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DRYDOCKING OF EE LIBERTY AT MALTA SITREP TWO USS LIBERTY
1. DELAYED ARRIVING MALTA UNTIL 1406300 BECAUSE OF REASONS OF PRECAUTIONARY SAFETY. ADDITIONAL SHORING OF DAMAGED BULKHEADS WAS FOUND NECESSARY AND SPEED WAS REDUCED.

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2. INSPECTION OF UNDERWATER HULL OF SHIP NOW IN PROGRESS BY DIVERS FROM USS PAPAGO. (THE DESTROYER DAVIS WITH COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON 12 EMBARKED AND FLEET TUG PAPAGO HAVE BEEN ESCORTING THE LIBERTY TO MALTA). THE UNDERWATER INSPECTION IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CHANGES IN THE KEEL BLOCKS IN THE DRYDOCK ARE NECESSARY BEFORE DRYDOCKING OPERATIONS CAN PROCEED.
3. ACTUAL DRYDOCKING OPERATIONS ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR 11[illegible] THIS MORNING. TORPEDO HOLE WILL BE COVERED BY CANVAS DURING DEWATERING OF DOCK AND UNTIL ALL REMAINS AND CLASSIFIED MATL REMOVED.
4. PAO MET WITH TEWKESBURY OF AP LONDON, STEINMAN OF NBC ROME, AND LOCAL NEWSMEN INCLUDING STRINGERS, EVENING 13 JUNE. LOCAL MORNING COVERAGE LOW KEY. CAMERAMEN COVERED ARRIVAL OF SHIP FROM POINTS IN PUBLIC DOMAIN BUT WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM DRYDOCK AREA AT LEAST UNTIL DOCK PUMPED OUT AND ALL REMAINS/CLASSIFIED MATTER REMOVED. THEY CAN COVER DRYDOCK FROM HIGH POINT OUTSIDE DOCKYARD, BUT ONLY FROM PORT SIDE OF SHIP
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