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CONTASKFOR 53 SENDS AND ASKS NPM (RHQ, HONOLULU) TO PASS TO CINCPAC.

LVT'S SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO LAND ALL ASSAULT TROOPS YOUR 232244. MINIMUM OF 30% NA AVAILABLE AT HELER FOR THIS OPERATION WOULD HAVE REDUCED CASUALTIES CONSIDERABLY. AMPHIBIOUS TANKS REQUIRED FOR SUPPORT OF ASSAULT TROOPS. ADDITIONAL CLOSE IN SUPPORT FIRE IS NEEDED TO KNOCK OUT BEACH STRONG POINTS, SKETCH FOR SMALL PORTOUC MONITOR BEING FORWARDED BY AIR. TUKES USEFUL FOR LATER WAVES AFTER BEACH DEFENSES HAVE BEEN CLEARED. UNFAVORABLE TIDAL CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED HELER ON TOO RAY TENDED ALL BOAT LANDING EXCEPT ON EDGE OF REEF. FEARS FOR POSITIVELY DETONATING ANTIBOAT MINES LAID ALONG BEACHES MUST BE REVISITED, 27 JAP MINES NOW EROOTE PEARL IN TASK GROUP

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53.10.1 FOR TEST. FOR DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS SIMILAR TO HELEN CONSIDERABLY MORE BOMBING AND GUNFIRE PREPARATION AND CALL FIRE IS REQUIRED NECESSITATING GREATER SUPPLY OF HG PROJECTILES. LIST PROVED EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND ALL ADDITIONAL VESSELS THIS TYPE SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THIS TYPE OPERATION. SHORTAGE OF DEPTH CHARGES HAS BECOME CRITICAL, IN FUTURE OPERATIONS SPARE SUPPLY MUST BE PROVIDED IN EACH TASK FORCE. INITIAL SHORTAGE DESTROYERS AND ANTI-SUBMARINE TYPES HAS BECOME ACUTE. TCS AND SCR 617 EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN ALL SHIPS OF TRANSGRUP AND BOAT CONTROL VESSEL TO HAVE CONTRAGRUP RELIABLE VOICE CIRCUIT FOR HIS COMMAND.

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October 9, 1943

Marshall for Richardson

Decision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the category of defense for Hawaii is furnished herewith for your information on 5 October 43. Joint Chiefs of Staff agree that as regards Naval and Air Defense the category of Defense for Hawaii should be category "D" but as regards Ground Forces not less than 2 Divisions, including Ground Forces in transit or training, should be considered adequate.

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PRESENT INTERCOURSE WILL BE MADE BY AIR AND SURFACE BOMBARDMENT EARLY OCTOBER
WITH YOUR PRESENT FORCE AUGMENTED BY TWO CHARLIE VICTOR ONE CHARLIE VICTOR
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Japanese Operations in the Capture of Wake Island

A diagrammatic sketch of the naval disposition of the Japanese force which captured Wake Island on December 24, 1941, and a fragmentary description of the attack, taken from the personal diary of a Japanese seaman.
Japanese Operations in the Capture of Wake Island

The following disposition of Japanese naval forces used en route to Wake Island, probably from a location in the Marshall Islands, which culminated in the final and successful occupation of that island on Dec. 24, 1941 was found in the diary of a Japanese seaman. In view of the unofficial nature and incompleteness of the diary this report must be considered to give only a general idea of the subject:

![Diagram of Japanese naval forces en route to Wake Island]

**Summary**

- Force flagship: type unknown
  - 1 CV
  - 4 CA
  - 2 CL
  - 8 DD
  - 1 AP

**Note:** There is no information available with respect to the name or type of the force flagship, nor on intervals and distances between units.

The above force departed from an unknown harbor on December 21 and took a northerly course to Wake Island. The following day, on approaching Wake, the four CA's of CruDiv 6 in the rear advanced to a position in the Tan at 1440 (LZT). While approaching Wake shore based aircraft from the Marshall Islands appear to have passed overhead apparently enroute to "soften up" the Wake defenders. At 2300 (LZT) the attack commenced and landings were carried out. The subsequent combat was described in the diary as terrific. 22 planes from the accompanying carrier were stated to have bombed U.S. positions while the ground forces were advancing, and mention was made of the effectiveness of the U.S. AA fire. Casualties to Japanese ground forces were given as 179.

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From: Hawaii Dept
To: Chief of Staff (USA) CINCPAC
No. 119 December 25, 1942

During zero zero zero one to zero zero four zero Y Dec Twenty third, twenty six B twenty fours bombed Berry from about four thousand feet. One hundred thirty eight dash five hundred pound bombs and eighteen incendiary clusters dropped. Thru CINCPAC for WD CSA Wash DC from Emmons. Estimated ninety percent of projectiles were placed in a target area. Many fires started visible for seventy five miles and every indication attack a complete surprise. Enemy antiaircraft fire inaccurate all planes and personnel returned to Copper no injuries to personnel with only slight damage to aircraft photo mission after attack unsuccessful due to bad weather. Detailed report follows by air mail.

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ALERTED HAWAIIAN AREA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON DUE TO REPORT BY B-24 OF SIGHTING CARRIER TYPE PLANE LAT 31-41 NORTH LONG 163-13 WEST. VALUE OF REPORT REDUCED BY FACT B-24 WAS INADVERTENTLY IN ANOTHER PLANE’S SECTOR AND MAY HAVE MISSTAKEN OTHER PLANE FOR ENEMY. NOTHING FURTHER HAS RESULTED FROM THIS CONTACT AND NORMAL ALERT HAS BEEN RESUMED. TASK FORCE 11 REPORTS SUBMARINE ABOUT 700 MILES SOUTH OAHU. ALL OTHER DEVELOPMENTS PASSED TO YOU.

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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From: Ft Shafter TH
To: WDGBI

No. 4303 November 16, 1942

Our search plane reports seeing small fast unidentified single engine low wing monoplane seven hundred miles north Oahu GCT one five two zero five five indicating possible presence enemy carrier that area and hence possible air attack (WDGBI nearest contact four miles could not identify type. When B twenty four tried to close gap it drew away rapidly.

Emmons

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/96
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON HAVE UNDER EXAMINATION THE MILITARY GOVERNORSHIP OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS WITH VIEW TO POSSIBLE RELAXATION OF SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF MARTIAL LAW. JAPANESE CAPACITY TO INFLECT DAMAGE THIS AREA IS STILL VERY GREAT. I REPEAT, I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT NAVY DEPARTMENT OPPOSE ANY CHANGE IN STATUS QUO OR ANY LIMITATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR.

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From: Ft. Shafter  
To: War  
No. 1163, June 29, 1942  

Supplemental report attack Wake night twenty six dash twenty seven June: HDCS three LB dash thirties took off Midway at eighteen hundred Midway time twenty six June nineteen forty two. Flight to Wake in formation nine thousand feet altitude. Weather excellent. Celestial navigation to within fifty miles target. ANV equipment used to locate target. Attack made at zero zero zero three Midway time twenty six June nineteen forty two. Light AA fire encountered when flight three miles from Wake. AA during attack heavy cruiser medium intensity, very ineffective. Some small arms and automatic weapon fire observed.  

Attack made under clear unlimited conditions full moon. Eighteen five hundred pound bombs dropped with instantaneous fuze, one dod observed. Bombs dropped in train along airstrove area. Airplanes observed adjacent to runway, explosions observed airstrove area after bomb detonations.  

One enemy observed in air at distance. No surface craft observed. No strafing by our planes. No damage LB dash thirties or personnel. All three planes returned Midway from Wake individually.  

Performance of planes and equipment excellent. Future similar formation attacks delivered require excellent weather, not necessary for individual plane attack. Total distance flown two zero eight zero nautical miles.  

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From: Ft Shafter
To: War

No. 1153, June 29, 1942

Miles Midway Wake Midway. Time round trip thirteen hours thirty minutes. Although highly successful, do not intend to repeat this type of raid until some continuity of similar effort warrants actual follow up with attack designed for occupation of Wake. Request no publication of number, type, or origin of flight.

Emmons

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From: Honolulu
To: WDCSA
No 1140, June 28, 1942

Report army bombing of Wake; three LB dash Thirties under Command Colonels Ramsey, Landon, and Meijan bombed Wake from formation at altitude four thousand feet at zero zero zero five r p t five Y. Heavy AA fire but inaccurate. Hdgcs some antiaircraft fired on formation three miles from shoreline. Bombs hit air drome or nearby installations or among numerous aircraft poorly dispersed around landing mat. Three hostile planes attacked about thirty miles from shore on return trip. Minor damage only to one LB dash Thirty by AA fire weather clear unlimited. Request no publicity until released AY CINCPAC.

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From: Fort Shafter
To: WDSCA

No. 771, June 13, 1942

Summary of Army part in Midway battle reported 4185/9 as follows: (1) 1813/3rd - SB-17s attacked enemy vessels including 5 BB or CA - with bombs 24 600 pound - 12 500 pound - 5 known hits - 1 probable - 1 near - altitude 8 - 12,000 feet - observed results: 1 RB or CA and 1 large transport afire water line hit amidships on large AP or AK - own losses none (2) 0710/4th - 4 B-26s attacked enemy group of CV, BB, CA, DD with torpedoes - 3 hits - 1 CV hit twice another CV hit once - intense small calibre AA fire from side of hanger deck - Zero intercepted - 2 B-26s lost in attack - other 2 crash landed at Midway - 2 Zero shot down (3) 1810/4th - 2 B-17s bombed 5 CV, BB, 2 CA, 5 DD - altitude 10,000 - 16 500 pound bombs - 1 hit 3 near misses on BB - 2 hits 3 near misses on CV which slowed down - 3 Zeroes shot down, 1 Zero damaged - own losses none (4) 1815/4th - 14 B-17s bombed same target - altitude 20,000 - 34 500 pound and 73 500 pound bombs - 2 hits - 2 probable - 11 near hits - 3 CV hit and set afire - 1 Zero shot down - own losses none (5) 0320/4th - 6 B-17s bombed same target - altitude 3600 feet - 3 500 pound 5 600 pound bombs - 2 hits - 2 near hits - DD sunk - hit CB carrier already afire - 4 Zeroes shot down 1 Zero damaged - own losses none (6) 1830/4th - 4 B-17s bombed same target - altitude 25,000 - 28 500 pound - 1 hit 1 probable 1 near - CA set afire - own losses none (7) 0430/5th - 5 B-17s bombed 2 BB or CA altitude 20,000 feet - 29 500 pound bombs - 1 hit, 2 probable, 7 near -
own losses none (8) 1815/5th - 7 B-17s - 56 500 pound bombs on CA - altitude 15,000 - 3 hits 4 near hits - own losses none (8) 1820/5th - 5 B-17s - 8 500 pound and 15 600 pound bombs on CA - results not observed - 1 B-17 missing - 1 B-17 landed in water off Midway out of gas - 1 of crew lost. Totals 9 attacks - 23 hits - 6 probable and 66 near hits - 10 Zeros shot down, 2 Zeros damaged - 1 BB hit - 2 BB or CA 3 CV and 1 large AK hit or AP hit 4 fire, 1 large AK hit - 1 BB sunk by bombs - 2 CV hit with 3 torpedoes. These are Army plane results and entirely independent of Navy action. Total results will show some duplication because at different times same ship was attacked by both Army and Navy figures given are later and modify those contained in my personal letter of 7 June. My comments follow:

Navy assumed command of the Army bombers prior to battle of Midway. All Army units based at Midway came under the direct command of the Senior Naval Officer at Midway. This command set up has the disadvantage that Naval Air Commanders do not know the capabilities of Army equipment and personnel.

Some of the lessons learned follow: (a) we were not reinforced with heavy bombers from the mainland as quickly as expected. A special situation existed, but such may always be the case. We should have ample bombers and pursuit planes on hand to meet our tactical requirements. (b) our air bases scattered throughout the Pacific we must not only have ample supply of fuel, bombs, and ammunition, but a supply of spare parts, special equipment, and enough maintenance personnel to take care of the equipment likely to be based there until
reinforcements can be brought in. There must also be available equipment for rapidly clearing and repairing runways. The supplies and personnel should be sent from Mainland as our assets are limited. Fuel lines, tanks, electric pumps, etc., are vulnerable. There must always be an alternate means of rapid refueling. At all bases we should have ample reserve of fuel in drums and a sufficient number of pumps. There must also be a reserve of bomb and torpedo loading equipment. The B-26s and B-25s are effective torpedo airplanes. However, ample supply of reinforced torpedoes must be made available, our crews trained in their use, and our Ordnance personnel trained and equipped to maintain these torpedoes. Torpedo attacks against Jap carriers approach suicide unless other forms of attack are made simultaneously in order to disperse the carriers heavy defensive fire.

Our gunners need more training. We badly need tow target airplanes and crews for aerial and antiaircraft gunnery training. The value of near bomb misses has been greatly exaggerated. Effort should be made to hit the ship. There is uncertainty in Army and Navy as to the proper type of fuse to use against various types of ships. Recommend the Chief of the Army Air Force, after a careful study, inform all bombardment units about fuses. This matter should be coordinated with the Navy. Full use should be made of reconnaissance agencies. The combat crews at Midway were nearly exhausted when the battle opened because of fruitless sweeps in formation. Every heavy bomber should be provided with 3 combat and 2 maintenance crews to get the full value out of the airplane. Both the Army and Navy must develop better fighter and pursuit airplanes. The P-40 and P-39 types
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From: Fort Shafter
To: VDCRA

No. 771, June 13, 1943

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are efficient in performance at high altitudes. The Japs used much radio deception. Authentication of tactical messages is essential. Jap fighters do not like to attack B-17s while in close formation. This battle proved again that heavy bombers stationed in Hawaii are not immobilized but can be used effectively in support of the Fleet and outlying bases. The B-17s are deficient in range for operations in this area. Every effort should be made to produce and deliver the B-29 and D-32 types in this area. It must be understood that it is no disgrace to have airplanes caught on the ground under certain circumstances. To avoid the stigma Commanders are exhausting crews and equipment and may enter combat low on fuel. There is a tendency to rush attacks on surface vessels at long ranges at the expense of planning and coordination. In many cases, a few additional minutes expended for proper preparation may mean the difference between success and failure. High level bombing is an effective means of destroying warships but enough airplanes must be used to insure enough hits. The Jap attack on Midway closely resembled the attack on Oahu in exception. Experienced American carrier Commanders have stated that 1,800 pound bomb hit is worth much more than 2,500 pound hits. Vital installations where dispersion and concealment are impracticable must be well protected against air attacks. Anti-aircraft shell fragments on runway at Midway blew out and damaged many tires. Runways must be kept clear of these fragments.

Emmons

Note: No. 4185 (CM-OUT-2079, 6/9/42) OPD. Requests summary of Midway action by AAF.

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By DBS

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AIRMILGRAM

(READDRESS BY CINC PAC TO COMINCH, OPNAV, SUBCOMS FOR INFO.)

YOUR 070554:*

DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS. EASTERN ISLAND: SMALL LOCAL DAMAGE TO RUNWAYS; MARTINE GALLEY LESS HALL AND PX WITH ALL EQUIPMENT COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. 1 WOOD ELEVATED TANK FOR BRACKISH WATER DEMOLISHED, 1 REPAIRABLE. POWERHOUSE BUILDING COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. INSTALLATIONS THEREON DESTROYED. AS FOLLOWS: 3 40-HP BOILERS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED, 1 REILLY 2000-GPD EVAPORATOR COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED, 1 DAVIS PARACOIL 6000 GPD EVAPORATOR COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED, 3 250-KILOWATT FAIRBANKS MORSE GENERATORS EXCITERS AND ELECTRICAL PARTS UNFIT FOR USE BEING RETURNED TO PEARL HARBOR FOR POSSIBLE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT. 1 ELECTRIC CONTROL PANEL DEMOLISHED; 3 300-HP FAIRBANKS MORSE DIESEL ENGINES ABOUT 25 PERCENT DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE; 3 25-KW TRANSFORMERS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. DIRECT HIT SEVERED GASOLINE FILL AND ISSUE LINES AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO AQUA GAS SYSTEM NOW RESTORED. LEAN-TO HANGAR 25 PERCENT DAMAGED. SEWER LINES LOCALLY DAMAGED NOW RESTORED. WATER LINES LOCALLY DAMAGED NOW RESTORED. 1 HEAD 25 PERCENT

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DAMAGE NOW RESTORED. VARIOUS REPAIRABLE DAMAGE TO TRUCKS, CARS AND SMALL EQUIPMENT.

DAMAGE SAND ISLAND AS FOLLOWS: HIGH PRESSURE WATER LINES, BRACKISH AND SALT TO MARTINE AREA TORN OUT FOR 43 FEET BY DIRECT HIT. THE BRACKISH WATER LINES WERE BROKEN IN SEVERAL PLACES OVER THE CAMP. NOW RESTORED. 50 PERCENT OF FIRE PLUGS DESTROYED, 200,000 GALLON WATER TANK STAYS AND DOWN PIPE DAMAGED. 3 FUEL OIL STORAGE TANKS, 2 12,000-BARRELS AND 1 5,000-BARRELS DESTROYED COMPLETELY BY FIRE OLD ARMY TANKS. NAVY LAUNDARY BUILDING SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, 1 CORNER DEMOLISHED, REMAINDER OF STEEL FRAME IN GOOD CONDITION. EQUIPMENT REPAIRABLE. NAVY MACHINE SHOP PAINT STORAGE BUILDING AND GARAGE BUILDINGS DESTROYED EXCEPT STEEL FRAME.

EQUIPMENT NOT DAMAGED. BUILDINGS USEABLE. NAVY CARPENTER SHOP AND METAL SHOP WTS BLDG SERIOUSLY DAMAGED EXCEPT STEEL FRAME AND FOUNDATIONS. EQUIPMENT NOT DAMAGED. BUILDINGS USEABLE. EQUIPMENT SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE. TORPEDO AND BOMBSIGHT BUILDING DAMAGED.

BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR, HEAT OF FIRE HAS WARPED AND TRISTED THE STEEL FRAME. ELECTRIC SHOP AND PLUMBING SHOP PARACHUTE LOFT BLDG SERIOUSLY DAMAGED EXCEPT STEEL FRAME AND FOUNDATIONS. BUILDING USEABLE, EQUIPMENT NOT DAMAGED. SQUADRON WAREHOUSE CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED AND 1 CORNER DEMOLISHED. 80 PERCENT OF STEEL FRAME UNDAMAGED. COLD STORAGE BUILDING SUPPLY STORAGE ROOM WALLS.
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16 CIRCUITS. LESS HALL AND GALLEY. 2 LIGHTING PANELS 10 AMP 125/250 VOLT 3 PHASE 4-WIRE 16 CIRCUITS; 2 POWER PANELS 3 PHASE 4-WIRE. COLD STORAGE PLATE, 2 AB BREAKERS WESTINGHOUSE DE-12V CIRCUIT INTERRUPTOR STYLE 545391 50 AMP 25/50 DC 600 AC VOLTS 3 PHASE.

EASTER ISLAND: 1 SWITCH 3 POLE FUSIBLE 100 AMP. 3 SWITCHES 3 POLE FUSIBLE 60 AMP. 5 WESTINGHOUSE MAGNETIC STARTERS AC NOW REVERSING SERVICE CLASS 11-200 LINE STARTERS FOR SQUIRREL CAGE INDUCTION MOTORS 3 PHASE 60 CYCLE 230 VOLTS 2-HP. OVERHEAD WIRE AND ELECTRIC LINE LEADS IN OLD CONTRACTORS CAMP BURNT AND GROUNDED OTHER LINES DAMAGED BY (BUT) REPAIRABLE. 1 WELDING MACHINE AND CHICAGO PNEUMATIC AIR COMPRESSOR 50 PERCENT DAMAGED. 2 PICKUPS AND 1 STATION WAGONDEMOLISHED. VARIOUS REPAIRABLE DAMAGE TO TRUCKS, CARS AND SMALL EQUIPMENT.

REFERENCE: 074954

TO: NAS MIDWAY

WHEN KNOWN, ADVISE RESULTS PT ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND ATTACKS OF 817s TODAY. ON NIGHT 3-4 JUNE WAS MORE THAN 1 TORPEDO HIT MADE BY PBY'S. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE SUBMIT BRIEF OF DAMAGE INFlicted ON ENEMY BY MIDWAY FORCES AND SUMMARY OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED.

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To: CSF
Number 62, June 7, 1942

Summary of Midway action since our last report as follows: B-17's sank orange cruiser with 2 hits 1100 pounds bombs dash sank in 15 seconds. Navy TF 16 reports on Jap Naval Forces latitude 28-55 north longitude 173-00 east with following results - 1 orange battleship left gutted and abandoned - 1 orange destroyer sunk - others damaged - 3 bomb hits on 1 CA - 1000 pound bomb hits on 2 other CA 1 of which believed flagship on CHNC 2nd fleet - believe 4th carrier has been sunk. Retirement of enemy may be temporary - and renewal of attack on Midway is considered possible.

Emmons

Note: Serial number is apparently wrong and believed to be #612.

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From: Ft Shafter
To: WD CSA Washn DC

No. 577 June 6th, 1942.

Operations report. Ending 1850 June HWT (1) 6 Baker-17s searched 800 miles seaward and 6 Baker-18s searched 300 miles seaward from Oahu x HOCB (2) sightings none (3) large enemy tank force retiring North North West Balsas about 300 miles out consisting of 2 damaged CVS also BBS AND ACS DDS and CAS some of which were damaged X another force of 3 BBS with accompanying vessels bearing 262 distance about 250 miles from Balsas (4) 15 Baker-17s attacked 2 CVS bearing 3 20 distance 180 miles from Balsas from 20,000 feet. Both CVS reported hit. No Baker-17 combat casualties. 4 Baker-26s armed with 1 to reposition each attacked same targets result 1 definite hit and 1 probable hit. 2 Baker-26s missing. Strong pursuit interception and heavy small caliber AA fire encountered. 2 damaged Baker-26s crash landed at Balsas (during early morning 8 Baker-17s attacked enemy BBS and or CAS bearing 206 distance 1 25 miles from Balsas. Following results reported: 1 direct hit on BB or CA plus bomb explosions under stern causing ship to turn in circle and leak oil. No casualties.

During afternoon 3 Baker-17s attacked and left burning 1 CA NW Balsas.

Late afternoon 6 Baker-17s attacked CV in same position while enroute Oahu to Balsas. 2 hits reported on smoking carrier, no casualties. (5) During day 18 Baker-17s left Oahu for Balsas. 13 more same type will leave for Balsas 0200 HWT 6th June. 12 Baker-17s have returned safely to Oahu since 1800 HWT 4th June. 1 Plane same type lost in water off Lanai 5th June all crew rescued. Airfield capacities no change.

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From: Fort Shafter
To: WD CBA

June 5, 1942

Following report of operations ending 1800 HWT 4th June.

1. 6 Baker-17s searched 500 miles seaward and 6 Baker-17s searched 300 miles seaward from Oahu. (2) Sightings none. (3) Group of about 11 enemy ships including CAS CVB and EBS sighted 170 miles west north west of Balsa NW early morning search. (4) Balsa heavily bombed at 0900 HWT by force estimated 150 planes. Result power house destroyed and slight damage to runways and Avn gas supply. 15 Baker-17s attacked enemy task force 150 miles west north west Balsa early this morning. Results 1 or more hits on at least 1 CV 2 APs and 2 EBS. No Baker-17 losses reported. Undetermined number of wounded being evacuated to Oahu by returning aircraft. (5) 11 Baker-17s have been directed at 1900 HWT to attack enemy task force and return to Oahu. Striking force maintained as follows: On Oahu 30 Baker-17s and 11 Baker-26s, at Balsa 13 Baker-17s and 4 Baker-26s. 11 Baker-17s are enroute Oahu from Balsa for maintenance and repair. No change in airfield capacities.

Envelopes

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URGENT

From: Honolulu
To: Chief of Staff U. S. Army

#533, June 5, 1942

Summary of Midway action to date: Jap losses-carriers-2 sunk, 2 reported burning. Battleships-2 damaged-transport-3 hit. -heavy cruisers-1 damaged verified. Army losses-1 B-17 lost at sea, crew saved-3 B-26s lost in combat. Personnel losses not reported. Present status-8 B-17s now at Midway on attack mission-6 B-17s leaving Oahu 0630 HWT this morning for attack mission Midway. No publicity except as released by CINCPAC.

Emmons

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URGENT

From: Fort Shafter
To: WD CSA

#555, June 5, 1942

Latest reports indicate entire Orange Force has turned West and is in retreat. We are heavily reinforcing Midway with B-17's for pursuit. Details later. No publicity until released by CINCPAC.

Emmons

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SUMMARY OF DAMAGE TO 0800 (Q) 5 JUNE

MAIN BODY:

1 bomb hit on BB.
1 bomb hit on AP.
1 torpedo hit on AP.

STRIKING FORCE:

2 bomb or torpedo hits on BB
1 hit on BB
2 bomb hits on CV
3 torpedo hits in CV (SORYU CLASS).

Cinopac 050355 - "BELIEVE BADLY DAMAGED ALL FOUR CV".

Cinopac 051015 -

B17 two hits on smoking CV, 2 other burning ships in area bearing 320 distance 170 from Midway. 2 other burning ships about 125 miles on same bearing.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
1. Patrol plane sighted 2 Orange Cargo vessels, bearing 247°, distance 470 from Midway at 2154 Z 3 June; and later sighted ORANGE MAIN BODY bearing 261°, distance 700 from Midway.

2. At 040019-Z, Midway reported 2 cargo vessels and 2 small vessels on course 050 bearing 251, distance 570 from Midway.

3. 9 B-17s attacked ORANGE MAIN BODY:
   3 BB
   1 CV
   2 or 3 CA
   5 or 4 Miscellaneous types
   Total = 11 vessels.
   Results: 1-BB and 1-AP afire.

4. At 0434/Z/4, ORANGE MAIN BODY, bearing 261 distance 574 from Midway. Course made good from first sighting O31-l, speed 18.

5. 4 Catalinas made a moonlight attack on ORANGE Main Body during night of 3-4 June at position 260° distance 500 miles from Midway. Results were not reported.

6. At 041809 many enemy planes were reported heading towards Midway from 320° distance 150 miles. These planes raided Midway at 1855.

Damage received:
Power house destroyed.
Very slight damage to runway.

Enemy losses:
8 planes shot down.
7. Cinopac 042301 reports Midway planes attack enemy force consisting of:
   2 - CV
   8-10 - Ships.
   Position 320° from Midway. Torpedoes were dropped but results not observed. Dive bombers hit 1-CV with 2 bombs and carrier emitted heavy smoke.

8. At 050001 Task Force 17 reported that he was attacking the 2 ORANGE CVs previously reported, and at 050035 he reports having been attacked in position 150 miles north of Midway.

9. Cinopac reported at 050147 that Midway was sending Bomron 8 (Hornet) of 11 planes to attack enemy CVs to northward. Planes are to return to Midway if HORNET is not located, and at 050453 sending 6 fortresses to attack 3 burning ships bearing 320 distance 170 from Midway. At 0710 Z 6 SBD and 5 SB2U3 departed to attack.

10. NAUTILUS reported 3 torpedoes in damaged carrier of the SIRYU class 30 - 13N, Longitude 179 - 18W at 0200 Z 5.

11. Commander Task Force 17 transferred Flag to ASTORIA. YORKTOWN hit by at least 3 bombs, badly damaged, dead in water, but apparently seaworthy. YORKTOWN position Lat. 30° - 48' N, Longitude 176° - 53'.
URGENT

From: Ft Shafter TH
To: Chief of Staff

No 515 June 4, 1942

Flash report from Midway unverified. 9 Baker-17s attacked 3 BSS about 600 miles west Midway. 1 BB left a fire 2 close misses on 2d results on 3d not observed. No publicity until released by Cincpac. Our losses unreported. Will keep you advised.

Reyons

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From: Ft. Shafter
To: CDE WDCSA

No. 517, June 4, 1942

Daily operations report will cover 24 hour period ending 1800 HWT X HDGCS X (1) 6 Baker-17s and 6 Baker-18s participated in search from Oahu X (2) Sighting none X (3) 11 enemy ships including 6 large vessels in column estimated to be the force scheduled to attack and occupy midway sighted at 2135 GCT by midway reconnaissance on course 90 bearing 261 from midway distance 700 knots speed 19 X 5 additional AK and 2 smaller vessels sighted west of midway at distances varying from 470 to 625 miles moving toward midway X No carriers or striking force yet located X (4) 1 Baker-17 dispatched midway to 261 degrees 700 miles to guide striking force of 9 Baker-17s to attack enemy force there X Unverified report just received from CINCPAC gave results this attack: 1 BB left afe 2 near misses on 2nd results on 3rd BB not observed X (5) striking force maintained as follows: Oahu 23 Baker-17s; midway 9 Baker-17s 4 Baker-26s X 7 Baker-17s dispatched to midway X Arrivals: 2 additional Baker-17s 3 LB 30s and 11 Baker-26s arrived from mainland X Airfield capacities no change.

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URGENT

From: Ft Shafter
To: WDCH

No. 521, June 4th, 1943

All Baker 17s returned from attack reported 515/4th. Only minor damage to planes no casualties reported. Bombed from 8,000 feet corrected report indicates 1 HE and 1 AK or AP left afire. 4 Catalinas torpedo attacked main body by moonlight last night 1 enemy transport reported hit and burning. 15 Baker 17s left Midway 0510 Yoke for attack on main body. Reports received this moment indicate this formation diverted to attack enemy carrier just sighted. Jap planes reported enroute to attack Midway. Will keep you advised. Absolutely no publicity until released by CinCPac. In addition to bomber reinforcements every effort should be made to strengthen our pursuit.

Emoms

FOOTNOTE: Number 515 is CH-IN-0990 (6/4/42) OPD. Report of activity in Midway Area.

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URGENT

From: Ft Shafter
To: WDCSA

No. 523, June 4, 1942

Air raid Midway 1835 X/4th destroyed power house and inflicted very slight damage to runway. Avgas intact. In complete report indicates 8 Jap planes shot down. 15 B-17's from Midway diverted to attack enemy main body with 2 carriers. Will keep you advised.

Absolutely no publicity until released by Cincpac.

Emmons

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URGENT

From: Fort Shafter TR
To: Chief of Staff

No. 520 June 4, 1942

Latest reports Midway action indicate serious damage to 1 enemy carrier by land based aviation. No publicity until released by Cincpac.

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From: FT Enrico IL
To: AC OF S G-2

No. 191 May 21, 1942

All intelligence agencies alert for indications JAP intentions answer your 3808 May 18. Close contact and LIAISON maintained with FLEET INTELLIGENCE. No definite indications but Air Raid on HAWAII or attack on MIDWAY strong capability anytime after 24 May.

FIELDER


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PRIORITY
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From: Ft Shafter Th
To: The Adjt General Wash DC
No. 143 May 19, 1942

A special destruction committee of the Treasury Dept has been in Hawaii since the month of March and has destroyed $7,363,638 of unfit currency. This committee has custody of an additional $5,181,400 which it holds subject to the needs of the community. As of May 2nd the banks in the territory had in their possession approximately $19,000,000 in currency of which approximately $13,000,000 is in Honolulu banks. In the event of invasion it is contemplated that all currency in the hands of banks will be delivered to the destruction committee for burning however there exists the possibility that time would not permit collection of currency from all bank branches and other disrupting factors such as bombing and transportation obstructions under attack conditions might nullify the entire plan. The problem of disposing of the $6,000,000 in the possession of outlying branch banks and on the outside islands presents considerable difficulty. All currency destruction would have to be undertaken in anticipation of invasion and if the attack was successfully repulsed the territory would be left without a medium of exchange. A satisfactory solution to this problem would be the issuance of a distinctive special issue of currency for circulation in the territory during the period of martial law. Such an issue could be sponsored by the Treasury Dept in cooperation with the War Dept and approximately (201) 000 dollars of such currency would be sufficient for local needs. The special issue currency could be exchanged for the existing currency and the latter could then be destroyed by the destruction committee.

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The special issue currency would not circulate on
the mainland but would be exchangeable at par at
any Federal Reserve Bank or the Treasury at
Washington. In the event of a successful invasion
the right of redemption of the special currency could
be cancelled therefore it would be valueless if it
fell into enemy hands. (Letter follows. Over 38 E).
This plan also removes the difficulties involved in
bringing new shipments of currency from the mainland.
It is strongly urged that the War Dept confer with
the Treasury Dept with a view to putting such plan
into operation at the earliest possible moment.

Emmons

(2 #1) Came fifty. Service on Request.

Note: No. 143 was CH-IN-5170 5/19/42 OPD.

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From: Ft Shafter TH
To: CEA

No 96 May 16, 1943

The following extract of Pacific Fleet Intelligence Summary this date is quoted for your information reference my radio 3638 April 1(1) "There can no longer be any doubt that the enemy is preparing for an offensive against US territory. It is known that an attempt will be made to occupy Midway and points in the Aleutians. What action will be taken against the Hawaiian Islands is as yet unknown."

The exact dates of this offensive are not known but it is believed that the general move will start from Japan and Saipan somewhere around 20 May.

It appears that the Coral Sea Campaign, although in earnest and carried out with effort was in reality only a side issue. Quite possibly with the intention, successful or not, of drawing our main forces to that area.

It is believed that Patrol Plane-submarine operations from the Marshalls against Hawaii and/or Midway are quite probable and may possibly be our cue for the start of the coming offensive. Cincpac has not repeat not specifically approved above summary but this represents Naval estimate here today with which in general I concur.

Emmons

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Radio 3638 (CH-IN-6778 4/35/43) Aircraft situation in Hawaii is critical.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44
ACTION HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WASHINGTON INFO COMINCH COM 14 FROM CINCPAC.

ARMAMENT BEING SENT BALSAM FY 50153 IS WITHOUT ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION. ARMY FURNISHED NO TRANSPORTATION WITH GUNS BUT WILL LOAN SOME IN EMERGENCY. ESSENTIAL AA GUNS BE MOBILE TO PERMIT MOVEMENT AFTER RECONNAISSANCE OR ATTACK. TRANSPORTATION ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR FOOD AND AMMUNITION DISTRIBUTION. REQUEST SHIPMENT COMPLETE EQUIPMENT LESS WEAPONS AND THREE INCH FIRE CONTROL AS PER MARCORPS TBA FOR ONE GROUP THREE INCH AA ONE BATTERY 40 MM AA AND TWO Platoons 37 MM AA.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODENAME FOR MARCORPS.
INFORM COMGEN HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT X

AS AGREED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF THE PRINCIPLES OF JOINT COMINC AND CHIEF OF STAFF USA 251745 MARCH AND 191530 APRIL, FORWARDED MY SERIAL 9733 MAY ONE, ARE EXTENDED TO THE HAWAIIAN COASTAL AND SEA FRONTIERS AND A STATE OF FLEET OPPOSED INVASION IS DECLARED NOW IN EFFECT PARA YOU ARE DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS: ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DEFENSE SECTOR EMBODYING THE HAWAIIAN COASTAL FRONTIER AS DELINEATED IN YOUR HAWAIIAN DEFENSE PLAN ONE AND JOINT HAWAIIAN COASTAL FRONTIER DEFENSE PLAN X ORGANIZE A DEFENSIVE TASK FORCE COMPRISING ALL ARMY AND NAVY FORCES SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED BY CINCPAC FOR LOCAL DEFENSE OF THE SECTOR AND DESIGNATE THE COMMANDING GENERAL HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT AS THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER HAWAIIAN DEFENSE SECTOR X FORM SEA FRONTIER TASK FORCES

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AS APPROPRIATE MAKE SUITABLE CHANGES YOUR HAWAIIAN DEFENSE PLAN ONE TO EFFECT THE FOREGOING PARA THE ABOVE CHANGES DO NOT EFFECT THE HIGHER UNITY/COMMAND HELD BY CINCPAC OVER ALL ARMED FORCES PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS AS SPECIFIED IN COMINCH SECRET #31905 APRIL X YOUR SERIAL #42 WILIAM MARCH 13

COMINCH DELIVER TO COFS ARMY, VCNO
PARAPHRASE BY MAIL TO ADDRESSEES COMINCH SERIAL #793 OF 5/1/42

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FROM: CINCPAC

TUGS ENROUTE TO TOW YORKTOWN WITH CONSTRUCTION AND SALVAGE OFFICERS. RETAIN ENOUGH MEN ON BOARD YORKTOWN WHO KNOW SHIP AND FURNISH DD ESCORT TO ASSIST SALVAGE PARTY.

Received as 210 - 4/5/47
COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC

ANOTHER VIA CINCPAC FROM MIDWAY. HRS 050725.
SIX SB2 U3 DEPARTED FOR HEARING 320 DISTANCE 180 AT 0710 ZED TO ATTACK. ALL FOR NOW FOR YOUR INFO.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/45
WASHINGTON

COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC

AT 0629/5 GMT JAPS BELIEVED HOMING PLANES.

Received 0720 - 6/5/42
WASHINGTON

COMINCH PHONE
FROM: CINCPAC

MIDWAY 050621 QUOTE PATROL PLANE THAT HAS BEEN TRAILING ENEMY ATTACKED BY ZERO FIGHTERS. MAY INDICATE JAP CARRIER STILL ON LOOSE.

UNQUOTE AND HIS 050620 QUOTE FORTRESSES REPORT CRUISER LEFT AFIRE CARRIER.

RECEIVED AT 702 5 JUNE
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CINCPAC PHONE

FROM: CTF 8.1.1

CLASS NAME CARRIER UNKNOWN ISLAND TYPE LARGE. ONE NAJT R E P E AT NAJT R. BELIEVE TWO OTHER CA'S TYPE UNKNOWN. PLANE ATTEMPTED BOMB CARRIER DECK STRUCK BY CALIBER 50 AT 1700 FEET. OIL AND FUEL LINES PIERCED REQUIRING ENGINE CHANGE. WEATHER CONDITIONS LOW CUMULUS WITH LARGE BREAKS AT 800 FEET. ALTO STRATUS AT 5000 WIND 30 KNOTS FROM 245 TRUE. ESTIMATE PLANE READY 28 HOURS. SEA MODERATE. PLANES DEFINITELY BELIEVED BELOW DECKS. THIS ADDITION TO PREVIOUS REPORT

*GARBLE

RECEIVED AT 0400 5 JUNE
COMINCH PHONE

FROM: TF 17
TO: TF 16

REQUEST AIR SUPPORT WHILE I RESCUE CREW OF YORKTOWN X

RECEIVED AT 0640 - 5 JUNE
WASHINGTOm

COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC
TO: ALL TF IN PAC.

MIDWAY SENDING SIX FORTRESSES TO ATTACK
REPORTED THREE BURNING ENEMY SHIPS BEARING
320 DEGREES DISTANCE 170 MILES FROM THERE.

RECEIVED AT 0230- 5 JUNE
COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC

BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300 Z TODAY AIR FROM TF 16 AND 17 ATTACKED ENEMY FORCE BELIEVE CONSIST OF 4CVs 2BBs 4CAe 6DDs X BELIEVED BADLY DAMAGED ALL 4CVs AND OTHER SHIPS HIT. OUR PLANE LOSSES HEAVY X AT 2215 Z ENEMY IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 30-38N and 178-30W.

MANEUVERING X

RECEIVED AT 0230 - 5 JUNE
WASHINGTON

FROM: CTF 17

AFTER SECOND HEAVY ATTACK AT 0240Z YORkTOWN
APPARENTLY SINKING X YORKTOWN REPORTED TWO
ENEMY CARRIERS DESTROYED X HAVE NO IDEA
LOCATION CARRIERS ATTACKING TF 17 X

RECEIVED AT 0136 - 05 JUNE
COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC

TO: ANY OR ALL NAVAL VESSELS IN PAC.

ENEMY UNIT REPORTS SOME UNIT BEARING 090 DISTANCE 40 MILES ON COURSE 180 AT 0235 GCT.

RECEIVED AT 0033-05 JUNE
COMINCH PHONE

FROM: CINCPAC

TO: COMINCH COMGENHAW

DAMAGE SUMMARY: FORCE ORIGINALLY BEARING 261 DISTANCE 700 MILES FROM MIDWAY ONE BOMB HIT BB ONE ON AP ONE TORPEDO HIT AP X FORCE ORIGINALLY BEARING 320 DEGREES DISTANCE 180 TWO BOMB OR TORPEDO HITS ON BB ONE HIT ON SECOND BB TWO BOMB HITS ON CV X ONE CV REPORTED SMOKING

RECEIVED AT 0031-05 JUNE
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FROM: CINCPAC

CTF 17 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED HEAVILY

BY AIR X CINCPAC RELAYS HIS PLAIN

LANGUAGE 050247

RECEIVED AT 0028-05 JUNE
WASHINGTON

COMMUNICATION

FIRST REPORT MIDWAY AIR ATTACK:

EASTERN ISLAND POWER HOUSE DAMAGED X MAIN
AVGAS SUPPLY THERE INTACT X RUNWAYS ONLY
SLIGHTLY DAMAGED X NO REAL HINDRANCE TO
LANDING X INCOMPLETE REPORT AA FIRE GOT
8 JAP PLANES X

RECEIVED AT 0027-05 JUNE
COMINCH PHONE
FROM: CINCPAC
TO: CWSF
     NWSF
     COMGHAW

AT 041804 PLANE REPORTS TWO CVs AND OTHER
SHIPS BEARING 320 DEGREES DISTANCE 180 MILES
FROM MIDWAY ON COURSE 135 SPEED 25 K W RN* BE
ATTACKED BY ALL AVAILABLE PLANES X DUTCH
HARBOR AT 041720 REPORTS ONE CV AND TWO DDs
BEARING 210 DEGREES DISTANCE 240 MILES COURSE
150 X TWO CATALINAS WITH TORPOMES ENROUTE
ATTACK X MIDWAY UNDERGOING AIR RAID 041835 X
ALL TIMES GCT X
* GARbled

RECEIVED AT 0013 - 5 JUNE
FROM: CINCPAC
TO: TF 17

MIDWAY SENDING BOMBER 8 OF 11 PLANES TO ATTACK ENEMY CARRIERS TO NORTHWARD X
ORDERS RETURN TO MIDWAY UNLESS MITCHER LOCATED X

RECEIVED AT 2350 - 4 JUNE
WASHINGTON

COMING FROM: CINCPAC

TO: ALL TP IN PAC.

15 B-17'S NOW ENROUTE TO ATTACK MAIN BODY
OF SIEGE. WERE IN ITS VICINITY AT
14:00 Z

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4

BY RT NARA 04/13/94

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SEALED SECRET FROM CINCPAC

POSITIONS MARKED IN ENGLISH NUMERALS

ON DEAD JAP AVIATOR 31-11, 178-9 X

MIDWAY REPORTS HIS PATROLS HAVE ONLY SEEN TWO CARRIERS X

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FROM: TF 17
TO: CINCPAC

HAVE ATTACKED TWO ENEMY CARRIERS UR
041843 * X HAVE NO INDICATIONS LOCATION
OF ADDITIONAL CARRIERS WHICH HAVE
ATTACKED THIS FORCE X

* COMINCH HAS NOT RECEIVED REFERENCE,
ALTHOUGH COMINCH HAS RECEIVED DISPATCHES
BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE REFERENCE X

CINCPAC REPORTS THAT TF 17 HAS BEEN
ATTACKED X

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