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May 9, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Acting Secretary of the Navy.

The President made the following comment on your memorandum to him under date of May 6th and with reference to naming the destroyer DD-742 FRANK KNOX:

"O.K. decidedly. F.D.R."

Very respectfully,

WILSON BROWN,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
Naval Aide to the President.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

MAY 6 - 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

It is planned to name the Destroyer DD-712 FRANK KNOX, in honor of the late Secretary Knox.

The keel for this vessel is scheduled to be laid 8 May 1944, at the Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, Maine, and she is tentatively scheduled to be launched 10 September 1944. The Department proposes to designate Mrs. Knox as the sponsor to christen this vessel.

I trust this meets with your approval.

James Forrestal

W.F. [unclear]
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