(ACTION TO COMINCH AND CNO FROM CINCPAC WITH INFO TO COMAIRPAC)

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YOUR 272145 NEGATIVE. SARATOGA ASSIGNED AS NIGHT CARRIER AS
TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT FOR DETACHMENT. RECENT OPERATIONS
INDEPENDENCE INDICATES CVL'S HAVE DEFINITE LIMITATIONS AS
NIGHT CARRIERS. CVL'S BEING USED FOR TRAINING DURING ABSENCE
SARATOGA. THESE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO STRONG
RECOMMENDATIONS BY HALSEY AND MC CAIN. SOME RECOMMENDATIONS
AS TO ORGANIZATION CARDIV 7 MAY BE MADE AFTER FURTHER EXPERIENCE
IS GAINED.

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**COMGEN 5TH PHIBCORPS**

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**MAKELFOLLOWINGMODIFICATIONSANNEXA**MY OPLAN 25-44.  
SEE MY 232305. RADIO RADFORD IN YORKTOWN DESIGNATED CTG 38.1. CONCARDIV 11 IN ENTERPRISE WITH WALLACE L. LIND AND BUCHANAN WILL REPORT TO CTG 38.2 FOR DUTY AT FUELING RENDEZVOUS ON 5 JANUARY. DELETE COMBATDIV 7 IN IOWA FROM TG 38.2.

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**ACTION:** F-30

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IN VIEW YOUR 200037 AND 242858 DO YOU DESIRE SARATOGA PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED CAVDIV 7 VICE BATAAN AND INDEPENDENCE, I DO NOT FAVOR EITHER LET ALONE BOTH THESE CVL'S IN TRAINING SQUADRON

REF: 200037...1. COMAIRPAC SAIL ENTERPRISE...(TOPSEC) 242858...COMAIRPAC ADMIN 232138 PASSED TO YOU RECOMMEND 232138...PROPOSE IMMEDIATE FORMATION CVG(N) 70 AT...

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MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGE NUMBER 2 IN OP PLAN 193-44. CHANGES BLACK ORDER 2-44 ACCORDINGLY.

TASK ORGANIZATION.

C. DELETE HUGHES.

D. WHITAOXCH* ATTACK GROUP SCREEN. AUSBURRE RRAISE* CONVERSE FOOTE RUSSELL DRAYTON SHAW JENKINS LAVALLETTE KIMBRACK KELLYHUGH* BEACH ATTACK GROUP SCREEN. MORRIS JUSTIN LANG STACK STERRETT WILSON PRINGLE STANLEY HOWORTH PFEIFFER HODGES. SECOND SUPPLY GROUP SCREEN. FLUSHER CONYNGHAM STEVENS CLAXTON DASHIELL PLUS CORTDIV 67.

G. DELETE CRUDIV 12 DENVER MINNEAPOLIS HOPETHEL. ADD AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE COLUMBIA. DESRON 86 DELETE COOPER ADD ARunta WARRAMUNGA.

I. DELETE DESDIV 9 FLUSHER DRAYTON SHAW ADD PRINGLE STANLEY HOWORTH.
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**To: CINCPAC**

**From: CINCPAC**

**Date:** 23 December 1944

**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL

**To:** COMAIRPAC

**From:** CINCPAC

**Date:** 23 December 1944

**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL

This is confidential.

It is desired if at all practicable to make Shipley Bay (CVE 65) available as combat CVE for detachment.

Can you meet your carrier aircraft replacement requirements during latter part of induction with 3 CVE's and sail Shipley Bay in time to arrive Pearl by 20 January? Shipley Bay to be replaced in early February.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTF 77 ACTION 7TH FLT ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 7TH AND 3RD FLTS COM 3RD FLT CINCPOA)

MY OP-PLAN 16-44 AND 17-44 EFFECTIVE 0001/2 DECEMBER 25. CONFLICTING TASK ORGANIZATIONS IN EARLIER OPPLANS CANCELLED AT THAT TIME. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS NOT OP NOW UNDER CONTROL COMMANDERS LISTED IN REF PLANS WILL BE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO REPORT BY SEPARATE DESPATCH FROM CTF 77 AT EARLIEST DATE SITUATION PERMITS.

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ACTION CTG 30.5 FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC CTF 77 CTF 73 ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD FLT COMINCH CTF 94

REQUIREMENT FOR 1000 MILE SEARCH FROM TINIAN UNDER MY OP PLAN 24-44 IS CONSIDERED ENDED AFTER 22 DECEMBER. THEN RESUME REGULAR 800 MILE RADIUS.
FROM CINCPAC ACTION COM THIRD FLEET COMAIRPAC INFO CTF 38 COM 5TH FLEET COMINCH. THIS IS A TOP SECRET AND CLASSIFIED 3-354

1. COMAIRPAC SAIL ENTERPRISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT 24 DECEMBER TO JOIN TASK FORCE 38. RETAIN BATAAN TO ASSIST IN TRAINING. PREPARE SARATOGA FOR SERVICE IN DETACHMENT AS A DAY FIGHTER AND NIGHT CARRIER.

2. COM 3RD FLEET RETAIN INDEPENDENCE WITH PRESENT AIR GROUP AS LONG AS USEFUL THEN RETURN SHIP AND GROUP TO PEARL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TRAINING DURING ABSENCE SARATOGA IN DETACHMENT.

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NAVAL COMBATANT SUMMARY 4

GUAM 20TH TRIGGER SAIPAN 20TH. SAIPAN 18TH GAR. GUNNEL PEARL 20TH. ENIWETOK 18TH RALL HALLORAN

PEARL 24TH. OPERATING AREA 19TH TG 30.3 MONTEREY COWPENS SAN JACINTO HICKOX LAW DYSON BUCHANAN ULITHI

24TH. PEARL 18TH TU 12.5.7 ENGLISH GUAM 27TH. TU 12.5.6 AULT WALDRON JOHN WILLISK WEEKS HANK

ULITHI 27TH. SAN DIEGO 18TH ADMIRALTY ISLAND PEARL 25TH. TG 15.1 FULLAM GUEST BENNETT HUDSON PEARL

24TH SAN FRANCISCO 18TH TU 12.7.1 MISSOURI TERRY BAILEY PEARL 24TH. PORT ANGELES 18TH COMMENCEMENT

BAY ALAMEDA 20TH.

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

*(ACTION CTG 30.7 FROM COM 3RD FLT.)*

TF 38 AND TG 30.8 CHANGED COURSE TO 180 AT 0500/1.

ESTIMATE 0700/1 POSITION 18 DECEMBER 18-50 N 127-30 E.

(TG 30.7 CHANGE COURSE IMMEDIATELY AS NECESSARY TO JOIN)

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FROM CINCPAC ACTION TO FLINT (CL97) HAYNSWORTH (DD700) CHARLES S SPERRY (DD697) BARROW (APA61) BLADEN (APA63). INFO TO CINCM CINCPAC ADCOMPHIBSPAC COMTHIRDFLEET COMSEVENTHFLIGHT PORT DIR ENIWETOK CTF 96 CTF 94 NYPH ATCOM ULITHI COMHAWSEAFRON ISCOM GUAM ISCOM TINIAN COMDESRON 62.

CAPTAIN C R WILL IN FLINT (CL97). FORM TASK UNIT 125.5 WITH HAYNSWORTH (DD700) CHARLES S SPERRY (DD697) BARROW (APA61) BLADEN (APA63). OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM CINCPAC. ROUTING FROM CHS TO CLEARANCE FROM CAPT YARD NYPH. DEPART PEARL 1730 GCT 16 DECEMBER PROCEED ENIWETOK AT SOA 16 KNOTS. EXERCISE AS SEPARATELY DIRECTED. ARRIVAL OFF ENIWETOK DETACH FLINT (CL97) TO PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY TO ULITHI ADJUSTING SOA TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT 27 DECEMBER EAST LONG DATE ARRIVAL REPORT COM 3RD FLT FOR DUTY. WITH CTU COM OR McILHENNY IN CHARLES S SPERRY TASK UNIT DEPART ENIWETOK.
AFTER FUELING PROCEED GUAM DETACH BARROW (APA61) BLADEN (APA63) TO ENTER APRA HARBOR REPORT ISCOM GUAM AND ISCOM TINIAN FOR DISCHARGE AND RETURN TO PEARL WITHOUT DELAY.

CINCPAC 071042 NOT TO ALL REFERS. THENCE TASK UNIT PROCEED ULITHI ARRIVAL TASK UNIT DISSOLVED REPORT COM THIRD FLT FOR DUTY IN DESRON 62. COMMUNICATIONS USF 70A AND CENTCOM 2.

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20H...FX37...NAVAIDE...200P...CNO...
Commanding General,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Caserta, Italy.

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main Echelon,
Versailles, France.

Commanding General,
United Kingdom Base Section,

Number: WARX 74477

book message to Wilson for action, to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower and to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 464 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

MEDCOS 210 is the reference. In addition to the assault ships and craft, the release of which has already been ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, you will release the following:

a. All U.S. LST above 20.

b. The 40 LCI and 15 LCT referred to in Paragraph 5 of MEDCOS 210.

Decision as to the release of the remaining U.S. assault ships and craft from the Mediterranean will be made at a later date.

End.

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, GEN HULL, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING, LOG

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
1. BRITISH ADMIRALTY HAVE AGREED TO LOAN BRITISH MANNED CVE'S HMS TRACKER AND HMS TRUNCNER TO U.S. NAVY FOR PORT DUTY IN THE ATLANTIC. TRACKER AND TRUNCNER COME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CINCLANT UPON ARRIVAL U.S. ABOUT 19 DECEMBER IN CONVOY GC 48A.

2. CINCLANT DESIGNATE 2 KAISER CLASS CVE'S FOR TRANSFER TO PACFLT FOR DUTY IN AIRPAC AND SAIL THEM WITH GROUPS EMBARKED TO CANAL ZONE AS SOON AS READY. CHAR AIR GROUPS TO PACFLT COMPLEMENT OF 16 VF AND 12 VTB PRACTICAL BE WITHOUT DELAY IN SAILING.

3. A THIRD BRITISH MANNED CVE IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE ABOUT MID-DECEMBER FOR TRANSPORT DUTY IN PACIFIC. NAME, POINT AND DATE OF DEPARTURE WILL BE ADVISED LATER.
4. ALL ABOVE BRITISH CVE'S ARE SUBJECT TO RECALL BY
ADMIRALTY IF NECESSARY TO MEET URGENT BRITISH
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION KITKUN BAY (CVE 71) STEAMER BAY (CVE 87) RICHARD S BULL (DE 402) EDMONDS (DE 406) JOHN C BUTLER (DE 339) RAYMOND (DE 341) INFO COMINCH COMCARDIV 26 COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC COM7THFLT CNB MANUS NYD PEARL CINCSWPA COMHAWSEAFRON

FORM TASK UNIT 12.5.2. CTU CAPTAIN HANDAY IN KITKUN BAY. OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM CINCPAC. ROUTING FROM COMHAWSEAFRON. ARRANGE SORTIE WITH CAPT OF THE YARD NY PEARL HARBOR. LIFT FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS FOR MANUS AND AIRCRAFT FOR INTERMEDIATE PORTS AS DIRECTED BY COMAIRPAC. DEPART PEARL 1730Z 5 DECEMBER EXERCISE AS SEPARATELY DIRECTED AND PROCEED MANUS AT SOA 15 KNOTS. ARRIVAL TASK UNTIL DISSOLVED REPORT TO COM7THFLT FOR TEMP DUTY. COMMUNICATIONS USF 70A AND CENTCOM 2.

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NAVAL MESSAGE  
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COMHAWSEAFRON

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COMHAWSEAFRON SHOOTS ACTION COMINCH INFO CTU 12.5.9
SCOF A (RDO GUAM PASS) COM SERON 10 ATCOM ULI THI PORT
DIR ENIWETOK COMFWDAREA CENPAC (RDO SAIPAN PASS) COM
MARGILAREA (VIA RDO KW AJ) COM 3RD FLT COMBAT PAC COM
WESTSEAFRON. CINCPAC.

330Z 1ST CTU 12.5.9 IN WISCONSIN WITH FRAZIER MEADE
DEPARTED VICINITY 20 NORTH 157-40 WEST PROCEEDING SOA TO
KNOTS TO YD 20°15' VIA ROUTES ALICE AND MATTHEW TO
ULI THI. ETA 1400Z 11TH. COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE
USF 70 A AND CENTCOM 2. YES GUARD NPM (RDO HONO) FOX
IN ACCORDANCE ALPAC 258. QPE 58 QP 21 QPH 49 C-30.

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CTG 77.2 sends action CTF 77 info CINCSWPA COM 5TH AIRFORCE RDO MANUS PASS INFO TO MARYLAND CND MANUS COM 3RD AND COM 7TH FLTS ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS RDO HONOPASS INFO TO CINCPAC RDO WASH PASS INFO TO COMINCH.

PASSING SOUTH HOMOHN AT 1000 MARYLAND WITH REAR ADMIRAL HAYLER EMBARKED ESCORTED BY SAUFLEY AND AULICK ENROUTE MANUS VIA ROUTE 10 MILES RIGHT SHEARWATER TO OWL THENCE TO SEADDLER SOA 15 ETA 1600/6 DECEMBER GUARDING MANUS FOX. COM 5TH AIR FORCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED PROVIDE AIR COVER MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE DISTANCE. REPORTING ON ARRIVAL IN ACCORDANCE CTF DISPATCH 30135.

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CTF 77

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CTG 77.2

COMINCH, CINCPAC

PRIORIT

COM 3RD FLT, CTU 7.12.71

DA

PDD KOS SLO CINCOSPA

COM 7TH FLT

ALL TF & TG COORDS 7THFLT

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WHEN READY PROCEED WITH WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO NEW MEXICO MINNEAPOLIS

DENVER MONTPELIER COLUMBIA WALLER RENSHAN ROBINSON CONWAY CONY EATON

SICOURNAY BENVIO CONNER INGRAHAM VIA STANDARD ROUTE TO KOS SLO WHERE

JOIN TASK UNIT 7.12.7 AND FORM TASK GROUP 7.12 PLUS MINNEAPOLIS

INGRAHAM ROBINSON DESIGNATED TO REPLACE INGRAHAM IN TASK UNIT 7.12.7

REPLENISH AND PREPARE L-3 OPERATIONS AND WAIT ORDERS. REMAINING SHIPS

TASK GROUP 77.2 REPORT TO CTG 77.3 IN PHOENIX FOR DUTY IN TO 77.3

WHICH REMAINS LEYTE.

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FROM COM 6TH FLEET ACTION COMINC AND CNO INFO CTF 81 (ADM AND OPS) CTG E 6.6 TRANSDIV 13 CINCLANT.

THIS IS TOP SECRET

MEDCOS 218 NOT TO ALL REFERS. IN VIEW FACT TRANSDIV 13 NO LONGER REQUIRED THIS AREA PROPOSE RETURN THEM TO UNITED STATES VIA AZORES AND BERWUDA SHORTLY. SACRED AND CINICUED CONCUR.

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**From:** CTF 77

**Released by:**

**Date:** 1 Dec 1944

**TOR Coderoom:**

**Decoded By:** W STRONG

**Typed by:** STEVENS/KURTZ

**Routed By:**

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**Addressed To:** CTG 77.2

**FOR ACTION:**

**ACTION:**

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**Naval Message**

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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CTG 77.2 AND FOR INFO TO CINCWPAC COMAAF COMAF 5 308 BOMING COMGEN 6TH ARAU* COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT ALL TF AND TGC'S 7TH FLT)

EXECUTE OPERATION TASMANIA NIGHT 1-2 DECEMBER. MY 290514.

(A) 3 WARSHIPS 2 TRANSPORTS SIGHTED AT 1045 T TODAY 12 MILES WEST OF BILIRAN ISLANDS. COURSE SOUTHWEST. SPEED UNKNOWN. PRIMARY MISSION SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION THESE SHIPS.

(B) PT'S WILL BE CLEAR OF CAMOTES SEA BUT WILL OPERATE NORTH OF LAT 11-25 N

(C). TIME PERMITTING AND CONSISTENT WITH PRIMARY MISSION CONDUCT BOMBARDMENT AREA TO BE DESIGNATED LATER.

(D) FRIENDLY FORCES ALL SOUTH OF ALBUREA. DEPART FOR CAMOTES SEA AT DUSK. CTG 77.2 REPORT COMMANDER DESIGNATED FOR OPERATION.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 1 DECEMBER 1944

TO: 010509

DECODED BY:

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TYPED BY:

GREGNE

ROUTED BY:

SAMUEL

ADDRESS: CTG 30.8

FOR ACTION: COMINCH CINC PAC ATFC'S & ATGC'S 3RD FLT ATCOM ULITHI CTF 94 CNAB GUAM CTG 94.14

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW:

010205 NCR 9123

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE: 010205

TIME: NCR 9123

ACTION: ACTION CTG 30.8 FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO COMINCH CINC PAC ALL TASKFORCOMS AND TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD FLEET. ATCOM ULITHI CTF 94 CNAB GUAM CTG 94.14.

WITH TU 30.8.5 SARGENT BAY MOLALA AND MENOMINEE DEPART AREA STERNO PROCEED AREA KIMONO WHERE OPERATE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS. Fluxman 3 CANCELLED. DIRECT MOLALA RETURN ULITHI. SEE MY 010146 AND 010154.

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ADDRESSES

COM TASKFOR 38

INFORMATION

COMINCH CNAB GUAM
CINCPAC COMDESRON 46
ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD FLT
ATCOM ULITHI
CTF 94 COMDESDIV 92
CTG 94.14 CTU 38.4.9

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COM 3RD FLT SENDS. ACTION CTF 38 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD FLT ATCOM ULITHI CTF 94 CTG 94.14 CNAB GUAM COMDESRON 46 COMDESDIV 92 CTU 38.4.9.

AT 1600 1/1 DECEMBER FORM TEMPORARY TASK GROUP 38.5 RADM BOGAN IN LEXINGTON, SAN JACINTO, BATDIV 8 LESS INDIANA, PASadena, ASTORIA, SAN JUAN, COWELL, BROWN, BOYD, CAPPs, DAVID W TAYLOR, JOHN D HENLEY, EVANS, HAZELWOOD, TRATHEN, HAILLEY. TG 38.5 OPERATE AT DISCRETION IN AREA GAMBOl UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

RADm CLARK IN HORNET ASSUME TEMPORARY COMMAND TG 38.2 AT 1600 1/1 DECEMBER.

TG'S 38.1 AND 38.2 LESS ABOVE UNITS RETURN ULITHI TO ARRIVE FORENOON 2 DECEMBER. CANCEL MY 290356. UPON ARRIVAL GRANT AVAILABILITY ALL SHIPS AS DESIRED RFS DAWN 11 DECEMBER.

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DATE: 1 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODE ROOM: 0157

DECODED BY: ROBERTS

TYPE: HOFNER/STRONG

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ACTION CTG 38.3 FROM COM3RDFLT. INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TASKFORCOMS AND TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD FLT ATCOM ULITHI CTG 94 CTG 94.14 CHAB GUAN.

TASK GROUP 38.3 PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO ULITHI TO ARRIVE PRIOR DARK 2 DECEMBER. REARM FUEL PROVISION. GRANT AVAILABILITY AS DESIRED. TASK GROUP READY FOR SEA DAWN 11 DECEMBER.
RECEIVED IN RETURN DESRON 48 WHICH HAS BEEN HELD DUE
REQUIREMENT MAINTAINING STRONG COMBATANT FORCE LEYTE AND
BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBER DESTROYERS WHICH HAVE REQUIRED
REPAIRS AS RESULT OF BATTLE DAMAGE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER
DESTROYERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DAMAGED SAAFLEY SUSTAINED
MINOR DAMAGE AND AULICK SERIOUS DAMAGE YESTERDAY AS RESULT
SUICIDE PLANES. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR APPROVAL
TO RETAIN THE 6 DD's OF DESRON 48 NOT ASSIGNED FOR M-1 FOR
ABOUT 15 MORE DAYS.

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 38 NEHEMTA BAY INFO ALL CONCERNED SOWESPAC OPERATIONS COMINCH CINOPAC ALL TFC TGC TF 38 ALL TUC TG 30-8.

AT 0001 24 NOVEMBER CTF 38 WITH TG'S 38-2 AND 38-3 RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER GROUPS NORTHWEST CORNER AREA CONDOR AND FUEL ALL SHIPS. UPON COMPLETION FUELING PROCEED VICINITY LAT 15-45N LONG 123-00E TO ARRIVE DAWN 25 NOVEMBER. LAUNCH STRIKES AGAINST ENEMY KUMANO CLASS CRUISER AND OTHER SHIPPING, AIR AND AIR INSTALLATION TARGETS IN CENTRAL LUZON. PRIMARY TARGET CRUISER WHICH DESTROY LAST REPORTED BY PILOTS DAMAGED AT LAT 15-46N LONG 119-51. UPON COMPLETION STRIKES 25 NOVEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED PROCEED TO CENTER AREA DIESEL TO ARRIVE 1300 26 NOVEMBER.

OILER GROUPS AFTER FUELING 24 NOVEMBER RETURN TO

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AREA STERNO. BE PREPARED PROCEED TO CENTER
AREA DIESEL BY 1300Z 26 NOVEMBER IF LATER
DIRECTED.
COMAIRPAC SENDS ACTION TO USS FRANKLIN AND INFO TO COMINCH CINCPAC COMHAWSEAFRON COMMessaafron COM 13 COMFAIRWESTCOAST COMFAIR SEATTLE NAVY YARD PUGET SOUND.

FRANKLIN DESIGNATED TU 13.12.8. TRANSPORT PERSONNEL TO SEATTLE. ON ARRIVAL REPORT COM 13 FOR ASSIGNED NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY. DEPART PEARL 1630Z 22 NOV.

AIR COVERAGE AND SURFACE ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED FIRST 3 HOURS. PROCEED SEATTLE SOA 18.3 KNOTS VIA KAFWI CHANNEL AND THE FOLLOWING ROUTE POINTS ALL NORTH AND WEST.

(EW) 21-25 157-24
(FX) 24-10 155-00
(GY) 30-30 149-00

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
(HZ) 36-15 143-00
(IA) 41-50 36-00
(KD) 45-40 130-00

TRENCH TO DESTINATION. GUARD NPG (RDO SAN FRAN) BEGINNING 0000Z 23 NOVEMBER. COMMUNICATION USF 70A. LATEST EFFECTIVE Q MESSAGE OPD-38. RECENT ENEMY SUB CONTACTS. PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING AT 30-28 N, 140-10 W ON 19 NOVEMBER AT 2240Z. PLANE REPORTS RADAR CONTACT AT 31-13 N, 139-39 W ON 20 NOVEMBER AT 1850Z.

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19...19C...FX-37...31...OP03...23...BUSHIPS
20M...NAV...DE...200P...S02AER
THIS IS FROM CINCPAC AND COMES TO CORREGIDOR (CVE 58) CORDIV 53 LESS ROBERTS AND MCCLELLAND FOR ACTION WITH INFORMATION TO COMINCH COMAIRPAC CONDESACAP COMSERVVPAC COMHAWSEAFRON COMSUBPAC NYPH COMMESSEAFRON AND NYPH.

CINCPAC OPORD 12-44, TASK ORGANIZATION. TG 12-3 RECONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS CTG CAPTAIN MCCUSKY IN CORREGIDOR (CVE 58) CONCORDIV 53 IN SNYDER (DE 745) HEMMINGER (DE 746) BRIGHT (DE 747) TILLS (DE 748). INFORMATION, ENEMY SUB SIGHTED 192300Z IN LATITUDE 30-30 NORTH LONGITUDE 140-33 WEST RADAR CONTACT REPORTED 201850Z IN LATITUDE 31-12 NORTH 139-39 WEST SHIPPING INFORMATION SUPPLIED SEPARATELY. MOVEMENTS OF OWN SUBMARINES IN CURRENT SUB NOTICES. MISSION, THIS FORCE WILL DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINES BETWEEN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND THE WEST COAST OF THE US IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION.
TASKS. CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ANTI SUBMARINE PATROL TO THE EASTWARD OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.
DEPART PEARL 2230Z/21 NOVEMBER. COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS SOP 1.
LOGISTICS. FUEL TO CAPACITY PRIOR DEPARTURE. LOGISTIC SUPPORT
AT PEARL AND SAN FRANCISCO.
COMMUNICATIONS USF 70 A. REPORT ALL SUBMARINE CONTACTS. KEEP
CINCPAC ADVISED OF YOUR MOVEMENTS AND LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS.
EMPLOY RADIO DECEPTION WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. USE ZONE
ZERO TIME IN DISPATCHES. CINCPAC AT PEARL.

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TOR NCR 211239

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FX37...CNO...20OP...NAVAIDE...

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/21/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMAIRPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 21 NOV 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 1649
DECODED BY: D SMITH
TYPED BY: D SMITH
ROUTED BY: THOMPSON

TO: USS SANGAMON

FOR ACTION: COMCARNTRSPONFAC
INFORMATION: COMINC; CINCPAC; COMHAWSEAFA RN; COMMERSEAFA RN; COMFAIRWESTCOAST; COMFAIR ALAMEDA; COMFAIR SEATTLE; COM 14; COM 13; COM 12; COMCARDIV 22

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

SANGAMON DESIGNATED TASK UNIT 19.12.4 WITH COMCARDIV 22 EMBARKED. TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR RECONDITIONING AND PERSONNEL TO SAN FRANCISCO. AFTER DISCHARGE OF CARGO REPORT COMFAIR ALAMEDA FOR FURTHER ROUTING TO SEATTLE.

ON ARRIVAL SEATTLE REPORT COM 13 FOR ASSIGNED NYD AVAIL. DEPART PEARL 1630Z 21 NOVEMBER. AIR COVER AND SURFACE ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED FIRST 5 HOURS. PROCEED SAN FRAN ECA 15 KNOTS VIA KAIWI CHANNEL AND THE FOLLOWING ROUTE

POINTS ALL NORTH AND WEST
M 21-25 157-24
N 23-50 155-00
D 28-10 150-00
P 33-10 143-00
Q 36-10 132-00
R 37-20 125-00 THENCE TO DESTINATION. COMMUNICATIONS ACCORDANCE USF-7OA. GUARD

NFG (RDD SANFRAN) BEGINNING 0000Z 22 NOVEMBER. LATEST EFFECTIVE Q MESSAGES QPD 38. RECENT ENEMY SUB CONTACT.

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BUSHIPS...BUORD...NAVAIDE...200P...BUAER...FX37....
2OM....CMO...23...BUPERS...OP05...31...OP03....

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### Naval Message

**Drifter:** COMATPAC

**Addressed:** USS CHENANGO

**Precedence:**
- **Priority:** P-4, P-5, P-6, P-7, P-8, P-9, P-10, P-11, P-12
- **Deferred:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**Date:** 21 Nov 1944

**TOR Code Room:** 0707

**Decoded by:** SEIFERT

**Typed by:** D. SMITH

**Routed by:** THOMSON

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**Naval Message:**

**Command:**

COMAIRPAC (CVE 28) INFO COMINC CINCPAC COMMERFON COMMESSEAFRON COMFAIRWESTCOAST COMFAIR ALAMEDA COMFAIR SEATTLE COM 14 COM 13 COM 12 COMATRANSRONPAC COMCARDIV 22

**Message:**

**CHENANGO**

**Designated Task Unit:**

19-12-5. Transport Cargo and Personnel to San Francisco. After Discharge of Cargo.

**Report:** Comfair Alameda for further routing to Seattle.

On arrival, Seattle report COM 13 for Assigned Navy Yard.

**Availability:**

Department Pearl at 1630Z 21 November. Air coverage and surface escort will be provided first 5 hours. Proceed San Francisco SOA 15 Knots via Kawai Channel and the following route points all North and West.

- **A.** 21-25 157-24
- **B.** 23-40 155-00
- **C.** 26-00 150-00

Thence to destination communications USF 70 A. Guard NPG (ROAD SANFRAN) beginning C000Z 22 November. Latest effective Q messages OPD 38. Recent enemy sub contact. Plane reported sighting at 30-28 N 140-10 W on 19 November at 2240Z, and 31-12 N Long 139-39 W at 1800Z 20 November.

**Lat 31-12 N Long 139-39 W at 1800Z 20 November.**

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FX37...CNO...NAV...1DE...2\%OP...31...23...2\%M...0P05...
BUSHIPS...BOURD...BUPERS...BUAR...
COMPHIBSPAC SENDS ACTION TO CINCPAC. RDO SAN FRAN PASS TO COM 12.
RDO WASH PASS TO COMINCH AND RDO SAN DIEGO PASS TO COTCPAC ALL FOR
INFO. THIS IS LATEST.
OSD Letter, 5-3-78
YOUR 250257. SHIPS SHOULD BE READY FOR COMBAT LOADING AT PEARL OR
HONOLULU AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 10 RUTLAND HIGHLANDS SANDOVAL HANSFORD WHITLEY.
DECEMBER 11 HINSDALE SANBORN NAPA.
DECEMBER 14 LOGAN NEWBERRY MIFFLIN CECIL DEUEL DARKE HOCKING.
DECEMBER 17 SIBLEY.
DECEMBER 19 TALLADEGA MISSOULA Lubbock Dickens Wyandot.
DECEMBER 23 YANCEY WHITESIDE.
DECEMBER 24 BERRIEN BRISCOE BRULE BLAEN.
JANUARY 5 LENANE.

HIGHLY DESIRABLE HAVE LENANE READY BY DECEMBER 5 IN ORDER PARTICIPATE.
IN REHEARSAL. OTHER WISE PREVIOUS DATE GIVEN ABOVE SHOULD GOVERN. IN ALL CASES REQUEST DATES BE ANTICIPATED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER PERMIT MAXIMUM TRAINING PERIODS FOR ALL SHIPS.

COMINC: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.
CTF 77 SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S AND TGC'S 7TH FLT AND 3RD FLT CINCPAO COMINCH RDO HONO RDO MANUS CINCSWPA ADV HQS COMSOWESPACSEAFRON.

CTF 77, COMMANDER 7TH FLT, IN WASATCH DEPARTS HOLLANDIA 0800 I 21ST ARRIVING LEYTE 25TH OBSERVING RADIO SILENCE ENROUTE. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANS 7TH FLT REMAIN HEADQTRS HOLLANDIA. ORIGINATOR GUARDING NPM (RDO HONO) PRIMARY. MANUS FOX BELLS. 4205 AND 8410 IN ADDITION SOWESPAC FREQUENCIES. RADIO TRAFFIC ON WHICH STAFF AFOAT MUST ACT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED CTF 77 AND ROUTED VIA FLEET BROADCASTS.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(CTG 77.2 SENDS. ACTION CTF 77 INFO COMBATDIV 2 COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CONSERV 7TH FLT COMSOPAC ALL TF & TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTU 30.9.1 COMCARDIV 29 RDO MANUS PASS TO CNB MANUS AND RDO HONO PASS TO CINCPAC FOR INFO)

COMBATDIV 2 IN CALIFORNIA WITH R.P. LEARY DD 664 AND LEUTZE DD 481 DEPARTING LEYTE POINT REB* AT 1900/20TH FOR MANUS VIA ROUTE 20 MILES SOUTH OF SHEARWATER TO POINT NIGHT OWL THENCE TO SEEADLER, SOA 15 KNOTS, ETA 0600/25 NOV. GUARDING BELLS MANUS TFC'S SOWESPPAC AND 3000 KCS (VOICE) T REPORTS TO CTG 77.11 ARRIVAL. RDO MANUS AND HONO PLACE ON SKEDS.

*AS RECEIVED

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ACTION COMPHIBSPAC INFO COMINCH COM 12 COTCPAC FROM CINCPAC.

OSD LTR. 5-8-78

IN VIEW MYDIS 160835 ADVISE PROMPTLY DATE APA'S AND AKA'S FOR DETACHMENT NOW SHAKING DOWN ON WEST COAST MUST BE READY AT PEARL FOR COMBAT LOADING. DESIRE AS MUCH DELAY AS PRACTICABLE TO PERMIT EFFICIENT LOADING OF PRIORITIES ON WEST COAST. COM 12 WILL BE REQUESTED TO STAGGER SAILINGS IN ORDER TO PREVENT CONGESTION OF UNLOADING FACILITIES AT PEARL.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 6 INCL.

ACTION: F-1
(COMTHIRDFLEET SENDS ACTION THIRD FLEET INFO CINCPAC COMINCH COMSEVENTHFLEET COMTASFOR 94.)

ON OR ABOUT 25 NOVEMBER THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS OF DESTROYERS WILL BE EFFECTED.

**COM** TASK GROUP 38.1 DESRON 61 PLUS DYSON SPENCE THATCHER BUCHANAN WELLES THORNE.

TO TASK GROUP 38.2 DESRON 52 DESRON 46 COMPOSED OF CAPPS DAVID W TAYLOR EVANS JOHN D HENLEY BOYD BROWN COWELL.

TO TASK GROUP 38.3 DESRON 50 DESRON 55 LESS IRWIN MORRISON.

TO TASK GROUP 38.4 DESRON 53 DESRON 47 LESS HEERMAN.

TO TASK GROUP 30.8 DESRON 1 LESS HULL PLUS KALK HOBBY.

DESTROYER ESCORTS.

TO TASK GROUP 30.7 CORTDIV 72 LESS LERAY WILSON.

TO TASK GROUP 30.6 (TULAGI GROUP) CORTDIV 70 LESS GOSS GRADY GILLIGAN PLUS STAFFORD.

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TO TASK GROUP 30.8 CORTDIV 32 CORTDIV 44 LESS STERN ONEILL
PLUS RALL HALLORAN CORTDIV 49.

COM THIRD FLEET WILL ISSUE SPECIFIC ORDERS AS REQUIRED
NAVAL MESSAGE

COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY

DATE 19 NOV 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1858

DECODED BY DORSEY

TYPE DORSEY/JOHNSON

ROUTED BY

(Com 3rd Fleet sends action CTF 38 CTG 38.4 Nehenta Bay Info Cominch Cinopac All Concerned Somespac Operations All TFC and All TGC 3rd Fleet All TUC of TG 32.8)

Upon completion strikes 19 November CTF 38 with TG's 38.1, 38.2 and 38.4 proceed to Lat 16-30N Long 132-30E to arrive 24F21 24 November. From this point CTF 38 with TG's 38.1 and 38.2 proceed to Center Area Sterno where rendezvous with Oiler Groups at F11121 November and fuel all ships. Upon completion fueling proceed area ready where operate at discretion until further orders.

From 24F21 24 November position to 38.4 proceed via direct route for Ulithi in accordance instruction by separate dispatch. Nehenta Bay with all Oiler Groups in company remain in area Sterno after fueling on 21st until further orders.

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COM FORWARD AREA SENDS ACTION TF 57 AND CTF 59. INFO ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET CINCPAC COMINCH.

EFFECTIVE 20 NOVEMBER TASK GROUPS AND UNITS OF TASK FORCE 57 CHANGE DESIGNATION TO TASK FORCE 94. RETAINING SAME GROUP AND UNIT NUMBERS. TASK FORCE 59 CHANGES TO TASK FORCE 95. CHANGE MY OP PLAN 7-44 ACCORDINGLY.
ALL CLAND TO BURGHAM ORIGINATOR

IAMS BIRMINGHAM (CAPTAIN H. W. WILLIAMS ROYAL NAVY)

REPORTS TO YOU FOR DUTY.

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TOR NCR 0416/18

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(RAD HAS)
FX37...CNO...NAVAIDE...200P

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PORT DIRECTOR ULITHI AND COMSEROON 10 HAVE BY HAND.

COLORADO RENSHAW SAUFLEY REPORT FOR DUTY. DEPART ULITHI 0600 18TH SOA 16 KNOTS VIA DIRECT ROUTE TO LEYTE GULF. ETA 1030 19TH. WILL INTERCEPT NPM(RDO HONO) PRIMARY AND JUMP ALSO BELLS AND MANUS. FOX. HOLD QP 20.

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19...19C....FOR INFO

FX-37...20M...CNO...200P...BUSHIPS...BUPERS...CNO

BUSANDA...00...NAVAIDE...23

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM - CINCPAC
RELEASED BY
DATE - 17 NOV 1914
TOR CODE HDUM
DECODED BY - ROBERTS
TYPED BY - DORSEY/HOFNER
ROUTED BY - SORENSEN

OP (OP OP) PRIORITY
USS ASTORIA

CMINCH CTF 57
COM CRU PAC 3RD FLT
COM HAUSEFRON CTF 96

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TOR NCR 0650/17

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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(CINCPAC THROWS ACTION TO ASTORIA (CL 95) INFO TO COMINCH COM CRU PAC 3RD FLT AND COM HAUSEFRON CTF 96 CTF 57 COM CRUDIV 17)

OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM CINCPAC.

ROUTING FROM COM HAUSEFRON. DEPART PEARL HARBOR RFS ABOUT 1630Z 16 NOVEMBER. CONDUCT EXERCISES AS SEPARATELY DIRECTED UNTIL 1800Z 17 NOVEMBER THEN PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY AT SOA 2 KNOTS ADJUSTED TO ARRIVE ENIVETOK DURING DAYLIGHT 23 NOVEMBER ELD.

ARRIVAL REPORT COM 3RD FLEET FOR DUTY. COMMUNICATIONS USF 73 A AND CENTCOM 2.

COM INCH CTF 57

NAVY DEPARTMENT

OP (OP OP OP) PRIORITY

USS ASTORIA

CMINCH CTF 57
COM CRU PAC 3RD FLT
COM HAUSEFRON CTF 96

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TOR NCR 0650/17

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(CINC PAC HOLLERS ACTION TO TULAGI (CVE 72) AND CORTDIV 53 LESS ROBERTS MCCLELLAND INFO TO COMINCH COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC COMHANSEAFRON CTF 96 CTF 57 ATCOM ENIWETOK)

FORM SPECIAL ASW GROUP 124. CTG CAPT CRONIN IN TULAGI (CVE 72). OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM CINC PAC. OBTAIN ROUTING FROM COMHANSEAFRON ARRANGE SORTIE WITH CAPT OF THE YARD NY PEARL. WHEN RFS 17 NOVEMBER DEPART PEARL PROCEED ENIWETOK AT SOA 14 KNOTS. CONDUCT ASW OPERATIONS ENROUTE.

ARRIVAL ENIWETOK REPORT COM 3RD FLT FOR DUTY TG DESIGNATION REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL DISSOLVED BY COM 3RD FLT. COMMUNICATIONS USF 76 A AND CENTCOM 2.
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*CINCPAC*

*COM 7TH FLEET CTF 38*

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**RDD HONOLULU FOX INTERCEPT**

(COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCPAC INFO COM 7TH FLEET CTF 38.)

THIS IS TOP SECRET.

INDUCTION SHOULD PROVIDE PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR AT LEAST 2 JASAS PR GROUPS IN CONNECTION WITH 3RD FLEET COMBATANT SHIP AND OILER OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION TO ANZIO GROUP WHICH WILL NORMALLY OPERATE BEYOND RANGE OF ENEMY SHORE BASED AIR, A SECOND GROUP OF FAST STEAM DE'S WOULD BE OPERATED WITH PLANES FROM THE FAST CARRIERS TO TAKE CARE OF CONTACTS IN THE VICINITY OF TASK FORCE 38. IT IS REQUESTED THAT 1 DIVISION FAST STEAM DE'S (WGT TYPE) BE ASSIGNED TO 3RD FLEET FOR TRIAL OF THIS TECHNIQUE READY FOR SEA ULITHI ABOUT 7 DECEMBER.

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ACTION: 

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 38 AND HIS TASKGROUPCOMs CTG 30.8 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TASKGROUPCOMs 3RD FLEET CTF 57.14 ATCOM ULITHI ALL TASKUNITCOMs OF TG 30.8.

MODIFYING MY 111125 AND 120106 WHERE CONFLICTING TASK GROUPS OPERATE AS FOLLOWS. TASK GROUPS 38.1 AND 38.4 FROM 0600 1 15 NOVEMBER POSITION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN PROCEED TO CENTER AREA ALCOHOL WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER GROUPS AT 0700 1 16 NOVEMBER AND FUEL.

TASK GROUP 38.3 PROCEED FROM 0600 1 POSITION 15 NOVEMBER VIA DIRECT ROUTE TO ULITHI TO ARRIVE ENTRANCE 0600 1 17 NOVEMBER. REARM FUEL PROVISION. GRANT AVAILABILITY AS REQUIRED. TASK GROUP READY FOR SEA DAWN 21 NOVEMBER.
TASK GROUP 38.2 OPERATE AT DISCRETION AREA
RELAX ON 15 NOVEMBER UNTIL TIME TO ARRIVE CENTER
ALCOHOL 0700 16 NOVEMBER WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH
TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.4 AND OILER GROUPS AND FUEL.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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HONO INTERCEPT

(CTF 59 GIVES ACTION TO CTF 59.2 AND INFO CTF 57 BY HAND. RDO HONO PASS INFO COM 3RD FLEET CINCPOA)

CTF 57 DISPATCH 131015 MARCUS RECCO CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NEW SUBJECT. DIVERT SHIPPING STRIKE FROM BONINS TO WOLEAI TOMORROW THE 14. TARGET AIRFIELD AND AIR INSTALLATIONS. BY VISUAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE DEFINITELY DETERMINE IF ANY ENEMY AIRCRAFT PRESENT OR ANY INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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**TIME INFORMATION**

- Date: 13 Nov 1944
- Time: 131506
- Decoded by: MCCORMACK
- Paraphrased by: MCCORMACK ROWLEY
- Routine: CTF 59 CTG 57.14
- Deferred: CTG 59.6

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**HONO - INTERCEPT**

(CINCPOA GIVES ACTION COMWDAREA INFO CTF 59 CTG 57.14 AND CTG 59.6)

IN VIEW U.S. INDICATIONS INTENDED JAPANESE USE OF WOLEAI IN NEAR FUTURE FOR OPERATION OF UNDETERMINED NATURE STRIKE WOLEAI AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

COMWDAREA PASSED TO COM 3RD FLI FOR INFO AS 131245

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER: 7TH FLT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 718
DECODED BY: STEARNS/
TYPED BY: STEARNS/KULKA/
ROUTED BY: PARMENTER

FROM: COM 7TH FLT
TO: COMINCH, COMGEN USASOS, CINC PAC, ACNB, COM 3RD FLT, CINCSWPA, COM AAF
FOR ACTION: 7TH FLT

ADDRESSINES: COMINCH, COMGEN USASOS, CINC PAC, ACNB, COM 3RD FLT, CINCSWPA, COM AAF

PRIORITY: ROUTING
PRECEDENCE: DEFERRED

131059 NCR 5655

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION 7TH FLEET INFO COMINCH CINC PAC ACNB COM 3RD FLT. CINCSWPA COM AAF COMGEN USASOS HAVE INFO.

EFFECTIVE 15 NOVEMBER NORMAL TASK FORCE 75 ABOLISHED AND TASK FORCE 74 RECONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS: TASK FORCE 74 REAR ADMIRAL BERKEY. TASK GROUP 74.1 COMMODORE COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON, AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE (PLUS HOBART UPTON REPORTING) ABUNTA WARRAMUNGA PLUS ASSIGNED DD'S. TASK GROUP 74.2 REAR ADMIRAL HAALER CRUDIV 12 PLUS ASSIGNED DD'S. TASK GROUP 74.3 REAR ADMIRAL BERKEY CRUDIV 15 PLUS ASSIGNED DESTORYERS, NEW SUBJECT.

EFFECTIVE 15 NOVEMBER TASK FORCE DESIGNATION 72 ASSIGNED SERVICE FORCE 7TH FLEET, REAR ADMIRAL GLOVER.

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(CINCPOA GIVES ACTION COMFWDAREA INFO CTF 59 CTG 57.14 AND CTG 59.6)

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ULTRA?

IN VIEW LEFDA* INDICATIONS INTENDED JAPANESE USE OF WOLEAI IN NEAR FUTURE FOR OPERATION OF UNDETERMINED NATURE STRIKE WOLEAI AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

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* LEFDA: Legitimate Expeditionary Force Data Analysis
Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles France

Commanding General
Central District UK Base Section
London England

Number WARX 61780

Book Message to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower for action, to Central District United Kingdom Base Section London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FACS 107 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The existing uncertainty as to the release of British and U. S. / L. S. T. from OVERLORD is interfering with forward planning in other theaters.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff therefore request from you an appreciation of your minimum needs for L. S. T. from the first week in December by which time we assume the Port of Antwerp will be in operation, and a statement giving numbers and dates of release of L. S. T. from your command from now until the end of January, 1945.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Somervell
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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CM-OUT 61780  (12 Nov 44)  1845Z  khc

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 24 1974

COPY No. 39

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
THIS IS MY CP ORDER 4-44.

TASK ORGANIZATION BY CP ORDER 3-44 LESS BUNKER HILL, HOUSTON, PLUS
PASADENA VICE HOUSTON. SPECIAL TASK UNIT 38.2.10 INDEPENDENCE PLUS
2 DD'S.

CON 3RD FLEET 290226 AND 310125 OCTOBER.

THIS GROUP WILL SORTIE FROM ULITHI 13 NOVEMBER AND PROCEED TO AN
AREA EAST OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS WHERE IT WILL OPERATE IN SUPPORT
OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CAMPAIGN AND OUR FORCES AT LEYTE AND SAMAR
IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING ORDERS.

CON 3RD FLEET CP PLAN 14-44, CON 2ND CARTASKF 1-44, AND ALL ANNEXES
EXCEPT ANNEX H TO MY CP ORDER 3-44 EFFECTIVE. AIR OPERATIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AIR PLAN TO BE ISSUED AS APPENDICES TO PART III
ANNEX A MY CP ORDER 3-44. REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE MY CP ORDER 3-44.
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**COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE ANNEX B MY OPORDER 3-44 AS MODIFIED BY CTF 38 071292 NOVEMBER.**

*ORIGINATOR BELIEVED TO BE CTF 38.2.*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CP 3RD FLT
RELEASED BY
DATE 12 NOV 1944
TOR CODEROOM 120341
DECODED BY KOHOUTEK
TYPED BY KOHOUTEK/KELTA
ROUTED BY

CTG 38.2
COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC'S & TGC'S 3RD FLT CTF 57 ALL CONCERNED SOWESPC OPERATIONS ATCOM ULITHI CTF 57.14

FROM COM THIRD FLEET ACTION CTG 38.2 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TASKFORCOMS AND ALL TASKGROUPCOMS THIRD FLEET ALL CONCERNED SOWESPC OPERATIONS CTF 57 CTG 57.14 ATCOM ULITHI.

TASK GROUP 38.2 LESS LOUISVILLE UHLMANN MARSHALL WEDDERBURN COLAHAN HALSEY POWELL PLUS HALFORD RALPH TALBOT COGSWELL CAPERTON KNAPP DEPART ULITHI PRIOR DARK 14 NOVEMBER. PROCEED POINT WOOD VIA POINTS PETROL AND HAND TO ARRIVE 10001/16 NOVEMBER WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER GROUP AND FUEL.
SHAMROCK BAY YELLS ACTION COM 5 INFO CINC CLANT COMINCH COM 10THFLT C&R CESF CTG 27.7 COMFAIR NORFOLK WADE ISLAND HAS BY HAND RDO NORFOLK PASS TO WOODSON AND JOHNNIE HUTCHINS

MODIFY MY 101746 AS FOLLOWS:

FROM XS TO 37-00 N 72-00 W THENCE TO RENDEZVOUS.

SPEED OF ADVANCE 15 KNOTS
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 1437
DECODED BY: C-STRONG
PARAPHRASED BY: C-STRONG/JOHNSON
ROUTED BY:宇宙愛

TO: CTG 38.5
FROM: COMINCH, CINCPAC, ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT, ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT

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(COMSERYRON 10 GIVES BY HAND FOR ACTION TO CTU 30.8.18. ACTION ALSO GOES TO CTU 30.8.7 AND INFO TO COM 3RD FLT CTG 30.8 PD ULITHI AND ALL TF & TG COMS 3RD FLT.)

MODIFY MY 100751. FORM TEMPORARY CTU 30.8.18 IN SITKAH BAY WITH BARNES RIDDLE WESSON OJVS* Tu 30.8.7 DEPART ULITHI PRIOR DARK 12 NOVEMBER PROCEED RENDEZVOUS CTG 30.8 AT POINT ALCOHOL 0700/14 NOVEMBER. COMMUNICATIONS CENTCOM 2 REVISED.

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**105124**

**NCR 7906**

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**MINNEAPOLIS CA 36 ASSIGNED TO 7TH FLT FOR M1 VICE SAN FRANCISCO CA 36. THIS MODIFIES MYDIS 1935 OCTOBER AND 1936 OCTOBER. COM 3RD FLT DIRECT MINNEAPOLIS PROCEED TO DESTINATION DESIGNATED BY COM 7TH FLT EARLIEST POSSIBLE AND NOT LATER THAN DATE SAN FRANCISCO REPORTS.**

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**ACTION: F-30**

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**NO. 1 ADMIRAL.**

**NO. 2 FILE.**

**NO. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM.**

**NO. 4 SPECIAL.**

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**Naval Message**

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**Released By:**  
**Date:** 10 Nov 1944  
**TOR Code:** 549  
**Decoded By:** DORSEY  
**Typed By:** DORSEY/JOHNSON  
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COMFEAF  
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**Action:**  
TF 38 LESS TG 38.2 SEARCH FOR AND STRIKE AND DESTROY CONVOY CINCSWPA 100824 AND SHIPPING VISAYAS AREA ON 11 NOVEMBER. UPON COMPLETION PROCEED TO CENTER OF AREA CONDOR WHERE FUEL COMMENCING 0700/1 12 NOVEMBER. CTG 38.8 SHIFT OILER GROUPS AS REQUIRED RETURNING THEM TO AREA ALCOHOL ON COMPLETION.

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**ACTION:**

(ACTION TO CTG 38.3 FROM COM 3RD FLEET INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CINCSOMSPAC COM 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET)

**DIVERT IMMEDIATELY WITH TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.3 AND 38.4.**

**MY 091330. PROCEED TO LAT 13-30 NORTH LONG 125-30 EAST TO ARRIVE AS SOON AFTER DAWN 11 NOVEMBER AS PRACTICABLE. BE PREPARED SEARCH FOR AND STRIKE SHIPPING TARGETS IF LATER DIRECTED.**

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FROM: NO ORIGINATOR GIVEN
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 10 NOV 1944
TOR CORDER: 100628
DECODED BY: SAPP
TYPED BY: MC CORMACK

FOR ACTION

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ADDRESS

COMCARDIV 29

INFORMATION

ALL TFCS & TGCS 3RD & 7TH FLEETS CINCPAC CINC SWPA COM 3RD FLT

PRECEDENCE

PRIORITY

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ACTION

CANCEL MY 080523. PROCEED IMMEDIATELY KOSSOL ROADS.

STAND BY FOR FURTHER ORDERS. DO NOT STRIKE

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FROM: CINCPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 10 NOV 1944
TOR CODEORD: 0637
DECODED BY: WALP
TYPED BY: D. SMITH/MORRIS
ROUTED BY:

(ADDRESS ARE SAN FRANCISCO BALTIMORE DAVE AYLWIN
SAN JUAN MONAGHAN COMESDIV 2 IN FARRAGUT INFO COMINCH
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FORM TASK UNIT 12.5.7. COMTASKUNIT CAPTAIN OVERESCH IN
SAN FRANCISCO. OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM
CINCPAC. ROUTING FROM COMHAWSEAFRON. ARRANGE SORTIE
WITH CAPTAIN OF THE YARD. DEPART PEARL WHEN RFS ABOUT
0800 VW 11 NOVEMBER. CONDUCT EXERCISES AS SEPARATELY
DIRECTED THEN PROCEED ULITHI SOA 16 KNOTS ETA DURING
DAYLIGHT 22 NOVEMBER END. FUEL AVAILABLE AT ENIWETOK
IF REQUIRED. COMMUNICATIONS USE 70A AND CENTCOM 2.

ARRIVAL ULITHI TASK UNIT DISSOLVED. REPORT COM 3RD FLIGHT
FOR DUTY.

AS RECEIVED

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR 0834

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINCPAC
RELEASED BY
DATE 9 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM 0903

INFO ADDRESSES: COMINCH COMBATPAC COMDESPAC CTF 57 CTF 96 CTF 97, ATCOM ULITHI, ATCOM ENIWETOK COM7THFLT COM3RDFLT NYD PEARL.

(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION NEW MEXICO (BB41) MONTPELLIER (CL57) WALLER (DD466) EATON (DD508*) STANLY (DD478) CONDESRON 22 IN PRINGLE (DD477) COMDESDIV 44 IN CONWAY (DD507). INFO COMINCH COMBATPAC COMDESPAC CTF 57, 96, 97 ATCOM ULITHI, ENIWETOK COM7THFLT COM 3RD FLT NYD PEARL)

FORM TU 12.5.6. COMMANDER TU CAPT FLEMING IN NEW MEXICO. OBTAIN INFO OF OWN AND ENEMY FORCES FROM CINCPAC. ROUTING FROM COMHAWSEAFRON. ARRANGE SORTIE WITH CAPT OF THE YARD. DEPART PEARL 1730Z 10 NOVEMBER. CONDUCT EXERCISES AS SEPARATELY DIRECTED THEN PROCEED ULITHI AT SOA 16 KNOTS. ETA DURING DAYLIGHT 21 NOVEMBER ELD. ARRIVAL TASK UNIT DISSOLVED. REPORT COMMANDER 7THFLT FOR DUTY. FUEL AVAILABLE AT ENIWETOK IF REQUIRED. COMMUNICATIONS USF 70A AND CENTCOM 2.

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTG 30.7 CTG 30.8 INFO COMINCH CINC PAC ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD FLEET ALL TUC OF TG 30.8.

UPON COMPLETION FUELING 10 NOVEMBER CTG 30.8 WITH ASSIGNED OILERS, ATFS AND OTHER VESSELS IN COMPANY PROCEED AREA ALCOHOL. OPERATE IN THIS AREA WHEN NOT SHIFTED OTHER LOCALITY FOR SPECIFIC FUELING. NOW ANTICIPATE FUELING 3 GROUPS PROBABLY IN ALCOHOL ON 14 NOVEMBER.

CTG 30.7 CONDUCT ANTI SUBMARINE SWEET AHEAD OF OTHER GROUPS DURING THIS MOVEMENT AND AROUND PERIMETER OF ALCOHOL WHILE THEY REMAIN THAT AREA.

CTG 30.8 REPORT WHEN HITCHIT SIOUX AND MOLALA ARE IN COMPANY.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY: 9 NOVEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0558

DECODED BY: PETERSON

TYPED BY: PETERSON

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OP 090145 NCR 6733

COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 38 CTG 38.3 CTG 38.5 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CINCSOWESPACE COM 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET AND ALL TGC'S 3RD FLEET.

UPON COMPLETION FUELING 10 NOVEMBER, MY 071411, TG'S OPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

TG'S 38.3 AND 38.4 PROCEED AREA KIMONA OPERATE AT DISCRETION IN THIS AREA ON 12 AND 13 NOVEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

TG 38.1 PROCEED TO LAT 14-00 NORTH LONG 142-30 EAST WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH TG 38.5 AT 16001 11 NOVEMBER. FROM THIS POINT PROCEED TO AREA KIMONA WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH TG'S 38.3 AND 38.4 ON 12 NOVEMBER. CTF 38 ASSUME TACTICAL COMMAND TG'S 38.1, 38.3, AND 38.4 UPON JOINING.

TG 38.5 DEPART GUAM IN TIME TO JOIN TG 38.1 ON 11 NOVEMBER IN RENDEZVOUS SPECIFIED ABOVE.

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YOUR 311437A AND 1215072 OCTOBER. THE 4 LSI(L) IF ASSIGNED TO SWPA WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN FORCE XRAY.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:  COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY:  7 NOVEMBER 1944
DATE:  1854
TOR CODEROOM:  KURTZ
DECODER:  KURTZ
PARAPHRASED BY:  KURTZ
ROUTED:  COMINCH CINC PAC
INFORMATION:  ALL TFG'S AND TGQ'S 3RD FLEET

P 1 OF 2

IN ORDER AVOID PATH OF TYPHOON ACTION ADEES PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.3, AND 38.4 TO AREA COMFORT AT SOA 20 KNOTS. OPERATE IN THAT AREA ON 9 NOVEMBER ON 10 NOVEMBER 0700 I RENDEZVOUS WITH YELER GROUPS
AT CENTER AREA Mike AND FUEL.

TASK GROUPS 30.7 AND 30.8 PROCEED AT BEST SPEED TO AREA YOKO. REMAIN IN THAT AREA UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED FUELING TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.3 AND 38.4 ON 10 NOVEMBER AS INDICATED ABOVE.

HITCHITI SIOUX AND MOLALA PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH
CTG 30.8 AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME. ESTIMATE 0100 18 NOVEMBER POSITION TO 30.8 LAT 15-00 N

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131-00 EAST PROCEEDING TOWARD LAT 18-10 N LONG 137-20 E AT SOA 12 KNOTS.

WARNING. POSSIBLE REEF EXTENDING NORTHSOUTH LONG 133-04 E BETWEEN LAT 15-18 N AND 14-39 N.

CTG 38.3 REPORT WEATHER BY OP DISPATCH IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT AND AT 0300 AND 1500 I ON 8 AND 9 NOVEMBER.

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REQUIRE ONE ADDITIONAL AMPHIBIOUS GROUP COMMANDER WITH HIS STAFF FOR M-1 TO REPORT HOLLANDIA PRIOR 25 NOVEMBER.

NEW SUBJECT. FURTHER REQUEST THAT 1ST AGC EQUIPPED FOR NIGHT FIGHTER DIRECTION BE ASSIGNED ME FOR M-1 IF IT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT LEYTE BY 10 DECEMBER OR BY 5 MINUS 10 IF 8 DAY LATER POSTPONED. CONSIDER PROVISION OF ADEQUATE NIGHT FIGHTER PROTECTION ESSENTIAL TO REDUCE DAMAGE FROM CURRENT JAP AIR TACTICS.

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(CTF 77 SENDS. RDO PELELIU PASS INFO PD KOSSOL RDO ULITHI PASS INFO PD ULITHI)

PLAN FOR RELIEF TG 77.1. REAR ADMIRAL WEYLEROFOLLOWS.
TG 77.2 REAR ADM RUDDOCK IN MARYLAND COLUMBIA 5 DD'S DEPART

MANUS 10 NOVEMBER PROCEED LEYTE VIA KOSSOL FOR FUEL AND
AMMUNITION. CTG 77.2 DIRECT 2 DD'S PROCEED EARLIER MANUS TO

ULITHI REPORT ST LOUIS DD ESCORT TO KOSSOL WHERE ARRIVE 13
NOVEMBER AND ** UP WITH TG 77.2. UPON ARRIVAL TG 77.2 AT

LEYTE RELIEVE 1 BB 2 CA/CL PLC** DD AS ARRANGED BETWEEN CTG
77.1 AND 77.2. CORONADO NEW MEXICO MONTPELIER SAN FRANCISCO

1XN* DD'S BEING ORDERED BY SEPARATE DISPATCH TO PROCEED LEYTE
TO COMPLETE FUELING TG 77.1. WEST VIRGINIA DENVER UPON

COMPLETION REPAIR RETURN LEYTE EARLIEST DATE.
O'BANNON AT HOLLANDIA REPORT CTF 78 FOR SPECIAL CONVOY DUTY
TO LEYTE.

AS RECEIVED

** GARBLED AND GROUPS MISSING.
**Naval Message**

**To:** USS Molala, USS Sioux, USS Lipan, Comanders 100, USS Reno, Cominch, CINCPAC, ALL TFC and TGC 3rd FL, USS Wedderburn

**From:** Com 3rd FL

**Date:** 7 Nov 1944

**Subject:**

**Urgent**

Typhoon estimated 15°01' 7 Nov position lat 80°00N long 136°E. Lipan divert to rendezvous with Reno group prior dark 7 Nov if possible. Reno proceeding on course 360° estimated 300 miles. N.W. of Ulithi.

Position 7 November lat 12°54'N long 135°28'E estimated speed 4 knots. Comanders 100 advise Lipan and me urgent Reno position course and speed on receipt this despatch.

Lipan remain in company Reno until storm danger passed returning Ulithi when released.

Sioux and Molala continue as previously directed to rendezvous with oiler groups. Be alert for later change in instructions for oiler groups due necessity avoid storm.

CTG 36.9 advised requirements Tuoplan 1 are fulfilled when Hitchiti Molala and Sioux have joined oilers.

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UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED ORGANIZATION TASK FORCE 38 WILL REMAIN
AS INDICATED IN MY 2912250 AND 310125 SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

CTF 38 REMAIN IN WASP.

TG 38.1 DELETE MONTEREY AND OAKLAND.

TG 38.2 DELETE BUNKER HILL.

TG 38.3 NO CHANGE.

TG 38.4 RADN DAVISON IN ENTERPRISE. DELETE FRANKLIN BELLEAU

WOOD SAINT LOUIS. ADD BUNKER HILL MONTEREY OAKLAND. DESRON 6

ASSIGNED AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED LESS CRAVEN BAGLEY PATTERSON.

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Released by: 6 NOVEMBER 1944

TO: COMINCH COM 7TH FLT

TOR CODE: 853

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COM 3RD FLEET OP ORDER 23-44.

Task Group 30.2 RADM SMITH TASK GROUP 30.5 COMMODORE Ketchum. Forces as currently assigned.

Enemy information accordance current intelligence. That furnished by COMTASKFORCE 59 and by mail and dispatch.

Own air search from Marianas as currently prescribed.

Three groups of Task Force 38 are operating at sea to eastward of Philippines striking targets in Philippine Area as
MAY BE REQUIRED. FRIENDLY SUBMARINES ARE OPERATING IN THE
GENERAL VICINITY OF THE BONINS. AIRCRAFT OF TASK FORCE
59 ARE PERIODICALLY STRIKING TARGETS IN BONINS AREA AND
HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY SEPARATE DESPATCH TO STRIKE IWO
JIMA.

THIS FORCE WILL CONDUCT NIGHT BOMBARDMENT OF TARGETS ON
IWO JIMA IN ORDER INFlict MAXIMUM DAMAGE ON ENEMY AIRCRAFT,
AIRFIELDS AND GROUND INSTALLATIONS.

TASK GROUP 30.2 DEPART ULITHI WHEN READY 8 NOVEMBER
PROCEED SAIPAN ARRIVING 9 NOVEMBER. OBTAIN LATEST PHOTO-
GRAPHIC AND OTHER TARGET INFORMATION FROM COMTASKFORCE 59
AT SAIPAN. DEPART SAIPAN 16001 10 NOVEMBER FOR LAT 22-00 N
LONG 140-00 E TO ARRIVE AT 18001 11 NOVEMBER. FROM THIS LATTER
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X-Ray Task Group commanders arrange direct communications between special patrol and spotting plane and task group.

Fuel supplies and ammunition at Saipan and Ulithi.

Use item time. Communications accordance Centcom 2 revised. Com 3rd fleet in New Jersey.

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ACTION CTF 38 ALL TASKGROUPCOMS OF TASKFORCE 38 FROM COM 3RD FLEET. INFO COMINCH ALL CONCERNED SOWESPACE OPERATIONS ALL TASKFORCECOMS AND TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD FLEET ATCOM ULITHI COM TASKFORCE 57 COM NAVBASE GUAM COMAINBASES GUAM CINCPAC WHO PASSES INFO COMAIRPAC.

UPON COMPLETION FUELING 7 NOVEMBER TASK GROUPS OPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

TASK GROUP 38.2 PLUS LOUISVILLE CTF 38 IN WASP AND 2 DESTROYERS FROM TASK GROUP 38.1 PROCEED ULITHI VIA DIRECT ROUTE TO ARRIVE ENTRANCE 1600/1 9 NOVEMBER.

CTG 38.3 IN TACTICAL COMMAND OF TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.3 AND 38.4 PROCEED WITH THOSE GROUPS TO AREA TINSEL WHERE OPERATE AT DISCRETION ON 8 AND 9 NOVEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. AT 1700/1 10 NOVEMBER TASK GROUPS 38.1, 38.3 AND 38.4 RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER GROUPS AT POINT MUCK AND TOP OFF ALL UNITS. FURTHER ORDERS LATER.

WHEN DIRECTED ON 8 NOVEMBER CTF 38 IN WASP PLUS

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2 destroyers assigned proceed independently to Guam arriving dawn 10 November. Disembark present air group personnel for return Pearl and embark CVG 61. Be prepared depart Guam dawn 11 November for rendezvous at sea with Task Group 38.1 as later directed.
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For use contemplated bombardment of Jima by Task Group 30.2 night 11-12 November. My OP Order 23-44 to be issued later. Request vertical photo coverage airfields and ground installations Center and southwestern portion island. Photos gridded map target area and complete target information prepared for delivery to Com Taskforce 30.2 at Saipan on 9 November.

Further request maximum strike of Jima by Task Force 59 during daylight 11, 12, and 12 November. Advise me Com Taskforce Group 30.2 and 30.5 action taken.

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION COM TASK FORCE 38 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL CONCERNED SOWESPAC OPERATIONS ALL TASK FOR COMS AND ALL TASK GROUP COMS 3RD FLEET COM TASK UNIT 30.8.17.

UPON COMPLETION STRIKES 6 NOVEMBER RETIRE WITH TASK GROUPS IN COMPANY TO CENTER AREA 44-10 N LAT 14-35 NORTH LONG 129-10 EAST WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER GROUPS AT 12001 7 NOVEMBER. TASK GROUPS 38.1 AND 38.3 FUEL ALL VESSELS, TASK GROUP 38.2 TOP OFF DESTROYERS AND OTHER VESSELS AS NECESSARY AFTER RENDEZVOUS THEN PROCEED AS LATER DIRECTED.

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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION CTU 12.5.4 ST LOUIS INFO COMINCH COMCRUPAC COM 3RD FLT CTF 57 ATCOM ULITHI CTF 58 CTF 77 ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD FLT.)

MODIFY MYDIS 280050 OCTOBER NOT HELD OR NEEDED BY ALL ARRIVAL ULITHI ST LOUIS (CL 49) REPORT CTF 77 FOR DUTY IN 7TH FLEET, COM 3RD FLEET 310055 OCTOBER MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** COM 3RD FLEET

**RELEASED BY:** [Redacted]

**DATE:** 5 NOVEMBER 1944

**TOR CODEROOM:** 6536

**DECODED BY:** SJOSTEN

**TYPE:** SJOSTEN/BENNERT

**ROUTED BY:** TELSHOW

**ADDRESSES:**
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- COMAIRPAC
- COMAIR 7TH FLT LOGISTICS
- COMNAVBASE MANUS
- COMINCH CINC PAC
- ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT
- ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT
- USS FRANKLIN
- USS BELLEAU WOOD
- COM 7TH FLEET

**PRECEDENCE:** 1

**PRIORITY:** OP

**ROUTINE:** OP

**DEFERRED:** OP

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**MAILGRAM ADDRESS:** CTG 30.9

**OP 03...BUSHIPS...BUORD....BUAPR...23...INFO
FX37....19....19C....ADD 31...CNO...NAVITPE...2...CP...OP05...PER ACRN04**

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Hoggard City (CINPAC)

TASK GROUP 38.7 DEPART ULITHI 26NOV 4 NOVEMBER PROCEED SOUTHWEST CORNER AREA MICK LATITUDE 14-10 N LONGITUDE 128-2° E TO ARRIVE 12NOV 6 NOVEMBER CONDUCTING ANTI SUBMARINE SWEET ENROUTE FROM NOON POSITION 6 NOVEMBER CONDUCT CLOCKWISE SWEET AROUND PERIMETER OF AREAS MICK AND STERNO UNTIL 24NOV 8 NOVEMBER AT WHICH TIME PROCEED ON DIRECT ROUTE FOR ULITHI ARRIVING DAYLIGHT 11 NOVEMBER. ALTER TRACK AND SCHEDULE AS NECESSARY TO DESTROY ANY ENEMY SUBMARINES CONTACTED. REPORT ALL PROBABLE CONTACTS IMMEDIATELY.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 3RD FLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 3 NOV 1944

TOR CODE: 054

DECODED BY: SMITH

PARAPHRASED BY: TURLEY

ROUTED BY:

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PRIORITY 10

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(COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTG 30.8 CTU 30.8.17 CTU 30.8.3 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC'S AND ALL TGC'S 3RD FLEET.)

OPPLAN 2.

UPON COMPLETION FUELING 3 NOVEMBER TASK UNITS 30.8.17 AND 30.8.3 PROCEED AREA STERNO WHERE REMAIN UNTIL TIME PROCEED CENTER AREA MICK LATITUDE 14-35 N LONG 129-10 E AT 0800 1 7 NOVEMBER WHERE TOP OFF TASK GROUP 38.4 BE PREPARED FUEL TASK GROUPS 38.1 38.2 AND 38.3 AT CENTER AREA MICK COMMENCING 1200 1 7 NOVEMBER IF LATER DIRECTED.

CTG 30.8 SAIL 3 OILERS FROM ULITHI TO ARRIVE CENTER AREA MICK BY 1200 1 7 NOVEMBER.

UPON COMPLETION FUELINGS 7 NOVEMBER OILER UNITS CONSOLIDATE CARGO AND SAIL 3 EMPTY OILERS FOR ULITHI.

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Released by: -
Date: 3 Nov 1944
TOR Code room: 618
Decoded by: SLUTZ
Paraphrased by: ROBERTS
Checked by: HOFNER
Checked dittoed by: ROBERTS

ADDRESSEES: CTF 38

OPERATION: ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OPERATION, SOVESPAK, COMFAC, CINCPAC, CINSOWESPAK, COM 7 FLT, COMFEAF, CTF 71, CTF 72, ALL TFC'S AND ALL TGO'S 3RD FLT

PRIORITY: PRIORITY
Precedence: 1

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This is Operation Pulverize. 
Upon completion fueling 3 November TF 38 less TG 38.4 proceed to arrive point LAT 16 N LONG 130 E at 1200 1 4 November where commence high speed run to arrive vicinity LAT 15-35 N LONG 123-15 E at dawn 5 November there commence sustained strikes on Luzon-Bicol area, strikes to be continued during daylight 5 and 6 November. Primary mission destruction of enemy aircraft air installations and shipping. Obtain photo coverage as practicable with first priority Lingayen Gulf area. Upon completion strikes on 6 November retire as later directed.

When in areas where enemy air attack is probable take every

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PRECAUTION FOR DEFENSE AGAINST SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS. THIS ENTAILS ALERT RADAR OPERATION, ADEQUATE CAP EFFECTIVELY POSITIONED AND STACKED, EFFICIENT FIGHTER DIRECTION AND AS LAST RESORT GOOD GUNNERY WITH HIGH SPEED RADICAL MANEUVERS.

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DATE: 2 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 0757
DECODED BY: LENIHAN
TYPED BY: LENIHAN
ROUTED BY: 

TO: CTF 38
CTU 12.5.3
COMINCH CINCPAC
ALL TFC's AND TGC's 3RD FLEET

INFORMATION: 
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE: 
URGENCY: URGENT
ROUTINE: ROUTINE
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ACTION CTF 38 CTU 12.5.3 FROM COM 3RD FLEET.
INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC's AND TGC's 3RD FLEET.)

TG 38.1 PROCEED TO VICINITY POINT ALCOHOL TO ARRIVE
BY 1200 13 NOVEMBER. RENDEZVOUS WITH TG 38.2 AND
38.3 AND OILER BAORS*. TOP OFF ALL UNITS. TU 12,5,3
PROCEED UTLITH WHERE REPORT CTG 38.4 FOR TEMPORARY
DUTY. CANCEL THAT PortION CTF 38 000212 REFERRING
MOVEMENTS YORKTOWN.

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CTG 77.1 CTG 34.5)

APPENDIX 3 TO ANNEX E. CANF OPPLAN 13-44. ALL SWEEPING
PLANNED HUSUMEEVMHKC ULISHED*. ENCLOSURE A. CHANNELS
INDICATED AND NAMED AREAS CONSIDERED CLEAR OF MINES.

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ACTION CTF 77 CTG 77.1 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC ALL TFC'S AND TGC'S 3RD FLT CTG 78.2

TG 34.5 WILL ARRIVE LATITUDE 10-30 NORTH LONG 127-00 EAST AT 09001 AND REMAIN VICINITY THIS POSITION UNTIL YOU ARE OTHERWISE ADVISED. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INFORMATION RESULTS YOUR DAYLIGHT TODAY RECONNAISSANCE SURIGAO STRAITS AND APPROACHES TO LEYTE GULF FROM NORTH.

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FROM CINCLANT ACTION COMBATDIV 5 USS MISSOURI SHAMROCK BAY INFO COMINCH CINCPAC COMAIRLANT COMFAIR NORFOLK CONDESDANT COCTCLANT COMPASEAFRON COMDESRON 62 TEXAS ARKANSAS WAKE ISLAND

TASK GROUP 27.7 HEREBY CONSTITUTED. REAR ADMIRAL SOWELL IN TEXAS ARKANSAS MISSOURI SHAMROCK BAY WAKE ISLAND JOHN W WEEKS HANK HENRY A WILEY LEWIS, WHEN READY ABOUT 10-11 NOVEMBER DEPART BASES AS FOLLOWS: TEXAS ARKANSAS HENRY A WILEY LEWIS FROM CASCO, MISSOURI JOHN W WEKES HANK FROM NEW YORK SHAMROCK BAY WAKE ISLAND FROM HAMPTON ROADS WITH LOCAL ESCORTS.

PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS DESIGNATED BY COMBATDIV 5 THEN TO CANAL ZONE AND UPON ARRIVAL REPORT CINCPAC FOR DUTY. COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR: TFR NCR 012041: 19...19C...FOR INFO CNN...OP05...DP...UTA...BUSHIPS...BUSAN...BUPERS...NAVAIDE...00...

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INFORMATION

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ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET
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PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TOWARD POINT KEROSENE SOA

20 KNOTS. REPORT YOUR MIDNIGHT 1 NOVEMBER POSITION.

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(ACTION BUSHIPS INFO CNO CINCPAC COMINCH FROM COMSERVPAC)

CINCPAC TOP SECRET 300155. REQUIRE FOLLOWING:

30 SPR-1. 35 SPA-1. 10 AM-14/APT. 25 AM-18 APT.
35 PU-11/U AC MOTORS. 65 G-1/U GENERATORS.

IF UNABLE TO SUPPLY TDY-1 MODIFICATIONS CINCPAC TOP
SECRET 300204 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

22 EACH SPT-1. AM-14/APT. AM-18/APT. 44 EACH PU-11/U
AC MOTOR AND G-1/U GENERATORS. REQUIRE AS MUCH OF ABOVE AS
POSSIBLE ARRIVE FRAY 32 PRIOR TO AND NOT LATER THAN 25 NOV.
BALANCE BY 25 DECEMBER. IF SPR-1 OR RDO NOT AVAILABLE
SUBSTITUTE APR-1 FOR WHICH SHIPBOARD ANTENNAS ARE AVAILABLE
FRAY. ADSHIPDA BY DESPATCH.

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CTG 38.8

CTC INCINCH, CINCINNEH, SPAC
CTC 7TH FLT, CTF 37
ALL TGC's OF TF 38
CTF 57
CINCAC, CONSUB PAC

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TOR CODE: 0542

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THIS MY OP-ORDER 22-44 AND INSTRUCTIONS 72

TASK GROUP 38.2 RADSM SMITH TASK GROUP 38.5 COMMODORE KETCHAM TASK GROUP 38.6 CAPTAIN ACUFF TASK GROUP 38.9 COMMODORE CARTER TASK FORCE 38 VADM MCCAIN. FORCES AS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED.

ENEMY INFORMATION ACCORDANCE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND BY MAIL AND DISPATCH. OWN AIR SEARCH AS CURRENTLY PRESCRIBED PLUS SPECIAL SEARCH BY TASK GROUP 38.5. SUBMARINES OF TASK FORCE 17 ARE SUPPORTING THIS OPERATION BY FURNISHING EARLY INFORMATION ENEMY MOVEMENTS, LIFEGUARD SERVICE AND ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPPING. 14TH AND 28TH AIR FORCES ARE STRIKING FORMOSA AND EMPIRE TARGETS IN

No. 1 ADMIRAL
No. 2 FIGHTER
No. 3-1 OR CHARTROOM
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COORDINATION. TASK FORCE 59 IS SUPPORTING BY NEUTRALIZING ALL AIR
ON MARCUS PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING 15 NOVEMBER AND EXERTING MAXIMUM
EFFORT AGAINST BONINS FROM 14 TO 20 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE.

THIS FLEET WILL CONDUCT AIR STRIKES ON THE TOKYO AREA IN ORDER
TO DESTROY AND CONTAIN ENEMY FORCES, DESTROY AIRCRAFT FACILITIES
AND MANUFACTURING INSTALLATIONS AND DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF ENEMY AIR FORCES IN JAPAN.

TASK GROUP 33.2 DEPART ENIWETOK IN COMPANY WITH TASK GROUP 34.8
ON 11 NOVEMBER PROCEEDING TO LAT 26-30 NORTH LONG 159-37 EAST TO
ARRIVE 3600I 14 NOVEMBER WHERE PART COMPANY WITH TASK GROUP 34.8.
THENCE PROCEED TO LAT 31-37 NORTN LONG 153-37 EAST TO ARRIVE 3600I
15 NOVEMBER. WHILE IN COMPANY PROTECT TASK GROUP 34.8 BY DESTROYING
ANY ENEMY FORCE ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE. AT 3600I 15 NOVEMBER COMMENCE
MAKING SWEEP ON BROAD FRONT TO DESTROY ENEMY PICKET BOATS WHILE
PROCEEDING TO LAT 26-32° NORTH LONG 151-27° EAST ARRIVING AT LATTER
POINT BY DUSK 15 NOVEMBER. UPON COMPLETION SWEEP PROCEED INTERCEPT
TASK GROUP 34.8 AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE AFTER DAYLIGHT 16 NOVEMBER
AND FUEL. WHEN FUELED PROCEED TO VICINITY MARCUS ISLAND WHERE REMAIN
ON 17, 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER CONDUCTING INTERMITTENT BOMBARDMENT ENEMY
INSTALLATIONS, AMMUNITION ALLOWS ONE HIGH CAPACITY ON BOARD PLUS
ONE HALF TOTAL 5 INCH ANTIAIRCRAFT AVAILABLE. DEPART VICINITY
MARcus IN TIME RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK GROUP 34.8 AT 1700 I POSITION
26 NOVEMBER AND REMAIN IN COMPANY THAT GROUP.

(SUB PARA) TASK GROUP 34.5 IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SEARCH TO NORTH AND
WEST OF TINIAN TO RADIUS OF 800 MILES, COMMENCING ON 12 NOVEMBER
ESTABLISH SPECIAL SEARCH IN SECTOR 353 TO 329 TRUE FROM TINIAN TO
RADIUS OF 1,000 MILES FOR PURPOSE DISCOVERY AND DESTRUCTION ENEMY
PICKET BOATS AND INTERDICT ENEMY SEARCH PLANES. ON 15 AND 16

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ULITHI IN TIME RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK GROUP 36.6 AT LAT 24-30' NORTH
LONG 151-30' EAST AT 0000H 16 NOVEMBER. FURNISH SERVICES AS MAY BE
DIRECTED.

(SUB PARA) TASK FORCE 36 DEPART FROM AREA GAMBOL IN TIME ON 12
NOVEMBER TO ARRIVE LAT 22-30' NORTH LONG 157-00' EAST BY 0800H 14
NOVEMBER VIA SOUTH AND EAST OF GUAM. THEN PROCEED TO FUELING
RENDEZVOUS LAT 20-30' NORTH LONG 154-45' EAST TO ARRIVE 0600H 15
NOVEMBER AND FUEL ALL UNITS. AFTER FUELING PROCEED TO LAT 31-00'
NORTH LONG 150-00' EAST ARRIVING 1200H 16 NOVEMBER. HERE COMMENCE
HIGH SPEED RUN TO LAUNCHING POSITION VICINITY LAT 34-35' NORTH LONG
143-50' EAST WHERE LAUNCH STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS IN TOKYO AREA
COMMENCING ABOUT 0600H 17 NOVEMBER. RETIRE TO EASTWARD BY 1800H 17
NOVEMBER AND BE PREPARED CONTINUE STRIKES AGAINST SAME TARGETS ON 18 NOVEMBER.

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**SUB PARA**

**FUEL AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENTS AND TOWING SERVICE AT SEA WITH TASK GROUP 30.6 SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION AT SAIPAN ULIUHNI AND ENIWETOK. USE ITEM TIME. COMMUNICATIONS ACCORDANCE CENTCOM 2 REVISED. COM 3RD FLEET IN NEW JERSEY.**

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THE TASK FORCE 38 VICE ADMIRAL MCCAIN IN HANCOCK.  
TASK GROUP 38.1 REAR ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY IN YORKTOWN WITH HORNET WASP COWPENS MONTEREY.  
TASK GROUP 38.2 REAR ADMIRAL DODD IN INTREPID WITH HANCOCK  
BUNKER HILL CAVOT INDEPENDENCE.  
TASK GROUP 38.3 REAR ADMIRAL SHERMAN IN ESSEX WITH LEXINGTON  
TICONDEROGA LANGLEY.  
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TO: MERGE ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS BY 20400 FOLLOWING IS PLAN FOR COMMAND ASSUMPTIONS BY OFFICERS CONCERNED: MCCAIN RELIEVE WITSCHER AS COMTASKFOR 38 AT ULITHI ABOUT 1 NOVEMBER, DISSMARR FROM WASP PRIOR DEPARTURE TO 38.1 AND REMAIN ULITHI PENDING ARRIVAL TO 38.2 THEN EMBARK IN HANCOCK. MONTGOMERY RELIEVE MCCAIN AS COMTASKGROUP 38.1 USING WASP AS TEMPORARY FLAGSHIP AND EMPLOYING SALLADAS STAFF ALREADY IN WASP. YORKTOWN AFTER ARRIVAL WILL BE DIRECTED JOIN TG 38.1 AT WHICH TIME MONTGOMERY SHIFTS TO YORKTOWN. RADFORD EMBARK BUNKER HILL UPON ITS ARRIVAL ULITHI. SALLADAS STAFF UPON COMPLETION OF

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TEMPORARY DUTY WITH MONTGOMERY AND WHEN PRACTICABLE WILL BE SHIFTED FROM WASP TO BUNKER HILL FOR DUTY WITH RADFORD. 

TICONDEROGA JOIN TASK GROUP 38.3 TO ULITHI. BUNKER HILL WILL JOIN TASK GROUP 38.2 AFTER EMBARKATION OF NEW AIR GROUP IN SAIPAN.

WASP WILL EMBARK NEW AIR GROUP ON AS LATER DIRECTED. DESPATCH APPROVAL BY CINCPOA OF TOT(***), BY 29/2/25, IS HEREBY REQUESTED.

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**OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE**

AT MEETING THIS DATE OF SHAEB SHIPPING PRIORITIES COMMITTEE DECISION REACHED TO RELEASE 22 M/T IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LST ARE BEING AND HAVE BEEN MORE ECONOMICALLY EMPLOYED IN THIS AREA THAN M/T. THIS BECAUSE OF PORT DISCHARGE CAPACITIES AND AFTER CAREFUL WEIGHING OF RELATIVE ECONOMY IN ACCORDANCE JCS 130345 PARTICULARLY PARA 4 B. 30,000 VEHICLES ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY LIFT OF WHICH 7400 ARE TO BE HANDLED BY 16 M/T. THE REMAINING VEHICLES TO BE LIFTED BY 61 LST OF WHICH 60 MUST BE KEPT OPERATIONAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE NECESSARY 12 LIFTS DAILY. THE QUESTION OF LST RELEASES WILL BE KEPT CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH REDUCTION OF VEHICLES.
TO BE LIFTED AND THE PHASING OF CU CONVOYS DIRECT TO THE CONTINENT COMMENCING WITH CU 52. NO FURTHER RELEASE OF LST IS CONTEMPLATED BEFORE LATE JANUARY.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

Nr: FX 65079  NAF 825  8 December 1944

This is NAF 825 to AGWAR for CCS and to Central
District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs of Staff
repeated SHAPE for information signed Wilson cite FROCT
TOPSEC FX 76079.

1. Consider that employment of LVT's for Po Valley
River crossing operations might well prove decisive battle-
winning factor.

2. Estimate that for assault river crossing 11th
Inf Bde front, including carriers supporting arms and es-
tessential vehicles, and allowing for percentage off road for
mechanical trouble, 200 LVT's necessary.

3. Have firm requirement for sufficient LVT's for
2nd Bde assault on Eighth Army Front and 1st NCT on Fifth
Army Front. Consider LVT 3 only type required. Therefore
request most strongly ultimate allotment of 600 LVT 3 S and
three months supply of spare parts with earliest allocation
of maximum number immediately available up to 200.

4. As earliest delivery essential to enable training
and trials to be carried out, request you allot necessary
shipping and advise.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell,
Adm King, C of S
CM-IN-8088 (8 Dec 44)  1911Z  pa

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MODIFY BY 12249.

RE CO: PHIB GROUP 3 12 SETS PANELS 28 AND 29 DELIVERY 12 AS FOLLOWS:

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TO ENABLE OPERATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN NORTHERN YUGOSLAVIA COMMENCING EARLY IN DECEMBER IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CALL ON US 15 US LST AND 15 LCI (L) TO BE EMPLOYED ON A TRANS ADRIATIC FERRY SERVICE FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH.

2. REQUEST YOU WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUFFICIENT US LST AND LCI (L) TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE ADRIATIC TO ENABLE THE ABOVE NUMBERS TO BE KEPT IN OPERATION.

3. SHIPS AND CRAFT WILL BE REQUIRED TO LOAD IN ANCONA AND HEEL PORTS ABOUT 7TH DECEMBER. DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED LATER.

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To: War Department
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr: S 66796 14 November 1944

S 66796 TOP SECRET to for action AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff to for information Central District UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite SHGDS this is SCAF 131.

Release of LST referred to in FACS 107 is subject:

Following are firm figures for release of LST.

A. Release as at 15th November will now be 17 rail fitted LST comprising seven British and 10 United States, and eight non-fitted United States LST.

B. 20 more rail fitted LST all United States will be released on conclusion of rail wagon ferrying programme estimated as 1st December. This removes all rail fitted LST and will leave SHAEF 119 non-fitted LST comprising 82 United States and 37 British. All these are needed in addition to our MT ships for vehicle movement during December and January which is already much in arrears. Position will be kept under review.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, OPD, General Bissell
Admiral King, Log.,
CM-IN-13901 (15 Nov 44) 06282 m/m

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To: War Department
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr: S 65465 4 November 1944

S 65465 to for action AgWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to for information UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff TOP SECRET this is SCAF 124 from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower cite SHqDS.

Subject is release of landing ships and craft engaged in overseas duties your OCTAGON 38 dated 16th September and our FWD 16650 (SCAF 97) dated 2nd October refers. The following releases will take place.

LST:
A. Now 7 rail fitted under repair 3 US non rail fitted under repair.

B. 15 November 7 rail fitted under repair.

C. 1 December 7 rail fitted under repair 12 US non rail fitted under repair. Of above 21 rail fitted 14 will be US and 7 British.

LCI (L):
A. Now 12 US 12 British

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LCT (5) and (6).
B. 15 November 12 UB. 18 under overhaul in
UK which have hitherto been subject to recall by SHAPE.
Position will be reviewed about 20th November.

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16650 1st CM-IN-2056 (30 Oct 44) CC/S
OCTAGON 38 is CM-IN-15253 (16 Sep 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull

Adm King
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675, 943, 949, 950, 951, 952, TOTAL 35.

Will have substitutes all types available. Estimate LCI(L).

Will be ready depart Bizerte 11 November and LST ready depart
Oran at earliest 20 November. Have available now LST to send
Magdalena to load at rate 1 per day or faster if desired. Have
2 LST now Palermo available for loads. Have total 2 loads at
Bizerte. Intend sailing remainder Oran towing LCT fast as
possible utilizing other LST to with LCI where necessary. LCC and
other small boats will be sent Oran via LST. Am sailing 6 LST
to Oran for onward routing on November 4th. By 332342A refers.

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RETURN TO U.S. FOR TEMPORARY DUTY IN LANTFLT 28 LST 28 LCT AND 35 LCI(L). MEDOC'S 205 UDARIS 180332 REFER LCT'S TO BE DECKLOADED ON LST'S WHO ARE TO CARRY THEIR ALLOWANCE OF LCVP'S PLUS MAXIMUM NUMBER LCM(3) AND ADDITIONAL LCVP'S RETURN PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT SPARE PARTS, EXPEDITE SAILING OF THESE UNITS ALLOWING REASONABLE TIME FOR LOADING OTHER AVAILABLE CARGO. ADVISE HULL NUMBERS VESSELS DESIGNATED. SEPARATE CNO DESPATCH WILL ASSIGN YARD AVAILABILITIES. PARAGRAPH 3 NMYDIS 061241 SEPTEMBER APPLICABLE.

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By RT, NARA, Date: 4/13/44

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**SECRET Dispatch**

**FROM** COMINCH  
**RELEASED BY** C. M. Cooke  
**DATE** 2 Nov 1944  
**TOR CODEROOM** 1952/1  
**DECODED BY** WOODWARD/Bennett  
**PARAPHRASED BY** WOODWARD  
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- COM 7TH FLEET  
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COM 8TH FLEET SENDS ACTION COMINCH AND CNO INFO COMDT NOB PALERMO SEN US NAV LIAIS OFF ITALY (US ARMY PASS).

AT SUCH TIME AS US LANDING SHIPS AND CRAFT ARE WITHDRAWN FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN THE FACILITIES OF PALERMO NOW OPERATED BY THE US NAVY WILL BE NO LONGER REQUIRED. YOUR INTENTIONS RELATIVE TO THE FUTURE STATUS OF PALERMO WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL AT THIS TIME AND OF THIS CONNECTION I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT FACTS.

(A) THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT THE SHIP REPAIR YARD BE RETURNED GRADUALLY TO THE FORMER OWNERS.

(B) CINCPAC HAS RECOMMENDED TO ADMIRALTY THAT IF AND WHEN US NAVY WITHDRAWS FROM PALERMO THE YARD BE TTurnED OVER TO ITALIAN CONTROL AND THAT PORT FACILITIES BE OPERATED UNDER BRITISH RESIDENT NAVAL
OFFICER WITH SMALL STAFF.

(c) CAPTAIN R H BAKER USNR BUSHIPS REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY IN THEATRE RELATIVE DOCKING AND REPAIR FACILITIES WSA. PALERMO NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE THIS PURPOSE BECAUSE OF SIZE OF PRESENT GRAVING DOCK AND DEPTH OF INNER HARBOR WOULD NOT PERMIT OPERATION OF LARGE FLOATING DRYDOCK. IN THIS CONNECTION I RECOMMEND THAT DEFINITE AGREEMENT BE MADE WITH BRITISH TO REPAIR AND DRYDOCK WSA SHIPS AT ORAN TARANTO AND ALEXANDRIA ON A SATISFACTORY PRIORITY BASIS.

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YOUR 251424* OCTOBER.

SHIPS WILL BE EMPIRE WEAPON CLASS EX C.I.B. HULL AS CONVERTED IN U.S.A. WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT:

(A) IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION AND STORE ROOMS.
(B) INCREASED VENTILATION.
(C) ADDITIONAL 50 TONS/DAY DISTILLING CAPACITY.
(D) AWNINGS.

2. SINCE OFFER OF L.S.I. WAS MADE, POSSIBLE OPERATIONS IN S.E.A.C. IN SPRING, 1945 HAVE BEEN REVIEWED. IF THESE OPERATIONS ARE FINALLY APPROVED, THE L.S.I. (L) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NECESSARY ASSAULT FORCE. RELIANCE CANNOT, THEREFORE, BE PLACED ON THEM BEING AVAILABLE AS REINFORCEMENTS IN THE PACIFIC.

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