MR 310, INVASION AND OFFENSIVES, PLANS, LANDING OF TROOPS (MINORO)

1944

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Map Room
(CTF 77 SENDS)

AREAS OF JAPANESE OCCUPATION ALONG L-3 APPROACH ROUTE FOLLOW.

MINDANAO: SURAGAO PENINSULA-TAUMAUI-WEST SHORE BUTUAN BAY AT 30-16 N, VICINITY TALISAYAN TO KINOGITAN (IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF GALIGUIN ISLAND), FROM TAGGLAN WHICH IS 10 MILES EAST OF CAGAYAN TO MANTIGAO POINT 36-20 N 124-16 E, IMMEDIATE VICINITY MISSAMIS.


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**SOUTHWEST HINDORO ISLAND FROM LUMINTAO RIVER SOUTH TO PANDAN POINT (9 GROUPS MISSING) BACO RIVER WEST OF CALAPAN. NORTHWEST HINDORO PALUAN BAY VICINITY. ALL OF CEBU SOUTH OF 13°35' N LATITUDE AND ALL OTHER AREAS NEUTRAL OR GUERRILLA HELD. LARGE TOWNS AND CITIES ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE JAP HELD. RURAL REGIONS GENERALLY IN FRIENDLY HANDS.**

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SUBJ: CTR 7TH FLT

THIS IS CTR 77 SHOUTS ACTION TO ALL TFC AND TGC 7TH FLT WITH INFO TO CINCPAC COMINCH COMAAF COM 7TH FLT.

MY OP-PLAN 15-44 COVERING OPERATION L-3 CHANGE ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL ASSAULT ECHELON TO 30 LSTS. FOR FIRST REINFORCEMENT 10 LSTS. FOR REMAINDER 8. INCREASES WILL BE MET FROM LSTS AT LEYTE TO STAGE FOR M1 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LATTER OPERATION AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED LESS ANY LOSSES DUE TO BATTLE DAMAGE OR OTHER CAUSES.

REMARKS
B. O. 11652, Sec. 330 and 330 of (3)
OSD Letter, May 3, 1944

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCH USE PLEASE LEAVE OUT THIS SPACING INSTRUCTIONS.

CHILD LIEUT., MAY 6, 1913

By SLR

**JAN 21 1974**

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ASSIGNMENT COMPLIANT SHIPS BY CP PLAN 15-44 AND ALL CHANGES THEREOF MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS.

TASK GROUP 76.3, MINORO ATTACK GROUP: REAR ADMIRAL STRUBLE.

NASHVILLE (FLAG) HALL PAUL HAMILTON HYDORTH PRINGLE STEVENS DASHIELL

FLETCHER O'BANNO HOPENE ELWELD RADFORD LAVALLETTE PHILIP HALFORD BUSH

(1 CL, 14 DD).

TASK GROUP 77.3, COVERING GROUP REAR ADI BERKE PHOENIX (FLAG)

HOIST PORTLAND BARTON WALKER LAFAYE O'BRIEN ALLEN W SUMNER MOALE

INGRAHAM LOWRY. (2 CL, 1 CA, 8 DD).

NO CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT TO TG 77.12.

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THREATEN OUR OVERWATER MOVEMENTS.
ALLIED AIR FORCES WITH 494 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (7TH AIR FORCE)
UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL WILL NEUTRALIZE HOSTILE AIR FORCES
AND SHIPPING IN THE BICOLS-VISAYAS, MINDANAO, SULU ARCHI-
PELAGO AND NORTHEASTERN BORNEO; PROVIDE COVER FOR OVERWATER
MOVEMENTS AS REQUESTED BY COMMANDER ALLIED NAVAL FORCES;
RELIEVE ALLIED NAVAL FORCES OF AND PROVIDE DAY COVER OVER
OBJECTIVE AREA AND FOR CONVOYS, AND AIR ACTION AGAINST HOSTILE
SURFACE AND UNDERWATER FORCES BEGINNING ON 1 DAY AFTER THE
DEPARTURE OF ESCORT CARRIERS; INITIATE NEUTRALIZATION HOSTILE
AIR AND SHIPPING IN THE LUZON AREA WITH RANGE OF MINDORO AT
EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE.

EDC. 13555 Sec. 133 and NID or (E)
ORD Letter, Jan. 6, 1942

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
ALLIED NAVAL FORCES (ESCORT CARRIERS) AUGMENTED AS ARRANGED WITH COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES WILL PROVIDE COVER FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS MOVEMENT AND PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE AIR, SURFACE AND UNDERWATER FORCES TO INCLUDE U-DAY UNTIL RELIEVED BY ALLIED AIR FORCES OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY; WILL COVER AND SUPPORT LANDING ON U-DAY UNTIL RELIEVED BY ALLIED AIR FORCES.

DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN 3RD FLEET AND SWPA AIR FORCES (INCLUDING 7TH AIR FORCE) WILL BE: 14-30 N, 125-00 E; 14-30 N, 121-50 E; 13-35 N, 121-50 E; THENCE DUE WEST. 3RDFLT AND THE ALLIED AIR FORCES WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION WHEN EITHER FORCE STRIKES IN THE AREA OF THE OTHER. NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS PRACTICABLE INDICATING THE TARGET TO BE ATTACKED, APPROXIMATE SCALE OF EFFORT, AND THE TIME OF ATTACK.
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**IN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION ONLY IS REQUIRED. THE THIRD FLEET MAY AT DISCRETION PUT FIGHTER SWEEPS INTO THE BICOL AREA OF LUZON WITHOUT NOTIFICATION.**

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CHIEF, 166TH AIR BASE GROUP

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION: COMrose, 166TH AIR BASE GROUP

SUBJECT: DIRECTION OF FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH CHINA SEA

From: OAT 77-T.0.

Date: 23 DEC 1944

TO: G-2 or TAC

The following information is requested:

1. Information on the positions and activities of enemy aircraft in the area of the South China Sea.

2. Details on any recent developments or changes in the route of enemy aircraft.

3. Any intelligence reports on the intentions of enemy forces in the region.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible.

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For Action

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166TH AIR BASE GROUP

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ALL TFC & TCG 3RD FLT

PRECEDENCE

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INSTRUCTIONS

MAKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO COM 3RD FLEET OP ORDER 24-44.

1. TASK ORGANIZATION, TASK GROUP 39.7 CAPTAIN MONTGOMERY.

2. TASK GROUP 39.7 DEPART FROM COMPANY SERVICE GROUPS IN AREA
OCATACT AT 1300/1 U MINUS 2 DAY PROCEED VIA DIRECT ROUTE TO
ARRIVE LATITUDE 16°54 N LONGITUDE 124°45 E AT 1700/1 U MINUS 1
DAY. REMAIN VICINITY THIS LATTER POSITION UNTIL 1700/1 U
MINUS 1 DAY AT WHICH TIME RETIRE DUE EAST UNTIL THE RETURN
SAME POSITION 1700/1 U DAY. REPEAT RETIREMENT AND RETURN ON
NOVEMBER 1 DAY AND MORNING U PLUS 1 DAY. KEEP ESCORTS TOTTED
OFF WITH FUEL. BE PREPARED TO INITIATE JASAS OPERATIONS.

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(Use G. C. T.)

**IMMEDIATELY IN VICINITY TASK FORCE 38 OPERATING AREAS ON THESE DAYS AS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY COM 3RD FLEET. AT 1753/1 U PLUS 1 DAY COMMENCE RETIREMENT TO CENTER AREA WICK TO ARRIVE 1353/1 U PLUS 2 DAY. ORDERS FOR FURTHER MOVEMENTS LATER.**

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AS GENERALLY AGREED CONFERENCE BETWEEN COM ALLIED AIR FORCES AND RADM STUMP COMMANDING CVEs IN L3 OPERATION FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FIGHTER COVER SHORE BASED AIR AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES DURING WHICH CVEs WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FIGHTER COVER. U MINUS 2 DAY DAWN TO 1900 16 FIGHTERS MINDANAO SEA. U MINUS 1 1700 TO 1900 8 FIGHTERS 4 EACH OVER CVEs AND CONVOY WEST OF NEGROS AND PANAY. U DAY 1800 TO 1900 8 FIGHTERS OVER CVEs SOUTH OF NEGROS AND 8 FIGHTERS OVER SLOW CONVOY ALL DAY. U PLUS 1 DAY 12 FIGHTERS OVER CVEs EAST MINDANAO SEA OR SURIGAO STRAIT DAYBREAK UNTIL FORMATION CLEAR LEYTE GULF AND CVEs CAN CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

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**REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THIS ARRANGEMENT AND ADVISE CONCERNING MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

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TOP SECRET. COM TASK FORCE 38 SENDS ACTION COMMANDERS TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.2 AND 38.3 INFO COM 3RD FLEET ALL TASK GROUP COMMANDERS 3RD FLEET.

SORTIE AND MOVEMENT ORDER.

BY OPORD 4-44. SORTIE AS FOLLOWS: TG 38.1 AT 0600, TG 38.3 AT 0800, TG 38.2 AT 1000, ALL ON 7 DECEMBER.

REFERENCE POINTS AS IN MY 30JUG. TYPE AND GROUP COMMANDERS OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY FOR TRAINING AS DIRECTED BY TASK GROUP COMMANDERS. TASK GROUPS OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY FOR TRAINING EXERCISES TO RENDEZVOUS AT 1200/12 DECEMBER.

POSITION LAT 15-00N 132-00E IN FORMATION 3 AXIS 060

COURSE 300 SPEED 20 ZIGZAG PLAN 6. TG 38.2 GUIDE IN

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CINCPOA SENDS ACTION TO COM THIRD FLEET AND CINC#PA INFO TO COM INCH CONFIDERA AND COM SEVENTH FLEET.

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Pursuant to the Directive of Subparagraph 3(c) of my Letter of Instructions Serial 10896 of 18 August 1944, Third Fleet will provide cover for the L3 operation.

Proposals of CINC#PA CX 54135(271312) and CX 54370 (141239) approved subject to following:

A. Other Directives of Letter of Instructions of 18 August continue in effect.

B. Major units of the Third Fleet will not transit Surigao or San Bernardino or Luzon Strait unless specifically authorized by CINCPOA or unless in hot pursuit of...
ENEMY UNITS SO VALUABLE THAT THE HAZARDS OF MINES AND AIR ACTION IN NARROW HAWERS WARRANT THE ADDED RISK BY OUR MAJOR UNITS.

C. CINCSPAWA IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY COM THIRD FLEET IF GENERAL SITUATION PERMITS CANCELLATION U PLUS 1 STRIKE.

D. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SPECIFIC REQUEST WILL BE ORIGINATED BY CINCSPAWA IF STRIKES ON U PLUS 4 U PLUS 5 OR U PLUS 6 ARE REQUIRED.

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REFERENCE COM 3RD FLEET'S 290408, STILL DESIRE COVER BY 3RD FLEET ON U-1, U DAY, AND U PLUS 1 AS INDICATED IN MY CX 54838, TOO 271312. 1ST FOLLOW UP CONVOY DUE TO ARRIVE OBJECTIVE AREA U PLUS 6. IN VIEW OF CHANGED DATES AND GREATER INTERVAL BETWEEN OPERATIONS, CAN 3RD FLEET BE PREPARED TO STRIKE LUZON AIRFIELDS AND SHIPPING ON U PLUS 4, U PLUS 5 AND U PLUS 6. NO DESIRE RESTRICT 3RD FLEET STRIKING FIELDS IN OWN DEFENSE. COORDINATION LINE DELIMITS NORMAL ACTIVITY AND PROVIDES FOR COORDINATION THROUGH INFORMATION WHEN 1 AIR FORCE ENTERS THE NORMAL ZONE OF THE OTHER. NOTIFICATION ONLY IS REQUIRED. IN VIEW OF THE EXTENDED TIME FACTORS WHICH WILL PROBABLY PERMIT GREATER STRENGTH TO
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Your attack, it would be helpful for you as 2nd priority to comb shipping from West Coast Luzon South of Lingayan Inclusive to assist in preventing hostile surface reaction against objective area. Request early reply.

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By SLR

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By RT, NARA, Date: 4/8/74

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DR. SECRET DISPATCH

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From: CINCPAC

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Top Secret. From CINCSMA SGO MACARTHUR to CG USAF CGPOA for Action, CINCPAC for Info, COMDR ANF for Info and COMDR AAF for Info. CX 54259.

M1 and L3 are different operations. Refer your CFB 27666, 1 December. M1 operation is that referred to in Fivesome in Paragraph 2A(4). The day is as indicated in our C54182. Details of the operation contained in 0173 are not essential for coordination of 14th Air Force activities in support of the M1 operation. L3 altered in 0174 with objective in the Central Philippines is a preliminary operation to M1. The date is not used in 0174 and is 15 December. Due to our limited facilities request for special missions other than reconnaissance missions to support the L3 operation will not be made in order to conserve action.

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**CTF 38**

**DUE POSTPONEMENT** **U** **DAY REQUEST LIFEGUARD SUBMARINE SERVICES,**

**MY 244833,** **BE DELAYED ACCORDINGLY BUT THAT OTHER DETAILS** **CTF 71**

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**To:** CTF 38, CTF 77, CTF 94, COMSUBPAC, CINCSPAC, COMPEAF

**Date:** 1 DECEMBER 1944

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CTF 71 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COM 3RD COM 7 ALL TF AND TG COMRS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.

CTF 270705 NOT TO ALL 3RD FLEET ADEES REFERS.

FROM U MINUS 4 THROUGH U PLUS 7.5 SUBMARINES THIS FORCE OPERATION VICINITY UBIQUE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS WILL BE STATIONED AS MINORED.

FOLLOWS, 2 SUBS PATROLLING OR PERFORMING LIFEGUARD SERVICES WEST OF LUZON BETWEEN 14-20 AND 17-00 NORTH. 3 SUBS PATROLLING AREA 12-00 TO 18-20 NORTH BETWEEN LONGITUDES 115-00 AND 118-00 EAST. 2 SUBS PATROLLING NORHERN PALAMIN PASSAGE SOUTH OF 12-00 NORTH.

NO SUBMARINES WILL BE IN THE SULU SEA OR CLOSER TO UBIQUE THAN ABOVE STATED.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/44
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SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE OPERATIONS 20TH AIR FORCE FOR L3 IN ARNOLDS WX 68838, 26TH SATISFACTORY SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

HAVCON HAS PASSED TO ARMY.

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MY OP ORDER 24-44 MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

TASK ORGANIZATION TF 38 COMPRISES TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.2 AND 38.3 WITH FORCES AS SEPARATELY ASSIGNED.
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TO CODE: 2350/28
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OP. PLAN 15-44 AS MODIFIED BY MY 101313 AND 259147 FURTHER
MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS TASK ORGANIZATION CORRECT PARA B TO READ
TG 77.3 CLOSE COVERING GROUP R ADM BURKIN CRUDIV 15 3 CL DEPSCH 21
LESS RADFORD ROSS JENKINS TAYLOR PLUS HOALE COOPER ALLEN SUMMER
B DD.

ADD NEW PARAGRAPW D TG 77.12 HEAVY COVERING AND CARRIER GROUP
R ADM RUDOLPH BATTLESHIPS DATEIV 4 LESS COLORADO PLUS NEW MEXICO
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**CONRAN 18 DD.**

**PARA 3 A ADD INFORM COMMANDER HEAVY COVERING AND CARRIER GROUP AND COMMANDER ESCORT CARRIERS WHEN SHORE BASED AIR COVER IS ESTABLISHED OVER THE OBJECTIVE AREA ON U DAY.**

**ADD NEW PARA 3 D HEAVY COVERING AND CARRIER GROUP SUPPORT THE L-3 OPERATION BY PROVIDING FIGHTER COVER AND AIRCRAFT ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL FROM MINDORO ATTACK GROUP ON U MINUS 2 U MINUS 1 AND U DAY UNTIL RELIEVED BY SHORE BASED AIR. COORDINATE AIR OPERATIONS WITH THOSE OF ALLIED AIR FORCES. PROVIDE MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE ANTI AIRCRAFT PROTECTION FOR CVE'S. WHILE OPERATING IN MINDANAO AND SULU SEAS INTERDICT OR DESTROY AS PRACTICABLE ENEMY HEAVY SURFACE FORCES WHICH MAY THREATEN THE MINDORO ATTACK GROUP AND SUPPORTING SURFACE FORCES. COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH COMMANDER MINDORO ATTACK GROUP AND COMMANDER CLOSE COVERING FORCE AS PROMPTLY AS PRACTICABLE AFTER**

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COMPLETION MISSION RETIRE TO LEYTE GULF WHERE RELEASE ESCORT CARRIERS WITH ESCORT OF 9 DD's TO PROCEED KOSOLO ROAD FOR REPLENISHMENT.

ADD TO PARA 4 SPECIAL LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEAVY COVERING AND CARRIER GROUP BY SEPARATE DISPATCHES.

NAVAL ADD NEW PARA 3 X TIME 4 AIR SUPPORT FOR THIS OPERATION IS IN ADDITION TO THAT REQUIRED OF ALLIED AIR FORCES BY CINCPAC OP INSTR 74 INDICATED IN PARA 1 OF OP PLAN 15-44.

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FROM GHQ SWPA 3RD MACARTHUR TO COM 3RD FLEET ACTION COM 7TH FLEET INFORM CINCPOA G4 CX 54656.
(PASSED BY RDO HOLLANDIA TO CINC3RFLEET AND CINCPOA FOR INFO. PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU TO GHQ FOR INFO AS 872842)

FOLLOWING PLAN FOR 3RD FLEET PARTICIPATION IN L3 OPERATIONS ARRANGED SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, DURING CONFERENCE WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. 3RD FLEET NEUTRALIZE HOSTILE AIR FORCES LUZON U MINUS 1 TO U PLUS 1; BE PREPARED TO STRIKE HOSTILE TARGETS IN EMERGENCY DURING PERIOD U PLUS 3 TO U PLUS 4; ON ABOVE DATES BE PREPARED TO STRIKE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN VISAYAN MOVEMENTS WESTWARD THEREOF IN RANGE WHICH MAY THREATEN OUR OVERWATER MOVEMENTS. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AIR FORCES NEUTRALIZE HOSTILE AIR FORCES IN VISAYAS, MINDANO, AND SULU ARCHIPELAGO AND COVER OVERWATER MOVEMENT AND SUPPORT LANDING 7th AIR FORCE, IN COORDINATION WITH SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AIR FORCES, NEUTRALIZE AIRCRAFT IN THE BICOLS DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITY 3RD FLEET AND SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AIR FORCES, INCLUDING 7TH AIR FORCE, WILL BE 14-36N 125-96E; 14-39N 121-56E; 13-35N 121-56E; THENCE DUE WEST. 3RD

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FLEET AND THE ALLIED AIR FORCES WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION WHEN EITHER FORCE STRIKES IN THE AREA OF THE OTHER. NOTIFICATION SHOULDBE GIVEN AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS PRACTICABLE INDICATING THE TARGET TO BE ATTACKED, APPROXIMATE SCALE OF EFFORT, AND THE TIME OF ATTACK. THE 3RD FLEET MAY AT DISCRETION PUT FIGHTER SWEEPS INTO THE BICOL AREA AND LUZON WITHOUT NOTIFICATION. REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS. SIMILAR DATA FOR SUPPORT OF M1 FOLLOWS IN SEPARATE RADIOGRAM.

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CTF 77 GIVES ACTION TO CTF 71 CTG 71.9 INFO COM 7TH FLT ALL TF AND TG COMRS 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT.

EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES SUBMARINES SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAR OF NORTHERN SULU SEA AND OF PASSAGES IN THE VICINITY OF UBIQUE FROM U MINUS 1 U PLUS 2 DAY. ALSO FROM U PLUS 5 UNTIL U PLUS 7 DAY. INSURE THAT ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FleETS ARE KEPT CONTINUOUSLY INFORMED OF POSITIONS OF SUBMARINES IN THE SULU SEA AND WITHIN 200 MILES OF UBIQUE BEGINNING U MINUS 4 DAY AND THAT SUBMARINES OPERATING WITHIN THE ABOVE AREAS ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS PRACTICABLE TO PROMULGATED POSITIONS.

ALL TF AND TG COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE THAT ALL SHIPS OPERATING UNDER THEIR COMMAND ARE COGNIZANT OF BOMBING AND ATTACK RESTRICTION CONTAINED GHO STANDING OPERATING

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PACIFIC FLEET CONFIDENTIAL LETTER 18 CL -44 EXCEPT THAT WITHIN THE SWPA NO ATTACK SHALL BE MADE ON A SUBMARINE IN A JOINT ZONE WITH CONTACT OR INFLUENCE CHARGES. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO OTHER ATTACK RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY ABOVE REFERENCES.

INFORMATION AS TO MOVEMENTS IN *SNE* LATER.

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Attached

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YOUR 23-3217 AND 240428 CONDITIONS OF MY 170248 CONCERNING PERIOD AT ANCHOR BETWEEN OPERATIONS TO COVER AND SUPPORT K2 AND TO SUPPORT L3 ARE NOT BEING MET. MY 241745.

2. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY REDUCE CARRIER GROUPS OPERATING AGAINST PHILIPPINES TO 2 AND EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY KEEP 2 IN REAR FOR UPKEEP AND RECUPERATION UNTIL NECESSARY TO EXECUTE YOUR OPERAND 24-44.

3. AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME AFTER L3 OPERATION YOU WILL AGAIN REDUCE GROUPS TO NOT MORE THAN 2 FOR INTERIM OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE FULL STRENGTH READY FOR III.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TO: COMNAVGROUP CHINA

Decoded By: DORSEY

Paraphrased By: ROBERTS

Edited By: ROBERTS

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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMNAVGROUP CHINA INFO COMINCH AND COM 3RD FLEET.)

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REQUEST 14TH AIRFORCE SUPPORT L3 OPERATION BY MAXIMUM RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CHINA SEA AND THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACHES THERETO COMMENCING U-Minus 2 DAY. DATE U-DAY BY SEPARATE DISPATCH.

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IN CONJUNCTION MY OP ORDER 24-44 SUPPORT OF L3 REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING BE MADE:

(A) BY 14TH AIR FORCE MAXIMUM RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CHINA SEA AND THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACHES THERETO.

(B) BY 20TH AIR FORCE STRIKES IN FORCE ON FORMOSA KYUSHU AND HONSHU COMMENCING UNIT MINUS 2 DAY AND CONTINUING AS PRACTICABLE DURING THE OPERATION

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CALL THIS OPERATION OBLITERATION AND MY OP ORDER 24-44. TASK GROUP 31.5 COMMODORE KETCHAM TASK GROUP 30.8 CAPTAIN ACUFF TASK GROUP 30.9 COMMODORE CARTER TASK FORCE 38 LESS TASK GROUP 30.3 VADM MCCAIN. FORCES AS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED.

ENEMY INFORMATION ACCORDANCE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND BY MAIL AND DISPATCH. OWN AIR SEARCH FROM MARIANAS ULITHI AND PALAU AS CURRENTLY PRESCRIBED WITH SECTORS NORTH AND WEST OF TINIAN EXTENDED TO 1,000 MILE RADIUS. SWESPAC AIR SEARCH PLAN G IN EFFECT UNLESS MODIFIED LATER BY SEPARATE DISPATCH. SUBMARINES OF TASK FORCE.

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ARE SUPPORTING THIS OPERATION BY FURNISHING EARLY INFORMATION
ENEMY MOVEMENTS, ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPPING AND LIFE GUARD SERVICE
(TASK FORCE 71) IN OBJECTIVE AREA. 14TH AND 20TH AIR FORCES ARE
STRIKING FORMOSA AND EUPHRATE TARGETS IN COORDINATION. FORCES OF
CINGSONESPACE ARE SEIZING OBJECTIVES ON MINDORO ISLAND BY AIRBORNE
AND AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN AN OPERATION TERTED L-3 COMMENCING ON
U DAY.

THIS FLEET WILL CONDUCT AIR STRIKES ON LUZON AREA IN ORDER TO
SUPPORT CINGSONESPACE L-3 OPERATION BY NEUTRALIZING ENEMY AIR IN
THIS AREA AND DENYING THE USE OF LUZON HARBORS TO ENEMY COMBATANT
AND SUPPORT SHIPPING.

TASK GROUP 34.5 CONTINUE AIR SEARCHES FROM MARIANAS ULITHI AND
PALAU AS NOW PRESCRIBED EXTENDING SEARCHES NORTH AND WEST OF
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**CONTINUING UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. TASK GROUP 36c.8 PROVIDE FUEL, AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT AND STANDBY TUG SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE DISPATCH. TASK GROUP 36c.9 FURNISH LOGISTIC, SALVAGE AND REPAIR SERVICES AS REQUIRED. TASK FORCE 36 COMPLETE FUELING AREA OCTANE BY 1300/1 U MINUS 2 AND DEPART FOR VICINITY POSITION LATITUDE 16-45N LONG 123-45E FROM WHICH POINT LAUNCH STRIKES AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT, AIR INSTALLATIONS AND SHIP IN LUZON AREA COMMENCING AT DAWN U MINUS 1 DAY. UPON COMPLETION STRIKES U MINUS 1 DAY RETIRE NORTHEAST UNTIL TIME REPEAT STRIKES COMMENCING DAWN U DAY. ALSO REPEAT STRIKES U PLUS 1 UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. UPON COMPLETION STRIKES U PLUS 1 RETIRE TO CENTER AREA MICK TO ARRIVE BY 1300/1 U PLUS 2 DAY. ORDERS FOR TASK GROUPS FOR MOVEMENTS PRIOR TO U MINUS 3 DAY AND SUBSEQUENT TO U PLUS 2 BY SEPARATE DISPATCH.**

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IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR 208720 SEE MY 170290 TO WHICH NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. I INTEND TO ADHERE TO THE STAND TAKEN THEREIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE MINDORO OPERATION AND PERIODS AT ANCHOR.


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OPERATIONS AND IN PART SUBSTITUTE PROGRESSIVE ADVANCE OF SHORE BASED AIR FORCES.

UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS AS TO TARGET DATES THE PROPOSAL OF YOUR 28B720 WOULD INVOLVE MOVING THE FAST CARRIER TASK FORCE INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE PREPARATORY PERIOD AT ANCHOR. WITH SUCH MOVEMENT AS AN UNDERSTOOD FEATURE OF THE MINDORO PLAN THERE IS LITTLE ASSURANCE THAT WITHDRAWAL COULD BE ARRANGED AT ANY EARLY DATE. THE ENEMY THREAT YOU VISUALIZE COULD CONTINUE UNDIMINISHED UNLESS THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AIR FORCES ARE STRONGLY AND EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISHED IN THE VISAYAS. THE MOVEMENT INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA CONTEMPLATED IN INDUCTION WILL BE AT A LATER DATE AND OBVIOUSLY FOR A SHORTER PERIOD. SHORE BASED AIR FORCES IN LEYTE CAN EASILY REACH TIZARD REEF.

OUR SUSTAINED OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES SEA HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE

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Because, Fleet Train has been maintained at sea with some degree of security from attack and because the facilities of Ulimi, although limited were accessible without passing through narrow waters exposed to attack.

My intelligence indicates that most of the Japanese heavy ships are in enemy waters.

I do not approve of planning now a movement of major units of the Pacific Fleet into the South China Sea during the Mindoro operation. In emergency action must of course be governed by existing circumstances. The support proposed by CinCPac namely strikes on enemy air in Luzon and the Visayan area and denial of Manila Bay to enemy cruisers can be furnished effectively from East of the Philippines. However, I must repeat my insistence on a preparatory period for upkeep replenishment rest and reorganization. See paragraph 35

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YOUR SERIAL NUMBER OF 14 NOVEMBER,

DESIRE THAT NO COMMITMENTS BE MADE CONNECTION WINDORO WITHOUT

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ESTIMATE OF SITUATION. 13TH AF STRIKES MAKE BRUNEI UNTEMPERABLE.

TIZARD REEF SERVICEABLE NIP ADVANCED BASE. MAJORITY REMAINING

ENEMY NAVAL STRENGTH CONCENTRATED IN CHINA SEA AREA BASED WHOLLY

OR IN PART ON TIZARD. TOTAL STRENGTH INCLUDING SHIPS DAMAGED BUT

RETAINING SOME MEASURE OF SPEED AND HITTING POWER MAY ADD UP TO

HAYAHAKA, BYUKO, 2 - 4 ESCORT CARRIERS, 1 SE HYUGA PLUS 2 BATTLE-

SHIPS, 2 - 3 HEAVY CRUISERS, 3 - 4 LIGHT CRUISERS INCLUDING ISUXU

AND KISO, SOME DESTROYERS.

AT PRESENT CAN SEE NO POSSIBLE ENEMY FLEET OBJECTIVE EXCEPT PRECAR-

IOUS PARTICIPATION IN TA OPERATIONS OR UNLIKELY RAID ON SWPA

ECHELONS VIA SOUTH OF MINDANAO. FOREGOING PLUS LUZON SITUATION
AND BEHAVIOR OF JAP AIR LEADS ME TO BELIEVE ENEMY IS HUSBANDING
AIR AND SURFACE STRENGTH TO COUNTER ANY FURTHER MOVE BY MACARTHUR.
IF ENEMY IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE ALL OUT RESISTANCE TO FURTHER
MOVES BY MACARTHUR 13 MAY WELL DEVELOP INTO ANOTHER CRUCIAL
STRUGGLE WITH MANY ADVANTAGES RESTING WITH THE ENEMY IF HE MISERY
TINES AN ASSAULT BY HIS FULL REMAINING SURFACE STRENGTH. RIGHT
EXPRESS IS MOST PROBABLY IN ORDER TO AVOID BLUE AIR ATTACK. STUDY
REVEALS NO MAY 3RD FLEET CAN HELP FROM EAST OF PHILIPPINES OTHER
THAN BY KEEPING DOWN ENEMY AIR - WHICH WILL NOT STOP THE EXPRESS.
SHOULD MINDORO PROVOKE ALL OUT RESISTANCE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
DECISIVE ACTIONS WILL COME JUST THAT MUCH SOONER. FURTHER SHO
OPERATIONS CAN BEST BE DEFEATED BY BREAKING IT UP BEFORE IT CAN
GET STARTED AND THIS ONLY APPEARS POSSIBLE BY STRIKING FROM WITHIN
THE CHINA SEA ABOUT U OR U PLUS 1. I CONSIDER THIS FEASIBLE BY

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**SOME APPROPRIATE TACTICAL VARIATION OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**PASS WEST THROUGH LUZON STRAITS WITH ABOUT 6 OILERS, STRIKE, REFUEL AS NECESSARY, COMBATANT SHIPS RETIRE EAST THROUGH LUZON STRAITS,**

**OILERS RETIRE VIA SIBUYAN SEA WITH SWPAC ECHELONS; DETAILS OF NEUTRALIZING FORMOSA LUZON ARE AS SITUATION DICTATES.**

**THE OPERATION WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY STRIKE AT JAPAN'S LAST SEA LANE, INTERFERE WITH REENFORCEMENT OF LUZON, SHOULD YIELD RICH HAUL IN ENEMY SHIPPING, OPEN UP NEW AND PROFITABLE TARGETS FOR AIR ATTACK AND PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON LUZON AIR AND BOMBARDMENT TARGETS.**

**THIS PLAN ONLY ANTICIPATES BY A FEW DAYS THE MOVES APPARENTLY CONTEMPLATED BY INDUCTION JOINT STAFF STUDY AND ALLOWS ENEMY LESS CHANCE TO GET SET TO RESIST. I URGE THAT IT BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE SO THAT QUICK MOVE CAN BE MADE IF RISKS AND GAINS JUSTIFY IT. THE RISKS ARE APPARENT BUT THE PROFITS FROM EARLY CONTROL OF**

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THIS RICH AND VITAL STRATEGIC AREA SHOULD BE WORTH A FAIR PRICE
AND BOLDNESS AND SPEED AGAINST EXISTING ENEMY CAPABILITIES OFFER
EXCELLENT POSSIBILITIES OF GREAT SUCCESS.
THERE ARE LOGISTIC PROBLEMS BUT THEY CAN BE WORKED OUT AND EARLIEST
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ARRANGING FOR ANCHORAGE FOR COM-
BATANT AND TRAIN SHIPS IN CENTRAL PHILIPPINES TO FACILITATE CONTI-
NUED AND UNINTERRUPTED CONTROL OF CHINA SEA.
IN ASKING THIS ESTIMATE I HAVE NOT BEEN UNMINDFUL OF YOUR FUTURE
OPERATIONS WHICH SHOULD BENEFIT BY ANY SUCCESSES IN CHINA SEA.
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES JAPAN CAN BE IN NO POSITION TO CRITICALLY
THREATEN DETACHMENT AND THE CARRIER STRENGTH VITAL TO ICEBERG WOULD
NOT BE JEOPARDIZED TO GREATER EXTENT THAN ACCEPTED AS INCIDENT TO
INDUCTION WHICH IN TURN SHOULD BE LESS HAZARDOUS WITH THE CONTROL
OF THE CHINA SEA IN OUR HANDS. HALSEY

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WHILE I CONCUR IN THE DESIRABILITY OF ADHERING TO TARGET DATES AND FRUSTRATING ENEMY PLANS FOR REINFORCING LUCON BY ATTACKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I DO NOT CONSIDER IT PRACTICABLE TO PLACE ON THE CARRIER TASK FORCES OF THE PACIFIC FLEET RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEUTRALIZING THE ENEMY AIR FORCES FOR THE LONG PERIOD AND TO THE DEGREE CONTEMPLATED BY YOUR CAX-11649.

IT HAS BEEN MY CONCEPT THAT THE CARRIER TASK FORCES WOULD COVER AND SUPPORT THE LEYTE OPERATION BY STRIKES COMMENCING ON D MINUS 13 AND CONTINUING UNTIL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES WERE ESTABLISHED IN LEYTE IN ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND THAT SIMILARLY THEY WOULD COVER AND

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SUPPORT THE LUZON OPERATION BY STRIKES COMMENCING PRIOR TO TARGET DATE AND CONTINUING UNTIL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES WERE ESTABLISHED IN LUZON IN SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO ENSURE ADEQUATE AIR DEFENSE FOR THE OTHER FORCES PRESENT.

I AM ALSO WILLING TO USE THE CARRIER FORCE TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE CONTROL OF THE AIR WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MINDORO OPERATION. HOWEVER SUCH USE MUST BE CONTINGENT ON GIVING THE CARRIER TASK FORCE PERIODS AT ANCHOR OF AT LEAST 1% DAYS AND PREFERABLY 2 WEEKS BETWEEN COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS TO COVER LEYTE AND THOSE TO SUPPORT MINDORO AND BETWEEN THOSE TO SUPPORT MINDORO AND THOSE TO COVER AND SUPPORT LUZON. THESE PERIODS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR UPKEEP OF MATERIAL, LOGISTIC REPLENISHMENT, REST OF PERSONNEL AND REORGANIZATION OF CARRIER AIR GROUPS WHICH WILL

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 HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT SEA FOR UNPRECEDENTED PERIODS. DURING THE PERIODS WHEN THE SHIPS ARE AT ANCHOR THE SHORE BASED AIR FORCES SHOULD BE ABLE TO INFlict LASTING DAMAGE ON THE ENEMY AND CREATE A SITUATION MORE FAVORABLE TO ALL SUBSEQUENT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET TO COVER AND SUPPORT THE LUZON OPERATION MUST BE SHAPED IN THE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPS AT THE TIME AND IT IS SOMEWHAT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC AUGMENTATIONS OF 7TH FLEET STRENGTH TO PROTECT LINGAYEN GULF AND YOUR SEA COMMUNICATIONS. HOWEVER I DO NOT ENVISAGE A SITUATION WHICH WILL REQUIRE TRANSFERRING FAST BATTLESHIPS TO THE 7TH FLEET.

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YOUR 148411 AND 139961. THE OBVIOUS INTENTION OF THE ENEMY TO MAKE A STRONG FIGHT FOR THE PHILIPPINES CAN BEST BE FRUSTRATED BY IMMEDIATE ATTACK IN STRENGTH TO PREVENT HIS PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEFENSE OF LUZON WHICH MEANS PUSHING AT TOP SPEED AT THE PRESENT TIME. FOR THAT REASON I INTEND TO ADHERE TO THE PRESENT TARGET DATES FOR THE L3 AND MA OPERATIONS. HEAVY RAIN HAS RETARDED THE COMPLETION OF AIRFIELDS ON LEYTE BUT THE STRIP AT CYXAE WILL BE ACTIVATED AFTER 3 MORE CLEAR WORK DAYS AND THAT AT SAN JOSÉ BY 30 NOVEMBER. SHORE BASED AIR CAN FURNISH AIR COVER FOR THE L3 ATTACK BTN BUT WILL

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NOT HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED FOR A LONG ENOUGH PERIOD TO SATURATE ENEMY AIRFIELDS AND BEAT DOWN ENEMY AIR STRENGTH ON LUZON AND THE VISAYAN AREA. THEREFORE IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT FAST CARRIERS STRIKE ENEMY AIR IN THESE AREAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE L3 OPERATIONS.

FURTHER THE OPERATIONS OF FAST CARRIERS SHOULD INSURE THAT MANILA BAY IS UNTHEAL FOR ENEMY CRUISERS CAPABLE OF RAIDING VINDOMOR. FOR THE L3 OPERATION IT IS PROBABLE THAT GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS CAN BE RELEASED ABOUT SUGAR PLUS 6 DAY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT BY THAT DATE SUCH GUNFIRE SUPPORT AS IS STILL REQUIRED BY FORCES AHOSE CAN BE FURNISHED BY CRUISERS 7TH FLEET PLUS DESTROYERS. HOWEVER THERE WILL THEN BE NO SURFACE FORCE UNDER CONTROL OF THE 7TH FLEET STRONG ENOUGH TO TURN BACK SURFACE RAIDS INTO LINGAYEN GULF AND AGAINST OUR LONG LINE OF SUPPLIES IN THE STRENGTH OF WHICH THE ENEMY IS
CAPABLE. SUCH RAIDS ARE PRECLUDED AS LONG AS THE 3RD FLEET IS OPERATING IN THE CHINA SEA IN DIRECT INTERPOSITION BETWEEN OUR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AND ENEMY FORCES. WHEN THE 3RD FLEET COVES TO EASTMARD OF THE PHILIPPINES THE 7TH FLEET SHOULD BE TEMPORARILY AUGMENTED BY AT LEAST 2 NEW BATTLESHIPS WITH SCREW IN ORDER ADEQUATELY TO COVER THE STAGING AREAS AND THE RESUPPLY ECHELONS.
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TARGET DATE OF 23 JANUARY FOR DETACHMENT IS PREDICTED ON RELEASE OF FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS FROM SUPPORT NCT LATER THAN 26 DECEMBER. FAILURE TO ADJUST MY PLANS REALISTICALLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL RESULT IN INADEQUATE SHIP CAPABILITIES TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH OUR AREAS AND WILL ALSO PREVENT MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF COMBAT UNITS.

ACCORDINGLY, I REALIZE THE DIFFICULTY WHICH ATTENDS ANY ACCURATE PREDICTION AT THIS TIME I COULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENT ESTIMATE AS TO DATE ON WHICH YOU WILL RELEASE FIRE SUPPORT AFTER DURING Y 1 OPERATIONS.

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**The enemy has chosen to make a strong fight for the Philippines. He has already used all available naval strength with results favorable to us. He is moving additional troops into Leyte which has given and will continue to give us opportunities to strike his naval and merchant shipping with results favorable to us. Additionally, he is committing much of his total air strength which gives us an opportunity to inflict severe attrition on his air forces but not without some losses of our own ships and aircraft and heavy demands on the endurance of our personnel and matériel. It is necessary that the Pacific Fleet continue to attack the enemy air forces in Luzon until MacArthur's air forces are established in**

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LEYTE IN STRENGTH OR THE ENEMY SLOWS DOWN HIS PRESENT RATE OF REENFORCEMENT. MEANWHILE DAMAGED SHIPS MUST BE REPAIRED AND OPPORTUNITY MUST BE MADE FOR MAINTENANCE LOGISTIC REPLACEMENT AND REST OF PERSONNEL.

ACCORDINGLY I AM PROCEEDING WITH RETURN OF SHIPS FOR REPAIR AND OVERHAUL WITH A VIEW OF ENSURING READINESS FOR INDUCTION DETACHMENT ICEBERG AND OTHER NECESSARY OPERATIONS. I HAVE ALSO DEFERRED HOTFOOT UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO CONDUCT THAT OPERATION WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY IN THE OVERALL CAMPAIGN AND WITHOUT UNDUE EXPOSURE OF OTHER FORCES ALREADY COMMITTED TO ACTION IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THAT THEY BE COVERED AND SUPPORTED.

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ACTION CINCPOA FROM COM THIRD FLEET. THIS IS

YOUR 041058. SHERMAN'S VIEWS AGREE CLOSELY WITH MY

OWN CURRENT ESTIMATES, SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, I WILL

KEEP ONE GROUP AT BASE AND THREE GROUPS AT SEA TO STRIKE

LUZON AS NECESSARY UNTIL FEAF CAN NEUTRALIZE LUZON--

PREASSUMBLY ABOUT 20 NOVEMBER. THEREAFTER I CAN PUT TWO

OR THREE GROUPS TO SEA AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH L3

AND STILL BE IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE FOR A TOUGH AND

PROLONGED INDUCTION OPERATION. THE FOREGOING IS PREDICATED

ON SHELVING HOTFOOT FOR THE TIME BEING WHICH YOU BELIEVE

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SHOULD BE DONE. IF THE PHILIPPINES SITUATION SHOULD EASE OFF SUFFICIENTLY AS TO NOT REQUIRE CARRIER SUPPORT FOR ABOUT A MONTH HOTFOOT CAN BE PUT BACK INTO THE SCHEDULE.

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Personal from Rear Admiral Sherman to Admiral Nimitz. Top secret. After consultation with Admiral Kinkaid, Generals Sutherland, Kenny, and Chamberlin find General Agreement on following facts.

A. Japanese fields captured on Leyte are disappointing except for Tacloban and airfield development and activation will be about 2 weeks slower than estimated before landing. Continued adverse weather may increase delay.

B. There are now nearly 150 Army fighters at Tacloban and will be 150 by 7 November which will saturate that field.

C. The ability of the Southwest Pacfic air forces to accomplish effectively the continuing neutralization of Luzon fields (which

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**ADDRESS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY OF TROOPS AND SHIPPING AT LEYTE**

NOT CHANGE APPRECIABLY UNTIL THE DULAG STRIP IS ACTIVATED BETWEEN 15 AND 21 NOVEMBER WHICH WILL ADD A MEDIUM BOMBER GROUP AND A SECOND FIGHTER GROUP TO THE LEYTE FORCE.

IN MY OPINION WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE STRIKES ON ENEMY AIR CONCENTRATIONS ON LUZON AT LEAST UNTIL 15 TO 21 NOVEMBER.

MOREOVER THE SUCCESS OF THE MINDORDO OPERATION WILL AGAIN REQUIRE CARRIER ATTACKS ON LUZON AIR FIELDS UNLESS THAT OPERATION IS DELAYED TO OBTAIN AIR SUPPORT FROM LEYTE WHICH WILL IN TURN DELAY LINGAYEN.

COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE AIR WILL BE ESSENTIAL IN MINDORDO OPERATION.

THE IMPRESSION IS GENERAL THAT DELAY IN TARGET DATE FOR LINGAYEN IS INEVITABLE.

PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ADVISE YOU OF PROBABLE NECESSITY CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN HOTFOOT AND CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT

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CIRCUMSTANCES WILL REQUIRE MORE PROTRACTED SUPPORT OF PHILIPPINE
CAMPAIGN BY 3RD FLEET THAN HERETOFORE CONCEIVED.
GENERAL KENNEY INFORMED ME THAT CINCPAC CHARLIE CX C* 51126
RESULTED FROM COM 3RD FleETS 261235. HE ADMITTED HE WAS AND IS
UNABLE TO REACH LUZON FIELDS FROM WHICH ENEMY IS NOW ATTACKING
LEYTE.

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For MacArthur,

2 Carrier groups will furnish support at Leyte 27th. After 17 days of fighting, the Fast Carrier force is virtually out of bombs, torpedoes, and provisions and pilots are exhausted. I am unable to provide any extended direct air support. When will your shore-based air take over air defense at the objective, Halsey?

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