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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commandant, Eleventh Naval District.
Subject: Alleged Japanese Radio Station at Alamos, Sonora.
Reference: (a) Letter, National Bureau of Standards to
Navy Dept., of 28 September, 1938.
(b) Your Conf. letter ND11/EF37/EF44/EG57
of 9 June, 1939.
Enclosure: (A) Copy H.A. Mexico Serial No. 46 of
29 November, 1938.

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1. A photograph taken by J. Albert Harle, 1641 South
Horton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, of a radio tower
reputedly at Alamos, Sonora, was received with reference (a).
It was taken from approximately the same position as the
photograph forwarded with reference (b). The following nota-
tion appeared on the reverse of the photograph:

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"High power wireless working overtime fishing
boats on coast to this station by Japanese doctor
residing nearby then wireless to Tokio. Something
worth American thought. Located 9 1/4 miles from the
sea coast in the old Indian town of Alamos in the
mountains of the west coast of Sonora, Mexico."

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Mr. Harle is described as the owner of La Cadena de Oro Gold
Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.

2. Enclosure (A) is the report of an aerial recon-
naissance of Alamos made by the Naval Attaché of the American
Embassy. No further confirmation of the information reported
in paragraph 3, that the station was inoperative, has been
received.

Dictated 4 March, 1940
Dictated by Col. Blake
Typed by E. Blackledge

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JJ.
Jules James,
By direction.

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