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NND 76468

By MNARA Date 8/30/05



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~~TOP SECRET~~

OPERATION #9 TOKYO "BROOKLYN 1"  
29 Nov 44

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~~SECRET~~ 5-7-48 by Authority of  
C. G. AAR, by *Kay/Abiker*  
Ray [unclear] Capt. U.S.

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29 Nov 44

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By *MNAPA Date 8/3/05*







RECD THREE (3) OK DAD

WE WILL GIVE YOU WHAT HAVE FOR U WITHIN THE NXTRPT NEXT HOUR  
AND THE REST WE'LL GIVE YOU TONIGHT.

*Le May from instead  
5K-9-20 (didn't have no m before so give  
mission 9 then 20  
SO FAR WE HAVE 25 AIRBORNE*

THE TARGET IS 90.17 -- PRIMARY  
THE SECONDARY IS ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY

PLAN TO DISPATCH 30 TRPT THIRTY AIRCRAFT IN 2/XXXRPT THREE WAVES  
FIRST WAVE TO CONSIST OF 70 PER CENT OF THE FORCE, 15 PER CENT  
TO FOLLOW AT H PLUS 2 HOURS. THIRD WAVE 15 PER CENT TO FOLLOW AT  
H RPXRPT H PLUS 4 ~~90~~ ~~TRPT~~ ~~PLUS~~ 4 HOURS ATTACK BY INDIVIDUAL  
AIRCRAFT, VISUAL METHOD IF POSSIBLE, RADAR IF NECESSARY. TWO FOX  
THIRTEENS TO BE DISPATCHED TO TAKE BOMB DAMAGE PHOTOGRAPNS ~~RPT~~ PHOTO-

~~GRAPHS~~ PLANES TO ARRIVE TARGET AT 2400Z 29 NOVEMBER.

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TELECON MSG 29-8

TELECON MSG 29-H 290945Z (SECRET)

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RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21 QUOTE  
TELECON MESSAGE FN29-9 290655Z SECRET  
FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD  
INFO HARMON

HERE IS THE FIELD ORDER FOR BROOKLYN NO. 1 WITH ZERO HOUR SET AT 1600I  
29TH OF NOVEMBER 1944  
FROM: XXI B.C. 28 NOV 2000 SAIPAN  
TO 73RD WING FOR ACTION  
3RD PHOTO

FOR INFORMATION COM AIR FORWARD  
COM FORWARD AREA  
C T G 17.7

AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

FIELD ORDER NO. 4

MAPS: LONG RANGE NAVIGATION CHART, JAPAN 1:3,000,000

LONG RANGE NAVIGATION CHART, CAROLICE ISLANDS, 1:3,000,000

QM INFORMATION

A. FRIENDLY

1. AIR

(A) COM AIR FORWARD WILL PROVIDE AIR DEFENCE OF THE OPERATING BASES.

2. NAVAL

BKA) THREE LIFEGUARD SUBMARINES TO PROVIDE RESCUE MEASURES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WILL BE USED TO MAKE CONTACT. IF POSSIBLE DO NOT DITCH WITHIN A SEVEN (7) MILE RADIUS OF INUBIO SAKI 35DE43'N - 140DE52'E. ENEMY MINEFIELDS PROHIBIT FRIENDLY SUBS FROM PENETRATING THIS AREA.

1. 35DE01'N - 141DE12'E

2 33DE00'N - 141DE45'E

3. 25DE00'N - 144DE10'E

(B) A RESCUE DESTROYER WILL BE LOCATED AT 21DE00'N - 144DE25'E

B. ENEMY

1. AIR

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 FIGHTERS IS BASED ON IWO JIMA, AND MAY BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING (TAKE-OFF REPORTS NOT HERE JUST YET WILL SEND WHEN THEY ARRIVE)

AGAINST OUR AIRCRAFT IN THAT AREA.

2. DECISION

(NO WE DON'T BUT THE TIME IS IN THIS MSG WILL SEND UR INFO WHEN IT COMES IN RIGHT NOW GUAM IS OUT)

THE XXI BOMBER COMMAND WILL ATTACK TARGETS DESIGNATED BELOW WITH MAXIMUM AVAILABLE FORCE ON ISLEY 1 OC 29/30 NOVEMBER 1944 AT H HOUR.

A. TARGETS FOR 73RD WING

PRIMARY

MPI

FORCE REQUIRED

**SECRET**

90.17 CENTER OF AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES MAXIMUM EFFORT

35DE39'N - 139DA46'E

35DE43'N - 139DE52'E



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35DE39'N -139DE47'/3  
35DE39'N -139DE52'E

SECONDARY NONE

LAST RESORT ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY.

B. ROUTES

BASE

17DE00'N - 144DA00'E  
29DE00'N - 144DE00'E  
35DE44'N - 140DE48'E

TARGET

34DE

8'N - 139DE48'E  
34DE00'N - 141DE28'E  
27DE00'N - 143DE46'E

BASE

C. SCHEME OF MANUEVER

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(1) METHOD OF ATTACK: BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT IN THREE WAVES. THE  
THE FIRST WAVE, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 70PC OF THE FORCE WILL  
MAKE TPE PRINCIPAL ATTACK BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY H HOUR.  
SECOND WAVE OF 15PC OF THE FORCE WILL ATTACK BEGINNING AT  
APPROXIMATELY H HOUR PLUS TWO HOURS, FOLLOWED BY A THIRD WAVE  
OF 15KPC BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY H HOUR PLUS 4 HOURS. THE  
TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL METHODS IF POSUIBLE, AND BY  
RADAR IF NECESSARY.

12) AXIS AND ALTITUDE OF ATTACK:

268 DEGREES TRUE BETWEEN 24,00 FEET AND 26,000 FEET.

(3) TIME CONTROL:

FIRST AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE-OFF AT ZERO HOUR AND INITIAL ATTACK WILL  
BA MADE AT APPROXIMATELY H HOUR.

(4) MANUEVER AFTER ATTACK:

ALL AIRCRAFT WILL MAKE A LEFT TURN AFTER BOMBING, AVOIDING  
YOKOHAMA.

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3. INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

- A. THE 73RD WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS DESIGNATED IN PARAGRAPH 2  
WITH MAXIMUM EFFORT OF AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE ON ISLEY 1;  
B. THE 3RD PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON WILL DISPATCH TWO F-13'S  
TO TAKE BOMB DAMAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF 90.17 TARGET AREA. THE AIR-  
PLANES WILL BE TIMED TO ARRIVE OVER THE TARGET AT APPROXIMATELY  
0900 LOCAL TIME. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN OF TARGET  
90.17,357 AND COAST LINE OF THE WEST SIDE OF TOKYO BAY.

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C. (1) ZERO HOUR AND DATE: <sup>3</sup>1600I 29 NOVEMBER 1944  
(- 0330 29 Nov - Wash)

(2) H HOUR  
<sup>2300</sup>2230I 29 NOVEMBER 1944  
(- 1000 29 Nov - Wash)

(3) BOMB LOADINGS:

MAXIMUM LOAD CONSISTENT WITH FUEL REQUIREMENTS AND NOT LESS THAN 5,000 LBS. 80PC M-18 INCENDARY BOMBS, 20PC T4E4 500 LB FRAG CLUSTERS FUZED FOR 5,000 FEET.

(4) AMMUNITION LOADING:

4,000 RDS 50 CAL AND 120 RDS 20 MM

(5) PHOTOGRAPHS

- A RADAR SCOPE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE I.P. AND POINT OF BOMB RELEASE

HE I.P. AN PGINT OF BOMB

RELEASE FOR EACH ATTACKING AIRCRAFT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY.

(6) EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS,

1. DEPOT FIELD GUAM
2. NAVY AGANA
3. WEST FIELD TINIAN
4. ISLEY 2

(7) PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TARGET AREA WILL BE TAKEN PROVIDING SUFFICIENT LIGHT IS AVAILABLE FROM FIRE THE TARGET AREA.

(8) WINGS WILL FORWARD A COPY OF THEIR FIELD ORDER TO THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN 12 HOURS PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF TIME.

THE FLIGHT PLAN TIMINGS FOR THE LEAD COMBAT GROUP GIVING TAXI-TIME, TAKE-OFF TIME, POINT AND TIME AT BEGINNING OF CLIMB, TARGET TIME, TIMING FOR EACH COORDINATE IN THE FIELD ORDER THIS HEADQUARTERS, AND LANDING TIME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AT LEAST 8 HOURS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED TAKE-OFF TIME. THE NUMBER AND TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN COMBAT GROUPS WILL BE FORWARDED WITH THE FLIGHT TIMINGS.

(9) RCM INSTRUCTIONS:

ALL AVAILABLE SEARCH RECEIVERS WILL BE OPERATED IN THE STRIKE AIRPLANES.

(10) PROVIDING THE WEATHER FORECAST THAT WILL BE MADE AT 1100 I 29 NOV. 1944 INDICATE VISUAL BOMBING CONDITIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXIST OVER JAPAN ON 30 NOVEMBER 1944. FIELD ORDER NO. 4 WILL BE CANCELLED. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS ARE FORECASTED FOR 30 NOVEMBER 1944 TARGET 1544 WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS DATE. A DECISION WILL BE MADE BY 1200 HOURS 29

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4. SUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATION

NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. XXI Bomber Command will govern radio aids to NAV.

(NATAPOA EXTRACTS)

B. COMMAND POSTS: (1) 73RJ W NG OPERATIONAL AIR-GROUND STATE  
00V530.

(2) FORMATION LEADER.

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BOMB COM XXI

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(C) CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3 A TO READ:

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WITH 30 A/C.

2. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 2 B TO READ: B. ROUTES.

BASE

17DE00'N - 144DE00'E

29DE00'N - 144DE00'E

34DE37'N - 141DE25'E

35DE18'N - 140DE2'E (IP)

TARGET

34DE48'N - 139DE48'E

34DE00'N - 141DE28'E

27DE00'N - 143DE46'E

BASE

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HANSELL:

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(SGD) D E WILSON

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NOTE: WEATHER EXPECTED ON BROOKLYN NO. 1

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IBASE:-- SCATTERED LOW CLOUD ENTIRE PERIOD

ROUTE-- SCATTERED LOW CLOUD EXCEPT IN WEAK FRONT ENROULE WHERE  
BROKAN WITH TOPS TO 18000' MAXIMUM.

TARGET-- TOTAL COVERAGE OF 9 TENTHS IN THREE LAYERS : 4/10  
LOW, 4/10 MEDIUM AND 6/10 HIGH CLOUD.

END

TOD 290931Z WB

MUNQUOTE

TOD 291214Z WNM

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WE ARE STILL DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE INFO FROM GUAM THEY  
ARE IN NOW

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TELECON MSGE NO 27

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WASH

TO CG BOMCOM XX FROM GXXRPT COMGEN 20  
SUBJECT XXI BC OPERATION BROOKLYN ONE  
HEXXRPT HANSELL DISPATCHING THIRTY AIRCRAFT  
APPROXIMATELY 290700Z FOR NIGHT RAID ON TOKYO AREA WEATHER AND SIZE  
OF AVAILABLE FORCE UNFAVORABLE FOR DAYLIGHT STRIKE  
DO YOU WISH CIRCUIT OPEN TO RECEIVE REPORT ON BOMBS  
AWAY OR WILL REPORT AT REGULAR CONFERENCE BE SATISFACTORY  
REQUEST REPLY NOW

TOD 290556Z

YFK

WE WILL HAVE ANSWER IN FEW MINS  
WE WANT THE REPORTS ON THE BOMBS AWAY . WHAT TIME DO U WANT US  
OPEN UP FOR THEM??

WASH WE WILL REOPEN TELECOM AT 291130Z TO CONFIRM TAKEOFF REPORTS  
AND RECEIVE BOMBS AWAY



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TELECON MSG 29-G (TOP SECRET) 290430Z

*CC*

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELCON MESSAGE FN29-6 290419Z TOP SECRET  
FROM BOMCOM TWO ONE (HANSELL) TO DEPCOMAF 20 (-HARMONFOR ARNOLD)

SUBJECT: DECISION ON MISSION

WEATHER AND SIZE OF AVAILABLE FORCE UNFAVORABLE FOR DAYLIGHT STRIKE ON  
THURTY NOVEMBER. AM SXXX DISPATCHING THIRTY ACFT ON BROOKLYN ONE  
TONIGHT PARTIALLY CLEARING CONGESTION ON ISLEY ONE. PREPARING FOR MACXX  
MAXIUM EFFORT DAYLIGHT

MAXIUM EFFORT DAYLIGHT STRIKE AGAINST ONE FIVE FOUR FOUR ON ONE DEC-  
EMBER. THAT WILL BE MISSION MONTGOMERY ONE.

END

TOD 0429Z

UNQUOTE

*12-29  
11:50*

**TOP SECRET**

*CC*

TELECON MSG NO ~~41~~

TOPSECRET

TO DEPCOM 20 FOR CG BOMCOM XXI FROM COMGEN 20.

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS ~~UNIT~~ FOR BROOKLYN ONE.

TELECON MSG 29-G QUOTING FN 29-6 IS ACKNOWLEDGED . IT IS  
DESIRÉD TO OPEN TELECON CIRCUITS TO CONFIRM TAKE-OFF AND RECEIVE BOMI  
AWAY REPORT AT 291130Z AND CLEAR RELEASES. CIRCUIT CAN BE REOPENED  
AT A TIME TO BE ~~REPORT~~ DESIGNATED BY YOU AT NEXT CONFERENCE TO  
RECEIVE PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT, WHICH IS DESIRED AS EARLY AS  
POSSIBLE.

UPON RECEIPT OF PLAN FOR MONTGOMERY ONE, TELECON SCHEDULES

WILL BE ARRANGED.

*TOD-290449Z*



YAF V 3LJ NR 2 OP OP

FROM COM GEN BOMCOM 21 281814Z

TO COMGEN AF 20

INFO DEPCOMAF 20

PROPOSE TO DISPATCH A FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY FORTY AIRPLANES TO  
ATTACK HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND BUILT UP UREAN DISTRICT AT 90.17  
SCHEDULED TAKE OFF AT 290700Z AND INITIAL ATTACK AT 291330Z ATTACK  
WILL BE IN THREE WAVES COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY  
SEVENTY PERCENT OF FORCE IN FIRST WAVE SECOND WAVE WILL ATTACK BEGINN-  
ING AT 291530Z FOLLOWED BY A THIRD WAVE OF FIFTEEN PER CENT ATTACKING  
APPROXIMATELY 291730Z IF FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE FORECASTED  
FOR 30 NOVEMBER ABOVE MISSION WILL BE CANCELLED AND A MAXIMUM EFFORT  
SCHEDULED AGAINST TARGET 1544<sup>OTA</sup> DECISION TO BE MADE 290300Z PAREN  
BOMCOM TWENTY ONE 0597 PAREN

TOD 281946Z

UNQUOTE  
EN

END  
TOD:- 282135Z WAH

~~TOP SECRET~~

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TELECOM MSG FN 29-17

(SECRET)

291510Z

FOM BOMCOM TWO ONE TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM AF 20

SUBJECT: TAKE OFX REPORT  
THIRD AND FINAL WAVE OF FIVE MONSTERS ON THE WAY TO BROOKLYN ONE

FIRST MONSTER OFF AT 291150Z LAST MONSTER OFF AT 291210Z

FOLLOWING IS A CORRECTION ON THE FIRST WAVE TWENTY MONSTERS ON  
THE WAY TO BROOKLYN ONE A TOTAL OF TWENTY NINE MONSTERS TOOK OFF.

FIRST MONSTER OFF AT 290748Z LAST MONSTER TOOK OFF AT 291210Z

END

TOD 291544ZHZ

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...END...

TOD 291605ZRT

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TELECON MSG 29-M N (SECRET) 291303Z

RELAY FROM BOM COM 21

QUOTE

(YESJL TELECONHMESSAGE BM-3-3-29 291202Z (SECRET)

FROM XXI BOMBER COMMAND TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO DEP COM GEN AF 20

*WAVE OF FOUR MONS*

SUBJECT: SECOND ~~3-3-29~~ ~~1974~~ JARS ON THE WAY TO BROOKLYN ONE FIRST  
MONSTER OFF AT 291002Z LAST MONSTER OFF AT 291012Z

..END..

TOD 291256Z HD

UNQUOTE

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TELECON MSG 29-N (SECRET) 291327Z

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM-3-4-29 291314Z (SECRET)

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

FOR BROOKLYN NO 1. FIRST AIRCRAFTHOF THPRD WAVE TOOKHOFF AT 291150Z .  
LAST AIRCRAFT OF THIRD WAVE ~~TOOK-OFF~~ <sup>291210Z</sup> AT 291217. TOTAL AIRBORNE SECOND  
WAVE FIVE RPT FIVE.

..END..

TOD 291324Z

UNQUOTE

END

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CONFERENCE

STATION: YAF 11291223Z

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONFERENCE

PRESENT HERE:

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TELECON MSG 29-I

(SECRET)

291231Z

FROM E

DEPCOMAF 20 TO COMAF 20

SUBJECT: TAKE OFF REPORTS, BROOKLYN ONE

OWING COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES WITH GUAM FOLLOWING HAS

JUST BEEN RECEIVED AND IS ALL INFO WE HAVE UNTIL NOW:

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM-<sup>9</sup>X-1-29

HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

FOR ~~BROOKLYN~~ NO. 1 FIRST AIRCRAFT OF FIRST WAVE TOOK OFF ATM290747Z.

LAST AIRCRAFT OF FIRST WAVE TOOK-OFF AT 29090101<sup>2-TOTAL</sup>AIRBORNE FIRST WAVE

TWENTY-ONE RPT TWENTY-ONB DEN

TOD 291229Z

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TELECON MSG 29-J

(SECRET)

291240Z

RELAY FROM BOM COM 21

QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE BM-<sup>9</sup>X--29

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

FOR BROOKLYN NO.1 FIRST AIRCRAFT OF SECOND WA RPT WAVE TOOK OFF AT

W

291002Z. LAST AIRCRAFT OF SECOND WAVE TOOK-OFF AT 291012Z. TOTAL AIR-

BORNE SECOND WAVE FOUR RPT FOUR.

TOD 291236Z

UNQUOTE

END

TOD291243Z PA

TELECON MSG 29-L

K (SECRET)

291252Z

RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE FN29-11., 291206Z (SECRET)

FROM BOM COM 21 TO AF20 INFO DEP COM AF 20

ANENDMENT NO. 2 TO FO NO. 4.

1. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3, X (1) TO READ:

(1) ZERO HOUR AND DATE:

1630I 29 NOVEMBER 1944

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TELECON MSG 29-Q  
RELAY FROM BOMCOM 21  
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(SECRET) 291531Z

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YAF V 3LJ NR 1 (SECRET) 291507Z

TELECON MESSAGE

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON I

BOMBS AWAY 1ST AIRCRAFT OF 1ST WAVE AT 291505Z PRIMARY TARGET BOMBED  
BY RADAR.

END

TOD 291509Z HJ

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END

TOD 291532Z PA

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SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY



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TELECON MSG

291422

(SECRET)

291422Z

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FROM DEPCOMAF 20 TO COMAF 20

SECRET

FOLLOWING TELECON IS HERewith PASSED TO YOU

QUOTE

TELECON MSG BM-9-7-29 (SECRET) 2291705Z

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

IN FLIGHT ~~EXXXXX~~ REPORT OF ONE AIRCRAFT OF FIRST WAVE INDICATES PRIMAR

TARGET WAS BOMBED BY RADAR AT 291451Z, RESULTS UNOBSERVED. ANTI AIRCRAFT

NIL FIGHTER OPPOSITION NIL. NINE TENTHS ~~CLUTXXXX~~ TENTHS CLOUD COVERAG

SECRET

OVER TARGET AREA.

TOD 291737Z HJ

R-24  
YAF

TELECON MSG (29-BB) 292147Z (SECRET)

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QUOTE

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TELECON MSR ~~FN-29-22~~ BM-9-8-29 H 292135Z (SECRET)

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

RCOMPOSITE IN FLIGHT REPORT

ALL A/C REPORTING INDICATE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON TOKYO URBAN AND DOCK

YARD AREA BY RADAR. BOMBING TOOK PLACE FROM 291451Z TO 291925Z.

RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED DUE COMPLETE CLOUD COVER. IN GENERAL NO A/A WAS

ENCOUNTERED. TWO A/C REPORTED NIGHT FIGHTERS. NO CASUALTIES

HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

TOD 292143B HJ  
UNQUOTE

SECRET

...END...

TOD 292149Z JB

YAF  
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TELECON MSG 30-D (SECRET) 300155Z

FOLLOWING TELECON IS HERewith PASSED TO YOU QUOTE

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TELECON MSG B-M-9-9-30 300025Z (SECRET)  
FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFORM HARMON  
AND RETURN TIMES BY INDIVIDUAL A/C ACCUR-

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TELECON MSG BM-9-7-29 (SECRET) 2291705Z

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

IN FLIGHT ~~EXXXXX~~ REPORT OF ONE AIRCRAFT OF FIRST WAVE INDICATES PRIMARY TARGET WAS BOMBED BY RADAR AT 291451Z, RESULTS UNOBSERVED. ANTI AIRCRAFT NIL FIGHTER OPPOSITION NIL. NINE TENTHS ~~CLD~~ TENTHS CLOUD COVERAGE OVER TARGET AREA.

TOD 291737Z HJ

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*YAF*

TELECON MSG 29-BB 292147Z (SECRET)

RELAY FRO M BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MSR ~~FN-29-22~~ *BM-98-29* H 292135Z (SECRET)

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON  
RCOMPOSITE IN FLIGHT REPORT

ALL A/C REPORTING INDICATE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON TOKYO URBAN AND DOCK YARD AREA BY RADAR. BOMBING TOOK PLACE FROH 291451Z TO 291925Z. RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED DUE COMPLETE CLOUD COVER. IN GENERAL NO A/A WAS ENCOUNTERED. TWO A/C REPORTED NIGHT FIGHTERS. NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

TOD 292143B HJ  
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TOD 292149Z JB

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TELECON MSG ~~60-D~~ (SECRET) 300155Z

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TELECON MSG B-M-9-9-30 300025Z (SECRET)  
FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFORM HARMON  
DUE TO STAGGERED BOMBING AND RETURN TIMES BY INDIVIDUAL A/C ACCURATE PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT CANNOT BE GIVEN UNTIL RETURN OF LAST PLANE. APPARENTLY OUT OF 29 A/C TAKING OFF 27 BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET. TWO HAVING ABORTED. COMPOSITE IN FLIGHT REPORT FURNISHES PRELIMINARY PICTURE OF BOMBING CONDITIONS OVER TOKYO END  
TOD. 300148Z RD  
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NOTE COMPOSITE IN FLIGHT REPORT IS OUR 29-BB

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TOD 300200Z



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CG Twentieth AF

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Washington, D. C.

29 Nov. 1944 978  
Date Initials

PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT OF XXI BOMBER COMMAND

73rd BOMBING OPERATION NO. 9 - 29 NOVEMBER 1944

Targets: Primary - Tokyo Industrial Area  
Other Targets - Any Industrial City

Take-off: 290347 - 290610 Washington Time (290747 - 291210Z)

Time Over Target: 292347 - 300225 Theatre Time (291147 - 291725Z)

Tactics: Individual aircraft in 3 waves. 70% in first wave - radar bombing.

Altitudes: 19,800 to 33,200 ft.

Aircraft: Airborne 29  
Bombed 23  
Primary Target 24  
Other Targets 2  
Early Returns 2  
Unreported 1

Bomb Load: Not less than 5,000 lbs., 90% M-13 IB, 20% T44, 500 lb. frag clusters fuzed for 5,000 ft.

Bombs Dropped: 66.4 tons on Primary Target

Casualties: Killed 0  
Wounded 0  
Missing 11

Weather: At Target - Solid undercast - freezing conditions at 22,000 ft.

Anti-Aircraft: Inaccurate and <sup>reported</sup> meager.

Enemy Air Opposition: 1 aircraft, felled and yellow tracers - believed enemy night fighters over target.

Results: Unobserved due to weather.

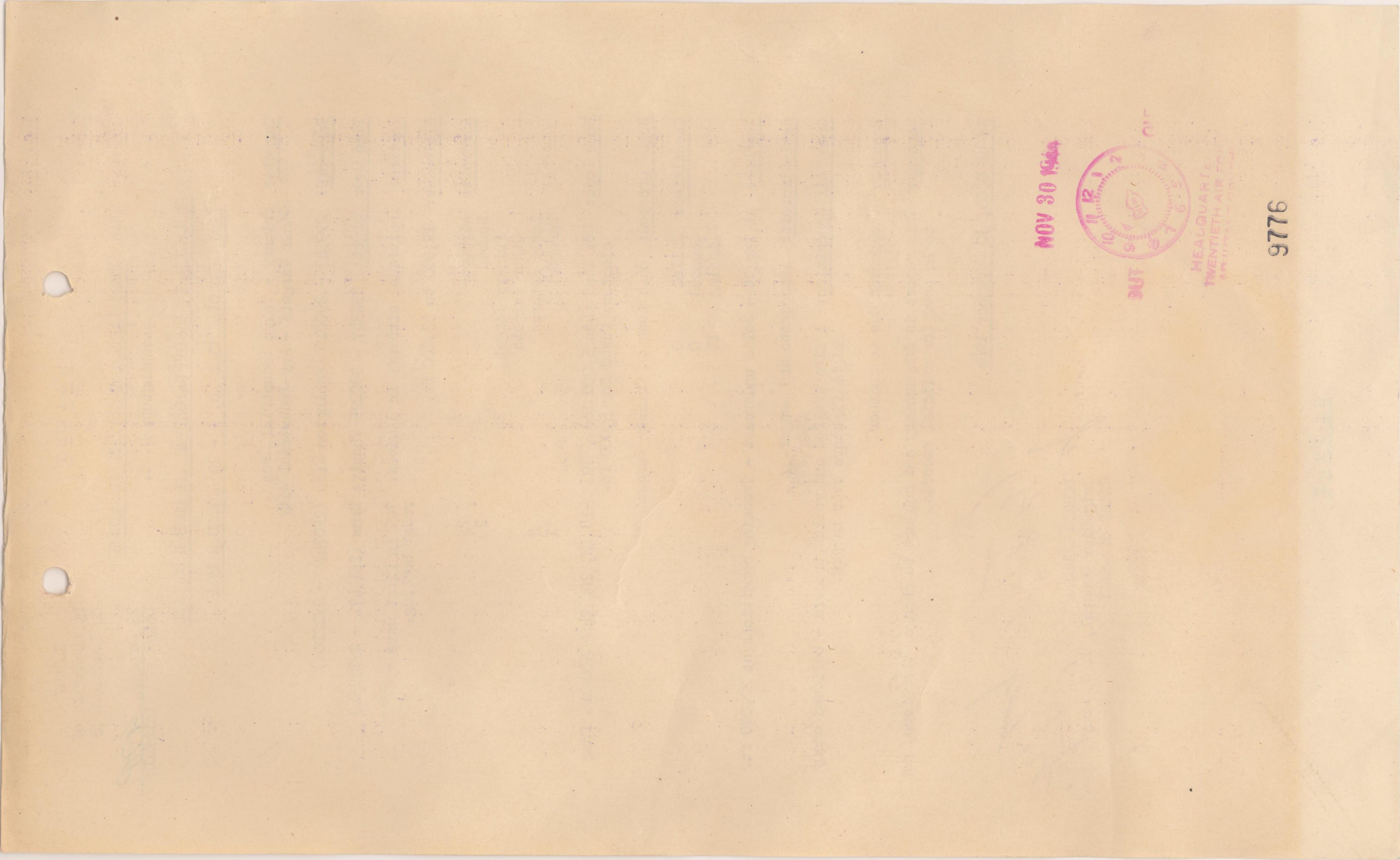
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*Lauris Hornstad*  
LAURIS HORNSTAD  
Brigadier General, U. S. ARMY  
Chief of Staff

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TELECON MSG SK-3-9 SECRET

BOMCOM XX FROM COMGENAF

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION RPT OF XXI BC-73RD WING OPERATION NO 9  
-29 NOVEMBER 1944

TARGETS: PRIMARY-TOKYO INDUSTRIAL AREA

OTHER TARGETS- ANY INDUSTRIAL CITY

TAKE-OFF: 290347-290810 WASHINGTON TIME (290747Z-291210Z)

TIME OVER TARGET: 292347-300225 THEATRE TIME (291447Z-291725Z)

TACTICS: INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT IN 3 WAVES. 70 PERCENT IN FIRST WAVE-  
RADAR BOMBING.

ALTITUDES: 19,800 TO 33,200 FT.

AIRCRAFT: AIRBORNE 29

BOMBED 26

PRIMARY TARGET 24

OTHER TARGETS 2

EARLY RETURNS 2

UNREPORTED 1

BOMB LOAD: NOT LESS THAN 5,000 LBS., 80 PERCENT M-18 IB, T4R4 500LBZ.

FRAG CLUSTERS FUZED FOR 5,000 FT.

BOMBS DROPPED; 66.4 TONS ON PRIMARY TARGET

CASUALTIES: KILLED 0

WOUNDED 0

MISSING 11

WEATHER: AT TARGET- SOLID UNDERCAST- FREEZING CONDITIONS AT 22,000FT.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT: INACCURATE AND MEAGER.

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: 1 AIRCRAFT REPORTED RED AND YELLOW TRACERS-

BELIEVED NIGHT FIGHTERS OVER TARGET.

RESULTS: UNOBSERVED RPT UNOBSERVED DUE TO WEATHER.

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FORE, NOT TO BE USED FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS.

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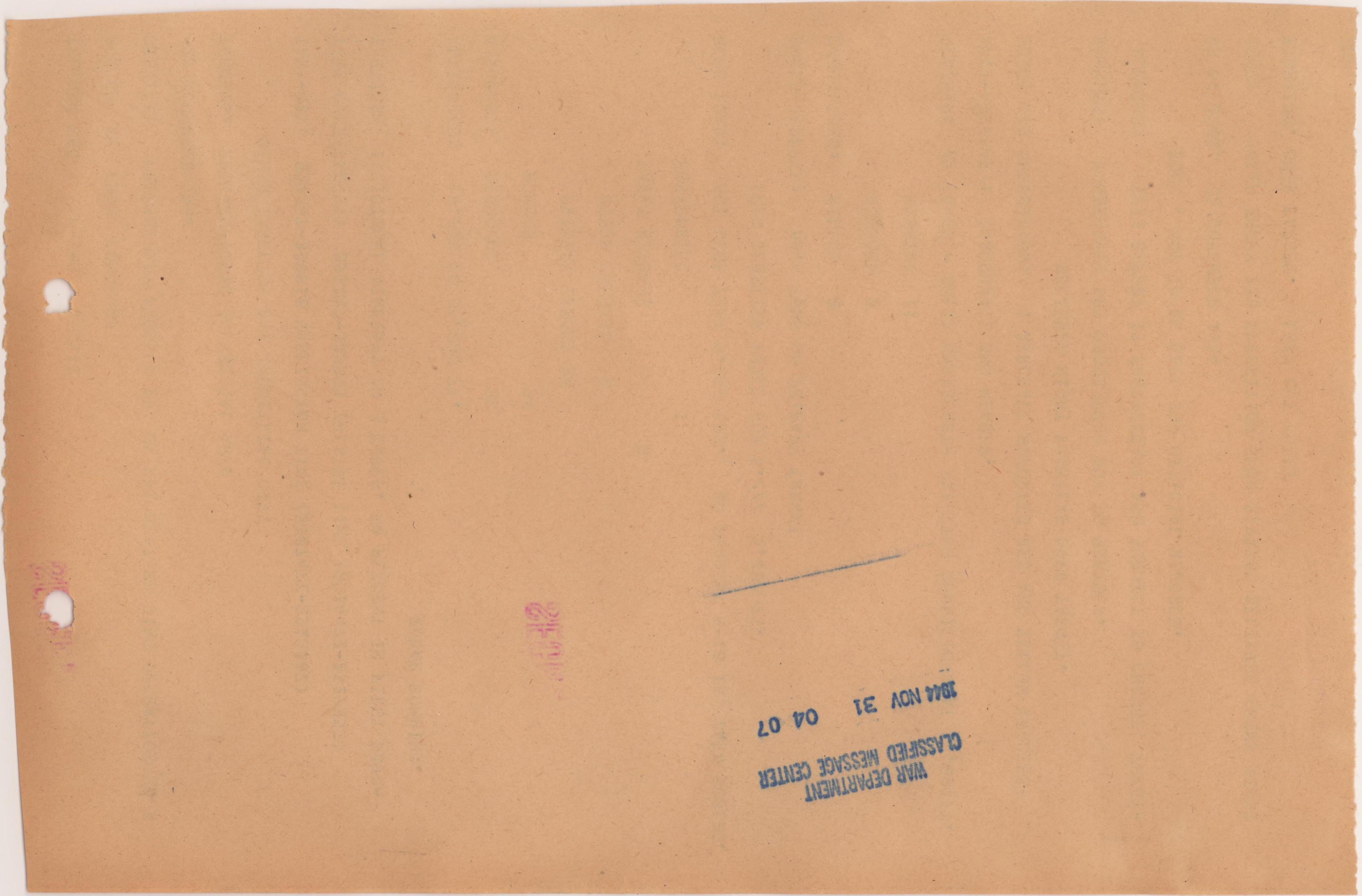
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FIGHTERS. OVER TARGET. LEFT OUT ENEMY

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QUOTE

TELECON MESSAGE NO BM 9-10-30 TO 300640Z (SECRET)  
 FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFORM HARMON

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT BROOKLYN 1, (S-9)

FLOWN BY 497, 498, 499, 500 GRPS. 73RD WING.

1. PRIMARY TARGET-TOKYO INDUSTRIAL AREA

35DEGREES-39'N - 139DEGREES 46'E

35DEGREES 43'N - 139DEGREES 47'E

35DEGREES 43N - 139DEGREES 52E

35DEGREES 39'N - 139DEGREES 52E

2-4. SECONDARY TARGETS

1 AC BOMBED NUMOZU 35DEGREES 15'N-139DEGREES E

1 AC BOMBED YUKOHOMA

5. TIME OVER TARGET-PRIMARY 291447Z TO 291725Z

6. ALTITUDE- PRIMARY 25,000 TO 31,000FT

7. AC ATTACKING SECONDARY 19800FT AND 33,200'

8. AC ATTACKING SECONDARIES-2

10-11 AIRCRAFT ASSINGED 120

SCHEDULED 32

AIRBORNE 29

ABORTS 2

MISSING 1

12. 1A/C REPORTED MISSING. A/C AND NAVAL CRAFT SEARCHES IN OPERATION.

13. 24 AC BOMBED TOKYO THROUGH SOLID UNDERCAST.

RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED BUT BELIEVE MAJORITY OF BOMBS IN TOKYO AREA  
 TOTAL BOMBS DROPPED ON TOKYO 66.4 TONS.

2 AC BOMBED SECONDARY UNOBSERVED RESULTS DUE WEATHER

14. CASUALTIES 11 MISSING IN UNREPORTED A/C

15. ONE A/C REPORTS RED &amp; YELLOW TRACERS BELIEVED ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTER

FIGHTER OVER TARGET. ONE HOLE IN PROP ON HOLE IN COWL FLAP

16. ONLY 2 A/C REPORT FLACK-INNACCURATE AND MEAGER.

17. FIGHTER SUPPORT NIL

18. SOLID UNDERCAST OVER TARGET AREA. FREEZING CONDITIONS AT 22000FT

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FOLLOWING MSG PASSED TO YOU FROM BOMCOM 21

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TELECON MESSAGE NO FN30-16 300610Z (SECRET)  
FROM COM GEN BOM COM XXI TO COM GEN AF XX  
INFO DEP COM AF XX

RETURN REPORT ON BROOKLYN ONE PD

COLUMN ONE FOUR NINETY-SEVEN

COLUMN TWO NINE

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COLUMN TWO TEN

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COLUMN TWO SIX

COLUMN THREE NONE

COLUMN FOUR ONE

NEW SUBJECT: YOU MAY EXPECT PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT WITH ONE HOUR

PD PAREN BOMCOM TWENTY ONE CHARLIE

TOD. 300648 WB

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Telecom msg. No. 30-8 (Relay of Mission Report to Hq. Map)

FROM HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFORM HARMON:

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MISSION REPORT BROOKLYN 1, (S-9)

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2. 4 SECONDARY TARGETS

1. AC RPT 1 AC BOMBED NUMOZU 35 DEGREES 15'N -139 DEGREES E

1 AC BOMBED YUKOHOMA

5. TIME OVER TARGET-PRIMARY 291447Z TO 291725Z

6. ALTITUDE-PRIMARY 25,000 TO 31,000 FT

SECONDARY 19800 FT AND 33,200FT

7. AC ATTACKING PRIMARY - 24

8. AC ATTACKING SECONDARIES - 2

10-11 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED 120

SCHEDULED

AIRBORNE

EARLY RETURNS

MISSING

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17. FIGHTER SUPPORT NIL

18. SOLID UNDERCAST OVER TARGET AREA. FREEZING CONDITIONS AT 22000 FT.

END

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PLS STAND BY WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING IN A SHORT WHILE MIN PLS

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MNAPA Date 8/3/05



Telecon msg SF-3-9 Secret  
 Bom Com XX from Com Gen AF  
 Subject: Preliminary Mission Rpt  
 9111 BC - 73rd Wing Operative  
 No 9 - 29 November 1944

Targets: Primary - Tokyo Industrial Area  
 Other Targets - Any Industrial City

Take-off: 290347 - 290610 Washington Time (290747 - 291210Z)

Time Over Target: 292347 - 300225 Theatre Time (291474 - 291725Z)

Tactics: Individual aircraft in 3 waves. 70% in first wave - radar bombing.

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Aircraft:

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Bombed	25
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Unreported	1

Bomb Load: Not less than 5,000 lbs., 80% M-18 IB, 20% T484 500 lb. frag clusters fuzed for 5,000 ft.

Bombs Dropped: 66.4 tons on Primary Target

Casualties:

Killed	0
Wounded	0
Missing	11

Weather: At Target - Solid undercast - freezing conditions at 22,000 ft.

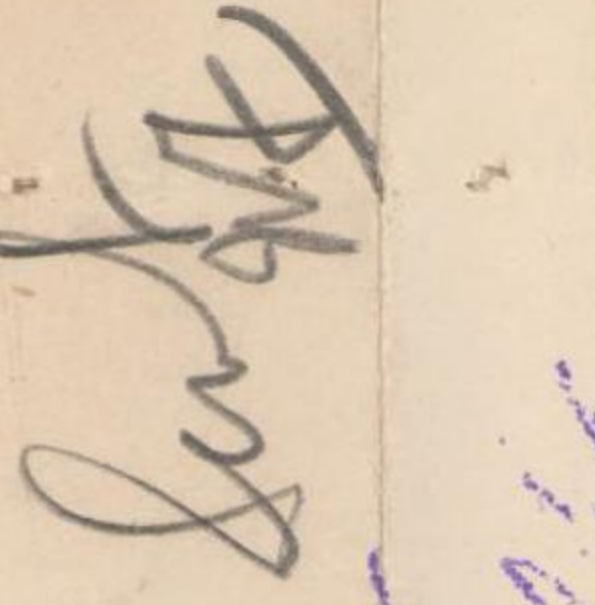
Anti-aircraft: Inaccurate and <sup>reported</sup> meager.

Enemy Air Opposition: 1 aircraft, red and yellow tracers - believed enemy night fighters over target.

Results: Unobserved due to weather.

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As of 0800, 30 November 1944

  
 LAUREIS NORSTAD  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
 Chief of Staff

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Handwritten notes on lined paper, including a large '3' at the top and bottom.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

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TELECON MSG BM-9-6-29

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HANSELL TO ARNOLD INFO HARMON

AS OF 291515Z TWO RPT TWO AIRCRAFT HAVE ABORTED OM BROOKLYN NO. 1.  
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TOD 291527Z HJ

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SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY







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TELECON NOTE

COME IN AT 2130Z 1 DEC AND ALSO AT 0300Z 1 DEC

PRESS FLASH COM GEN BOMCOM 20 FROM BOMGEN AF 20

TELECON MSG NO 30-7

SUBJECT: PRESS FLASH

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B-29 AIRCRAFT OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE TODAY ATTACKED TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT TODAY BY GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. THE ATTACK WAS MADE BY BRIGADIER GENERAL H. S. HANSELL'S XXI BOMBER COMMAND BASED ON SAIPAN. A COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED WHEN FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE.

FLASH WAS RELEASED 11292100Z

TELECON NOTE FROM COL HADDOCK

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CAN YOU SPED SPEED UP REPORT ON BROOKLYN NR1 FOR PRP

PREPARATION OF COMMUNIQUE

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TELCON MSG NR 31-////// ~~30~~ 11-30

FROM COLONEL HADDOCK

FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AT 11301100Z  
BEGIN QUOTE

30 NOVEMBER 1944

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 26

INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN TOKYO WERE BOMBED WEDNESDAY (29 VXX NOBEMBER  
1944) BY B-29 AIRCRAFT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL H S HANSELL'S XXI  
BOMBER COMMAND IN THE FIRST NIGHT MISSION FLOWN BY THE SAIPAN-  
BASED SUPERFORTS.

BOMBING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PRECISION INSTRUMENTS, AND RESULTS  
WERE NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF CLOUD COVER. AIRCREWMEN REPORTED THAT  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS MEAGER AND INACCURATE. NONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT  
WAS LOST FROM ENEMY ACTION. END QUOTE

PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY TO GENERAL HANSELL

TOD 300924Z

ACK PLS AND CHANGE MSG NR FROM 30-5 TO 11-30

MSG WAS TO MCKELWAY

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TELECON MSG ~~8-30~~ 30-9

FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AT 11301100Z

BEGIN QUOTE:

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THAT ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS MEAGER AND INNACCURATE. NONE OF OUR  
AIRCRAFT WAS LOST FROM ENEMY ACTION.

END QUOTE

SIGNED COLONEL HADDOCK.

HARTWELL FROM HADDOCK

FOLLOWING PRESS FLASH BEING RELEASED HERE AT 2100Z

QUOTE B-29 AIRCRAFT OF THE TWENTIETH FIR RPT AIR FORCE TODAY  
ATTACKED TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA CMA IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE  
WAR DEPARTMENT TODAY BY GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD IN HIS CAPACITY AS  
COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE TWENTIETH AIR FORCE. THE ATTACK WAS  
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COMMAND BASED ON SAIPAN. A COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED WHEN FURTHER  
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. END QUOTE

PLEASE PASS TO FORWARD AREA SOONEST POSSIBLE

PLS ACKNOWLEDGE

HARTWELL FROM DADDOCK

RPT HADDOCK

PRESS FLASH DELAYED PENDING BOMBS AWAY MESSAGE

FROM MORE THAN ONE AIRCRAFT. WE READY TO GO WITH FLASH IF

YOU CAN ADVISE FIVE OR MORE PLANES BOMBED TARGET AREA

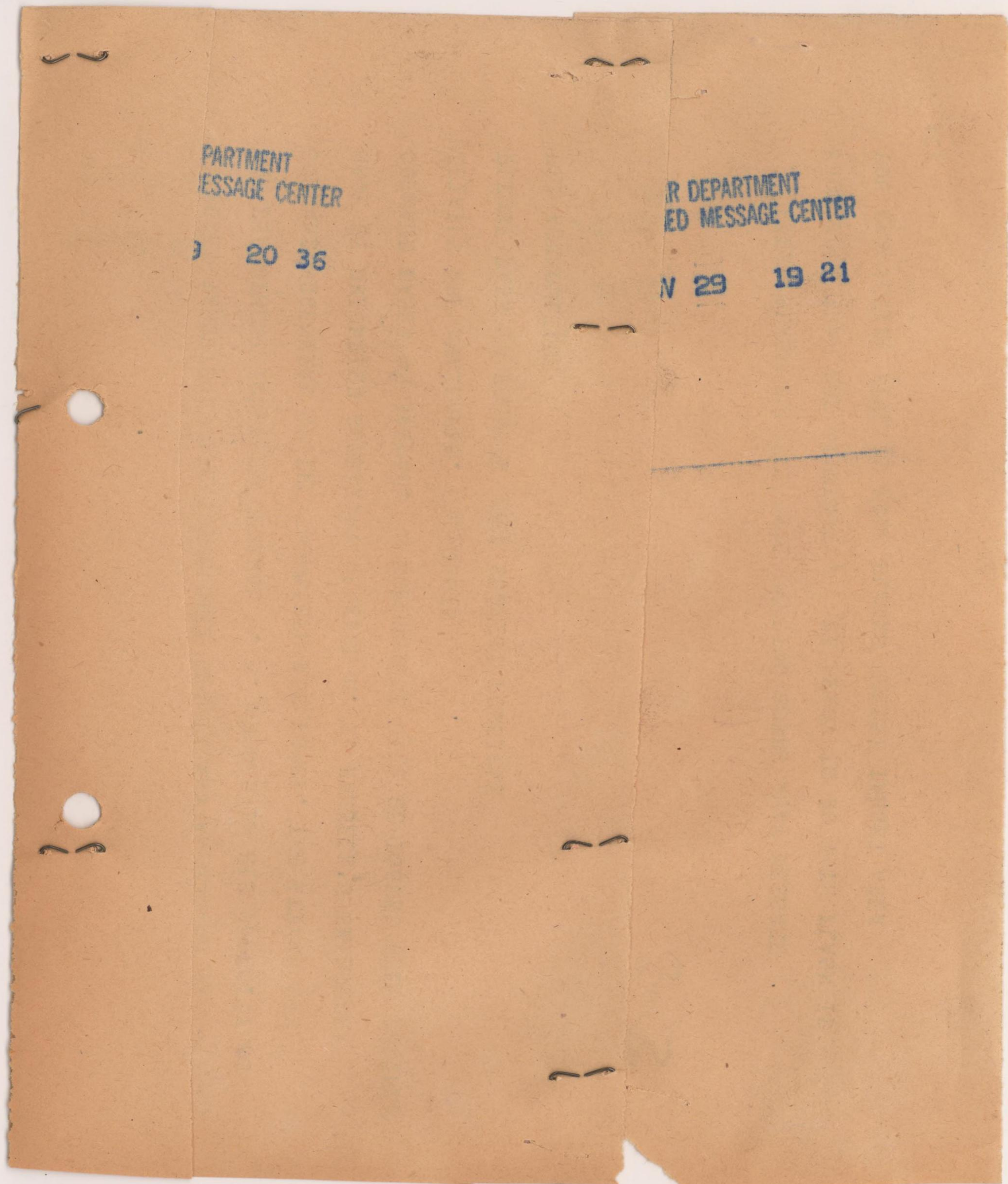
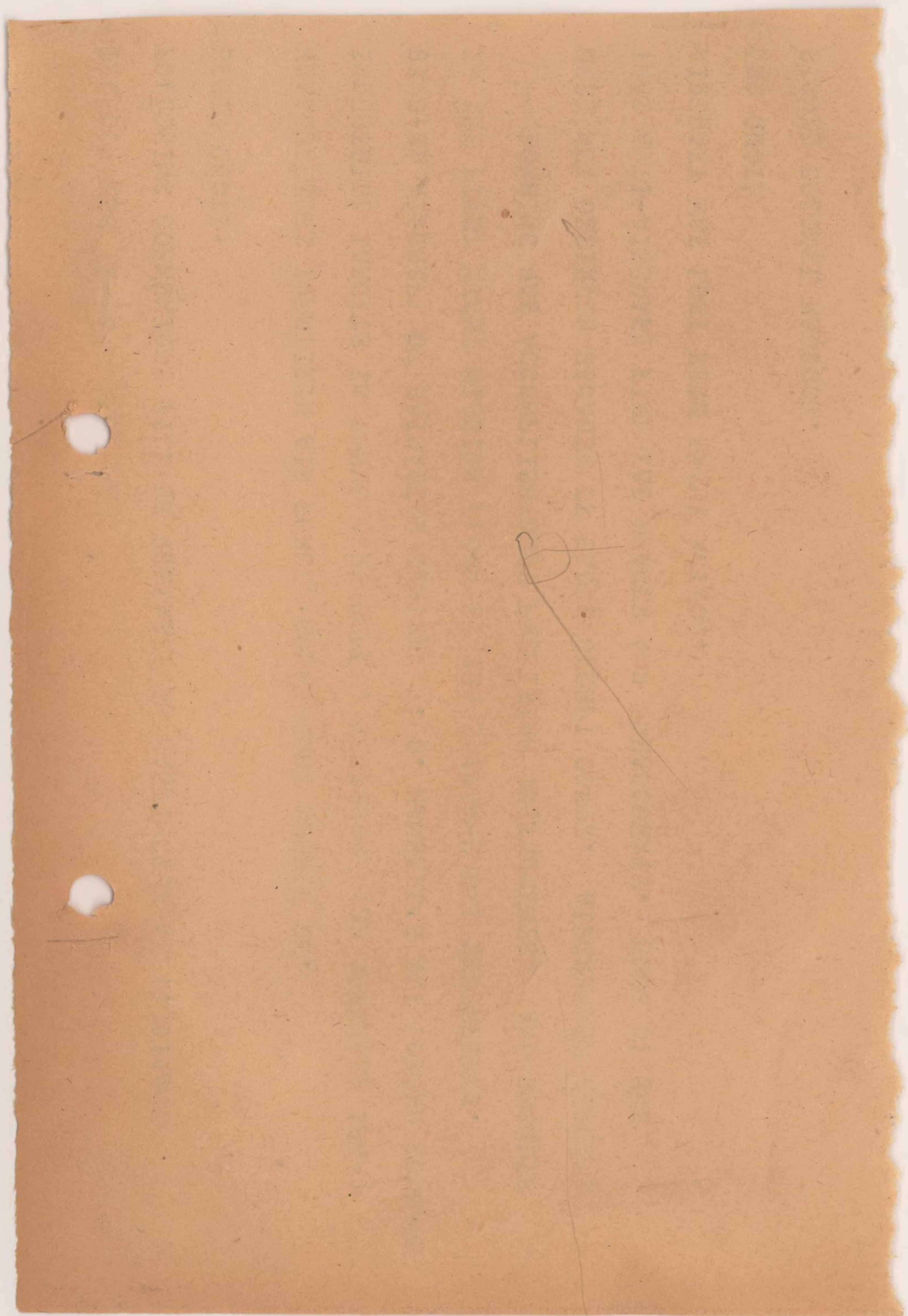
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TELECON MESSAGE

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TO : DEPCOMAF 20 FOR BOMCOM 21

FROM: COMAF 20

SUBJECT: USE OF INCENDIARIES

PERSONAL TO HANSELL FROM NORSTAD.

I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF INCENDIARIES USED ON YOUR MISSION TODAY. I HAVE FELT STRONGLY THAT INCREASED WEIGHT OF INCENDIARIES IS THE ANSWER TO THE TYPE OF TARGET YOU ARE WORKING ON. MY OPINION IS BASED ON LOOKING AT BOMB DAMAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS AND NOTING THAT THE ONLY COMPLETE DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN THAT RESULTING FROM FIRES. RECENT GROUND STUDIES MADE OF TARGETS BOMBED BY U. K. FORCES IN FRANCE FULLY SUPPORT THIS FAITH IN FIRE.

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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By authority of -  
C. G. Twentieth Air Force

29 Nov 44  
(Date)

(Initials)

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU

Washington Parties: Honolulu Parties

Lt. Col. Howitt Col. Ankenbrandt

Telecon Message No 29-T

Subject: Preliminary Mission Report

(From DEPCOMAF 20 TO COMAF 20)

Quoted herewith is Telecon Message 29-T from DEPCOMAF 20:

Following telecon is herewith passed to you:

Telecon Message No. FM 29-13 291554Z (Secret)  
From COM GEN BOM COM 21 TO COM GEN AF 20 INFO JEP COM AF 20  
Subject: Preliminary Mission Report

Amendment No. 3 to No. 4  
Change Paragraph 3 B to Read:

(B) The 3rd Photo Recon. Sqdn. will send one F-13 to the Tokyo Area to take bomb damage photographs of 90.17 and photograph the west shore line of Tokyo Bay and 90.17,357. This airplane will be dispatched so as to arrive over the target area at approximately 1400 local time. The 3rd Photo Sqdn. will send one F-13 airplane to photograph targets 1547, 1729, 193, and 901. This airplane will be dispatched to arrive over target 1547 at approximately 1300 local time. If possible radar scope photographs of the Kobi Osaka Bay area and the Nagoya Bay area will be taken.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: ✓ JC/S Opr (2 cys)

INFORMATION: C/S; A-2 (10 cys); A-3 OC&A (5 cys); A-5 Plans (2 cys)

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