DATE 28 October 1942

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FOR MAP ROOM

VIA Navy Code Room

SUBJECT "Return of 9th Australian Division to Australia
from Mid East.

ACTION

1. Answers CURTIN-PRES 18 Oct 42.
2. For complete action, see STATUS SLIP on CURTIN-PRES 18 Oct 42.
3. Answered by CURTIN-PRES 18 Nov 42.

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(CURTIN)

THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHARE THE CONCERN CONVEYED IN PRIME MINISTER CURTIN'S MESSAGE OF MAY FOURTEENTH AS TO THE POTENTIALITIES OF ENEMY ATTACK ON AUSTRALIA BY WAY OF NEW GUINEA. THEY FURTHER RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUS THREAT INVOLVED BY ENEMY ACTION AGAINST THE LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO AUSTRALIA NOW COVERED IN PART BY THE STRONG POINTS OF NEW CALEDONIA FIJI AND SAMOA. THEY CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT NEITHER CAN AUSTRALIA BE SUPPORTED NOR THE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS KEPT OPEN UNLESS HAWAII IS SECURELY HELD.

THE AIR AND NAVAL MEANS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC IS NOT YET ADEQUATE TO HOLD SECURELY ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE CITED AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY BUT THE PRIME MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE MEANS AVAILABLE WILL BE APPLIED IN THE CRITICAL AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST CAREFUL AND THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF ALL OF THE FACTORS OF ENEMY POTENTIALITIES, HIS KNOWN DISPOSITIONS AND HIS INTENTIONS AS THEY CAN BE DEDUCED OR OTHERWISE BECOME KNOWN TO US.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN McCREA:

FOR YOUR FILES.

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ADMIRAL KING:

Do you want to do something
about putting the additional paragraph
in the message to Curtin?

Please return for my files.

F.D.R.

20 May/42

Mr. Hopkins tells me that
the message to Mr. Curtin has been
sent as herein - minus a paragraph
which was added (as referred to above)
~~which is~~ for your consideration

EJ King

MAY 19, 1942

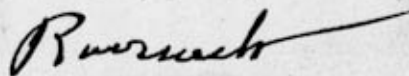
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I NOTE THAT THE SUBSTANCE AT LEAST OF YOUR MESSAGE TO ME WITH TWO ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPHS WHICH SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS VOICED BY GENERAL MC CARTHUR HAS REACHED THE U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF THROUGH THE BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF IN LONDON.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1942

My dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum to me of May 16 to prepare, in conjunction with General Marshall and Admiral King, for your approval a reply to the message addressed to you under date of May 14 by the Prime Minister of Australia, I am submitting herewith a suggested message to be sent by you in reply to Mr. Curtin's communication.

This suggested reply was drafted, at my request, by General Marshall and Admiral King inasmuch as the questions taken up in Mr. Curtin's message were primarily military and naval. The message so prepared seems to me to meet the situation. Will you let me know if it meets with your approval? If so, I shall request the Australian Legation in Washington to forward it to Mr. Curtin.

I am likewise enclosing a copy of Admiral King's letter to me of May 17, of which the last paragraph

The President,

The White House.

UNITED STATES FLEET
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

May 17, 1942

The Honorable Sumner Welles,
Under Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of May 16th enclosing a copy of a message from the Prime Minister of Australia addressed to the President, to which you are to prepare a reply in conjunction with General Marshall and myself. General Marshall received from you an identical (or nearly so) letter. We have duly conferred and I enclose herein a draft reply for the consideration of the President.

A communication has reached the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff through the British Chiefs of Staff who forward a message of like tenor and import from the Prime Minister of Australia addressed to the Prime Minister of Great Britain. The British Chiefs of Staff will be duly informed of the contents of the draft reply - as approved by the President.

You will note that the current arrangement whereby there is a "Pacific War Council" in Washington and a similar body in London enables Australia (and other governments) to enlist the views and the support of the British Government in matters which are the affair of the United States in its accepted responsibility for military matters in the Pacific Theater (generally east of the meridian of Singapore.)

Very sincerely yours,

E. J. KING

Admiral, U. S. Navy

Countersigned:

G. C. MARSHALL

General, U. S. Army

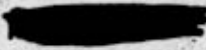
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FROM The President

TO PM Curtin, Australia .

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DATE 19 May 42.

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TOR MAP ROOM

VIA Navy Code Room

SUBJECT Potentialities of enemy attack on Australia by
way of New Guinea.

ACTION

1. Answers CURTIN-PRES. 14 May 42.
2. (For complete action, see STATUS SLIP for CURTIN-PRES, 14 May 42.)
3. Answered by CURTIN-PRES. 18 Oct 42.

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TELEGRAM

~~SECRET~~ May 4, ^{May 3} ~~April 3~~, 1942

TO: PRIME MINISTER CURTIN

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PLEASED WE HAVE BEEN TO HAVE DR. EVATT WITH US AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM ON HIS RETURN FROM ENGLAND. HE HAS MADE A FINE IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE HERE AND I AM SURE HE HAS ENABLED US TO SEE THE SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA MUCH MORE CLEARLY.

Roosevelt

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J. L. Mccrea

J. L. MCCREA,
CAPTAIN, U.S.N.,
NAVAL AIDE TO
THE PRESIDENT.

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FROM The President

TO PM Curtin, Australia

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SUBJECT "We were pleased to have Dr. Evatt with us."

ACTION

Answered by CURTIN-PRES, 14 May 42.

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FROM: OPNAV

TO: AIUSNA LONDON

PERSONAL AND ██████████ FROM THE PRESIDENT TO AMBASSADOR WINANT
REPLYING YOURS OF TWENTY SEVENTH IN CASE EDEN MUST SAY ANYTHING
IN COMMONS THIS WEEK IT SHOULD I HOPE NOT GO FURTHER THAN THE
FOLLOWING QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKES THE POSITION
THAT THE OPERATIONS IN NORTH AFRICA ARE PURELY MILITARY IN
CHARACTER X A DESPERATE BATTLE FOR THE CONTROL OF AFRICA IS
IN PROGRESS X GENERAL EISENHOWER IS IN COMMAND OF OUR ALLIED
ARMIES X HE WILL GIVE OUT ALL INFORMATION THAT IS CONSISTENT
WITH THE SECURITY OF OUR ARMED FORCES UNQUOTE X I WOULD MUCH
PREFER IF EDEN SAID NOTHING X I AGREE THAT A STATEMENT CONCERNING
POLITICAL PRISONERS, ETC, WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT I WISH TO CONSULT
EISENHOWER FIRST AND WILL LET YOU KNOW X THE REASON IS THAT ONLY
ONE ON THE SPOT CAN APPRAISE THE EFFECT AMONG THE TRIBES AND THE
FEELING BETWEEN THE MOSLEMS AND THE JEWS X

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J. D. Coffey, Jr.
J. D. COFFEY, JR.,
LIEUTENANT (JG) U.S.N.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

To Winant

Replying yours of
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anything in Commons
this week it should
I hope not go further
than the following quote
The United States Govt
take the position that
the operations in North
Africa are purely military
in character. A desperate
battle for the control of
Africa is in progress.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~The military authorities~~

General Eisenhower is in command of our allied armies. He will give out all information that is consistent with the security of our armed forces. In quote I would much prefer if Eden said nothing.

I agree that a statement concerning political promises etc would be desirable.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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the Moslems and the
Jews.

Rosen

CODE ROOM
STATE DEPARTMENT

November 28, 1942.

TO WINANT

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November 11, 1942.

FROM: OSMAV
TO : ALUSVA LONDON

PERSONAL AND [REDACTED] TO AMBASSADOR WINANT FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Especially in view of recent developments in Portugal and West Africa I agree that that return route is inadvisable, also I do not like the idea of stratosphere plane by northern route. It is thought here that either American Export Line direct to Bermuda is best or if you have other information a British plane to Bermuda. This I will leave to your good judgment. It makes no difference whether she travels as a private citizen or officially as the wife of the President.

Tell Smuts once more I do hope he will come.

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W. C. Mott

W. C. Mott,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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October 6, 1942

From: OPNAV
To : ALNSHA, London

For Ambassador Winant from the President.

I have wired Former Naval Person expressing earnest hope that application of Chicago Tribune will not be granted. I have told him that this so-called newspaper prints lies and misrepresentations in lieu of news.

I have told him that application can be rejected on ground United States Government proposes to print a daily paper through an agency approved by him or preferably daily paper like "The Stars and Stripes" of Paris in 1918, published by our Army or by the troops themselves. For that reason I do not think the application should be rejected on ground of lack of paper.

I hope you will try to work out something like "The Stars and Stripes" through Eisenhower.

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George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY
Lieutenant (j.g.), U.S.N.R.

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FROM	The President	TO	Ambassador Winant
SERIAL	Unno	DATE	6 October 1942
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TOR MAP ROOM		VIA	
SUBJECT Application of CHICAGO TRIBUNE to print paper in London.			

ACTION

1. Answers WINANT-PRES, 5 Oct 42, filed herein.
2. The "I have wired PM" mentioned in para 1 was done in PRES-PM #190, 6 Oct 42, filed PRES-PM file.
3. Answered by WINANT-PRES, 8 Oct 42.

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PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA LONDON

FOR HARRIMAN.

REFERENCE YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. PLANS ARE BEING PERFECTED HERE FOR DELIVERY OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLANES TO RUSSIA VIA ACCRA KHARTOUM BASRA ROUTE. BAKER DASH TWENTY FIVE PLANES WILL BE FLOWN ENTIRE ROUTE AND AFIRM DASH TWENTIES AND FIGHTERS WILL BE SHIPPED TO ACCRA FOR ASSEMBLY AND THEN FLOWN TO BASRA. ASSEMBLY PLANT AT ACCRA BEING AUGMENTED TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL LOAD. ESTIMATED THAT A MINIMUM OF SIXTY DAYS WILL BE SAVED BY THIS PLAN. ESTIMATED MONTHLY RATE ONE HUNDRED AFIRM DASH TWENTIES AND ONE HUNDRED FIGHTERS. SOME FIGHTERS WILL BE SHIPPED AS AT PRESENT BY CONVOY TO MURMANSK ARCHANGEL AREA. LOSSES MUST BE EXPECTED ON SEA ROUTES ESPECIALLY THE NORTHERN ONE. THE ABOVE PLANS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO MEET DESIRES OF RUSSIANS.

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G. M. Elsey
G. M. Elsey, Ens USNR
Watch Officer

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FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

FOR HARRIHAN.

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*Estimated monthly rate
expected be one hundred
afirm dash twenty and
one hundred fighters*

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By W. J. Stewart Date MAY 1 1972

Accra - London
For Hariman

Reference your request for information
Plans are being perfected here
for delivery of maximum number
of planes to Russia via -

Accra - Khartoum - Basra ^{Route} stop

B-25 planes will be flown
entire route ~~stop~~ ^{and} A-20's and

fighters will be shipped to Accra
for assembly and then flown to

Basra stop. Assembly plant
at Accra being augmented to
provide for additional load ~~stop~~

Estimated that a minimum
of 60 days will be saved
by this plan ~~stop~~. Some
fighters will be shipped as at
present by Convoy to Norwegian Sea -
Archangel area (over)

Losses must be expected of
~~those~~ on sea routes ~~but~~
especially the northern one.
stop ^{are of course} the above plans, subject
to change to meet desires
of Russians —

*This draft prepared
by Gen. Arnold, Aug.
5, 1942.*

WTC

[REDACTED]

August 5, 1942.

FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA, LONDON

FOR HARRILAM FROM THE PRESIDENT

POPIER NAVAL PERSON HAS WIRED THINKS YOU WOULD BE
HELPFUL. THEREFORE PLEASE LEAVE FOR MOSCOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I AM WIRING STALIN AS-FOLLOWS QUOTE I AM ASKING HARRIMAN TO PROCEED
MOSCOW TO BE AT DISPOSAL OF YOURSELF AND YOUR VISITOR TO HELP IN
ANY POSSIBLE WAY UNQUOTE

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J. L. McCREA

JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy
Aide

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FROM: OPNAV
TO: ALUSNA LONDON

FOR MR. HARRIMAN FROM THE PRESIDENT PERSONAL AND ~~REDACTED~~

I HESITATE TO HAVE YOU GO COMMA FOR I DO NOT WANT ANYONE ANYWHERE
TO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION THAT YOU ARE ACTING AS AN OBSERVER.
YOU WOULD I KNOW BE USEFUL BUT I THINK IT WISER NOT TO RUN ANY
RISKS OF MISCONSTRUCTION

ROOSEVELT

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Captain, U. S. Navy
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