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Subject: Information Obtained from Interrogation

To: G-2, USSBS (Thru Chief, Military Analysis Div)

1. At interrogation of TOKO, Guy on 20 Nov 45 by two officers from the Military Analysis Division, it was learned that on 17 August 1945, two days after the conclusion of surrender negotiations, a group of special attack planes took off from the Itami airfield, near Osaka, in search of an Allied Naval Task Force known to be operating off the coast of this area.

2. According to TOKO, the attack was ordered by the 6th Air Army (Kokugun). Planes took off, but were unable to locate the task force. All available planes were equipped for this operation and TOKO stated that he actually was in his plane, warming up the motors, when the first flights returned with the information that the task force had left that area. All planes were fully loaded with bombs, even to the extent of putting bombs and explosives in the cockpit with the pilot. This, according to TOKO, was to be the final, all-out suicide operation.

3. TOKO was very cooperative and appeared to be completely sincere. The other information (which incidentally was quite valuable from the standpoint of this division) was found to be reliable. It is felt that the information concerning this final attack is true.


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