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Memorandum for The President

Signature- *Carl L. Spear*

My dear Mr. President:

The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, on his monthly survey of shipbuilding requirements, as indicated by the present trend of the war, recommended certain changes which I have approved. These changes are as follows:

- (a) Cancel construction of 98 Submarines in the present program, leaving a total of 106 yet to be constructed. The cancellation cost will be negligible. This cancellation does not include 6 Submarines of new design, which have been recommended for construction by the General Board, but not yet authorized.
- (b) Cancel construction of 10 Net Tenders (AN), wooden hull type. There will be a considerable hull loss in these ships but the machinery can be used otherwise.
- (c) In connection with (a) above, change 3 Submarine Tenders (AS) now in the program, to 3 Destroyer Tenders (AD).

Your approval of this action is requested.

"J. F.
O.K.
F.D.R."

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal

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