

Draft telegram, Franklin Roosevelt to Winston Churchill, November 11, 1942. Three days after the start of the Allied invasion of North Africa, FDR drafted this telegram to Churchill reviewing next steps. He includes a few lighthearted personal remarks while considering how to manage relations between Free French leader General Charles de Gaulle and de Gaulle's rival General Henri Giraud (codenamed Kingpin). He and Churchill also had to decide how to handle Admiral Francois Darlan, leader of the pro-German Vichy regime.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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FOR FORMER NAVAL PERSON

I am very happy with the latest news of your splendid campaign in Egypt, and of the success that has attended our *joint* landing in West and North Africa.

This brings up the additional steps that should be taken when and if the South shore of the Mediterranean is cleared and under our control.

It is hoped that you with your Chiefs of Staff in London and I with the Combined Staff here may make a survey of the possibilities including forward movements directed against Sardinia, Sicily, Italy, Greece and other Balkan areas and including the possibility of obtaining Turkish support for an attack through the Black Sea against Germany's flank.

In regard to deGaulle, I have hitherto enjoyed a quiet satisfaction in leaving him in your hands -- apparently I have now acquired a similar problem in brother Giraud.

I wholly agree that we must prevent rivalry between the French Emigre factions and I have no objection to a deGaulle emissary visiting Kingpin in Algiers. We must remember that there is also a cat fight in progress between Kingpin and Darlan, each claiming full military

~~and~~ command of French forces in North and West Africa.

The principal thought to be driven home to all three of these primadonnas is that the situation ~~is~~^{is} today solely in the military field and that any decision by any one of them, or by all of them, is subject to review and approval of ~~American Eagle~~. *Eisenhower*

Also I think it would be well to find out before deGaulle's man leaves for Africa just what his instructions are.

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