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From: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, and
Chief of Naval Operations.

To: Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Mass Production of CVE's and Corvettes.

1. Pursuant to the oral approval of the President given
on Monday June 15, 1942, I recommend that steps be taken at once,
through the Maritime Commission, to contract for the building of

(a) 48 CVE's (AVG), 20 knots speed, of the "Kaiser"
design, as approved by the Navy, subject to
revision in numbers, up or down, according to
future circumstances.

(b) 100 escort vessels of the corvette type, of
Navy design and characteristics, modified as
found essential for mass production.

2. It is understood that the ways, shipbuilding facilities
and machinery building facilities under the control of the Maritime
Commission will be used to construct these ships and further, that
this program is not superimposed on the Maritime Commission merchant
ship program but replaces an equivalent part of it.

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