From: New Delhi  
To: AGWAR

Aquila 225, Part 4, April 7, 1942

The allied force covering Chinese withdrawal to Lashio might even be forced as far as Bhamo area or even into China. If allied force withdraws into China, it will have to be supplied by air, especially in view of famine conditions in Yunnan. There is a possibility that the entire allied force will withdraw via Kalewa into India depending on the situation. The above estimate Any line of action have been approved by C in C here and preparations are being made accordingly.

Lamb

Per SVC 21/16

Refer to CM-IN-2166 for other parts.

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From: Chungking
To: MILID

No. 83 April 8, 1942

Chinese General Staff reports following referring to your 200: Japanese used tear and suffocating gas shells and hand grenades against Chinese positions south banks of Yellow River opposite Saratsi March 13th. Effect of gasses temporary. About 50 light casualties.

Mayer

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Approximately 50 Axis aircraft raided Alexandria Harbor installations morning April 7th 4:30 to 5:30 in successive waves of 28. Main objective appeared to be battleship Queen Elizabeth which is now in dry dock. Valiant has been temporarily repaired, sent to England via the Cape. Anti Aircraft fire failed to bring down any planes. Fighters brought down no repeat no planes but RAF feel their night fighters will be effective. Warning of about 20 minutes was given the defenses. 4 of our observers were unable to note any enemy planes in searchlight beams. No damage on ships reported but 100 civilians were killed. Captain Abe not permitted to inspect damage.

German reconnaissance planes fly over Alexandria every morning.

Last week Axis aircraft over Alexandria dropped pamphlets with picture of King Farouk on one side and warning on other for Egyptians to evacuate.

Fellows.
Scattered reports indicate Terrains in south very muddy prohibiting much movement and probably delaying spring offensive 2 or 3 more weeks. Believe that southern offensive to be followed by 1 in north direction of Lake Ilmen-Vologda to cut off communications to Archangel. Black out regulations here suspended.

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From: Konibyeshev
To: G-2

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PRIORITY

From: Hq ADC Ft Richardson Als
To: Adj General

No. 062249, April 8, 1942.

Strength April 7th SPXMR cite AFP Air Force
off 384 KN 4143 Ground Force off 1317 KN 27660
total off 1701 KN 31823.

Buck CG ADC

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British Intelligence reports approximately 300,000 refugees mostly Indians seeking return to India confirmed from reliable sources by Major Rice who just returned from Imphal. For Colonel Kroner Imphal road situation resulted from unplanned mass evacuation originally under local authorities but since March 1st under government India who attempting provide much needed coordination and supervision. Until 15th March from 300 to 1,000 refugees daily strained unprepared road and rail transport without adequate food or water supply and disregarding sanitary measures thus spreading cholera. Deaths from cholera in India and from starvation and thirst on Burma side reported. Since then vaccine and medical help provided better road and rail facilities arranged with camps food and sanitary measures but with only limited water supplies some places. Cholera now under control. At present up to 1700 evacuees pass Imphal daily later expect provide for about 3,000 by truck via Dimapur any excess must walk from Imphal via Bishenpur to Silchar. Increased Jap pressure toward upper Burma may stimulate movement evacuees Imphal road with consequent congestion and interference military operations. Rice reports no military movement on road up to April 4th. 1st Indian Infantry Brigade expected move shortly from Abbotabad via Imphal arriving early May. Sudden mass evacuation on road might foment panic among half million Tea estate coolies in Upper Assam with results experienced elsewhere and possible repercussions on transportation systems and Bengal defense industries by stripping them of required labor through desertions.

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From: New Delhi
To: Milid

No. 65, April 8, 1942

No convoys yet reported Bengal Bay but British
Air REconnaissance so limited negative information must
be cautiously received. Vignapata twice raided 6th
by 5 planes dropping 1st 7 salvos 2nd 15 bombs killing
& damaging harbor area. Population left now returning.
Small number planes may mean use of catapulted aircraft.
Burmese shell works at Coconads severely bombed 6th same
time 5 planes damage unknown. This may mean Japs dont
intend early landing there. Jap fleet south of Ceylon
includes 3 battleships & probably 4 Carriers. Former
identified as Rudo and Yamashiro and 1 Negato Class.
Merchant Captain who stated Battleships were operating
off Conconada now says they were heavy cruisers.
Unofficially suggested here that after present
demonstrations Japs may try to draw British fleet into
carrier and submarine screen while landing in South
India to secure Air Bases to aid assault on Ceylon.
3 Jap battleships & carrier just reported off
Nicobars by Catalina plane.

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* came (file) service will be made on request

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From: NEW DELHI
To: MILITARY WASH DC
No. 53

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE STATES NO REPORTS YET OF JAP TRANSPORTS SUFFICIENT FOR ATTACK EITHER CALCUTTA OR CEYLON AREAS. DETAILED REPORT TRANSPORTS AT SINGAPORE SUFFICIENT. ONLY 1 DIVISION AND ANDAMANS 1 WHEREAS ESTIMATED JAPS NEED 5 DIVISIONS CALCUTTA AND 3 DIVISIONS, 1 TANK DIVISION, CEYLON ATTACK AT 0415 GF 8TH APRIL 5TH JAP FORCE OF 2 BATTLESHIPS 1 CRUISERS SOME DESTROYERS REPORTED 120 MILES SOUTH DONDI HEAD CEYLON MOVING NORTH. FOR COLONEL KRONER WDG01 FOLLOWING JAP FORCE REPORTED APRIL 6TH: OFF VIJAYAPET INDIA 1 BATTLESHIP 1 CRUISER 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER 2 DESTROYERS. OFF PURI STRONGS UNKNOWN OFF COCONADA 2 BATTLESHIPS. ATTACKS BEING MADE ON ALLIED SHIPPING IN BAY BENGAL BETWEEN PURI AND COCONADA TOTAL LOSSES 60,000 TONS INCLUDE 3 BRITISH 2 AMERICAN SHIPS. NAVAL HJ BELIEVES 1 JAP BATTLESHIP AND CARRIER FORCE 150 MILES SOUTH OF CEYLON AND 2 JAP TORPEDOES EACH 1 OR MORE BATTLESHIPS 1 OR MORE CARRIERS OPERATING BAY BENGAL. 1 OFF PURI 1 SOUTH OF VIJAYAPET WITH CRUISERS OPERATING BETWEEN. 0339 APRIL 5TH BOMBING ATTACK COLOMBO HARBOR AND RATMALA NAERODROMES INCLUDED 75 ENEMY AIRCRAFT CHIEFLY NAVY FIGHTERS CARRYING BOMBS AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED 2 SEATER SINGLE ENGINE BOMBERS. 33 MURCICANAS AND FALMORS INTERCEPTED. 25 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED PROBABLY 50 PROBABLY DAMAGED. BRITISH LOSES 23 AIRCRAFT SEVERE DAMAGE HARBOR WORKSHOPS, MINOR DAMAGE RAILROAD WORKSHOPS, NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE NAERODROME.

This is 3 parts of a 4 part message. Part 4 being serviced, clear copy will follow.

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From: CINCPAC (NPM) (N) (SECRET) (#2992) TG 090107 (082107 EWT)

Text:

In NEW BRITAIN and MARSHALLS area the forces remain as follows: SUBRON 7 and DESRON 6, CRUDIVS 6 and 18, gunboat division 8. KENJO MARU, transporting air equipment, and KIYOKUNI (seaplane tender) enroute RABAUL. Commander of 11th Air Fleet has not yet left for RABAUL from SAIGON area. MARSHALLS air force and NEW BRITAIN air force (being enlarged to about 80 bombers plus fighters). Bulletin 25. Surface and SS units in above forces are now at or enroute Navy Yards for overhaul. In MALAY, BAY OF BENGAL area are units of BATDIV 3, DESRON 1, CRUDIVS 7 and 8, KYUJO, AKAGI and possibly two more carriers, SUBRONS 2 and 5, and shore based aircraft. LAGOA is expected to proceed to NEW BRITAIN area from SASEBO late in April. SS reported 1830 EWT April 8 in position 09-42 S 176-18 W (300 miles NW of SAMOA).

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From:  Chungking  
To:  Agwar for Amisca  

No. 479 Amisca, April 8th.  

For SFMEB Strength report as of midnight April 7th.  

US forces 71 Officers and 21 enlisted men. US Forces in India  

Ground 16 Officers and 10 Enlisted Men, Air 215 Officers and  

3,050 Enlisted Men.  

Stilwell.  

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From: Australia
To: AGWAR

No. NR 80, April 6, 1942

For General Marshall re your radio 1135 April 7th: 4 submarines were assigned to the transfer of supplies from Cebu to Corregidor. 2 now due in Cebu and 1 has arrived, 2 more departed Fremantle for Cebu 1st and 2nd April respectively. 1 now in Cebu is due to deliver 1st cargo of supplies at Fort Mills April 9th. Pursuant to your 1070 arrangements were made to continue the 4 submarines on this duty as long as fuel and other operating supplies are available in Cebu. Available supplies of quinine (1/3 immediate requirement) and vitamins (1/10 immediate requirement) together with partial supply of other priority medical supplies listed in your radio 910 of March 27th went forward to Del Monte by air March 26th. These supplies are being transferred to Bataan as rapidly as practicable with BellanGa and pursuit planes. Additional transport planes (Lodestar) loaded with medical supplies proceeded north 7th April and should depart Australia within 48 hours. It will be assigned to transport duty in Philippines to augment planes now there. This should enable Wainwright to obtain urgently needed medical supplies from Del Monte and Cebu. Additional medical supplies from list in your 910 have been accumulated and will go forward by planes from Australia to Del Monte this week. Somervell has reported in his 989 of the 30th that 6 small
vessels loaded with supplies, principally subsistence, are being despatched via Hawaii to Corregidor and are due to arrive in Philippines between April 30th and May 13th. Your 1114 of April 5th quotes report from Honolulu that additional ship manned by Navy crew carrying 4258 tons of cargo including 1,000,000 rations departed from Honolulu April 3rd and is due Corregidor April 25th. 1 cargo ship is now ready to load at Brisbane to continue despatch of supplies to Mindanao and Cebu. Others being reconditioned for continuation this service.

MacArthur

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From: Havana
To: MILID

No. 38 April 8th.

Caribbean defense command has been granted permission by Cuban Government to base USS Slemons and PBY airplanes at Guanachebipes for 1 week beginning April 9th for submarine patrol.

Loustalot

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From: Ft Hills
To: AGWAR

No. 734, April 8, 1942

Corrected Copy

The situation in Batang has become extremely critical during the past 24 hours. For several days an enemy attack has been in progress and it appeared that this attack would be similar to others which were launched previously against the 1st Corps front. In previous attacks a wedge was driven into our main line of resistance and enemy troops would attempt to filter through. In each case we were successful in blocking these attacks, closing the gap in the front line and mopping up hostile troops contained within the pocket thus formed. In the attack now in progress our troops have been subsisted on 1/2 to 1/3 ration for so long a period that they do not possess the physical strength to endure the strain placed upon the individual in an attack. In this attack, as in others preceding it, we were successful in blocking hostile progress. We placed our best troops in position to make an attack on both flanks with a view to closing the pocket. They were able to advance only a short distance before they were physically exhausted. Thereafter the enemy increased his strength in the pocket, continued the attack, and placed heavy artillery fire on our position. Hostile bombers continuously bombed and strafed our lines to assist the enemy in the attack. As days passed our troops began getting weaker. 
from their continued exertions. Last night the Luzon Force Commander ordered a withdrawal of a portion of the line in order to rectify the position. A similar withdrawal was ordered in the 1st Corps to conform. Troops are now in position along the new line but their morale has been badly shaken by their experience of the past few days.

Wainwright

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From: London
To: Milid

No. 2350, April 8, 1942

Repts to 3 hours GMT 7th show following Burma prome front: day 5th only patrol activity both sides. NNT 5th Brit started withdrawal from Allamnyo and Thayetmyo. Withdrawal unhindered by enemy and at daylight sixth Brit reargd had passed thru Glimbanchaung and remainder troops were withdrawing via both banks Irrawaddy with River gunboats supporting. All Military supplies removed from Allamnyo and both Allamnyo and Thayetmyo Burnt. Contact with enemy lost and last known his whereabouts was 4th when I column was West Bank Irrawaddy 10 mi north of Kama and another column in area of Dayindabo with elements moving northeast. Comment: no info here as to proposed distance above withdrawal or next line of resistance by Brit.

No further news from Chinese on Toungoo front since our 2345.

Taungwingyi bmbd 6th without damage. Airdrome Akyab bombd same date and rendered unserviceable.

Labor trouble developing Ceylon as result air raid 5th.

McClure

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PRIORITY

From: Ft. Mills
To: Adjutant General

No. 7343, April 8th, 1942.

The situation in Batangas has become extremely
critical during the past 24 hours. For several
days an enemy attack has been in progress and it ap-
peared that this attack would be similar to others
which were launched previously against the 1st Corps
Front. In previous attacks a wedge was driven into our
main line of resistance and enemy troops would attempt
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the position. A similar withdrawal was ordered in the
1st Corps to conform. Troops are now in position among
the new line but their morale has been badly shaken by
their experience of the past few days.

Wainwright

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From: Fort Mills
To: AGWAR

No. 737, April 8, 1942

In order to rectify the line our troops on Bataan Front were withdrawn to a previously prepared position during the night April 7th - 8th. Enemy forces continue to push forward vigorously with fresh troops. Fighting is intense and heavy casualties are believed to have been inflicted on hostile forces. Hostile Aircraft based on Luzon continuously bombs and strafes front line troops to assist in the attack. Heavy bombers also continued attacks on rear area in Bataan. In Mindanano patrols continue to act aggressively. Surprise raid against enemy outpost in 1 area caused hostile troops to withdraw. No change in the Vissayas. No hostile air attack against Corregidor today. Artillery of harbor defense forts dispersed enemy concentration at Pantungan.

Wainwright.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The attached radiogram was received at 7:05 a.m. It is presumed that the arrival referred to by General Chaney was in London, however when more definite information is received, I will inform you.

JOHN R. DEANE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Secretary, General Staff.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
PRIORITY

From: London
To: ADO

No. 1043 April 8, 1942

Midsummer party arrived. For Eisenhower. Landed Lough Erne 0531 hours GMT.
Chaney

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IMMEDIATE PRIORITY

From: Australia
To: General George C Marshall

No. AG91 April 8th, 1942

Wainwright has asked me to transmit to you the following recommendation "request that radio broadcasting stations and the press in the United States be urged unobtrusively to avoid inviting further Japanese action against the Philippines by inflammatory remarks directed against failure of Japanese leaders to take the Islands. We are doing our utmost to hold our own and we feel we are not in a position to urge the enemy to put more power against us by such misdirected publicity signed Wainwright."

MacArthur

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CM-IN-2043 (4/8/42)
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From: Melbourne
To: AGWAR
No: AG 93

Strength of US forces (Attention SPXKK) as of March 31st ground forces; enlisted men 17,765.

MacArthur

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From: Calcutta
To: MILID
No. 51  April 7, 1942

From Colonel Pape. In view experience this theater suggest it be emphasized as basic principle in preparation air objective folders that they cover targets not only in territory of actual or potential enemies but also in any area which could conceivably come under hostile occupation, including our own as well as friendly or neutral territory such projects should obviously proceed under strict safeguards both to prevent data from reaching unauthorized hands and to avoid adverse psychological effect among inhabitants of areas involved. They should stress facilities useful to enemy and should be prepared even for installations whose denial is planned. Examples which even now might receive attention are Hawaii Alaskan Coast South America West Indies Iceland eventually Pacific coast of Canada US and Mexico. In line with above suggest immediate initiation of an objective project covering Australia Burma India and Ceylon as well as Jap occupied territory preferably by methods in view probable dominant participation by US air forces this theatre. Account political psychological factors recommend agencies charged with collecting data be given specific directive and concerned governments asked to cooperate. Signed Pape.

Freeman

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From: New Delhi
To: Adjutant General

No. Aqulia 225, April 7th, 1943

Part I: The following is latest estimate of situation in Burma. Japanese objectives are Oil Fields, to deny them to all Allied Forces and to cut road and air communications between India and China. To reach 2nd objective involves initial advance to Mandalay to cut Kalewa Road and ultimate advance to Nyitkyina to cut the Northern Road. Doubt if Japs intend to go as far north as Nyitkyina. Distance is great and this road in any event can not be completed for several months. Enemy possible intends to go as far as Lashio to secure airstrip there. Should they advance to Lashio, they must occupy the Shwebo Chindwin Valley Area in order to cover their left flank. Their probable main advance will be by the Prone and the Tungoo Routes with secondary advances to the East thereof via Kangtun and Mongpan. All advances to be simultaneous. Due to Japanese ability to reinforce themselves via Rangoon, and their superiority in both air and ground forces, allied withdrawal northwards inevitable. Information today indicates a reinforced Japanese Division embarking at Singapore with destination Burma or possible Eastern Bengal.

Part II: In view of the above, allied plan now is to cover Mandalay long as possible and if force has to withdraw thereafter, a part will act as rearguard to Chinese Army and withdraw on Lashio. The remainder of Allied Force will withdraw to Chindwin Valley-Shwebo Area to the Kalewa approach to India and operate on flank of Japanese advance to Lashio.

A portion of message undecipherable here - will follow later.

The RAF Air Officer commanding here has advised me that with the Air Forces he expects to receive in India, he can only render secondary assistance in protecting any
of our activities.

Part 5: It is obvious from the above that the Burma-China Ferrying Project is in immediate and complete jeopardy. Consequently, in order to keep China supplies flowing, I urgently recommend the following Air Force Groups be sent here at once: 2 heavy bombardment groups, 1 medium bombardment group equipped to carry Torpedoes and with Torpedoes; 2 additional pursuit groups; 3 P-38 reconnaissance squadrons; and all associated Arms and Services; necessary air warning regiments; and the proportion of antiaircraft and engineer units as recommended by me in previous dispatches. I further recommend that the 80 P 39 F be dispatched earliest possible date and that the AVG be transferred to my command immediately. My immediate plan for the above force is to protect the Karachi Area which is vital to the continued flow of supplies into China, using 1 pursuit group and 1 bombardment group, to protect the Dinjan Area and for offensive action against Japanese Air Forces based in Burma and upper Siam, using 1 bombardment and 1 pursuit group, to take the offensive against sea forces in Bay of Bengal and against Rangoon shipping and docks using 1 bombardment and 1 pursuit group, and to protect the Myitkyina–Bhamo Death Loewing Area with the AVG.

Part 6: The Commander in Chief and the Air Officer commanding concur in the above recommendations and plan of employment.

Brereton
April 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

In response to your message of congratulation to General Wainwright the following reply has been received:

"Your gracious message has been published to my command. The enemy is pressing us heavily on Bataan, but we are fighting. I hope your Excellency will accept the thanks of my Filipino and American Troops along with my own for your congratulatory message of April sixth."

JOSEPH T. McNARNEY, Major General, Acting Chief of Staff.

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From: Ankara
To: Milid Washington
No: 140, April 7, 1942

Turkish Chief of Military Intelligence and other reliable sources maintain only Italian Observers are in Bulgaria no repeat no Italian Divisions or other units identified east of Salonika reference your 107th.

British confidentially advise they are preparing to abandon Malta as recent axis air attacks have done considerable damage.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Food Situation in Bataan.

Attached is a message from the Bataan Quartermaster giving a rather desperate picture of the food situation on Bataan. The gist of this message has been repeated to MacArthur and he has been requested to give us an estimate as to the date that submarine shipments can be expected in Corregidor, as previously arranged by the Navy Department. Although General Wainwright has already been informed concerning the general plan for bringing him subsistence by submarine, he was told by radio today that initial shipments should arrive within a very few days by submarine.

[Signature]
Acting Chief of Staff.

Incl:
Message No. 729 from Bataan Quartermaster, Apr. 7, 1942.
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From: Chungking
To: Milid G-2

No. 77 Fourth

Enemy columns based on Chuntu, Chungyang, Fengyang, Fensi, Heilingkuan, Hainingyang, and Chisan in Shansi Province have operated in Lulian mountains since March 15th. Reference my no. 65. Columns converging on Hwang Ho in the area Matoukuan to Lungwanghsun. No report received of any considerable number enemy having reached Yellow River but absence of reports since March 24th may indicate enemy advance. Chinese do not consider situation critical. Beginning March 26th enemy heavily bombed Yumen, Ranchung, Tali (China), Tushhsien, Sanyuan, and Sian (China) apparently with objective of preventing dispatches of Chinese troops to invaded areas. Beginning March 14th Enemy in Eastern Chekiang (China) conducting mopping up campaign in Fenghua-Hsiangshan-Hanghai area. Hsiangshan occupied March 15th but Japanese withdrew after few days. Lishui and Patsus Nanin heavily bombed last few days probably to destroy stores of gasoline and bombs and to prevent use Air Field there as Base of Air operations against Japanese territory. Above from Chinese G-2. All points in Shenpaotlas.

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From: Ft. Mills
To: Quartermaster General

780 April 7, 1942

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no relief supplies from outside have arrived since February
27, 1943, when Japs put down air tight blockade. Troops
have been subsisting on 15 ounce ration since March 20th.
Waves of Tropical diseases breaking out due to Malnutrition.
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relief by air from Cebu, Australia and China especially food
concentrates.

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From: Ft Hills
To: Quartermaster General

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TO: COMMANDING GENERAL
CARIBBEAN DEFENSE COMMAND

War Dept. No. 523

April 7, 1942.

Transport Ernest Hinds will sail from New Orleans about April 14 air coverage by 3rd Air Force to latitude 31 degrees 30 minutes north, longitude 85 degrees 30 minutes west (in Tucatan Channel) has been arranged CDC should be prepared to assume responsibility for air coverage on April 15 or 17 at point specified above. More exact time of arrival of ship in Tucatan Channel will be furnished later. Necessity for diplomatic arrangements to base aircraft in Cuba is not understood. By agreement with Cuban Government on January 15 unlimited use of airfields and bases is permissible. Notify airport to be used and military attache Havana. Direct communication with CG Army Air Forces is authorized to effect coordination.

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TO: AMISCA
    CHUNGKING, CHINA

War Dept. No. 412

Food situation on Bataan is desperate and food concentrates are particularly required. This with reference to your 461, April 5th. Report at once what information regarding procurement in China of concentrated foods and what possibilities of flying these to Bataan your investigations have developed.

TO Attach

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AMMISCA
Chungking

War Dept. No. 413

To: ANONYMOUS

April 7, 1942

From: AMMISCA

Status delivery pursuit aircraft for AVG follows:
P-40’s: 11 at ACCRA, 18 between ACCRA and KARACHI, 19
east of KARACHI, 2 crashed and 1 unaccounted for (re your
470 April 6). P-40’s: 30 at KARACHI, 64 at sea with
departures as follows: 8 from NEW YORK February 10, 20
from NEWPORT NEWS March 5th, 7 from NEW YORK March 8, 29
from NEWPORT NEWS March 28. P-40’s: 46 at sea with depart-
ures as follows: 14 from LOS ANGELES March 6, 9 from NEW
YORK March 8, 20 from NEWPORT NEWS March 28, 3 from NEW
YORK March 30.

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Plots of submarines recent days indicate groups of 3 or 4 each moving West may arrive as follows 2 groups off Nantucket by April 8 off Delaware Cape April 10, 3 groups off Nantucket April 10 off Delaware Cape April 12. 1 of the above groups may remain near Grand Banks. 2 other submarines arriving about now off Middle Atlantic Coast. About April 10 about 6 submarines should be home bound. Attacks on shipping off EDC. Ending Noon GMT 7 Apr, Lolleskegg, Norwegian registry reported torpedoed off Cape Batters off well out and British Tanker Splendour torpedoed North of Diamond Shoals. Subs sighted 2 off Maryland and 1 in Gulf of Mexico. Later believed hostile attacks on sub 1 East of Portsmouth by Navy vessel on sound contact—no definite results; 1 in Cape Batters area by British Trawler—results not yet reported; 1 by Army plane for details see Air report this date. Ship identified only by call letters Hayj reported machine guns on Northeast of Bermuda. 1 sub sighted by Am Ore Carrier off Venezuela.

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CH-IN-1888 (4/7/42)
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From: Indigo
To: MILID

No. 10 4 April 7, 1942

Nazi dispositions the same as last report. 7 April.
Number 28. Present German abilities have not changed.

Jones

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Fierce fighting has been in progress on the center of the Bataan front for the past 24 hours. The enemy had massed superior forces including fresh reserves and attacked vigorously accompanied by heavy artillery fire and tanks. Hostile dive bombers assisted in the attack and have been repeatedly flying over the front lines dropping bombs and strafing our forces. He has succeeded in driving a wedge into the center of the Bataan position but is making progress slowly. Hospital number 1 on Bataan was bombed again this morning by 3 flights of heavy bombers. Casualties resulting from this bombing are heavy. Only a few days ago hostile planes bombed this hospital for which Japanese High Command apologized in afternoon broadcast. 2nd bombing by 3 flights following so closely on heels of first is rather conclusive evidence that the bombing was intentional. There were no bombing attacks on Corregidor today although fortified islands were shelled intermittently by hostile batteries located on south shore of Manila Bay. Visayan and Mindanao areas no change.

Wainwright

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Commanding General
Indigo
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Too late to change loading of next Indigo contingent to conform to request in your 254 April 5. It may help to know that 3rd Battalion 11th infantry with organization equipment but without vehicles is loaded on one vessel the Orizaba.

Marshall

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War Dept. No. 1167

33rd Division less 1 Infantry Regiment, with tank destroyer Battalion attached will depart West Coast for BUMAC mid April. For MacArthur. The Infantry Regiment will depart West Coast for BUMAC early May. 37th Division (less bleachers detachment) with necessary services attached will depart West Coast for Spooner in 2 convoys, early May and mid May. Total Spooner contingent approximately 15,000.

Marshall

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