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As we cannot allow American air force, after inhumanly blind-bombing at the time of air raids of the Mainland, to escape to the Chinese continent seeking the base or hoping to strive for their safety by becoming prisoners of war, we want positively to destroy such enemies and as such actions contain espionage elements also we wish to make a statement to the effect that we intend to punish such actions with severity to be grave offences of war. But it may have some relations to international laws and provisions, we wish to have the prompt opinions from the Center as regards to this matter.