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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SECRET October 30, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADMIRAL KING
VICE ADMIRAL HORNE

The attached is self-explanatory.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U. S. Navy
Naval Aide to the President

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October 29, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

CAPTAIN McCREA

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UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

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October 24, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Referring to our discussion at the conference in your office on October 21st relative to having available for emergency purposes a small number of submarines for cargo-carrying purposes, you are advised that I took this matter up with the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral King and Vice Admiral Horne.

The Navy Department has directed that three "V" submarines, BONITA, BASS and BARRACUDA, are to be converted for cargo-carrying purposes.

It is my understanding that two of the engines will be removed and that most of the military equipment will also be removed from these vessels. The necessary alterations have been ordered and it is understood that they will be available in the near future. It is further understood that after conversion they will be capable of carrying from 600 to 700 tons of cargo.

The foregoing appears to me to be a very satisfactory procedure and one which meets with your general desires on the subject.

The three submarines mentioned above are the old V-1, V-2 and V-3 of about 2000-ton displacement; commissioned in 1924, 1925 and 1926 and therefore overage in 1937, 1938 and 1939, respectively.

(Signed) E. S. LAND

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