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From: Bucharest (Ruman)
 To: Tokyo (Summer, Vice Chief, General Staff)
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 JAS

#198 (5-part message complete)

Fragmentary intelligence on Britain and the United States (WE intelligence).

1. Military intelligence:

A. Most of the wires sent during February by the United States troops (?in Britain?) had to do with furloughs, and mentioned returning home.

B. United States troop movements at Teheran and via Cairo: The United States Army addresses previously intercepted in Teheran have been intercepted at Cairo since January. On February 21st, we intercepted some of the United States troops' wires from Cairo as follows: "From the Near East come my wishes for your good health. We are travelling once again", "Due to a change in orders, I won't be able to come home as planned", "Letters and wires will be stopped soon. Conditions don't permit my return home", etc. These and many United States Navy code abbreviation wires which we have intercepted would seem to point at movements of troops via Cairo.

Pt. 2: C. The construction in Australia reported in my wire #142^a includes land installations for harbors besides the large (?underground?) constructions with underground elevators. The British Naval Ministry has requested the setting-up

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of lightning conductor rods for use in protecting ships in dock. These matters are thought to be for naval bases.

Pt.3: It seems that --G-- secretly (?requested?) that a 50 ton crane be set up - this was in December of last year. At the end of January, all the gear for the reported equipment was sent to --U--⁸ and in February the 50 ton crane was sent there. It is expected that they will begin using it in the near future.

D. According to newspaper reports, the United States is constructing barracks and an airfield in Iran at the border with Baluchistan and (?Aghanistan?). Also, the orders for window glass from Iran to the United States are very (?heavy?).

Pt.4: E. The United States has been importing large numbers of hides, especially goat hides from India, Australia, Turkey, Iran, and (?Iraq?). Low grade hides were never used by units in the United States before the war, and this import demands our attention because it is a reliable indication of preparations for mountain operations.

F. The GENERAL MOTORS Plant at Bomber is manufacturing tanks or (?armored cars?).

Pt.5: 2. The drift of enemy strategy:

A. They are making China their base and are gradually going ahead with preparations for bombing Japan. Large numbers of bombers are being prepared for this.

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B. The powerful British fleet has already been reinforced in the (?danger?) zones and in the future, Allied submarine activity in the China Sea area will increase.

- a - D-2682.
- b - Place in Southwest Pacific.

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