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U/Boat Intelligence Summary.

1. GENERAL SITUATION

Unprecedented successes for inshore operations reported by four U/Boat commanders off the harbors of Halifax, Gibraltar, Cherbourg and in the Irish Sea have resulted in immediate decorations for these C.O.s and a definite note of exultation evidenced in ComSubs' congratulatory despatches. The coastal waters of the British Isles remain the main target for from 20 to 25 U/Boats slightly over half of which are in passage. Two U/Boats are estimated patrolling off the eastern Scottish coast, four between St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea, and three in the English Channel with another about to arrive there. One U/Boat was sunk off Land's End 21 January by a British destroyer. Eight are outbound in the vicinity of the Shetland-Faeroe Passage. One U/Boat may be south of Newfoundland heading for New York approaches, although her location is uncertain due to a mix up in orders and Control assumes she is heading for Gibraltar. Three U/Boats are reporting weather from the North Atlantic. None is estimated in the Atlantic south of 35N. There are four U/Boats in the Indian Ocean enroute to Germany. Another will refuel one of them and then return to Batavia. The 1200 tonner recently patrolling off Australia has been ordered to return to Batavia and is expected to arrive about 3 February.

2. WESTERN ATLANTIC

(a) New York

The intentions and location of U-869 (Neuerburg) who was ordered to the New York area 29 December are obscure since Control sent her a conflicting message 19 January saying that she was expected to arrive in U-870's area, off Gibraltar, about 1 February. Based on the signals she received it appears likely that U-869 is continuing toward her original heading off New York. On the other hand a reply to Control's message of 19 January (referred to above) would seem to be in order unless U-869 shifted radio watch without orders and missed this signal.

(Note: The CORE will begin sweeping for this U/Boat shortly prior to proceeding against the U/Boats reporting weather in the North Atlantic.)

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