

EXHIBIT NO. 162

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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11 April 1946.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Seth W. Richardson.

In response to your request of 9 April 1946, there is forwarded a photostatic copy of the log of the Watch Officer of the Office of Chief of Naval Operations from 1145, 6 December 1941 to 2000, 7 December 1941.

John Ford Baecher
JOHN FORD BAECHEER,
Commander, USNR.

Encl.(1).

1145 - 1900 Dec. 6, 1941

at 1505 Lt. Clark phoned
from Port Director's office
in New York regarding
delayed departure of SS
Walter A. Huckenback. See
Memo on Op 110's board
situation recorded in box

Saw secret despatches
061535 and 061730.

at 1750 Capt MacGruder,
Chief of Staff 4th N.D.,
phoned to report Finnish
Cargo Ship "ADVANCE"
had been seized at
Pier 87, Phila. Walter
being kept secret,
Conversation recorded in
box

17 to 000
1900, 6 Dec. to 0200 7 Dec.
at 2000 Major F. L. Harrison,
aide to the Secretary of War,
telephoned that the Secretary
of War desired the following
information by 0900, Sunday
7 Dec.: Compilation of

men-of-war in Far East,
British, American, Japanese,
Dutch, Russian. also
computation of American
men-of-war in Pacific
fleet, with locations, and
a list of American men-of-
war in the Atlantic without
locations. Admirals Ingersoll,
Stark and the Secretary of
the Navy were consulted
and the Secretary directed
that the information be
compiled and delivered
to him prior to 1000
Sunday, 7 Dec.

at 2030 the Coast Guard
Duty officer telephoned to

report the following:
 Finnish motor vessel Saimaa
 taken in protective custody
 by Coast Guard at 1645.
 Vessel anchored in Federal
 anchorage 21 B New York
 Harbor. Also Finnish
 S.S. Kuortanez taken in
 protective custody at
 1750 at Jack Frost Sugar
 Refinery dock, Edgewater
 New Jersey. Both vessels
 cooperative.

Sent signal 070145 clear
 to Altona Havana requesting
 that air transportation by
 navy plane be arranged
 for civilian engineers Stichel
 and Hansen urgently re-

quired to make emergency
repairs to U.S.S. Polaris
at Suantanamo - Both
men at Hotel Bristol Habana
unable obtain transportation
by rail because of strikes

Com: one confidential

06 2330 — 3 Finnish S.S.
ship placed in protective
custody at 1745.

Action taken as in-
dicated on despatches.

J. C. Hoover

0200-0800 - 7 Dec.

OPDC - Comdr. Nelson

list prep. - action as
indicated on memo

J. C. Hoover

1100 to 1400 - 7 Dec 1941

Opds - Comdr Fernald

Read severe despatch 070715
no action taken.

Read see despatch 070327 - This
was handled by C. D. O. - Op 10 and
Op - 12.

at 1105 Comdr D. O. called for
release of information on Finnish
ships. He was advised to call
Capt Schuman.

The following officers were interviewed
2051: Lt Comdr Cummings in abs.

Capt Cardall - Pres in abs

Lt Kramer - ONI

Capt Wilkinson - ONI

Capt Schuman - Op 10

Capt Metcalfe - Op 385

Lt Comdr Mason - Op 12

Capt Beatty - Secy aide

Capt Read - Op 12

Action taken as indicated
on despatches

G. H. [unclear]

1400-2000

In connection with
Circ Pac 1830 (despatches
of this date) all chiefs
of Bureau were in-
formed of contents.

Commodore Brainerd and
Capt [unclear] arrived
at 1500. The following
day [unclear] visited
this office.

[unclear] & [unclear]

Capt. Griffin
 Capt. Mitchell
 Capt. Wilkinson
 Comdr. Cargy
 Comdr. Howe
 Comdr. Chapman.
 Action taken as in-
 dicated on dispatches
 W. H. Howe