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1. FOLLOWING IS COPY FORWARDED FOR YOUR ACTION.
2. QUOTE FOR URGENT COLLECT TRANSMISSION TO NEW YORK TIMES NEW YORK

PARA  
PROFOREUGN DESK FOURTH ADD FW LEAD SHEEHANS HARASSME T PARA  
THE SPOKESMEN, K KOMMANDENADAVID COONEY, SAJJ THAT EACH OF THE DESTROY-  
ARY CARRIED A DOCTOR AND TWO CORPSMEN TO TREAT THE 53 WOUNDED MEN RE-  
PORTED ABOARD THE LIBERTY.  
FOUR MEN WERE ALSO KILLED AMONG HER CREW OF 16 OFFUCERS, 27" MEN AND  
THREE CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS PARA  
THE SHIP APPARE TLY CARRIED NO SOPHISTICATED MEDUCAL FACILITIES IT-  
UELF, HE SAID. SPARA  
THE LIBERTY, A CONVERT VICTORY SHIP IU NORNALLY CAPABLE OF DOING  
BBUL 19 KNOTS AT TOP SPEED, BUT WAS REPORTED STEAMING NORTH AT A

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SPEED OF ABOUT EIGHT KNOTS IN HER DAMAGED CONDITION PARA  
THE DESTROYERS ARE SPAEDING TOWARDS HER AT A FULL 30 KNOTS. THE  
USS DAVIS IS COMMANDED BY COMMANDER W.S. LEWIS, WHILE THE CAPTAIN  
OF THE MASSEY IS COMMANDER R.P. HILTON PARA.D  
THE AMERICA, WHICH WAS JOINEDSBY THE SARATOGA THIS AFTERNOON, WAS  
ALSO STEAMING EAST TONIGHT, SBUL COMMANDER COONEY WOULD NOT SAY WHET-  
HER THE CARRIER INTENDED TO LATER RENDEZOUS WITH THE DESTROYERSD  
AND THE LIBERTY PARA.D  
HE SAJJ, HOWEVER THAT SOME OF THE WOUNDED MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED TO  
HOSPITAL FACILITIES ABOARD THE TWO CARRIERS PARA.  
AT THE TIME SHE WAS STRUCK BY AN ISRAEL TORPEDO THIS AFTERNOON,  
COMMANDER COONEY SAJJ THE LIBERTY WAS STEAMING ABOUT 1" MILES NORTH  
OF THE SINAI COAST AT THIRTYONE DEGREES TWENTY THREE MINUTES NORTH  
AND THIRTY THREE DEGREES TWENTYFIVE MINULES EAST PARA MORE SHEEHAN  
THE LIBERTY IS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS AN ELECTRONICS RESEARCH SHIP AND  
COMMANDER COONEX SAJJ SHE WAS IN THE AREA QUOTE TO HELP PROTECT  
RMEEGHAN NATIONALS AS ZHE POSSISLE NEED OR SUCH PROTECTION BECAME  
APPARENT UNQUOTE PARA  
IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE HOW THE LIBERTY COULD EFFECTIVELY PROT-D  
ECT AMERICAN CIVILIANS WITH HER FOUR FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. HER

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FACILITIES FOR EVACUATING CIVILIANS ARE ALSO VERY LIMITED. THERE ARE  
LIKEWIE FEW IF ANY AMERICAN CIVILIANS IN THE AREA WHERE THE LIBERTY  
WAS ATTACKED PARA  
THE LIBERTY'S POSITION WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE PUW HER NORTHWEST OX THE  
FORMER EGYPTIAN STRONGHOLD OF EL ARISH AND OFF AN AREA OF THE SINAI  
WHERE FIGHTING IS REPORTEDLY STILL UNDERWAY BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND IS-  
RAELI FORCES PARA  
WITH HER COMPLICATED ELEKTRONICS EQUIPMENT THE LIBERTY WOULD HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO MONITOR THE COMMUNICATIONS OF BOTH FORCES PARA  
THE COMMANDER OF DESTROYER SUADRON TWELVE, CAPTAIN E.G. LEAHY, WAS  
ALSO ABOARD THE DAIS TONIGHT AS IT AND THE MASSEY HEADED FOR THE  
LIBERTY PARA  
END LEAD, PICKUP WHERE APPROPRIATE SHEEHANS HARASSMENT PARA FUNI  
SHEEHAN UNQUOTE  
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