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It is feared by the Department and BEW that because of the unsettled conditions in Argentina and to probable Axis foreknowledge of certain long range programs to check smuggling, the Axis will make special efforts during the next few weeks to smuggle quantities of critical materials, especially diamonds and platinum, out of Argentine ports.

It is desired to head off anticipated large scale movement of materials and also the possible exodus of Axis agents. It is therefore suggested by us that you strongly recommend that arrangements be made by the Blockade Committee for a thorough search at Trinidad of as many ships as possible sailing from Argentina to European neutral destinations. This is approved by the Navy.

Drafted by

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through Trinidad

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