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Ltr, Hq, FEAF, APO 925, Subj: Tactical Air Reconnaissance, to ACoFS,
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f. It is not anticipated that the Air Force will provide prints of air photographs in quantity. Mass reproduction is the responsibility of the Army forces.

CHARLES Y. BANFILL
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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G2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 16 January 1952

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, XVI Corps, APO 14

1. Reference: Letter, Hq XVI Corps, subject: "Tactical Air Reconnaissance," dated 22 Dec 51, and GHQ 1st Ind thereto, dated 11 Jan 52.
2. Furnished herewith, for your information, are certain supplementary data pertaining to the questions contained in your letter, reference above.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2:

R. S. BRATTON
Colonel, General Staff with Troops
Deputy

MEMO FOR RECORD:

XVI Corps ltr, ref above, contained list of questions pertaining to tactical air recon. G2, GHQ ltr to D/I FEAF, 28 Dec 51, referred questions to that Hqs for answer. Instant action indorses FEAF reply to XVI corps for information.

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14 January 1952

SUBJECT: Tactical Air Reconnaissance

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500

Following is in reply to your letter of 28 December 1951, subject as above.

a. The 314th Air Division in addition to its primary mission of air defense is charged with the responsibility of joint training with all Army units in Japan including the XVI Corps. This will include tactical, minimum air reconnaissance as is necessary for training purposes.

b. It should be pointed out that there is but one Tactical Reconnaissance Wing assigned to this theater and it is fully and actively employed in Korea. In order to meet the desired tactical reconnaissance training requirements in Japan, this Headquarters proposes to assign a minimum number of tactical reconnaissance aircraft to the 314th Air Division. The details of the amount of such photographic and visual air reconnaissance and the time of availability is a matter which should be worked out between ground force units in Japan and the 314th Air Division.

c. The required support may be obtained through already established communications channels between XVI Corps or other ground force units and the 314th Air Division.

d. Initial prints of photo coverage will be delivered to ground force units as arranged for between such units and the 314th Air Division.

e. The time interval between receipt of an immediate photo request mission and delivery of initial prints will depend upon procedures established with the 314th Air Division. The time should be comparable to that now experienced in Korean operations.

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Tactical Air Reconnaissance

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Chief of Staff

8 Jan 51

1. XVI Corps has forwarded to this Headquarters a request (Tab 2) for information relative to the provision of tactical aerial reconnaissance support in event of an enemy attack in the Corps sector.

2. G3 advises that Appendix II, Annex "C" to CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51, currently in effect, directs the establishment of a Japan Joint Operations Center by FEAF in conjunction with JLCOM and XVI Corps. FEAF MSG AX 2452 OP-OP, 6 August 1951, recommends that the 31st Air Division operate the Japan JOC in conjunction with XVI Corps and JLCOM. CINCPAC MSG CX 69671, dated 26 August 1951, approves this recommendation and authorizes direct communication between XVI Corps, JLCOM and the 31st Air Division in the implementation of the basic directive.

3. It is clear that the problems of support and communication arising in connection with tactical reconnaissance should be resolved by the three aforementioned agencies. Only conflicts which cannot be so resolved should be submitted to this Headquarters for decision. Similarly, the procedures to be followed in the procurement of aerial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC are contained in paragraph 5b (2) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operations Plan 3-51.

4. G2 and G3 are currently coordinating in the development of recommendations to the CofS regarding a OPX designed to test the Japan JOC. This will be subject of a separate action.

5. A draft 1st Indorsement (Tab 1) has been prepared advising XVI Corps of the above.

6. Recommend approval of Tab 1.

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- 1. Draft 1st Ind, CINCPAC to XVI Corps
- 2. Ltr XVI Corps, 22 Dec 51

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters XVI Corps, APO 14

1. Appendix II to Annex C, CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51, currently in effect, directs the establishment and operation of a Japan Joint Operations Center by FEAF, JLCOM and XVI Corps. FEAF MSG AX 2452 OP-OP, 6 August 1951, recommends that the 314th Air Division operate the Japan JOC in conjunction with XVI Corps and JLCOM. CINCPAC MSG CX 69671, dated 26 August 1951 approves this recommendation and authorizes direct communication between XVI Corps, JLCOM and the 314th Air Division in the implementation of the basic directive.

2. It is visualized that the problems of support and communication will be resolved by the joint action of the three aforementioned agencies. Conflicts which cannot be resolved at the Japan JOC level should be submitted to this Headquarters for decision.

3. The procedures to be followed in the procurement of aerial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC are contained in paragraph 5b (2) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operations Plan 3-51.

MEMO FOR RECORD:

Basic is letter from XVI Corps subject "Tactical Air Reconnaissance," dated 22 Dec 51 requesting answers to the following questions:

What unit will be charged with photo and visual aerial reconnaissance support for XVI Corps?

What is the minimum amount of support that can be expected?

Normal amount? When will it be available?

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How will this support be obtained, i.e., what are the channels of communication thru which requests will be submitted?

How will the initial prints of photo coverage be delivered to XVI Corps?

What will be the normal time interval between receipt of an immediate photo request mission by JOC and delivery of initial prints to Headquarters XVI Corps?

Will the Air Force be able to provide prints of air photos in quantity to the XVI Corps upon request? If not, who will provide quantity reproduction?

Discussion with G3 Plans (Lt Col Reeves) and G3 Operations (Lt Col Rosa) reveals that Appendix II, Annex C to CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51 directs the establishment of a Japan JOC by FEAF in conjunction with JLCOM and XVI Corps.

It is clear therefore that such problems as channels of communications units to be charged with reconnaissance support, etc. should be resolved by joint action of FEAF and XVI Corps. Procedures for requesting aerial photo coverage are contained in Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51. This indorsement so informs XVI Corps.

R. L. K. _____ 26-6066

Coordination:

G3 Plans _____ Lt Col Reeves 26-8645

G3 Operations _____ Col Green 26-8529

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XVI CORPS
APO 14

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22 December 1951

SUBJECT: Tactical Air Reconnaissance

TO: Commander-in-Chief
Far East
APO 500

1. A recent Staff Study of the 314th Air Division Operation Plan Number 11-51 for Tactical Air Support for Army Forces in Japan including the XVI Corps revealed that no specific mention was made of photo and visual aerial reconnaissance in the event of an enemy attack in the Corps sector.
2. Because of the large area of responsibility delegated to the Corps and the small number of troops available to properly defend this area, there is an urgent need for an aerial-reconnaissance effort during the initial stages of an enemy attack. Photo and visual aerial reconnaissance during the early stages of an attack are essential in determining the enemy's main effort, assembly areas, strength and logistical support. This information, once obtained, would be a determining factor in the proper employment of friendly troops.
3. It is believed that current plans for the defense of Japan should include specific provisions for photo and visual aerial reconnaissance support for XVI Corps. Specifically, such plans should provide answers to the following questions:
 - a. What unit will be charged with photo and visual aerial reconnaissance support for XVI Corps?
 - b. What is the minimum amount of support that can be expected? Normal amount? When will it be available?
 - c. How will this support be obtained, i.e., what are the channels of communication thru which requests will be submitted?
 - d. How will the initial prints of photo coverage be delivered to XVI Corps?
 - e. What will be the normal time interval between receipt of an immediate photo request mission by JOC and delivery of initial prints to Headquarters XVI Corps?

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f. Will the Air Force be able to provide prints of air photos in quantity to the XVI Corps upon request? If not, who will provide quantity reproduction?

h. The answers to the above questions will assist greatly in preparation of plans for defense of the XVI Corps zone of responsibility.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ F. W. Laskowski
F. W. LASKOWSKI
Lt Col ACC
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 13 January 1952

TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 14

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1. Appendix II to Annex C, CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51, currently in effect, directs the establishment and operation of a Japan Joint Operations Center by FFAF, JICOM and XVI Corps. FFAF MSG AX 2452 OP-OP, 6 August 1951, recommends that the 314th Air Division operate the Japan JOC in conjunction with XVI Corps and JICOM. CINCPAC MSG OX 69671, dated 26 August 1951 approves this recommendation and authorizes direct communication between XVI Corps, JICOM and the 314th Air Division in the implementation of the basic directive.

2. It is visualized that the problems of support and communication will be resolved by the joint action of the three aforementioned agencies. Conflicts which cannot be resolved at the Japan JOC level should be submitted to this Headquarters for decision.

3. The procedures to be followed in the procurement of serial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC are contained in paragraph 5b (2) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL RIDGWAY:

JOHN P. MAHER
Colonel, AGC
Acting Adjutant General

MEMO FOR RECORD:

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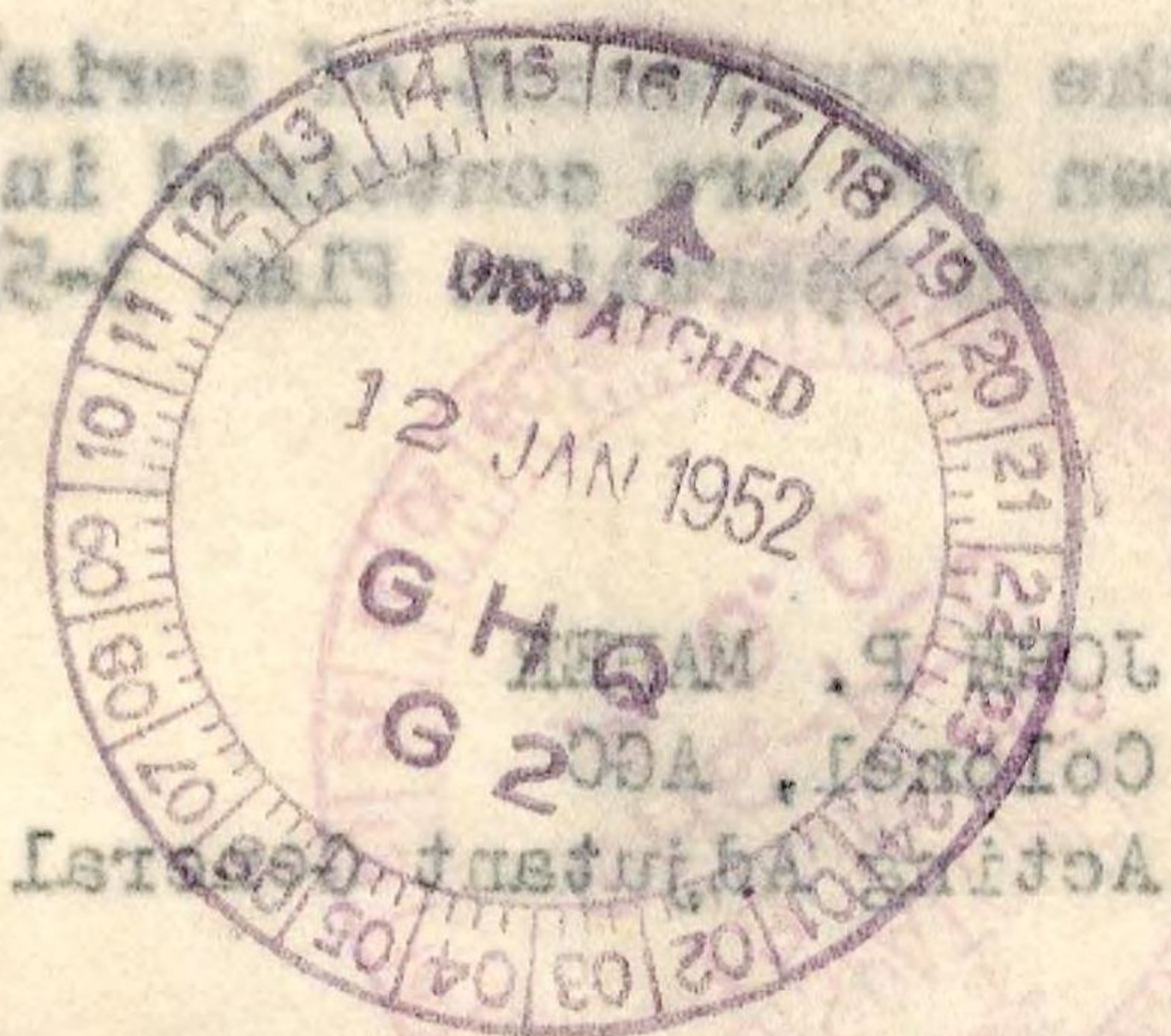
TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 500

1. Appendix II to Annex G, GINKEP Operation Plan 3-51, currently in effect, directs the establishment and operation of a Japan Joint Operations Center by FAR, JICOM and XVI Corps. FAR HQ AX 5125 OP-07, 6 August 1951, recommends that the 31st Air Division operate the Japan JOC in conjunction with XVI Corps and JICOM. GINKEP HQ CX 62621, dated 26 August 1951 approves this recommendation and authorizes direct communication between XVI Corps, JICOM and the 31st Air Division in the implementation of the basic directive.

2. It is visualized that the problem of support and communication will be resolved by the joint action of the three aforementioned agencies. Conflicts which cannot be resolved at the Japan JOC level should be referred to this Headquarters for decision.

3. The procedure to be followed in the processing of serial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC is given in paragraph 2 (S) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) GINKEP Plan 3-51.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL RIDGWAY:



MEMO FOR RECORD:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 14

dated 22 Dec 51 requesting answers to the following questions:

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What is the minimum amount of support that can be expected? Normal amount? When will it be available?

How will this support be obtained, i.e., what are the channels of communication thru which requests will be submitted?

How will the initial prints of photo coverage be delivered to XVI Corps?

What will be the normal time interval between receipt of an immediate photo request mission by JOC and delivery of initial prints to Headquarters XVI Corps?

Will the Air Force be able to provide prints of air photos in quantity to the XVI Corps upon request? If not, who will provide quantity reproduction?

Discussion with G3 Plans (Lt Col Reeves) and G3 Operations (Lt Col Rosa) reveals that Appendix II, Annex "C" to CINCFE Operation Plan 3-51 directs the establishment of a Japan JOC by FEAF in conjunction with JLCOM and XVI Corps.

It is clear therefore that such problems as channels of communication units to be charged with reconnaissance support, etc. should be resolved by joint action of FEAF and XVI Corps. Procedures for requesting aerial photo coverage are contained in Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCFE Operation Plan 3-51. This indorsement so informs XVI Corps.

Recommended action approved by Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, on 10 Jan 52, initials "BMB". Original approved action filed G2, GHQ, FEC.

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FAR EAST COMMAND

Lt Col Kolb
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(Establishment and Operation of
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1. XVI Corps recently forwarded to this Headquarters a request for information (Tab 2) relative to the provision of tactical air reconnaissance support to XVI Corps in the event of an enemy attack in the Corps sector.

2. The reply (Tab 1) approved by Deputy Chief of Staff FEC on 10 Jan informs XVI Corps that the existing problems which prompted the questions contained in the basic letter, should be resolved by the joint action of FEAF and XVI Corps in compliance with the directive contained in Appendix II, Annex C of CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51 (Establishment of a Japan JOC).

3. It is apparent from the basic letter that there exists at the present time a lack of clear understanding of the functioning, capabilities and limitations of the Japan JOC. It is understood that the actual operation of this center has not as yet been tested.

4. In view of these factors and with an eye toward determining now the actual capabilities and limitations of the center as it physically exists today it is recommended that a CPX (generally as discussed between Lt Col Reeves - G3 Plans and Lt Col Kolb - G2 P&E) be drawn up and played at an early date.

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- 1. Copy of Reply to XVI Corps
- 2. Copy of XVI Corps Request

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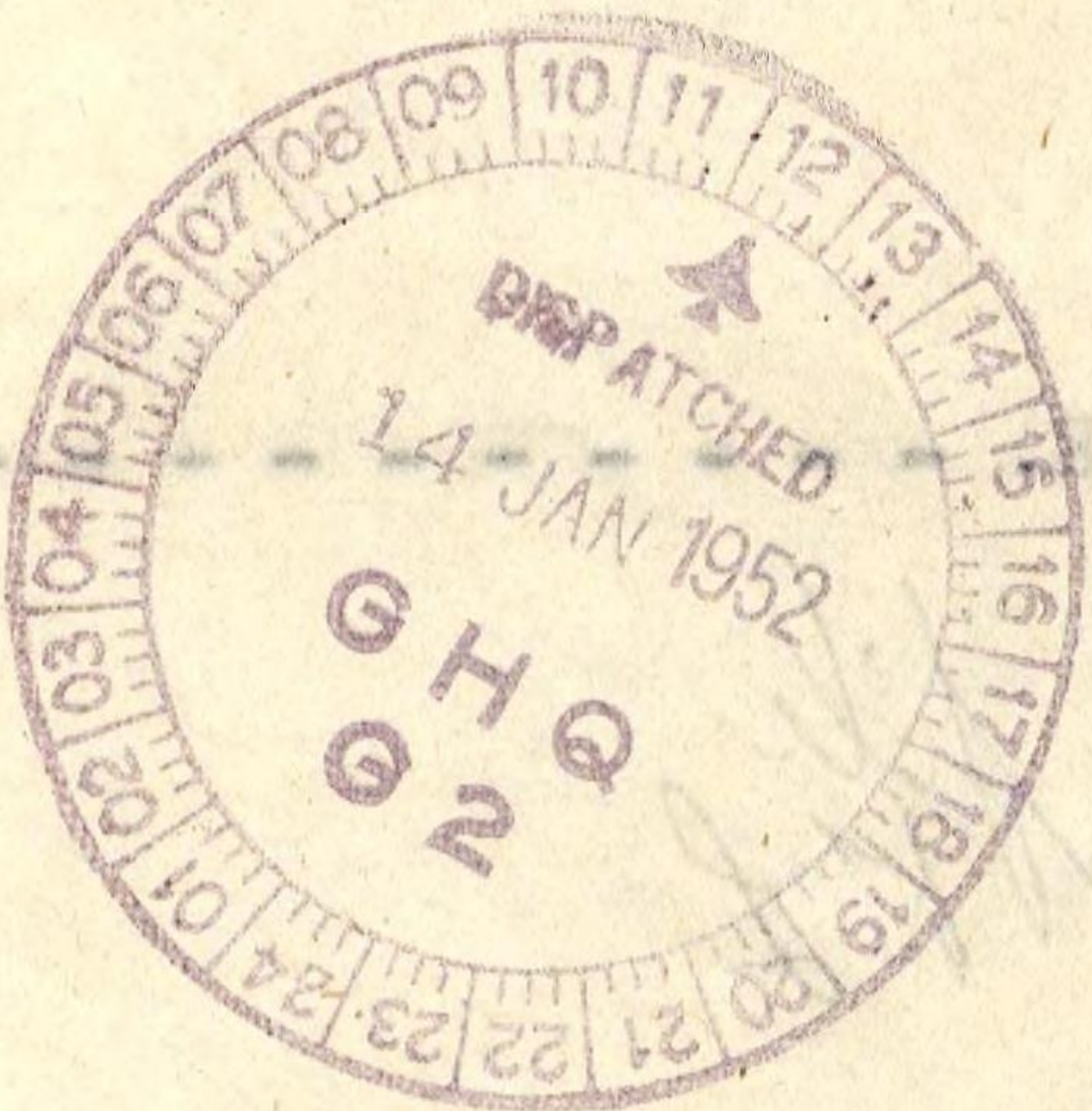
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- 2 Incls:
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

F. W. LASKOWSKI
Lt. Col. AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 14

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2. It is visualized that the problems of support and communication will be resolved by the joint action of the three aforementioned agencies. Conflicts which cannot be resolved at the Japan JOC level should be submitted to this Headquarters for decision.

3. The procedures to be followed in the procurement of serial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC are contained in paragraph 5b (2) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL RIDGWAY:

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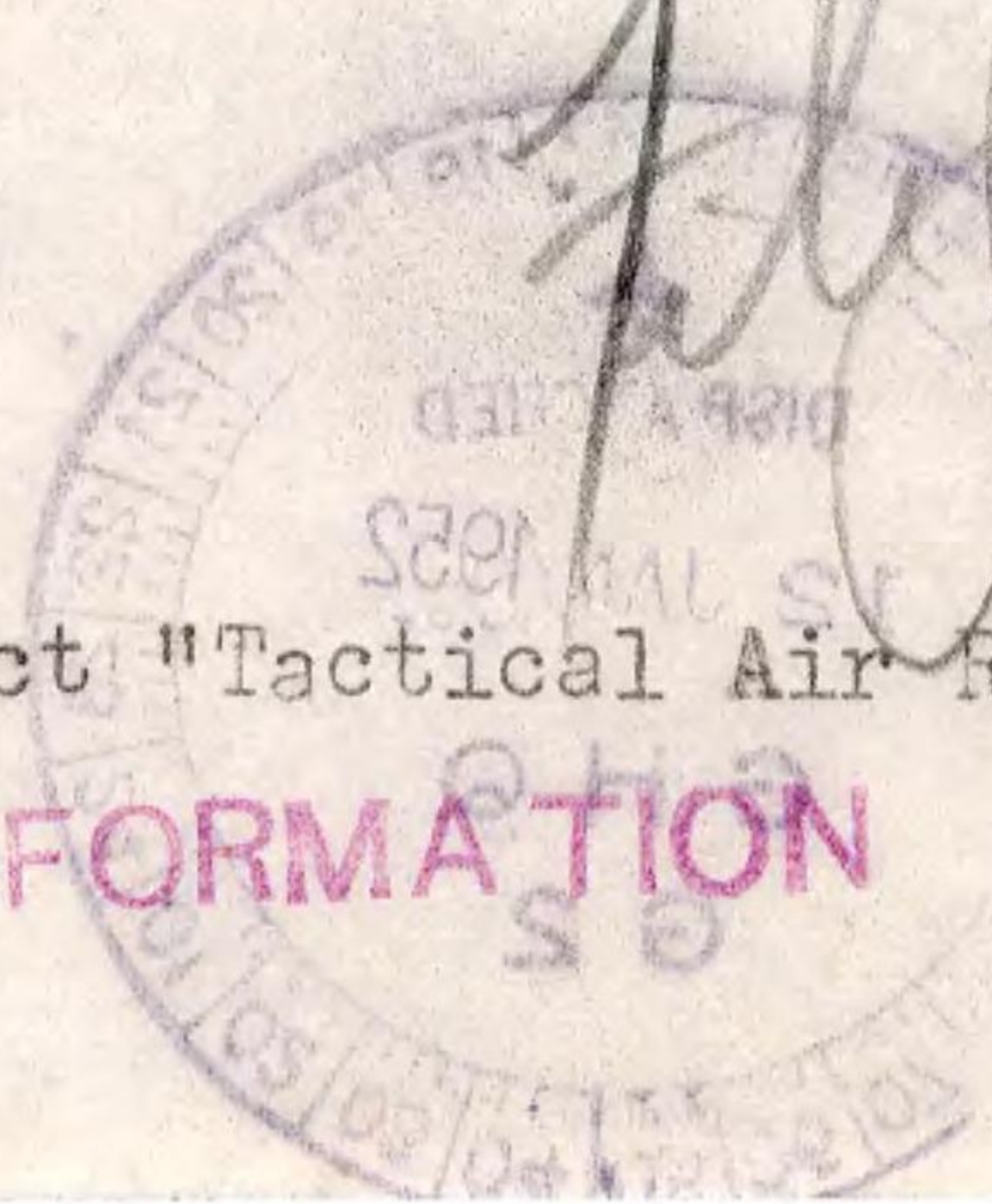
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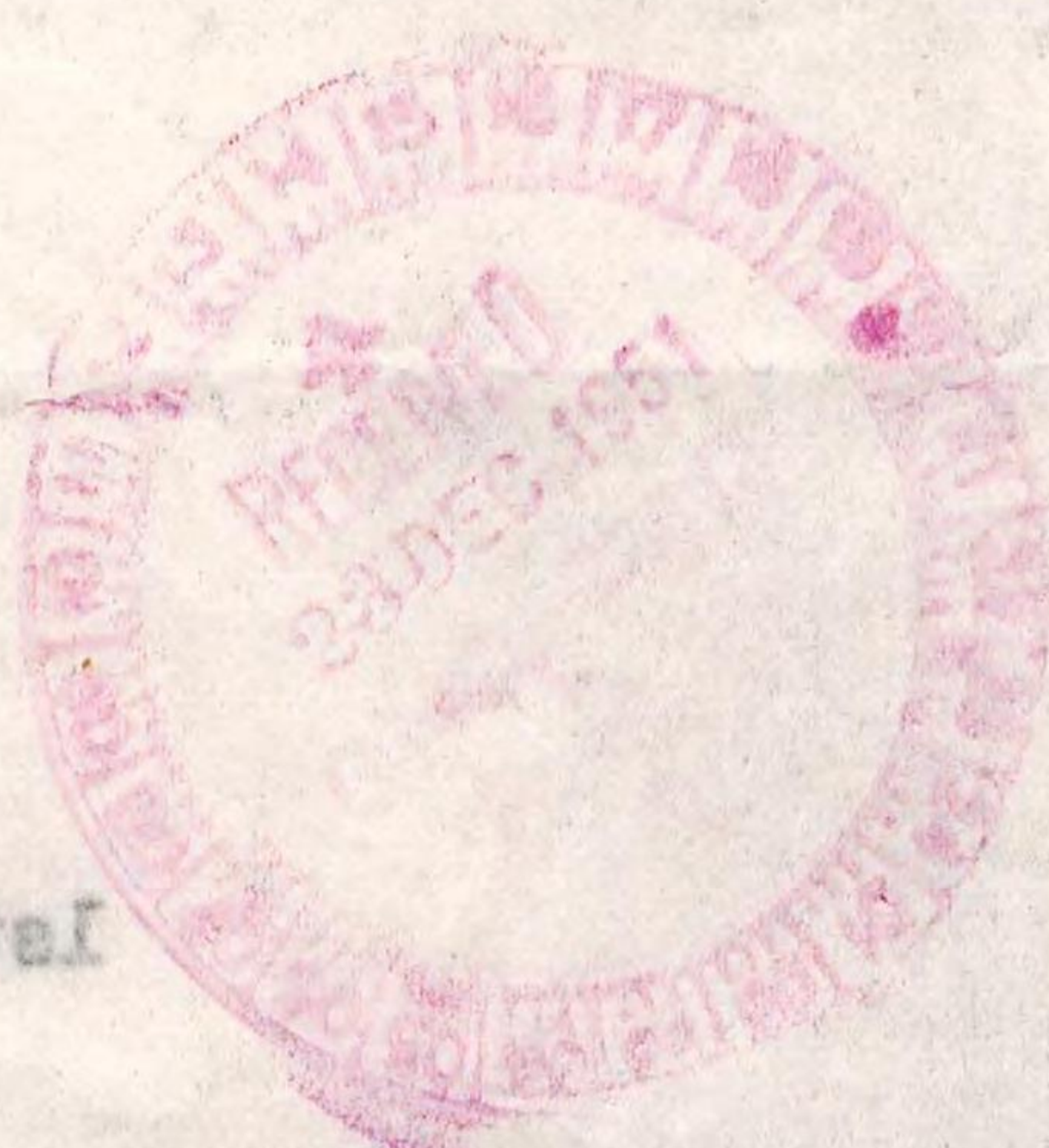
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 14

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2. It is realized that the problems of support and communication will be resolved by the joint action of the three aforementioned agencies. Conflicts which cannot be resolved at the Japan JOC level should be submitted to this Headquarters for decision.

3. The procedures to be followed in the procurement of aerial photo coverage which cannot be handled by the Japan JOC are contained in paragraph 2b (2) of Annex "A" (Intelligence) CINCPAC Operation Plan 3-51.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL RIDGWAY:

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HEADQUARTERS
XVI CORPS
APO 14

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SUBJECT: Tactical Air Reconnaissance

TO: Commander-in-Chief
Far East
APO 500

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 14

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Recommended action approved by Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC, on 10 Jan 52, initials "BMB". Original approved action filed G2, GHQ, FEC.

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Tactical Air Reconnaissance

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Chief of Staff

8 Jan 51

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