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FROM: CTG 81.8  
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CRAFT X LEFT AREA X-RAY AT 1650 HAVING EXPENDED 178 ROUNDS X I AM CONVINCED THAT AS LONG AS SHIPS ARE CONSIDERED AVAILABLE THE ARMY WILL USE THEM WHETHER THE TARGETS AMOUNT TO ANYTHING OR NOT X I BELIEVE THE ARMY WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE SHIPS GUNFIRE SUPPORT INDEFINITELY X NEW SUBJECT X ONE MINE WAS SIGHTED IN POSITION 041-25.7 NORTH 012-51.2 EAST (COORDINATES 772152) X TWO MINES ALSO REPORTED BY LSTS BEARING 258°(T) 16 MILES AND 282°(T) 16.5 MILES FROM CIRCIO LIGHT X GUNFIRE FROM SHORE BATTERIES REACHES FURTHER TO THE SOUTHWARD ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF CHANNEL BETWEEN AREAS X-RAY AND PETER X A SHIP IS SUBJECT TO SHELL FIRE ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE EASTERN HALF THIS CHANNEL X I HAD THE USS SPEED WIDEN THE SWEEP CHANNEL BY A THOUSAND YARDS ON ITS WESTERN EDGE X ENSIGN GITHENS FURNISHED COORDINATES OF ENEMY GUNS AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: (1) 757385, (2) 759383, (3) 763394, (4) 955384, (5) 880410 X (1), (2), (3), APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO FIRE INTO THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES 780195 X (4) AND (5) COVER THE EASTERN SIDE OF X-RAY - PETER CHANNEL X COULD ARMY ARTILLERY RECIPROCITY BE REQUESTED WITH REGARD TO ELIMINATION OF THESE BATTERIES? X

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