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TELECON MSG 30-E 300204Z OP TOP SECRET

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE FN30-4 300125Z OP TOP SECRET

FROM COMGEN XXI BOM COM TO COMGEN AF-0 INFO DEPCOM GEN AF 20

PROPOSE TO DISPATCH MAXIMUM EFFORT TO ATTACK MONTGOMERY ONE ON 1

DECEMBER 1944 PD FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW PD END PAREN BOMCOM TWENTY

ONE

TOD 300139Z

UNQUOTE

~~...END...~~

~~TOD 3002107Z JB~~

~~ACK IS FLS~~

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Telecon	Telecon				HA
"	"				HA
Operations on 13 Dec In support of Lava 3	Telecon	Fn 11-30		121108	HA
Correction on FN-12-16	Telecon	FN-12-16 FN-12-29		121026 121210z	HA
Selection of Secondary Target	Telecon	Nr S 12-1		121616	HA
Memphis One	Telecon	Fn 12-31		121638	HA
Secondary Target	"	Bm 12-3-13		130447	HA

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TELECON MSG BM-12-3-13 130345Z (SECRET)

TO COM GEN AFI2Ø INOXX INKO: DEP COM AF 2Ø FROM COM GEN BOMCOM21

SUBJECT: SECONDARY TARGET FOR MEMPHIS ONE

SENONDARY TARGET FOR MEMPHIS ONE RE YOUR TELECON MSG NR S-12-1 IS THE C TY AREA OF AL.OL. CHOICE OF AXIS OF ATACXX ATTACK WAS PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR AL.OL,DAC. HIGH WINDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TARGET IDENTIFACATION OF PRIMARY TARGET MADE IT NECESSARY TO SELECT AN AXIS OF ATTACK WHICH WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR AL.OL,DAV ORISECONDARY TARGET. IT IS NOT OUR POLICY TO COMPROMISE SUCCESU AT THE PRIMARY IN ORDER TO AXX FACILITATE OPERATIONAGAINST SECONDARY. THE AIMING POINT FOR THE SECONJARY TARGET FOR OPERATION MEMPHIS ONE IS THE CENTER OF AL.OL. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN SCOPE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE TARGET FOR LOS ANGELES IN SUFFICIENT CLARITY FOR USE IN BRIEFING CREWS. FOUR B-29 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THESE SCOPE PHOTOS. ~~ALL LEADERSIAND DEPUTY~~

SECRET

"ALL LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS OF MEMPHIS ONE ARE DIRECTED TO OBTAIN SCOPE PHOTOS FOR USE IN LOS ANGELES. LAUNCHING OF LOS ANGELES IS DEPENDENT ON OUTCOME OF SCOPE PHOTO EVIDANNE.

END

TOD:-130419Z ST

UNQUOTE

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TOD:-130446Z RH

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-31 121309Z OP (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT : MEMPHIS ONE

THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND WILL TTACK 90,20,193 AT 130430Z WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT. FIRST AIRPLANE SCHEDULED TAKE OFF 122130Z TO 1700N - 14400E AT 122245Z TO 2400NGSSSSS - 14000E TO 3400N - 13800E TO TARGET 2600N - 14000E TO OASE. ATTACK BY SQUA-

RONS IN COLUMN AT BASE 27000 FEET. SECONDARY CITY AT 90.20 BOMB

LOAD 5000 LBS 60 PERCENT OF SQUADRONS FULL LOA
500 LB GP

1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL. OTHER SQUADRONS FULL LOAD E 6 R 2 M-18 I.B. CLUSTERS TO OPEN 5000 FEET ABOVE TARGET. LAND AT BASE

131000Z. TWO PHOTOS OFF AT 122120Z FOLLOWING SAME ROUTE TO 3400N - 13800E THEN DROPPING ROPE STARTING 100 MILES FROM HONSHU. LANDING SCHEDULED 131130Z. TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOS SCRAMBLING AT122030Z TO COVER OSAKA KOBE AREA AT 130400Z LANDING AT 131100Z.
END
TOD 101542Z ELH
ROGER PLS

SECRET

~~KOMCTC~~

YES CORRECTED COPY JUST RECIEVED FO// FROM BOMCOM21

THIS IS AS WE RECIEVED IT" OTHER SQUADRONS FULL LOAD E SIX

RPT "OTHER SQUADRONS FULL LOAD E 6 R) M-18 I.B.

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ON FN-12-31 WE HAVE SOME CORRECTIONS

HERE IS CORRECTED MSG

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TELECON MSG FN-12-31 121309Z OP (SECRET)

TO: COMGENAF 20 INFO: DEPCOMGEN AF 20 FROM BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

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TOD 121544Z VMH

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TOD 121631Z LC

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TELEVON MESSAGE FN-12-31 12EPOZ OP (SECRET)

TO: COMGEMNAF 20 INFO: DEPCOMGEN AF 20 FROM4 BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

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CONFERENCE: 12121855Z

PRESENT HERE CAPT ISAACS

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SUBJECT SPEICAL CONFERENCE SECRET

TELCCON NOTE

ON MSG FN-12-31 RELAYED TO US FROM DEPCOM AF2Ø . THIS MSG AAS GARBLED AND REQUEST THAT U CONTACT GUAM AND RELZY US CORRECTED MSG THIS CONFERENCE.

TELECON NOTE:

TO COMGEM BOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF2Ø

SEND BY RADIO YOUR FN-12-31. WE ARE ALSO RECEIVING THIS MSG THROUGH REAA// RELAY FROM DEPCOMAF SECRET

ACK OUR NOTES IS THIS A CORRECTED A COPY FROM GUAM ABM

STAND BY PLS

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CONFERENCE: 12121610.Z

PRESENT HERE: CAPT ISAACS TOP SECRET

SUBJECT YOUR DECISION TO EXECUTE MEMPHIS 1 AND SELECTION OF SECONDARY TARGET.

TELECON MSG NR S-12-1

TO BOMBOM 21 INFO DEPCOM AF 2Ø

FROM COMGEN AF 2Ø

TOP SECRET TOP SECRET

INASMUCH AS THE PRIMARY TAGGET FOR LOSANGELES 1 IS HIGHLY SUITABLE FOR RADAR BOMBING WE ASSUEE THAT THIS IS THE AIMING POINT FOR YOUR SECONDARY TARGET FOR OPERATION MEMPIIS 1. WE RECOMMEND THIS AS YOUR AIMING POINT AND WOULD LIKE FURTHER ADVICE AS TO WHAT IS MEANT BY YOUR SECONDARY TARGET FOR THIS OPERATION. THIS AIMING POINT IS SPECIFICALLY PLF. IN THE LE. RE. AREA. YOUR FIELD ORDER ON MEMPHIS 1 WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED MAY CLEAR UP QUESTION RE SECONDARY TARGED, CAN YOU GIVE US ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN WE MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE FIELD ORDER.

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XLECON MESSAGE FN 12-16 120505Z TOP SECRET

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20 FROM BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT: OPERZXXX OPERATIONS FOR 13 DEC IN SUPPORT OF L-3

MITSUBISHI A/C ENGINE PLANT

1. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO EXECUTE MEMPHIS ONE ON 13 DEC. FROM 90 TO 100 A/C WILL PARTICIPATE. TARGET IS AL. OL. DAC. (90 70 193)

FIRST STRIKE A/C WILL TAKE OFF FROM SAIPAN AT APPROXIMATELY 122122Z.

FIRST COMBAT SQUADRON WILL ATTACK DAC (193) AT APPROXIMATELY 130430Z

LAST COMBAT SQUADRON WILL ATTACK AT 130610Z

2. LATEST WEATHER FORECAST INDICATES TWO TENTHS CLOUD COVERAGE WITH TOPS AT 16000 FEET AND THREE TENTHS CIRRUS AT 28,000 FEET.

260 (160) OEL

3. ATTACK WILL BE BE COLUMN OF SQUADRONS ATTCXXX ATTACKING ALONG AXIS OF ~~DEL~~ (OEL) DEGREES FROM IP WHICH IS TOWN TXXX LOCATED AT CM (35) DEGREES DU (14) MIN NORTH AND DCN (137) DEGREES (00) MIN EAST. BASE ALTITUDE OF ATTACK WILL BE 27,000 FEET.

Denied by 12-29

END

TOD 120517Z WW

~~TOP~~ SECRET

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TOD 121024Z LC

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~~TOP~~ SECRET

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TELECON MESSAGE FN-12-29 121055Z (TOP SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEPCIM AF 20 FROM BOMCOM 21

PLEASE CORRECT OUR FN-12-16 AS FOLLOWS: AXIS OF ATTACK WILL BE OEL INSTEAD OF FXXXXX DEL.

TOD 121207Z JPD

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TOD 121210Z LC

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TELECON MESSAGE FN 11-30 112340Z (TOP SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20

FROM BOMCOM 21

(COMFERENCE MSG BLAIR FROM MONTGOMERY)

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS ON 13 DEC. IN SUPPOEXXX SUPPORT OF LOVE THREE

1. AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNDED WE PROPOSE TO EXECUTE EITHER MEMPHIS ONE OR LOS ANGELES ONE ON 13 DED. IN SUPPORT OF L-3. AT PRESENT I ESTIMATE BETWEEN 90 AND 100 WILL BE OPER CORRECT THAT 90 AND 100 A/C WILL BE OPERATIONA L AND SCHEDULED. 73RD WG IS PREPARED TO RUN WXXX EITHER OF TWO MISSIONS. BRIEFING HAS COVERED BOTH.

2. TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING I OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE TWO MISSIONS:

A. MEMPHIS ONE.

TARGER: DAC IN THE AL.OL AREA

SECONDARY TARGET: URBAN AND PORT AREA OF AL.OL

ATTACK

METHOD OF ATTACK: BY SQUADRONS IN CLXXX COLUMN ATTACKING WITH

~~MINIMUM TIME INTERVAL.~~

~~BOMB LOAD: 5000 LBS.~~

~~CORRECT THAT ALL AFTER WORD INTERVAL~~

MIMIMUM TIME INTERVAL. DAYLIGHT PRECISION BOMBING AGAINS PRIMARY IF POSSIBLE. IF NOT, SECONDARY WILL BE ATTACKED BY RADAR.

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B. LOS ANGELES ONE:

TARGER: DAU IN THE AL.OL AREA.

SECONDARY TARGET: URBAN AND PORT ARESXXX AROA OF AL.OL.

BOMB LOAD: MAXIMUM LOAD OF M-18 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS.

METHOD OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT BOMBING BY RADAR. THIS TARGET IS PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR TADAR

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METHOD OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT BOMBING BY RADAR. THIS TARGET IS PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR TADAR RPT RADAR BOMBING. INDIVIDUAL A/C WILL ATTACK IN SUCCESSION WITH MINIMUM TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN A/C

SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED SO THAT LAST A/C BOMBS ABOUR RPT ABOUT 2 HOURS PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT. 14 DEC. (LOCAL) THIS WILL PERMIT A/C TO RETURN DURING DAYLIGHT.

3. LOS ANGELES ONE WILL BE SCHEDULED IF WEATHER INDECATES THAT MEMPHIS ONE CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED ACCOUNT OF WEATHER. DECESION

SCHEDULE TO BE MADE AT 120500Z WE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY OLLOWING

~~EXXXX~~

DECESION.

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WHAT DOES LINE 8 BEGIN WITH ACCORDING TO YOUR COPY KK
WE HAVE EITY RPT EI[illegible] WILL ASK GUAM FOR CCN [illegible] THAT THO IF U WANT IT

LINE 9 FIRST WD IS LOWB RPT LOWB PROBABLY SHLD BE LOAD RT RPT LOAD

LINE 10 FIRST WORD IS WUDQP RT WUDQP

LINE 14 4TH WORD IS GOPE RPT GOPE

AM CHECKING WITH GUAM FOR CCN ON THOSE NOW

TOP SECRET

WHAT RELAY MSG ??

R-4

SECRET

OK NO WERE STILL TRYING TO GET THEM FROM GUAM

CCN

LINE 8 8TH WORD EITY SHLD READ CITY RPT CITY

LINE 9 1ST WORD LOWB SHLD READ LOAD RPT LOAD

LINE 10 1ST WORD WUDQP SHLD READ 1/10 RPT 1/10

LINE 14 4TH WORD SHLD READ ROPE RPT ROPE INSTEAD OF GOPE

HOW IS THAT NOW THE DTG SHLD READ 121309Z

GET THAT OK NOW KKK

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TELECONMSG ~~FXX~~ BM-12-2-13 130050Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF~~BMP~~ 20 DEP COMGEN AF 20 FROM COM GEN 21 BOMCOM

SUBJECT: FINAL TAKE OFF REPORT FOR MEMPHIS ONE

73RD WING 95 AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED 90 AIRBORNE FROM 122139Z TO 122321Z

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TOD 130102Z HS

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TELECON MSG FN12-35 122330Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 DEP COM AF20 F

OM COMGEN 21 BOMCOM

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SUBJECT:

FIRST ABXC ON MEMPHIS NO1 TOOK OFF AT 122140ZED. HR MISSIONS NO 38A, 38B, AND 37B TOOK OKF BETWEEN 122033Z AND 122131ZED. PR MISSION NO 37A ABORTED AFTER TAKE OFF.

WEATHER EXPECTATIONS FOR MEMPHIS NO 1 ARE: NO LOW CLOUD, FOUR TENTHS MIDDLE CLOUD AT 14000 FEET, THREE TO FIVE TENTHS CIRRUS AT 28000 FEET OVER TARGET WITH INTERMITTENT SHOWERS AT BASE ALL DAY. FRON NEAR JAPAN WITH CLOUD TO 25000 FEET ENROUTE.

WSM-19 BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY THRU 5 TENTPS CLOUD AT 131015ZED

WSM-21 BOMBED PRIMARY BY RADRXXX RADAR B XX AT 121950ZED.

NINE TENTHS CLOUD COVER.

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Tele	Telecon				HH
Tele	Telecon	S-13-2			HH
Dr Flight Report	Telecon	K-13-2			HH
Bombs Away Report	Telecon	Bm 12-4-13		130532	HH
Memphis 1	Telecon	Bm 12-6-13		130612	HH
Strike Report	Telecon	Bm 12-9-13		130658	HH
Memphis 1 Dr Flight Rpt	Telecon	Bm 12-12-13		130718	HH
Second Strike & Recon	Telecon	Bm 12-16-13		130758	HH
Memphis 1	Telecon	Bm 12-19-13		130809	HH
Dr Flight Report	Telecon	Bm 12-21-13		130927	HH

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-21-13 130910Z (SECRET) URGNT

TO COMGEN AF 20 DEP COM AF 20 FROM COM GN 21 BOM COM

SUBJECT: IN-FLIGHT REPORT

CONSOLIDATED IN-FLIGHT REPORT FROM FIRST SIX SQUADRONSBOMXXXX SQUADRONS BOMBING "MEMPHIS NO 1" PRI MARY FROM 130457;" ~~59~~ TO 130608Z. ALL BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY. RESULTS HEAVY EXPLOSIONS AND HUGE FIRES. FLAK VARIED FROM MODERATE-ACCURATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION NONE TO MODERATE. ZERO CLOUD ZERO LOSSES.

;..END...

TOD 130922Z WW

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END

TOD:-130927Z RH

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TELECON MESSAGE BM12-22-13 131748Z OP (CONFIDENTIAL)
FROM BOM COM 21 TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20
SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE RETURN REPORT
NINETY AIRCRAFT AI RBORNE, EIGHT SIX RATURNED OF WHICP 10 WERE ABORTS - FOUR MISSING - LANDED FROM 131010Z TO 131345Z.
...END...
TOD 131800Z EHW K
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END

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TELECON MESSAGE BM12-23-13 131801Z OP (CONFIDENTIAL)
FROM BOM COM 21 TO COM GEN AF 20 INFOIDEP COM GEN AF 20
SUBJECT: MIXXXX MEMPHIS ONE IN FLIGHT REPORT
ALL (10)
~~LL-10~~) GROUPS BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY FROM 130457Z TO 130640T.
CLOUD COVERAGE ONE TENTH, BOMBING RESULTS GOOD TO EXCELLENT, FLAK MODERATE ACCURATEITO INTENSE ACNURATE, FIGHTER OPPOSITION SLIGHT.
4 A/C MISSINGM
MMMEMD...
TOD 131805Z JPD

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CON MESSAGE FN 14-10 140223Z SECRET

OM BOMCOM 21 TO DEP COM AF 20 HASS TO COMGEN AF 20

R MEMPHIS 1 REFERENCE S-11-4 BOMB LOAD FOLLOWS: FIVE SQUADRONS
RIED 10 BOMBS 500ILB GP, FUZED 1/10 SECOND DELAY NOSE AND 1/1////
0 SECOND DELAY TA T IN EACH AIRCRAFT; FOUR SQUADRONS CARRIED 15
STERS 500 LB E6R2 (MBQIL FUZED TO OPEN 5000 FEET ABOVE TARGER IN EACH
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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM12-19-13 URGENT 130741Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

AMP STRIKE FRM 24V531 AT 0729Z 0545Z 1134 1320

END

TOD 130806Z WW

UNQUOTE

END

TODCA:-130806Z RH

RELY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM 12-20-13 URGECT 130803Z (SECRET)

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO

~~XXXX~~ DEP COM AF GWP FROM BCOM GEN 21 BOM COM

SUBJECT: STRIKE REPORTS

STRIKE REPORTS FROM THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH SQUADRONS. ALL BOMBED PRIMARY ~~XXXXXXX~~ VISUALLY. TWO REPORTED NO CLOUD . TWO REPORTED TWO TENTHS CLOUD.

END

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30805Z AD

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END

TOD:-130808Z RH

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0400 EWT FIRST message since 0140 which makes sense WF

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-16-13 130725Z (URGENT SECRET)

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20 FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21/

SUBJECT: SECOND STRIKE AND FIRST N FLIGHT REPORT

1. THE SECOND SQUADRON BOBXXXX BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY NO CLOUD.

2. IN FLIGHT REPORT OF PHOTO AIRPLANE TO OSAKA AREA REPORTS NO PICTURES TAKEN.

3. IN FLIGHT REPORT FROM FIRSL SQUADRON BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY AT BOMB 130457Z. HEAVY EXPLOSIONS | MODERATE ACCURATE FLAK | NO FIGHTERS | NO CLOUDS | NO LOSSES.

...END...

TOD QXXXM 130730Z DEL

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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12-17-13 SECRET

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-17-13 URGENT 130715Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

FROM 9V53

0608 1122 3430

REC AT 0712Z

...END...

TOD 10733Z DEL

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON NO B-12-18-13 URGENT 130752Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

AMP STRIKE FROM 48V534 AT 0725Z 0438 1165 3400

END

TOD 130800Z DEL

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END

TOD:-130801Z RH

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-12-13 URGENT 130646Z (SECRET)

TO COMGENAF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE

PV PV PV REC AT 0637W (1 of 3 a/c?)

..;END ...

TOD 1306XXX 1-0704Z DEL

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-13-13 URGENT 130705Z (SECRET)

TO COMGENAF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MAMPHIS ONA

AMP STRIKE REPORT FROM 6VBTEW AT 0700Z 1545 1144 3300

...END...

TOD 130730Z DEL

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-14-13 URGENT 130706Z (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEH COM GEN AK 20 FROM BOM COX 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

PRIMARY STRIKE FROM 48V534 AT 0702Z PV0 PV0

...END...

130728Z TOD DEL

SECRET

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-15-13 URGENT 130707Z (SECRET)

TO NOMGEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

PRIMARY STRIKE FRO XXXX FROM 22V534 AT 0704Z PV0

...END...

TOD 130731Z DEL

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM12-9-13 130618Z URGENT(3: (SECRET)
TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21
SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE
STRIKE RAPORT FROM 50V
530 0612Z ALSO AMPLIFIED REPORT AS FOLLOWS
1547Z 1112 33XXXXX 1112 2200 BT
...END...
TOD 130650Z DEL

UNQUOTE

END

TOD:-130657Z RH

SECRET

ZELECON MESSAGE BM-12-10-13 130626Z URGENT (SECRET)
TO COMGENAF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21
SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE
PV3 PV3 PV3 REC AT 0620Z
... END...
TODI130652Z DEL

UNQUOTE

END

TOD:-130658Z RH

SECRET

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-11-13 130645Z URGENT SECRET)
TO COMGEN AF20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21
SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE
0528 1165 3200 REC AT 0634/
..END..
TOD 130701Z DEL

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END

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM1"-6-13 130555Z URGENT (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF20 8,XXXXX AF20 INFO JEPCOMGEN AF20 FROM BOM COM21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

Ø0457 1145 3400 REC AT Ø547Z

...END....

TOD 130560Z DM

UNQUOTE

END

TOD:-Ø609Z RH

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Ø457 1145 3400 REC AT Ø547Z

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QUOTE

WELECON MESSAGE NO BM12-7-13 130600Z URKENT (SECRET)

TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOM COM 21

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS ONE

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XXXXX STRIKE REPORT FROM 22V5-2 PV28K TOR Ø555Z

...END...

TOD: 130623Z DEL

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-8-13 130617Z SXXRPT URGENT (SECRET)

TO COMGEN AF 20 INFO DEPCOMAFI20 FROM BOMCOM 21

SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE

STRIKE REPORT FROM 50V532 PV2 K

...END.;.

TOD 130625Z DEL

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TELECON MESSAGE NO BM12-4-13 130528Z (CLEAR)
TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20 FROM COM GEN BOM COM 21 (URGENT)
SUBJECT: BOMBS AWAY REPORT
MEMPHIS NO. 1 FIRST SQUADRON BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY AT 130503Z. NO CLOUD COVER.
...END...
TOD 130532Z LMM
UNQUOTE
END
TOD:-130533Z RH

TELECON MESSAOE NO BM12-5-13 130556 URGENT (SECRET)
TO COMGEN AF20 INFO DEPCOMAF 20 FROM BOMCOM 21
SUBJECT MEMPHIS ONE
PVØ PVØ PVØ Primary - Visual
REC AT 0533
...END....
TOD 130610Z DM

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END
TOD:-130616Z RH

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

TO COMGEN BOMCOM 20 FROM COMGEN AF 20

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM-12-21-13 130910Z (SECRET)

URGENT

SUBJECT IN-FLIGHT REPORT

CONSOLIDATED IN FLIGHT REPORT FROM FIRST SIX SQUADRONS BOMBING RPT BOMBING MEMPHIS NO1 PRIMARY FROM 130457Z TO 130608Z. ALL BOMBED RPT BOMBED PRIMARY VISUALLY.

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RESULTS HEAVY EXPLOSIONS AND HUGE FIRES. FLAK VARIED FROM MODERATE ACCURATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE. FIGHTER OPPOSITION NONE TO MODERATE. ZERO CLOUD ZERO LOSSES.

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~~K-12-11~~

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T O : COMGEN BOMCOM 21 FROM: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM AGXXRPT GEN AF 20 RPT DEP COM GEN AF 20

1. WHAT FORM IS BENG RPT BEING FOLLOWED IN REPORTING BOMBS WARPT

AWAY WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND KEY HERE AND THERE FORE HAVE NO WAY OF GXXRPT TRANSLATING YOUR BOMBS AWAY REPORTS.

ON YOUR MSG NO BM 12-5-13 WE ASSUME P RPT P IS FOR PRIMARY AND V RPT V VISUAL. WHAT IS ZP RPT Ø FOR? HOW MANY PLANEW RPT PLANES INVOLVED?

ON YOUR MSG BM 12-6-13 WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE OUT MSG. WE RECEIVED IT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE: Ø457 1145 3400 REC AT Ø547Z ENDQUOTE IS THIS CORRECT ? REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF PORTION PRIOR TO WORD REC. RPT REC.

ON YOUR MSG BM 12-7-13 PLS CLARIFY 22V5-2 PV 28K

PLEASE GIVE US TOTAL RECAP OF BOMBS AWAY ON PRIMARY TARGET SO FAR RECEIVED AND METHOD OF BOMBING.

~~OK THANKS~~

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THATS THE WAY WE RECD WILL ASK GUAM

WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET A CLASSIFICATION ON THAT BM MSG FROM GUAM

HERE IS WHAT THEY SAY:-

"OR QUOTE

COL WILSON SAID ITS OK TO SEND FIRST BOMBS AWAY REPORT ALL THE WAY

THRU IN CLEAR. UNQUOTE

WE RECEIVED MSG FROM GUAM VIA SIGTOT
FOR TEN MINUTES WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE THAT CLEAR TO THEM

WE WILL CONTINUE TO QUERY THEM

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Prel Mission Rpt-S-12	Telecon	Fm 13-22		14 0009	HH
Relay of Prel Rpt	Telecon	K 14-1	1[illegible]		HH
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PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

73RD WING OPERATION NO. 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1944

"MEMPHIS NO. 1"

Mission 12
13 Dec

Correction to Preliminary Report as of 0700, 14 December 1944:

Results: Due to clerical error reported Fair to poor should read Good.

As of 0930, 14 December 1944

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Mission 12
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73RD WING OPERATION NO. 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1944

"MEMPHIS NO. 1"

Targets: Primary - Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Plant, Nagoya, Japan
Secondary - Urban Area of Nagoya, Japan

Take-off: 121739 to 121921 Washington Time (122139Z to 122321Z)

Time Over Target: 1304572 (131357 Theatre)(130057 Washington) to 130640Z

Tactics: Daylight precision bombing by squadrons in column, with minimum time interval, at planned base altitude of 27,000 ft.

Aircraft: Bombing - Total 82
Primary Target 74
Other Targets 8

Bomb Load: 5 Squadrons - 5000 lbs. GP
4 Squadrons - 15 - 500 lb. IB

Bomb Tons Dropped: Approximately 205 tons

Losses: 1 (damaged by enemy action) crash landed on return, 2 ditched, 1 missing - Total 4

Casualties: 1 killed, 2 wounded, 45 missing

Weather: 1/10 cloud, light icing at 22,000 ft.

Enemy Opposition: Air - Heavy for 1 Squadron, slight for 5 Squadrons, nil for 3 Squadrons.
Flak - Intense to Moderate, Accurate

Claims: None

Results: Rated ~~fair to poor~~ GOOD. First phase interpretation showed 40 hits, mostly GP, on main target. Numerous bursts observed in adjacent areas, causing fires.

Observations: Unidentified submarine at 31 deg. 44 min. N - 138 deg. 12 min. E.

Remarks: As this report is still fragmentary and subject to change, it is not to be used for official records.

As of 0700, 14 December 1944

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TELECON MSG K-14-1

TO COMGENBOMCOM 20 FROM COMAF 20 C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: RELAY OF PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM BOMCOM 21 MISSION OF 13 DECEMBER.

FOLLOWING IS BOMCOM 21 PRELIMINARY REPORT.

PRIMARY -90.20-193

SECONDARY- URBAN AREA NAGOYA

LAST RESORT- ANY INDUSTRIAL AREA

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY- ANY

A/C ATTACKING PRIMARY- 74

A/C ATTACKING SECONDARY -2

A/C ATTACKING LAST RESORT -1

A/C ATTACKING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY -5

NO A/C TAKING OFF-90

NO A/C EARLY RETURN-13

NO A/C LOST OR MISSING -4 (ONE A/C CRASHED ON LANDING)

RESULTS OF BOMBING -FAIR TO POOR

NUMBER OF CASUALTIES:

KILLED -1 WOUNDED -2 MISSING -45 (ONE MAN BLOWN OUT OF BLISTER--PARACHUTE OPENED OVER JAPAN)

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: HEAVY-1 SQUADRON: SLIGHT 5 SQUADRONS NIL-3 SQUADRONS

FLAK: INTENSE-4 SQUADRONS: MODERATE-5 SQUADRONS; ACCURATE -9 SQUADRONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT- NONE

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WEATHER AT PRIMARY- LIGHT ICING AT 22,000 FEET, 1/10TH CLOUD

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS: UNIDENTIFIED SS RPT SS AT 3144N-13812E

ESTIMATED ENEMY CLAIMS- NONE

WE HAVE ASKED BOMCOM 21 WHETHER LOST OR MISSING INCLUDES CRASH LANDING RPT CRASH LANDING AND TOTALS 4 OR 5.NO REPLY YET. SEPERATE TELECON FROM BOMCOM 21 INDICATES 2 A/C DITCHED AND THAT THE ONE CRASH LANDING ON RETURN WAS DUE TO ENEMY ACTION, WHETHER FROM E/A OR FLAK NOT YET TOLD THIS HQ.

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TO COMGEC AF20 INFO DEPCOMGEN AF 20 KROM BOMCOM21

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT S12--MEMPHIS NR 1 --13 DECEMBER 1944

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IMPORTANT ~~OBSERVATIOSXX~~ OBSERVATIONS: UNIDENTIFIED SS AT 3144N-13812E

ESTIMATED ENEMY CLAIMS - NONE

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TELECON MESSAGE FOR

SECTION	DATE
Combat Operations	13 December 1944

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.

ORIGINATOR	NAME AND GRADE	TELEPHONE
	Col Brown BGR	

TELECON MESSAGE NO. SM-2-12 / M S-2-12

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SUBJECT Preliminary Mission Report

TO: Com Gen Bom Com 21 FROM: Com Gen AF 20

We have not received your preliminary report on your mission 12 as yet. Please expedite this report to us. If it has previously been sent please reply with the Z time it cleared your station.

SECRET

TELECON MSG. NO. SM-2-12 (((SECRET)))

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT.

TO: COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM: COMGENAF 20

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVE D YOUR PRELIMINARY REPORT ON YOUR MISSION 12 AS YET. PLEASE EXPEDITE THIS REPORT TO US. IF IT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SENT PLEASE REPLY WITH THE Z TIME IT CLEARED YOUR STATION.

do not receive up Mission 12 XXI BC

Continue Message on Reverse Side - Check Here ☐

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Mission 12 S-4
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COMGEN BOMCOM 21 FROM COMGEN AF 20

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A LANDING REPORT YET? REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY.

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~~DID YOU GET THAT PLS ACK~~

YAF ARE YOU IN CONTACT WITH SIAPAN? S-

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SM-1-12 (SECRET)

COM. GEN. BOMCOM XXI FROM COM GEN AF 20. REQUEST STATUS OF MISSION REPORT AS OF PRESENT TIME ON MEMPHIS 1.

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DO YOU POSSOM HAVE SOMETHING ON THE MISSION? COMBS

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TELECON MSG S-13-3 S E C R E T

TO: COM GEN BOM COM 21 FROM: COM GEN AF 20

INFO: DEP COM GEN AF 20

SUBJECT : A/C AIR BORNE ON MEMPHIS.

WE HAVE 90 A/C AIRBORNE ON MEMPHIS 1. DOES THIS FIGURE ACCXXXRPT STILL HOLD OR HAVE YOU ANY ABORTIVES.?

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TELECON NOTE:.... K-12-10 SHOULD BE S-13-1

K-12-11 SHOULD BE S-13-2

WILL YOU PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CORRESPONDING NUMBERS TO THSESE RPT TESE ABOVE ????? KKK

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THANKS A LOT

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(Date)

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU

Washington Parties	HONOLULU Parties
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon No. BE-12-2-15

Mission 12
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Subject: MISSION REPORT-S12 (MEMPHIS NO. 1) 13 DECEMBER 1944

(From: COMGEN MCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 To: COMAF 20)

Flown by 73rd Wing

Take off - 122139Z to 122321Z
Return - 131020Z to 131345Z
A/C taking off - ninety (90) B-29's
A/C attacking primary - seventy (70)
A/C attacking secondary - two (2)
A/C attacking last resort - one (1)
A/C attacking target of opportunity - one (1)
A/C failing to bomb target - sixteen (16)
A/C lost to flak - none
A/C lost to E/A - none
A/C lost by accident - one (1)
A/C lost by reasons unknown - three (3)
Time of attack - 130457Z to 130631Z
Altitude of attack - 27,000 ft. to 32,800 ft.
Bombs on each target: Primary - 370X500 GP
490X500 IB
Secondary - 30 X 500 IB
Last resort - 10 X 500 G P
15 X 500 IB
Opportunity - 10 X 500 GP

(1) Bomb Loadings: 490 X 500 GP
615 X 500 IB
(2) Bombs unaccounted for: 10 X 500 GP

A/C jettison bombs: (17A/C) 90 X 500 GP
A/C bringing bombs back: (1A/C) 1 X 500 IB

Personal casualties:
Killed - thirteen (13)
Seriously wounded - one (1)
Slightly wounded - none
Missing - twenty four (24)

E/A - Destroyed - four (4)
Probably destroyed - five (5)
Damaged - ten (10)

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Remarks: (1) This line garble will give to you later)
Attacks over target and after. Thirty-four (34) on first group only one (1) on first squadron. Second group thirty-five (35) attacks. Third group eighteen (18) minutes later one (1) attack. Last group sixteen (16) attacks. Attacks predominantly level to high from ahead. Varied on agressiveness and accuracy.

(2) (Flak) Heavy - moderate to intense - generally accurate. Eighteen (18) A/C damaged by flak.

(3) (A/C lost or in distress) Four (4). Three (3) ditched causes unknown. One (1) crashed near Saipan.

(4) (A/C seriously damaged or crashed on return) (Ffns above) One B-29 crashed in bay just off Saipan Island.

(5) (A/C sustaining battle damage) Slight - fifteen (15). Serious - two (2). Very serious - none

(6) (Observations) Fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Large fires at primary. Gray white and black smoke rising 10,000 ft. to 20,000 ft. visible for seventy-five (75) miles. Four (4) or five (5) large fires at secondary with gray and black smoke rising 3,000 ft. to 5,000 ft.

(7) (Bombing results: First phase PI)
No. of A/C over target - Seventy (70) Primary-two (2) bombed Nagoya City. One (1) bombed a village near Hamamatsu.

Bomb Load: of seventy (70) A/C thirty-seven (37) dropped 10 X 500 GP. Thirty-three (33) dropped 15 X M18 IB each.

Direction of Attack: 208 degrees true center of the two (2) final assembly buildings in the old section of the plant.

Photo coverage and quality: Almost complete coverage of target and adjacent area by second, third and fourth squadrons. Only partial 6 later squadrons. No photos of Nagoya nor the village near Hamamatsu.

Summary: Approximately 230 bomb bursts and 4 fires visible on photographs. Approximately 60 bursts seen in target area. 58 hit the building. 13 along narrow strip of small buildings north of two assembly building of old plant. Nine bursts seen in the large assembly building eastern edge of target. These caused large holes in roof at north eastern corner. One large hole in south east corner of building between the two major assembly buildings. Fourteen bursts seen on first assembly building at eastern edge of older area. Roof this building has gutted appearance in north west and southeast corners and in center of western side. In the newer section of the plant the large rectangular final assembly building adjacent to the old area has seven bursts. The somewhat larger assembly building to northeast has six bursts. Eight bursts visible in warehouse area of new addition. Eighteen bursts seen in open area of warehouse.

Outside target 32 bursts seen in residential area north of old area. Seventeen bursts visible in river bed north of target. 36 bursts seen across river approximately 1,400 ft. from AP. Approximately 9,0000 ft to east of AP 21 bursts seen, 15 fires in houses to south, nine fires seen south and southeast of purification ponds in residential area. Three scattered fires seen in wooded section south of eastern edge of target. 26 bursts visible in and near purification ponds south of new area. Approximately 15 fires are located approximately 15.0 ft. east of AP in a small residential area. These fires are not shown on bomb plot.

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(8) (Crew Comments) Means of preventing blisters blowing out should be adopted. Electric suits suggested for tail gunners.

(9) Narrative summary) Between 122139Z and 122321Z 490 A/C took off. 70 Bombed primary. 2 seconcary. 1 last resort. 1 target of opportunity. 16 failed to bomb a designated target, but 5 of these did hit Japanese insular installations. 1 A/C was lost by accident and 3 by reasons unknown. Those that bombed effectively did so between 130457Z and 130631Z from 27,000 ft. to 32,800 ft. altitude. Of the 490 X 500 GP and the 615 X 500 IB bombs loaded, 390 X 50 GP and 535 X 500 IB were usefully used and 100 X 500 GP and 80 X 500 IB wasted. 13 Personnel are listed as killed, with one seriously wounded and 24 missing (10 of the one ditched crew have been recovered) E/A casualties claimed are 4 destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 10 damaged. There were 6 E/A attacks on our formations and the flak was heavy, moderate to intense and generally accurate. 18 A/C were damaged by flak. 3 A/C are ditched and one crashed. 15 A/C suffered slight damage and 2 A/C seriously damage. First phase PI shows poor bombing results. The returning planes landed between 131020Z and 131345Z.

Here are some of CCC you will need:

Remarks: (1) (Fighter opposition) approximately eighty-six (86) attacks over target and after. Thirty-four (34) on first group, only one (1) on first squadron. Second group thirty-five (35) attacks. Third group eighteen (18) minutes later one (1) attack. Last group sixteen (16) attacks. Attacks predominantly level to high from ahead. Varied in agressiveness and accuracy.

Under remarks Nr. 4
(4) (A C seriously damaged or crashed on return) (See (3) above) One B-29 crashed in Bay B just off Saipan Island.

Under Summary
Fifth line - The large assembly buildings western edge of target. These could

Ninth line - Roof of this building has gutted appearance in north west and southeast corners and in center of western side.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None

INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys) A-2 (10 Cys), A-3 OCcas (5 cys) Stat Control (2 cys); Anti Aircraft (2 cys)

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TELECON NOTE (CONFIDENTAIL)

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TO : COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM : COMAF 20

SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRELIMINARY REPORT MEMPHIS ONE

1. REQUEST ALL INFO ON PLACE,TIME AND PRESENT STATUS OF 2 DITCHINGS AS SUMMARIZED IN YOUR TELECON FN-14-2///FN-14-3.

2. FURTHER REFERENCE TO TELECON FN-14-3 SUMMARY WAS CRASH LANDED B-29 DAMAGED BY ENEMY A/C OR FLAC RPT FLAK ON MEMPHIS ONE.

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TELECON NOTE (CONFIDENTIAL)

TO : COMGEN BOMCOM 21 FROM : COMAF 20

RE YOUR TELECON FN-13-22

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SUBJECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT MEMPHIS NO 1

IS A/C LOST OR MISSING 4 MISSING PLUS1 CRASH LANDED FOR TOTAL OF 5 OR IS TOTAL RPT TOTAL 4

IN VIEW BETTER EARLIER REPORT PLEASE REPEAT RESULTS OF BOMBING ALSO APPRECIATE BOMBING ALTITUDES

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Report on Memphis #1	Telecon	S-14-1			lm
Info. on Memphis	Telecon	S-14-2			lm

MISSING & LOST A/C

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TELECON MSG 13-E (SECRET) 132337Z

FROM: DEPCOMAF 20

TO: COMAF20

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SUBJECT: DITCHED A/C

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1. COMSUBPAC REPORTS INFORMALLY THAT 1 B29 WAS DITCHED AT A POSITION APPROX 120 MILES FROM IWO JIMA ON AN UNSTATED BEARING BETWEEN NORTH AND WEST. PRESUMABLY 1 OF 4 REPORTED MISSING FROM MEMPHIS. NO WORD YET ON THIS SUBJECT FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MSG NO S-14-1

TO COMGENBOMCOM 21 FROM COMAF 20 C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT REPEAT REQUEST FOR MORE INFO O N RPT ON MEMPHIS ONE

BEFORE CLOSING CIRCUIT WE NEED REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFO ON MEMPHIS ONE PRELIM REPORT. CAN WE HAVE THIS PLUS ALSO REQUESTED INFO ON DITCHINGS AND CAUSE OF DAMAGE TO CRASH LANDED B-29 PLEASE.

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Tape to OPR. Sent YAF

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TELECON S-14-2 C O N F I D E N T I A L

TO COMGENBOMCOM 3XXRPT 21 FROM COMAF 20

SUBJECT: REPEAT REQUEST FOR MEMPHIS INFO

HAVE RECEIVED YOUR FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION OF MEMPNHIS RPT MEMPHIS ONE RESLTS RPT RESULTS BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED REQUESTED ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL INFO NEEDED TO CLARIFY OUR REPORT AND CLARIFY D RPT DISCREPEANCIES RPT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN YOUR FN13-22 AND FN-14-3 PLEASE EXPEDITE.

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Communique #31	telecon	S-13-6	13 Dec.		am
Press Flash	telecon	K-13-1			am
Press Report	telecon		130625Z		am

PRESS RELEASES

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TO : COMGEN BOM21 Telecon Msg K-13-1

FR : COMGEN 20TH

SUBJECT : PRESS LXXXXRPT PRESS FLASH XXI BC

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR RELEASE HERE 130615Z

SUPERFORTRESSES OF GRIXXXXRPT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL H. S. HANSELL'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND IN SIZEABLE FORCE TODAY (DECEMBER 13) ATTACKED INDUSTRAIL TARGETS ON THE JAPANESE MAINLAND OF HONSHU, GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD , IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT. THIS IS ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE MAINLAND BY SAIPAN -BASED B-29'S IN THE MONXXXXRPT THE MOUNTING AERIAL DRIVE ON ENEMY STRATEGIC TARGETS. DETAILS OF THE ATTACK WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

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TO COMGEN BOM20FR COMGEN 20TH SECRET

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DATE 13 Dec 44 INITIALS

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU (Saipan)

DATE 13 December 1944

WASHINGTON PARTIES	TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
S-13-6	COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 31

Mission 12 XXI BC

(From: COMAF 20 To: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

The following communique released in Washington at 131900Z: "Nagya, home of the Mitsubishi Aircraft Plant and one of Japan's four principal industrial manufacturing centers, was the target of a sizeable force of XXI Bomber Command B-29's today, General H. H. Arnold, in his capacity as Commanding General of the Twentieth Air Force, announced at the War Department.

The attack on Nagya, city of nearly a million and half inhabitants, was made in daylight. Preliminary reports from Brigadier General H. S. Hansell, Commander of the XXI Bomber Command based on Saipan, reveals that the bombing was accomplished visually and that heavy explosions and large fires were observed in the target area.

Crews of the very long range Superfortresses reported flak was moderate. Fighter opposition was slight. Fighter claims or losses of the XXI Bomber Command, if any, will be determined and announced after final crew reports are carefully tabulated.

This report is based upon preliminary information received at Headquarters Twentieth Air Force. Further details will be announced when available.

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Originator: P.R.O. (Major Rees)

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	INFORMATION	C/S; DC/S Opr; A-2; P.R.O.

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Damage Assessment P.I. Rpt. #3	Report			16 Dec.	HH
First Phase Interpretation	Telecon	Fn 14-11		16 Dec.	HH
Strike Photography Transmission	Telecon	D 6-10		7 Jan.	HH
First Phase Interpretation	Telecon Extract	FN-16-8		16 Dec	PR.

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WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU

Washington Parties	Honolulu Parties
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon No. FX-16-8 Mission 12 XXI BC

Subject: First Phase Interpretation Mission 3PR4M-39, 15 December 1944 to Nagoya.

(To: COMGENMAR 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 From: COMGENBOMCOM 21)

Target 193: Damage assessment of bombardment mission of 13 December as follows print reference 3 PR4M 17-2-15.
Main assembly building V3.9, H7.8, 20 percent damaged. Main assembly building V3.8, H8.5, 50 percent damaged. Minor assembly or machine shop V3.7, H9.5, 100 percent damaged. Minor assembly or machine shop in expanded area V3.8, H10.3, 75 percent damaged. Lesser damage to several smaller buildings. Blow-up OF 24 inch photography being dispatched today.

Target 1729: Aichi A/:

XC Works, Eitoku (3505N - 1365IE) partial cloud cover confirms A R objective folder location. Seaplane ramp and three hangars visible.

Aichi Test Airfield:

Location confirmed (3507N -13709E). Construction activity noted. 888 S/E A/C visible. Mostly fighters. Measurements from engine land based A/C at Oppama, probably Liz, wing span 140 feet, length 90 feet: tapered leading edge, straight trailing edge.

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Action: None
Information: C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OCAR (5 cys); Stat Con (2 cys); Anti Aircraft

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EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU (Guam)

DATE: 6 January 1945

WASHINGTON PARTIES	TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
G-6-10	STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY TRANSMISSION

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 Info: DEPCOMAF 20 From: COMAF 20)

The ONI Weekly, which is printed in Washington, in the issue of 27 December 1944 carried an excellent bomb burst photo from the 13 December attack on the Mitsubishi engine plant at Nagoya. Neither this photo nor any strike photos of this mission have ever been received by HQ AF 20 or Photo Division of A-2. Strike Photos of subject mission have been in demand here not only to indicate results but in connection with weapon and damage analysis.

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	INFORMATION	C/S ; DC/S Opr; A-2

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Washington Parties	Honolulu Parties
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

Telecon No. FN-14-11 Mission 12 XXI BC

Subject: FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION OF STRIKE ATTACK 13 DECEMBER

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(From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 To: COMAF 20)

First phase interpretation of strike attack 13 December, Target 193, 40 hits on main target, mostly GP.

Reference print 3 PR4M17-2-15
H7.5,V3.5--2 hits on engine tests.
H7.5, V4--4 hits on assembly buildings.
H9.3, V3.7--4 hits machine shop.
H10, M3.8--6 hits machine shop.
14 scattered hits in area, some near misses causing probable blast damage.
Numerous bursts are observed in the areas adjacent to the main target, some of which have caused fires in residential districts.

First phase reconnaissance mission 37A, Tokyo area target 357, covered by black smoke screen.
Target 358, several buildings as yet unidentified, burned out.
Target 1412 located 12 miles west of Tokyo 1 1/4 miles NNE of Chofu, 48 A/C mostly single engine.
Target 337 Haneda Airport--32 twin engine mostly transports, 36 single engine mostly trainers.
Narimasu Airfield 35 degrees 47' N - 139 degrees 37' E confirmed on northeast outskirts of Tokyo. Construction of revetments and probable underground storage under way. 31 covered revetments on field and in dispersal area.
Large scale photograph of bay area not yet available for damage Assissment Brooklyn Co. 1 mission, San Antonio 1, 2, and 3 mission.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: None

INFORMATION: C/S; DC/S Opr (2 cys); A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OC&R (5 cys); Stat Con (2 cys) Anti Aircraft

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Mission 12
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Damage Assessment

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3RD PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (VH)
APO 244, c/o POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

16 December 1944

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT P. I. REPORT NO. 3

Target 193
Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Works
(35° 10' 50" N—136° 56' 50" E)

Mission No.: 3PR4M 39 Target Area: Nagoya (90.20)

Date Flown: 15 December 1944 Airplane Commander: C. E. Becker, Capt., AC.

SUMMARY

The Mitsubishi Aircraft Engine Works was heavily damaged during the bombing raid of 13 December 1944.

This report is based on reconnaissance photography flown 48 hours after the raid.

Two assembly buildings of 180,000 and 216,000 square feet are 70 and 60 percent gutted. It must be assumed that these two structures are completely out of operation. Two main assembly buildings of 710,000 and 656,000 square feet were 13.5 and 48 percent burned out. The more severely damaged of the two buildings is probably out of operation.

Twenty-two smaller structures were destroyed or badly damaged within the plant area. Most of the damage within the plant area was caused by fire.

1. Main assembly building, 710' x 1000' (710,000 square feet): 13.5 percent of roof is burned off, revealing gutted building below. Installations in adjoining parts of building are unquestionably badly damaged. All damage is apparently due to fire.

2. Main assembly building, 770' x 1000' (o.a.) (656,000 square feet): 48 percent of roof (310,000 square feet) is burned off, showing gutted building below. One high explosive hit along the south edge and at least one hit the center of the building. This appears to be a two-story structure. Most of the damage is apparently due to fire; the roof framework is largely intact.

One 150' x 240' building off the southwest corner of the main assembly building has one high explosive hit on its north edge, and shows some roof damage. Just off the north end of this building are two gutted 120' x 65' structures and two badly damaged 120' x 60' buildings.

3. Administration building: One high explosive hit the northwest corner. Only minor damage is visible.

4. Sub-assembly and/or storage, 600' x 300' (180,000 square feet): 70 percent gutted, and 126,000 square feet of roof burned off. Damage is due to fire with the exception of that caused by one high explosive hit on the south edge of the building.

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In the area immediately west of the building:

1 building 60' x 115' has been half destroyed by HE.
1 " 60' x 115' has been partly damaged by fire.
1 " 60' x 200' has been destroyed by fire and HE.

The east end of the block of long, narrow buildings has been damaged by fire, and the west end by high explosive.

5. Sub-assembly building (probable) 300' x 720' (216,000 square feet): 60 percent gutted and 129,000 square feet of roof burned off. One high explosive hit along the south edge. Additional damage was caused at the southwest corner by one high explosive near miss.

Near the west end of the building:

1 building 60' x 120' partly burned and damaged by 2 near misses.
1 building 60' x 120' partly damaged by fire.

6. Two 60' x 120' buildings with direct connection to main assembly building (annotation 2): The east building is badly burned out and the west building is completely gutted.

7. One 37' x 57' building is badly damaged.

8. Eight buildings are partly damaged in this area, which contains long narrow buildings probably sub-assembly units.

9. The residential district north of the plant received 17 high explosive hits which destroyed or badly damaged 17 buildings. In the southeast corner of the area, several small industrial buildings have been destroyed or badly damaged.

Quality excellent on 40", nos. 3L:23, 25, 26; scale 1:9600.
Annotations on 3PR407--2:15; scale 1:17,000.

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Major, Air Corps,
Chief, Intelligence Section.

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TARGET 193
MITSUBISHI AIRCRAFT ENGINE WORKS

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NAGOYA AREA

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TELECON NOTE 130120Z
(INANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION ON FN-12-31)

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DIVERSIONARY FORCE CONSISTS GF TWO F-13 AIRPLANES PRECEDING MAIN FORCE BY 10 MINUTES. PHOTO AIRPLANES WILL DROP ROPE TO COAST IN BEGINNING 10 MILES OUT FROM [redacted]HONSHU. AFTER CROSING COAST IN BOTH F-13 A/C WILL TURN NORTHEAST ANDHHOTO TOKYO AREA.

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DATE 16 December 1944

WASHINGTON PARTIES	TERMINAL PARTIES
Lt. Col. Hewitt	Colonel Ankenbrandt

TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
FN 16-1	Reports on Memphis One

Mission 17
XXI BC

(From: COMGENBOMCOM 21 To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DEPCOMAF 20)

Your telecon message S 14-6 received here at 150130Z. Realize extreme importance of transmitting reports and every effort made to expedite required information as received this Headquarters. Complying with 55-1 directive as to report required within time specified. Message for additional information are ambiguous and clarification will be great help. Apparently great delay in transmission as information requested has been sent many hours before request received here. This Headquarters is now moving to Guam and believe elimination of the additional circuit now used will help to reduce time lag. Landing report left Headquarters 131630Z. Preliminary Mission Report at 140100Z and final Mission Report BM-12-2 (garbled) dispatched at 150200Z. Abortive Report BM-R-26-14 dispatched 141430Z. Special Report on total Sorties and losses to date dispatched 140045Z. Ditching Report BM-12-35-14 at 141251Z and Bomb Load Report FN 14-10 at 140223Z. First Phase PI Report FN-14-11 dispatched 140337Z. Your SM 2-12 not received as of 152200Z.

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DATE 14 December 1944

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TELECON MESSAGE NO.	SUBJECT
S-14-6	REPORTS ON "MEMPHIS 1"

Memphis 1 - XXI BC

(To: COMGENBOMCOM 21 From: COMAF 20)

Preliminary mission reports on your "Memphis 1" and the lack of replies to our queries on the report have left us in considerable confusion. This situation has resulted from first circuit troubles, second contradictory and insufficient information, third delays in replying to and transmitting messages.

As yet we have received no answers to our Telecons Nos. SM 2-12 and S 14-2 and S 14-1, as well as to two telecon notes. We realize that at times you are unable to immediately answer our telecons and that we are perhaps at fault for sending you such numerous queries, but of necessity we must have this information.

If your replies to the above have gone out please give us the time they cleared your station. If they have not cleared by now consolidate your answers and reply or if your Mission Report (teletype) is ready include the needed answers.

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Have sent Telecon on this 3 Conference Difficulties

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL BROWN

SUBJECT: Difficulties of Operational Reports on "Memphis 1"

1. Considerable difficulties were encountered the night of 13 - 14 December in getting replies to queries for clarifying preliminary mission reports on "Memphis 1" from the XXI Bomber Command.

2. At approximately 2000 13 December we received in the conference room telecon FN 13-22 Preliminary Mission Report on "Memphis 1". One item read "NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LOST OR MISSING - 4 (ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON LANDING)", which I thought should be clarified as to whether the total was 4 or 5. The next item reported was "RESULTS OF BOMBING - FAIR TO POOR", which was a much less favorable estimate of results than had previously been received, and which I therefore thought should be confirmed. A later item on weather reported "1/10 CLOUD". I didn't know what that meant but decided to query them first on total aircraft missing and the much less favorable results estimate. This telecon went out at approximately 2100.

3. At approximately 2145 we received telecon FN 14-3, a summary of sorties and losses through 13 December which indicated a total of 4 aircraft missing on "Memphis 1", and tabulated 2 of these 4 as ditched. The telecon also mentioned that the crash landed aircraft had been damaged by enemy action, type unspecified. In view of the stress that has been put on following ditched airplanes, I sent a telecon at 2200 requesting "ALL INFORMATION ON PLACE, TIME AND PRESENT STATUS OF 2 DITCHED AS SUMMARIZED IN YOUR TELECON FN 14-3" and also asked whether enemy aircraft or flak damaged the crash landed airplane.

4. Various telecons came through in the mean-time (including details of bomb load received at 2325) but none in response to my queries. At 2352 we received a telecon from DEPCOM AF 20 stating that the Navy had reported a B-29 ditched Northwest of Iwo Jima, which presumably was one of the 4 missing from "Mamphis" - no word on this subject from BOMCOM 21.

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5. About 0030 we were queried as to whether the circuit could close, to which I replied "BEFORE CLOSING CIRCUIT WE NEED REQUESTED INFO ON MEMPHIS 1 PRELIMINARY REPORT. CAN WE HAVE THIS PLUS ALSO REQUESTED INFO ON DITCHING AND CAUSE OF DAMAGE TO CRASH LANDED B-29, PLEASE".

6. Although I have received no reply to my queries at 0118, we received a telecon covering a fairly detailed first phase interpretation of "Memphis" results.

7. At 0153 I sent a telecon "HAVE RECEIVED YOUR FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED REQUESTED ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL INFO NEEDED TO CLARIFY OUR REPORT AND CLARIFY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN FN 13-22 AND FN 14-3. PLEASE EXPEDITE".

8. From then on - - - - with flash reports coming in from the 20th in between circuit trouble - - - - - the operators prodded the operators at the other end of the line a number of times to see if we were going to get a reply to my queries. Finally at 0310 I got this message, "LATEST FROM GUAM: SAIPAN REPORTS THAT INFO HAS BEEN SENT TO RIGHT PARTY CONCERNING WAR'S QUESTION. THAT IS ALL WE CAN DO FOR NOW".

9. That was the last message on the subject, although the operator here informally messaged that I was at the conference for the Twentieth Air Force and asking for the information requested. I never did find out what "1/10 CLOUD" is.

10. It is fully appreciated that there are many angles to be considered in Headquarters communications, and that the XXI Bomber Command can't have yet developed a fool-proof routine, but above is a very time-consuming situation about which it should be possible to at least do something.

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