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ONE OF MOST ILLUMINATING DOCUMENTS IN DENNISTONS SHOW IS
BOOK SHOWING NET RESULTS OF ALL BRITISH INTERCEPT ACTIVITIES
IN DIPLOMATIC FIELD FOR SECOND HALF OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO PD
IT CONSISTS OF ONE SHEET OR SET OF SHEETS FOR EACH CITY IN WHICH
TRAFFIC ORIGINATED PD ON EACH SHEET THE FIRST COLUMN SHOWS
ALPHABETICALLY THE CITIES TO WHICH TRAFFIC/DESTINED AND COLUMN
TWO FURTHER BREAKS DOWN TRAFFIC FOR EACH CITY ACCORDING TO
NATIONALITY CMA ALL SUBSEQUENT COLUMNS FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN
OF COLUMN TWO PD COLUMNS THREE AND FOUR SHOW BY CALL SIGNS
THE ORIGINATING STATION AND STATION OF DESTINATION PD PAREN
TO STRONG FOR CLARKE FROM MCCORMACK PAREN COLUMN FIVE SHOWS
STATION OR STATIONS WHICH DID INTERCEPTION PD COLUMN SIX SHOWS
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MESSAGES SENT PD THIS IS BASED ON MESSAGE
NUMBERS PD IN SOME CASES EXACT NUMBER OF MESSAGES IS KNOWN
SMLN IN OTHERS ESTIMATE IS BASED ON NUMBERS INTERCEPTED UP TO
LATE DATE IN MONTH SMLN IN OTHERS IT MAY BE GUESSED BASED ON
SMALL NUMBERS OF INTERCEPTIONS NOT RUNNING TO END OF MONTH PD
IN CASES WHERE SENDERS DO NOT NUMBER MESSAGES THIS COLUMN IS
LEFT BLANK PD COLUMN SEVEN IS NUMBER OF MESSAGES INTERCEPTED CMA
COLUMN EIGHT IS NUMBER MISSED CMA BEING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
COLUMN SIX AND COLUMN SEVEN CMA WHERE SIX HAS BEEN FILLED IN PD

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COLUMN NINE IS NUMBER OF MSGS INTERCEPTED IN CASES OF UNNUMBERED SERIES PD COLUMN TEN IS THE USUAL REMARKS PD REMARKS INCLUDE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND FIGURES CMA SUCH AS NOTE THAT TRAFFIC ONLY STARTED IN JUNE OR THAT INTERCEPTION COMMENCED IN AUGUST OR THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE BROKEN IN MAY AND TRAFFIC DISCONTINUED PD REMARKS ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION TO GUIDE USERS OF BOOK CMA SUCH AS NOTE THAT TRAFFIC IS IMPORTANT AND THAT FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO GET IT CMA OR THAT AT ACTUAL PLACES OF INTERCEPTION IT IS HARD TO GET LEGIBLE COPY CMA OR THAT BECAUSE ONLY SLOW MEANS OF RELAYING ARE AVAILABLE IT ARRIVES TOO LATE TO BE USED CMA ETC PD PAGES ARE THIRTEEN PLUS BY SIXTEEN PLUS INCHES AND TRIPLE SPACING IS USED CMA LEAVING PLENTY OF ROOM FOR NOTES. PD SUCH A BOOK WOULD BE OF GREAT USE TO US AND OVER THE PAST YEAR IF INFORMATION OF THIS KIND HAD BEEN AVAILABLE IN THIS READILY USABLE FORM IT WOULD HAVE SAVED INUMFRABLE INQUIRIES TO ARLINGTON AND WOULD HAVE MADE ANSWERS TO MANY INQUIRIES MORE AVAILABLE PD FROM SUCH A BOOK IT IS POSSIBLE TO TAKE OFF TOTALS OF MATERIAL BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION CMA BY NATIONALITIES ETC CMA AND TO SEE THAT INTERCEPT STATIONS PRODUCE IMPORTANT MATERIAL AND IN WHAT VOLUME CMA TO DETERMINE AT A GLANCE WHAT SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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THERE ARE IN EACH PRINCIPAL CITY AND HOW MANY OF THEM ARE BEING TAPPED AND OF COURSE TO SET HOW MUCH OF EACH TYPE OF TRAFFIC IS BEING BROUGHT IN PD RECOMMEND THAT YOU AND CORDERMAN CONSIDER SETTING UP THIS KIND OF A RECORD AND KEEPING IT UP MONTH TO MONTH CMA WHICH BRITISH ARE NOW STARTING TO DO PD IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EXAGGERATE HOW MANY SURPRISES YOU WOULD GET FROM LOOKING AT THESE RECORDS OR HOW MANY SUBJECTS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT WOULD ILLUMINATE PD TO MENTION ONE CMA YOU WILL RECALL OUR DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF STOPPING AXIS TRAFFIC TO AND FROM PORTUGUESE AFRICAN POINTS PD YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT PORTUGAL CMA WHICH GOVERNS THE COLONY CMA SENT ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO USGS TO LOURENCO MARQUES DURING SECOND HALF OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO WHEREAS THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON SEND ~~XXXXXXXX~~ TWELVE HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE CMA AND THAT FIGURES IN OTHER DIRECTION ARE COMPARABLE PD HAD WE HAD THESE FIGURES IN OUR MINDS AT TIME OF OUR DISCUSSION WE WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS PICTURE IN VERY DIFFERENT LIGHT PD PAGES FOR TOKYO GIVE CLEAR AND EXTREMELY INTERESTING PICTURE OF WHOLE JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS PICTURE PD THEY REVEAL THAT FOUR NINE EIGHT DIPLOMATIC CIRCULARS WERE INTERCEPTED OUT OF NINE THREE SIX SENT OUT CMA BUT UNFORTUNATELY FIGURES FOR

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INTERCEPTIONS DOES NOT IN ANY INSTANCE INCLUDE TRAFFIC RECEIVED FROM UNITED STATES AND THEREFORE THAT SIDE OF PICTURE IS INCOMPLETE PD TOKYO FIGURES SHOW THAT GERMAN COM.UNICATIONS TO AND FROM BERLIN ARE MUCH MORE NUMEROUS THAN JAPANESE PARIS ALMOST FOUR TIMES AS LARGE PAREN PD I CANNOT CARRY IN MIND ALL STRIKING EXAMPLES WHICH I NOTED BUT ONE OTHER IS THAT ITALIAN TRAFFIC TO AND FROM BANGKOK IS MUCH LARGER THAN I HAD IMAGINE AND THAT MUCH THE LARGEST ITEM IN IRISH GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC WAS TO AND FROM VICHY PD I GIVE YOU THESE TO ILLUSTRATE HOW MUCH INFORMATION YOU CAN SPOT QUICKER FROM SUCH A SCHEDULE AND HOW USEFUL IT WOULD BE IN VARIOUS WAYS CMA INCLUDING SETTING UP OF TRAFFIC PRIORITIES

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Capt C. Lyles has
made a study of the
report described herein and
reports that all the information
and other information is
contained in a report
maintained by E Branch.
This information undoubtedly
could be made available
to Sg B if necessary
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