

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CNO SUBMARINE CONTACT
EVALUATION BOARD AS OF 5 NOVEMBER 1962

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Ref: (a) NWIF 24-2

1. The CNO Submarine Contact Evaluation Board met on 1 and 5 November to appraise and evaluate the current designated submarine contacts in the western North Atlantic. As a result of a complete review of all information available to CNO at this time, the Board makes the following evaluations based upon the criteria of reference (a):

a. Six contacts evaluated tentative positive submarines:

- (1) C-18 (Soviet "F" class)
- (2) C-19 (Soviet "F" class)
- (3) C-20 and C-26, believed to be the same contact (Soviet "F" class)
- (4) C-23 (Soviet "F" class)
- (5) B-28 (Soviet "Z" type IV class sighted with TERLEK)
- (6) C-21B (multiple contacts south of Jamaica)

While contact C-21B meets the criteria for a positive submarine by reason of the initial sighting by experienced aircraft observers and later periscope sightings by destroyer personnel, the Contact Board considers this positive evaluation to be tentative due to a lack of confirming evidence. In spite of ASW units, including extended periods of reported positive contact, this contact has neither been surfaced nor confirmed as nuclear. The Board feels analysis of additional information is needed prior to a final classification of positive.

b. One contact evaluated as tentative probable submarine:

- (1) B-31 (multiple contacts in quarantine area, no sighting)

c. Sixteen contacts evaluated as tentative possible submarines:

- (1) B-29 (USNS F. X. MC GRAW contact in area north of Azores)
- (2) B-30 (Sinker gained in quarantine area, possibly the same contact as B-31)
- (3) B-32 (Jezebel contact ESE of Sable Island)
- (4) B-33 (HMCS SWANSEA passive sonar contact off Cape Race)
- (5) B-34 (HMCS ST. CROIX and HMCS CATINEAU gained same sinker off Cape Sable)
- (6) B-35 (HM Submarine ASTUTE passive sonar contact off St. Johns, Newfoundland)
- (7) B-36 (HMCS LAUZON ECM/passive sonar contact off Cape Race)
- (8) C-21A (Sinker gained south of Guantanamo Bay)

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- (9) C-24 (SOSUS contact east of Barbados)
- (10) C-25 (Sinker gained in Windward Passage)
- (11) C-28 (Surfaced sub sighting by MATS aircraft in quarantine area)
- (12) C-29 (Multiple contacts in quarantine area)
- (13) E-50 (Sinker gained 60 miles east of Great Abaco Island)
- (14) E-52 (Snorkel sighted off Cape Hatteras)
- (15) E-53 (USS HALL contact 130 miles east of Cape Canaveral)
- (16) E-58 (Canadian ASW aircraft reported submerged sub off Cape Cod)

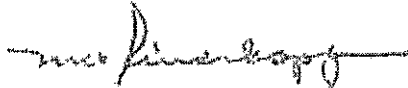
d. Two contacts tentative U. S. submarines:

- (1) E-55 (170 miles east of Cape Hatteras)
- (2) E-56 (USS TORO off Nantucket)

e. Four contacts tentative non-submarines:

- (1) C-22 (Marine life contact in Windward Passage)
- (2) E-51 (Unreliable sighting off Delaware Capes)
- (3) E-57 (USS KASKASKIA contact on buoy in NE Providence Channel)
- (4) C-27 (Sub sighting at extreme range in Bahía de Cardenas, Cuba)

f. One contact designation, E-54, not reported.



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