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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

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To: [Unidentified name][1]

[2 groups unrecovered]. The first minesweeper has completed the testing of her armament[;][a] everything is basically in order with the exception of the mechanical sweep, [1 group unrecovered] necessary to clear up the question of lowering and raising it. On 3rd July the ship sailed and on 4th July she arrived at KEY WEST [KLJ VEST] completely in the charge of our ship's company and with two American officers on board for degaussing and testing the adjustment of the degaussing system, which will take 5-6 days, after which she will return to TAMPA for the installation of the Asdic, a metric rangefinder and the two extra OERLIKONS which we succeeded in getting

[22 groups unrecoverable]

OERLIKONS 20 millimetres. The second minesweeper has passed underway trials, on 3rd July made a check run, and on 10th July the ship's company will be embarked and the ensign will be hoisted. The third minesweeper, which is finishing its moored trials, will make a yard trial in the next few days. There is [0% a chance that] three, possibly four, minesweepers will be handed over [2% in July].

The first large submarine-chaser is at MIAMI[;][a]. on 10th July the ensign will be hoisted and she will be handed over to our ship's company. The second submarine-chaser [1 group unrecovered] trial from NORFOLK [NORFOLK] on 12th July.

The officers in charge of the MIAMI School have an exceptionally high opinion of the success [1 group unrecovered] of our commanding officers and Red Navy seamen [KRASNOFLOTETS] who are exemplary.

[13 groups unrecovered]

from the minesweepers, the Head of the School Commander [KOMANDER] MAC [0% DANIELS] [3 groups unrecovered]

[9 groups unrecoverable]

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Note: [a] Inserted by translator.

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