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ADDRESS (See Note (iii))

Date:— 7.5.45

FROM ADMIRALTY

Indication of Priority

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TO

A.G.M. Home and Abroad 716A

DEFERRED
(See Note (i))

ROUTINE

Most Immediate
(See Note (ii))

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MOST IMMEDIATE

The German High Command has surrendered unconditionally all German land, sea and air forces in Europe, effective from 0001B hours repeat 0001B hours 9th repeat 9th May, from which hour all offensive operations are to cease.

2. Due to difficulties of communications there may be some delay in these orders reaching enemy forces. Accordingly, danger of attack by individual enemy surface craft, U-boats and aircraft may persist for some time to come. The Fleet in all waters is to remain on a war footing and in a state of constant vigilance for the moment.

3. Surrender procedure for U-boats will be promulgated separately.

4. No repeat no release is to be made to the Press pending an announcement by Heads of Governments.

Whanell
for Hd. of M.II (558)

1st Lord	A.C.N.S. (A)	D.H.I. (5)	G.C.R.T. (4)
1st S.L. (3)	Sec.	D.S.D. (2)	D.A/S.W.
D.F.S.L.	Nav. Sec.	D. of L.D. (2)	D.T.S.D.
2nd S.L.	Mir. Sec.	D.M.S.	H.A.C.S.I.
3rd S.L.	Parl. Sec.	D.M.S. Cit.	P.N.L.O.
4th S.L.	Civil Lord	D.D.O.D. (C)	A.C.M.P.
5th S.L.	Contr. MSR(London)	D.C.O.D.	H.W.R.
V.C.N.S.	Dep. Sec.	C.O.D. (Mov) (4)	D. of S.T.
Vice Contr.	N.S. (L)	D.E.W.D.	Hydrog
A.C.N.S. (H)	P.A.S. (S)	D.T.D. (4)	W.D.
A.C.N.S. (F)	P.A.S. (L)	D.A.U.D.	Dep. Contr.
A.C.N.S. (UT)	P.A.S. (MP)	D.T.D. (C)	N.S.
A.C.N.S. (W)	P.A.S. (D)	D.T.M.	Hd. of S.W.R. } Bath
	P.A.S. (E)	D. of P. (3)	
	P.A.S. (PE)	D. of H. (0) (3)	
	U.W.R.	M. (2)	
	C.N.I.	Ad. Blake	
	C.P. (3)		
	C.D. (6)		
	C.T.D. (3)		

Notes:—(i) DEFERRED should be used whenever a delay in delivery of up to 36 hours is acceptable.
(ii) Priority (IMPORTANT or above) is seldom justified for other than operational messages. Where it is essential, insert priority required in this space and asterisk against addressee(s) requiring the priority. If priority to all is essential, state "to all."
(iii) Write BASEGRAM where appropriate, after any sea-going addressee.

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