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RECOURTEL EARLIER TODAY. WE QUOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION CABLE RECEIVED FROM NICOL, NAPLES. "JESSE BILLINGSLEY MINED AND REPORTED SINKING OFF TRIESTE. IN VIEW OF THIS LAST CASUALTY HAVE SIGNALLED COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN. 'WSA MED FIND NORTH ADRIATIC MINE SITUATION REQUIRES FURTHER DISPOSITION BE TAKEN TO INSURE SAFE PASSAGE SUPPLY SHIPS AND CITING JESSE BILLINGSLEY, ABBOT MILLS, WILLIAM HUME, WILLIAM PALMER. PENDING STUDY OF EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL WSA SHIPS DESTINED NORTH ADRIATIC TO REMAIN ANCOMA FOR FURTHER ORDERS. WOULD REITERATE SUGGESTION MADE STAFF OFFICERS SHIPPING THAT PILOTS BE USED OUT OF ANCOMA FOR THIS PASSAGE AND CONTROL VESSEL USED TO CONTACT SHIPS ON ENTERING MINED AREA.' ASSUMING YOU WILL ACCEPT VESSELS DELAYS UNTIL SATISFACTORY SAFETY MEASURES TAKEN."

(Signed) G. H. Helmbold

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