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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Last night the Examination Unit succeeded in decyphering a secret telegram of instructions, which had been sent by Laval to Admiral Robert in Martinique earlier that day, ordering him to scuttle all French naval vessels under his command immediately. We were able to pass this information on to the United States authorities, who can decide whether or not they wish to attempt any preventive measures. This is a good, fast job of work by the Examination Unit. Often the interval between the interception of a message and its decyphering is so long that there is no opportunity for action on the information thus obtained.