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MESSAGE # 1

THERE IS FAIRLY AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION THAT ALL CARRIERS ATTACHED TO THE THIRD NAVAL TASK FORCE JUST ARRIVED AT RANGOON WERE SUNK IN THE LAST ACTION. MINNESOTA.

MESSAGE # 2

MERCHANT SEAMEN RECENTLY ARRIVED RANGOON REPORT SECRET LAUNCHING OF THE NEW SUPER 45,000 TON BATTLESHIP TOKYO HUGH SUCCESS. THE FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION BASED IN SIAM CROSSED BORDER INTO BURMA. DESTINATION UNKNOWN. IDAHO.

MESSAGE # 3

UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY IN BASSEIN DISTRICT SATISFACTORY, BUT THERE IS DANGEROUS LEAK OF INFORMATION SOMEWHERE ALONG LINE AT CHUNGKING OR CALCUTTA, PROBABLY AT FORMER. NEW MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES AND MATERIEL, BEING BROUGHT INTO BASSEIN IN HUGH QUANTITIES. WAREHOUSES CONCENTRATED MAINLY ALONG RIVER FRONT. DO NOT KNOW FOR WHAT THEATER IT IS INTENDED. ILLINOIS.

MESSAGE # 4

IN WHOLE OF BURMA, AS WELL AS IN IMPORTANT IRRAWADDY DELTA AREA, THERE REMAINS PREWAR DISTRUST OF BRITAIN, MAKING PROPAGANDA PIPED FROM INDIA COMPARATIVELY INEFFECTIVE, IF NOT ACTUALLY HARMFUL. REPORT CURRENT RANGOON THAT FOUR CARRIERS OF THE THIRD NAVAL TASK FORCE SUNK. MAINE.

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MESSAGE # 5

THERE IS MUCH TALK THAT THE NEW 45,000 TON BATTLESHIP CAPSIZED WHEN IT WAS LAUNCHED. NEWS STORY CARRYING TOKYO DATELINE REPORTS THAT BOTH CARRIERS OF THE THIRD NAVAL TASK FORCE ARE SAFE IN AN UNMENTIONED JAP BASE. THE FLEET, SAID THE STORY, DID NOT SUSTAIN LOSSES OF ANY CONSEQUENCE. WYOMING.

MESSAGE # 6

HAVE HAD SOME INDICATION THAT ONE OF OUR MEN IN CALCUTTA OR BOMBAY IS UNRELIABLE. CHUNGKING MAN ALL RIGHT. NEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS PIPED FROM CHINA OF INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS IN UNDERGROUND AND WITH POPULATION. THERE IS FEELING THAT FATE OF BURMA ALLIED TO THAT OF CHINESE. THREE INFANTRY DIVISIONS FORMERLY BASED IN SIAM ON MOVE TO COMBAT DUTY. THEATER OF OPERATIONS UNKNOWN. MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD IN TOKYO YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO JAP NEWS BROADCAST, FOR THOSE OF THIRD NAVAL FORCE LOST AT SEA. GENERAL STAFF WAS PRESENT. LOSSES MUST HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE. CALIFORNIA.

MESSAGE # 7

NINTH AND SEVENTIETH INFANTRY DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED OUT OF SIAM TO AN ACTIVE THEATER OF OPERATIONS. GUESS IS THAT THEY ARE ON WAY TO CHINA. IOWA.

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MESSAGE # 8

SPOKE TO GROUP SAILORS RANGOON. SAID THEY HAD BEEN THROUGH STRANGEST NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN EXPERIENCE. AFTER TWO DAYS BATTLE ONLY LOSSES SUSTAINED WERE BOTH CARRIERS. NO CRUISERS, NO DESTROYERS, NO TENDERS. JUST THE CARRIERS. SPOKE TO SEVERAL SAILORS WHO HAD BEEN ABOARD THE TWO AND RESCUED. SAID BOTH SHIPS WERE TORPEDO-BOMBED. LOSSES IN PERSONNEL WERE CONSIDERABLE, INCLUDING BOTH COMMANDERS. SUPPORT ON WESTERN DELTA OF IRRAWADDY. MAY BE WELLINGTON, BASSEIN, OR MYATANI. TEXAS.

MESSAGE # 9

SAILORS FROM MANILA SAY PREPARATIONS BEING MADE THERE FOR RECEIVING THREE NEW INFANTRY DIVISIONS. IT IS SAID TROOPS ARE ENROUTE FROM CHINA, SIAM, AND BURMA. MARYLAND.

MESSAGE # 10

REPORT THAT ONLY SEVERAL DESTROYERS AND ONE LIGHT CRUISER OF THE THIRD TASK FORCE WERE DAMAGED OR SUNK, BUT THAT BOTH CARRIERS ARE SAFE IN UNMENTIONED BASE IS FRONT PAGE STORY IN RANGOON PAPERS. THIS IS TO DENY WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT THE TWO CARRIERS ATTACHED TO THE FLEET, THE YOSHIMA AND THE TULAGI, HAD BEEN SUNK. TWO SAILORS WERE COURT-MARTIALED FOR TELLING STORY OF RECENT BATTLE. THERE IS INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR SECURITY. I HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION THAT GAN BOON, CALCUTTA OBSERVER, IS ON JAP PAYROLL. BOMBAY MAN ABOVE SUSPICION. VERMONT.