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MISSION #20 KAWASAKI "FRUITCAKE 1"
Engine A/C Plant, Akashi
19 Jan 1945

Classified in accordance with
~~SECRET~~ 5-8-46 by Authority of
O. G. AAR, by *Ray/Huber*
Ray G. AAR, Capt. A. O.

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT TYPE OF MESSAGE MESSAGE NO. DATE AND TIME RCD INITIAL

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Telecom

FN-16-14

161757z 89R

2-5240-91

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-14 OP OP OP ~~TOP~~ SECRET 160716Z
FROM XXI BOM COM
TO COMAF 20

PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OBTAINED YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME OF TARGET 157

*Demomaki a/c
(Engineer)
ON of Akashi*

AFTER REPEATED ATTACKS. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR
BRIEFING AND AS A BASIS FOR AN ATTACK. PLAN TO ATTACK TARGET 1547 ON
18 JANUARY. ONE OF THE UNDERLYING FACTORS IS DESIRE TO PROVIDE VARIETY
IN TARGET AREAS AND OBTAIN SOME RESULTANT SURPRISE. BOMBING ALTITUDE

25,000 FT WITH NORMAL FORCE. WEATHER FOR OKINAWA

18 JANUARY UNFAVORABLE.

TOD: 160738Z CB

~~TOP SECRET~~

UNQUOTE

TOD 161751Z WCK

~~TOP SECRET~~

ROGER FN-16-14 161751Z WCK

1617572

| SPECIFIC SUBJECT | TYPE OF MESSAGE | MESSAGE NO. | DATE AND TIME R/C'D | INITIALS |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|
| Brief of Build Order Armitage 1 | Telecon | FN-16-34 | 170005Z | BGR |
| Chg in Classification of FN-16-34 | Telecon | FN-17-10 | 180015Z | BGR |
| Correction to FO | Telecon | FN-17-4 | 170205Z | BGR |
| Delay in Armitage | Telecon | FN-17-45 | 171259Z | BGR |
| Brief of FO | Telecon | FN-18-2 | 180145Z | BGR |

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TELETYPE CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

Lt. Col. Hewitt

KHARAGPUR HONOLULU PARTIES

Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-18-2

(TOP SECRET) 180055Z

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO : COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER FRUITCAKE -1
 APPROXIMATELY 77 B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINST FRUITCAKE NO. 1 ON 19
 JANUARY 45. COURSE- SAIPAN TO 1700N, 14400E TO 2900N, 13700E-3412N,
 13622E TO TARGET, TO BASE- TAKE OFF FIRST PLANE 182045Z OVER TARGET
 190435Z ETA BASE 191050Z- SECONDARY TARGET NONE. LAST RESORT ANY
 INDUSTRIAL CITY. TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED BY SQUADRONS IN COLUMN AT BASE
 ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET. ATTACKING GENERALLY WEST NORTHWEST. DIVERSIONARY
 FORCE OF 3 B-29'S SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF WITH PRINCIPLE FORCE TO DROP
 ROPE BOMB HAMAMATSU AND HOLD FIGHTERS IN THAT AREA. PHOTOS AND SCOPE
 .PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN OF MIYAKA-JIMA, MIKURA-JIMA, AND HACHIJO-JIMA BASE
 ALTITUDE 29,000 FT. EACH AIRCRAFT TO DROP ROPE 12 UNITS PER MINUTE.
 BOMB LOAD PRINCIPAL FORCE MAXIMUM LOAD OF 500LB GP FUSED 0.1 SEC.
 (P&L-5000 lb GP)
 NOSE AND 0.025 TAIL FUSE-DIVERSIONARY FORCE-3000 LB PER A/C SAME
 TYPE.

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM CONTROL ROOM AT 180055Z

END.

TOD: 180128Z JAW.

MISSION 20- FRUITCAKE NO1 SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MAIN BUILDING, CENTER OF

Eng A/C Plant - Alabaki

XXXX TARGET.

ROGER RELAY FN-18-2 180141Z JMJ

FN-04-5

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-45 OP OP OP ~~TOP SECRET~~ 171240Z

FROM XXI BOMCOM

TO COM GEN AF 20

INFO DEP COM 20

~~TOP SECRET~~

Delay in transcribe

SUBJECT: FRUIT CAKE 1

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN BASE AREA INDICATE A PERIOD OF FREQUENT SHOWERS DURING PLANNED RETURN TIME AND FOR ~~SERVICES~~ SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE AND AFTER. TARGET FORECAST INDICATES THREE TENTHS MIDDLE CLOUD AND TWO TENTHS LOW CLOUD. FORECAST FOR 19 JAN 45 INDICATES DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT IN BASE AREA AND PROBABLY IMPROVEMENT IN TARGET AREA. IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED ADVISABLE TO DELAY FRUIT CAKE 1 TWENTY FOUR HOURS. TAKE OFF NOW SCHEDULED FOR 182045Z.

TOD: 171250Z CB

ROGER FN-17-45 171250Z GG

~~TOP SECRET~~

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 171256Z PH

ROGER NR FN-17-45 171256Z CGF

~~TOP SECRET~~

171259Z

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN-17-4 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 170205Z

FROM: XXI BOM COM
TO : COM GEN AF 20
DEP COM GEN AF 20
INFO: CTF 94 CTG 93.2 CTU 30.5.3
CTF 93 CTU 30.5.2 CTU 93.1.1
CTG 17.7 CTU 94.4.2 CTU 94.4.1

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER FRUITCAKE ONE

SEE OUR FN -16-34

BASE ALTITUDE SHOULD READ 25000 FEET

ETA SAIPAN SHOULD READ 181049Z

THIS MESSAGE DISPATCHED FROM 21 ? BOMCOM CONTROL ROOM AT 170205Z

END.

TOD:170226Z JAW

UNQUOTE

TOD: 170611Z CCC

ROGER 170611Z

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KHARAGPUR HONOLULU PARTIES

Col. Herman Col. Ankenbrandt

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 20

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TELECON MSG FN-17-10 ~~TOP SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL 170456Z

FROM BOM COM 21

TO CG 20 AF

DEPCOM 20 AF

CHANGE CLASSIFICATION ON OUR FN 16-34 TO TOP SECRET.

~~END~~

~~TOD 170535Z WL~~

~~RC~~

~~XX UNQUOTE~~

~~END~~

~~TOD 180010Z NT~~

~~ROGER RELAY FN-17-10 180010Z JTR~~

CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR OF MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION

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| C/S | DC/S OPR | DC/S Adm | A-1 | A-2 | A-3 Tng | A-3 OC&R | A-4 | A-5 Plan |
| AG | Surge | Air Insp | PRO | COMM OF ANAL | STAT CON | | | |
| INFORMATION | C/S | DC/S Opr | DC/S Adm | A-1 | A-2 | A-3 Tng | A-3 OC&R | A-4 |
| AG | Surge | Air Insp | PRO | COMM OF ANAL | STAT CON | | | |

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JAN 16 1945

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WASHINGTON PARTIES

KIHARACHA OR / HONOLULU PARTIES

LT. COL. H. H. HEWITT

COL. HERMAN ANKENBRANDT

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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~~SECRET~~

TELECON MESSAGE FN-16-34 OPER PRTY (SECRET) 162307Z

FROM : BOM COM 21

TO : COMGEN 20AF
DEPCOM 20AF

INFO : CTF 94 CTG 93.2 CTU 30.5.3
CTF 93 CTU 30.5.2 CTU 93.1.1

CTF 17.7 CTU 94.4.2 CTU 94.4.1

SUBJECT: BRIEF OF FIELD ORDER FRUITCAKE 1

~~TOP SECRET~~

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY SEVEN B-29'S SCHEDULED AGAINST FRUITCAKE 1

ON 18 JAN 45. ROUTE OF PRINCIPAL FORCE: SAIPAN 1700N-14400E TO
2900N-13700E TO 3412N-13622E TO TARGET AND RETURN DIRECTROUTE
OF DIVERSIGNARY FORCE: SAIPAN 1700N-14400E TO 2900N-13700E
TO 3430N-13725E TO TARGET TO 3435N-13812E TO 3407N-13800E
(MIYMAKA JIMA) TO 3349N-13938E (MIKURA-JIMA) TO 3305N-13950E

~~TOP SECRET~~

(HACHIJO-JIMA) TO BASE. TAKE OFF FIRST PLANE 172145Z OVER

TARGET 180442Z AND ETA SAIPAN 181049Z (5.4 PM 17-4)
THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATED IN THE OFFICE OF CONTROL XXI BOMCOM 162307Z.
END...
TOD:2353Z JAV.

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 162359Z NT

170005

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| SECTION | VO | 21 | 3 'C' 0 |
| MEMORANDUM TO: | VO | 21 | 3 'C' 0 |
| SUBJECT: | VO | 21 | 3 'C' 0 |

TELECON MESSAGE FOR

TO: [] TOP SECRET [] SECRET [] CONFIDENTIAL [] RESTRICTED

FROM:

ORIGINATOR

TELEPHONE

NAME AND GRADE

TELECON MESSAGE NO.

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NOTE:
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TO COM GEN G//BOM COM 21
FROM COM GEN AT 20

OF THE TOTAL OF 80 AIRCRAFT AIR XORN RPT BORN, DID YOU HAVE ANY
EARLY RETURNS?

YES BOTH ARE PRIORITIES

SENT 190727Z

SECRET

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TELECON MESSAGE FOR

| SECTION | TO | FROM | DATE |
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| | | | |
| MEMORANDUM TO: | The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force | | |
| SUBJECT: | Transmittal of TELECON message | | |

It is requested that the following TELECON message be transmitted. This message pertains to the business of the Twentieth Air Force and its transmission by normal means of communication is impracticable.

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| ORIGINATOR | NAME AND GRADE | TELEPHONE |
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TO: _____ FROM: _____

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. K-18-13 ~~TOP~~ SECRET 190130Z

SUBJECT: XXI BOMBER COMMAND MISSION

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM: COMGENAF 20

EIGHTY AIRCRAFT OF THE XXI BOMBE COMMAND WERE AIRBORNE AT 182120Z
TO ATTACK AKASHI.

...END

TOD 190139Z WCR JLB

TOP SECRET

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5-4356, AF

| SECTION | W3 | W2 | W1 | W0 | DATE | W-2 (a) (u) (z) |
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| TELECOMMUNICATION | | | | | | |
| MEMORANDUM TO: | OC\2-000 | DC\2-000 | V-1 | V-3 | V-3(L00) | V-2(a) (u) (z) |
| SUBJECT: | 2710 | 2710 | 680 | COM | OV | |
| | Transmittal of TELECON message | Transmittal of TELECON message | V-1 | V-3 | V-3(L00) | V-2(a) (u) (z) |

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ORIGINATOR: NAME AND GRADE: TELEPHONE: LH12 26YCE EOB RZE OE V 3' OMFA

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

ROUTE

TELECON MSG FN-19-1 OP OP OP SECRET 190008Z
FROM 21 BOM COM
TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO DEP COM 20

SUBJECT: WEATHER FORECAST, S-21, FRUITCAKE NO. 1, 19 JAN 1945
WEATHER EXPECTED AT BASE: GOOD FOR TAKE OFF; LIGHT SHOWERS FOR
RETURN. ROUTE FINE EXCEPT 2 SHOWER AREAS: ONE JUST NORTH OF BASE,
SECOND ONE HALF WAY. CLOUDS AT TARGET: 2/10 MIDDLE, 2/10 LOW, NO HIGH

END...

TOD190105Z TAS.

UNROUTE

END

TOD 18/// 190104Z HS

RECD FN-19-1 190104Z CY

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5-4336, AF

AFCS-1 HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

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| SECTION | VC | VO | 2-C-O |
| MEMORANDUM TO: | DC12-000 | DC12-730 | V-3 |
| SUBJECT: | 2000 | 2000 | V-3 |

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ORIGINATOR: NAME AND GRADE: TELEPHONE:

DATE: 19 JAN 45

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force
 SUBJECT: Transmittal of TELECON message

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TELECON MSG FN-18-23 OP 182253Z 19 JAN 45

TO COM GEN AF 20

FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21

INFO DEP COM 20.

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SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORT. S-21, FRUIT CAKE NO. 1, 19 JAN 1945.

MESSAGE:

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| GROUP: | 497 | 498 | 499 | 500 |
| SCHEDULED: | 20 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| AIRBORNE: | 19 | 19 | 21 | 21 |

TIME OF TAKE OFF:

FIRST A/C: 182121Z 182045Z 182058Z 182110Z

LAST A/C: 182132Z 182057Z 182109Z 182120Z

TOD 182321Z TAS

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END

TOD 182335Z HS

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ELECON MESSAGE 21000

| SECTION | PRECEDENCE | CLASS | DATE | TIME | DATE | TIME |
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| | C12 | DC12-004 | DC12-1400 | V-1 | V-3(100) | V-4 |
| | V2 | 2000 | V/A 1000 | DEL | OV | V-2(0100Z) |

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TO: _____ FROM: _____

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TALECON MSG FN-18-22 (SECCZT OP) 182122Z
 FROM: XXI BC
 TO : COM GEN 20 AF
 INFO: TO DEP COM 20 AF
 SUBJECT: FRUITCAKE NR 1
 FORECAST TWO TENTHS LOW, AND MIDDLE, NO HIGH CLOUD.
 ---END---
 TOD 182129Z AS

UNQUOTE
 END
 TOD 182229Z HS
 RECD 182229Z CY

DO NOT WANT TO STAY IN

THAT IS ALL THE AD TRAFFIC WE WANT

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By authority of
CG Twentieth AF

Copy For Officer Section Late Initials

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

Information for briefing on XXI Bomber Command
Mission No. 20 - 19 Jan. 1945
Late

Mission Code Name "FRUITCAKE 1" (AS of 0800Z-19 Jan.)
Late

Targets: Primary - Akashi, Japan (Kawasaki a/c Engine Plant)

Secondary - None

Last Resort -

Take-off Times: 182045Z to 182132Z

Time Over Primary Target: 190451Z (first a/c)

Tactics: Squadrons in column formation.

Aircraft Participating: Approx. 80

Primary Target: 11 Squadrons 70 a/c roughly

Secondary Target: -

Diversionsary

Other targets: 1 Squadron 3 a/c visually

Bomb Load: Maximum 500 lb. GP (Probably 5000 lbs.)

Losses: None reported due to enemy action

Target Weather: CAVV to 3/4

17 a/c report mod flw pot position
rest - report slight pot. opposite

Fighter Opposition:

9 a/c report intense accurate fire
rest - slight to mod & errat.

Anti-Aircraft Encountered:

52 a/c reported heavy explosion in target area
8 a/c " huge fire "
9 a/c " Submarine fires " "
3 a/c " unknown "

Results of Bombing:

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and is subject to change so
should not be used or presented as final.

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-19-19 ~~SECRET~~ SECRET OP OP OF 190826Z
TO COMGEN AF 20
FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21
INFO DEP COM 20

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT, FRUIT CAKE NO. 1, 19 JAN 1945.
FOLLOWING ~~SUMMARY~~ SUMMARY PREPARED FROM 9 IN FLIGHT REPORYS
REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 72 A/C:

71 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY THR CLOUD COVER VARYING FROM
0/10 TO ~~3/10~~ 3/10. 1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY THRU 0/10

CLOUD COVER VISUALLY. NO REPORT YET FROM 3 DIVERSIONARY A/C.
RESULTS: 52 A/C INDICATED HEAVY EXPLOSIONS IN TARGET AREA.

8 A/C INDCCATED HUGE FIRES IN TARGET AREA.

9A/C INDICATED MEDIUM FIRES IN TARGET AREA

2 A/C INDICATED RESULTS UNOBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.

ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE: 9A:C REPORT INTENSE ACCURATE FIRE.

REMAINING A:C REPORT SLIGHT TO MIDERATE
INACCURATE FIRE.

E/A OPPOSITION: 17 A/C REPORT MEDIUM FIGHTER OPPOSITION. REMAINING
A:C REPORT SLIGHT FIGHTER OPPOSITION.

NO A/C WERE REPORTED LOST TO ENEMY ACTION.

TO THIS TIME 5 A:C HAVE RETURNED EARLY AND NO A/C HAVE DITCHED.

END

TOD 190843Z WL

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END

TOD:191308Z WB

ROGER

FN-19-19 191308Z WCR

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
1945 JAN 19 13 10

TELECON MSG FN-19-15 SECRET P P P 190754Z

TO COMGEN AF 20

FROM COMGEN BOM COM 21

INFO DEPCOM 20

REFER YOUR TELECON NOTE. NO DTG: OF THE TOTAL OF 80 AIRCRAFT

AIRBORNE ON FRUITCAKE NO. 1, 19 JAN 1945, THERE WERE 5 REPEAT 5
EARLY RETURNS.

END

TOD190803Z

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TOD:191531Z WB

ROGER FN-19-16 191531Z WCR CGF

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| SECTION | NO | DATE | TIME | BY | REMARKS |
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| 1 | 1 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 2 | 2 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 3 | 3 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 4 | 4 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 5 | 5 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 6 | 6 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 7 | 7 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 8 | 8 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 9 | 9 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |
| 10 | 10 | 1945 | 0800 | 104 | |

MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-19-12 (SECRET) 190630Z (OPERATIONAL PRIORITY)
 FROM: COMGENBOMCOM21

SECRET

TO: COMGENAF20 INFO: DEPCOM 20

TWL SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED BOMBS AWAY REPORT, FRUIT CAKE NO. 1, 19 JAN 1945
 ELVE LEAD AIRCRAFT REPORTED BOMBS AWAY.

THREE BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 0/10 CLOUD.

TWO BOMBED PI// PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 1/10 CLOUD.

TWO BOMBED PRIMARY THRU 2/10 CLOUD VISUALLY

TWO BOMBED PRIMARY THRU 3/10 CLOUD VISUALLY.

TWO BOMBED PRIMARY THRU 4/10 CLOUD VISUALLY.

ONE BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY THRU 0/10 CLOUD VISUALLY.

END

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END

TOD 190643Z MR

ROGER

11 Bombed Primary Target
 1 Target of Opportunity

AFCSST-1 HEADQUARTERS, TWENTIETH AIR FORCE TELECON MESSAGE FORM

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| SECTION | 18 | 21 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| MEMORANDUM TO: | The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force | | | | | | | | |
| SUBJECT: | Transmittal of TELECON message | | | | | | | | |

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THIS MESSAGE FOR USE OF V-3 ONTA

ORIGINATOR: NAME AND GRADE TELEPHONE

TELECON MESSAGE NO. TOP SECRET SECRET CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED

TO: FROM:

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELCON MSG FN-19-9 SECRET OP OP 190459Z
 TO CG 20AF
 DEP COM 20 AF
 XQQDUJH GQ BOMCOM

BOMBS AWAY REPORT FRI

UITCAKE ONE. FIRST AIRCRAFT BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET

VISUALLY, 1/10 CLOUDS AT 190451Z

END

TOD 190514Z WL

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END

TOD: 190520Z JB

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| SPECIFIC SUBJECT | TYPE OF MESSAGE | MESSAGE NO. | DATE AND TIME REC'D | INITIALS |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|
| Landing Report | Telecom | FN-19-34 | 191516Z | BGR |
| Landing Report | Telecom | FN-19-36 | 191536Z | BGR |
| Reason for Delay of Prel. Report | Telecom | FN-19-41 | 192303Z | Ad. |
| Preliminary Mission Report | Telecom | FN-19-40 | 192324Z | Ad. |
| Briefers Info on Prel. Report | Ditto | | | Ad. |
| Preliminary Mission Rpt. - 19 20AF | Ditto | | 190800 | BGR |
| " " " - Sp. # 10 | Telecom | S-19-16 | | Am |
| " " " | Telecom | | | Am |

PRELIMINARY MISSION RPT.

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By authority of
CG Trentleth AP

HEADQUARTERS TWENTYTH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

20 Jan 45 *UJF*
Date Initials

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COM AND

7th BOMB OPERATIONS NO. 20 - 19 January 1945

"FRUITCAKE 1"

Targets: Primary - Kawasaki Aircraft Engine Plant, Akashi, Japan
Diversionary - Hamamatsu

Take-off: 181645 - 181732 Washington (182045Z - 182152Z)

Time of Attack: 190050 - 190124 Washington, 191350 - 191424 Theater
(190450Z - 190524Z)

Aircraft:

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Total Bombing | 73 |
| Primary | 64 |
| Diversionary | 2 |
| Other Targets | 7 |

Aircraft Lost or Missing: None

Casualties: 0 killed, 1 wounded, 0 missing

Bomb Load: 10 - 500 lb GP Bombs fused 0.1 sec nose and 0.025 tail

Bomb Tons Dropped: Approximately 181 tons

Tactics: Daylight visual precision bombing; by squadrons in column
from 25,000 ft to 27,800 ft.

Weather: CAVU to 3/10 cloud - visibility unlimited; winds 270 and 255
degrees, 155 and 135 knots.

Fighter Composition: Slight to moderate. 50 to 75 attacks predominated in area
from IP to target. No ramming or coordinated attacks reported.

Flak: Heavier to moderate and inaccurate to accurate

Claims: 5 destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, 3 damaged

Results: Primary - good to excellent, explosions and fires observed
in target area

Remarks: This information is fragmentary and subject to change,
therefore, should not be used for official records.

As of 0800, 20 January 1945

Lauris Forstad
LAURIS FORSTAD
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief of staff

SECRET

HERE IS ANS TO YOUR QUERY

QUOTE FROM GUA

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORTS DUE THIS HQS ABOUT 191600Z WILL

FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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DOES THAT DO IT

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GER WILL DO ROGER WILL DO

RO

Trinitake!

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1200

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TELECON MESSAGE NO. G-19-16

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Mission 20 XX 130

SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF OPERATION 20

SECRET

TO COM GEN BOM COM XXI FROM COM GENAF 20

REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO WHY MISSION REPORT HAS BEEN DELAYED

SO LONG? REQUEST REPORT BE FORWARDED WITHOUT DELAY.

.....END

TOD 192035Z WCR JLB
THAT WAS FROM LT. FRYE.

SECRET

THAT IS ALL THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE MATERIAL THAT WE HAVE AT THE
PRESENT TIME

THE REST OF THIS WILL BE THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALLED BY COL MC CALL
WE WILL STAND BY UNTIL THE PARTIES THAT WE REQUESTED ARRIVE
YOU MAY SEND REPLY TO THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE MSG WHILE WE ARE
WAITING FOR OTHER PARTIES

SECRET

OK WE WILL TAKE THAT MSG WHEN YOU GET IT WN

sent
as TOP
as K.D.

8. A/C ATTACKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: 1 B-29 DROPPED 10X 500 LB. GP ON BAY AREA (33DEG 35 MIN N -135 DEG 55 MIN E) VISUALLY THRU Ø/10 CLOUD FROM 24,300 FT AT 190427Z .

9. NO, A/C TAKING OFF: 80 (INCLUDES 3 DIVERSIONARY) *

10. NO A/C EARLY RETURN: 7 (INCLUDED 1 DIVERSIONARY)

11. NO.A/C LOST OR MISSING : NONE

12. BOMBING RESULTS : 64 A/C BOMBED PRIMARY

2 A/CBOMBED DIVERSIONARY TARGET

6 A/C BOMBED LAST RESORT TARGET

1 A/C BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY

7 A/C EARLY RETURNS

80 TOTAL

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A. PRIMARY KAWASAKI A/C CO.-14 A/C REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS, EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES IN TARGET AREA. LARGE COLUMNS OF DENSE BLACK SMOKE. 16 A/C REPORT GOOD RESULTS. ESTIMATE LARGE NUMBER OF BOMB HITS TARGET AREA. 17 A/CREPORT HUGE COLUMNS GREY BLACK SMOKE, SEVEN OR EIGHT COLUMNS MERGING INTO ONE RISING TO 10,000 FT. EXPLOSIONS IN AREA. LARGE BUILDING BURNING FIERCLY. 17 A/C REPORT MANY BOMBS HIT TARGET AREA. ONE LARGE XPLOSION FOLLOWED BY HEAVY SMOKE.

B. LAST RESORT: SHINGU, 2 A/C UNOBSERVED, 1A/C SAW HITS CENTER OF CITY, 1 A/C BOMB HITS CENTER CITY, EXPLOSIONS.

KANTON-SAKI-1 A/C OBSERVED 3 FIRES STARTING.

SHIONOMISAKE- 1A/C EXCELLENT ALL BOMBS IN CENTER OF CITY.

C. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY -BAY AREA-UNOBSERVED.

D. DIVERSIONARY- 2 A/C UNREPORTED RESULTS.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED : Ø

WOUNFED : 1

MISSING: Ø

14. E/A OPPOSITION : 1 GROUP REPORT SLIGHT TO MODERATE, 3 GROUPS REPORT SLIGHT. 50 TO 75 ATTACKS REDOMINATED IN AREA FROM IP TO TARGET. NO RAMMING OR COORDINATED ATTACKS REPORTED.

15. AA FIRE: FLAK WAS MEAGER TO MODERATE, INACCURATE TO ACCURATE. CONTINUOUSLY POINTED AND PREDICTED FROM IP TO TARGET, LOW AND BEHIND FORMATIONS

16. FIGHTER SUPPORT: NONE

17. WEATHER: PRIMARY, VISIBILITY INLIMITED. WINDS 270 DEG AND 255 DEG, 155 AND 135 KNOTS. Ø/10 TO 3/10 CLOUD.

LAST RESORT: CAVU, WINDS 115 K 270 DEG.

TARGET OF OPPORITY: CAVU

ENROUTE: FIRST GROUP ENCOUNTERED GOOD WEATHER 2/10 CLOUD OUT AND BACK. GREW PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. LAST GROUP ENCOUNTERED 2 FRONTS BOTH GOING AND COMING.

18. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: (1) BATTLESYIP ANCHORED IN INUGUMA WAN, HAHA-JIMA, AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS IN FUTAMIKO, CHICHI JIMA. OBSERVED FROM 16,000 FT. (2) A/C ASSEMBLY PLANT N/E FO TOKUSHIMA ON SHIKOKI ISLAND 34 DEG Ø7 MIN N -135 DEG 35 MIN E) 4 LARGE BUILDINGS SEVERAL SMALL

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SHIONOMISAKE- 1A/C EXCELLENT ALL BOMBS IN CENTER OF CITY.

C. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY -BAY AREA-UNOBSERVED.

D. DIVERSIONARY- 2 A/C UNREPORTED RESULTS.

13. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: KILLED : 0

WOUNDED : 1

MISSING: 0

14. E/A OPPOSITION : 1 GROUP REPORT SLIGHT TO MODERATE, 3 GROUPS REPORT SLIGHT. 50 TO 75 ATTACKS REDOMINATED IN AREA FROM IP TO TARGET. NO RAMMING OR COORDINATED ATTACKS REPORTED.

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FORMATIONS

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LAST RESORT: CAVU, WINDS 115 K 270 DEG.

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: CAVU

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19. ESTIMATED CLAIMS. DESTROYED : 5

PROBABLY DESTROYED: 3

DAMAGED : 3

USED

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

TOD 192240Z TAS

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TOD 192324Z HS

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RECD 192324Z JMJ

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

SECRET

QUOTE

TELECON MSG FN-19-41 SECRET 192216Z OP
FROM XXI BC
TO COM GEN AF 20
INFO DEP COMAF 20

SUBJECT: ANSWER YOUR TELECON G-19-16 RE DELAY PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT
FRUITCAKE ONE 19 JAN 1945.

MESSAGE SUBJECT REPORT DISPATCHED THIS HQ 192120.Z . RECEIVED FROM
WING AT 191922Z. MESSAGE DELAYED DUE TO CIRCUIT TROUBLE RECEIVED HERE IN
GARBLED

XXXXXXXXXX GARBLED FORM

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TOD 192247Z TAS.

UNQUOTE

END

TOD 192303Z HS

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Jan 1945

TELETYPE CONFERENCE 191455Z
SUBJECT 20TH AF MATTERS
PRESENT HERE 1ST. W.R. KING

SECRET

RELAY FROM BM
OMCOM 21
QUOTE
TELECON MESSAGE FN-19-36 "OP" SECRET 191347Z
T-WAR
FROM: COMGEN BOM COM 21

TO: COM GEN AF 20

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE EIGHTY AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE, SEVEN EARLY RETURNS,
SEVENTY THREE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING MISSIONS. SEVENTY BOMBING PRIMARY
VISUALLY CAUSING LARGE FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS AT IMPORTANT KAWASAKI
AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT AT AKASHI AND THREE AIRCRAFT BOMBING HAMAMATSO
IN PLANNED DIVERSION. NO AIRCRAFT LOST TO ENEMY ACTION AND NO AIRCRAFT
DITCHING.

(ARNOLD FROM HANSELL WHO IS SIGNING OFF AND STARTING BACK TO UNCLE
SUGAR.)

...END....

TOD: 191424Z IK

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TOD: 191500Z WB

ROGER FN-19-36 191500Z WCR CGF

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RELAY FROM BMMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-19-34

"OP" SECRET 191353Z

T-WAR

FROM: COM GEN BOM COM 21

TO: COMGEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AF 20

LANDING REPORT FOR FRUITCAKE ONE 19 JAN 45

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|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. GROUP | 497 | 498 | 499 | 500 |
| 2. LANDED HOME BASE | 19 | 19 | 21 | 21 |
| 3. LANDED OTHER THAN HOME BASE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HOME BASE

RM FIRST A/C LANDED 191106Z

191100Z

191105Z

LAST A/C LANDED 191228Z

191209Z

191154Z

192304Z

5. MISSING

0

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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT DUE THIS HQ 191600Z WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. END

THIS MESSAGE ORIGINATE 21 BOM COM 191353Z

...END....

TOD :: CCR RM SHUD BE 4. RPT RM SHUD BE 4.

SECRET

TOD 191415Z IK

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TOD:1914//191502Z WB

ROGER FN19-34 191502Z WCR CGF

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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By authority of -
C. G. Twentieth Air Force

4 Feb 42
(Date) CSY
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EXTRACT TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GUAM

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon Number FN-04-11

Subject: MECHANICAL FAILURES OF AIRBORNE A/C TO BOMB PRIMARY TARGETS-
MISSIONS No. 20 XXI BC

Guam Parties

Colonel Ankenbrandt

(From: COMBENBOMM 21 To: COMGMAF 20)

See your telecon G-4-6.

497th Bomb Group

42-24593 Bomb bay door malfunction over Primary target. Jettisoned.
42-24597 No 2 engine No. 1 cylinder swallowed valve. Jettisoned.
42-24604 No. 2 engine bad oil leak. Flight indicators cut. Jettisoned.
42-24594 No. 1 & 3 engines bad oil leaks at altitude. Bombed Shingu.
42-63485 No. 3 engine no turbo boost - bombed Shio-Ho-Misaki.
42-63412 Fluctuating manifold pressure and RPM all engines at altitude-bombed Shingu.

498th Bomb Group

42-24749 Blown cylinder No. 1 engine. Jettisoned.
42-24629 No. 4 turbo malfunction. Jettisoned.
42-24767 No. 4 engine severe oil leak due to push rod housing blown off. Jettisoned.

499th Bomb Group

42-24644 Fuel transfer system failure
42-63465 No. 4 engine malfunction. Bombed Shingu.
42-24643 Fuel transfer failure. A piece of carbon vane from previous failure jammed a selector valve. Jettisoned.
42-24672 No. 2 turbo out-turbo governor found to be defective. Jettisoned.
42-24652 No. 1 engine ran away. Could not keep up with formation. Bombed Kantori-Saki.
42-63494 No. 4 engine malfunction at altitude. Could not keep up with formation. Bombed Shingu.
42-24721 No. 3 engine failed at altitude. Ran hot and fluctuated, followed by fluctuation of manifold pressure and finally complete loss of manifold pressure. Bombed harbor at Kuki.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: Stat Control (2)

INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Cor (2); A-4 (2); Flying Safety (2)

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Adjutant General, Twentieth Air Force
 SUBJECT: Transmittal of TELECON message

It is requested that the following TELECON message be transmitted. This message pertains to the business of the Twentieth Air Force and its transmission by normal means of communication is

TELECON MESSAGE NO G-19-1 RESTRICTED
 SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH
 TO BOMCOM 21 INFO DEPCOMAF 20
 FROM COMAF 20

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 760063
 By AT NARA Date 8-8-91

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THIS PRESS FLASH WILL BE RELEASED HERE 190900Z: INDUSTRIAL TARGETS ON JAPAN'S HOMEMLAND ISLAND OF HONSHU WERE THE OBJECTIVES OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HAYWOOD S. HANSELL'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND SUPERFORTREES RPT SUPERFORTRESSES TODAY (JANUARY 19, JAPANESE CALENDAR, THE COMMANDING RPT COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR RPT AIR FORCE, GENERAL OF THE ARMY H. H. ARNOLD, ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT. THIS ATTACK WAS MADE IN DAYLIGHT. INFORMATION ON THIS MISSION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. (TO MCKELWAY INFO HRRTWELL RPT HARTWELL FROM REES)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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* Twentieth Air Force *
* 20 Jan 45 *
* (Date) - *
* (Initials) *
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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN *
WASHINGTON AND GUAM

Washington Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Telecon No. FM-20-38 (Part II)

Guam Parties

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Subject: Flash Photo Intelligence Report, Fruit Cake One, 19 Jan 45

Flash photo intelligence report, fruit cake one, 19 January 1945, Target 1547: Kawasaki A/C at Akashi.

Concentrations of bursts in engine plant, assembly plant, warehousing area and dispersal area. Quality of bombing excellent.
N, S and W portions of engine plant burning.
2/3 of W and S portions of engine plant completely gutted from fire and blast. Forge and foundry building area covered by smoke from fires in engine plant. Warehousing area across RR tracks to the S of plant received 6 hits. Fifteen (15) bursts directly on main assembly building, large holes in roof. Four (4) burst on/over 20 A/C (Wicks and Lily's) in dispersal area immediately adjacent to W of plant.
One burst between two banks of engine test cells.
One burst on DP gun position S of plant on coast line.
Two burst in dispersal area at NW corner of field.
All photography not yet received by Bomber Command.
Approximately forty bursts outside of target area.
Eight cargo ships varying from 50 to 80 feet in length visible in photos off Hara Jima.

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: None
Info : C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys);
Stat Control (2 cys); Anti-Aircraft (1 cy); Op Analysis (1 cy);
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| | WASHINGTON PARTIES | DATE 1 February 1945 | |

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Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO. G-1-1-14

SUBJECT *Mission 20*
15C

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 Info: DEFCOMAF 20 POA From: COMAF 20)

Photography of the Kawasaki Akashi plant taken the day after the attack has arrived here and shows intense dispersment activity with large truck convoys moving East, West and North. It is recommended that photography of the main roads running out of Kawasaki as far west as Himeji, as far east as Mishinomiya, and 25 miles north along the main roads be taken as soon as possible and be followed up by systematic coverage during the next 10 days if possible. Damage done to the plant was undoubtedly intensive and it may be possible that the Japanese are moving all equipment that they can salvage and abandon the plant.

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ORIGINATOR: DC/S Opr (Col. Posey)

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| | INFORMATION | c/s ; DC/S Opr; A-2 |

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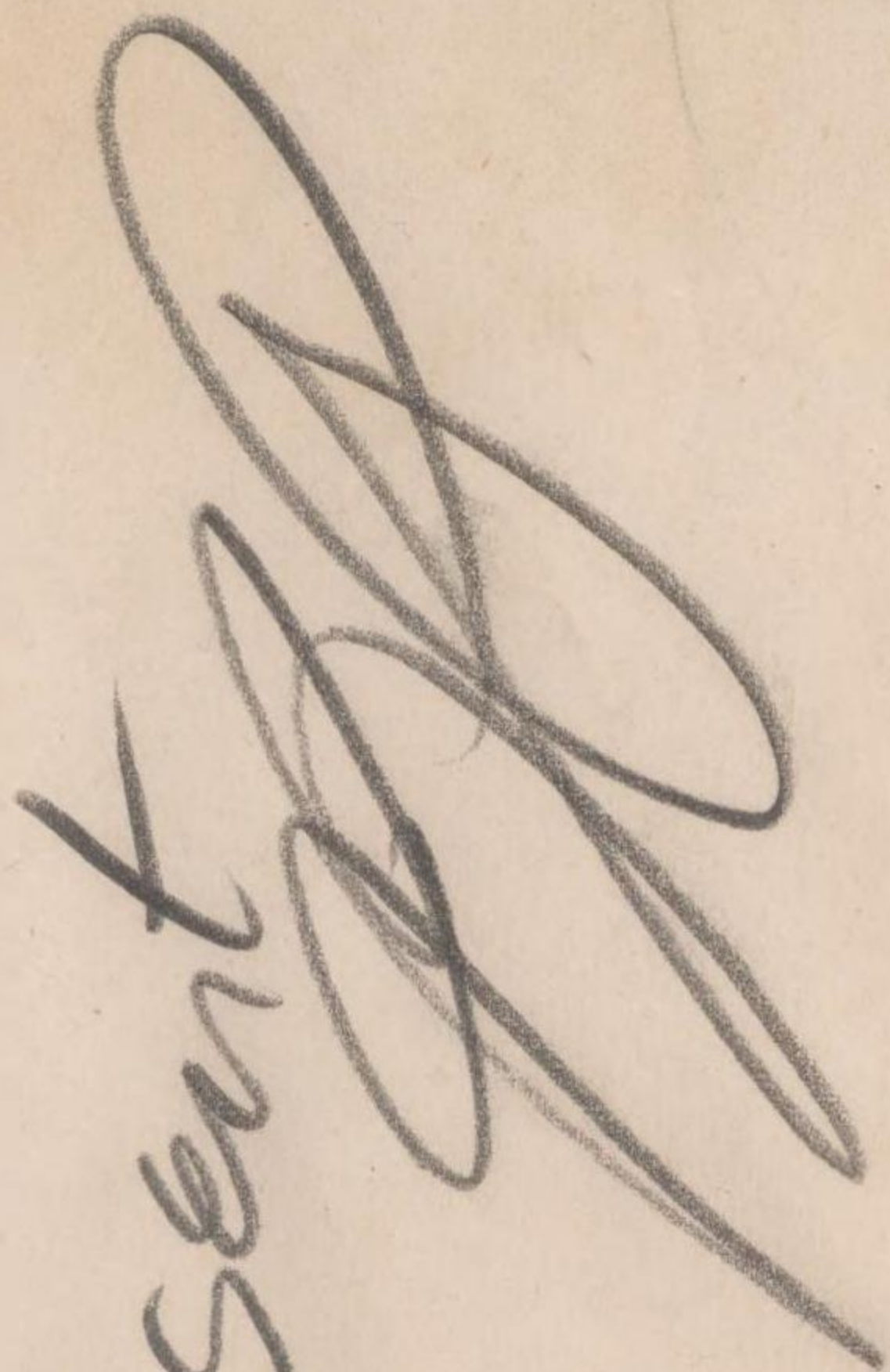
SUBJECT: Request for Reconnaissance Photography

TO: Lt. Colonel A. J. Carey *Mission 20
XXI BC*

1. Photography of the Kawasaki Akashi plant taken the day after the attack of 19 Jan arrived in Washington yesterday and is now under examination. This shows intense dispersal activity with large truck convoys moving east, west and north.
2. Systematic photography of the area immediately following the attack would probably have permitted the points of dispersal to be located. It is possible that photography now will help.
3. It is recommended that the XXI Bomber Command photographic squadrons be requested to obtain photographs of the main roads running out of Kawasaki as far west as Himeji, as far east as Nishinomiya and north along main roads for 25 miles *as soon as possible and that this be followed up by systematic coverage during the next ten days*

(B)

Robert S. Spilman
 ROBERT S. SPILMAN, JR.,
 Major, A. C.
 Chief, Aircraft and
 Components Sub-section

Tekon sent


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WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

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Authority of the
Commanding General,
Twentieth Air Force
22 Jan 45

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WASHINGTON PARTIES:

Lt. Col. H. L. Hewitt

HONOULU PARTIES:

Colonel Ankenbrandt.

TELECON MESSAGE: No. FN--21--26

SUBJECT: Flash Damage Assessment Photo Strike Iscon 3 PR 5 L 19 (Fruitcake #1)
19 January 1945.

(From : COMGEMBOMCOM 21 to CO.GE.LAF 20 Info: DECOLAF 20 POA *Flash Damage Assessment*
XX1100 *Photo Strike #1*)

TARGET: #1547: Kawasaki A/C - Akashi.

Quality: Excellent.

COVER:

24 inch and 40 inch. Combined A/C assembly and engine plant roof area of 3,155,000 sq. ft. shows over 1,000,000 sq. ft. of damage.

Aircraft Assembly plant - Main Assembly building: NW corner badly damaged from blast--eight holes in roof.

Sub Assembly unit to the East: NW portion and NE portion badly gutted, from blast.

Sub Assembly unit adjacent to North: Over 90% roof damage.

Supply sheds between above building and Assembly building: Badly damaged by fire. Several minor buildings in the assembly area E of main Building badly damaged by blast.

Engine Plant: Entire engine plant together with warehousing and heat treatment building adjacent to the N along the railroad critically damaged by blast and fire.

Main "Y" shaped assembly building: 80% roof damage.

Sub Assembly and Machine Shop Units: From 30 to 50% damage. Engine test stands show no roof damage. Several Linor buildings in warehouse

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area across RR tracks to the N destroyed, and others seriously damaged. Trackage and Rail Terminal received four (4) direct hits. Several buildings completely burned out.

Aircraft on Field: Seven near misses in area of dispersed aircraft. Partially destroyed four aircraft. *partially destroyed*

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: None.

Information: CS; DC/S Op (2 cys) A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OC&R (5); A-5 Plans (2),
Op Anal (2); Stat Com (2) (5 extra for file)

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* 20 Jan 45 (Date) - *
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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN *
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Washington Parties

Guam Parties

Lt. Col. Hewitt

Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon No. FM-20-36 (Part II)

Subject: Flash Photo Intelligence Report, Fruit Cake One, 19 Jan 45

Flash photo intelligence report, fruit cake one, 19 January 1945, Target 1547:
Kawasaki A/C at Akashi.

Concentrations of bursts in engine plant, assembly plant, warehousing area and dispersal area. Quality of bombing excellent.

N, S and W portions of engine plant burning.

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Warehousing area across RR tracks to the S of plant received 6 hits.

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One burst between two banks of engine test cells.

One burst on DP gun position S of plant on coast line.

Two burst in dispersal area at NW corner of field.

All photography not yet received by Bomber Command.

Approximately forty bursts outside of target area.

Eight cargo ships varying from 50 to 80 feet in length visible in photos off Hara Jima.

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: None

Info : C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys);
Stat Control (2 cys); Anti-Aircraft (1 cy); Op Analysis (1 cy);
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Twentieth Air Force

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Lt. Col. Hewitt
TELECON MESSAGE NO.

Colonel Ankenbrandt

MISSION REPORT 20
mission 20

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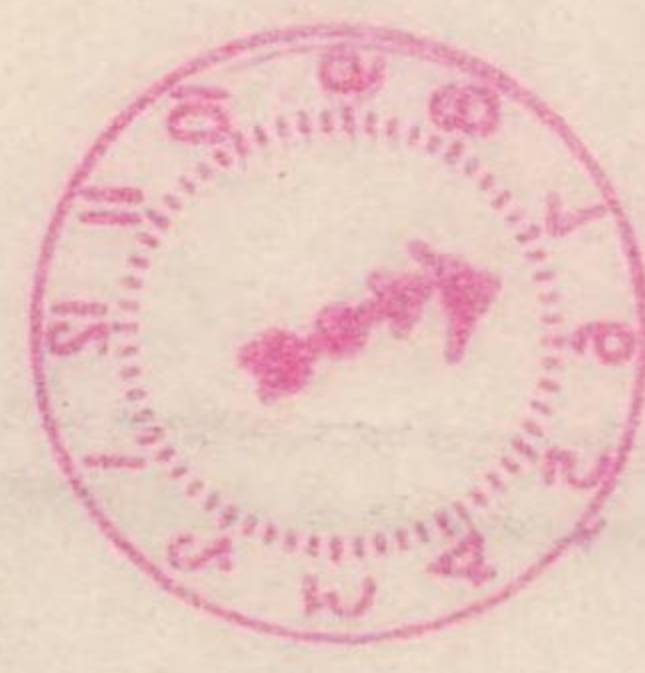
Mission Report 19 January

(To: COMGENBOMCOM Z1 From: COMGENAF 20)

Reference your telecon FM-21-25, final Mission Report 19 January, Paragraph 6B. When white streamer and balloon on kite were observed was any electronic signal obtained on scope or on other electronic equipment in observing aircraft or other aircraft near observer.

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ORIGINATOR: A-2 (Lt. Col. Esau)

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| | INFORMATION | DC/S Opr: A-2; DC/S Adm |

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ORIGINATOR: 4-S (1st Col. Esen)

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 TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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equipment in operating circuit or other circuit near operator. was any electronic signal observed on scope or on other electronic Radiograph etc. When white streamer and pellicle on kite were observed Reference your telegram W-21-25. Final Mission Report is January.

(For COMMEMORATION XI From: COMGENERAL SO)

G-3-10 Mission Report is January

1st Col. Hewitt

Colonel Anderson

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 OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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Twentieth Air Force
DATE 20 January 1945
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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GUAM

WASHINGTON PARTIES
TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt
Col. Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO. G-20-4
SUBJECT Fruitcake I Results
Mission 20 VII BC

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(To: COMENBOMCOM 21 From: COMAF 20)

The results of Fruitcake I are most gratifying. The relatively low abortive rate and the fact that no aircraft were lost on this operation indicates the problem of maintenance is being met. It is particularly desired to commend your engineering personnel who have made this possible.

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Originator: C/S (Gen. Norstad)

DISTRIBUTION ACTION INFORMATION
None
C/S; DC/S Ogr; A-3 OC&R (2 cys); A-4 (2 cys)

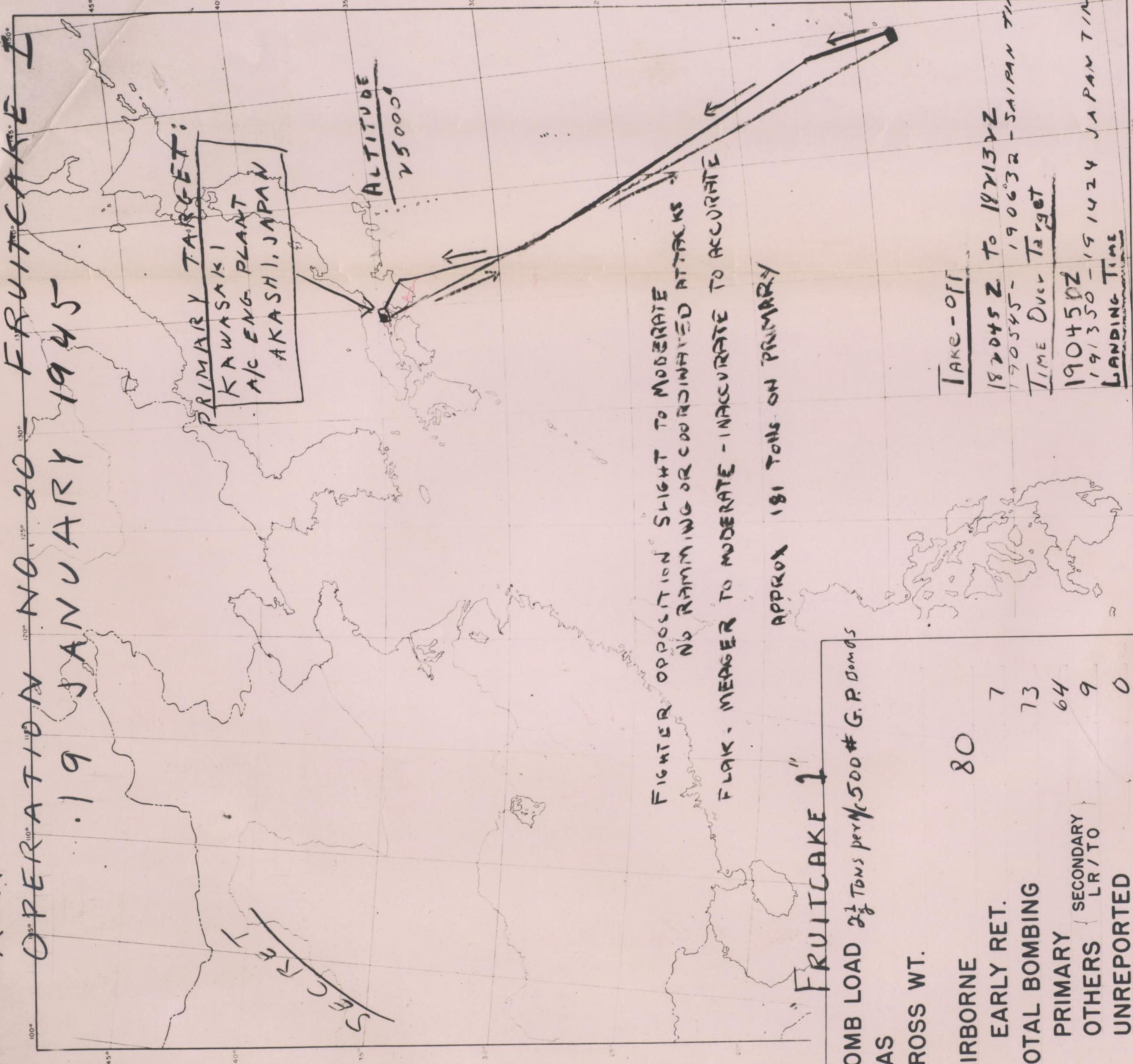
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OPERATION NO 20 - FRUITCAKE I
19 JANUARY 1945



PRIMARY TARGET:
KAWASAKI
A/C ENG. PLANT
AKASHI, JAPAN

ALTITUDE
75000'

FIGHTER OPPOSITION SLIGHT TO MODERATE
NO RAMMING OR COORDINATED ATTACKS
FLAK - MEDIUM TO MODERATE - INACCURATE TO ACCURATE
APPROX 181 TONS ON PRIMARY

FRUITCAKE I

BOMB LOAD 2 1/2 TONS PER 500# G.P. BOMBS

GAS
GROSS WT. 80
AIRBORNE 7
EARLY RET. 73
TOTAL BOMBING 64
PRIMARY (SECONDARY LR/TO) 9
OTHERS 0
UNREPORTED 0

LOSSES
ENEMY ACTION -
OPERATIONAL -
MISSING -
CASUALTIES: KILLED-0
WOUNDED-1
MISSING-0
CLAIMS
DESTROYED 5
PROBABLE DEST. 3
DAMAGED 3

VISUAL BOMBING FROM
25,000 to 27,800 FT.
WX - PT. 010 to 0310 CLEAR

TAKE-OFF
182045Z to 182132Z
190545 - 190632 - JAPAN TIME
TIME OVER TARGET
190450Z
191350 - 191424 JAPAN TIME
LANDING TIME

TARGET INFORMATION SECTION
SEPTEMBER 1944

CLEAR BASE MAP

RESULTS: REPORTED GOOD TO EXCELLENT. EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES IN TARGET AREA
LARGE COLUMNS OF DENSE BLACK AND GREY BLACK SMOKE RISING TO 10,000 FT. LARGE BUILDING BURNING FIERCELY. MANY BOMB HITS IN TARGET AREA.
OTHER TARGETS: UNOBSERVED TO EXCELLENT