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DRAFT TELEGRAM TO SCAP
(Through Army)

RE OURAD WARX 83695, 11 June 1948, and URAD 4226, 23 September 1948, State and Army Departments, in the course of study of procedures involved in transfer of ^{to Korean Government} vessels described by SCAP in letter of April 19, 1948, to the Department of the Army as "tugs ... of minelayer type", have found it impossible to determine, on basis of information available here, whether the vessels are of combatant or non-combatant classification. In event vessels are subject to classification as non-combatant and therefore not subject to division among the four powers, innumerable legal and procedural difficulties ^{in regard to transfer} would be avoided. In this connection it should be noted that the United States in note of May 15, 1947, to United Kingdom, based on SANACC 186/26, stated that:

"In reply to the question regarding the disposition of Japanese naval tugs, harbor craft and salvage vessels, it may be stated that these vessels are not regarded as combatant vessels and have therefore not been included in the list of combatant vessels of destroyer tonnage or less, to be divided among the UK, USSR, the Republic of China and the US."

Should the vessels be subject to classification as

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non-combatant, consideration might then be given to their retention by USAFIK as part of the Korean Coast Guard and subject to terms of military agreement providing for CGUSAFIK direction of Korean Coast Guard activities. Subsequently SCAP might wish, just prior to termination of occupation in Korea, to arrange outright sale of these vessels to the Korean government on same basis as sale of any other Japanese export. If such procedure is not practicable consideration may be given to arrangement with Korean government for loan to it of vessels for operation by Korean Coast Guard on grounds that this would assist in carrying out aims of occupation in Japan through prevention of smuggling between Japan and Korea.

Firm classification of ships and comments requested.

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OCT 28 1948

TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 255, October 28

Scrapping of Japan's former Navy is 98 percent complete, Vice Admiral Russell S. Berkey announced this week. With completion this month of the scrapping of the 14,000-ton cruiser TONE all major units above 3,000 tons have been scrapped, with 415 units out of total of 422 having been disposed of. The scrapping schedule calls for disposal of the remaining seven units by the end of 1948.

Approximately 200,000 tons of scrap metal have been recovered.

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Tokyo, December 7, 1948. *DGR*

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Subject: Summary of Program for Scrapping of Japanese Former
Combatant Vessels.

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The Acting Political Adviser has the honor to refer to this Mission's despatch no. 628, September 23, 1948, transmitting a press release in regard to the Japanese ship scrapping program. In this connection there are enclosed three copies of a memorandum dated November 19, 1948, forwarding a cumulative summary of the scrapping program for the month of October 1948 from this Headquarters to the heads of the Missions in Japan of those nations which participated in the division of Japanese warships. The cumulative summary indicates that the scrapping program is virtually completed.

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19 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief of the Chinese Mission in Japan
The Chief of the French Mission in Japan
The Head of the Netherlands Mission in Japan
The Soviet Member, Allied Council for Japan
The Head of the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan

SUBJECT: Scrapping Report Summary

1. The following Scrapping Program Summaries for ex-Japanese Naval vessels for the month of October 1948 are inclosed:

- a. Scrapping Program Summary for Submarines.
- b. Scrapping Program Summary for Vessels of Destroyer Tonnage and less.
- c. Scrapping Program Summary for Completely Scrapped Ships.

2. Inclosure D of attached letter is for limited distribution as shown thereon.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

1 Incl (in trip)
As noted in par 1 above

for R. M. Levy
R. M. LEVY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
Tokyo, Japan

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15 November 1948

From: Commander Naval Forces, FAR EAST.
To : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.
Subject: Destruction of Ex-Japanese Combatant Vessels,
Monthly report of October, 1948.
Enclosures: (A) Scrapping Program Summary for Submarines.
(B) Scrapping Program Summary for Vessels of
Destroyer Tonnage or Less.
(C) Scrapping Program Summary for Completely
Scrapped Ships.
(D) Scrapping Progress Photographs.

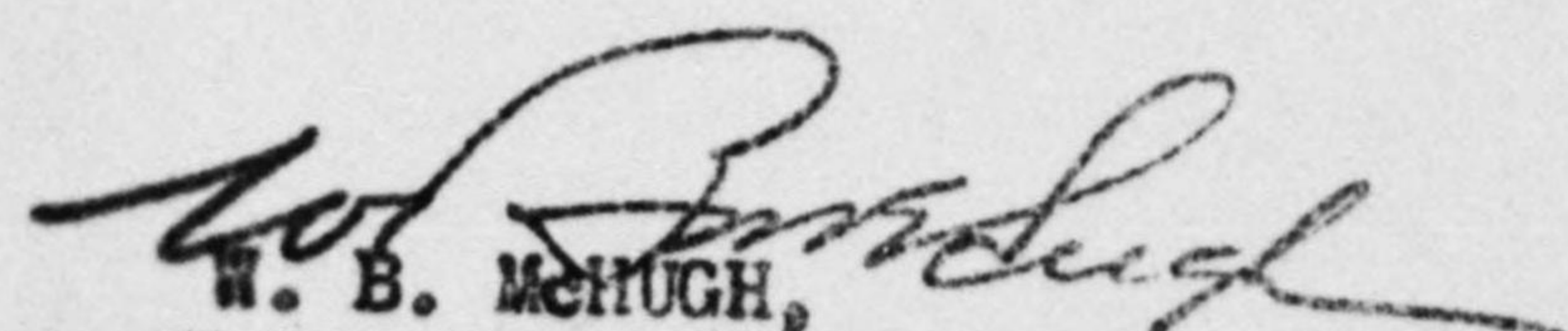
1. Enclosures (A) to (C) cover the scrapping progress of Ex-Japanese Combatant Vessels for the month of October, 1948.

2. During the month of October, 1948, scrapping was completed on the following vessels.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
HATSUSHIMO	DD	Iino Maizuru
MUROTSU	DE	Uraga
URUMI	DE	Uraga
SB # 111	Transport	Iino Maizuru
SB # 124	Transport	Iino Maizuru

3. The below listed vessels have been added to the scrapping program summary of vessels of Destroyer Tonnage or Less.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TOMARIURA # 2	DD	Tokyo Bay
T-19	Transport	Uraga


W. B. McHUGH,
Chief of Staff.

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COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - SUBMARINES

NAME	TYPE	EST. TONS SCRAP	TONS SCRAP CURRENT MONTH	TONS SCRAP TO DATE	% SCRAP CURRENT MONTH	% SCRAP TO DATE	REMARKS
No. 27	RO	300	0	0	.0	.0	Under Salvage at Kure
Total (1 Sub)		300	0	0	.0	.0	

Completed Submarines		10196		10196			
41 Subs*, 106 Koryus							

Grand Total Submarines		10496		10196		97.3	
42 Subs & 106 Koryus							

* Note: 104 Subs sunk not included in this total.

ENCLOSURE (A)

COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Vessels of Destroyer Tonnage or Less

NAME	TYPE	EST. TONS SCRAP	TONS SCRAP CURRENT MONTH	TONS SCRAP TO DATE	% SCRAP CURRENT MONTH	% SCRAP TO DATE	REMARKS
HATSUSHIMO	DD	32	68	82	83.0	100%	Completed at Maizuru 10-31-48
TOMARIURA No. 2	DD	24	0	0	.0	.0	
MUROTSU	DE	500	370	500	74.0	100%	Completed at Uraga D. Y. 10-28-48
URUMI	DE	360	324	360	90.0	100%	Completed at Uraga D. Y. 10-28-48
No. 19	**TRANS	1100	10	10	.9	.9	
No. 111	SB	431	382	431	88.5	100%	Completed at Iino Maizuru 10-31-48
No. 124	SB	427	378	427	88.6	100%	Completed at Iino Maizuru 10-31-48
Total		2924	1532	1810	52.5	61.9	
Total Completed Ships (119 Ships)		44691		44691			
Grand Total Minor Ships (126 Ships)		47615		46500		97.65	

ENCLOSURE (B)

COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Completely Scrapped MAJOR SHIPS

NAME	TYPE	DATE COMPLETED	TONS SCRAP	SCRAPPING YARD
AOBA	CA	8-31-48	1216	Harima D. Y., Kure
TONE	CA	9-4-48	4700	Harima D. Y., Kure
ASO	CV	4-26-47	7785	Harima D. Y., Kure
AMAGI	CV	12-11-47	8969	Harima D. Y., Kure
IKOMA	CV	3-10-47	6729	Mitsui D. Y., Tanano
JUNYO	CV	8-1-47	12002	Sasebo S. Y., Sasebo
KATSURAGI	CV	11-30-47	11000	Hitachi D. Y., Osaka
KASAGI	CV	11-31-47	10280	Sasebo S. Y., Sasebo
HOSHO	CVT	4-30-47	4360	Hitachi D. Y., Osaka
IBUKI	CVE	8-1-47	8325	Sasebo S. Y., Sasebo
KUMANO	CVE	8-1-48	3800	Kawasaki D. Y., Kobe
OTAKISAN	CVE	9-30-48	2600	Okada Gumi, Kobe
RYUHO	CVE	9-25-46	7085	Harima D. Y., Kure
YAMASHIO	CVE	10-31-47	3584	Mitsubishi, Yokohama
HARUNA	BB	7-4-46	580	Harima D. Y., Kure
HYUGA	BB	7-4-46	1240	Harima D. Y., Kure
ISE	BB	7-4-46	1196	Harima D. Y., Kure
SETTSU	OBB	7-31-47	10601	Harima D. Y., Kure
SHIKISHIMA	OBB	1-15-48	7296	Sasebo S. Y., Sasebo
SHIMANE	CVE	5-30-48	3770	Naniwa D. Y.
ASAMA	OCA	3-25-47	6500	Hitachi D. Y., Innoshima
IZUMO	OCA	9-30-47	1589	Harima D. Y., Kure
IWATE	OCA	1-31-47	6000	Harima D. Y., Kure
YAKUMO	OCA	3-31-47	6514	Iino S. Y., Maizuru
KASHIMA	CLT	6-15-47	3480	Kawanami S. Y., Nagasaki
KAIYO	CVL	1-31-48	7500	Beppu
KITAGAMI	CL	3-31-47	3150	Mitsubishi S. Y., Nagasaki
OYODO	CL	6-30-48	3371	Harima D. Y., Kure
YAHAGI	OCL	7-8-47	2960	Kasado S. Y., Kasado
CHOGEI	AS	2-28-47	3300	Hitachi S. Y., Mukajima
MINOMO	CM	4-4-47	1112	Urabe S. Y., Innoshima
TOKIWA	CM	9-8-47	7550	Ominato S. Y., Ominato
FUJI	AUX	8-31-48	0	Abandoned at Yokosuka
HAKACHI	AUX	5-30-47	1500	Urabe S. Y., Innoshima
KASUGA	AUX	8-31-48	400	Uruga D. Y., Uruga

TOTAL - MAJOR SHIPS
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COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Completely Scrapped Vessels of Destroyer
 Tonnage or Less

NAME	TYPE	DATE COMPLETED	TONS SCRAP	SCRAPPING YARD
ASAGO	DD	6-10-48	270	Yoshimi
ENOKI	DD	7-1-48	195	Mitsubishi, Nanao
HASU	DD	8-15-48	295	Sasebo
KABA	*DD	3-1-48	510	Mitsui, Tamano
KATSURA	DD	8-1-48	550	Fujinagata
KAMIKAZE	DD	10-31-47	350	Suruga Wan
KASHI	*DD	3-20-48	770	Kasado
KUNASHIRI	DD	7-30-47	350	Suruga Wan
MICHIZUKI	DD	2-28-48	144	Sasebo
NARA	DD	7-1-48	600	Shimonoseki
NATSUZUKI	**DD	3-1-48	1100	Uraga
NIRE	DD	4-20-48	500	Kure
TOKITSUKAZE	DD	3-1-48	320	Kure
TOMARIURA No. 1	DD	8-15-48	320	Uraga
TSUBAKI	DD	7-28-48	500	Kure
USHIO	DD	8-4-48	770	Shinsei Doboku
URAKAZE	DD	9-9-48	0	Abandoned - Yokosuka
YAKAZE	DD	9-27-48	650	Toyo Salvage
YANAGI	DD	4-1-47	872	Ominato
AGUMI	DE	5-20-48	332	Maizuru
AMAKUSA	DE	9-30-48	0	Nippon Salvage
AMAMI	**DE	12-20-47	300	Hiroshima
ETORCFU	*DE	10-13-47	383	Kure
HABUSHI	*DE	10-13-47	390	Kure
HACHIJO	DE	4-5-48	460	Maizuru
HODAKA	*DE	3-1-48	380	Uraga
INAGI	DE	11-30-47	200	Hachinoe
IWO	DE	7-1-48	331	Sasebo
KASADO	DE	5-31-48	300	Amakusa Kaiji
KUGA	DE	5-30-48	447	Maizuru
KURAHASHI	**DE	1-15-48	399	Nagoya
MIYAXE	DE	7-1-48	329	Sasebo
OKINAWA	DE	9-30-48	419	Maizuru
OTSU	DE	3-25-48	350	Hitachi
SAKITO	DE	11-30-47	347	Sasebo
TAKANE	DE	11-27-47	390	Kure
TOMOSHIRI	DE	10-23-47	260	Osaka
DE # 2	DE	7-20-48	327	Maizuru
DE # 4	DE	6-30-48	400	Tokai Salvage
DE # 12	*DE	11-30-47	294	Sasebo
DE # 22	*DE	12-31-47	295	Sasebo
DE # 26	*DE	10-13-47	313	Kure
DE # 29	DE	2-1-48	270	Sasebo
DE # 36	*DE	2-1-48	290	Tsurumi
DE # 37	*DE	11-30-47	320	Kawasaki
DE # 45	DE	4-30-48	330	Owase
DE # 49	*DE	1-2-48	290	Shimizu
DE # 50	DE	4-30-48	350	Osaka
DE # 58	*DE	11-30-47	295	Sasebo
DE # 59	DE	2-1-47	296	Kure

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 Sheet No. 2

COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Completely Scrapped Vessels of Destroyer
 Tonnage or Less

NAME	TYPE	DATE COMPLETED	TONS SCRAP	SCRAPPING YARD
DE # 62	DE	5-31-48	290	
DE # 63	DE	6-25-48	280	Amakusa Kaiji
DE # 74	DE	8-1-47	400	Nanao
DE # 83	DE	3-17-48	310	Muroran
DE # 87	*DE	5-15-48	297	Naniwa
DE # 89	DE	11-30-47	285	Kawanami
DE # 95	DE	7-20-48	268	Toyama
DE # 97	DE	11-27-47	298	Tsurumi
DE # 117	DE	11-30-47	185	Kure
DE # 124	DE	2-10-48	275	Yokohama
DE # 132	DE	7-1-48	278	Kawanami
DE # 154	**DE	3-1-48	330	Sasebo
DE # 156	**DE	12-11-47	332	Urabe Takuma
DE # 158	*DE	12-31-47	335	Maizuru
DE # 160	**DE	2-10-48	415	Maizuru
DE # 190	DE	4-1-48	450	Nanao
DE # 200	DE	7-1-48	327	Moji
DE # 202	DE	12-31-47	303	Maizuru
DE # 204	DE	1-31-48	346	Sasebo
DE # 217	**DE	2-10-48	297	Nagasaki
DE # 223	DE	10-23-47	260	Kawanami
DE # 225	DE	4-30-48	295	Kobe
OHAMA	AK	11-30-47	458	Amakasu Kaiji
OSASHI	AUX	9-29-48	190	Onagawa
YODO	AUX	7-20-48	650	Toyo Salvage
T # 9	*TRANS	8-5-48	550	Kumagaya Gumi
T # 21	TRANS	7-23-48	620	Ishikawajima
SB # 25	SB	5-6-48	400	Kure
SB # 26	SB	5-25-48	400	Sanoyasu D. Y.
SB # 101	SB	4-30-48	382	Sanoyasu D. Y.
SB # 102	SB	6-1-48	410	Mukajima
SB # 103	SB	12-15-47	500	Matsutani Gumi
SB # 104	SB	3-30-48	350	Moji
SB # 105	SB	12-15-47	500	Moji
SB # 106	SB	7-1-48	400	Moji
SB # 108	SB	4-11-48	500	Toyo Kaiji
SB # 109	SB	6-15-48	530	Innoshima
SB # 110	SB	5-31-48	420	Yamaru Zosen
SB # 113	SB	4-30-47	470	Mitsubishi, Shimonoseki
SB # 114	SB	5-31-48	390	Innoshima
SB # 116	SB	4-30-48	410	Sasebo
SB # 117	SB	7-1-48	410	Naniwa
SB # 119	SB	6-1-48	483	Naniwa
SB # 121	SB	5-30-48	403	Nippon-kai
SB # 122	SB	6-15-48	403	Mitsubishi, Nanao
SB # 126	SB	6-1-48	420	Mitsubishi, Nanao
				Urabe, Takuma

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 Sheet No. 3

COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Completely Scrapped Vessels of Destroyer
 Tonnage or Less

NAME	TYPE	DATE COMPLETED	TONS SCRAP	SCRAPPING YARD
SB # 147	*SB	3-31-48	500	Innoshima
SB # 153	SB	5-15-48	465	Mitsui, Tamano
SB # 174	SB	7-1-48	410	Kumagaya Gumi
SB # 175	SB	9-28-48	431	Kawanami, Uranosaki
SB # 176	SB	9-30-48	457	Yamaro Zozen
PC # 42	PC	7-28-47	170	Onagawa
MS # 1	MS	7-2-48	200	Takaku Gumi
MS # 17	MS	5-31-48	167	Sasebo
MS # 29	MS	7-1-48	390	Shimonoseki
MS # 33	MS	11-30-47	142	Onagawa
MS # 102	**MS	5-10-48	270	Uraga, D. Y.
ASHIZAKI	ML	9-1-48	335	Homa Gumi
KUROGAMI	**ML	3-31-48	235	Maizuru
KYOSAI	**ML	4-5-48	406	Tohoku
NIIZAKI	ML	12-5-47	350	Muroran
NUWAJIMA	ML	6-20-48	350	Nissen Kyuen
WASHIZAKI	**ML	3-31-48	196	Sasebo
TOSHIMA	AML	9-30-48	200	Maizuru
AML # 11	**AML	12-3-47	100	Kure
AML # 16	**AML	12-3-47	100	Kure
SC # 48	SC	7-1-48	100	Takaku Gumi
SC # 51	SC	6-15-48	150	Uraga, D. Y.
SC # 60	SC	6-25-48	199	Yamaru Zozen

TOTAL - MINOR SHIPS
 (119 Ships)

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COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, FAR EAST
 Scrapping Program Summary
 for - Completely Scrapped SUBMARINES

NAME	TYPE	DATE COMPLETED	TONS SCRAP	SCRAPPING YARD
No. 1	I	7-47	1,136	Kawasaki, Kobe
No. 152	I	9-30-48	580	Harima, Kure
No. 204	I	4-15-48	460	Harima, Kure
No. 205	I	7-25-48	0	Harima, Kure
No. 206	I	11-46	440	Harima, Kure
No. 207	I	4-30-46	360	Harima, Kure
No. 208	I	4-30-46	360	Harima, Kure
No. 352	I	4-1-48	1,050	Harima, Kure
No. 372	I	8-46	0	Sunk in deep water
No. 404	I	7-25-46	0	Harima, Kure
No. 204	HA	8-26-48	50	Nishimura, Zosen
No. 209	HA	11-46	100	Shimonoseki
No. 218	HA	12-15-46	111	Sasebo
No. 220	HA	6-30-46	20	Kawasaki, Senshu
No. 222	HA	6-30-46	20	Kawasaki, Senshu
No. 223	HA	6-30-46	20	Kawasaki, Senshu
No. 224	HA	6-8-46	70	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 225	HA	6-8-46	55	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 226	HA	6-8-46	45	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 227	HA	6-8-46	30	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 229	HA	12-15-46	111	Sasebo
No. 230	HA	12-15-46	111	Sasebo
No. 234	HA	6-30-46	50	Kawasaki, Kobe
No. 236	HA	6-30-46	10	Kawasaki, Kobe
No. 237	HA	6-8-46	30	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 238	HA	6-8-46	20	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 239	HA	6-8-46	10	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 240	HA	6-8-46	5	Mitsubishi, Kobe
No. 10	YU	1-47	150	Kawanami
No. 12	YU	2-47	144	Kawanami
No. 25	YU	12-31-47	142	Naniwa
No. 1007	YU	1-19-48	190	Kawanami
No. 1011	YU	1-29-48	190	Kawanami
No. 1013	YU	1-20-48	190	Kawanami
No. 1014	YU	12-25-47	190	Uranosaki
USHIO	YU	12-31-47	236	Chukogu
No. 13	RO	9-30-48	300	Harima, Kure
No. 18	RO	3-1-48	390	Naniwa
No. 26	RO	4-1-48	337	Kanagaya
No. 28	RO	5-10-48	337	Kumagaya Gumi
No. 500	RO	10-4-47	450	Iwakuni
KORYU's (106 Vessels)		9-30-48	1,696	Harima, Kure

Total Completed
 SUBMARINES (41 Subs) (106 KORYU's) 10,196

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KWANG MING JIH PAO November 28 carried NCNA Peiping November WU despatch re alleged American attempts rebuild Jap navy. Substantial translation as follows: MacArthur's headquarters is presently making vigorous attempts rebuild Jap navy on pretext strengthening Jap coastal defenses. French news agency Tokyo November 22 despatched quoted reliable source as stating American authorities in Tokyo had recommended to Washington transfer 27 American cruisers loaned to Soviet Union during war to Jap coastal defense forces. Transfer would include ships installations including machine guns, three inch guns and mine laying equipment. MacArthur's fostering of Jap militarism will doubtless encounter attacks by peace loving peoples of world. Source of news item admitted foreign and a section of American public opinion will possible react unfavorably to step.

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