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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy Ceylon
Forward Echelon, Northern Combat Area Command,
Myitkyina, Burma
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No: CFBX 27685 30 November 1944

TOP SECRET To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff Information Mountbatten, Wheeler, Sultan, Stratemeyer, Chennault, Chevos and Tunner CFBX 27686 from Wedemeyer.

1. Situation in China theater continues to deteriorate. Five to six thousand Japanese occupied Nan Tan on 28th November. 3,000 hold vital pass to the east which outflanks present Chinese positions. Jap divisional headquarters are moving forward with following identifications:

3rd Division at Hochih;
13th at Jshan;
37th at Liu-Chang, northwest of Liuchow;
40th at Luchai, northeast of Liuchow;
104th at Pinyang, and
22nd Division in that vicinity.

On the Liuchow-Nanning road, 30,000 enemy troops reported assembled between Pinyang and Wu-Ming (108 degrees 15 minutes - 23 degrees 12 minutes). Japanese reported to

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have crossed French Indo-China at Dong Dang north of Lang Son, strength unknown. This drive appears to be on for Kweiyang as 3rd Division passed through 13th Division and is now attacking. 3rd and 13th Divisions have spearheaded entire attack from Changsha south.

2. Inability on the part of the Chinese to obtain units that are trained, equipped, and properly led from those available within China has rendered the decision to withdraw immediately two Chinese division (The 22nd and 38th) from upper Burma and to move those divisions by air transport to selected positions for the defense of the vital Kunming area. The Generalissimo made this decision today and it is confirmed as necessary by myself and senior American officers in China theater.

3. If we do not retain the Kunming area as a terminal of supply, the purpose of operations in Burma will be completely nullified. Further, the Chinese Central Government may reasonably be expected to collapse. My directive requires that I maintain and support the Chinese Government and that I conduct with Chinese and American Forces maximum effective operations against the enemy in order to contain and divert the enemy in this area and to support operations in the Pacific.

4. Decision is requested as a matter of urgency by the Chiefs of Staff relative to the overall priorities of operations being conducted by Allied Forces in China, India, Burma. This is deemed necessary for I received recently a message from SACSEA indicating that the withdrawal of certain air units I had requested from India would jeopardize the

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success of CAPITAL and ROMULUS. Mountbatten's directive requires CAPITAL and ROMULUS. However, as result of Japanese advance with attendant jeopardy of our China supply base, I must take action in conformity with my directive that will slow down or completely nullify CAPITAL and ROMULUS as presently planned.

5. It is recommended that the Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia Command, be informed that CAPTIAL and ROMULUS operations will be conducted only in such manner and to a degree that will not militate against the measures required to insure the defense of the Kunming area. Principal object of CAPITAL would be abrogated if we lose our terminal of supply in China.

6. In my CFBX 26558 dated 17th November and my CFBX 25612 dated 6th November, surveys of overall situation in China theater were provided. Developments the past two weeks completely confirm the conclusions reached in those surveys-in fact, the Japanese capabilities are stronger, or possibly Chinese resistance weaker, than was reported in those surveys, and their intentions are unquestionably offensive action against Kunming area.

7. Radios will follow shortly giving complete plans for the defense of the Kunming area and implications on operations in contiguous areas.

End

FOOTNOTE: 25612 is CM IN 6441 (7 Nov 44) Gen Hull
26558 is CM IN 18141 (19 Nov 44) Gen Hull

ACTION: JCS

INFO : Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, OPD, General Bissell
Admiral King, C of S.

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Asiatic Section, WDOA
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Col Byroade, 6960

30 November 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Number: WARX 71215

Wedemeyer info Sultan TOPSEC from Marshall.

Subject is withdrawal of Chinese troops from NCAC.

Following WARX 69935 dated 29 November now comes for your information paraphrase of SEACOS 265 November 28th from Mountbatten to Chiefs of Staff, message begins:

Carton De Wiart informs that Generalissimo contemplates withdrawing from the CAI the divisions which he requires in China. The 22nd and 38th Chinese Divisions have been mentioned by name to be withdrawn when Bhamo has fallen. It would be bad enough to withdraw divisions from the Yunnan forces which would result in considerable delay in opening the land route to China but it would be disastrous at the present time to lose 2 or 3 divisions from NCAC.

The whole of the operation capital would be jeopardized by weakening the NCAC share. Security of the Mogaung Myitkyina Air Base would be directly prejudiced and the southward thrust through Bhamo would be brought to a standstill. Operations would be slowed up as the enemy could concentrate more divisions against the 14th Army. Either on the front of 14th Army or NCAC I should be forced to use up all my available resources.

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Further finding of replacements for NCAC would definitely precludes the possibility of doing an amphibious operation before the monsoon.

I can not see how the Generalissimo would be benefited by the removal of these divisions. They would have to be taken out from Myitkyina by air or use the rough fair weather track Bhamo-Tengchung-Lungling. Their heavy transport and equipment could not be moved in either case. This move might take up 3 or 4 months which would coincide with the most critical phase of capital and during the whole of which these divisions would be making no contribution whatsoever to the war against Japan in either Burma or China.

In the past the Generalissimo has urged repeatedly the early opening of an overland route to China and also the pressing need or reopening Rangoon. The prospects of both would be destroyed by his present proposal.

Generalissimo may make a decision at any moment as the forces of NCAC are already in Bhamo. I request the strongest representations to the Generalissimo so that immediate action may be taken to prevent the withdrawal from either the Yunnan force or NCAC and that he strive to make available forces for operations within China by readjusting his dispositions in China. The need and urgency for either CAI or Yunnan forces in China I am not in a position to assess but I am quite clear that their removal would undermine the whole policy of aid to China which has governed Allied strategy in Southeast Asia and would endanger the accomplishment of my directive. End paraphrase

In view of our reference in WARX 70954 dated 1 December this is forwarded for information only.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S, Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm King, C of S

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, NG
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T. H.
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 21253 30 November 1944

Operational summary for 29 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 21253.

Troops 25th Brigade captured the enemy position in Chaunggyin area and continued the advance towards Kalewa. Exact location of forward elements was not mentioned. No other change in XXXIII Corps sector. In IV Corps sector troops of 64th Brigade occupied Paungbyin without opposition, patrols found Kaungkasi, thirteen miles southeast of Paungbyin clear of enemy. Patrolling was continued on Arakan front. Action in Pinwe area limited to patrolling by 36th Division. 148th Regiment crossed river at Moda with one battalion reported closed in the Shwegu area. Minor gains reported in Bhamo sector. Lead elements of 30th Division are four miles south of Mansi reporting no enemy contact.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log End

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, Shadazup, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Forward Echelon Headquarters, 20th Bomber Command, Hsinching, China
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China

Nr. CFBX 27649 29 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Korn, Montieth and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 27649 book msg nr 169 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Breakthru by Japanese forces reported by Sino G 2 with occupation of Nan Tan (107 deg 40 min- 25 deg 15 min) by force of 5-6,000 on 28th and Japanese forces pressing north. From Szeen column of 3,000 reported to have captured Lieming Pass on the 27th and pressed on to Tachang on the Kwangsi-Kweichow border approximately half way from Szeen to Lipo (107 deg 56 min- 25 deg 40 min).

Latest information indicates that all columns moving north are elements of 3rd Division which has passed thru the 13th Division to assume further offensive action. Report from 4th War Zone thru Sino G-2 states that on the 28th a Japanese force of 30,000, thought to represent two divisions, was concentrated in area between Pinyang (108 deg 45 min- 23 deg 18 min) and Wuming (108 deg 16 min- 23 deg 10 min). Authenticity of report not known but Sino G-2 believes elements of 40th and 37th Divisions may have moved south, or this force

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may be the balance of the 104th and 22nd Divisions from Kweiping-Kieihsien area. We believe latter more likely. Rated C-3 pending confirmation.

Sino G-2 gives following locations for Division Headquarters as of 27 November based on radio interception and identification:

3rd Division Hochih, 13th Ishan, 40th Liucheng (109 deg 10 min- 24 deg 27 min),
37th Lojung (109 deg 31 min-24 deg 27 min),
22nd Pinyang, 104th Laipin (109 deg 16 min- 23 deg 43 min) 58th Kweilin town.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To : War Department

No : CFB 27648 29 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI CFB 27648 from Wedemeyer.

Agrees with our information does your identifications of divisions Hunon-Kwangsi area reurad WARX 65892 dated 21st November. However, do not agree that all divisions mentioned are southwest of Hengyang. Headquarters of various divisions have been identified thru radio interception by Chinese (a method which has proven quite accurate in east), at the following locations:

64th at Changsea;
27th at Hengyang;
116th at Paoching;
34th at Leiyang;
68th at Ling Ling;
37th at Yungming (111 deg 20 min-25 deg 17 min);
3rd at Liuchow (only advance headquarters with one regiment thought to be here with balance of division still in Pinglo area);
40th at Kweilin;
58th at Kweilin;
13th at Liuchang (109 deg 10 min-24 deg 28 min);
104th at Wingnan;
22nd at Kwe Hsien (109 deg 40 min-23 deg 02 min);
Eleventh Army Advance Headquarters located at Kweilin with Rear Headquarters and Headquarters of General Okamura located at Hengyang.

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Above locations felt reliable as of 23rd Novembe r.

Your estimated 200,000 * now felt to be low for following reasons:

In * previous estimate, estimate of Jap forces involved in Hunan campaign south of Yochow reurad CFBX 22280 dated 9th September our estimate was 200,000. At that time your office agreed with this estimate reurad WAR 32880 dated 19th September. Since that time while only 11th Brigade, the 4th Independent Mixed Brigade, have been positively identified, persistent reports of troop movements south from Yochow area during past three months makes arrival of additional units probable. Whether these are all service troops or part service and part combat is not positively known.

Chinese have reported both 12th Division and 71st Division as being in area without positive proof. Evidence for presence of 71st Division considered inadequate but 12th Division has been repeatedly identified since September 12th at which time POW stated division had recently arrived in area.

Initial identification Changsha area with subsequent identifications indicating movement of unit to southwest with last identification being from bodies of dead soldiers in Luichow area. While these identifications are not completely conclusive, it appears possible that at least one additional division is in area south of Yochow.

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In addition, extensive program of reconstruction of railways (reports indicate Japs plan completion of Yochow-Hengyang railway next month, a stretch of 185 miles in six months. At same time reconstruction of the Hengyang-Kweilin railway has been reported in progress from Hengyang to Chuanhsiem, a distance of 110 miles) and building on roads together with increased length of line of communication and supply should necessitate an increase in service troops over that in area at time of our last*. This is borne out in part by the report as yet unconfirmed that the 13th, 14th and 15th Railway Regiments have been identified in the area (this by wire from COMZONE Headquarters to Sino G-2, reportedly from captured document, rated C 3 by us pending examination of document but thought possible).

In view of above, believe estimate of 250,000 is minimum of Jap forces south of Yochow. Your estimate of 45,000 west of Wuchow agrees with *. Bulk of these forces have not yet been used in combat as spearhead of present advance being carried by elements of 161st Regiment of 104th Division and 85th Regiment of 222nd Division. Elements of 19th, 22nd, and 23rd Independent Mixed Brigades have not been used since occupation of Tanchuk and Pingnam.

Identifications of new divisions arriving in area all from Chinese sources.

Units reported identified have been 71st, 12th, 14th and 25th Divisions. While it is improbable that all of these

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units have arrived in the area reports of troop movements thru Wuchang, Yuchow and Changsha by observers would indicate that at least one new division in area. Evidence received while not conclusive points to 12th Division as indicated above.

Identification of Manchurian divisions in Philippines also increases possibility of presence of Manchurian units in Central China.

At present extreme demoralization of Chinese forces and breakdown of communications makes it next to impossible to obtain accurate picture of situation in combat area.

Estimate of striking strength in Liuchow-Kweilin area follows.

Present push west of Liuchow and Kweilin involves approximately 15,000 combat troops, mainly of 13th Division.

From the west river area an additional 5,000 from the 22nd and 104th Divisions moving northwest have protected the south flank of this column.

In reserve and available for further strikes in the west are balance of the 13th Division, main strength of the 40th, 3rd and 37th Divisions, totalling an estimated 50,000 troops.

From west river area another 20,000 could be moved

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north to make a grand total of 70,000 troops immediately available for offensive action.

Reports of reinforcement of east China Coast appear well founded and are confirmed by reports received thru Chinese National Government sources, communists troops sources and our liaison agents but identification of units not positive.

Arrival of new unit thought a division in Hongkong-Canton area has been confirmed by both Chinese and our liaison in area.

Arrival of another division reported by both Chinese and our liaison but not confirmed.

In Shanghai area Sino G-2 reports agents in area considered reliable have reported movement thru city of 100,000 troops and 600 tanks since 1st October with 60,000 moving overseas and balance reported used for coastal defenses.

Identification of 1st, 8th and 2nd Armored Divisions in Philippines lends credence to this report. Chinese communists in area confirm presence of newly arrived troops totalling two or more divisions in Shanghak-Hangkow area. Naval group observers in area report extensive preparation of coastal defenses in Ningpo, Wenchow, Foochow and Amoy areas. National government and Chinese communists sources report similar activity in area north of Shanghai. Increase in troop concentration at Lao Yao and Tsing Tao reported by

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both National and Communist groups.

Identification of new code numbers with code name of 8th Independent Mixed Brigade together with reports of arrival of reinforcements in Foochow area may indicate unit being converted to division. Movement of elements of 19th Independent Mixed Brigade from Swatow Islands off Shan Wei together with known presence of elements of same unit in west river drive lends weight to reports of arrival of *unit at Swatow.

Reports from reliable sources that present strength Amoy-Quemoy area is between 20 and 30,000 lends weight to report of identification of 101st Division at Amoy.

While we realize that above is only indications and not proof all reports tend to confirm Japanese propoganda statements that coastal areas are being fortified against Allied landings.

Following estimate of Japanese strength along east coast is thought to be conservative:

Hongkong-Canton area, 2 1/2 divisions totalling 30,000;

Islands between Hongkong and *, notably in Bias Bay, Mirs Bay and Shanwei area, 5,000;

Swatow area, 8 to 10,000;

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Amoy-Quemoy area 25,000, including Naval personnel;

Foochow area 8,000;

Wenchow area 10,000;

Ningpo-Hangchow area, including islands off Ningpo, two divisions totalling 25,000;

Shanghak-Wuusung Peninsula, two divisions totalling 25,000;

Central Kiangsu Coast, one division totalling 12,000;

Lao Yao area, one division totalling 12,000;

Tsingtat area, 22 brigades of 15,000.

Objective of present Japanese drive appears to be:

1. Decimation of Chinese Central Government troops in the area;

2. Elimination of Allied airfields and blocking of Burma Road thru occupation of Kunming;

3. Opening of overland supply route to French Indo China.

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Lastly. Japs may feel that they cannot reinforce on coast may reinforce China coastline via water after Allied landing on coast.

Strengthened forces on coast may stay in positions to defend while this large mobile force inland is moved to critical area.

First objective has virtually been accomplished; second appears to be next objective, return route to be used not clear as yet; third can be accomplished at leisure as no resistance available against such a move following fall of Lycchor and Kweilin towns.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER
TO : THE PRESIDENT

NO : 839, 29 November 1944

In a telegram received today (SEACOS 265) Admiral Mountbatten reports that he has received a warning from General Carton De Wiart that Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek contemplates withdrawing the divisions which he requires in China from the Chinese Army in India, which is now engaged in carrying out its share of operation "CAPITAL".

The Chiefs of Staff endorse what Admiral Mountbatten says about the deplorable effect of these withdrawals on our operations in Burma. I suggest that you and I send the Generalissimo the following message of protest. If you agree with this suggestion, and with the terms of the message to the Generalissimo, pray send it off as a joint message from us both, with such minor alterations or additions as you think fit:

"Message from President and Prime Minister to Generalissimo.

"Admiral Mountbatten reports that he has received a message from General Carton De Wiart saying that you contemplate the withdrawal of two of your best divisions from the north Burma front as soon as Bhamo has fallen.

"The withdrawal of these forces from north Burma will inevitably bring the southward thrust through Bhamo to a standstill thus jeopardising the success of the whole campaign, and the security of the Mogaung Myitkyina air base.

"Your two divisions are now in contact with the enemy. If they are withdrawn from the battle in Burma by land route they will spend these critical months in weary marches over the rough track northwards. If they are withdrawn by air, they will use up aircraft which might otherwise be carrying to China the supplies you badly need. In neither case could their heavy transport and equipment be moved with them.

"We earnestly request you therefore to reconsider any idea of weakening your gallant forces which are cooperating so successfully with ours with the intention of reestablishing firm communications between China and her Allies."

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1. I have now heard from Carton De Wiart that the Generalissimo contemplates withdrawing the divisions which he requires in China from the Chinese Army in India, operating under NCAC. He has mentioned by name the 22 and 38 Chinese Divisions which are the best two we have and speaks of withdrawing them when Bhamo has fallen. The withdrawal of divisions from the Yunnan forces would be bad enough and would be bound to result in considerable delay in opening the land route to China, the loss of two or three divisions from NCAC at the present time would be disastrous.

2. The weakening of the NCAC share of Capital would jeopardize the whole of that operation. The southward thrust through Bhamo would be brought to a standstill and the security of the Mogaung-Myitkyina Air Base would be directly prejudiced. As a result the enemy could concentrate more divisions against 14 Army which would slow up operations. I should be forced to use up all my available reserves, either on the front of 14th Army or NCAC.

3. Further, the finding of replacements for NCAC would mean that any ideas of doing an amphibious operation before the Monsoon would finally go by the Board.

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4. I cannot see how the removal of these divisions would benefit the Generalissimo himself. They would have to be taken out from Myitkyina by air or use the rough fair weather track Bhamo-Tencchung-Lungling. In neither case could their heavy transport and equipment be moved. During the whole of their very long move, which might take up to three or four months, and which would coincide with the most critical phase of Kapital, these divisions would be making no contribution whatever to the war against Japan in either Burma or China.

5. The Generalissimo has in the past repeatedly urged the earlier opening of a route to China and also pressed me to re-open Rangoon. By his present proposal he is destroying the prospects of both.

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6. Forces of NCAC are already in Bhamo and the Generalissimo may take a decision at any moment. I request that immediate action be taken to make the strongest representations to him that Chinese Divisions should not be withdrawn from the Yunnan Force and in circumstances from C.A.I. and that he should contrive so to re-adjust his dispositions within China as to make available for operations the forces which are there. I am not in a position to assess the need and urgency for either C.A.I. or Yunnan Force Divisions in China, but I am quite clear that their removal would endanger the accomplishment of my directive and undermine the whole policy of aid to China which has governed Allied strategy in South East Asia.

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The attached report is from a well-informed reliable source located in China. It outlines many of the criticisms being made by various Chinese groups against the Kuomintang (Chungking Government). This report also explains the present situation and strength of the Chinese Communist Party. In the opinion of the informant, the U. S. Government should consider some basis of relationship with that Party in order to safeguard our own future long-term interests in China. The informant also believes that a more understanding attitude on the part of our Government toward the Communist Party and other political elements in China would have a stabilizing effect on Chinese affairs.

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The following report has been received from a reliable source.

1. If there is such a thing in impoverished China as a "have" group,-(and there is!),-that group is the Kuomintang Party. The principal "have nots" of current Chinese politics are Marshal Li Chi-shen's ( ) followers in the South, and the 18th Group Army (Communists who prefer to be called Kungch'antang, i.e. "Work Together Party"). Criticism of Chiang Kai-shek and of the Kuomintang is on the increase; and it is not limited solely to political opponents. The general feeling among dissidents is that the Generalissimo must be placed before the war in Asia ends. The widespread but unfounded belief among Chinese that the war against Japan will be won within 6 months after Germany's defeat inspires those out of the saddle to accelerate their campaign against the Kuominteng. Yet some are loath to make a change until assured that such a new regime could continue to receive the foreign support (especially that of the U.S.) enjoyed by Chiang Kai-shek's government.

2. The Southern dissidents and the Communists have no money, no credit, no materials, and therefore no power. Each of these groups is anxious to renderservice to the U.S. and gain our official approbation before the war ends. This is definite assurance that Chiang Kai-shek's resistance to Japan will not collapse. Such resistance may (and probably will) continue to take the form of trading territory for time, but the Central Government will not capitulate, for once it does the way will be open for direct Allied assistance to other military groups in China.

3. Another and more ominous assurance that the China of Chiang Kai-shek will not fall is voiced by the Chinese Communists, who say that the Kuomintang is the only group in China with whom Japan will be able to do post-war business, that the Japanese are keenly aware of this, and that Japan is therefore determined that the Kuomintang shall survive. The Communists go much further than this in their predictions for China's future under its present leadership. In post-war Japan and China they forsee images of Germany and Russia of 1918; one a defeated industrial nation, the other a victorious but weak country of vast natural resources. In Chiang Kai-shek the Chinese Communists see a man planning to combine China's manpower, land ares and resources with Japan's industry and technical knowledge to unite a rebellious and race-conscious India, French Indo-China, Burma, Thailand, the Malay States, and possibly the Philippines and Netherlands East Indies into an anti-White allience of Asiatics.

4. Yenan predicts that after Japan loses her fleet and her airforce, her armies on the mainland will turn over their arms to Puppet troops who will simultaneously be mustered into the Chinese army of Chiang Kai-shek. In effect, the "Asia for Asiatics" crusade would continue, but under the Kuomintang banner.

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5. Although the predictions of the Yenan Chinese must be accepted with reserve, there is other evidence which should be taken into consideration when trying to determine the present actual relationships between Chungking, Nanking and Tokyo. The following "facts", "reports" and "rumors" are evaluated (as indicated) by this office:

(a) Japan has never declared the war against the Kuomintang government, and states that no such war exists. (A-1).

(b) A general officer high in the Military Council recently told the U.S. Army Area Commander's assistant Chief-of-Staff (G-2) that we (Americans) are to "blame" for the present Japanese drive in South China. It is the activities of the 14th Airforce against Japanese shipping, and Admiral Nimitz's talk about landing on the coast of China that has forced the Japanese to take the offensive, according to the General, who was undoubtedly reflecting "official" reaction. (A-1). It should be remembered that the Chungking government long opposed the establishment of U. S. air bases in South China before finally consenting.

(c) Chiang Kai-shek has steadfastly refused to make known a list of Chinese and Japanese war criminals. (A-1).

(d) Travel and trade between "Free" and "Occupied" China is practically unrestricted. (A-1).

(e) Property (in occupied territory) of Kuomintang leaders is well looked after. (B-2).

(f) Yenan states that 62% of Puppet troops are former Kuomintang soldiers, many of whom went over to Puppets intact, and under Chungking orders. (Unrated).

(g) 70% of Puppet Commanders have recently "renewed" their "allegiance" to the Kuomintang. (B-2 rating for the "fact"; "percentage" unrated).

(h) The Generalissimo, speaking (early in October) before the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintnag, is said to have expressed himself as fed-up with American criticism. Chiang is reported to have stated that "if the Americans don't like the way we're running things they can get out of the country and take their equipment with them, and China will continue to prosecute the war in her own way." (C-3).

6. The aim of the Kuomintang is evident. All recognized opponents, as well as many liberals within the Central Government, see every move of the Kuomintang designed to have the "Party" emerge from the present war as the only military and political force in China. Conversely, opponents of Chiang Kai-shek feel that if they do not firmly establish their positions before the war ends they will then find themselves powerless against a stronger than ever one-party government in a China abandoned by her war-weary allies and left to solve her own internal problems.

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7 In current political discussions the Kuomintang, as the party in power, finds itself more often the target than the accuser. In regard to the Generalissimo's address of September 5th before the People's Political Council the Communists say that his failure to mention urgently needed reforms in the military and economic organization of the country, while expounding on such empty phrases as "calling a National Congress one year after the war is won", is like a sick man denying himself treatment in order to conceal his disease. Stress by Chiang Kai-shek at this time on his doctrine of "autocratic unification",-according to Kungch'antang opinion,-reflects the anger of the people over recent defeats in Honan and Hunan, and their demands for thorough political reforms and abolition of the one-party dictatorship, against which demands the Communists say that Chiang is obstinately prepared to subject the indigent country to long and bloody civil warfare.

8. The Kungch'antang further comments on the Generalissimo's speech to say that the high sounding phrase "the Japanese are no longer a danger to our country" can hardly be called anything but gratuitous propaganda for the enemy, which will only serve to dull the vigilence of the Chinese people. The Communists say that, now that the Allied Powers are assured of victory, Chiang is determined in his resolve to conserve his military strength for post-war use against political opponents of the Kuomintang. They see a striking similarity between the tactics currently employed by Chiang in South China and those used against the Fourth Route Army a decade ago. Ten years ago Chiang exploited his anti-Communist campaign to gain control of areas never before under Central Government domination, through the simple expedient of driving the Fourth Route Army through those areas. Today, according to Yenan, the Generalissimo is attempting to weaken local forces in the South by minimum use of Central Government troops in opposition to the Japanese advance.

9. The Communists claim to have documentary evidence of Chiang's attempts to wipe them out by ordering their forces into untenable positions. They say that they have suffered repeatedly through broken promises, treachery, and actual attack by Kuomintang troops. The Communists say that although their armies continue to oppose two-thirds of the Japanese forces in China they have received no aid whatsoever from the Central government since 1940. (Contrary to this claim, Chiang Kai-shek says that the Communist Armies have not prosecuted the anti-Japanese war since 1937, and that the sole interest of the Kungch'antang is expansion of its own influence). As to Soviet assistance, the Kungch'antang profess no help from Russia for several years, during which time they say that Moscow has supported the Kuomintang rather than the Chinese Communist Party. (An officer from this office who is now and has for ten weeks been in Yenan reports that he has observed no evidence of aid from Russia or from Chungking). When those close to the Generalissimo advise him that his present policy towards Yenan will eventually drive the Chinese Communists into the hands of Soviet Russia, Chiang ignores the consequence of such action and obstinately sticks to his principle that "the Kungch'antang do not obey orders! They must obey my orders, or I will have nothing to do with them!"

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10. The Kungch'antang recently made its initial bid for direct aid from abroad. The occasion of the National Holiday of the Chinese Republic (10 October) was chosen to not only invite foreign aid for the Chinese Communists but also to recommend that continued outside assistance to Chungking be conditional upon reforms. Chou En-lai's "Double-tenth" speech in which he also defends Mr. Churchill's much criticized use of the word "lavish" is here quoted as broadcast from Yenan:

Thus we advocate winning foreign aid, but such must be based on rebirth of our own efforts before it can produce results and can be powerful. We also advocate more supplies from our allies, but such supplies must be used to equip troops which are able to fight and can fight very well.

Considering the way in which these precious supplies have been wasted, it might almost be said that supplies to Kuomintang are too lavish.

Under such conditions Kuomintang authorities only stress their irresponsibility and complacency by continuing to place responsibility for defeat on inadequacy of allied aid. Unless the Oligarchical order of the Kuomintang with its deliberate methods of defeatists spirit and Fascist tendency is thoroughly reformed a ten-fold or even hundred-fold increase of allied supplies would be useless. The Kuomintang would still continue to suffer defeats and would still blame inadequate relief supplies.

Disappointing conditions of Kuomintang authorities cannot but make Allied leaders adopt a new policy in regard to their aid to China. The old policy of relying solely on materials and technical aid to only the Kuomintang can no longer work. Future policy must firstly consider distribution of material to whatever non-Kuomintang Military and political forces can most effectively use such material and technical aid to fight Japan and to cooperate with the Allies in counter-offensive measures, and secondly technical and material aid to the Kuomintang must be conditional upon political reforms. Only such a policy can give free play to Chinese forces and hasten victory over Japan, thus lessening the sacrifices of both Chinese and Allied people and helping to guarantee peace in the Far-East. This is obviously necessary both for China and the Allies."

11. Kwangsi, a notoriously dissident province, is the hub of a potential combine of forces that might very suddenly defy the Central Government. At the time of the fall of Hengyang (8 August 1944), Marshall Li Chi-shen was said to have the promised support of political and military leaders in Kwangsi, Kwangtung, Yunnan, Hunan, and Szechuan provinces; was reported to have reached a common front understanding with the Chinese Communist Party, and claimed commitments for support from some puppet leaders. The one thing that precluded secession at that time was the uncertainty of success. Marshal Li does not personally command any troops, and it is doubtful that the promised allegiance would be forthcoming were not success assured.

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12. On the other hand, continued Japanese penetration into Central and South China might precipitate such action. Marshal Li says that 80% of all taxes collected in the South goes to Chungking, yet the Central Government troops do not defend the area and local armies are not given their proportionate share of lend-lease and other equipment. He would welcome an opportunity to gain even tacit recognition from United States, and is strategically in a position where he might defend U. S. Army air bases and support possible allied landings on the South China Coast.

13. During the past two months, Li Chi-shen's potential power has evidenced a marked depreciation. The current concensus of opinion of foreign observers is that the Marshal has waited too long. His tentative military backing is now dissipated and partially destroyed. His immidiate supporters are spread out over a large area of China, and in the wake of Li's loss of prestige, may be expected to affirm their allegiance elsewhere. It is reliably reported that several have recently sent representatives to Chungking to talk business with Chiang Kai-shek. The Communists,-and probably Lung-yun (龍雲),-have raised the price of their support to difficult levels. Possibly the only development that could revise the group would be a more probable prospect that Americans would use its help during an invasion of South China.

14. Observers agree that the dissident elements in the South would continue, and possibly intensify the war against Japan in their Area, should they break away from Chungking. Marshal Li's anti-Japanese bias is his strongest claim for American support, which he would certainly ask for, should the Southern Combine revive and the break with Chungking materialize. This would present a question in which our Navy, Army and State Department would be vitally interested, and one that would require immediate clarification.

15. The Kuomintang's control of coastal areas has slipped so badly that, regardless of the status of Li Chi'shen, some other-than-Central Government agency would surely try to contribute to the success of U. S. Landings in hopes of obtaining reciprocal aid against the Kuo- Kuomintang. The vulnerable question of policy would remain unchanged.

16. A State Department report from Kunming (dated August) submitted the following as "probably representative" of the current attitude of Chinese Liberals in respect to Chiang Kai-shek:

"Well connected Liberals in Kunming describe Chiang as an ignorant, vain man of limited vision and ability who has emerged as a full military dictator by native shrewdness and superior political strategy. He has no concept of democracy or constitutional government and is committed to fascist principles. Originally conceded to be the only person who could lead China against Japan, Chiang's prestige is now seriously on the decline. He is held solely responsible for the failure of the government to make any reforms or changes which would enable China to meet the grave economic and military crisis. Liberals are able to contribute nothing to the government, which is

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dominated by Chiang. Any oppositional representation in the government is only window-dressing. Chiang and his clique, which is completely subordinate to him, are incapable of building a modern nation in China. Their lust for power, control over various phases of national life and disregard of public opinion indicate that Chiang will not relinquish control except under military pressure. He will not compromise with internal opposition, and any active movement against his authority would lack the military power necessary to accomplish his downfall. The future of China is dark under his leadership, but the only alternative now is the Communists, an alternative opposed by most Chinese Liberals. Any other group of opponents, Federation of Chinese Democratic Parties (Marshal Li), old warlords, or Chinese culturalist, who succeeded in displacing Chiang would probably find themselves to be a Kerensky government in the face of Communist political strategy. Chiang Kai-shek, owing to Allied might, is assured of victory in the war against Japan, and despite his poor Army, severe economic problems, and growing opposition to his autocratic authority is coasting through the remainder of the war certain that American military and material aid are guarantees for his retention of power. His ideological concepts (see "China's Destiny") and anti-foreign bias, along with Kuomintang machinations directed toward bordering countries (F.I.C.; Thailand; Burma) bode ill for the future of China and thd Far East."

19. Further indication of growing dissatisfaction with the Central Government is culled from recent editorials in Yunnan newspapers. References were made to corruption, hoarding, speculation, indifference to public opinion, and to starvation among Chinese troops, in increasingly pessimistic reviews of China's internal situation. Papers claimed that the wealthy are not paying their share of the cost of the war, resulting in inflation spreading over the country and the virtual eradication of the middle class.

18. Chungking papers are throttled by rigid censorship but many individuals in the capital are just as outspokenly critical of the government as their fellow countrymen in the south and the northwest. Many Chungking Chinese of high standing, including military men, financial experts, and other public officials, feel that Chiang Kai-shek has served his usefulness and that he and his clique should be displaced before the war ends. Some individuals have voiced their hopes that H.H. Kung will be unsuccessful in his attempt to obtain postwar commitments from the United States, as such would only contribute to a continuation of past graft and family monopoly. Americans have heard even Kuomintang party members express themselves on the necessity for changes in the personnel and methods of the Chungking government. The probable explanation of this is recognition of growing pressure of the opposition, which must be forestalled if the Kuomintang Party is to remain in power.

19. Frank criticism of the Central Government can always be obtained for the asking, but one never hears (except from Kuomintang Leaders) a word against the Southern Group, the Communists or even against Wang Ching-wei. Next after the Generalissimo and H. H. Kung,

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the individual most frequently given a tongue-lashing is Ho Ying-Ch'in. (Kung's recent successes in the U. S. may have strengthened his position within the Central Government but it has not served to decrease or temper the criticism voiced against him). The Communists consider General Ho to be their arch-enemy as well as a totally incompetent public official. High officials close to the Generalissimo have repeatedly tried to oust Ho Ying-ch'in, but without success. Three times within the past six weeks General Ho has submitted his resignation (as Minister of War). Usually this, in Chinese politics, indicates a kick-out, and the third resignation is "reluctantly" accepted, but in this case Chiang Kai-shek has been adament in his refusal to back Ho. It is this unreasonable stubborness that alienates the Generalissimo from even his closest associates.

20. The Kuomintang professes to have adopted more than 60% of the Chinese Communists' "demands", but the one petition of greatest importance, i.e., that the Kungch'antang be recognized as a political party, has been ignored. Impartial Chinese say that the Kuomintang could not survive in open competition with the Communist Party and that the KMT is therefore determined that the Communists shall not be accorded the rights of a political opponent. That the Chinese Communists have the support of the people in their districts is confirmed by an American fighter pilot who recently arrived in Yenan after 85 days of travel under Communist guidance, following the loss of his plane over Japanese held territory.

21. If given the opportunity there is no assurance that the Kungch'antang would not be guilty of the very same maladministration of which the Central Government is now accused. But the fact remains that during the past decade the Chinese Communist have enjoyed none of those privileges of exploitation, and since 1938 the Kungch'antang has carefully followed a well designed policy of non-oppression that has undeniably gained for them the full support of the people in Communist occupied areas. Furthermore, many Kungch'antang leaders are recognized, even in Chungking, as decidedly superior to officials currently holding top positions in the Central Government. One should not forget, however, that the administration of a Communist agrarian community has presented few of the problems that that have tried the Central Government during the past seven years, and has therefore offered a much less vulnerable target for open criticism.

22. If the war should end today the first Chinese (anti-Japanese) troops to enter Nanking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Tsingtao and many other important cities would be those of the 18th Group Army. It is quite likely that this will be the case when the war actually does end. Politically, China seems to be a long way from being ready for peace. The Chungking Government doesn't seem to be greatly concerned, however, about the position of Communist troops. When questioned about rumors to the effect that 70% of the puppet troops have recently "re-affirmed their allegiance" to the Central Government, Chungking officials smilingly say: "That would be very nice, wouldn't it?."

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23. In no area is the local political climate of more importance to American military and naval forces th n in China. Any intelligent consideration. of this problem must take into account the fact that there is no separation of the military from politics in China. The control of military forces (and the supply and equipment of those forces) still is, as it always has been, the convincing argument in the struggle for political power. Regardless of scrupulous intentions to the contrary, American military activities are and will continue to be an important force interfering in the internal political situation of China. For the protection of our forces and to assure their most effective employment in the prosecution of the war it is essential that we correctly estimate and be prepared to deal realistically with political crisis that may arise,-for example, the situation in South China hereinfore referred to. It is also important that our current and future military activities should not prejudice our own long term interests, the stability of the Far East, and the internal progress of China itself. It will be recalled that the unequivocally correct support by the British and ourselves saved the decedent Imperial Government, during the T'ai P'ing Rebellion, thereby postponing an internal process to the long term disadvantage of both China and ourselves.

24. In view of the personal admiration which the Chinese Communists have received from various Americans and the enthusiasm of American military personnel for the apparent wholehearted cooperation received from the Kungch'antang, attention is invited to the importance of basing our policy toward the Chinese Communists on realistic considerations. The so called Communists have stood the test of years of hardship and suppression. It is unlikely that they can be crushed but they could be driven into the political as well as the ideological control of Russia. On the other hand, while Marxism has been a real force as the common ideal of the Communists the only important "radical" measures which they enforced have been the long overdue agrardian reforms and some real, though limited, progress toward popular government. It is possible that as a result of more understanding attitude on the part of the American government and other political elements they might become a stabilizing rather than a disruptive force in Chinese domestic affairs and would provide an effective buffer against the extension of the political influence of Russia.

25. The all-important fact in our relations with the Chinese is that the direction of our support is a dominant factor in China's political development. If we could use our strength to gain fair recognition for all factions in China we would gain a few new enemies, but we would be contributing the greatest possible service for the good of China and ourselves.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Y Force, New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter, T. H.
CO, US Army Liason Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Hickam Field, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 21087 28 November 1944

Q2 SITREP 27th November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 21087 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Situation in Pinwe unchanged; Kaching ambushed by Japanese in Alegyin (ten miles northwest of Pinwe) who captured 2 bazookas and 40 rounds of ammunition; found Bhamo area in mid November War Document which indicates Japanese in town have food and ammunition enough to last until end of December; Chinese report killing estimated 300 Japanese in Bhamo changing estimated strength there to between 7 and 800; observed moving from Nambkam southwest toward Mongmit were 3 groups of Japanese; comment: true significance of moves not known, strength not known, probable reinforcement to

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 21087 28 November 1944

possible enemy defenses south of Shweli River in Monghkak area.

No change on Chindwin front; comment: quite likely Japanese will not defend Kalewa or oppose river crossing in Kalewa area since Allied drive down east bank Chindwin River renders positions here untenable.

End.

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INFO: CGAAF
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To : War Department.
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Hollandia, New Guinea.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia.
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
CG, US Forces Ledo, India.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.

Nr : CRAX 20997 27 November 1944.

Operational summary for 26 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 20997.

Fighting continued in Pinwe area. Japs infiltrated in rear of 36 Division positions during night but were mopped up. 148th Regiment continued crossing to south bank of Irrawaddy at Moda. In Bhamo sector minor gains were reported by 38th Division. Leading elements of 30th Division were reported at Mansi with division headquarters at Natung.

Two battalions of 475th Regiment at Tali while remainder of regiment was in Nalong area. No change on Arakan front. Lead elements of 25 Brigade advanced to within 5½ miles west of Kaleta encountering no enemy. 21 Brigade cross-in Chindwin at Masein to east bank. Other sectors patrolling continued.

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CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, Ft Shafter, TH
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, TH
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China

Nr: CRAX 21010 27 November 1944

Weekly G2 SITREP ending 27th November Bissell WDGBI CRAX 21010 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan

Along the Arakan little change during week; Minor patrolling in Buthideung area with indecisive action on upper Kaladan in Paletwa area.

Chindwin front-enemy forced out of positions northeast of Kalemyo and evacuated Indainggale when Indainggyi taken; held subsequent position east of Indainggyi; enemy now clear in Natkyigon area and Allied troops in contact along Axis Kalemyo-Kalewa road five miles west of Kalewa.

Following capture of enemy positions in Paluzawa Allied advance down Chindwin Valley continued meeting only slight resistance at Masein area; on west bank Allied troops now six miles north of Kalewa and on east bank nine miles north northeast of Kalewa with no contact

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 21010 27 November 1944

reported; comment:

Possible Japanese do not intend to defend Kalewa since Chindwin Valley resistance little more than intermittent delaying action; when Kalewa falls defense in Myittha G untenable; not known if Japanese will oppose river crossing in Kalewa area; no known defenses east bank of Chindwin. In Nanbon area 16 miles east southeast of Sittaung Japanese screening forces active; have had normal identifications of 15th Division here.

North Burma: Japanese continue stubborn defense of Pinwe area using large number of automatic weapons; at weeks end Japanese again employing infiltration tactics; some enemy patrol activity encountered north of Katha; indications from prisoners and bodies found that 119th Regiment defending in Pinwe has been reinforced by elements of 128th Regiment; comment:

No indications of replacement 119th by 128th Regiment or reinforcement outside of 53rd Division; believe Japanese will force British to take Pinwe at highest possible price; Pinwe position excellent has good fields of fire and not easily by passed. No change in Bhamo; Chinese state they wiped out one company 2nd Reconnaissance Regiment in Momauk; comment:

Total strength in Bhamo all types now estimated as not over 1000. Namhkam area location of continued enemy

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defensive activity; Japanese reported building defenses south of Shweli river in area 30 miles southwest of Namhkam, comment:

Believed to be normal reaction to Allied advances toward this area to protect west flank and rear of Namhkam positions. Bhamo-Namhkam area thought to be 18th Division responsibility. On Salween-Japanese executed well planned withdrawal from Mangshih; have delayed down road to point five miles northeast of Chefang; estimated 300 enemy tenaciously hold positions just north of Chefang; Japanese threw back Chinese attempts to reach road south of Chefang. Japanese who held Mangka evacuated and took positions on ridge just west of town where strength estimated at 200; further 100 reported eight miles south of Mangka; unconfirmed report stated both positions captured at week's end; comment;

To protect east flank of Namhkam area believe Japanese must defend Chefang-Wanting area.

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To: War Department
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CG, Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
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No. CRAX 20910 26 November 1944

G-2 SITREP 25th November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20910 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan

Patrol activity in Nanbon area (16 miles east southeast of Sittaung) where estimated 100 Japanese withdrawn to area four miles southeast of village.

On west bank of Chindwin River, Allied advance reached point six miles north of Kalewa where enemy contacted; estimated 100 Japanese evacuated position in area nine miles north northeast of Kalewa on east bank and contact lost; Allied troops from west reached point eight miles northwest of Kalewa.

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Allied advance along axis of Kalemyo-Kalewa Road reached Yenatha (eight miles west of Kalewa) after capturing enemy positions just south of Natkyigon, no contact reported.

North Burma-strength of 3rd Battalion 128th Regiment now down to 100 men, says prisoner captured from that unit in Pinwe area; also estimates 500 Japanese in Pinwe area with 300 area of Naba; enemy resistance Pinwe area still strong with employment of many automatic weapons.

Estimated 50 enemy contacted at Mansi (six miles north of Katha) but dispersed and withdrew south upon contact.

No change in enemy situation in Bhamo.

On Salween: Allied advance across Namhkawn River in area three miles southwest of Chefang forced back by unreported number of Japanese; estimated at less than 100 are group of Japanese on hill 11 miles northeast of Chefang; 200 enemy holding positions just west of Mengka along ridge.

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IMMEDIATE

From: SAC Southeast Asia

To: Usual Guidance Addressees War Office pass copy to Air Marshal Coubert.

Nr: SAC 10701 26 November 1944

Confidential guidance for week ended 24th November 1944 on Burma front not for publication.

Situation. There has been no marked change in the Military situation during the week. In the Chindwin sector the 14th Army has made progress against strong resistance towards Kalewa both from the west along the Myittha Valley and from the north down the Chindwin Valley. Kalewa is a river port and has been a key point for Japanese communications from Shwegy in a short distance south of it and on the opposite bank a good road runs in a south easterly direction to Yeu on the Burma railway system. South of Kalemyo and also on the east bank of the Chindwin further north there has been patrol activity. On the north and northeast our troops are nine miles from Kalewa. At Bhamo in northern Burma the Chinese have gained a footing inside the town which is completely invested. The Japanese garrison has made several vigorous counter attacks. The British 36th Div has met heavy opposition north of Pinwe where the Japanese have been reinforced. From the Pinwe area the British are attacking in two directions southwards down the railway towards Nabe and south eastwards in dense jungle towards Katha. A Chinese force further left was reported about 10 miles north northeast of Katha. In Arakan West African troops occupied Paletwa and with strong air support have dislodged the Japanese from positions close to the town. Strategic bombing

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From: SAC Southeast Asia

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has again been a feature of the week. On November 22nd Liberators bombed the new port of Khao Huagang near Victoria point a terminus port for the branch railway across the Isthmus to Kra. The harbour and jetties were damaged and large fires ashore and on shipping were started. Seaplanes were also attacked on the return journey. The round trip was two thousand three hundred miles. Other targets during the week were shipping in the Gulf of Martaban and the railway between Pegu and Martaban. Airfields and bridges in Central Burma were continually attacked and numerous bridges in the Kalewa neighbourhood were wrecked. Special points.

1. Stress the importance of the Bhamo operations where the Allied Land Forces based on India are now very close to the Generalissimo's troops operating in Yunnan west of the Salween. The forces which has invested Bhamo has also pushed 16 miles southeast of it towards the Burma China road at Muse. This threat to their rear has caused the Japanese on the Yunnan side of the border to evacuate Mangshih. The Generalissimo's troops after occupying Mangshih have advanced to the neighbourhood of Chefang which is only about 10 miles from the Burma border. If these two forces effect a junction at Muse the Ledo road will be through and we shall have a land route to Chungking. This objective is being steadily pursued by the Allies from the west in close co-operation with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and his Chief of Staff General Wedemeyer. The Chinese are fighting well and the Japanese are giving ground. Our combined

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From: SAC Southeast Asia

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successes in Burma on the one hand and on the other the new airfields in the Marianas which enable the Americans to bomb Japan at will are full military compensation for the loss of airfields in eastern China and have largely rendered nugatory Japans costly campaigns in the interior of China this year.

2. Chine's war efforts should constantly be judged in the light of Japans achievements. Just as Britain's courage and success in withstanding Germany alone in 1940 while applauded at the time seem even more remarkable now in view of the gigantic strength later displayed by the German machine against Russia Britain and America so China's achievement in withstanding Japan single handed for more than four years should now be reassessed in the light of Japan's display of power against Britain and America in 1942. China is now in the eighth year of War and however weary is as resolute as ever.

3. Emphasize President Roosevelt's impressive disclosures to Congress of figures for the British Commonwealths reverse Lend Lease contribution and India's big share in this. The train is waiting President said that more than 99½ per cent of all supples and services locally procured in India by the US forces are provided as reverse Lend Lease by the Governments of the United Kingdom and India. The construction of bases barracks airfields and other facilities for American forces in India under reverse Lend Lease has cost 78

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million dollars up to June last. In the first six months of 1944 the financial value of Lend Lease in India was more than fifty per cent greater than for the whole of 1943.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
Joint Intelligence Committee
Col Lay, 78176

25 November 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
14th Air Force
Kunming, China

Number: WARX 68509

[redacted]book message from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Wedemeyer for action and to Chennault for information.

Priorities and requirements reference your CFBX 27108 are being restudied urgently and you will be informed as soon as a decision has been reached.

End

ORIGINATOR: J C/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
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From: Advance Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, SEA

To: War Office.
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G. H. Q. East Africa
P. A. I. C.
B. A. S. Washington
Military Attache China
N. Z. Force H. Q. New Zealand.
G. H. Q. Middle East.
Adv A. A. I.

Nr: 1499/OPS 25th November 1944.

SITREP 317.

One. XV Corps.

A. Arakan. 25th Div 51st Bde. 8 Hybad vacated PT 142 PM4744.

B. Kaladan. 81st WA Div 5th WA Bde. 8 GCR report Khawei PM8288 clear. Bde conc area Mizawa PM8882. 6th WA Bde. 1 SA L R captured enemy posn PM8895 with Air Sup.

Two. Fourteenth Army.

A. XXXIII Corps. 11th EA Div. 25th EA Bde. RD Kalemyi/Kaljha clear RU6773. 26th KAR continue adv. Bde CQ 11th KAR RU6674. 34th KAR conc RU6573. 26th EA Bde. 13th KAR area Kyigon RU6472. 44th KAR RU6674. 22nd KAR less two Coys RU6177 Coys RU6374 RU6573. 21st EA Bde. 1st KAR moving to RU8283 leading tps 5th KAR believed on line RU8583 - Kazet RU8984.

B. IV Corps.

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From: Advance Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, SEA

Nr: 1499/OPS 25th November 1944.

1st. Enemy patrol activity continues. Patrol believed from firm bases east of Zibyu Taungdan range SF70.

2nd. 19th Div. 62nd Bde. One Coy 3rd JAT Rif occupied Nanbon SL3574. Patrols encountered seventy Japs near Baintie SL3573. 4/6 Gr moving to SL3490. 98th Bde. 2 R Berks SF0737, 4 Bombay Grs SF 0027. 268th Bde. 4 Madras less 3 Coys-SL1364 2 Coys Maingnyaung SL3265 Coy SL1483. Coy 1 Chamer east SL1154. 2 Baroda less one Coy RP9368.

3rd. NCAC.

A. Area Mawhun-Katha.

1st. Identification 128th Regt area Pinwe SG81 23 November.

Comment. NCAC consider possible elements 128th Regt reinforced 119th Regt.

2nd. 36th Div. 72th Bde Hy oppsn holding up adv north of Pinwe SG8716.

3rd. 50th Chinese Div. 23rd November 2/148 Regt met large party Japs and Burmans SH1007. Enemy retreated SW over 30 being killed.

B. Area Shwegu-Bhamo.

1st. 22nd Chinese Div. 65th Regt patrol dispersed enemy patrol SG1650.

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From: Advance Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, SEA

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2nd. 38th Chinese Div. Hy fighting continued outskirt Bhamo.

3rd. 30th Chinese Div. Div Hq 2/88 Regt Momauk SJ1511. 88th Regt less 2/88 Regt Natung SJ1502.

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To: War Department
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CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
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CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 20817 25 November 1944

G-2 SITREP 24th November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20817 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessells, LeMay, CG Hickam Field sgd Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Identified from body was 128th Regiment in Pinwe area, comment: May be that elements of 128th Regiment have reinforced 119th Regiment here; no other change in situation and Japanese still resisting strongly; no change in Bhamo;

Enemy concentrations reported at Mongwi (20 miles southwest of Namhkam) building defenses, comment: Probably reaction to Chinese drive south from Shwegu.

Chindwin-Japanese positions west of Natkyigon and east of Indainggale captured; unknown number of enemy

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: ,CRAX 20816 25 November 1944

contacted in positions just south of Natkyigon astride road; Allied advance down Chindwin River now reached Kaxet (4 miles south southeast of Masein) on east bank and point 8 miles north of Kalewa on west bank; contact with enemy lost since positions in Masein area captured.

On Salween: Japanese evacuated Mengka and 100 reported to be in new positions 8 miles south of town; Enemy resistance on Burma Road broken with Chinese advance reaching point 5 miles northeast of Chefang just north of which Japanese continue to defend stubbornly.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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From: CG, 14th U.S. Army Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces in the China Theater
Chungking, China

No. CAK 1384 25 November 1944

Chennault CAK 1384 to Arnold for Hodges info China Theater CO.

This week the enemy attacked our 14th Air Force operating bases all on 21st November. Six to nine enemy aircraft hit Fungwangshan in the Chengtu area at night, destroying 20,000 rounds of ammunition, injuring two enlisted men and slightly damaging two P47's on the ground. Hsingching airdrome also in the Chengtu area was hit at about the same time by an unreported number of enemy planes which caused damage to a gasoline storage area, major damage to three B29's and unreported damage to one C109 on the ground. In this attack P61's shot down one Jap plane and probably destroyed another. Suichwan was attacked at night by five unidentified enemy aircraft which caused no damage to field or equipment.

Kanchow was hit at an unreported hour by four unidentified Jap bombers of which only two dropped bombs causing damage to one P40 on the ground. This week there was a total of eight enemy interceptions. On 16th November six Jap fighters believed Tojos attacked Mustangs three miles northwest of Wuchow (23 25 north 111 32 east) destroying one Mustang. Our claims nine. On same day four Mitchells and four Sharks spotted 22 Oscars and one Tojo near Lohochai

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(33 33 north 114 03 east), enemy stayed out of range and showed no inclination to close.

On 18th November P51's met three Oscars and one Tojo over Kiukiang (2950 north 116 00 east) where our pilots destroyed one Oscar and damaged one Oscar and one Tojo. On same day four Mustangs encountered four Nates and six Oscars and Tojos over Shihchiachuang (38 05 north 114 30 east). Two Nates, one Oscar and one Tojo were destroyed. On 20th November eight Mustangs met three Tojos and three Oscars over Kukiang. In this encounter one Tojo was destroyed, one was probably destroyed and one Oscar was damaged in the air. One P51 is missing from this mission. At Kiukiang airfield this flight also destroyed one Tojo and damaged one Oscar on the ground. Again on the same day 12 Mustangs met two camouflaged Oscars over Kukiang where one Oscar was probably destroyed. On the same day a photo plane sucessfully evaded an unreported number of Oscars that attempted interception over the same area.

On 21st November five camouflaged Oscars again attacked eight Mustangs over Kukiang. In this fighte three Oscars were damaged. (Foregoing Para A. Weekly intelligence report of 14th Air Force ending Midnight 22nd November.

B. Notable absence Jap interceptions in coastal area despite increased scale 14th offensive missions. Increased employment Jap aircraft completing ground opera - tions west of Ishan follows pattern of air preparation for previous major Jap ground advances in other sectors China front.

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C. Expected Jap pause after occupation of Ishan did not materialize. From Ishan Japs moved north west on Hwayuanchen where Chinese opposition was severely mauled. Meanwhile Jap columns proceeded northwest along both sides of railway zone occupying Lalang, Chincheng, Szeenhsien, Chinchengchiang and entering outskirts of city of Hochiu. Chinese Fifth route air force reports that parts of crack Jap 13th Division now support this operation toward Tuhshan-Tuyun-Kweiyang. Reports indicate almost complete disorganization Chinese Ground Forces in 4th War area. Half million refugees reported clogging transport route and typhus and cholera epidemics developing while near-famine conditions are becoming serious. Present Chinese Advanced Command Post is at Nantan. 4th War Area expected to remain Kwangsi - based while new Kweilhow - Kwangsi- Hunan border forces being organized under command of General Tang En Po. Japs appear determined to pursue and destroy Chinese units still present in Kwangsu but present deployment does not support definite probability of offensive drive as deep as Kwaiyang though this is strong possibility. Nanning was destroyed by 14th on 19th November. Unconfirmed ground reports state that Jap plainclothes men were active in area and may have occupied Nanning.

D. This week we destroyed six Jap fighters and one bomber, probably destroyed two fighters and one bomber and damaged six fighters in the air. On the ground we destroyed seven fighters and damaged one fighter. We lost one fighter in aerial combat. Lost other reasons were four fighters. Missing are four fighters. Damaged due enemy action was one fighter. Damaged due other reasons were two fighters and one C-47. We sank one - 420 foot vessel of 6,600 tons, one - 300 foot vessel of 3,100 tons, one - 150 foot boat of

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800 tons and 20 miscellaneous small boats. Probably sunk were one - 450 foot freighter - transport of 8,000 tons, two - 350 foot freighters totalling 8,800 tons, one - 300 foot vessel of 3,100 tons and one large freighter-transport. Damaged were 30 small boats. This week fighters flew 731 sorties, photos flew 21, mediums and heavies each flew 92. During the week fighters dropped 115 tons of bombs, mediums dropped 75 tons and heavies dropped 131. Troop carriers completed 99 sorties dropping a little over 235 tons of food, ammo and ordnance equipment to Chinese Ground Forces along the Salween River.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAF
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From: Advance Allied Land Forces South East Asia

To: War Office
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SITREP

1. XV Corps A. Arakan

1st. PW of 8th Coy 144th Regt captured area Hinthaya PM 3925 confirms presence 3rd Bn, 144th Regt area Alethangyan PM 4021 - Hparabyin PM 5522 - Myinlhut PM 4715.

2nd. 25th Division. 51st Brigade. 2nd Punjab Patrol contacted fifty enemy area Seinnyinbya PM 5131. 8th Hybad captured PT 142 PM 4744.

B. Kaladan

81st (WA) Div. 5th (WA) Brigade. 5th GCR adv to PM 8782. 8th GCR area Khawei PM 8288. 1st Salr area PM 8695.

2. Fourteenth Army A. XXXIII Corps

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From: Advance Allied Land Forces South East Asia

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11th(EA) Div. 25th(FA) Brigade. 11th Kar mopped enemy posns RU 6572. 34th Kar still meeting strong opposn RU 6374. 26th Kar captured bunker posn RU 6775.

B. IV Corps

19th Div. 64th Brigade. Brigade Hq SL 0788. 1/6 GR SL 1187. 1st Chamar RP 9289. 268th Brigade. Brigade Hq Mahindra DAL Regt less two Coys SL 0554 Coy RP 0162 Coy RP 8959

3. NCAC. A. Area Mawhun-Katha

1st. 36th Div. 29th Brigade. Bde Hq 2 Elan R SG 8526. 1 RSF area SG 8817. 2 RWF SG 8521. 72nd Brigade. 10 Glosters resumed adv against strong opposn. Two Coys SG 8716.

2nd. 50th Chinese Division. 1/150 Regt in contact SW of Okshitlon SG 8021. 1/148 Regt forces enemy to withdraw in area SH 0810. Leading tps 2/148 Regt reported SH 0906.

B. Area Shwegu -Bhamo

1st. 38th Chinese Division. 113rd Regt occupied rd junc SJ 0212 and repelled by counter attacks. 2/114 Regt attacking enemy posn SJ 0313.

2nd. 30th Chinese Div. 90th Regt Natung SJ 1502.

3rd. 5322nd US Brigade. 2nd and 3rd Battalions 475th Inf Regt area Nalong SJ 2571.

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From: Advance Allied Land Forces South East Asia

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4th. Salween. Confirmed Mangshih SK 54 evacuated by Japanese who now hold posns on Burma Road approx 8 miles NE of Chefang SK 11.

Comment. Japanese withdrawal voluntary and is further indication def attitude this area.

End

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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Operations Division, [illegible]
Asiatic Section, WDGS
OPD 400 TS (21 Nov 44)
Col L J Lincoln 2057

24 November 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Number: WARX 68031

TOPSEC for Wedemeyer and Sultan from Marshall reference CFBX 26883 November 21st.

On the subject of the requirements of the China Theater, the following information is furnished:

1. Mountbatten on 22nd of November in his SEACOS 262 informed the British Chiefs of Staff of Wedemeyer's request for release of two combat cargo squadrons for use from 25th of November until January 15th. Mountbatten states that there will be a deficiency of transport aircraft for execution of capital during this period. He has heard from Carton Dewiart that CKS contemplates removal of some of the Y forces supporting capital. Mountbatten feels that removal of transport aircraft would prejudice his chances of success and would not be in accord with directive from CCS. Mountbatten suggests that he can provide the air lift Wedemeyer requires by release of the Seventh Group and he will send the group if CCS wish him to do so. He desires its return a few days prior of January 15th for participation in a special operation.

2. As a result of SEACOS 262 the Joint Staff mission requested concurrence in Mountbatten's recommendation on the Seventh Group. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have informed the JSM of the authority already given Wedemeyer in WARX 65736 November 20th

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to divert this group.

3. JCS action in WARX 65736 did not require British approval because in CCS 308/8 January 7, 1944 the British Chiefs of Staff were informed that the U.S. Chiefs might find it necessary to reassign units from the Tenth to the Fourteenth Air Force in consonance with an understanding reached by General Arnold and Mountbatten at Sextant.

4. In answer to your question in your CFBX 26883 November 21st there are no troop carrier units available.

5. We appreciate the way in which you have kept us informed of developments and trust you will continue.

End

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: JC/S; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell; Adm. King; C of S

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
General Headquarters SWPA, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces, Kunming, China
CG 14th Air Forces, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu.T.H.
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 20742 24 November 1944

Operational summary for 23rd November. Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX 20742.

Attack launched by 36th Division against Japs in Pinwe area was successful and first objective taken, fighting continues.

1st Battalion 148th Regiment moving southeast from Manhlwe encountered and scattered Jap patrol 9 miles north Katha.

113th Regiment attacked in Bhamo area and cut roads leading to Momauk and Namhkam. Several Jap counter attacks were repulsed.

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PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 20742 24 November 1944

Patrols of 22nd Division reported several contacts with Jap patrols on south bank of Shweli River east and southeast of Sikaw.

No major change on Arakan or Chindwin fronts. Mopping up of pockets in Kyigon area carried out by 25th Brigade.

A new enemy position was found by elements of 26th Brigade just south of the road block at Natkyigon.

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From: SACSEA

To: War Cabinet Offices
Repeated: Joint Staff Mission

Nr: SEACOS 263 23 November 1944

Following received from Carton De Wiart. Personal representative of P.M.

Generalissimo has told me that owing to situation here he would have to withdraw 2 or 3 Divisions when they had captured Bhamo. He wished me to inform you immediately so you could make disposition to meet this move. He does not seem convinced that the Japanese will go for Kweiyang and says that he has troops to deal with such an advance. In my opinion if Japanese mean to get Kweiyang they will do so.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department

No. 23717 23 November 1944

MILID 23717 from DePass sgd Wedemeyer.

Present comment is Jap drive strong enough to go toward Kweiyang for purpose of removing rails for use in connecting Liuchow with Nanning and Indo China or go west to Kunming to take airfields. C-3 is rated this Sino G2 report. 22 Division column from Chouanyu moved west taking Lungshan. 13 Division column from Peachan went west taking Lungyou Chinchengchiang then moving to Hochih outskirts.

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INFO: CGAAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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To : War Department
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas,Ft Shafter Th
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas,Oahu, TH
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
CO US Army Liaison Section Kandy, Ceylon

No : CRAX 20646 23 November 1944

G2 SITREP 22nd November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20646 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Positions held by enemy in Kyogon area overcome and new positions encountered astride Kalemyo-Kalewa road in area two miles east of Kyogon;

Comment: Strengths of position not known however believed held by remnants from Kyigon and Indainggal areas;

Prisoner captured from 218th Regiment in Kyogon area stated he was part of 800 man replacement draft for that regiment;

Also stated that 49th Division was in his convoy arriving Burma August and September this year.

Along Chindwin river estimated fifty Japanese with machine guns, mortars and artillery holding up allied advance

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From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India

No : CRAX 2064E 23 November 1944

in Maozin area on both sides of river;

Prisoner from First Battalion 213th Regiment captured here stated his battalion strength was down to 117 with many casulaties due to disease. No change in railroad corridor or in Bhamo;

Japanese reported to be using trail from Namhkam southeast to Burma Road reaching road at Namphakka (Fourteen miles southeast of Namhkiss).

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG US Army Air Forces, India, Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Shadazup, India

Nr: CFBX 26997 22 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Hennon, Chennault, Dorn, Montieth and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 26997 book msg nr 166 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Japanese force of 4-5,000 by-passing Hweiyuan (108 deg 33 min-24 deg 34 min) occupied Lalang (108 deg 23 min-24 deg 37 min) on 19, Lungtow (108 deg 12 min-24 deg 34 min) on the 20, Chin Cheng Chiang (107 deg 57 min-24 deg 50 min) on the 21st and were reported heading towards Hochih on the 22nd.

Column of 2,000 moved north-west to flank Hweiyuan and encircle Chinese troops remaining in the area. No reports regarding progress of columns moving up from southeast.

Occupation of Paiwang (108 deg 28 min-24 deg 15 min) on the 19th confirmed.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 26997 22 November 1944

Sino G-2 stated that a force of 2,000, reported to be elements of the 19th Independent Mixed Brigade at Swatow, occupied a small island off the coast south of Shanwei (115 deg 25 min-22 deg 45 min) on the 18th November. No confirmation from our liaison.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.
CG, U.S. Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Khargphur, India.
CG, U.S. Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.
CG, Army Air Force Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu.
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China.

Nr: CRAX 20570 22 November 1944.

G2 SITREP 21 November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20570 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Situation in Bhamo unchanged; Chinese report having captured two heavy equipment supply dumps, 16 machine guns, 173 rifles and two airplanes of Zero type during drive on Bhamo; Chinese reported to have reached point on Namhkam road 16 miles southeast of Bhamo encountering no resistance; enemy pocket at Momauk cleaned up and over 50 dead Japanese counted. Air reconnaissance over Moda area (14 miles northeast of Katoa) report seeing occupied fox holes and trenches presumed to be enemy. British reported in contact with enemy patrols in area five miles northwest of Pinwe; no change enemy situation reported in Pinwe. There are indications of Japanese concentrations in Mongmit area (65 miles west of Lashio).

Comment: May be normal reaction to Chinese drive southward from Shwegu. On Salween-Japanese resistance estimat-
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

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ed at 100/200 encountered in Mengka area; enemy positions just north of Chefang continue to resist; Japanese reported along Burma road between Chefang and Hpate (14 miles northeast of Chefang) with Chinese in contact vicinity of Hpate,

Comment: possibly enemy troops vacated from Mangshih. Small local actions only in Arakan sector.

Chindwin front: Only firm contact with enemy in Kalemyo area is 7 miles northeast at Kyigon, enemy strength not reported; along west bank Chindwin river estimated 30 Japanese with one gun 75 millimeter are resisting Allied advance 13 miles north of Kalewa; on east bank small enemy patrol encountered 17 miles north of Kalewa; captured document indicates heavy desertions from Bose Ina Brigade, 15 Ina deserters captured in vicinity of Kalemyo; area west of Myittha river clear of enemy to points 40 miles south of Kalemyo; some evidence that 33rd Division has received replacements but numbers not determined.

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PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 2049 22 November 1944

Y Force Operational Summary for 21st November Sultan to Marshall CRA 2049 Surles.

Hills paralling Burma Road for four miles southwest of Hpate held by Japs and engaged by 88th Division and Honorable First Division. 76th Division encountered enemy resistance in Mengka area. 130th Division continues fighting in the Chefang area. 2nd Reserve Division moving south from Mangshih now three miles south of town. Ninth Division to remain in Mangshih. 200th Division southeast of Mangshih moving to Mengka area.

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23715 21 November 1944

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Elements of 22nd Division from Chouanyu moved northwest taking Paiwang. At Kueiping are reserves of this Division. Tsingtao by one brigade and seven companies being reinforced. With another column from Shuangchia, elements of 13th Division moved west from Ishan taking Lalang and Peishan then going west took Lalieh. This Sino G2 report rated C-3. Reserves of 13th Division now in Liuchow. 104th Division elements from Ssulien moving in two columns took Hsincheng and Hsiashih. At Wuhsuan are this Division reserves.

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ACTION: G-2

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PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, Forward Echelon, Y Forces Paoshan, China
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CFBX 26883 21 November 1944

TOPSEC to Marshall for Arnold info Sultan Lemay Chennault Cheves Stratemeyer Tunner and Dorn CFBX 26883 from Wedemeyer.

Hump tonnage allocation for month of December has made in light of urad 64114 November 17th. The cost of adjustment of hump tonnage caused by transfer of Chinese ground forces Liuchow area will be 6620 tons. This will be spread out during November 250 December 2520 and January 3850 against an anticipated hump delivery of 34660 tons for December and 39880 tons for January. The effect on FIVESOME agreement support stated in general terms is:

1. 20th Bomber Command will be reduced from 349 sorties to 276 in December and from 425 to 375 sorties in January.

2. The 14th Air Force from 12520 tons allocation to 11600 tons in December against a desireable 15000 tons; in January from 15000 to 13000. 14th Air Force will accomplish its scheduled sea sweeps in plan B; effect on other operations contemplated in FIVESOME agreement given in specific answers to your questions which follow:

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 26883 21 November 1944

Answer A: small cut in hump tonnage to 14th Air Force in December necessitated by Chinese troop movements will not in itself affect air operations over Hongkong to appreciable degree. Provision of ATC C-47's for the troop movement eliminates potential C-47's for support of 14th Air Force. The loss of bases in eastern China is the factor which will hinder effective neutralization of Hongkong by the 14th Air Force unless a new source of transport aircraft can be made available to supply the Eastern Air Base area for carrying out the originally contemplated air operations. Fighter and bomber sorties will be primarily conducted from bases west of Kweilin-Liuchow-Nanking line. These sorties will be supplemented by operations from Kanchow-Suichwan area within the limited capability of the 14th Air Force to provide its own logistic support. The overall effect in the air effort against Hongkong will be reduced approximately one third utilizing bases and means now at hand. Reduction in 14th Air Force tonnage due to Chinese troop movement by air is not related to operations against Hankow and Nanking since no definite plans or commitments were made at FIVESOME conference for Hankow and Nanking attacks. Resources of theater even before above described emergency readjustment of tonnage would not have permitted logistic support of the 14th Air Force for neutralization of Hankow and Nanking airfields.

Answer B: representatives of the India Burma theaters at allocation conference November 17-19 indicated that no cargo units could be made available for temporary use in China theater from India side. See my TOPSECRET radio

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CFBX 26768 November 20th to Mountbatten.

Answer C: Chinese Ground Forces are presumably coming from those facing Communist armies. However the designation of the exact units have not been transmitted to us. Until we definitely know the locations from which the units are withdrawn in the Sian area and readjustment of troop dispositions, we cannot determine what effect it will have on the guarding of the direct route of advance up the Wei River. Expected in the next day or two are the designations of the units to be air transported. In this connection Generalissimo wanted to move 100,000 men from Sian area to Kweiyang area. I discussed with him the inplications relative to security in the north and both he and his advisors assured me that situation in north would be alright. He consented to reduction of force to 60,000 upon my recommendation. Realistically viewed, the Japs could push through in the north if they made determined advance. I am first interested in retaining Kunming area as base. If we lose that area, holding the north or anywhere else will be reduced or practically eliminated as a consideration.

Answer D: I have to date considered the support of the 14th Air Force and the 20th Bomber Command in equal priority in carrying out JCS-directive announced in WARX 51593 October 25th. However, the situation is such that I consider that greater priority may necessarily have to be given the 14th Air Force at any moment to help bolster our threatened base area.

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 26883 21 November 1944

Answer E: 18 ATC C-47 aircraft now operating within China and the planned augmentation of C-47 aircraft scheduled for this theater in the immediate future. The urgency of our need to have this aircraft delivered on schedule will be presented in another communication. The troop movement as now planned does not divert aircraft from the hump.

New subject: Urgently require troop carrier aircraft to support 14th Air Force and to air supply isolated Chinese units in the east, this type air support the most effective means for increasing Chinese soldier morale and efficiency, two additional squadrons and a troop carrier headquarters would constitute a well balanced group. Additional units required could fly from the Phillippines to Kunming.

End

ACTION: General Arnold

INFORMATION: JC/S
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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New Delhi, India

To : War Department
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CO US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
Deputy Command, 20th Bomber Command, Hickam Field, T.H.
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Post-Burma

No : CRAX 20458 21 November 1944

G-2 SITREP 20th November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20458 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Bennett signed Sultan.

Leaving nothing behind and burning all immovable installations Japanese evacuated Mangshih indicating planned withdrawal. Chinese reported now in contact with estimated 300 enemy astride road 12 miles northeast of Chefeng with additional 300 reported surrounded two miles north of same village. Mengka now reported clear with enemy rear guard moving toward Chefang.

Comment: Delaying actions only indications at present time. North Burma-Japanese in Bhamo have made four unsuccessful counterattacks. Our estimate of Bhamo Garrison is 800 total all types. In Pinwe area British state 40 Japanese killed and 4 machine guns captured on 18th November. No other change here where Japanese continue most stubborn defense encountered to date.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No : CRAX 20458 21 November 1944

Chindwin front: Allied advance down both sides of Chindwin River has reached point 19 miles south of Mawlaik with no contact. Indainggyi and Indainggale firmly in British hands. Contact made with estimate Japanese Platoon area of junction Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa roads.

End

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Wr: CAKX 1085 20 November 1944

Three Lab Liberators carrying bombs in night mission covered south China Sea with results as follows:

One turned back due mechanical trouble.
Second sighted no shipping then bombed installations at Samah Baq with no observation of results.
Third located seven ship convoy at (21 20 north 112 25 east) bombed a large tanker in two runs with three near misses the vessel disappeared and claimed as sunk.

Sorties for 19 November are 39 fighter, 15 bomber and 29 troop carrier.

Observers stated Japs appeared to have decided to press advance northwest along the Hwaiyuan (24 35 north 108 32 east) Tuhshan (25 50 north 107 43 east) railroad possibly toward Kweiyang (26 40 north 106 55 east). Chinese believe general immediate objective was pursuit and destruction Chinese Forces remaining fourth war area.

19th November large Jap Forces moved west from Ishan (24 33 north 108 38 east) area. Situation at Hwaiyuan critical. Observers stated Jap strength approximately two battalions plus six to eight pieces artillery.

On 18th November Japs penetrated positions Chinese 37th Army at point three kilos southwest Hwaiyuan and on following day moved deeply into southern flank and rear of the 26th Army at point five kilos due west of the town. Observers report 37th Army completely disorganized. 26th Army retreated toward Sinkiang (24 45 north 108 18 east). Strength both Armies reported critically low. Jap aircraft

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CAFX 1085 20 November 1944

reported very active.

Afternoon 17th November an unreported number of Jap aircraft bombed and strafed Chinchenkiang (24 59 north 107 55 east) causing several hundred civilian casualties and destroying 100 cars and five locomotives.

On 18th November unknown number of twin engined bombers circled Kweiyang (26 40 north 106 55 east) twice at low altitude but no attack developed.

Same day Chinese reported that Tuyun (26 18 north 107 39 east) was bombed by the enemy.

17th November pilots observed 38 tanks in Lojunghsien (24 28 north 109 32 east) area. On same day pilots noted no rails along Changsha-Siangtan railbed. Railbed used by trucks as highway thought almost impassable. Ground report indicated six to ten aircraft at Kaitak (22 20 north 114 12 east) airfield on 15 November.

Liaison stated Japs were building coastal fortifications and reinforcing Haichow (34 37 north 119 08 east) Laoyao (34 47 north 119 23 east) area against possible Allied landings. Three full divisions reported already on hand with two more on the way. Japs at Luhghwa (31 11 north 121 25 east) airdrome were reported assembling 78 aircraft. Liaison states that three planes were at Hoshan airdrome in Amoy on 17 Nov. Six inch prints taken on 18 Nov showed no aircraft at Kiukiang (29 47 north 115 57 east) satellite field.

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

To : War Department.
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.
CO US Army Liaison Section Kandy Ceylon.
CG Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, TH.
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China.
CG 14th Air Force Kunming, China.
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China.
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, TH.

Nr : CRAX 20381 20 November 1944.

G2 SITREP 19 November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 20381 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Bennett signed Sultan.

Village of Indaingayi occupied by Allied Troops; Some resistance still being encountered in northern part of village; not known if Japanese still hold out at Indaingayi. Along Chindwin River Paluzawa (thirteen miles south southwest of Mawlaik) occupied; Allied Troops advancing south have lost contact.

North Burma: Strong resistance continues on railroad corridor; estimated 650 Japanese engaged in defense of Pinwe area; enemy forced Allied Troops attempting to cut off Pinwe from east to withdraw.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

Nr : CRAX 20381 20 November 1944.

In Bhamo area-Allied Troops now in southern part of Bhamo where they captured 75 millimeter gun and 1000 rounds ammunition; small pocket still holds out in Momauk where Chinese reported to have eliminated one company 2nd Reconnaissance Regiment; now believed Namhkam area 18th Division responsibility; expect Japanese will delay down Bhamo-Namhkam road south of Mansi to Namhkam area where strong defense expected. On Salween Chinese attack on Chefang meeting strong resistance where estimate 400 Japanese with several artillery pieces; Japanese reported burning rice in Mangshih; enemy withdrawn from Mengka after burning village leaving rear guard estimated at 50; as Chinese advance on Mangshih report only minor contact; estimate approximately 1000 enemy in Mangshih area.

End.

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CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T.H.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, Shadazup, India

Nr: CRAX 20359 20 November 1944

Operational summary for 19 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 20359

Fighting continues in the Pinwe area.

In Bhamo area 113th Regiment captured one block in southwest sector of town. 114th Regiment engaged in mopping up of Jap pocket in Momauk area.

Bhamo-Namhkam road clear from Bhamo to Man Na.

Elements of 5th Division moving from Kalemyo to northeast crossed the river at Hpaungzeik and contacted troops of 25th Brigade meeting no enemy. 21st Brigade after clearing out enemy in Paluzawa continued its advance to the south along the Chindwin river. There was no change on Arakan front.

ACTION: OPD End
INFO : CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

20 November 1944

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USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

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USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India

Commanding General
Fourteenth Air Force
Kunming, China

Number: WARX 65736

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End.

ORIGINATOR : Joint Chiefs of Staff
INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, C of S

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

20 November 1944

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From: SAC Southeast Asia

To: Usual Guidance addressees War Office pass copy to Air Marshall Goubert.

Nr: SAC 10307 19 November 1944

[redacted] week ended 17th November 1944 on Burma front not for publication.

Military situation. In northern Burma the 38th Chinese Division has completely encircled Bhamo. The Japanese garrison is estimated at 800. They may attempt to stand a siege in emulation of the Myitkyina garrison but the Chinese troops containing them are now in better trim than were the troops at Myitkyina who had fought their way down the Hunwang and Mogaung Valleys. Southeast of Bhamo on the branch road connecting Bhamo with the Burma-China road from Lashio to Lungling and Kunming the Chinese have advanced eleven miles. At the other end of the great Irrawaddy Loop from east to west the British 36th Division has met with very stiff resistance during the week but is now seven miles from Nava the railway junction for Katha and has also made some progress towards Katha in its flanking move across country on the Chindwin front the 5th Ind Div which took Fort White and the 11th East African Division which advanced down the Kabaw Valley met at Kalemyo which was occupied by the East Africans on November 13th. Good progress is being made east and south of Kalemyo. Another column which has been advancing down the course of the Chindwin occupied Mawlaik and is pushing southwards towards Kalewa. Operations are also proceeding on the east bank in Arakan the 81st West African Division is gradually closing in on Paletwa in the Kaladan Valley. Enemy rear guards are fighting well and the Japanese appear to be rein-

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forcing on the east bank of the river.

Air. Strategic bombing has been vigorously continued. Railway objectives in Siam the Port of Mergui in southern Burma and three important bridges between Pegu and Martaban on the Burma-Siam railway were successfully attacked. Railway targets and airfields in Central Burma were repeatedly bombed and ground troops received unremitting support.

Special points.

1. The results already achieved by Allied Forces invading Burma from India by land far exceed what was once militarily thought possible. Most of Burmas western frontier including all that faces the Central Fertile Region where the * rivers are navigable and where (are*) the railways and the good roads consists of sea. So long as a seaborne invasion the obvious method is ruled out for lack of shipping the only alternative is invasion from the cramped mountainous and roadless extreme northern section of Burma western frontier formerly regarded as an impossibility if a first class military power like Japan were in occupation. Yet today on one front we are already south of the great Irrawaddy Bend between Bhamo and Katha and hold considerably more than 100 miles of the railway from Myitkyina to Mandalay. Another force holds both banks of the upper Chindwin and is already on the middle reaches. The Chindwin is the largest tributary of the Irrawaddy and the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company used to maintain a steamer service on more than 400 miles of its course. Half of that navigable stretch is already in our possession. A third force is advancing down the upper reaches of the Kaladan River at the mouth of

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which lies the port and air and seaplane base of Akyab. It also has a firm grip on the coastal region ** northwest of Akyab. This has been made possible because of combined Land and Air operations. Air supremacy and air transport have overcome the natural difficulties in the way of supplying and reinforcing the ground troops. We now have elbow room inside Burma itself and when shipping is released from the western front the land bottle necks in Assam and eastern Bengal will finally cease to matter.

2. The Japanese radio recently noted without contradicting a claim that 1/6 of Burma is already in Allied hands but replied that this area is still not large enough to include the vital Burma-Yunnan road. Southeast of Bhamo Allied troops are now only about 50 miles from that road. Northeast of Bhamo at Myothit they are only 10 miles from the Chinese frontier.

3. Describing the Japanese line in Asia an an arc from eastern China to the Akyab Sector in Burma Domei recently said "Burma as in the Phillippines lies the corner stone of Japans viceroy strategy. Not an inch could be yielded here". As an afterthought the spokesman added "not an inch will be yielded except for the greater stabilizing of the defences."

4. From the Imphal plain our troops have advanced some 200 miles. Domei puts it at 150 miles but says the main Japanese defences lie beyond and on November 9th it claimed that "Fort White the strongly defended Japanese

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Outpost in Burma is still strong enough to baffle the entire enemy hordes in this area". Probably the speaker was genuinely unaware that the 14th Army had captured it the day before.

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Forward Echelon, Y Force, China.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.

No: CFBX 26705 19 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 26705 book msg nr 164 from G-2 AMMISCA.

The Chinese confirm occupation of Ishan (108 deg 38 min-24 deg 33 min) on 15th by Jap force of 4,000. Column moving west along Lung river from Sancha (108 deg 55 min-24 deg 32 min) joined by column of 2,000 from Locheng (108 deg 54 min-24 deg 46 min), which was occupied on 13th, at Ishan.

Column moving west fron Ishan reported on east bank of river at Hwaiyuan (108 deg 32 min-24 deg 35 min) afternoon of 16th. Bridges blown but Japs expected to cross river under cover of darkness that night. South of Ishan three of four columns moving northwest between Lung and Fung Shui rivers. Column of 1,000 reported at Pinyang but date of occupation not clear. Difficult to obtain detailed picture of situation due to disorganization of Chinese troops and disruption of communications.

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No: CFBX 26705 19 November 1944

Heavy troop movement south along Pinghan railway and adjacent roads reported by liaison with no details. 6-7,000 Jap troops reported concentrated at Jungho (110 deg 27 min-35 deg 20 min) with unit reported as 19th Brigade of 94th Division.

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CG US Army Forces Shadazup India
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CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
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Nr: CAKX 974 18 November 1944

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More operations for 16th November.

Off Kanchow 4 Mustangs briefed to attack cruiser in Amoy Harbor could not locate cruiser then bombed secondary targets: Dive bombed a freighter with results not reported and bombed power plant scoring good hits with considerable demolition and started fires: No aircraft observed on Amoy Airfield: Strafed and believed destroyed radar station on hill south of airfield.

Off Chihkiang 23 CACW Sharks escorted Liberators on mission to bomb Changsha: Fighters observed good pattern of bombs on south side of town and near landing strip: Fires started: No Jap interception.

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From: CG 14th Air Force Kunming China

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Two Mitchells escorted by 4 Mustangs bombed railroad bridge north Chuchow with near misses: Strafed 20 rail cars and two each 30 foot sail boats.

Eleven Mustangs on road sweep Hengyang to Siangtan bombed trestle bridge near Muting with near misses: Destroyed three and damaged four trucks: Strafed 300 drums gasoline at Lukow starting fires: Bombed installations at Chuchow rail station with considerable damage and one fire: On return strafed town of Paoching.

Eleven Mustangs dive bombed two bridges east of Paoching scoring near misses: Strafed Jap occupied compounds in area.

On Yellow River front four Mitchells and four Mustangs bombed rail yards at Lohochai on Pin Han railroad with excellent results, fires and large column of smoke rose to 4,000 feet: Five minutes from target encountered three Jap aircraft who remained out of range with no contact.

Photo mission off Kunming covered targets in north French Indo China.

Second photo mission on recon of Hainan Island encountered heavy overcast.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in 12 sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 33,600.

Add sorties to 16th November 68 fighter, 6 bomber, 2 photo and 12 transport.

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Nr: CAKX 974 18 November 1944

Add 24 transport sorties to 11th November to 15th November inclusive.

Now follows Operations and Intelligence Reports for 17th November:

Off Nanning four Mustangs escorted a transport to Pingio then bombed Tanchuk Airfield with two hits on runway and additional hits in hostel area and machine gun positions.

In Laipin area four Mustangs attacked estimated 100 Jap troops and 50 horses bivouacked in gulley with good hits causing heavy casualties.

Four Mustangs dive bombed town of Ishan with good hits causing heavy demolition and fires.

Twelve Mustangs in two missions attacked village area ten miles west of Ishan including 500 plus Jap troops with horses and ten trucks causing heavy damage and estimated very heavy casualties.

In Mosun area four Mustangs attacked river shipping destroying or damaging ten each 50 to 60 foot barges.

Four Mustangs in two missions reconned roads in Wuming - Lungshanhsien - Tsingkong - Picyang area observing no unusual activity.

One Mustang on recon of coastal area Pakhoi to Hoppo observed no unusual activity.

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Off Kunming two Mustangs on recon of northeast French Indo China observed no aircraft on airdromes at Hanoi and Haiphong and no shipping on Red River.

Off Yunnanyi nine missions of Sharks, Mustangs, Lightnings totalling 35 sorties bombed and strafed Jap held positions east and southeast Mangshih on Salween River front as directed by ground radio station with excellent results: One Mustang hit by ground fire crashed at target with pilot believed killed.

Nine Mitchells attacked targets on Burma Road as follows:

3 Bombed and knocked out Tingka Bridge;
3 Bombed village 1 mile south Hpate starting large fire;
3 Bombed village 1 mile south Chefang causing large flames and secondary explosions.

14 Troop Carrier sorties dropped and landed 28 tons of food - mail - personnel in support of Chinese Ground Forces.

Two Lab Liberators carrying no bombs in daylight search of South China Sea in coordination with Navy sighted one submarine at (1926 north 11501 east).

Two Lab Liberators with no bombs in night mission searched South China Sea with no sightings.

Sorties for 17th November are 70 fighter, 13 bomber and 14 troop carrier.

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Sommary China

From: CG 14th Air Force Kunming China

Nr: CAKX 974 18 November 1944

Liaison states Japs continued moving west from Liuchow meeting little or no Chinese opposition and enjoying air support.

Confirmed was the occupation of Ishan (2432 north 10838 east) by the Japs on 15th November where they were reported to have slowed down their drive seemingly for regrouping and reorganization. Liaison states that there were from 5,000 to 7,000 Japs in the Ishan area.

According to Liaison Japs reached Hwaiyuanchen (2435 north 10832 east) area. A small Jap force was attempting to cross the Lung River three kilos north of the town. The Chinese Twenty Sixth Army was reported in well established positions at Hwaiyuanchen.

It was reported that on 15th November Chinese were in contact with an estimated 2,000 Japs along a north-south line eight kilos north Ishan.

The Chinese Twentieth Army was reported engaging Japs ten kilos from Tien Ho (2450 north 10841 east) and withdrawing in a northwesterly direction.

Advance units of the Chinese Sixty Fourth Army were engaged at a point 30 kilos south of Hsinchenghsien (2409 north 10842 east) where an estimated 3,000 Japs arrived from Tsinkong (2335 north 10856 east) on 14th November.

According to Liaison the railroad between Lichaiping, north of Lingling, and Chuanhsien (2559 north 11058 east) was being repaired.

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It was reported that 10,000 coolies were repairing the road between Siangtan (2754 north 11248 east) and Paoching (2705 north 11130 east).

Liaison reports that the Yuhsien (2705 north 11313 east) - Chaling (2655 north 11330 east) - Anjen (2657 north 11304 east) highway has been restored.

An unconfirmed report indicated that the Jap 30th, 47th, and 51st Divisions were along the coast from Hangchow to Woosung.

Liaison states that Chapu Harbor (3035 north 12109 east) has been completely mined.

According to Liaison 22 bombers, 2 fighters and 2 trainers were at Hangchow airdrome on 17th November.

Liaison states that sighted off Yuhwan (2810 north 12110 east) at 1530 hours on 17th November was a convoy made up of 3 - 3,000 ton vessels, 3 of 2,000 tons and 3 of 1,000 tons heading south at eight knots.

Liaison reports that the Lunchai railroad has been completed between Kaifeng (3446 north 11425 east) and Tenshih (3443 north 11248 east).

A report states that the Jap 69th Division, which was recently reinforced with 5,000 men, was making local attacks on Chinese positions in the Yellow River Bend area.

A report indicates that more than 1,000 Jap troops and over 100 tanks reinforced Iyang (3409 north 11228 east) recently.

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An unconfirmed report states that more than 100 tanks were sent to Yehsien (3340 north 11320 east).

Kunming photo mission 17th November shows bridge damaged by 11 November mission at Wasclai Kam (2118 north 9826 east) repaired.

No aircraft visible at landing strips at Kengtung (2117 north 9938 east) or (2111 north 10022 east) Mong Yawng.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department

No: 23713 17 November 1944

MILID 23713 from Depass sgd Wedemeyer.

Acute shortage facilities anticipated with new capital location and foreign city selection for those leaving China if Chungking evacuation necessary. This office evacuation plan provides for limited number personnel accompanying Embassy detail to wherever Government moves. Remainder Americans accompany balance Embassy staff movement to Russia or India. Approval my judgement request for sending advance representative to new China Embassy location, and to whatever foreign site designated for remainder staff by Embassy. Before having to do so at late date would like this part my evacuation plan settled. Interpret not above request as sure indication movement of capital but extent of deterioration military situation shows good signs eventual removal capital is conclusion.

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To: War Department
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CKAX 26558 17 November 1944

TOP SECRET. Now follows information for US Joint Chiefs of Staff to Marshall personal info Sultan Cheves Chennault, Stratemeyer personal CKAX 26558 from Wedemeyer.

1. Initial survey of overall situation pertaining to China was furnished in my CFBX 25612.

2. Continued study, numerous conferences and careful investigation conducted past two weeks. It is my considered opinion that I must move fast to stabilize situation in Kweilin - Liuchow area and accelerate preparations for defense Kunming area.

3. Enemy capabilities:

(A) Consolidate present positions Kweilin - Luichow for rapid advance on Kunming via * or Red River corridor from Indo China. A combination of drives over these routes is feasible. The enemy has strong effective forces massed south of Hengyang extending to Luichow (estimated 10 well equipped divisions), the bulk of which will undoubtedly be employed in continued offensive. Such a force would not have been so concentrated if offensive action were not contemplated.

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(B) There is also the capability of a drive from the Yellow River bend in Honan ** against Chengtu and/or Chungking. However this appears remote and there are no indications to cause immediate concern.

(C) Intelligence agencies report arrival of additional Japanese divisions in eastern China further confirming suggestion in CFBX 25612 that enemy has adopted continental strategy for final and decisive stages of war. Such developments will be closely followed.

4. Allied situation in China.

(A) The serious implications on the overall war effort in the Far East of the loss of Kunming area follow.

(1) Allies lose vital supply terminal. The tremendous effort and resources committed the past several months to expand air and advance lines of communication from India to maintain effect of Allied Forces operating in and from China will be abrogated.

(2) Important air bases and installations will be lost.

(3) Chinese air operations will be restricted, ultimately neutralized.

(4) China will be rendered militarily impotent thus releasing Jap air and ground formations for

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employment elsewhere. Further the Japs with some Chinese collaboration can devote time and resources to strengthen their continental position.

(5) China government may collapse resulting in a strengthened Puppet Regimes inevitably increasing collaboration and cooperation with the enemy.

(6) Opportunity to unify Chinese Communists, Kuomintang Party and recalcitrant War Lords to a military effort against common enemy will be lost and conditions will be created Post War for revolutions, continued chaos and disintegration economically and politically in this part of the world.

(7) Realistic aid to Pacific thrusts including lodgements on China coast will be eliminated.

5. Chinese view of the situation above depicted is apathetic and unintelligent. The first week in November, I was assured by all Chinese with whom I conferred that the Japs would be stopped in the Kweilin - Luichow area for at least 2 months. Both places fell on November 10th after only passive ineffective resistance. The Gissimo and a few of his adherents are beginning to comprehend and we may yet be able to save the situation. I am confident that my analysis of the situation is sound and I would be remiss if I did not take immediate and drastic steps to provide for defense of Kunming area. Air and Ground resources over and above those required to meet this situation will definitely continue to be employed in offensive strategic operations.

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6. Recommendations have been submitted to Gissimo for a planned defense of the Kunming area. If he approves the plan, troops and equipment must be moved by air to effect timely concentration. This will impinge on activities in China theater not entirely under my control including the 20th Bomber Command, the ATC, the ASC, the CEF the Navy Group China (WARX 51593 refers). Operations of units definitely under my command may not be able fully to accomplish assigned tasks in Pacific effort including FIVESOME, Photo Reconnaissance and shipping strikes. I should emphasize that any interferences with such planned operations would be held to absolute minimum by careful adjustments and expedients locally.

7. I assume that I am authorized to employ all available resources in the theater in such manner and at such times as the situation depicted above requires. If practicable the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be informed prior to any commitment that will impinge on FIVESOME, 20th Bomber Command, Navy Group China, ASC, ATC, and assigned tasks connected with Pacific operations. If emergency precludes such prior notification I will take action commensurate with situation with understanding that Joint Chiefs of Staff will be notified earliest. Request confirmation.

8. If we can hold the Japs east of the general line Hankow, Kweilin, Luichow for 5 or 6 months we will have had time to make preparations that will permit definite contribution to war effort. Degree of success in this connection will be contingent upon Chinese cooperation for senior American officers I have contacted in the theater are full of enthusiasm for and determination to get on with

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the job that lies before us, difficult as it may be.

End

*Being Serviced.

FOOTNOTE: CFBX 25612 is CM-IN 6441 (7 Nov 44) Gen Hull.

ACTION: GEN HULL
INFO: JCS, GEN ARNOLD, GEN BISSELL, ADM.LEAHY, ADM.KING, C of S

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From: CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China

To: War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, TH
CG South Pacific Base Command Noumea, New Caledonia
United Kingdom Base Command, London, England
CG Southeast Asia Command Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India
CG 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China

Nr: CFBX 26532 17 Nov 1944

Bissell WDGBI, MacArthur, COMGENPOA, Necal, UKBS, Cannon, Mountbatten pass to Main Headquarters 11th Army Group, Sultan pass to GHQ India, Chennault, Middleton CFBX 26532 Book Msg nr 163 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Check of North China sources through our observer reveals following info regarding newly organized 114th Division. Wire from 18th Group Army unit in Tai Yueh area. New Division organized in Linfen (111 deg 30 min-36 deg 08 min) early in September this year from elements of 3rd Independent Infantry Brigade and elements of 69th Division. Commanding General of new division is Lieutenant General Nakashiro Toyojiro, former Commanding General of 3rd Independent Infantry Brigade (Earlier radio from Samu source reported promotion of Nakashiro from Major to Lieutenant General) Division reported to be Brigade type division

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with Commander of 1st Brigade given as Major General Ito Akira. Divisional Chief of Staff reported as Colonel Okawa Hachiro.

POW 119 member of 200th Independent Infantry Battalion, captured Shansi August this year, states that 2nd and 4th Companys of his Battalion ordered to report to Fengyand (110 deg 40 min-37 deg 24 min) by middle August for formation of new division. POW did not know if entire brigade was to be used in formation of this division.

Also from same source comes the following info regarding movement of 62nd Division. POW captured Hsin Hsiang (115 deg 55 min-35 deg 20 min) 123 officer formerly with 62nd Division with rank of Probationary Officer stated that 62nd Division was at Sin Siang-Kaifeng area during July this year. During that month the division left for Shanghli with destination given as the Ryu Kyu Islands. All above received by wire with no evidence given, rated C 3 pending receipt of evidences.

2 POWS from Independent Infantry Brigades have given strength their battalions as follows:
to strengthen approximately 1200, working strength approximately 900.
Sino G-2 states the reports have been received from their agents in the area that the 7th Independent Infantry Brigade has been converted to a division and will move to Hankow area. Identity of division not known and no proof

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of this change is offered. Rated C 3 pending proof.

Document entitled "How to address letters to Japan by units in Central Pacific Area" captured by new 4th Army states code number of island unit is located on must be included in address and gives following island code numbers:

Saipan 11,
UXS 42,
Jaliur 82,
Palau 30,
Guam 102,
Rota 98,
Tinian 21,
Ponape 7,
Amili 84.
This has B-2 rating.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia.
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces in Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo India.
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.

No: CRAX 20089 17 November 1944

Operational Summary for 16 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Wessell, Breidster, COMGEN Hicksm Field CRAX 20089.

Part II Totally surrounded by 113th Regiment is town of Ehamo. 114th Regiment mopping up in area northwest of Momauk. The pocket southwest of Momauk was cleaned up. One battalion of the 112th Regiment has pinned down the enemy near Namdaungmawu while another battalion moved north thence west to Manlut and encircled an enemy force within that village.

22d Division consolidated the Mantha area. In the Pinwe area fighting continued. One battalion of 72d Brigade by passed the enemy position to the east and was moving south to cut the railroad south of Pinwe.

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PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India.
No: CRAX 20089 17 November 1944

Taungu 1 and one half miles east of Kalemyo occupied by troops of 5th Division. 25th Brigade of 11 East African Division moving east on road towards Kalewa encountered enemy position two miles northeast of Kalemyo.

Elements of 26th Brigade still engaged with enemy pocket seven miles northeast of Kalemyo. Other troops reached point just north of main road eight miles east northeast of Kalemyo.

21st Brigade in contact at Paluxawa.

Nothing new on Arakan front.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 20087 17 November 1944

Y Force operational summary for 16 November Sultan to Marshall CRA 20087.

Continuing advance toward Kunpang on Burma Road was 53rd Army. Leading elements eight miles North Northwest of Kunpang. 87th and 88th Divisions moving South were West of the Burma Road five miles Northwest of Mangshih. 244th Regiment forced out of Mengka area by Japs and now located ten miles East of there.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAF, G-2, COL.PARK, LOG

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From: U. S. Military Observer, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department

No: CDA 17 17 November 1944

From Graybeal CDA 17.

Internal India Summary dated 15 November 44.

1. Cultivators experiencing hardship due to continued high prices of commodities and falling prices of grain. In Bengal the main crop prospects are excellent. In Bihar the food situation is believed satisfactory due to crop prospects but situation now entirely satisfactory in some parts of south, the procurement is proceeding well but is hindered by difficulties of movement and congestion.

2. Nothing to report on morale.

3. Disappointment among all but profiteering community following predictions of longer duration of war and the earlier tendency to release wholesale stock is now arrested. Announcement of Churchill regarding Moscow decisions generally welcomed. Comment in anti-British circles draws attention to non-agreement on Polish issue and suggests agreement was due to military necessity.

4. DIB agrees.

5. Latest proposals of Gandhi for congress reorganization have been published in form of "Hints" which advocate greater attention to educational and social reforms among

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From: U. S. Military Observer, New Delhi, India.

No: CDA 17 17 November 1944.

students and workers, and increased contact with peasants. Mass civil disobedience is now regarded by Gandhi as out of the question but individual disobedience still is permissible. Gandhi still considering question of fast but it is unlikely he will reach a decision for some time. Gandhi approves idea of holding an all parties conference and he will attend. Congress delegates to central assembly are attending autumn session and have repeated tactics employed in budget session by cooperating on one non-party issue with Muslim League.

End

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INFO: CG AAF
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Operational Plans Division
Asiatic Section (AFAEP)
Col. G.G. Carey/72279

17 November, 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Number: WAR 64114

For Wedemeyer from Arnold signed Marshall

Noted by Joint Chiefs are exceptions to fivesome outlined in urad TOPSEC CFBX 26359. Urgently needed in clarification is your estimate of cost of adjustment of tonnage caused by transfer of Chinese ground forces to Liuchow area as this will necessitate increased operations by the XXI Bomber Command and 5 and 13 Air Forces.

When submitting your estimate by 20 November, it is requested that the following points be covered:

A. 14 Air Force capabilities to neutralize Hongkong airfields during period involved as well as deny enemy the use of Hankow and Nanking areas which apparently are being used as aircraft reserve bases.

B. What consideration has been given to temporary use of combat cargo groups in China if phase 1 of Capital can be accomplished without airborne operation.

C. Will transfer of ground forces weaken defense of Chungking-Chengtu area or are forces to be moved a part of those facing Communist Army.

D. Will reduction of HUMP tonnage be shared equally by XX Bomber Command and 14 Air Force or do you consider support of 14 Air Force as first priority in carrying out your directive.

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E. What aircraft do you propose to use in transferring Chinese Ground Forces.

JCS should be informed of any proposal which would divert aircraft from HUMP.

End.

A.F. 2429

ORIGINATOR: Gen. Arnold

INFORMATION: JC/S, Adm. Leahy, Gen Hull, Gen. Bissell, Adm. King, C of S

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From: CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China

To : War Department
CG US Army Forces Shadezup India
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater
New Delhi India
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
Calcutta India

Nr : CASX 26455 16 Nov 44

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CASX 26455 book msg nr 162 from G 2 AMMISCA.

Situation ambiguous because of loss of contact of Sino Headquarters with all Armies except the 26th. Indications are that Japanese elements attacked and probably occupied Isham (108 deg 39 min-24 deg 33 min) on night of 14th or morning of 15th. All Japanese columns appear to be heading in a northwesterly direction except most southern column which reported heading towards Pinyang with no reports from that area. Two new divisions reported moving south from Wuhan area by Chinese sources but no proof of this has been received. Reported occupation of Taohsien (111 deg 31 min- 25 deg 33 min) and Yungming (111 deg 21 min-25 deg 15 min) by Sino troops would suggest that Jap 37th Div formerly reported in that area has moved farther southwest but no recent identifications have been received. Japanese advance now appears only limited by ability to bring up supplies. End

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG
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From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: CFB 26439 16 November 1944

TOPSEC to Marshall CFB 26439 from Wedemeyer.

All score keepers on hump tonnage deliveries have encountered many difficulites in making their figures jibe with other score keepers reurad 61388 dated 11 November 44 From our score card we get the following figures.

ATC says they dispatched to 14th Air Force 13,293 tons in July, August 13,871 tons, September 13,225 tons and October 13,013 tons.

14th Air Force says that during July they received by ATC 12,180 tons and by the 7th Bomb Group 1,817 tons for a total of 13,996 tons: August they say 13,519 tons came by ATC and 1,708 tons by 7th Bomber Group. Of this 15,227 total tons for August 3,062 tons went to theater reserve leaving net of 12,166 tons for August. During September 14th Air Force says they received 12,694 tons by ATC and 2,424 tons by 7th Bomb Group. Of this 15,118 total for September 4,268 tons went to theater reserve leaving net for month 10,850 tons. For October the 14th Air Force says that they received 13,159 tons by ATC and 657 tons by the 308th Bomb Group. Of this total of 13,816 tons for October 1,283 tons went to theater reserve leaving a net tonnage of 12,533.

In all above references it was ATC tonnage that was put into theater reserve. In all cases cited above ATC dispatch figures exceed 14th Air Force in receipt figures and is best explained as follows:

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFB 26439 16 November 1944

Partly due to the amount that ends up in theater reserve partly because ATC reports the amount that has left Assam while 14th Air Force reports actual receipts in China the difference in number of planes in air at opening of books on first of month and closing books on last day of month would cause some discrepancy and mostly because 14th Air Force deducts more operational gas from gross tonnage than ATC does as they deduct aviation gas used by ATC within China for such movements as the alcohol run to Yunnanyi for Y, Kweilin arms and munition haul, gas issued to ATC staff dumps and in turn credit ATC in operational gas equivalent to additional tonnage allocation they receive during the month for mover as mentioned above.

We use the ATC figures in our planning for we believe them to give a clearer picture of hump deliveries What happens to the tonnage after the 14th Air Force receives it is a different story.

End.

ACTION: Gen. Hull

INFO : JC/S
ADM. LEAHY
GEN. ARNOLD
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, Forward Echelon Northern Combat Area Command
Myitkyina
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, Adv Echelon 20th Bomber Command, Hsinching, China.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, Ind.

No: CFBX 26235 14 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 26235. Book msg nr 161 from G-2 AMMISCA.

The Chinese admit fall of Kweilin on 11 November. 1500 of 58th Division occupied Yungning (109 Deg 41 min-25 deg 14 min) on same date.

Jap forces by-passing Liuchow occupied Sancha (108 deg 55 min-24 deg 32 min) on morning 13th. Columns from West River area continue to move northwest with column from Laipin (109 deg 17 min-23 deg 42 min) reported occupying Chaowu (109 deg 11 min-23 deg 59 min) on 11th.

Columns from Tsingkong (108 deg 56 min-23 deg 41 min) moving north occupied Szelien (108 deg 57 min-24 deg 01 min) on the 10th and reported at Hsingheng (108 deg 43 min-24 deg 10 min) on the 12th November.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China.

No: CFBX 26235 14 November 1944

10,000 reinforcements reported moving west from Canton on November 4th.

10,000 Japs reported concentrated south of Wuchang in Hankow area.

These last two items have C-3 rating.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the China Theater, Chungking, China.

To : War Department.

Nr : 23708 14 November 1944.

MILID 23708 from DePass sgd Wedemeyer.

Coastal defense Shanghai-Woosung and Laoyao area reinforced with additional enemy troops while concentrated at Soulien southwest Liuchow are 300 Japs. C-3 rated is this Sino G2 report. November 11th Luichow entered by enemy column. Another moved west from Liuching to Shuangchia and now southeast Ishan. After taking Kusiyu column from Laipin moved northeast taking also Chuanshanyu. Reinforced south coulum now thundering on Pinyang in its westward move.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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COL. PARK
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Post

From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter. T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
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Nr: CRAX 19597 12 November 1944

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Further gains by 36th Division South of Mawlu. Leading elements are in contact with enemy one mile north of Pinba. Nothing to report from Shwegu Area. Resistance encountered by 38th Division between Myothit and Bhamo. Correction to SITREP 9th November. Momauk was not occupied by 112nd Regiment. Points of contact reported 113th Regiment five miles Southwest of Myothit. 114th Regiment eight miles South Southeast of Myothit.

112th Regiment 1½ miles Southeast of Momauk and another 0.3 miles South of Momauk.

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Patrols were active on Arovan front. In the Fort White-Kalemyo area stockades numbers two and three were taken by troops 5th Division. Advance continued down road.

Patrols reached area four miles West of Kalemyo but encountered no enemy. Forward troops of 25th Brigade moving West of Yazagyo-Kalemyo Road were South of Segli, four miles north of Kalemyo.

26th Brigade captured several positions eight miles Northeast of Kalemyo and advanced to within 500 yards of Indainggale. Mawlaik occupied without resistance by 21st Brigade.

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ACTION: OPD

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From: SAC South East Asia.

To: Usual Guidance Addressees.

Nr: SAC 9938 12 November 1944.

[redacted] guidance for week ended 10 November 1944 on Burma front not for publication.

Land. There have been notable gains on the 14th Army Front in the Chin Hills and on the Upper Chindwin during the week and new developments in the Northern combat area in Northern Burma. In the Chin Hills Kennedy Peak and Fort White have been captured by the 5th Indian Div and our troops are advancing eastward towards Kalemyo. Kalemyo and Kalewa are simultaneously threatened from the North down the Kabaw Valley and the course of the Chindwin by units of the 11th East African Div. In Northern Burma Chinese Troops who marched Southwards from Hopin on the left flank of the British 36th Div have crossed the Irrawaddy at Shwigu half way between Katha and Bhamo and are fanning out East and West. Other Chinese troops from Myothit are South of the Taping river and are approaching Bhamo from the East. They have occupied Momauk eight miles from Bhamo Japanese defensive positions in front of the Naba Katha Bhamo, line are thus in process of being turned. On the Myitkyina Mandalya railway British Patrols are now eleven miles from the junction at Naba.

Air: Air bombardment played a large part in the enemys un-

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expectedly rapid abandonment of this strong natural positions at Kennedy Peak and Fort White. Railway targets round Rangoon and in Central Burma were heavily attacked by superforts of the US 20th Air Force and RAF Liberators of Eastern Air Command on successive days. Delayed reports announced the bombing of the shipyard and Airfield at Vinh on the Gulf of Tongring in French Indo China on November 2nd. Railway targets in Siam were bombed on November 4th and again on November 5th. On the 8th Tavoy was bombed. Throughout this week there were a large number of sorties over Central and Northern Burma. On the Second day of the Rangoon bombings enemy fighters challenged and four were shot down. On November 5th a small force of Japanese aircraft attempted a sweep over Central Burma. Three were destroyed another probably and three damaged for the loss of one allied aircraft. Four other enemy planes were damaged by AA fire.

Special Points.

1. Seasoned Chinese troops who were trained originally in India by the Americans and fought their way down the Hukawng and Mogaung Valleys in the first half of this year are operating in the new offensives on the Irravaddy and in the Bhamo area. The current public discussions of Chinas Internal Economic and Military position does not affect the Chinese troops in Northern Burma who are well equipped and regularly supplied.

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2. Chinese troops West of the Salween who are under the Chungking Command are also fighting well in the coordinated campaign for the liberation of Central Burma. The capture of Lungling on the Burma Road is of great importance. The set back at Kweilin in Eastern Burma should not make us lose sight of the fact that in Yunnan the Japanese have been steadily losing ground.

3. The search for a reply to Stalins stigmatisation of Japan as an aggressor nation has so far baffled the Japanese propagandists whose best effort is to say that it is generally admitted by those in the know that the Japanese are not the aggressor nation. Their attempt to repudiate the charge of aggression is complicated by the fact that Japanese propaganda has lately been conceding that the Allies are now on the offensive but a third stage of the War is just round the corner in which Japan will resume her original role of an invader. This was the theme of two recent utterances by their Indian instrument Subhas Bose. Broadcasting from 'somewhere in Burma' just before his recent summons to Tokyo he admitted that the tide had been running against Japan but said "I definitely believe that the tide has turned against the enemy." From Tokyo on November 3rd he referred to the Indo Burma Front as follows. "As long as our forces were on the offensive the enemy forces were defeated in every sector. In the second phase of the War our enemies started their counter offensive. The second

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From: SAC South East Asia.

Nr: SAC 9938 12 November 1944.

phase is now coming to an end and during the third the initiative will again pass into the hands of Japan. Recently owing to unfavourable weather and some other reasons we have to withdraw temporarily in some sectors of the front.

4. By tacit admissions the Japanese public is being given some information on the extent of the withdrawals in Burma, Bhamo Mawlu Kennedy Peak and the "Akyab Sector" now appear in the news and there is a forecast of gigantic" Allied operations in the future.

End.

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

To : War Department.

Nr : CRA 19596 12 November 1944.

Y Force Operational Summary for 11th November Sultan to Marshall CRA 19596.

Repulsed by Chinese was Jap attack three miles east of Mangshih. Sinow made slight gain in Machang area.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG, United Kingdom Base Section London, England
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces Shadazup, India

No: CFBX 26004 11 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, MacArthur, COMGENPOA, NECAL, UKBS, CANNON, Mountbatten pass to Main Headquarters 11th Army Group, Sultan pass to GHQ India, Chennault, Middleton CFBX 26004 book msg nr 159 from G-2 AMMISCA

SINO G-2 states 93rd Division identified Philippine area with source of info given as Australia. Do you have any confirming info?

Following info from SINO G-2 rated C 3 pending confirmation by our liaison. Yoshimatsu (rank unit) thought to be element of 3rd Armored Division reported identified Chuanhsien (110 deg 58 min-25 deg 58 min) with no date given.

7th Independent mixed brigade reported arrived Liuyang (113 deg 40-28 deg 10 min) area with code name TAIF (MEA) 2970th identified. Commanding officer reported as Yokoyama

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5th Independent Infantry Brigade reported moved back to Shashih (112 deg 15 min-30 deg 15 min) with 64th Division taking over guard duties Niykhsiang (112 deg 30 min-28 deg 20 min)-Iyang (112 deg 22 min-28 deg 50 min) area.

During period middle of October to 10th November 100,000 Jap troops passed thru Uhangnai area. Of these 40,000 intended for defenses along China coast south of Shanghai while balance left for overseas destination.

On 24th and 25th Oct 7 groups of 50 planes each flew to Formosa. These planes reported to be from Manchuria area.

From SINO G-2 comes this info confirmation our liaison. Recently arrived in Hainan Island is Vice Admiral Goga Keijiro (AEU, REY, EKA, HUO, SQU,) former chief of Sasebo Naval Base, to take charge of organizing new naval base on Hainan. He has been replaced at Sasebo by Admiral Sugiyama Rokuzo (GOA, DYA, AAY, AXC). This item rated C-3 pending confirmation.

6th Independent Infantry Brigade located Anking (117 deg 01 min-30 deg 30 min) reported by Chinese to have been converted to a division and now moving to Hankov area with 3 C rating.

From our observer in north China comes this info rated B2. POW in Manchuria with Manshu 634th Unit states this unit

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located Mutankiang in Oct 1943 with APO number 17. POW 30 states inducted east 63, assigned to 210th Regiment 32nd Division. POW 106 from 139th Regiment of 110th Division states division code number is 3905 while 110th Regiment number is 3911. From our liaison comes confirmation of landing of 15,000 Jap troops Hongkong area on 8th Oct. Unit known as Soeda Unit (ASL, JYS).

(Comment: This maybe Colonel Soeda Makoto formerly with 2nd Depot Division. This might mean this unit is 72nd Division thought formed from 2nd Depot Division.) 10,000 additional troops reported landing Hongkong area 31st Oct but this not confirmed by our liaison as yet though thought probable.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CGAAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23706 11 November 1944

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Enemy column moved west to Chungtu from Huangtuchieh taking both Shangleiyu and Taipingshu after separating into two columns. Moving south taking Lu Chai Lojung other column from Huangtuchieh arrived November 9th at Liuchov. Column from Changmuyu went northwest and took Chienchiang while a column from Tantangyu took Litangyu in westward move then made movement in Pingyang direction.

Column from Toupaiyu reinforcing drive from north took northwest course taking Liuchiang. Column from Wuhsuan going northwest took Chenglung and Laipin after splitting. Another south moving west from Hsianghsien took Maping. Japs entered east Kweilin 9th November. Report of gas being used (type unknown) causing casualties in east city (to be confirmed) fighting heaviest in east part and 100 tanks maneuvering for position north of city for attack.

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To: War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas
Fort Shafter, TH
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces Ledo, India
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming China

Nr: CRAX 19497 11 Nov 1944

Operational summary for 10th November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster and COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19497.

Moving in three columns from Mawlu troops of 36th Division cleared two enemy positions on each side of railroad. Center column in contact seven miles south of Mawlu. 22nd Division carried out extensive patrolling in Shwegu area. One patrol reached Mantha 25 miles southeast of Shwegu and Malin nine miles south of Mantha encountering no enemy. In Myothit area 114th Regiment was on Bhamo road six miles south of Myothit. One Battalion of 113th Regiment was three miles south of Myothit. In contacts reported. On Chindwin, no change on Fort White Kalemyo road. Mawlu cleared of enemy 21st Brigade in contact one mile north of Mawlaik. On the Arakan front patrolling only.

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To : War Department
CG US Army Forces Shadazup, India
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
CG 14th Army Air Force Kunming, China
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming China
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur, India
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr : CFBX 25909 10 Nov 44

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 25909 book msg nr 158 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Japanese advance continues with column of several hundred penetrating into Kweilin from east morning 9th. On same date tank attack in strength from north reported with estimated 100 tanks involved. Sino G-2 reports identification of 6th Tank Brigade of 3rd Tank Division identified in area.

Luichow area: Japanese encirclement of Liuchow imminent with column moving southwest from Liting (109 deg 43 min-24 deg 46 min) occupied Chungtu (109 deg 33 min-24 deg 41 min) on 7th from here a column of several hundred moving west occupied Taiping (109 deg 17 min-24 deg 41 min) on 8th Nov, while another column moving south from Chungtu occupied Tungchwan (109 deg 20 min-24 deg 30 min) on the 8th then continuing southwest were reported 10 kilos east of Liuchenghsien (109 deg 10 min-25 deg 27 min) on the 9th. A third column moving south from Chungtu joined with troops

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from Liting and occupied Lojunghsien (109 deg 33 min-24 deg 28 min) on the 8th then moving west headed towards Liuchow along the west bank of the river and were reported in the outskirts of Liuchow on the 9th. Above forces have been reported as elements of the 40th and 13th Divisions.

Japanese forces from Pinglo area moving northwest from Towpai (109 deg 52 min-24 deg 18 min) occupied Liukianghsien (109 deg 46 min-24 deg 33 min) on the 8th. From here they moved west and joined forces from north at Lojunghsien. This column reported to be elements of 68th Regiment of 3rd Division. Further south column of 2000 reported to be elements of the 16th Regiment of 104th Division moving north from Samkong (109 deg 59 min-23 deg 37 min) occupied Siang Hsien (109 deg 38 min-24 deg 00 min) on the 8th. 1000 of this force continued west and occupied Maping on the 9th. A column of 4000 reported as elements of 85th Regiment of 22nd Division moving northwest from Mosun (109 deg 38 min-23 deg 36 min) are reported to have occupied Chenglunghu and Laipin (109 deg 16 min-23 deg 41 min) on the 8th.

Further south Tsinkong (108 deg 55 min-23 deg 35 min) occupied on 9th by force thought to have come from Tungmien (109 deg 32 min-23 deg 20 min) or Changmok (109 deg 17 min-23 deg 18 min). This force cuts off all communications between Liuchow and Nanning.

Column of 1000 moving west from Laitong (109 deg 06

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min-23 deg 10 min) was reported approaching Pinyang on the 9th.

In Homan area Japanese have been enlarging their area of control along the Pinghan railway in area north of Sinyand (114 deg 08 min-32 deg 10 min). Chinese do not feel that a drive on Nanyang (112 deg 30 min-33 deg 05 min) is contemplated at present.

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To: War Department
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CG US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
CG South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia New Guinea

Nr: CRAX 19415 10 November 1944

Operational summary for 9th November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGEN SOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19415

Patrolling continued in Mawlu area. Elements of 72nd Brigade moved into Mawlu. 22nd Division Headquarters opened in Shwegu. Patrols were active in the bridgehead area. 113th Regiment crossing river at Myothit. Lead elements two miles south of crossing reported no contacts. One battalion of 112th Regiment occupied Momauk without opposition no change on Arakan. Troops of 5th Division cleared enemy position at Vownalu Mual and encountered another position one mile east from there. Road block put in rear of enemy three miles from point of contact. Slight advance made mortheast of Kalemyo by 26th Brigade.
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INFO: CGAAF, G-2, COL. PARK, LOG
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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No. CRA 19413 10 November 1944

Y Force operational summary for 9th November Sultan to Marshall CRA 19413.

Stating that Lungling occupied by Chinese on 3rd November. Sinos now control Burma Road half way to Mangshih. Estimated 600 Japs killed in battle of Lungling attack on hill three miles east of Mangshih successful. Sinos now in east end Mangshih valley.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

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To; War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Hollandia, N.G.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter TH
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, TH
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Forces Ledo, India

Nr; CRAX 19415 10 November 1944

Operational summary for 9th November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19415.

Patrolling continued in Mawlu area. Elements of 72nd Brigade moved into Mawlu. 22nd Division headquarters opened in Shwegu. Patrols were active in the bridgehead area. 113th Regiment crossing river at Myothit. Lead elements two miles south of crossing reported no contacts. 1st battalion of 112th Regiment occupied Momauk without opposition. No change on Aiakan.

Troops of 5th Division cleared enemy position at Vowalu Mual and encountered another position one mile east from there. Road block put in rear of enemy three miles from point of contact. Slight advance made northeast of Kalemyo by 26th brigade.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

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To War Department

Nr: 23702 9 November 1944

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Reinforcements totaling 10,000 moving west in Canton area. 5,000 reinforcements arrived Haiping on Peiping Hankow Railway, indicating renewal of activity this section. Another 10,000 troops arrived Amoy, rated C-3 in this Sino G 2 report.

Heaviest fighting by 40th and 58th Divisions on east and west part of Kweilin. A column moved west to Changmuhu from Shihlungyu. Another advanced north to Hsianghsien from Shihlungfu while still another in south went west to Litangyu from Tantangyu. Also columns from Wulipai advancing on Toupaiyu village.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Area,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T. H.

No. CRAX 19277 9 November 1944

Operational summary for 8th November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19277.

Fort White taken after enemy moved out. In contact with Japs four miles east southeast of Fort White. No major change in other sectors or on Arakan front. Patrols active in Mawlu area. All three regiments of 22nd Division are across Irrawaddy River with headquarters of the Division at Thinbawin. Small group of Japs dispersed near Shwegugale by 64th Regiment. 114th Regiment moving south was six miles south of Myothit. 112th Regiment moving west was four miles east Momauk. Encountered Jap patrol at night and again in the morning.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF, G-2, SOL PARK, LOG
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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
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Rear Echelon Y Force, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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Nr: CRAX 19289 9 November 1944

G-2 SITREP 8th November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 19289 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan

Though Fort White evacuated by Japanese night 7th and 8th November; contact with unknown number enemy on road four miles east southeast for White. No change in north Burma; maximum 500 Burmese troops reported between Katha and Moda 14 miles northeast of Katha thought to be line of communication troops; skirmish with estimated platoon of Japanese in area 13 miles east of Bhamo, enemy infrequently seen. One thousand Japanese reported at area 16 miles north northwest Omanamhkam, numbers believed high. On Salween Japanese making strong unsuccessful counterattacks east of Mangshih; Chinese claims for 7th and 8th Nov: 250 Japanese killed and 100 rifles, 75 machine guns and seven mortars captured; Japanese stubbornly defending in areas southwest of Lungling. End

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
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Headquarters Z Force Kunming China
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas
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CG South Pacific Base Command Noumea New Caledonia

Nr: CRAX 19194 8 November 1944

Operational summary for 7 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur COMGENSOPAC COMGENPOM Chennault Hearn Dorn Wessels Breidster COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19194.

Patrolling continued in Mavlu area. 22nd Division continued crossing Irrawaddy River with 64th and 66th Regiments complete on southwest bank. 64th Regiment occupied Shwegu with 66th Regiment moving towards Shwegu from southeast. Headquarters 38th Division located 16 miles southeast of Myothit with 112th Regiment in Sinlumkaba area. On Chindwin, troops 5th Division repulsed Jap counter attack one mile north of Fort White. 161st Brigade took Jap forward positions three miles south southeast of Fort White and engaged another position in same area. On Arakan front nothing new.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department

No: 23700 7 November 1944

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Unchanged is immediate Kweilin situation. Litang and Huangtuchieh taken by column to south of city at Lochinyu which moved south bypassing Yungfu.

Moving south from Pinglo column took Wulipai and Lipu, Chungshan and Tachiaoshu taken by column moving south from Paishayu.

Column from Pingnan moved north took Tachangyu.

Fulung taken by column moving north from Shihlungyu then with west column at Wusuan joined forces.

From Hsiwanhsu other column moved west and Tantangyu taken.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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New Delhi, India

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CG, US Army Forces in the China Theater,
Chungking, China
CG, Y Forces in China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
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CG, Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
Commander in Chief Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas,
Oahu, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces Ledo, India

No: CRAX 19106 7 November 1944

Operational Summary for 6th Nov Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19106

Closing in on Fort White 5th Division now in contact with enemy one mile north of and three miles south of Fort White. Situation same in other areas. Patrols active in Mawlu area. No contacts made. 64th and 66th Regiment crossing Irrawaddy river northwest and southeast of Shwegu without opposition. 114th Regiment five miles southeast of Myothit received some enemy artillery fire. 112th Regiment reported at Pranghtung. 113rd Regiment patrolling in Myothit area.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 19107 7 November 1944

Y Force operational summary for 6th November, Sultan to Marshall CRA 19107.

Held now by Chinese is Burma Road from Lundling to Machang. Town Machang in Sinos hands. In contact with enemy just south of there. No change Mangshih area.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

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Chungking, China

To: War Department
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Forward Echelon Headquarters 20th Bomber Command
Hsinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India

No. CFB 25599 6 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFB 25599 book message Nr 157 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Japanese continue advances essentially unopposed under cover of bad weather which prevents air opposition.

Kweilin surrounded and under artillery fire. Small sorties against town but no strong offensive to gain possession of town attempted. All 3 airfields in hands of Japanese. Estimate 13,000 Nip troops in Kweilin area.

Two columns of 1000 each by-passing Kweilin to north occupied Tamiao (110 deg 06 min, 25 deg 28 min) and Ining (109 deg 59 min, 25 deg 25 min).

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Chungking, China

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Column of 5000 moving southwest by-passed Gungfu (109 deg 50 min, 24 deg 58 min) and occupied Ailing (109 deg 47 min, 24 deg 49 min) on 4th, Liting and Hwangminhuo (109 deg 41 min, 24 deg 43 min) on the 5th November.

Column of 4000 from Pinglo occupied Liuphsien (110 deg 14 min, 24 deg 25 min) on 3rd November.

2000 continuing southwest occupied Hsiujenhsien (110 deg 00 min, 24 deg 22 min) on the 5th. This column identified by prisoner as elements of 68th Regiment of 3rd Division.

In West River area Mosun reported occupied on 3rd with column reported moving 20 kilos to north. Japs at Mosun reinforced by force of 2000 of 22nd Division from Sheklung (109 deg 49 min, 23 deg 20 min) via Tungling (109 deg 37 min, 23 deg 28 min).

Column of 3000 with six artillery pieces moving along north bank of West River occupied Kweihsien (109 deg 40 min, 23 deg 02 min) on 3rd then moved northwest to vicinity of Laitong (109 deg 06 min, 23 deg 10 min) on 5th November.

Report of 15,000 Japs landing Hongkong area on 8 October reported confirmed by our Liaison. Unit known as Soeda Futai. Another 10,000 reported landing Hongkong area on 31 October but this still unconfirmed.

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Reports indicate some activity in Honan area with possible drive to Nanyang (112 deg 32 min, 31 deg 02 min) but no details as to extent of action available.

10000 Nips with Cavalry and tanks reported concentrated Loning (111 deg 44 min, 34 deg 25 min) - Hsan Hsien area. 100 tanks and armored cars reported concentrated at Lushan (112 deg 05 min, 33 deg 47 min).

On east coast 49,000 Nips and puppets reported concentrated Amoy area. Railway south from Chuchow to Hengshan reported in operation.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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6 November 1944

Commanding General,
Army Air Forces,
India-Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

Commanding General,
USAF India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

Number: WARX 59640

Stratemeyer informational Sultan from Marshall.

Very satisfactory in general are new daily air operational reports reursd CABX 8452 of 5 November 44. This is a particularly good example especially as far as 10th Air Force operations go because narrative paragraphs indicate objectives(such as railroad shops, airfields etc),number and type of planes attacking, bombs dropped, and results obtained This has not always been the case and it is desired that CABX 8452 be followed generally in this respect. The same information should also be supplied for major RAF missions.

Following are further comments on these reports:

A. In statistical summaries sufficient descriptions of locations or general areas of important supply droppings, fighter sweeps, jungle rescues and photo reconnaissance under "A" have frequently been omitted. Some indication of these locations or general areas should always be included if possible. Wherever appropriate indication of important objectives bombed or strafed should also be given under "A" as well as the name of the town or area.

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B. In narrative paragraphs any sightings or other intelligence from reconnaissance flights should be briefly described.

C. It is frequently difficult to connect the major missions described in the narrative paragraphs with the statistics pertaining thereto. A cross-reference in the narrative paragraphs to the statistical paragraphs for each such mission would be helpful.

D. Your flash reports are good but should be supplemented in narrative paragraphs by further information when received. A good example is CABX 8452 which flashed the 4 Nov Rangoon Railroad shop and airfields attack. Although in CABX 8478 of 6 November additional statistics were given on this attack, it would have been desirable to have included a supplemental statement in regard to such an important mission in the narrative paragraphs as well. Such supplemental statement should also make reference to the appropriate flash report.

End.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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Hollandia, New Guinea
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CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T H
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia

No : CRAX 19004 6 November 1944

Operational summary for 5 November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hern, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 19004.

Cleared by patrols of 29th Brigade were Jap positions in area one to three miles south of Mawlu. Eleven Japs killed.

Elements 64th Regiment crossed river and occupied Shwegugale without opposition. Rest of regiment continues to cross river.

Patrols active around Myothit with elements of 114th Regiment moving from east were five miles southeast of Myothit. No contact reported.

On Arakan front situation remained the same.

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No : CRAX 19004 6 November 1944

On Chindwin front 5th Division closed in on Fort White from the north and south.

Leading elements were in contact four miles north of Fort White and 161st Brigade was in contact three miles south of Fort White.

No change in other sectors.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.

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New Delhi, India

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CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.

Nr: CRAX 18925 5 November 1944

Weekly G-2 SITREP ending 4 November, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 18925 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Correction page 2 line 4:

Lack of replacements and supplies; Allied numerical superiority and inability to hold British offensive in Fort Whit-Kalewa sector which, if it continues, will threaten their rear and their main line of communications. In view of above and that Japanese may consider possibility of an Allied offensive in southern Burma.

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Japanese defending in place on Salween with Chinese having initiative; enemy still hold positions in Lungling and in areas 3 miles to the south and southwest and in and east of Mangshih. Making only small indecisive counter attacks. No considerable ground gains have been made by Chinese.

In North Burma enemy situation not changed appreciably. Enemy making orderly withdrawal down railroad corridor and location of possible defensive stand not known. Japenese putting up very slight resistance south of Mawlu. Allied troops have reached river line northwest and east of Shwegu and no enemy encountered; may be that river line lightly held.

In Bhamo area still no good contact, with allied patrols operating south of Myothit. Much southward traffic

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No : CRAX 18925 5 November 1944

on Bhamo-Namhkam Road.

Comment: Japanese failure to defend prepared defensive positions in Myothit and Mawlu areas and north thereof may be due to combination of following--lack of replacements *

Possibility of an Allied offensive in southern Burma, the enemy withdrawal may be continued southward to shorter lines where a stronger and more compact defense can be maintained. This would entail giving up the Burma Road which the Japanese may not now consider so important due to their operations in central and southern China.

However, there is no evidence to support the above and present indications are that Japanese will possible defend in the Katha-Indaw area and at Bhamo or in Mansi area 11 miles to the south.

Arakan remains quiet with no decisive action reported; only patrol action by opposing forces.

Along Chindwin front--decisive action during the week has driven Japanese out of Sialam Vum (4 miles north of Kennedy Peak), vital corner (2 miles north Kennedy Peak) and late reports state Kennedy Peak occupied and road clear south thereof for 3 miles.

In Kale Valley enemy encountered in area 7 miles north northeast Kalemyo where hold strong positions.

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

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Comment: Movement down Kale Valley is now cutting eastward line of communication from Japanese positions in Dolluang area (10 miles northeast of Fort White) along Chindwin River, Japanese still hold positions in Mawlu area and some new positions along west bank of river north of Mawlu *

End

* Being serviced.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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Y Forces China
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Fort Shafter T H
CG, South Pacific Base Command New Caledonia

Nr : CRAX 18934 5 November

Operational summary for 4th November Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 18934

Unchanged is situation on Arakan. Troops 5th Division cleared and occupied Kennedy Peak with leading elements two miles south of that point. Patrols were active in the Mawlu area reporting three enemy positions in area one to three miles south of Mawlu.

66th Chinese Regiment occupied Mosit on east bank of Irrawaddy River southeast of Shwebu. No contact made.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF G-2 Col Park Log

CM-IN-4845 (5 Nov 44) 1902Z pa

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 18933 5 November 1944

Y Force operational summary for 4 November Sultan to Marshall CRA 18933.

Commanding hill features east of Mangshih captured by Sinos.

Ground observation of Mangshih now possible.

Hill three miles southwest of Lungling now in Chinese possession.

Little activity elsewhere.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.

CM-IN-4874 (5 Nov 44) 1953Z m/m

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Sector, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRAX 18743 3 Nov 1944

Y Force operational summary for 2nd November Sultan to Marshall CRAX 18743

Progress of attack in Lungling area netted Sinos three hill features southeast of town and five in the east sector. Elements Honorable First Division fighting in Lungling proper. Chinese from 76th Division reached point on Burma road five miles northeast of Mangshih town.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

CM-IN-2903 (3 Nov 44) 1827Z m/m

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No: 1498 OPS 2 November 1944

SITREP 294.

1. XV Corps:

A. Arakan.

1. Current estimate enemy str East Mayu range 1 Bn plus. Proportion probably non-Inf units. Normal enemy patrol activity. Awlanryin PM4752 unoccupied by Japanese.

2. 25th Div. 53rd Bde. Bde Hq PM3541.

B. Kaladan.

1. 31 October village PG0908 reported clear of enemy.

2. 81 (WA) Div. Patrols reported in contact approx 30 Japanese PG8401 and second party str unknown PG8704.

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2. XXXIII Corps:

A. Area Tiddim.

1. Estimated enemy str in posns area North RU2085 200 to 500. Identifications. Captured documents found RU0985 identifies 14th Tk Regt.

2. 5th Div. 9th Bde. 3 JAT less 2 Coys RU1879. 123rd Bde. Own tps still in contact area MS12 RU1984. 161st Bde. 1/1 Punjab killed 6 Japanese in ambush RU3581. 4 RAJPUT less 2 Coys RU2163 Coy each RU2366 RU1667.

B. Area Sittaung - Mawlaik - Kalemyo.

1. Ref SITREP 293, Para B, 1. for 63 BTA read C 3 BTA. Identifications: 26th October paybook and INST card found RP8935 identified 1st Bn 213th Reg 11th Shipping Engr Regt but all entries stamped KUBO.

Comment: First confirmation KUBO BUTAI this area. 1 Bn 213th Regt believed responsible for def area Mawlaik.

2. 11 (EA) Div. 21st (EA) Bde. 31 Oct 2 KAR occupied village RP9035 without opposition. Patrol 2 KAR contacted 1 NRR conc RP8033. Bde Hq RP9034. 25th (EA) Bde. 31 Oct patrol 34th KAR dispersed small Japanese patrol RU5389. 26th (EA) Bde. 1 November 44th KAR captured enemy posn RU5885 killing 20 Japanese. Second posn captured RU5984 and further 20 enemy killed. Own cas both actions 6.

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3. 268th Bde. 5 pls 4 Madras believed 2 pls 1 Chamar SL2895.

3. North Burma.

A. Area Hopin - Mawlu.

1. Area between Nansiaung SG8638 and Mawlu evacuated by Japanese. Indications very hasty withdrawal.

Identifications. PW of 2nd MG Coy 2nd Bn 128th Regt stated 3 Bns 128th Regt in rly corridor and that 2 Bns 34th Indep mixed Bde bypassed 128th Regt when moving south. PW also stated that half the men of 128th Regt were sick.

2. 36th Div. 29th Bde. 1 November, 1 RSF captured Mawlu SG8531 against opposition. Reported still in contact with enemy southern outskirts of town. Bde Hq 2 E LAN R area Henu SG8532. 72nd Bde. 10th Glosters SG8649. 50th Chinese Div. 148th Regt SH1691 enroute Mohnyin. Hq 50th Div Hopin.

B. Area Myitkyina Bhamo.

1. Japanese conc reported Mawtawng S04858 and S04670.

Identifications. Unconfirmed tentative identifications of part 56th Regt 18th Div. PW from 18th Mtn Arty Army Regt stated 3 Bty 35 strong and that 55th Regt

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18th Div between Mansi 301095 and Namhkam 305564 only 500 strong 1 month ago.

2. Own tps no change.

End.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.

To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Rear Echelon, Y Force, China
CG, US Army Forces, Csinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India.

No: CFBX 25332 2 November 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 25332 book msg 155 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Japanese advance towards Kweilin continues with crossing of Ci River at three points; six kilos north, eight kilos south and 16 kilos south of Kweilin on 30 October. Japs reported occupying railway station to north of town with ardent fighting in progress. Erhtong Field south of Kweilin and Seven Star Cave east of Kweilin on 31 October.

Sino units still in city but situation critical. Jap troops elements of 58th Division. Along the railway elements of Jap 40th Division reported to have occupied Lingchuan (110 deg 08 min-25 deg 31 min) on 30 October.

A Japanese force of 2-3 thousand advancing southwest

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from Lung Hu Kuan (110 deg 45 min-24 deg 58 min) reported to have cut Pinglo-Kweilin road at Yangsa (110 deg 17 min-24 deg 41 min).

Force of 500 from Fuchwan (111 deg 19 min-24 deg 43 min) reported occupying Tunganchu (111 deg 02 min-24 deg 33 min) on October 30 thus cutting Patpo-Pinglo highway. Telephone lines also reported cut at Chungshan west of Patpo invocating presence of Jap troops that area.

In West River area Jap troops moving west from Samkong (109 deg 58 min-23 deg 37 min) have occupied Tungsiang (109 deg 50 min-23 deg 35 min) and now reported fighting in Shirlu Pass seven kilos west of Tungsiang on 31 October. Movement northwest from Menghu (110 deg 02 min-23 deg 17 min) reported but not confirmed.

Reinforcement of Kweiping-Menghu area on 29-30 October by unit thought to be 84th Regiment of 22d Division confirmed.

No changes reported in east coast area.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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From: Adv 11th Army Group
To: Usual addressees
Nr: 1497 OPS 1st November 1944

SITREP 293.

One: XV Corps. A. Arakan:

First: Enemy arty active areas PM4632 PM4332 PM4532 engaged by CB fire.
Indentifications. V Force report indicates 8th Coy 3rd Bn 144th Regt now located area Ton Chaunh PM3724.
Comment. This being checked.

Second: Own tps, no change.

B. Kaladan:

First: 29th Oct patrol contacted 40 Japs with two MMGS and two LMGS PG9105.

Second: 81st (WA) Div. 29th Oct enemy str unknown attacked 81st (WA) Recce Regt posns PG9011. Own cas nil. 5th (WA) Bde. 8 GCR conc Leingkhine PG9011.

Two: XXXIII Corps. A. Area Tiddim:

First: Much track activity in area. Enemy from area Hakafalam last known heading for Kalemyo via Hata RU3313.

Second: 5th Div. Regrouping for further ops nearly completed. 123rd Bde. 31st Oct 3/2 Punjab report enemy posn RU1884 clear.
Now in contact enemy area M312 RU1984. Bde Hq

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RU0884 2/1 Punjab less two Coys RU2188, one Coys RU2485, one Coy RU2483. One Dogra less three Coys RU0982 coy each RU1079 RU1276 Saisang RU0878. 9th Bde. Three Jat area RU1381 RU1878 RU1579. 4th J and K Inf area RU1282. 161st Bde. Bde less 1/1 Punjab conc Tulabem RU0967. 1/1 Punjab area RU3284 (RU2983) RU3483.

A. Area Sittaung-
Mawlaik-Kalemyo:

First: Identifications. 30th Oct 33rd Mtn Arty Regt. 9137 in Paybook. Not known this Hq. V Force patrol returned 29th Oct reported Paungbyin SF3501
Thayetkaing SL3899
Naungphalan SF4202
Sayta SF4703
Ingyintha SF4207
Inwaing SF4009
Ondok SF3910
Thayaung SF3210 clear.

63 BTA and 15 Japanese Yaunghi SL3691. 200 sick Japs SL3989.

Second: 11th (EA) Div. One Coy 5 KAR RU6495. 21st (EA) Bde. 30th Oct 2 KAR captured enemy posn RP8936 without opposn. 31st Oct 1 (NRR) captured further enemy posn RP8933. 29th Oct, one PW taken. Twenty Japs corpses found RP 8935. 2 KAR area RP8935-RP9135.

25th (EA) Bde. 34 KAR less four Coys RP6000, two Coys RU5995 Coy each RU5594 YAZACYO RP50.

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26th (EA) Bde. 30th Oct 36 KAR SP by tks captured enemy posn RU5995 against slight opposn. Leading Coy 44 KAR RU5887. 44 KAR less one Coy, 22 KAR less two Coys area RU5992. Coy 22 KAR RU5792 RU5693 with det RU5390. 26 KAR RU5994.

Third: 268th Bde. 28th Oct patrol 1 Chamar encountered enemy unknown str Nanpan SL3195. Enemy withdrew with unknown cas. Own one wounded.

Same date own tps SL2895 reported hy attack by unknown number Japs. No details. 4 Madras area SL1983 SL1481 SL1087.

Three: North Burma. A. Area Hopin-Mawlu:

36th Div 29th Bde 2nd East Lancs Regt occupied village SG8637. 2 RWF SG8438. 1 RSF SG8544. 72nd Bde.

9 Rsussex area Mawhun SG85 22nd Chinese Div reached area SH45.

B. Area Myitkyina-Bhamo:

First: 150 Japs reported area Shwegu SD50 26th Oct. 50 Japs reported on Kyundaw Island SJ5803 28th Oct village SJ1750 occupied by enemy.

Second: 38th Chinese Div 114th Regt. Leading elements reported SJ3427.

End.

ACTION: G-2

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INFO: CC/S; CGAAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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To: War Department
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
Deputy Commander 20th Air Force, Hickam Field, T.H.
CG US Army Forces, Chakulia, India
CG US Army Forces, Piordobo, India
CG North African Wing ATC, Casablanca, Morocco
CG Kharagpur Air Field, India

No. D 2824 1 November 1944

Arnold from Lemay info Stratemeyer, Davidson, DEPCOMAF 20th, Blanchard, Harvey, Kalberer, Faulkner D2824.

Photo reconnaissance by 14th Air Force reveals following 20th Bomber Command damage to Einansho Airdrome, Tainan, Formosa on attack by 40th Group on 17th October.

1. 165 foot by 135 foot hangar 75 percent destroyed, another 90 percent destroyed, and another 20 percent destroyed, 10 percent previously.

2. 185 foot by 150 foot hangar 60 percent destroyed, 40 percent previously.

3. Shop building 50 percent destroyed, another 10 percent destroyed, and another probably damaged by near miss.

4. 23 aircraft damaged.

ACTION: CGAAF END

INFO: OPD; G-2; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: . CRA 18478 1 Nov 1944

Marshall info Wedemeyer CRA 18478 from Sultan

Letter of 26 October 1944, Fourteenth Air Force gives following information:

15 October AGF RTS reported Jap Poison Gas Regiment of 5,000 men under comd of Major General Ito, in Henyang area. Radio 24 October from same agency detracts from this report; further inquiries are being made.

October summary of report from CAF as follows:

By way of Hankow 4000 parachutists of the 12th and 13th Regiments of the III Division of Kwantung Army and 5000 Poison Gas Corps soldiers, under Major General Ito proceeded to Kwangsi and Hunan fronts; were formerly stationed in North Manchuria.

18 October AGF RTS reported that on 8th October 15000 Jap troops including some Chemical Warfare troops moved from Hongkong to Canton.

20 October AGF RTS have unrated report from Ninth War Area that on 16 October Jap ship left Shanghai for Wuchow with cargo of 1600 cases chemical gas.

21 October similar report as above from 14th Air Force, ANL C-3 rated indicates that this shipment was to Wuhu and that on 16 September 1600 cases of poison gas arrived at Hankow from Shanghai.

23 October AGF RTS reports Chemical Warfare outfit

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRA 18478 1 Nov 1944

moving up river from Shanghai came from Ninth War Area. This information ties in with 20th October report. All of these reports are unconfirmed by this headquarters. Number of chemical troops and equipment involved is unusual and warrants close attention.

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INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter, T. H.
Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces India-Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

No. ** 31 October 1944

To Arnold, CFBDS, CABAC, CADMU, CMDAP, CRACG, COPIR, Pierse, COMGENCENPAC * .

Delayed operations for 26 October. Seven Mitchells escorted by eight Sharks bombed railroad yard at Hsuchang in Yellow River front with 75 percent hits in target, foundry also bombed: no enemy opposition encountered. Add seven bomber and eight fighter sorties to 26 October. Add one photo sortie to 24 October: add eight transport sorties to 27 October: add one photo and 24 transport sorties to 28 October.

Now more operations for 29 October. Two Lab Liberators on reconn for shipping in South China Sea at request of Navy report sightings as follows: convoy of six ships at

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From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

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(1920 north 11 * east): observed wakes of two submarines at (1544 north 11719 east).

Off Liuchow four missions totalling eight Mustang sorties throughout day found weather non operational in Kweilin-Lingling and West River sectors.

Off Chihkiang 16 CACW Sharks bombed bridge at Sinshih with good hits knocking out bridge in three places also bombed town Kweiyi causing damage: one Shark observed crashing in river in flames, second Shark missing. 15 CACW Sharks attacked five mile area around Paoching bombing and strafing villages, compounds, buildings also strafed airfield with heavy demolition: strafing passes killed 20 Jap troops.

Off Enshih 16 CACW Sharks attacked rolling stock and installations on railroad between Siaokan and Sinyang with three locomotives destroyed and fourth probably destroyed: many rail cars strafed: Siaokan airdrome strafed starting one fire: on return flight covered Kingmen, Tangyand, Ichang airfields finding no opposition: strafed barracks and radio station at Ichang. Three 22nd Troop Carrier Squadron in ten sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 33,100.

Sorties for 29 October are 56 fighter, 2 bomber, 10 transport.

Now follows operations and intelligence reports for 30 October.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

No. ** 31 October 1944

* in 17 sorties dropped and transported 38 tons of food and equipment and personnel in support of Chinese Ground Forces. Sorties for 30 October are four fighter, 13 bomber and 17 troop carrier. Little information on developments along West River. Chinese authorities believe main Jap threat aimed towards Mosun (2336 north 10937 east).

On 29 October Japs had not advanced beyond six kilos west of Samkong (2337 north 10959 east). Estimated 1000 Japs between Samkong and point six miles east of town. Two regiments of Chinese 62nd Army expected contact with Japs 10 kilos east of Tungsiang (2336 north 10950 east).

On 29 October Chinese troops pushed Japs from Tahsu (2511 north 11015 east). Liaison reports during past few days 11,000 Japs with 1300 horses and artillery passed thru Huachanoshih (2549 north 11153 east) to Ningyuan (2536 north 11151 east) possibly to move either to Taohsien (2533 north 11133 east) or Kianghwa (2511 north 11135 east). Japs were moving down supplies and carrying back wounded on Siang River where water level was said to be high. Railroad from Yochow (2922 north 11303 east) liaison reports completed south to Milo (2850 north 11306 east). Chinese estimate total of 200,000 Jap troops in Shanghai area. Japs constructing defenses on outskirts of Wenchow (2801 north 12040 east) and within Foochow (2605 north 11915 east).

Ground observation indicated 29 October shipping at Amoy consisted of five warships, five transports, two large and two small gunboats and four large steam launches.

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From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

No. [redacted] 31 October 1944

Chinese state railroad from Loyang (3444 north 11225 east) completed to Kunghswen (3447 north 11304 east). Chinese state three Jap divisions entered French Indo China in September. French sources indicate that Gialam (2102 north 10554 east) airdrome growing in importance.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
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Joint Chief of Staff
77500

31 October 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Number WAR 55263

[redacted] to Wedemeyer from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The President has referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Hurley's recent message which is substantially as follows:

Hurley's message begins:

This message is for information and not as a recommendation. My intention has been to leave the military field to Wedemeyer and not to send you messages on the Chinese military situation. This situation is now serious. The Japs appear to intend to establish land communication from Indo-China to Manchuria. Chinese armies have the manpower but lack equipment and supplies.

At this critical time the 14th Air Force has been given only 10,000 tons of supplies per month and the bulk of the Hump tonnage is allocated to the VLR bombing project. This 10,000-ton allocation holds for October through January and will result in reducing tactial air operations to 40 or 50 per cent of the September rate. By immediate intensive air operations, we can hold southwestern China. The action should be to abandon all China VLR operations and develop maximum Hump tonnage for tactical air forces and Chinese ground forces. Continued VLR operations cannot be justified in face of the grave danger and the B-29s could be operated from Pacific bases. B-29 tankers should continue operating over the Hump to support

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the tactical air. Because the B-29s are getting nearly all the supplies, there is not even enought tonnage going to tactical air forces to protect the B-29 bases. If we can hold the situation in China until national and communist troops are united and Chinese armies regrouped, then Chinese troops rather than Americans will be in a position to drive the Japs out of the country. This ends Hurley's message.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff desire your views and recommendations on the points raised in Hurley's message. In this connection you are informed that it has been planned for some time to move the B-29s from China to the Pacific as soon as suitably located bases are available.

Information here is that the allocation for November for the 14th Air Force is over 14,000 tons.

End

ORIGINATOR: JCS

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Sector, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, Y Forces, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Force, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Cammand, Kharagpur, India
CG, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 18377 30 October 1944

G-2 SITREP 29th October, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 18377 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG, Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Only change on Chindwin front is in Mawku area where Japanese appear to be thinning out; Position still held and approaches to it covered by machine guns.

North Burma - Along railroad corridor strong bunker position with one mortar and three machine guns encountered five miles south of Mawhun; No strength given. Allied troops harassed by estimated one platoon of Japanese in area one mile north of Myothit.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 18377 30 October 1944

On Salween - Japanese lost three positions west southwest and southwest of Lungling to Chinese who counted 30 enemy dead. Three miles northeast of Mangshih Japanese lost all except one position on hill feature. Destroyed on 27th October by Chinese, in attack against Burma road ten miles southwest of Mangshih, were six trucks, one light tank and 30 Japanese killed. Previous reports of slight indications that elements of 56th Division, including the headquarters, had moved to Lashio-Hsenwi area now appear to be unfounded. Latest reports place bulk of 56th Division on Salween Front with possibly some elements withdrawn to Lashio-Hsenwi area.

End

Corrected copy of CM-IN-28524 (30 Oct 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 18378 30 Oct 1944

Y Force operational summary for 29th October Sultan to Marshall CRA 18378

Starting at 0900, 29th October Chinese launched attack for capture of Lungling. One Jap hill position 2½ miles west southwest of Lungling and three hill features in same area were captured by 200th Division.

Other Chinese units in north and east Lungling were also attacking; in attack by 76th Division three miles northeast Mangshih, most of one Jap position was taken.

End

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INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.

CM-IN-28534 (30 Oct 44) 1940Z m/m

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 18248 29 October 1944

YF operational summary fbr 28th October Sultan to Marshall CRA 18248.

Patrol clash in east Lungling only activity report.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log.

CM-IN-27663 (29 Oct 44) 1645Z m/m

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To: War Department
CG, Y Force, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 18256 29 October 1944

Weekly G-2 SITREP ending 28th October, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 18256 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, AG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Along the Salween front no decisive action has taken place; both opposing forces being engaged in little more than patrol action.

There has been no significant change on the Chindwin front; Japanese continue to resist stubbornly in the Fort White-Kennedy Peak area, where they have strong defensive positions.

No decisive action has taken place and point of contact on Tidim-Fort White Road is 11 road miles from Tiddim.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 18256 29 October 1944

Five miles southeast of Yazogyo the Japanese still hold and defend a strong position even though Allied patrols are established behind it.

Just northwest of Mawlu, the Japanese lost one position, but it appears that they will hold another in the same area with much tenacity.

Comment: Japanese intentions on front one of strong defense to hold open line of communication from east.

Arakan remains quiet with little more than minor patrol activity.

In North Burma-Japanese continue delaying action down railroad corridor, giving up Mawhun with only slight resistance; Allied advance to point five miles south of Mawhun meeting resistance only from snipers; Japanese withdraw hurriedly leaving equipment and ammunition.

Delaying action believed by elements of 128th Regiment and 34th IMB who appear in good condition, but have yet made no attempt to hold prepared positions. Air reconnaissance saw no enemy from Mawhun to point two miles north of Mawhd.

Comment: Although strong resistance was not encountered in the Mawhun area, as was anticipated, it is still

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 18256 29 October 1944

thought that enemy intention is to defend Indaw-Katha and Bhamo.

On Bhamo-Myitkyina Road, Myothit reached and no organized resistance as yet encountered; believed Japanese have strong defensive position in Bhamo area with some artillery and tankettes; Momauk (8 miles east of Bhamo) location of much defensive activity.

Late reports of truck movements from Bhamo to Namhkam state trucks moving south loaded and return empty.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: SAC South East Asia

To: Usual Confidential Guidance Addressees

No: SAC 9222 29 October 1944

[redacted] Guidance for week ended 27th October 1944 on Burma front. Not for publication

Military Situation. In the Chin hills the 5th Indian Division advanced with little opposition for 11 miles on the road from Tiddim to Kalewa, but this has brought it close to enemy positions of great natural strength. Kennedy peak on which the Japanese have medium artillery is nearly 9000 feet high. From it a chain of fortified peaks runs northwards across the road, close to the point where it curves sharply eastwards at "Vital Corner" towards Fort White and the Valley of the Chindwin. Indian Troops penetrated the enemy's positions north of this road, constituting the Japanese right flank, but after heavy fighting were compelled to withdraw owing to the enemy garrison being reinforced. Despite the series of very strong positions, however, which protect the road from Tiddim to Fort White, Kalemyo, and Kalewa, withdrawal is likely to be ultimately forced upon the Japanese, as they are being outflanked both from the south by our occupation of the Tribal areas in the central and southern Chin hills (Falam and Haka), and also by other approaches from the north. In northern Burma the British 36th Division's advance down the Railway continues, and it now controls the line up to Mawhun, i.e. 85 miles from Myitkina. It is 28 miles from Naba, the junction for the branch line to Katha on the Irrawaddy. Chinese Forces continue to patrol actively south of Kazu.

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From: SAC South East Asia

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To cover Naba, Katha, and the great west to east stretch of the Irrawaddy and accompanying roads between Katha and Bhamo the Japanese may defend a line running roughly from Mawhun on the Railway eastwards to north of Myothit. In the Arakan hills the 81st West African Division has been re-occupying its pre-monsoon positions and is now back in the Kaladan Valley on both sides of the River, and moving towards Paletwe. Eastern Air Command on October 20th carried a second sweep over Rangoon Airfields and scored the same success as two days earlier, namely 8 Japanese aircraft destroyed and 2 probably, and 6 damaged. Concentrated attacks on tunnels, bridges, railways and rolling stock were maintained throughout the week and in the drier season night offensives have been resumed. In support of ground troops there was much activity in all sectors. Special Points.

(1) The Eastern fleet's surprise raid on the Nicobars has produced the characteristic reaction of the Japanese wireless, an immediate claim to purely imaginary successes in the hope of forestalling the truth. Describing the Task Force which they admit shelled Car Nicobar for "about ten hours" consisting of 2 aircraft carriers, 2 battleships and 6 cruisers, and several destroyers" Tokyo claim to have sunk one carrier and 1 destroyer and damaged 1 battleship and 1 destroyer. Singapore said the British Task Force "strove desperately for three days", and made the same claims for the results of Japanese air attack as the Tokyo wireless. No attempt was made to reconcile the duration of the British sea and air bombardment with the fantastic claims made for the Japanese Air Force which actually was never

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seen at all till the operations were over.

(2) The very large number of honours and awards for gallantry, including Victoria Crosses, which have been won by British and in a notable proportion by Indian troops in Burma is a pointer to the nature of the fighting which has been going on this year. 14th Army battle casualties to the end of September are 27108 and with the addition of the addition of the battle casualties of British and Indian troops under General Stilwell's Command the total is approximately 30,000.

(3) The monsoon season, which is now over, this year never brought operations to a standstill either in the Manipur and Chin Hills sector or in Northern Burma, and it was during the monsoon that the heaviest losses were inflicted on the enemy and his supply organization in large measure disintegrated. The dry season finds our troops in the position of veterans who have met and beaten a strong enemy and are completely confident in their ability to defeat him finally.

T.O.O. 2903532

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From: SAC South East Asia

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2. Southern Army India (for ADPR)
SINDIST Karachi (for ADPR)

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Headquarters New Delhi, India

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CO, US Army Liaison Section Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Force Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, TH
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Hollandia NG
CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India Forward
Echelon, Chungking, China
Y Force New Delhi, India
CG, US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter TH
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Nr: CRA 18098 27 October 1944

Operational summary for 26 October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur COMGENSOPAC COMGENPOA CHENNAULT HEARN DORN WESSELS BREIDSTER COMGEN Hickam Field CRA 18098

Looking at Mawhun occupied by 29th Brigade against light opposition. 22nd Division occupied Broadway air strip without opposition. Leading elements of 38th Division moving south on Bhamo Road reached Tali six miles north of Myothit. No enemy was encountered. There was no major change on Chindwin and Arakan fronts.

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces, Hsingching, China.
Rear Echelon, Y Forces, China.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
Headquarters Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.
CG, US Army Forces, Shadazup, India.

No: CFBX 24978 27 October 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Jackson and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 24978 book msg nr 151 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Minor activity only West river and Kweilin Areas. Menghu (110-02, 23-17) reported surrounded and partially occupied by Chinese with estimated 1,000 Japanese killed. 2,000 reinforcements reported moving from Kweiping to Menghu. In Pingmap area Japs have replused Sino counterattack from north and west with Chinese retreating 15 kilos to north and AAP column occupying Sxewang (111-15, 23-17).

Kweilin area Chinese report that Jap forces in Tajunkiang now only 600, balance withdrawn and thought shifted further south. Some talk of Japs diverting part of force in drive south from Hengyang to Canton but no evidence of this as yet. No other activity in area.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.
No: CFBX 24978 27 October 1944

Sino G-2 states that Pinghan Railway completed on 4th October with opening ceremony being held at Chueh Shan (114-04, 32-40) on 12 October

Sino G-2 states that railway south from Yochow (113-12, 29-28) completed as follows:

Heavy traffic south to a point 18 kilos south of Cha river, light traffic south to Mi river, rails south to Pai Shui (113-04, 28-41), sleepers south to point 25 kilos north of Changsha.

East Coast Area:

Japs reported dismantling power plant at Foochow for movement elsewhere. Coastal defenses being constructed from Lienkong (119-31, 26-12) south to Foochow south the coast line also being fortified with 75 millimeter guns reported being mounted in concrete. 7,000 Japs reported between Foochow and Leinkong with additional 3,000 between Lienkong and Siacheng (119-48, 26-17). 5-6 thousand reinforcements reported arrived Foochow recently.

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To: War Department
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Nr: CRAX-17894 25 Oct 1944

G-2 SITREP for 24th October for Bissell WDGBI CRAX 17894 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson, pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Contact established 11 road miles from Tiddim on Fort White road. New Japanese positions, of unknown strength, located four and 12 miles east of Kennedy Peak. Estimated one company Japanese hold position astride Tamu-Kalemyo Road, five miles south southeast of Yazagio. Unconfirmed report all villages north of Mawku along Chindwin River clear of enemy. In North Burma - maximum one platoon Japanese took part in delaying action at Ywathit (ten miles southeast of Mohnyin); anti personnel mines found along road to Ywathit. Believed to be Japanese burning supplies, were fires reported in area 16 miles north northwest of Myothit.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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To: War Department
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CG, Air, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
General Headquarters, South Pacific Area, Hollandia, N. G.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.
CG, Y Force, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia.

Nr: CRAX 17758 24 October 1944

Operational summary for 23rd October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX17758.

Move along railroad corridor south of Mohnyin continues. Patrols reached Ywathit, 10 miles south of Mohnyin without contact. 66th Regiment of 22nd Division located 14 miles east of Mohnyin. Slight action reported with Jap patrol in Khalyang on Bhamo Road by 113th Regiment. Tiddim Road reported clear for 11 miles south from Tiddim. Fighting continues in Kennedy Peak area. Enemy positions 6 miles north of Mawlaik attacked and captured by 21st Brigade. Patrols of

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Nr: CRAX 17758 24 October 1944

268th Brigade were active on east bank of Chindwin encountering nothing.

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To : War Department
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon Chungking, China
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CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG Army Air Forces China, India Burma Sector Calcutta, India

No : CRAX 17534 22 Oct 1944

Weekly G-2 SITREP ending 21st October, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 17534 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Minor activity continues on Salween front with opposing forces making only small attacks and counter attacks with limited objectives. There are some indications that bulk of 56th Division may have withdrawn from Salween and probably concentrated in the Lashio-Hsenwi area which would be a logical concentration area. Slight contact regained on 17th October just north of Mohnyin but apparently lost later. Mohnyin occupied by Allied troops on 20 October and indications in town show enemy evacuated hurriedly since left much ammunition and stores. Allied patrols as far as Kadu still have no contact.

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Headquarters, New Delhi India

No : CRAX 17534 22 Oct 1944

Comment: Believed enemy may make stronger delaying action when Mawhun area is reached with probable defensive stand at Mawlu area. No contact along Bhamo-Myitkyina road, with Allied patrols in Nalong. Much enemy patrol activity and some defenses as far as nine miles north of Myothit.

Comment: Thought Myothit-Bhamo area is main enemy defensive area. On Chindwin front Japanese continue strong delaying action. Tiddim evacuated on 17th October and now in contact in area five miles south southeast of Tiddim on Tiddim-Fort White road; Haka and Falam evacuated by enemy and those garrisons, estimated at 370 Japanese and 120 INA, now beieved concentrated in Hranhring (eight miles northeast of Haka). No appreciable change remainder of front; Japanese continue action to hold open line of communications to Kalewa. The Arakan is again quiet with only patrol activity and some artillery action. No decisive action has taken place and it appears that the Japanese are satisfied with the present stabilization.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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From: SAC South East Asia

To: Usual Confidential Guidance Addressees

Nr: SAC 8945 22 Oct 1944

[redacted] guidance for week ended 20th Oct 1944 on Burma front not for publication military situation.

The 14th Army has made significant advances to the Chin Hills during the week. This was a sequel to a surprise attack last week when tanks aided by low visibility climbed the CHOCOLATE staircase. The HAIRPIN bends where the Tiddim road runs up the reverse slope, and conquered for the infantry the crests that overlook Tiddim from the North. Nevertheless stubborn Japanese resistance continued for several days, but it finally crumbled under the sustained pouding of allied aircraft. Indian troops of the 5th Indian Division entered the village without opposition on October 17th and are now in contact with enemy rearguards two miles southwest on the road to Kalemyo.

Meanwhile, friendly tribal levies attached to the 5th Division, who have penetrated much further south, have forced the evacuation of Falam and Haka. The bulk of the Japanese 33rd Division is still north of Falam, and its main route to the Chindwin from Tiddim runs in a southeasterly direction past Kennedy Peak and Fort White to Kalemyo and Kalewa.

Most of this provides a strong natural west to east line and stubborn resistance is to be expected. Kennedy Peak is nearly 9,000 feet and Fort White more

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than 7,000. Kalemyo and Kalewa are also accessible from the north by road from Tamu, and down the Chindwin.

It is now announced that the 11th East African Division is in Burma with the 14th Army. The 81st West African Division is re-occupying its pre-monsoon positions in the Kaladan valley and during the week has forced the enemy eastwards of Labawa and also southwards towards Paletwa.

In northern Burma there is renewed activity in the railway corridor. The 36th (British) Division has occupied Mohnyin on the railway and Chinese troops are moving on both flanks. On the Myitkyina-Bhamo road the range of Chinese patrolling south of Kazu has considerably extended. The Japanese have evacuated Nalong, but appear to be preparing a line north of Myothit.

Allied aircraft rendered invaluable assistance to the 14th Army in the Tiddim operations where their bombardments have more than once forced the enemy to evacuate positions and enabled the infantry to occupy them without opposition. This assistance is now being continued on the Tiddim-Kalewa Road.

Tactical and strategical air activity has been vigorously maintained throughout the week. The railway from Rangoon to Mandalay and Lashio was heavily attacked and railway and road bridges and supply dumps throughout central and northern Burma were severely damaged.

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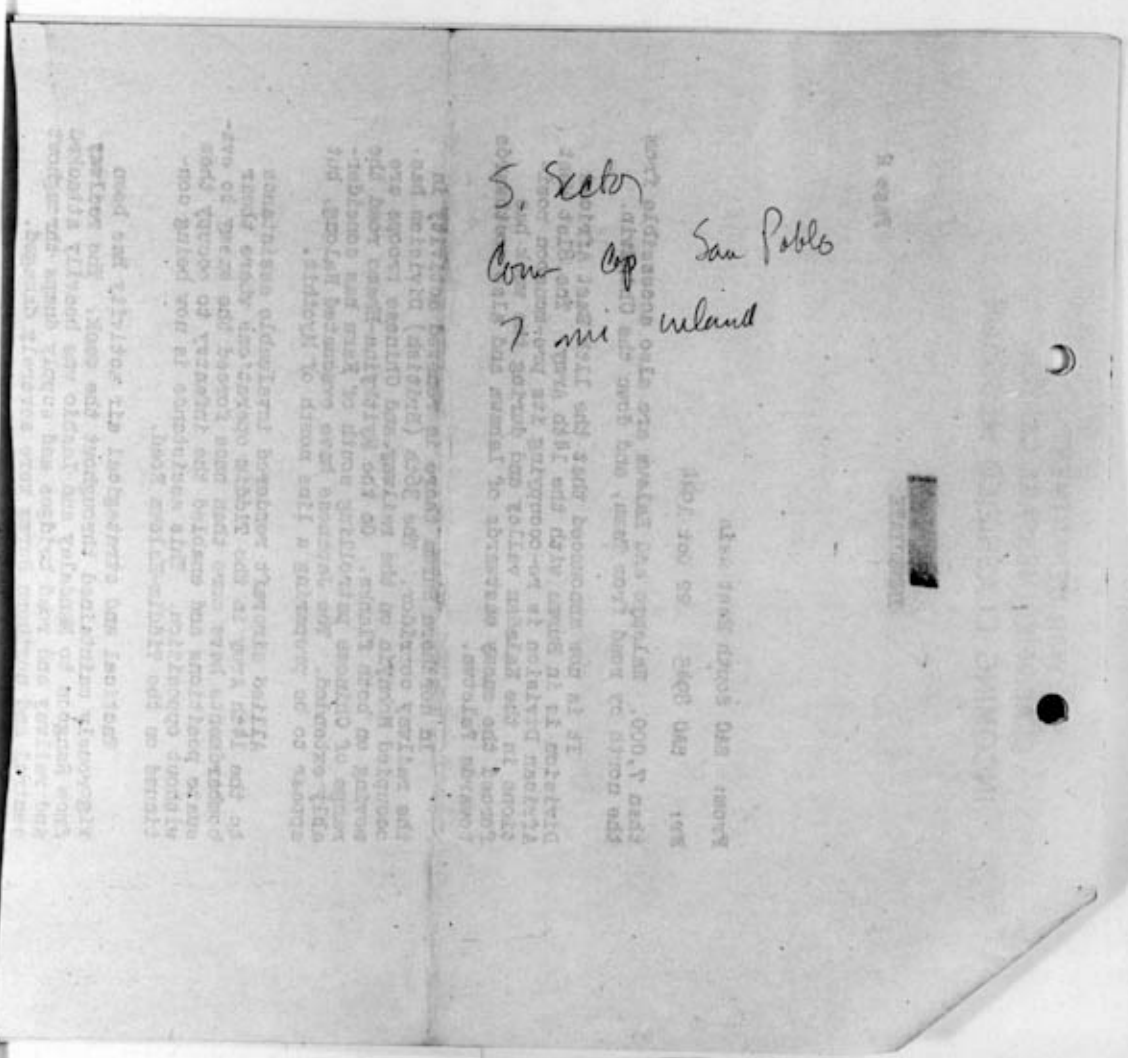

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Enemy shipping was attacked off Moulmein and mines were laid. There has also been a notable drive against airfields especially on October 18 in the Rangoon area. During the week allied units of the Eastern Fleet including battleships and carriers operated successfully against airfields and harbours in the Nicobar Islands which assist the enemy sea and air communications. Bombardment by ships synchronized with air attack. The main targets were at Car Nicobar and Nan Cowry Harbour and fires were started and damage done to installations and shipping. The enemy were as usual taken by surprise and it was only in the last stage of prolonged operation when our aircraft were returning that hostile fighters showed up.

Special Points.

1. Chief lever in forcing the Japanese out of Falam and Haka has been the levies of local friendly Burmese tribesmen operating as harassing forces with our long range penetration troops. Falam is the administrative centre of the Chin Hills to which the hillsmen look as the local centre of power and their resentment at the Japanese assumption of the British mantle in Burma has been consistently maintained and has now secured a triumph. These levies have killed many Japs in ambushes and raids and their total bag this year in the Chin Hills is over 1000.

2. Our Kachin levies in northern Burma continue

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equally helpful. They recently derailed a Japanese troop train full of troops. East of Bhamo they wiped out a Japanese party including its officer.

3. Tiddim is about 90 miles south of Indo-Burma border across which the Jap 33rd Div was driven in the third week of August. Falam is approx 50 miles further south and Haka another 30. By comparison the Jap evacuation of these last two areas has been rapid and though they may be expected to contest the road from Tiddim to Kalewa strongly it indicates that they have now to yield their hold on the large territory west of the Chindwin and lying between that river and the Lushai and Arakan hills.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

DTG: 190617 Z 19 October 1944

Internal India summary dated 15th October.

Bengal crop position still satisfactory with improved procurement. East Bengal reports that some areas indicate a shortage of cattle is impeding cultivation of crops. Fall of wholesale prices and uncovering of hidden stocks all over India due to expected post-War slump in anticipation of an early end of the War. Prices of general commodities other than grain still exorbitant in Bengal, however. DIB agrees. A speech by Churchill predicting the war in Europe will continue into 1945 has been dampening optimism by the public in general. Nationalist press has indicated that negligible interest has been shown as the result of the Quebec conference.

Extremely cautious comments of the "when we see it we'll believe it" type greet the first reactions of recent white papers regarding the increase of pay. Reactions also indicate that the pay increase is very generous. Military circles resent Mr Philips opinions considerably as reported in American press releases. That the publication was a political manoeuvre most men are aware, however, this is no reason that the views are any more acceptable. Unchanged generally is morale and factors affecting it. Our publicity compared to that of the Americans has been strongly criticized according to reports which are still coming in. Am in agreement.

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DTG: 190617 Z 19 October 1944

Kasturba fund and mobilization of women for rural welfare work, Gandhi claims, is, taking up his entire time. Actively collecting arms by force in North Bihar is the latest report on the Congress Socialist Party. Failure of Ghandi Jinah talks relieves * however, the Muslims are disappointed because they thought there would be a greater recognition of the Pakistan principles. Reality of communal differences is showing signs of greater appreciation amongst Indian politicians. Sevagram and Ahmedabad were the only places where interest was aroused over Gandhi's birthday.

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CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, China
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter, TH
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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Headquarters Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 17284 19 October 1944

G 2 SITREP 18th October, Bissell WDGBP CRAX 17284 info Hoarn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Unknown number of Japanese in Pintha (four miles northwest Mohnyin); no other change in enemy situation in North Burma.

On Chindwin front - Tiddim apparently evacuated by Japanese about 17th October as village was occupied without opposition by Allied troops on morning 18th October; no contact with enemy along road southeast of Tiddim.

Enemy position at vital corner (three miles north

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Kennedy Peak) garrisoned by estimated 200 Japanese and positions at Dolluang (16 miles east of Tiddim) also occupied by estimated 200 enemy. Some enemy artillery, firing from unreported locations, still active against Allied positions in Tiddim area. An enemy patrol estimated at 30 strong contacted in area six miles northeast of Yazagyo; enemy immediately withdrew and contact not regained.

Kachins captured two Japanese from second battalion, 138th regiment 31st division near Paungbyin. Comment: 31st division still unlocated; prisoners believed to be stragglers since did not know location of any units of their division.

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INFO : CG AAF
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To: War Department
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking China
CG Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG 14th Air Forces, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Area,
Ft Shafter, TH
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CO US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 17212 18 October 1944

Operational summary for 17th October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSWPAC, COMGENSOPAC, Chennault, Hearn, Doan, Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 17212

Elements of 29th Brigade moving along road toward Mohnyin reached Kangon, eight miles southwest of Hopin. Patrols operating along railroad contacted small Jap patrol at Nyaunggon four miles north northeast of Mohnyin.

66th Regiment of 22nd Chinese Division closed in Taungni followed by 65th and 64th.

Leading elements of 113th Regiment reached Kantaoyang

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south of Kazu.

114th Regiment crossing river at Katkyo.

1st Company of 113th relieved by company of 89th Regiment and now enroute to Kantaoyang contact with enemy along Tiddim road two miles north of Tiddim, lost by troops 5th Division. No details given. Minor patrol clashes three miles southeast of Yazagyo only action this front. On Arakan front there was no change in the situation

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ACTION: OPD

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Nr : CFBX 24375 16 October 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Gannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Cumyus and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 24375 book msg nr 148 from Stilwell.

Minor changes only in Kwangsi combat area. In Kweilin area Japanese forces reported to have occupied Tejungkiang (110 deg 21 min-25 deg 37 min) 15th October.

In West River area Japanese forces at Taiwang (110 deg 20 min-23 deg 49 min) and

Szewang (110 deg 15 min-23 deg 40 min) reported withdrawn to Pungnam area.

24,000 Jap troops estimated to be east of Wuchow (111 deg 30 min-23 deg 25 min) with 6,000 to west of West River.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

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Aerial recon shows all bridges in Hsing and-Chuan Hnien area (110 deg 58 min-25 deg 58 min) repaired and usable.

Road between Kwanyingko (110 deg 38 min-25 deg 18 min) and

Lungfukwan (110 deg 45 min-24 deg 58 min) and

Road from Yungming (111 deg 21 min-25 deg 16 min) to Lungfukwan still under construction.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CRAX 16911 15 October 1944

Weekly G-2 SITREP ending 14 October, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 16911 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Japanese harassing operations against Goppe and Panzai Bazars between 5 and 8 October believed conducted by composite force composed of elements 1st Battalion 143rd Regiment, 2nd Battalion 112th Regiment and 3rd Battalion 144th Regiment; total strength estimated 400 but divided into several parties bulk of which reported withdrawn to South and East; enemy casualties reported were minimum of 100 killed, 80 wounded with much abandoned equipment found.

Comment: No change in enemy strength of three battalions in the forward areas; above operations and continuing patrol and artillery activity West of Mayu Range appear

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Nr: CRAX 16911 15 October 1944

characteristic demonstration to create impression of greater strength than actually present. Little change on Chin hills and Chindwin sectors; enemy resistance remains strong on road 1½ miles North of Tiddim with increasing artillery fire and numerous small attacks in the general Tiddim Fort White area.

Comment: Japanese resistance and construction of defensive positions indicate the enemy will execute maximum delay from their present positions along general line Tiddim - 2 miles North of Kennedy Peak-Dolluang-Okkan (four miles South of Yazagyo) to Mawku on the Chindwin to protect their line of communication Tiddim to Kalewa although there are slight indications of preparations to evacuate Tiddim. No major change in North Burma; presence of elements 34th independent mixed brigade strengthened by identification of dead Japanese just North of Mohnyin.

Salween limited to attacks and counterattacks by both opposing forces with no decisive results.

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 16917 15 October 1944

Y Force Operational summary for 14 October Sultan to Marshall CRA 16917

Morning attack using rockets by units of First Division in East sector of Lungling succeeded in destroying 2 pillboxes but heavy Jap fire caused Sino withdrawl. Jap attack night of 13-14 October on hill 1 mile southwest of Lungling was repulsed SK 5767 south of Shwali River is new location of 388 regiment of 130th Division.

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INFO : CG AAF
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Military Attache China (pass to Miniform and Menon)
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G.H.Q. India for DPR
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British Embassy Teheran
Union Defense Force South Africa
L.H.Q. Australia (for British Mil Mission Melbourne)
A.F.H.Q. Italy
H.Q.A.A.I.
G.H.Q. India (Simla) for Counterpropaganda. Pass to Governor of Burma
British Mil. Mission Moscow

No: SAC 8602 15 October 1944

[redacted] GUIDANCE FOR WEEK ENDED 13 OCT 44 ON BURMA FRONT NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

MILITARY SITUATION. The approaching end of the monsoon has produced some manoeuvering for position in ARAKAN. The Japanese sent a strong RECCE party to attempt to close the GOPPE pass which links the MAYU valley with the main road leading into ARAKAN from INDIA. They did NOT achieve any surprise and were driven back with the loss in killed of more than twenty-five percent of their effectives. They have since withdrawn. Meanwhile our WEST AFRICAN troops who had moved from the KALADAN valley to the SANGU valley for the monsoon have begun to move EASTWARDS again in the direction of LABAWA near the source of the PI CHAUNG a tributary of the KALADAN. In the CHIN hills

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From: SAC South East Asia

No: SAC 8602 15 October 1944

the Japanese are still defending TIDDIM but its encirclement has progressed and the road SOUTH of TIDDIM is under out shell fire in the FORT WHITE area. In NORTHERN BURMA there has been little change. Despite bad weather Allied aircraft gave strong support to our ground troops in ARAKAN and the CHIN hills. RAF liberators on Oct 5th made a most successful low level strike in strength on several miles of the railway NORTH of BANGKOK in the BHITSANULOKE area. The reported results should interfere for some time with Japanese supplies for NORTHERN BURMA and the SALWEEN front. US MITCHELLS made many sorties during the week in the BHAMO and KATHA areas. Beaufighters effectively patrolled the Gulf of MARTABAN. After a long interval Japanese fighters put in an appearance on Oct 6th when ten of them attacked US MITCHELLS near MANDALAY. The MITCHELLS destroyed three and probably four more for the loss of one.

SPECIAL POINTS. Although too much significance should NOT be attributed to them, there are indications of increasing Japanese demoralisation. In one instance Burmese villagers have reported that soldiers argued fiercely with their officers and then threw their arms into a railway wagon and set fire to it. In another case troops are said to have evacuated a village in defiance of their officers' orders. Even in NORTHERN BURMA where rail communications are closest to the front the condition of the dead gives evidence of underfeeding as well as disease. The incidence of malaria, beri beri and disentery has been very high.

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Area, Fort Shafter TH
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United Kingdom Base Command, London, England
CG US Army Forces Shadazup, India
CG Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces in China Burma and India,
Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG Rear Echelon, Y Force, China
Rear Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

No:

No: CFB 24292 14 October 1944

Bissell WDGBI, MacArthur, COMGENPOA, NECAL, UKBS, Cannon, Mountbatten pass to Main Headquarters 11th Army Group, Sultan pass to GHQ India, Chennault, Middleton CFB 24292 book msg nr 147 from Stilwell.

The 18th and 19th Brigades are not independent infantry brigades but component parts of 94th Division. This information would indicate that this division is an 8 battalion type division. (WARX 42697 dated 6th October) 8th Independent Mixed Brigade has been identified by POW as main portion of force occupying Foochow (119 Deg 15 Min-26 Deg 05 Min) this month according to Sino G-2.

While this remains to be confirmed, it is thought probably true inasmuch as unit was last identified in Tintsing area and fits in with Jap policy of garrisoning ports in south China with independent mixed brigades.

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No: CFB 24292 14 October 1944

New subject: Following code numbers identified Canton area during August with no further identification as to unit.

Nami (IEX) 1786, 8629, 8637, 8715, 9715, 9716, 9714;

Sakae (HIS) 9440;

Setsu (MKU) 9444, 9408;

Jun (MXO) 9847;

Hayabusa (UBO) 9899.

Above code identifications from agents in area.

Following POW info from Sino G-2 rated C 3.

POW captured near Kiyang (111 Deg 52 Min-26 Deg 28 Min) October 1944 gave unit as 2nd Company, 1st Battalion and 87th Regiment, 71st Division. POW further stated his unit left Manchuria in March this year arriving Nanking area latter part of June and Hunan area middle of August.

Another POW captured Diuyang area (113 Deg 40 Min-28 Deg 11 Min) 13th September gave his unit as 2nd Independent Mixed Brigade and stated elements of this unit recently arrived in area. Sino G-2 also states that following code numbers, thought to be newly arrived unit, have been identified in Canton area:

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No: CFB 24292 14 October 1944

Sho (HXU) 606 to 609. This identification has also come to us thru OSS agents in area and may be code number of unit reported landing at Namiau latter part of September.

Following information received thru Navy group rated C 2.

Yoshizawa unit (BAI C WMKAMP) identified Samahui area with strength of 1200 on 13th September, 400 of 3354 unit identified Taian (107 Deg 09 Min-36 Deg 14 Min) on 10th September.

Mori (EDU) 14020 and 14017 units reported organized from Japanese for transport work. Ammo and supplies for 1962 unit sent to Pukow (near Nanking) on 2nd September.

1000 men of Oka (BYM) 9326 reported as garrison unit at Tourane in French Indo China.

500 men of Noboru (KNL) 1730 unit moved to Pukow on 7th September.

Mori 1107 and 1053 reported as aircraft repair units at Saigon with no date given.

Major General Watanabe (IJQ, ORY) in command of Philippine Air Force has been relieved by Kato is report of special agent with no info as to date. (Our comment: This may be Watanabe Iwugoro listed as Chief Superintendent Army Air Headquarters as of July 1942.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No: CFB 24292 14 October 1944

58th Division prisoner captured July this year near Hsiangtan (Hunan) interrogated by us states Divisional Commanding General that time Lieutenant General Mori Suehiro (IAW, ARG, GOJ, EGX) former commander 3rd Independent Mixed Brigade; Major Yokoi Toshcaki (HLV, ACM, AHL, LTA) commanding 92nd Independent Infantry Battalion.

40th Division prisoner taken June Changsha, interrogated by us, indicates Signal Unit code Jujira (Jun) 6888 Commanding Officer Major Kawato Hiroshi (IDY, EVY, AWS). We give this C 2 rating.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces Ledo, India
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CO, Fort Randall, Alaska
CG, Rear Echelon, Y Force, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia

Nr: CRAX 16704 13 October 1944

Operational summary for 12 October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 16704.

Only change on Arakan and Chindwin fronts was the establishment of two companies of 161 Brigade Fifth Division at Dollluang which is from Tiddim 15 miles east southeast.

North Burma did not report.

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department
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Calcutta, India
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CG, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
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CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter TH
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

No: CRAX 16742 13 October 1944

G 2 SITREP 12 October, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 16742 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Japanese positions two miles north Tiddim astride road evacuated following successful allied air action. Enemy artillery active against allied positions firing from area five miles south Tiddim. 80 to 100 Japanese made unsuccessful attack supported by artillery against allied position four miles east Tiddim enemy casualties high but number not reported. Estimate strong Japanese company at Sialum Vum eight miles east Tiddim. In the area south of Sialum Vum estimated enemy company attacked allied positions 11th October forcing allied withdrawal. Seen two miles north of Kennedy Peak new enemy trench system

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with many bunkers, open unfinished positions and two unoccupied gun positions.

Comment: Enemy appears to be putting much emphasis on defense of this general area. Japanese of unreported strength hold strong position on high feature overlooking trail leading to Mawku six miles north of Mawlaik. In North Burma no change in situation along railroad corridor.

In Area 20 miles northeast Bhamo Kachins killed two of eight man Japanese patrol, no identifications received. At Man Nazng 13 miles northeast Bhamo enemy reported building new camouflaged ammunition and supply dump. Japanese radio station supply and ammunition dump is situated at Indaw.

On Salween no change situation.

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CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India
CG US Army Forces Shadazup India

Nr: CFBX 24179 12 October 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Cunyus and Duncan, LeMay, Strattmeyer CFBX 24179 book msg No. 146 from Stilwell

Japanese resumed westward advance in West River area on morning of tenth with crossings in force to north and south of Kweiping (110 Deg 06 Min-23 Deg 24 Min) against slight resistance. Sixteen hundred crossed West River near Shekchung (110 Deg 09 Min-23 Deg 17 Min) reported moving west, 1,000 crossed river opposite Kweiping with street fighting reported in progress, 1,000 Japs moving south on Konghok (110 Deg 09 Min-23 Deg 34 Min) from Szewang (110 Deg 13 Min-23 Deg 13 Min). These are advance troops with others following. Only small Jap force reported as remaining in Wuchow with balance moved to west. Estimate 25,000 in Pingnam-Maiping area.

No changes reported in Pinglo Kweilin area. Forces reported previously as moving southwest from Sinning(110 Deg 45 Min-26 Deg 32 Min) now reported to have divided into two columns of approximately 2,000 each, 1 column reported 15 kilos north of Tajungkiang(110 Deg 21 Min-25 Deg 37 Min),

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the other column reported ten kilos north of Lungsheng (109 Deg 55 Min-25 Deg 52 Min). Only one battalion reported remaining Paoching area with balance of troops reported moving southwest toward Tunganhsien (111 Deg 10 Min-26 Deg 16 Min). On 9th October 120 tanks reported concentrated vicinity west gate Hengyang with 300 reported dispersed along Hengyang-Paoching highway. On 10th October Hengyang concentration of tanks increased to 300 in west gate area with indications that tanks are moving southwest. This info together with story of POW of tank crew captured previously indicated probably presence of a tank division in area but no identifications obtained as yet.

Loting (111 Deg 33 Min-22 Deg 43 Min) reported reoccupied by Chinese on 8th October with Japanese forces moving northwest. No further information Chekiang area.

General Chu Teh of Communist Forces states reports of Jap concentrations Yellow River area are false and no evidence of push on Sian being contemplated. In line with this recent aerial reconnaissance of Yellow River area showed no sign of any Nips in the area main Sino G-2 states that report from agent in Formosa dated 25th September states that Admiral Nomura in Formosa for purpose of strengthening defences that area. Further reported that main strength of Jap submarine force to be based Formosa to assist in defense of Formosa and China coast. This report rated C-3 by us.

Aerial reconnaissance of French Indo China area shows increased activity in airport construction, building of

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installations in train movements north in Tongking area during past two weeks. (Comment.) It is possible that preparations are being made and supplies being accumulated in the area against the arrival of Jap units now pushing southwest thru Kwangsi Province. Jap forces engaged in this push thought excessive for amount of Chinese resistance available. Possible that Japanese are going to reinforce French Indo China area via overland route in conjunction with present offensive. If this is done a drive on Kunming from French Indo China would be a possibility.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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From: CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department
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CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 10th Air Force, Kanjiposh, Assam
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter, T. H.

Nr: CAKX 9383 12 October 1944

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Bad weather on all fronts.

Delayed operations 14th Air Force 10th October.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in 17 sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 55,400.

Add sorties to 10th October of:

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17 Transport

Add 91 Transport sorties to 1 October to 9 October 13.

Correction, 3 Lab Liberators on mine laying mission to Yangtze River at Hankow night of 9 October reported as returning safely now reported as 2 landing safely with 1 missing with no details concerning plane or crew.

[redacted] New subject. Chinese agents report that Lieutenant Parker fighter pilot who bailed out near Lungling on Salween River front on 26 September and captured by enemy patrols was executed by Japs on 4 October.

Now follows operational and intelligence reports for 11 October.

Weather recons off Liuchow found impossible operating conditions on West River and in Lingling-Kweilin Sectors.

3 Sharks off Nanning on sweep of roads and trails to Kweiping-Tanchuk-Tengyung area observed no activity; on West River at Tanchuk bombed and strafed 10 each 30 to 40-foot sampans with good hits but unestimated damage; attacked and heavily damaged a 75-foot steamer.

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On Salween River front 2 mission of Lightning and Sharks patrolled for troop carrier operation. 2 mission by Sharks totalling 8 sorties attacked targets at Tangshih; village 3 miles north bombed with all hits on target; wooded area bombed and strafed.

2 Mitchells bombed and destroyed bridge 2 miles Southwest Mangsnih and 2 bombs dropped on Burma Road. Troop Carrier Squadron in 42 sorties dropped 100 tons of food and ammunition in support of Chinese Ground Forces.

Sorties for 11 October are:

23 Fighter
2 Bomber
42 Troop Carrier.

14th Air Force Liaison reported no large scale operations in Kweilin area.

Groups of 20-30 plainclothesmen occupied Liangtutiao (2555 north 11008 east) and Kiangtahchun (2615 north 11030 east) then withdrew toward Siyen (2614 north 11035 east).

Only 1 Regt Chinese cadets holds area between Lungsheng (2551 north 10955 east) and Tungtaohsien (2626 north 10929 east).

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1,000 Japs occupied Chetien (2614 north 11020 east) and 2,000 were at point 4 kms south of Hsingan (2939 north 11032 east). Japs reported rebuilding Lungfukwan (2458 north 11045 east)-Kwanyingko (2517 north 11037 east) road.

In Yungming area were elements of Jap 3rd and 13th Divisions.

Chinese 93rd Army reported occupying same positions northeast of Kweilin. Advanced elements of 1200 Japs moved 10 kms south of Fuyung (2606 north 11008 east). Japs inside Paoching dig fortification while main body goes southwest towards Tungan (2616 north 11110 east).

14th Liaison reports Japs using Puppets extensively in West River drive with 4000 of Puppet 13th Division and 23rd Battalion moving on Kweiping (2324 north 10205 east).

At Pingnam (2333 north 11021 east) area elements Jap 104th Division plus Puppet 19th Battalion. At Tenghsien (2319 north 11055 east) were 3,000 troops of special 13th Puppet Battalion.

Jap plainclothesmen moved into Sharu area (2320 north 11008 east) threatening Kweiping.

On 11th October advanced elements Jap forces

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Re: CAKX 9383 12 October 1944

crossed West River. While Japs held both sides of the river 6000 reinforcements moved along the road from 10 kms south of Pingnam to a point 13 kms south of Kweiping. Main Jap supplies at Hsian (2321 north 11008 east).

Chinese 135th plus 155th Division offered only minor resistance before withdrawing to hills. Regimental Commander in former Division executed for dereliction of duty. With movement of troops west it is reported Jap strength at Wuchow (2326 north 11130 east) much decreased. Japs exploiting bad flying weather for present advance. Observers believe Japs have found here softest point Chinese defense Liuchow area.

Japs declared martial law at Foochow while building defenses outside city and in Pingshan district.

On 7th October 300 Chinese troops plus armed civilians recaptured Changlo (2556 north 11926 east). Main Jap supplies in Lienkong (2612 north 11931 east)-Hsiaocheng (2612 north 11931 east) sector where there are 1000 Japs plus 400 Korean and Manchurian troops plus 400 Marines.

10th October 13 Jap planes patrolled Changchow (2430 north 11740 east)-Tungan (2045 north 11808 east) area while Japs landed forces on Quemoy (2425 north 11820 east) from 3 large transports, 2 destroyers plus 2 gunboats.

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11th October 4000 additional troops landed Quemoy reported to be from western Hupeh. Between 4th-7th October several hundred Jap guppers landed on Fuyao Island (2199 north 12010 east) and on 6th October 30 Marines landed there with artillery and anti aircraft guns.

Ground sources state Jap storage and defense activity in Lenchi (2913 north 11930 east)-Kinwha (2905 north 11945 east) area increasing.

On 6th October 7000 Japs shipped to Tinghai (3002 north 12206 east). At Chapu (3035 north 12105 east) reported to be 200 Marines, 550 troops of 70th Division, and 1000 troops from 13th Jap Army to Shanghai for purpose of building Naval Base and heavy coastal defenses.

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Operations Division, WDGS
OPD 381 TS (6 Oct 44)
Colonel Lincoln 2057

12 October 1944

Commanding General
U.S. Liaison Section
Kandy, Ceylon

Number: WAR 46184

TOPSEC Personal from Hull signed Marshall to Wessel for Wedemeyer.

Considered in arriving at JCS decision on DRACULA was your TST 781 October 6th. In view of situation in other theaters and continuing heavy demands for resources it does not appear possible that DRACULA in any form could be launched in March. In view of this the JCS have agreed with the British Chiefs of Staff that capital should be exploited this season and SEAC should resubmit its plans for undertaking DRACULA later.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Handy

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To: War Department
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CG, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces China, Burma, and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter, TH
CG, South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG, Y Force in China

NR: CRAX 16595, 12th October 1944

Operational summary for 11th October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Hearn, Dorn, Wessell, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX 16595.

At milestone 159 of Tiddim Road are leading elements of V Division, otherwise unchanged along Arakan, Chindwin and North Burma fronts is situation.

End

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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.

To : War Department

Nr : 23675 12 Oct 44

MILID 23675 from DePass signed Stilwell.

Toward Lung Sheng south 3 columns from Hsinning flanking Kweilin, on southeast Kweilin flanked by column south from Hsingan. That drive is to commence soon is suggested by concentration tanks equipment and supplies Hengyand area. Possible river crossings and drives west indicated by troop concentration and movements north Yellow River bend area, also south of river westward toward Nungkuan. To take Kueiping 2 columns moving west to river and southwest from Ping An. Arriving in this area from Canton are troop reinforcements. Increased is Wenchow strength. Rated C-3 is this Chinese G-2 report.

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

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CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr. CRAX 16238 9 October 1944

G-2 SITREP for 8 October for Bissell WDGBI CRAX 16238 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan

Along Tiddim Road allied advance held up in area milestone 158, by unreported number of Japanese in position astride road. Believed enemy hold strong dug-in positions along ridge running from Lailo to Teklui two miles northwest and northeast of Tiddim respectively.

At Sialum Vum 8 miles east Tiddim, enemy observed

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India
Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 16238 9 October 1944

digging new bunker positions.

Allied patrol contacted approximately 150 Japanese in positions at Domluang 16 miles east southeast Tiddim on night 7 October. Moving southward out of Tiddim night 7 and 8 October were numerous trucks. No change enemy situation other sectors Chindwin front.

Allied patrols report Mohnyin and following villages north thereof occupied by enemy Bilumyo, Nyaunggon and Bogon. Estimated not over 500 Japanese in Mohnyin and the above named villages. No contact has been reported as yet with these forces.

Farther north at Kangon 11 miles north Mohnyin are 30 Japanese with two machine guns thought to be advanced patrol for concentrations in Mohnyin and north. Between Myothit and Nalong only Japanese patrols are reported.

On Salween front no change in the general enemy situation. Movement of 4,000 Japanese from Mangshih toward Chefang is report of agents in former town.

Comment: Y Force says- accept movement but believe

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

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number high. Move reported by truck and foot.

Still leaves Mangshih well defended and while capability of Japanese attack is decreased, does not necessarily mean attack would be impossible.

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CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CAKX 9231 9 October 1944

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Adverse weather on all China fronts. More operations for 7th October.

Four Sharks and two Mustangs attacked river shipping on Yangtze River at Kiukiang: Scored two direct hits on a 300 foot boat believed probably sunk: Scored direct hit on a 250 foot boat with damage unobserved: Contacted seven Jap Oscars and one Val just as taking off Kiukiang airfield and in combat following claims two Jap planes destroyed, one probable and two damaged.

In Yellow River sector four CACW Sharks at Houmachen,

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CAXX 9231 9 October 1944

on railroad south of Linfen located 20 to 30 trucks on flat cars with additional trucks, two tanks and recon cars being loaded with all heavily strafed causing considerable damage: One Shark hit by ground fire crashed landed with pilot believed safe.

Hanchung airfield bombed by three unidentified Jap bombers beginning at 2408 hours using incendiaries and frags leaving 16 craters in field: One Mustang received minor damage.

Hsian airfield bombed by four enemy aircraft with time not stated: Only three bombs hit airfield causing no damage.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in ten sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 22,000.

Add sorties to 7th October of 15 fighter, ten transport. Add transport sorties of 21 to 2nd October to 6th October inclusive.

No follows operations and intelligence reports for 8th October.

Due to adverse weather no combat operations reported in any of the 14th Air Force China sectors.

In Salween River front troop carrier squadron 36 sorties transported 82 tons of food and ammunition and equipment from Yunnanyi to Paoshan. Sorties for 8th October are 36 troop carrier.

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Liaison reports no further Jap advance towards Kweilin in the railway zone. 1000 Japs reported 55 kms southwest of Sinning (2631 north 11045 east). Elements of the Jap 116th Division reported advancing south from Kwanyingko (2517 north 11037 east).

On 3rd October Jap 9th and 57th Divisions reported moving south from Wuhan (3030 north 11420 east).

14th Air Force pilots observed Jap repair activity Tanchuk Airdrome.

Chinese 135th Division of 31st Army reported in contact with Japs at Szevang (2340 north 11015 east). Chinese 7th War area headquarters reported fearing impending Jap landing near Hoifung (2258 north 11520 east).

On 6th October Japs suffered setback when Chinese recaptured Hungshan bridge near Poochow according liaison. Small Chinese force astride Jap supply lines in Lienkong area (2612 north 11931 east). 2000 Jap puppets at Nantai (2603 north 11915 east) with CO residing American consulate. 2000 Jap puppets reported plundering Lienkong (2612 north 11931 east) and Kwantow (2608 north 11933 east).

Liangshan photo mission 4th October of Pinghan railway line shows 55 cars in Sinyang yards (3206 north 11045 east), bridges at Changtuikwan and Mingkiang appear usable condition 45 cars and 2 locomotives visible in yard south of damaged bridge Sinantien. 18 cars visible in

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Kioshan yard in which area condition of roadbed cannot be determined until arrival here of stereo pairs.

A 450 foot bridge has been completed and is usable at Saiping. 34 cars and 1 locomotive located in yards south of (3333 north 11359 east) Loohochai.

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INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces in China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 16191 9 October 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 16191.

Summary for week ending 4th October follows:

1. Chinese ground: In north China no change reported. Paoching has been evacuated and a defensive line by the Chinese has been prepared west of that city. Astride the Lingling-Kweilin railroad at Chwankianghsu Chinese troops hold a defensive line. In the area along the Canton-Hengyang railroad there is no change.

2. Chinese air: Due to bad weather Chinese air activity confined to five offensive missions in Kwangsi.

3. Changes in British disposition: 11th Division: 25th Brigade six miles northwest of Tamu. 81st WA Division: 7th Brigade at Tukpui and 6th Brigade four miles northwest of Mowduk.

4. Lines of communication: Report will be made in radio to follow then.

End

ACTION: OPD

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MA China (pass to Miniform and Menon)
GHQ India (for usual addressees)
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LHQ Australia (for British Military Mission Melbourne)
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GHQ India Simla (for counter propaganda. Pass to Governor of Burma)
British Military Mission Moscow.

No: SAC 8238 8 October 1944

[redacted] guidance for week ended 6 October 1944 on Burma front. Not for publication.

See last page

Military situation:

Good progress has been made by the 14th Army on the Tiddim Road where enemy rearguards defending the Hairpin Bends known as the Chocolate Staircase have been outflanked. Our troops have now advanced 158 miles along this road from Imphal. East of the road our advanced troops are beyond

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From: SAC Southeast Asia

No: SAC 8238 8 October 1944

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LHQ Australia (for British Military Mission Melbourne)
AFHQ Italy
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GHQ India Simla (for counter propaganda. Pass to Governor of Burma)
British Military Mission Moscow.

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[redacted] guidance for week ended 6 October 1944 on Burma front. Not for publication.

Military situation:

Good progress has been made by the 14th Army on the Tiddim Road where enemy rearguards defending the Hairpin Bends known as the Chocolate Staircase have been outflanked. Our troops have now advanced 158 miles along this road from Imphal. East of the road our advanced troops are beyond

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii
CG, Rear Echelon Y Force, China
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CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 16154 8 October 1944

Weekly G-2 summary ending 7th October. Bissell WDGBI CRAX 16154 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Creswell signed Sultan.

Evidence continues to indicate an enemy withdrawal from north Arakan, without replacement, the 3rd Regimental and Division Headquarters of 55th Division being in south-west Burma. However enemy activity indicates presence in Forward Area of a battalion plus west of range and possibly another battalion in Mayu-Kalapania in valley.

Comment: Increased enemy activity in Forward Area considered effort to make show of force but it appears that Japanese are prepared to give up the Arakan north of Akyab under pressure.

CM-IN-7867 (8 Oct 44)

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India
Nr: CRAX 16154 8 October 1944

On Chindwin front Japanese defensive activity on increase in fort White-Kennedy Peak Area and there is some evidence that elements of 214th and 215th Regiments may have been shifted from Tobrim Road to cover Kalemyo from north.

In north central Burma no change general situation with Japanese concentrated in Mawhun and Mawlu areas south Mohnyin and in Myothit-Bhamo areas south Kazu. Only delaying or defensive action indicated.

In Yunnan withdrawal Japanese from Pifyoa into Mangshih area probably result in more active defense that area.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG. US Army Forces, Chakulia, India
CG, Tampa Field AAF, Texas
CG, US Army Forces Piarzoba India
CO, Kharagpur Air Field, India

No: D 1362 8 October 1944

Arnold from LeMay info Stratemeyer, Chennault, info Bolestridge, Blanchard, Harvey, Kalberer, Faulkner D 1362

Another Jap air raid on night of 7 October against Kwangfan lasted from approximately 1640 Z to 1830 Z.

Estimated 7 or 8 enemy planes attacked making 4 passes extent of damage unknown at this time, but bombs knocked out our radar. some fell near our bomb dumps, 1 set off 2 drums of gasoline on the fighter side of the field, and others landed between our dispersed P 61's. It is believed no serious damage suffered by these planes. As more information is obtained, it will be made available.

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ACTION: CGAAF

INFO: OPD G-2 Adm King Col Park Log

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
CO, Kharagpur Air Field, India
CO, US Army Forces, Kalarkunda, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India, Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CO, US Army Forces, Chakulia, India
CO, US Army Forces, Piardoha, India

Nr: D 1396 8 October 1944

Arnold from LeMay info Stratemeyer, Chennault, Blanchard, Harvey, Kalbereer, Faulkner, Frost D1396. In Assam

Additional reports of Jap raid on Kwanghan of 7 October show the following damage:

10 P-51s badly damaged, 2 salvage, 3 probable salvage, and 5 repairable.

1 C-87 small damage.

1 B-29 damaged, extent not reported.

8 drums of gasoline lost.

1 Fighter alert shack demolished. No personnel injured.

Enemy planes were overhead approximately 1 hour.

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: D 1396 8 October 1944

4 planes salvoed 5 bombs each, which were identified as 5 kilo anti personnel, 60 kilo incendiary thermite, 50 kilo GPHE. Flares similar to very pistol flares, which were shot off in vicinity of base during raid are being investigated.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFO: OPD Col Park
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From: CG, US Army Forces in China, Burma and India Theater
Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 16131 8 October 1944

Y Force Operational Summary for 7 October Sultan to Marshall CRA 16131.

Jap attack on 599th Regiment positions on Pagoda Hill was repulsed after one hour's fight. 262nd Regiment patrols contacted enemy in north Lungling.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department

Nr: CAK 9132 7 October 1944

Chennault CAK 9132 to Arnold for Hodges.

Japs attacked 14th Air Force operating bases eight times this week. On 28th September 8-9 Jap planes attacked Liuchow damaging five P-41's plus one B-24, on 29th September 9 bombers set afire one B-24 plus one fighter and inflicted minor damage to two P-40's plus one B-25 and destroyed 11600 gallons 100 octane gasoline, on 4th October Japs made eight runs destroying one P-51 and damaging one P-51 and one P-40 and one B-25. On 29th September four waves Jap planes attacked Nanning destroying one P-51 and damaging one P-40 one F-5 one P-51. On 3rd October ten Pete's made eight runs over Hanchung damaging one P-40 one B-25 two P-51's. On 4th October Enshih and Laohokow were hit but no details were given. On 3rd October Japs dropped 38 bombs on Sian airfield with only three hitting field itself. Six carrier borne Jap seaplanes were reported to have attacked Changchow, Haiteng, Haitsang, all in Amoy area. A Jap fighter attacked a B-25 at night in [redacted] area on 3rd October. 15-20 Tojos attacked 11 P-51's on 28th September over Samshui. Twice over Wuchow on 4th October formations of four P-51's encountered Japs, first when ten Tojos attacked, second when two Vals were encountered. Foregoing para A weekly intelligence report of 14th Air Force ending midnight 4th October.

B. 14th Air Force losses due enemy aerial combat continue to be minor. Continued loss of gasoline stores due

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CAK 9132 7 October 1944

to night attacks can create critical shortage.

C. Jap landing operations along China coast from Ningpo to Amoy, particularly at Wenchow and Foochow, may foreshadow Jap penetrations to Kiglow and Changting according to Chinese observers. Progress of Jap operations in Hunan-Kwangsi-Kwangtung already have neutralized 14th air fields so that almost no air opposition given to Jap coastal activity. Deployment of Jap forces in Kwangtung appears to indicate westward drive along West River toward Nanning rather than northwest thrust toward Pinglo and Liuchow. With Japs break-through at Hsinganhsien and feeble Chinese resistance west of the Hunan-Kwangsi railway zone Japs continue to advance tentatively on Kweilin. Chinese defenses at Lingshwan reported by air recon to be well-manned. Other Jap columns moving southwest * to points thirty miles east of Kweilin and southwest from Tachsien to point thirty miles northeast of Pinglo. Despite favorable deployment of advanced elements Japs move with uncertain deliberation possibly due, first to supply difficulties caused by 14th attacks, second reluctance to offer congested target to 14th attack by concentrating effort against any well-defended objective.

D. This weak 14th destroyed two fighters and one bomber, probably destroyed one and damaged another fighter in aerial combat. One Jap unidentified plane was destroyed by ground fire. On the ground we destroyed seven enemy fighters, five bombers and three trainers. One of our fighters was destroyed in aerial combat and three were brought down by

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CAK 9132 7 October 1944

enemy ground fire. On the ground we lost two fighters and one heavy. Lost due other reasons were three fighters and two heavies. Missing are

* Being evcd. End

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: CG US Army Forces in China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 16016 7 October 1944

Y Force operational summary for 5 and 6 October Sultan to Marshall CRA 16016.

Night 4/5 October units of 107th Regiment occupied after one hour fight the highest peak of Sunkuanpo a hill one mile southwest of Lungling. This means all of Sunkuanpo now in Chinese possession. Hua 226th Regiment repulsed on night 4/5 October a Jap attack against their positions at Tangkuoyden Hill four miles northeast Mangshih in Tenchung area mopping up is continued.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-6836 (7 Oct 44)OPD

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INFO: CGAAF
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From: US Military Attache, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23672 7 October 1944

MILID 23672 from DePass signed Stilwell.

Whole main drive advances from northeast and east on Kweilin, in Kwangtung-Kwangsi area increased supplies and reinforcements are reported, to indicate drive on Liuchow.

Reported arrived Hsiangtan and going south are 500 tanks. This unconfirmed and report possibly incorrect statement on tanks numbering 50 known to be at Hengyang.

Chinese G-2 rated C-3. In Japanese hands is Foochow and arriving by sea are more reinforcements. At Hsinyang Japanese forces reported by Chinese liaison arriving with sufficient strength and motor transportation to drive northwest to take Nanyang then push west to take Nancheng by-passing Sian, this after joining enemy forces south Yellow River bend.

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.

To: War Department.

Nr: 240 7 October 1944

Donovan for 154 from Hall nr 240 info Heppner OSS Kandy nr 43.

Comes advice from our team in Kweilin zone locates Division 8 of Ally Army 93 as in possession of Tajungkiang with defensive line SW of river. In hills at Lao Bao Chan located about six miles NE Tajungkiafl are 7,000 Nips. Approximately 12 miles SE of last city is Kao Shan Sien which is Chinese held. Our liaison attached to Marshall Chang notes enemy progress towards Kweilin at Kweilin, and simultaneously repairs routes and forwards supplies.

Much heavier enemy railway use between Hanoi Kylua and Phuo Yen is noted by Region 4. 2000 enemy are at Wuan Mai barracks and very busily engaged. Originator assigns dual B to above.

The enemy keeps war materials, gasoline and oil in factory structures identified by big smoke stacks and lying slightly south from Changsha. 5,000 enemy forces are quartered in the Siangtan region; headquarters of this force are located in Pantangpu, a village about two kilos from Siangtan rail depot; little yard there and encircling structures are employed as either warehouses or barracks. Above items from Zone 9 and not classified at point of origin.

No rating to this data that comes from Region 3. Wenchow water traffic at 1040 o'clock yesterday was unchanged

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.

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from previous day; two transport ships, 1200 tons and 2000 tons, one tender 800 tons, also four launches. Other coastal enemy traffic noted yesterday were two transport vessels, one about 11 miles SE Lotsing 1300 tons, other 1500 tons resting off little Island near Yuhwan. On 2nd this month, eight seaplanes were at Amoy says a triple B. Three days later at 1500 o'clock at same place were seven coal launches, nine transport ships only one big, single war vessel and a seaplane had departed previously that day did another vessel; after hour above mentioned, a minor sized transport ship and a gun vessel left and proceeded in southeasterly direction and two transport vessels entered harbor. On sixth, anchored there were nine launches, two being armored, little transports five in number, discharging shells for mortars and artillery, 500 pound bombs and cartridges into better field and square godowns. On October 5th, verification received that Foochow was taken. Increasing stock of materials and equipment arriving in the Lienkong region in which is the 34th Chen Yuan Battalion of Independent Brigade 8. Engaged in this campaign are calculated to be 10,000 Nip forces who are deployed in following fashion:

At Singhai and Huang Chi which are vicinity of Lielong and Hsiaocheng, 1000 each at Pukow Kantow and Pantu. At Singhai and Wuang Lai being constructed are coastal fortifications and artillery enplacements. West of Hsiaocheng a radio station installed and five miles SE on islet is gas storage. Enemy labor battalion of 1000 Nips have come to work on new airdrome to north of Ningpo.

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Near Tsitsin Island coords 120 degrees 50 minutes east and 27 degrees 5 minutes north, enemy water traffic has become greater. Nip forces at Chuanssu Island are an infantry battalion and 16 varieties, all vessels. Approximately 8000 are on Chousan Islands quartered in girls' middle schools; however, in this number are casualties from central China. 700 more are contained in Nankishan coords 27 degrees 28 minutes north 211 degrees 50 minutes east. Excess of 1000 are seven miles SW of Lotsing at Liushih. Approximately 500 are figured at Shipu. Source rating of triple B assigned this data. Information that follows is unclassified:

In Wuhu four planes continuously at airdrome there. Five model E8X planes were at Tinghas Field on 4th this month. At Hhisalyhorpiu Rik Ichisalyhorriu is an enemy ammunition dump.

3 B given to advice from our agent in locale 7 at construction on Kaitak Airfield was halted. Unclassified info alleges that on 2nd this month just five fighter craft were there. Prisoners of war furnished the material listed below on enemy troop dispositions:

Major body of Independent Brigade 22nd is Watnam and Loting; this force is composed of assorted troops and also guards Toishan and Goping regions. On duty at Kukong Sunwui and Chinsahn is Independent Brigade 13 altho its greatest strength is at Loting and Wanfow. Headquarters of Army to 3 is at Canton with some units stationed there,

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.

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likewise Div 104 and portions of Independent Infantry Brigade 8 which is also deployed along railway from Sheklung to Canton, likewise along southern part of Canton Hankow railroad, and on highways from Canton to Tsungfa and Fahsien. In the Samshui Fatshan and Lupao locality is Independent Brigade 99; likewise covers Pingwu Sheklung sector of rail line and Swatow region. A Tash group under Third Fleet is stationed at Hainan Island. Engaged in West River drive is most of Division 104 with elements at Takhing and Koyiu.

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ACTION: OSS

INFO: CG AAF
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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, Shadazup, India
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India, Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
No : CFBX 23846 6 October 1944

Bissell WDGBI Cannon Sultan Chennault Middleton Cunyus and Duncan LeMay Stratemeyer CFBX 23846 book msg nr 143 from G-2 Ammisca.

Situation more or less static.

Hunan-Kwangsi-Kwangtung fronts. Japanese appear to be consolidating positions and supplying communication lines prior to further offensive action.

Poaching area (11131-2705) Japs in complete control of city and reported building defensive position vicinity of Tantow (11114-2716) to northwest.

Along the Kengying Kweilin Railway Japanese forces 12 miles to west of Hsing An (11032-2540).

Further south 1000 Japs to northeast of Kaotien (11026-2528). 2000 Japs reported holding Kwanyingko (11037-2517) on 5th October.

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Further south Japs holding positions southwest of Luubluknan Pass (11045-2458) with 2000 reported at that point and reinforcements enroute.

In West River area small Jap forces have moved northwest and southwest from Pingnam (11020-2332). Reinforcements arriving from Taiping area.

10,000 Japs and puppets reported at Kulung (11053-2339) to east of Taiping.

Sino troops on line from Kweilin-Pinglo-Mengshan-Kweiping (11004-2323) awaiting further Jap movements.

Aerial reconn shows road north from Pinglo (11027-2435) is well ditched. Japanese are improving road southwest from Yungming (11122-2515).

Japs also reported improving Hengyand Kweilin road.

Sino G-2 states information from POW's indicates presence of 71st Division in Hunan area, also 8th Independent Mixed Brigade, but evidence not sufficient to accept this identification although it appears probable that new units or replacements have arrived in the area.

On Chekiang coast Jap force of 3000 occupied Fuchow on 5th October. Jap force includes navy and cavalry personnel.

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New subject.

Reports continue to be received of troop movements in Honan area indicating contemplated offensive action. Troop concentrations appear to be at two points: One south of Yellow River west of Loyang (11220-3448) and second Lushan (11250-3350)-Hehsien (11116-3340) area.

Objective of first group thought to be Lushih (11040-3400) and Tunsuan (11008-342*), objective of second concentration thought to be Nanyang (11232-3305) from which point they will drive west towards Sian (10828-3406).

Above estimate of Honan situation from Sino G-2 rated C 2. Our liaison reports that Lunghai Railway in operation from Loyang east Yun Shih (11249-3443) and balance to Cheng Hsien *.

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POST

From: Adv 11th Army Group

To: Usual Addressees

No: 1488 OPS 6 October 1944

SITREP 267.

1. XV Corps.

A. Arakan.

First: Japs preparing new posn east of feature PM3931. Two enemy guns PM4632 fired 6 rounds on Chiradam PM3732. Bunker posns observed under construction PM4947. Ops report MOT boats believed lgd and embarking tps PM5440. 4th Oct approx 250 Japs area PM5362 moved PM5763 on 5th Oct. Enemy shelled area PM4759 and PM4662 from approx PM5357.

Second: 20th Div. 74th Bde. 5th Oct two Pls 14 Baluch with arty SP attacked feature PM4133. Later forced to withdraw. Own cas slight.

26th Div. 71st Bde. Patrol 5/1 Punjab inflicted cas on enemy PM5252. 4th Bde. 1 Wilts left Arakan for India.

B. Kaladin.

81st (WA) Div. 6th (WA) Bde. 4KR encountered enemy posn PG 6435. Details awaited.

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From: Adv 11th Army Group

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2. XXXIII Corps.

A. Area Tiddim.

First: Patrol report enemy Leilom RU 0985 Valvum RU 1487 and RU 1184. Estimated 300 Japs disposed on Tr Kennedy peak RU 2181-Dollaung RU 3684. Small posts near Fort White covering Tr from Falam and Maulbem RU 0967.

Second: 5th Div. 123rd Bde. Rd clear to MS 156 RU 0895 and believed clear to MS 158 RU 0893 where two coys 1 DOGRA hold rd block. Fighting patrols 2/1 Punjab probed posn RU 2188. Claim 29 cas inflicted without loss. 9th Bde. Bde Ho RP 1117 2 West Yorks area RP1118 Phaitu RP 1615.Lushai Bde. 1 R JAT RT 9670. Own levies str 480 areas Maulbem JU0967-Saizang RU 0878.

B. Area Sittaung - Mawlaik - Kalemyo.

First: Kontha RP 5702 and Okkan RU 5799 clear. Three hundred Japs reported SG 2432 with outposts north of Mansi SG 3452.

Second: 11th (EA) Div. One sqn 7th Cav under comd. 25th (EA) Bde. Conc now complete area RK 7302. 26th (EA) Bde. Own patrol

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From: Adv 11th Army Group

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dispersed enemy patrol area RP 7230. Enemy patrols still active this area 5th Oct.

Third: 268th Bde. Own patrols killed six Japs in posn SL 2981.

Fourth: Weather improving.

3. North Burma.

First: 60 Japs reported holding rd block west of SJ 2364.

Second: 36th Div. 29th Bde. Bde Hq 2 east Lan Regt Hopin SH 29. 1 RSF Alanbo SH 1592. 2 RWF Ywathit SH 1497. 72nd Bde area Hopin SH 29 Namkwin Chaung SC 20.

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FOR MARSHALL'S EYES ALONE

From: CG, Southwest Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

To: War Department

Nr: 781 6 October 1944

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SEAC has just been notified that the British War Cabinet has made proposal to the US Chiefs of Staff that a March DRACULA is off. The premise upon which CAPITAL and DRACULA plans were based included the creation of conditions in Europe that would permit the release of resources for these complementary operations. London appreciation of present situation in Europe indicates that enemy resistance is more formidable than expected, and the possibility of German capitulation this fall or early winter seems more remote. This may not be the case, and SEAC would indeed be remiss if we did not prepare for the timely and effective employment of the resources that were earmarked for this theater during the course of recent conferences that Admiral Mountbatten and I had in London and Washington. I feel certain that the US Chiefs of Staff have carefully considered CAPITAL and DRACULA plans and recognize that their successful execution this year would strike a mortal blow to the enemy and would make a most important and timely contribution to operations in the Pacific.

We will, therefore proceed on the basis that resources may yet be made available for the execution of DRACULA, and in the meantime we will vigorously complement

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From: CG, Southwest Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: 781 6 October 1944

CAPITAL fully in consonance with our last CCS directive. Based on the above, could I ask that the US Chiefs of Staff support SEAC contention that all practicable preparations for a DRACULA about March should continue in order that we can exploit the situation if Germany does in fact capitulate or crumble.

End

ACTION: Gen Handy

INFORMATION: CofS

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23668 6 October 1944

MILID 23668 from DePass signed Stilwell

Considered likely to be push west toward Sian is report that enemy reinforcements arrived east of Yellow River bend area in Chin Yang area.

All this information rated C 3 from Chinese G 2.

Column took Pingnan after moving from Taikingyu to capture Tanchu. Japs reinforcing Canton. Being fortified against possible landing is area from Shanghai to Sung Chiang to Coayt.

Lienchiang captured by enemy after coast landing who now moving toward Foochow. Reported columns moving west to Tantou and that Paoching taken.

Hsingan taken by column which is now at Tajungchiangkou. Same column reported with enough motor trucks, 40 guns, supplies and strength of men to make 36 miles per day to Kweilin area.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India Theater
Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Rear Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG South Pacific Base Command, New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
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CG US Army Forces, Ledo India
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG 7th Air Force, Hickam Field, TH

Nr: CRAX 15930 6 October 1944

Operational summary for 5th October Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC COMGENPOA Chennault Hearn Dorn Wessels, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 15930.

North Burma patrols are operating in outskirts of Mohnyin and north of Nalong. On Chindwin front 26th Brigade patrol are at Okkan. The Tiddim Road is clear to milestone 158 and 123rd Brigade Patrols have been on the road east and south of Tiddim. No change in the Arakan situation.

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INFO : CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log End

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To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India
Rear Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CFBX 23691 4 Oct 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, MacArthur, COMGENPOA, Chennault CFBX 23691 from Stilwell.

Our north China observers state that local authorities advised them of reliable reports that the Japanese Navy issued orders to the effect that from August 18th all ships are to stay out of the waters surrounding Formosa in the area from 2 miles off shore to 25 miles out to sea. The area east of Luxon designated as north 1618 east 12213 is also to be avoided and so is the area north 1406 east 12320. Ships forced to enter these areas must first obtain permission from the nearest Naval authorities along the course laid out by the Navy. It is assumed this area is mined although report does not so state. Above info has B3 rating.

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To: War Department
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CG Army Air Forces, India, Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CFBX 23672 3 Oct 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Cannon, Sultan, Chennault, Middleton, Canyus and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 23672. Book msg nr 142 from G-2 AMMISCA.

Japs occupy Paoching (111 31-27 05) with one regiment Sino troops still within city. Other columns continue west 30 kilos.

Jap force of 2-3000 reported 13 kilos east of Wukang (110 38-26 43). Jap column of 3000 attacked Hsing and Hsien (110 32-25 40) on 29th September.

Chinese reported withdrawing and Japs in control of city on 1st October. One Sino division covering withdrawal in contact with Japs at Litow south of Hsing and Hsien. No further advance reported for columns from Kwanyang (110 56-25 38) and Yungming (111 25-25 15)

In south Jap forces from Canton area and from Liuchow Peninsula have joined forces and occupied Tanchuk (110 30-23 25) and Pingnam (110 20-23 32) on 29th September.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 23672 3 Oct 1944

Two Sino divisions reported surrounded by Nips near Pingnam and Jap forces now reported moving northeast towards Mengshan (110 27-24 08).

Chinese report 20-30,000 Jap troops nov in Wuchov area (111 30-23 25. Sino G-2 states that elements of Jap 22nd Division reported moving west from Canton area. Sino G-2 also states reports received that main strength of Jap 9th and 57th Divisions now in Wuhan area and moving south. No proof of this report yet received.

On Chekiang coast Japs have occupied Lienkong (119 31-26 12) and small forces reported pushing west and south. 45 Jap vessels reported within 20 mile radius of this area on 30th September and 6 transports and 1 carrier reported at Hsiao Cheng (119 48-26 17).

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TO CINCPOA INFO MACARTHUR, STRATEMEYER, STILWELL, SULTAN, AND LEMAY. CAKX 8841 SIGNED CHENNAULT.

THE 14TH AIR FORCE WILL BE LIMITED BY LOGISTIC RESTRICTIONS TO PHOTOGRAPHIC SORTIES IN THE DIAPHRAGM AREA ONLY BUT WILL PERFORM STRIKES ON CHINA BASED JAPANESE AIRCRAFT IN PHASE WITH YOUR OPERATIONS TO LIMIT OF OUR RESOURCES.

IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE LAND BASED AIRCRAFT IN CHINA IS IN THE HANKOW AREA AND THAT THESE CAN BE SWITCHED TO DIAPHRAGM IN SOME 3 HOURS: FROM HONG KONG-CANTON AREA TO DIAPHRAGM IN APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS.

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(1) DOG DAY AND Ø HOUR WILL BE WHAT FOR YOUR STRIKES?

(2) DESIRE SYNOPSIS OF LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS YOU MAY HAVE AVAILABLE FOR DIAPHRAGM AREAS IN PERIODS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

PRELIMINARY 14TH AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL PLAN WILL BE TO STRIKE IN THE HONG KONG-CANTON AREA 24 HOURS PREVIOUS TO YOUR DIAPHRAGM STRIKE AND TO PROVIDE NIGHT ATTACKS ON HANKOW 2 NIGHTS BEFORE YOUR OPERATIONS IN DIAPHRAGM. AS OUTLINED IN CRAX 14575 FROM SULTAN DATED 23 SEPTEMBER WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATION ASSIGNED THESE AIRCRAFT AT THE RATE OF 2 SORTIES PER

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[redacted] AMUG
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG Southeast Asia Command Kandy Ceylon

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Burma and India Forward Echelon Chungking China

Nr: AC 11 2 Oct 1944

Herewith part 3 and final my AC 11 T00 021110Z OPSUM ends.

and frag bombs, nine fires and heavy damage.

28th September: Thailand:

P 38 Lampang and Uttarb Dit, buildings fired, two locos and two water towers and two rail stations and rolling stock damaged. Four photo sorties Hunan and Canton areas.

Enemy activity China:

27th September: Liuchow airfield bombed by five enemy planes, two loaded railroad cars destroyed, one P 51 and one B 25 sustained major damage and one P 51 minor damage.

28th September night: Liuchow airfield bombed by eight enemy planes, five P 51 minor damage and one B 24 major damage, hostel area lightly damaged.

29th September: Nanning airfield bombed by unknown

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number of enemy planes, one Mustang P 51 destroyed, one P 51 and one P 40 and one photo P 38 damaged, airfield operational.

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From: CG, First Allied Airborne Army

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Force Headquarters, Forward, Versailles, France

Nr: V 25568 2 October 1944

To AGWAR personal to Gen Marshall from Eisenhower information copy to Lt Gen Smith SHAEF Fwd from CG First Allied Airborne Army signed Brereton V 25568

Enemy counter attacks emanating west from Reichwald Forest with heavy artillery support from north bank of Ghal river. Counter attacks also launched in area Wyler and from heavily wooded area between Best and Schijndel. Both were repulsed.

German bridgehead over Neder Rijn west of Arnhem liquidated. Enemy has attempted to infiltrate into Allied positions northwest of Nijmegen but without success. Small numbers of Germans crossed river but were repulsed immediately. Enemy still hold Reusel Best, Schijndel and Tiel.

101st Airborne Division; situation unchanged.

82nd Airborne Division; divisions efforts to oust enemy from Den Heuvel wood unsuccessful so far. Otherwise, situation in 82nd Division area remains unchanged.

Second British Army; 7th Armored Division reported enemy holding line Gaffern (4352) Nuland (4050) Wood (3948) thence general line road southwest to include Berlicum (3645).

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PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To : War Department

No : CRA 15514 2 October 1944

CRA 15514 Sultan to Marshall.

Operational summary for Y Force 1st October.

Replused by Chinese was Jap attack against Pagoda Hill short distance north of Lungling. Japs at Lipapo Hill one mile west of Lungling are completely encircled.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department

No. CAK 8810 1 October 1944

Chennault CAK 8810 to Arnold for Hodges.

A. Weekly intelligence report of 14th Air Force ending midnight 27th September.

Of the Japs 10 raids on 14th Air Force operating bases this week most damaging was on Liuchow 23rd September when 15,100 gallons gasoline set afire, 1 B-24 and 1 B-25 destroyed, and 3 B-25s damaged. Also hit were Liuchow on 24th September and 27th September; Chiekiang on 23rd and 24th September; Haian on 23rd September; Liangshan twice on 26th September; and Hsinching on 26th September when 5 B-29s were damaged. There were only two Jap interceptions of 14th Air Force offensive operations both being in northern Hunan province. 34 to 38 Oscars Hamps Tojos intercepted over Sinshih and 20 same types intercepted over Sintsiang. In these encounters 14th lost no aircraft due to enemy aerial combat and destroyed 13 Jap planes, probably destroyed 7, and damaged 19.

B. Jap night attacks on Liuchow cannot be effectively opposed without nightfighters. Liuchow has become most important forward tactical base and Japs appear determined to destroy supplies and cause exhaustion of combat personnel through nightly alerts.

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C. Main deployment of Jap strength appears definitely diverted from southwest drive from Hengyang along railway zone to points due south of Lingling from which movement is southwest. Possibility increases that Japs may regard siege of Kweilin as secondary objective while developing threat to Liuchow-Pinglo-Patpo highway. Japanese forces in Kwangtung province moved westward along West River while thrusting north from Liuchow Peninsula through Jungyun to Tanchuk Village and toward Pingnam, both towns being south of West River. Jap column from Wuchow reaches Taiping. Minor Chinese resistance appears to be developing in Tanchuk area and south of Tachsien. Japanese plainclothesmen active behind Chinese lines. Jap regular forces appear to move almost at will but 14th Air Force attacks have been directed with very great immediate delaying effect against accumulation of necessary supplies for decisive forward advances and serious occupation of large territories.

D. This week 14th destroyed 13 Jap fighters and 1 bomber, probably destroyed 7 fighters and damaged 19 fighters in aerial combat. On the ground we probably destroyed 1 Jap float plane. Ground fire probably destroyed an enemy bomber. We lost no aircraft in aerial combat. Three of our fighters were destroyed by Jap ground fire. One fighter and one medium were destroyed on the ground. Lost due other reasons were 5 fighters. Missing are 2 fighters. Damaged due other reasons was 1 fighter. We sank 1 550 foot whaling factory ship totalling 15000 tons, 1 450 foot troop transport totalling 8000 tons, 1 400 tanker totalling 5800 tons and 57 miscellaneous small boats. Probably sunk were 1 200 foot double deck steamer totalling 1200 tons, 1 100 foot steamer

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totalling 500 tons, 1 tug and 1 175 foot gunboat. Damaged were 1 250 foot freighter totalling 2000 tons, 1 150 foot vessel totalling 800 tons, 1 125 foot triple deck steamer totalling 500 tons, 2 100 foot steamers totalling 1000 tons and 231 miscellaneous small boats. Fighters flew 928 sorties, photos flew 25, mediums flew 203 and heavies flew 76. Fighters dropped 102 tons of bombs, mediums dropped 154 tons and heavies dropped 132 tons. Troop carriers completed 175 sorties dropping over 420 tons of food, ammunition and ordnance equipment to Chinese troops along the Salween River.

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INFO : CG AAF
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(Attack 28th burned 11,600 gals of gas
or 23rd an attack ~~on target~~ set afire 15,100 gals of gas)
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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India
CG, Office of Strategic Services, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: 229 1 Oct. 1944

Donovan OSS for 154 from Hall nr 229 info Sultan OSS for Coughlin Delhi nr 85 Heppner OSS Kandy nr 37.

Demolition the Chinese forbid of routes between Kweilin Pinglo and Lupu and Mengshan and Liuchow regions; however they allow their ruination by trenching. This is Al information from headquarters of General Chang Fam Kwei. The distribution of Chinese armies listed below comes from same source and altho unrated is likely BB classification. At Fuchuan is the 26, massed at Lipu are the 46, 6 and 37. Shifting to Yangsa is the 46 and to Liuchow the 237 with two movements to Hsingjen. Unrated data advises that during evening of September 29 enemy force of 100 horsemen and 3000 troops possessing four cannon strove to turn flank of Hsingan and achieved Litow, eight kilos SE of that town. At communities proximate Hsingan are few hundred additional enemy advance troops. About three miles northward from Hsingan Sino army 93 has taken new positions on line stretching between Kaochai and Ling Chiaotien. Our liaison from his observations forecasts Chinese resistance at and in vicinity of Lipu. This officer also advises that between 1000 and 2000 enemy encircle allys divisions 135 and 155 approximately six miles south from Pingnam; extermination confronts these men. Nips likewise center troops at Lung

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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: 229 1 Oct. 1944

Lu Kuan and route northward.

A BB from region 4 locates an enemy ammo depot in Haiphong resting on point of headland formed by Son Tam Bac Creek and Cua Cam River, small lake to south and Rue Jults ferry on east; protected by 4 ack ack batteries consisting of 4 guns each.

At Lienkong in region 3 are enemy and satellite forces. On September 29 and day after Nip water traffic was observed along coast. All below locations are in relation to Lienkong. 24 kilos southward at Meihwa were 2 vessels, 8 more were 29 kilos NE at Hsiaocheng and 7 boats in sheltered inlets 5 miles east; 12 more vicinity little island east seven kilos. Near another island eight miles SE, 13 launches, 2 transport vessels and single tin can from which were landed 500 soldiers, 1000 containers ammunition and gasoline, 200 mules. Off Fuyao Tao much water traffic observed. Yesterday at 0500 oclock 5 launches and 2 troop vessels were off Foochow at island 23 miles eastward from Lienkong. At entrance to river Min were 3 transport ships, single tin can and 5 launches. Ten vessels kind unspecified rested at Faichuan Island. Subsequent info placed one minor sized flat top carrying 8 planes at Hsiaocheng plus 6 transport ships. There is much traffic of these vessels and some incompatible data, but nevertheless it is quite apparent that hidden foul weather, extensive sea movements and debarkations are taking place. Resting off Sapowei were 2 enemy war vessels both carrying 2 caliber 75 millimeters. They arrived from north.

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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: 229 1 Oct. 1944

Region 7 reports movement from Namtau of portion of 20,000 enemy to Canton. Nips alleged strengthening Swatow and Amoy with troops altho not verified. No rating to above items. Nazi goods at Canton according to BB are sealed up and protected. Early last month our sabotage caused excellent highway destruction proximate Kawnchin. Aircraft razed and August were bombers. The enemy seizes rice close to Nanchun. A late report on Bias Bay situation asserts that there has been no enemy debarkation at Bias Bay. Our town agent at place has not discovered any evidence of Japanese there. Air bombings of installations on Samun and Heng Has Tao Islands has been asked for.

The enemy commanding officer at Wenchow is Oji Fuji and the old Bethwany Hospital is his headquarters. Last news from coast depicts Wenchow status as unaltered with approximately 2600 Nips in city. Near Foochow battle rages on Kwantov Pantu Lienchiang line. No corroboration of alleged Mamai and Futsing landings. A BBB stats that Amoy seaplane ramp was demolished in raid of 13 August; another now being constructed at Sapowei. New gasoline storage constructed one kilometer east of Amoy city and is protected by nearby anti aircraft; moat runs to Hoshan airfield. On September 23 an enemy tin can stopped at Chuanssu Island and carried Hanata who is Naval Commander of Amoy. Six days later 100 depth charges sent to that island. At Kienchao field in Hangchow are 6 fighter craft said to be Zeros. At same airport in demolished assembly hall are 4000 containers of gasoline and additional 6000 are dispersed about field in disguised storages. In grass sheltered shantys on westerly

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: 229 1 October 1944

side of field are placed 300 light bombs and on opposite side in like structures are * big bombs. Report by letter advises that our planes completely destroyed 2 launches at Fengtse and partially one big troopship inflicting numerous casualties; no date given. Also that on 7 August at Kiukiang rail depot, few hundred casualties were inflicted, and right above city destroyed 2 more launches; on following 2 days at Nanchang 20 feet of bridge were demolished and minor sized troop vessels, two in number sent to bottom with 100 resultant losses.

End

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, India Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CRAX 15424 1 October 1944

Weekly G-2 summo ending 30 September, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 15424 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay and CG Hickam Field from Creswell signed Sultan.

There are indications that point to location of headquarters 143rd and 144th Regiment and possibly 55th Division Headquarters in Henzada-Bassein area.

In north Arakan 55th Division Infantry group probably controls remainder of forces this area. Comment: Increased enemy activity in forward areas is considered attempt by Japanese to cover fact they have

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces, China Burma India Theater
Headquarters, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 15424 1 October 1944

weakened their positions in north Arakan.

On Chindwin front there have been no apparent developments where Japanese continue to delay on Tiddim Road. There has been no firm contact established in Kabaw Valley even though British have had skirmishes during week.

Comment: If Japanese intend to cover Kalewa and Kalemyo they must make some effort to hold in Yazagyo area. However, there is little evidence that Kabaw Valley south of Yazagyo and Chindwin Valley south of Mawku will be seriously defended.

On Salween the Japanese have withdrawn from Pingka after moving troops into the town. There is no change in enemy situation south of Mohnyin and in northeast Burma there has been no contact south of Kazu. Enemy concentrations are mainly in the Bhamo-Myothmt area.

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INFO : CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, India Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 15414 1 October 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 15414

Weekly summary for week ending 27 September 1944

(1) Lines of communications report:

Pipelines: Pipeline B was connected and complete from Tinsukia to Myitkyina. Gasoline pumped to point just north of Kamaing. Expected to be filling tanks in Myitkyina by noon 30 September.

(2) Changes in British dispositions:

5th Division milestone 126 south bank of Manipur River. 123rd Brigade milestone 140 Tiddim road. 161st Brigade Tonzang area.

(3) Chinese ground: There was no reported change in north China. In the Hunan-Kwangsi area the Chinese still hold Paoching. Other Chinese forces hold a defensive line at Hsinganhsien and east of there at Hsinshuo, Taoshien was recaptured by the Japanese. There was no major activity in this area.

In the Canton area and the area north of the Luichow peninsula the Chinese harassed enemy columns that were

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No: CRA 15414 1 October 1944

advancing to the west and north. Chinese elements were enroute from the Canton area to the northwest to intercept the Japanese drive from the Luichow Peninsula.

In the Chekiang province Chinese forces were engaged with the enemy at Wenchow.

(4) US Ground: Nil for period.

(5) Chinese air: The Chinese Air Force flew 19 offensive missions, three reconnaissance missions and two delivery missions for a total of 162 sorties this past week. Enemy positions and concentrations were bombed and strafed in Paoching, Yhuanhsien, Taohsien and Kwanyang areas.

End

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To: War Department
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CG 10th Air Force, Kanjipoah, Assam
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CG US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter, T.H.

No. CAKX 8783 October 1944

To Arnold, CFEDS, CABAH, CADAW, CMDAP, CRAHG, COPUR, Pierse, COMGENCENPAC pass on to CINCPOA and KHXO info MILID, AFABI and AFDIS CAKX 8783 signed CAKKM.

Supplemental operations for 28 September.

Singling sector:

Two missions totalling six Mustangs and four Sharks with demolition bombs, frags and two napalm tanks bombed compound near Chuanhsien, one napalm bomb failed to ignite and did not fire when strafed, second immediately ignited and burned fiercely, much damage resulted, Mustangs bombed road southwest Chuanhsien and Sharks strafed group of tents with unobserved results. Three compounds occupied by Jap troops near Chuanhsien bombed and strafed by three Sharks with considerable damage but casualties not estimated.

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No. CAKX 8783 October 1944

Three Mustangs scored direct hits on compound and bivouac area 15 miles southeast Chuanhsien with good results: recon of road Taohsien to Yungming to Pinglo observed no activity.

Two missions totalling seven Mustangs and three Sharks attacked bivouac area and supply dump at Taiping, northeast Tanchuk scoring good hits and considerable damage: 30 Jap troops on roads strafed with unestimated casualties.

One Mustang on recon of Tanchuk area hit by ground fire, crashed-landed with pilot safe. Two missions totalling five Mustangs and two Sharks attacked targets of opportunity in Tanchuk area: 200 Jap troops were strafed with estimated 75 casualties: river shipping attacked with one barge of 45 feet sunk, 50 or more sampans of 30 feet destroyed or damaged.

Add sorties to 28 September of 56 fighter, four transport. Add transport sorties to 24 September of four.

Now more operations for 29 September.

Two sharks at Kiwhwa, on railroad southwest Hangchow, destroyed one locomotive and damaged two: bombed and knocked out three gun emplacements killing numberous Jap gunners: strafed airfield, hitting plane on ground which probably is dummy.

One Shark on recon to harbor at Wenchow, on East

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China coast, observed no transports or other large shipping: at request of Chinese bombed and strafed gun emplacements on knoll west of Wenchow scored good hits causing damage and killed estimated 15 Jap gunners.

Two missions of CACW Sharks totalling four attacked enemy positions eight miles south Paoching, west of Hengyang, strafed and damaged six compounds, strafed river shipping with unestimated results.

Liuchow airfield bombed by eight Japs of unknown type with first attack at 1845 hours, burned one Liberator and one fighter, two Sharks and one Mitchell minor damage, 11600 gallons of gasoline burned.

Off Nanning: six Lightnings attacked shipping on west river near Tahking, three each 100 foot power boats and two each 100 foot barges sunk, additional boat and barge damaged.

Eight Sharks escorted by four Mustangs attacked river shipping from Dosing to Tengyun: bombed and destroyed a 40 foot launch, bombed six each 50 foot barges with near misses, strafed five barges with all damaged.

Two Mustangs on recon of northeast French Indo China at Hongay bombed five each 75 foot junks with three heavily damaged.

Two Mustangs on recon of Kyungshan Airfield and Liuchow Peninsula observed little activity.

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Two Lab Liberators on night seasweep: one returned early due to malfunction of equipment: second covered Tahking Gulf and south China Sea, located no shipping then bombed Kowloon Peninsula with no observation of results.

Photo mission off Kunming covered friendly fields including Tsingchen and Hnehun.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron is 19 sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 62000.

Add sorties to 29 September of 29 fighter, two bomber, one photo and 19 transport.

Now follows operations and intelligence reports for 30 September.

29 Liberators on mission off Kunming to bomb Tien Ho airdrome encountered bad weather: nine got to target and by radar, ETA and visual observation bombed the target with unsatisfactory results, others bombed secondary targets, jettisoned bombs or returned to base, all returned safely.

Five Sharks off Nanning on west river between Dosing and Tahking dive bombed a three stack 150 foot steamer with troops with one direct hit and one near miss, steamer left burning and believe heavily damaged: destroyed three each 50 foot boats and damaged three.

Bombed and strafed six loaded barges with all damaged.

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Off Chengkung four Lightnings attacked Bhre airfield in northeast Thailand: five Lily bombers and three trainer planes strafed and destroyed on ground, hangars on field also strafed and burned.

12 Mitchells bombed Mangshih on Burma Road: one wave attacked area 2000 to 100 yards south road junction with Jap occupied temple and five buildings destroyed: second wave bombed wooded area on north side of road with large secondary explosion following.

On Salween River front four Sharks patrolled area: troop carried squadron: 39 sorties dropped 96 tons of food and ammunition to Chinese Ground Forces.

Sorties for 30 September are 14 fighter, 40 bomber and 39 troop carrier.

3000 Japs plus 100 cavalry plus artillery were reported to have flanked Chinese defenses at Hsinganhsien reaching Litow (25-35 north 110-35 east).

An unconfirmed report indicates slight Jap withdrawals at Lungfukwan (24-55 north 110-45 east), Kwanyang (25-32 north 110-55 east), and along railway zone southwest of Chuanhsien (25-59 north 110-58 east).

Chinese advanced fourth war area headquarters reported moved from Lipuhsien (24-26 north 110-15 east) to Liuchow.

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Chinese Forty Sixth Army reported moving to Yangsa (24-41 north 110-17 east), Twenty Sixth Army moving to Fukwan (24-44 north 111-19 east), Thirty Seventh Army moving towards Liuchow (24-19 north 109-15 east).

Jap forces reported occupying Tanshuk (23-25 north 110-31 east), Pingnan (23-33 north 110-21 east), Taiping (23-39 north 110-41 east).

Chinese 155th and 135th Divisions reported encircled by Japs south of Pingnan (23-33 north 110-21 east).

14th Air Force photo plane off Liuchow picked up on 30th September at Tinn Ho five medium 33 small, at White Cloud 20 medium ten small, at Whampoa one small, at Kaitak one large two medium eight small aircraft.

Kunwing photo mission 30th September over Indo China shows approx 70 cars in Ahiphong yards, four river craft totalling 2300 tons, no aircraft at Cat Bai Airdrome.

Kepu airfield (21-24 north 106-18 east) still under construction and not yet operational, eight cars visible at railroad station.

No aircraft shown at Phu Land Thuong landing strip (21-16 north 106-12 east), 14 cars visible in town. 16 cars present at Dap Cau (21-12 north 106-04 east).

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In Thai Nsuyen (21-36 north 105-50 east) a 245 foot highway bridge crosses the Song Cau, 13 barracks type buildings 75 times 30 feet in size located in southwest part of town, 14 portable storage buildings shown near river; unidentified small mine northeast of town apparently inactive; roads in area appear in good condition but no traffic noted.

Wenchow situation reported static with 2600 Japs inside city. Fighting reported in Lyunchiang (26-12 north 119-31 east) Fwantow (26-07 north 119-33 east) Pantu (26-15 north 119-31 east) area.

On 29/30 September 45 Jap vessels reported within 20 mile perimeter from Lienchiang.

Report of 30th September states that at Hsiaocheng (26-17 north 119-48 east) were one aircraft carrier with eight planes aboard plus six transports.

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Picture clearing up along the West River as result of fall of Wuchow. From two different sources has come word on that city. One reports 4,000 enemy troops entered city from north yesterday evening; the other from our representative currently at Nanning confirms loss of Wuchow and locates the Nips between Watlam and Kweishsien. Lost city scarcely 73 miles from Nanning from which authorities and civilians are hastily departing. 70 tanks lately brought by train to Wuchow from Wuchang according to unverified info but exact point of unloading not known. Investigating facts and all other like reports on word on Takhing, however, we expect it has capitulated or is on verge thereof since 3 enemy forces 10,000 in number bear down on it. No information obtained on thrust north from Luichow Peninsula. Situation on French Indo China border same as yesterday advise Fourth WA. Enemy liaison quarters heretofore at Hue currently at Tourane. ABB calculates between 5 and 600 soldiers were transported in 25

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vehicles Nha Nam from Bac Ninh on the 18th; reinforcements for Phulanshwong. ACCC points to projected airport for central Annam with 5,000 laborers now being assembled, and 400 of them depart Tohkin soon. ABB says 1000 Siam evacuees all civilians sailed for Japan lately on the Menitu Maru.

Locale 9 indicates enemy activity between Sinning and Chenghsien on west flank. About three miles south from Hanshui they proceed to fortify and 800 Nips push SE direction Kniso from Hanshui. Our liaison during interrogation of Gen Hsieh Yo gathered impression he was not very optimistic on situation. He explained that enemy units in south Lingling and Taohsien areas are advance groups for the major body presently proceeding up. A single division shifted to Hengyang from Changsha during 5 day period commencing 12th this month. General Yo considers this their major assault body. Supply requirements he thinks now check the rate of advance but anticipates sizeable enemy train and water shipments of materials to Hengyang, Lingling region from Hengshan. Altho he claims Nips in Taohsien sector not yet numerous nevertheless admits Japs have that city. Some miles southward from Taohsien, portion of Allys Army 26 fords river. Principal enemy forces bearing SW while those vicinity Paoching characterized as "holding force". To blow up roads is useless says Hsieh as Nips employ motor routes east and west of railway. Enemy this evening broadcast that forces were about 32 kilos north of Kweilin and an even shorter distance eastward. We have just been ad-

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vised that of the machine guns brought to Kweilin by plane but 160 remain the balance of 300 were shifted to Liuchow by Chang Fah Kwei for training purposes.

Nanking still buzzes with activity, likewise Shanghai and coastal regions. Trains now redirected north via Wuchow to Hankow on the Nanking Shanghai and Shanghai Nanking railroad. For several evenings now capacity trains of soldiers have gone from Naking through Soochow Kin Shan Wei coords 30-45, 121-20 east. Enemy constructs new road to Tsungyuan from Liailo. In process is new plane strip vicinity Ningpo which lies in 2000 acres between Tuanchiao and Changchiao. An initial contingent of 4000 laborers brought there the 14th this month. Day following 600 enemy soldiers were landed at Tacheng Island in Paichow group; transported on junks towed by 5 Nip launches. At Quemoy field subterranean fuel ammunition storage placed in every corner. Nothing further to report on Wenchow shipping since yesterday. Vessels still get there every AM at high tide. This date at Amoy are following: 8 tugs minor size, big troop ship and two gun vessels. Presently at Kulangsu are 2 big power driven boats and at Fuyao two sizeable freighters carrying ammunition. These are all BB reports. In Seventh region on 17th this month one cargo vessel was observed dropping materials but now practically empty. Close by was gunboat. A BB sights 2 subs at Waiyue Harbor for Funanchai, 2250 north 11340 east, and trifle southward from Linfeshan a tin can. Ninth this month and day following 7000 enemy came to Fumundhai and thereafter proceeded to point bit south from Fatshan. Ten Nip aircraft landed at White Cloud Field early part this month, model not known.

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A late flash from BB specifies minor debarkations on coast of Chekiang east of Wenchow; also 100 enemy on Peishan Island the 16th this month. Day after 60 on Hsi Tao southwards from Yuhwan and like amount on Tachen Island. Corroboration obtained that on 4th at Hsiakwan station Nanking 3 engines destroyed.

Transmission of this report may be somewhat delayed by an air raid alert which was just announced at this headquarters.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Dissident Movement in Southwest China.

We have received a number of despatches and telegrams from Ambassador Gauss at Chungking in regard to dissident political developments in southwest China in opposition to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the National (Kuomintang) Government. Although the Ambassador feels that the situation is serious, he does not foresee that the movement will spread or result in civil war.

Whereas this dissident movement does not have sufficient strength of cohesion to constitute organized opposition to the National Government, it is symptomatic of a general feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the country with the undemocratic, selfish and unconstructive policies of the leaders of the Kuomintang. If the movement could bring home to Chiang Kai-shek the necessity for broadening the base of his present government to include influential non-Kuomintang elements it would serve a useful purpose. It is not believed that a reform of the present government would bring about any radical change in the situation in China but in all probability it would strengthen popular resistance against the Japanese and create a situation in Chungking more agreeable to us now and more promising for our future relations with China.

Should the movement crystallize it is possible that there might be disturbances in Yunnan Province where our Fourteenth Air Force is based and where most of the material assistance to that force and to the Chinese is landed by plane. However, Ambassador Gauss believes that the troops of the Generalissimo could successfully suppress any insubordinate uprising in that province. It is our belief that the necessity for such action would not arise because the governor of the province of Yunnan is unlikely to make any move which would bring him or his troops into open conflict with the Generalissimo.

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Subject: Organization and Equipment of Chinese Communist Forces (Brief descriptive title) I. G. No. _____

From Chungking Report No. 5824 Date 18 August 1944

Source and degree of reliability: General YEH Chien-ying, C/S, 18th Group Army (From American Intelligence Mission, ENAN, SHANSI)

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SUMMARY.— Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.

The attached report dated August 4, 1944 depicts the organization, strength, distribution and equipment of Chinese Communist Forces. It also lists, by name, commanding officers of military regions and their chiefs of staff.

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1. General

The information contained in the following report was given by General Yeh Chien-ying, Chief of the Staff of the 18th Group Army, in a talk to the members of the Observer Section on August 4, 1944. Unless otherwise stated, all statements in this report are those of General Yeh.

This is the first time that the information given below has ever been communicated to anyone outside the Headquarters of the 18th Group Army. It has not previously been disclosed even to officials in Kuomintang China.

Some of the figures given are necessarily rather general, as personnel and equipment vary in different units. Most of the weapons in the hands of Communist forces have been captured from the Japanese or puppets. Because of our relations with the Kuomintang, we have no regular arsenals. Hence our forces are equipped with what we can get and in a rather sketchy manner. We are particularly short on ammunition, hence we must reduce the amount issued to each man and allotted for each machine gun. Sometimes we have only two, or perhaps four heavy machine guns in a Machine Gun Company, simply because we haven't enough ammunition for more.

Because of lack of trained technical personnel, much of the material which we capture, such as trucks and artillery, we cannot use and we simply destroy it. Also the terrain in the regions in which we operate limits the kind of weapons we can use. Heavy artillery, for example, is almost useless to us.

Our organization is affected by the organization of the Japanese forces. There have been many changes in Japanese organization since the beginning of the war, and we have had to make changes in our forces accordingly.

At the time of the Sian incident, our forces numbered 80,000. After this incident, in 1937, the National Government agreed to allow us a total strength of 45,000. These were to be organized into three divisions, six brigades, and 12 regiments.

2. Classification of Communist Regiments

We designate our regiments as "A", "B", and "C" Class Regiments. Class "A" regiments are our best equipped, the "B" Class are less well equipped, and the "C" Class are the least well equipped. In North China we now have a total of 199 regiments (34 Class-A, 74 Class-B, 91 Class-C). In Central China we have 98 regiments (25 Class-A, 31 Class-B, and 42 Class-C). This gives us a total for all China of 297 regiments. To this must be added 5,000 Communist forces on Hainan Island and 7,500 in the East River District of Kwantung.

3. Chain of Command

Before 1941, the 18th Group Army Headquarters commanded only in North China, and the New 4th Army was under the Commanding General, 3rd War Zone. After the New 4th Army was attacked by National Government troops and "abolished," the Party and the 18th Group Army took over command of the New 4th Army, as we could not afford to lose this fighting unit. Accordingly the Headquarters of the 18th Group Army commands not only in North China, but in Central and South China.

Commanding the 18th Group Army is General Chu Teh; Vice-Commander, General Peng Te-hsi; Chairman General of the Political Department, Wang Chia-hsiang; Chief of Staff, General Yeh Chien-ying.

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4. North China Commands

In North China we have four Military Districts; Shansi-Hopei-Chahar (晉察冀), Shantung (山東), Shansi-Hopei-Honan (晉冀豫), and Hopei-Shantung-Honan (冀魯豫). On the maps of Communist areas in China which we distribute for general information of the public, we designate these Districts as "Bases" (敵後根據地). Frankly the reason for this is that because of the limitation placed upon the strength of our forces by the National Government, we do not wish to emphasize unduly the fact that our forces are so wide-spread. As the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia Border Region and the Shansi-Suiyuan Military District are organized into a separate command, they were not listed with the four Districts named above. (Note: The term "Military District" may be also translated "Military Region." The latter term will be used throughout the remainder of this report. DDB).

The Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Military Region is divided into 15 Sub-Military Regions. The Commanding General is Nieh Jung-chen; Vice-Commander, Hsiao Ke; Political Vice-Commissar, Chen Chih-hua. In the Region there are 15 Class-B, and 40 Class-C regiments.

In the Shantung Military Region, the Communist troops were originally the 115th Division, which formed the nucleus of the forces in the area. These were later combined with local forces. The Commanding General is Lin Piao (at present on other duty); Political Commissar and Acting Commanding General, Lo Jung-heng; Vice-Commander, Chen Kwang; Vice Political Commissar, Li Fu; Chairman of Political Department, Hsiao Ho; Chief of Staff, Li Tso-peng. (The original Chief of Staff, Chen Shih-chu, is now commanding the in Pin-Hai sub-region of Shantung Military Region.)

The 115th Division also formed the nucleus of the forces now in the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar Military Region. With this part of the 115th Division were combined parts of people's armies and some old reorganized Chinese armies, such as that of the Manchurian commander, Lu Cheng-chao

In the Shantung Military Region there are 17 Sub-Military Regions in which are located 13 Class-A, 11 Class-B, and 13 Class-C regiments, making a total of 37 regiments.

Thus the forces in both the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar and Shantung Military Regions grew out of the 115th Division, which was one of the Divisions allotted to the Communists by the National Government after the Sian incident.

The original force in the Shansi-Hopei-Honan Military Region (which includes the Taihang and Taiyueh Regions) was the 129th Division under General Liu Pai-cheng. The 129th Division was organized out of the 4th Front Army of the Chinese Red Army in the civil war period (1927-1937). The 115th Division was originally the 1st Front Army, which operated in Kiangsi during the civil war. There are 13 sub-Military Regions in the Shansi-Hopei-Honan Military Region. Acting Commanding General is Liu Pai-cheng (also commands 129th Division); Political Commissar, Teng Hsiao-ping; Chief of Political Department, Tsai Shu-fan; Chief of Staff, Li Ta. In the Region are four Class-A, six Class-B, and 17 Class-C regiments, total 27 regiments.

The forces in the Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Region were formed partly from the 115th Division and partly from the 129th Division. There are 13 Sub-Military Regions. Commanding General is Sung Jen-chiung; Vice-Commanders Wang Hung-kun and Yang Yung; Political Commissar, Kwang Ching; Chief of Political Department, Su Chen-hua; Chief of Staff, Yang Kuei-yao. In the Region are three Class-A, 13 Class-B, and 11 Class-C regiments.

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Also under the 18th Group Army and located in North China are certain other commands which are different from the Military Regions. The most important of these is the United Garrison Army, the units of which are serving in the Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia Border Region and in the Shansi-Suiyuan Military Region. The United Garrison Army is made up of old Red Army forces which formed part of the original 8th Route Army, part of the original 120th Division under Ho Lung, and certain units of the 18th Group Army transferred to the Border Region last year when an attack on this Region by forces of the National Government appeared to be impending. These units were transferred from the Shensi-Hopei-Chahar Military Region, the Shensi-Hopei-Honan Military Region and the Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Region.

The area in which the United Garrison Army is serving is divided into 11 Sub-Military Regions. The Army is divided into 10 brigades, comprising 14 Class-A, 28 Class-B, and 10 Class-C regiments.

The United Garrison Army is commanded by General Ho Lung; Political Commissar, Kuan Hsiang-ying, Hsu Hsiang-chien and Hsiao Ching-kuang; Vice Political Commissar and Chief of the Political Department, Tan Cheng; Vice-Chiefs of Political Department, Fu Chung and Kan Szu-chi; Chief of Staff, Chang Ching-wu.

Commanding in the Shensi-Suiyuan Military Region, under the Commander-in-Chief of the United Garrison Army, is General Li Chang-tseo; Political Commissar, Lin Feng; Vice Political Commissar and Chief of Staff, Chou Shih-ti; Chief of Political Department, Chang Ping-hua; Vice Chief of Staff, Chen Man-yuan.

The following named units compose the United Garrison Army in the Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia Border Region;

358th Brigade. Commanding General, Chang Teung-sun; Political Commissar, Ling Ching-chuan; Vice Political Commissar, Liao Han-sheng; Chief of Political Department, Wu Ching-nan.

359th Brigade. Commanding General, Wang Chen; Vice-Commander, Su Ching; Political Commissar, Chang Pang-ying; Vice Political Commissar, Wang En-mao; Chief of Political Department, Li Hsing; Chief of Staff, Liu Chuan-lien.

385th Brigade. Commanding General, Wang Wei-chou; Political Commissar, Ma Wen-tsui; Vice-Commander, Chen Pao-chun; Vice Political Commissar, Hsi Heng-han; Chief of Political Department, Lin Shui-hsiu; Chief of Staff, Ho Ching-chi.

Garrison 3rd Brigade. Commanding General, Ho Ching-yen; Political Commissar, Wang Shih-tai; Vice-Commander, Wu Tai-feng; Vice-Political Commissar, Lu Chen-hsin; Chief of Staff, Chang Wen-chou; Chief of Political Department, Chen Jen-chi.

Garrison 4th Brigade. Commanding General, Wen Lien-sheng; Political Commissar, Chang Te-sheng; Vice-Commander, Chen Hsien-jui; Vice-Political Commissar, Yen Fu-sheng.

Independent 4th Brigade. Commanding General, Kao Shih-yi; Political Commissar, Hsi Chung-hsun; Vice-Commander, Wang Shang-jung; Vice Political Commissar, Chu Hwei-tao, Chief of Political Department, Ching Ju-pai.

New 4th Brigade. Commanding General, Wang Ching-shan; Political Commissar, Chu Li-ching; Vice-Commander and Chief of Staff, Chang Hsien-[illegible]; Chief of Political Department, Hwang Chen-tang.

1st Training Brigade. Commanding General, Yang Te-chih; Political Commissar, Chang Chung-liang; Vice-Commander, Chao-Cheng-ching; Chief of Staff, Li Ying-wu; Chief of Political Department, Chiu Hsien-kung.

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2nd Training Brigade, Commanding General, Huang Yung-sheng; Political Commissar, Teng Hua; Chief of Staff, Kao Han-chang; Chief of Political Department, Yuan Sheng-ping.

Cavalry Brigade. Commanding General, Kang Chien-ning; Political Commissar, Chu Chih-hsiu; Vice-Commander, Kung Lien-pu; Chief of Political Department, Yuan Kwang; Chief of Staff, Ju Peng-chiu.

Artillery Regiment. Commander and Political Commissar, Chiu Feng-cheng.

Anti-Japanese University. President General, Chu Chiang-hsien; Political Commissar, Li Ching-chuan; Vice-President, Ho Tan-kung; Vice-Chief of Political Department, Chu Wen-lieh.

In addition to the units listed above, there are 2,500 troops in the East River District of Kwangtung and about 5,000 troops on Hainan Island which are directly under the command of Headquarters of the 18th Group Army. Radio communication is maintained with the troops in the East River area, but there has been no radio contact with Communist forces on Hainan for some time and accordingly conditions there are obscure.

The East River troops are under the command of Tseng Shan. Political Commissar is Lin Ping. Feng Pai-chü is in command of the forces on Hainan Island.

5. Forces under the New 4th Army in Central China.

Acting Commander of the New 4th Army is Chen Yi. The Commander, General Yeh Ting, was taken prisoner by forces of the National Government in January, 1941, when the New 4th Army was attacked while crossing the Yangtze River in Anhui. He has never been released. Vice-Commander is Chang Tun-yi, Acting Political Commissar, Yao Shu-shih; Chief of Staff, Lai Chuan-chu. There are eight Military Regions and 22 Sub-Military Regions under the New 4th Army. In these are included 25 Class-A, 31 Class-B, and 42 Class-C Regiments, a total of 98.

First Division. Located in Central Kiangsu Military Region. Commanding General, Su Yu; Vice-Commander, Yeh Fei; Chief of Political Department, Chung Chi-hsien. The C.G. is also Political Commissar.

Second Division. Located in South Hwai River Region. Commanding General, Lo Ping-hui; Political Commissar, Tan Chen-ling; Chief of Political Department, Hsiao Wang-tung; Chief of Staff, Han Teng-chi.

Third Division. Located in North Kiangsu Military Region. Troops were originally part of the 115th Division transferred south from Shantung Military Region. Commanding General and Political Commissar, Huang Ke-cheng; Vice-Commander, Chang Ai-ping; Chief of Political Department, Wu Hsiu-chüan; Chief of Staff, Hung Hsueh-chih.

Fourth Division. Located in North Hwai River Military Region. Commanding General, Peng Hsueh-feng; Political Commissar, Teng Chih-hui; Chief of Political Department, Wu Chih-fu; Chief of Staff, Chang Chen.

Fifth Division. Located in Hupeh-Honan-Anhui Military Region. Commanding General, Li Hsien-nien; Political Commissar, Cheng Wei-shan; Chief of Political Department, Jen Chih-ping; Chief of Staff, Liu Shao-ching.

Sixth Division. Located in South Kiangsu Military Region. Nanking, Chenkiang, Shanghai, and Wuhu are all located in the area of this

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Division, which is one of the toughest spots in the whole of China for Communist forces. The other spot is in the Tientsin-Peiping--Paoting area of Hopei Province. Much of Communist activity in these two areas, both of which are near the heart of the enemy forces and in wide plane country, consists of underground operations.

Originally commanding the 6th Division was Tan Chong-ling. He has been transferred to be Political Commissar of the 2nd Division and the 6th Division is now under Headquarters of the 1st Division.

Seventh Division. This division was originally part of the New 4th Army operating in South Anhui. When the New 4th Army was attacked by National Government forces in January, 1941, this unit broke through the encirclement and moved to a garrison area in Central Anhui Military Region. Commanding General, Tan Hsi-ling (Acting); Political Commissar, Tseng Hsi-sheng; Chief of Staff, Sun Chung-teh; Acting Chief of Political Department, Wang Chi-cheng.

In addition to the seven divisions listed above, there is a force under the New 4th Army operating in Eastern Chekiang near Ningpo and Fenghua, known as the East Chekiang Guerrilla Force. Commanding General, Ho Ke-hsi; Political Commissar, Tan Chi-lung; Chief of Staff, Liu Feng-yun; Chief of Political Department, Chang Wen-pi.

6. The Political Commissar and the Chief of the Political Department

According to the tradition of the Chinese Communist forces, the Political Commissar is responsible for all political activities in the unit in which he is serving. He does not interfere with military command except in some extreme case, such as if the Commanding General desired to betray the unit into the hands of the enemy. Theoretically, the Commander-in-Chief and the Political Commissar work together, but in different spheres.

In case of the death of the Commanding General, the Political Commissar very often takes over command unless he has had very little military experience. Many Political Commissars have had years of military experience, and a considerable number of Commanding Generals have formerly been Political Commissars, such as General Nieh Jung-chen, Commanding the Shansi-Chahar-Hopei Military Region and concurrently Political Commissar of this Region. General Nieh was formerly Political Commissar of the 115th Division. If the Political Commissar were not present with the unit and the Commanding General should be killed, the High Command would decide, after the operation, by whom command would be taken over.

The Political Commissar represents the Government and the Party in the unit to which he is assigned. An important part of his duties is the supervision of political work among puppet troops which have surrendered or have been otherwise incorporated into the Communist forces. It is his duty to see that these troops remain loyal to the Communists and that good relations are maintained on both sides so that the puppets may function with the maximum efficiency. Thus the Political Commissar is responsible for the political stability of puppet troops which have been taken into the Communist armies.

In some units, particularly those which have been in existence for a long time, the Commanding General also performs the duties of Political Commissar. The Political Commissar ranks above the Vice-Commander.

The duties of the Chief of the Political Department correspond in some respects to those of the Special Service Officer in a unit of the United States Army. He is directly responsible in the performance of his duties to the Political Commissar, not to the Commanding General. Among his specific duties are the carrying on, under the Political Commissar, of all kinds of political work among Communist forces and assimilated puppet troops, the promotion of good relations between the military forces and the people, friendly (KMT) armies, between the higher and lower ranks of officers, and between officers and enlisted men.

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7. Personnel Strength of the 8th Route and New 4th Armies.

In the Communist forces we distinguish between what we called "Field Armies" and "Local Forces." The Field Armies, in general, are the mobile forces which can be moved from one area to another in accordance with the plan of operations, but the Local Forces usually stay in particular areas as garrison forces. One reason for the maintenance of Field Armies and Local Forces is that in the Communist areas we must not only fight the Japanese, but we must be prepared to defend ourselves against possible attack by forces of the National Government. Field Armies are organized into regular regiments, Local Forces are not.

a. 8th Route (18th Group) Army.

Shantung Military Region. Field Army, 42,147; Local Forces, 27,877 (including guerrillas, but not militia); rifles in Field Army, 25,000.

Shansi, Hopei-Honan Military Region. Field Army, 50,000 (this figure and succeeding figures in round numbers); Local Forces, 25,000; rifles in Field Army, 29,000.

Hopei-Shantung-Honan Military Region. Field Army, 17,000; Local Forces, 11,000; rifles in Field Army, 11,000.

Shansi-Suiyuan Military Region (in area of United Garrison Force). Field Army, 26,000; Local Forces, 5,000; rifles in Field Army, 15,000.

Shansi-Chahar-Hopei Military Region. Field Army, 35,000; Local Forces, 29,000; rifles in Field Army, 21,000.

Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia Border Region (in area of United Garrison Army). Field Army, 50,000; no Local Forces; rifles in Field Army, 30,000.

Total strength of forces and rifles in 8th Route Army: Field Armies, 220,000; Local Forces, 100,000; rifles in Field Armies, 134,000; rifles in all Local Forces, 50,000; total of Field Armies and Local Forces, 320,000; total rifles in Field Armies and Local Forces, 184,000.

b. New 4th Army.

Field Army	Rifles in Field Army
North Kiangsu, 23,000	14,000
Central Kiangsu, 19,000	11,000
South Kiangsu, 6,000	3,000
North Hwai River Region, 18,000	11,000
South Hwai River, 21,000	13,000
Central Anhui, 5,000	3,000
East Chekiang, 4,000	2,000
Hupeh-Honan-Anhui, 22,000	14,000
Total, 121,000	77,000

Total local Forces, 31,000; total rifles in Local Forces, 16,000; total of Field Armies and Local Forces, 153,000; total rifles in Field Armies and Local Forces, 93,000.

Total strength 8th Route and New 4th Armies: Field Armies, 342,000; Local Forces, 131,000; rifles in Field Armies, 211,000; rifles in local Forces, 65,000; total officers and men in Field Armies and Local Forces, 474,000; total rifles in Field Armies and Local Forces, 277,000. To the total of 474,000 in Field Armies and Local Forces must be added 7,500 guerrilla forces in South China, making a grand total of Communist forces in all of China as 481,500 officers and men.

8. Organization of Chinese Communist Forces.

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There have been two periods in the anti-Japanese war which have affected our organization to a decided extent. The first period was from the outbreak of the war in July 1937 to August 1940, when the 8th Route Army launched the "one hundred regiment campaign" against the Japanese. During the first of these periods our forces were organized into what we call "big regiments." These regiments were composed of three battalions of three companies each, with three platoons in each company.

After our "100 regiment campaign," the Japanese undertook extended mopping-up operations against us, and large parts of our areas were badly cut up by the enemy. In this situation we reorganized our forces into three different kinds of regiments which we still have; the Class-A, Class-B, and Class-C regiments. The Class-A are the "big" regiments just described. In a Class-B regiment there are two battalions of three companies per battalion, each company with three platoons. Class-C regiments are organized particularly for operations in plains regions such as Central Hopei. In these areas it is difficult to operate with a force larger than a company, and sometimes even a company is difficult to maneuver. Accordingly in a Class-C regiment there are no battalions, but four or five companies directly under the Regimental Commander. The company organization in all classes of regiments is fundamentally the same, but there are variations in different units. The standard company is composed of three rifle platoons and an administrative platoon.

In addition to our three standard-type regiments we have what are known as "District Detachments." These are about the same as a Class-C regiment. They are organized from local forces and operate in particular areas from which they are not shifted. District Detachments engage in guerrilla warfare but they are not considered as guerrilla detachments. In general District Detachments are in the process of becoming regular troops.

In addition to the District Detachments, we have small guerrilla detachments which usually vary in size from about thirty to sixty men. These operate only within a particular hsien (township or county), hence they are often called "hsien guerilla detachments." Hsien guerrillas are not counted in the totals of the regular, A, B, and C regiments.

The total strength of the Class A, B, and C regiments is 340,000 men, in which is included the District Detachments. These constitute the "Field Armies" described above.

In a standard Class-A regiment there is a Regimental Commander, a Political Commissar, and a Regimental Chief of Staff. There is a separate Headquarters Section and Political Section. The Headquarters Section functions directly under the Regimental Commander or the Chief of Staff and includes a Supply Section, a Medical Detachment (which has in it a stretcher platoon), an Artillery Section, a Special Service Company, and a Radio Section.

A battalion consists of three companies and a Heavy Machine Gun Platoon. In each company there are three platoons and one administrative platoon, called a "Special Service Platoon." There are three squads in a platoon, and a squad is composed of from 10 to 13 men. The squad is not divided into sections unless there is a light machine gun in the squad.

The only difference between a Class-A and a Class-B regiment is that the latter has only two battalions and no artillery company.

In the Class-C regiment there is a Regimental Commander, Vice-Regimental Commander, and a Regimental Chief-of-Staff. There is also a Political Commissar. As in the Class-A and Class-C regiments there is a separate Headquarters and Political Section. In the Headquarters Section, which is commanded by the Chief of Staff, is a Supply unit, Medical unit, Special Service Company, and Radio unit.

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Directly under the Regimental Commander are five companies, each company with an administrative platoon and a stretcher squad.

Strength of the three different kinds of regiments is as follows: Class-A, 1,763 officers and men; Class-B, 1,163 officers and men; Class-C 866 officers and men. This is the T/O strength. Some regiments are over this, some below.

9. Organization Equipment

The equipment of an Infantry soldier, according to tables, includes the following; one rifle, 50 rounds of ammunition, one cartridge belt, one bayonet, four hand grenades, one grenade bag, one shovel, and one pick.

The T/O strength of an Infantry Company is from 118 to 136 men, equipped with the following; 81 rifles, two carbines, three light machine guns (Bren or equivalent), 81 bayonets, 81 shovels, 81 picks, three grenade throwers (knee mortars), 380 hand grenades (carried on the men), and one bugle.

Class-A regiment is equipped as follows: 693 rifles with bayonets, 124 carbines, 82 pistols (different types, mostly Mauser), 81 light machine guns, six heavy machine guns (Maxim or equivalent), 27 grenade throwers (knee mortars), four 82-mm mortars, and 33 horses.

Class-B regiment. 468 rifles and bayonets, 24 carbines, 76 pistols, 36 light machine guns, six heavy machine guns, 18 grenade throwers, and 13 horses.

Class-C regiment. 425 rifles, 20 carbines, 62 pistols, 15 light machine guns, two heavy machine guns, and five grenade throwers (knee mortars), and nine horses.

10. Comparison of Strength of Communist Organizations with those of the Japanese and National Government Forces.

According to 1939 Japanese T/O, as obtained from prisoners, the strength of an Infantry company is 150 men, armed with 108 rifles, six light machine guns, and six knee mortars. In the National Government forces (1938 T/O), the strength of an Infantry company is 174 men, with 90 rifles, nine light machine guns, and nine grenade throwers. In our Class-A regiments there are from 118-136 officers and men in an Infantry Company, 70-80 rifles, three to six light machine guns, and from one to three grenade throwers.

In a Japanese Infantry Battalion (1939 T/O) are 843 officers and men, 441 rifles, 24 light machine guns, 24 grenade throwers, nine light machine guns, and two Infantry cannon. The National Government Infantry Battalion has 689 officers and men, 270 rifles, 27 light machine guns, six heavy machine guns, 27 grenade throwers, and two trench mortars or infantry cannon. Our Infantry Battalion has a strength of 470 officers and men, 221-243 rifles, 9-18 light machine guns, 3-9 grenade throwers, two heavy machine guns and no Infantry cannon.

The strength of a Japanese regiment is 3,329 officers and men, 1327 rifles, 72 light machine guns, 72 grenade throwers, 27 heavy machine guns, and 10 mortars or Infantry cannon. A regiment in the National Government forces has 2,447 officers and men, 810 rifles, 81 light machine guns, 81 grenade throwers, 18 heavy machine guns, and six mortars or Infantry cannon. The strength of our Class-A regiment is 1763 men, 817 rifles, 27-54 light machine guns, 9-27 grenade throwers, six heavy machine guns, and four trench mortars.

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11. Strong and Weak Points of Communist Forces.

One of our weaknesses is that we have practically no special troops, such as artillery, engineers, and transport troops. We are weak in communications. Our radio net extends only down as far as the regiment, below that we must depend on foot or mounted messengers.

Our system of troop organization is too complicated and irregular, and there are constant changes, so that it is very difficult to keep a record of the strength of our units and use them properly. Due to our high casualty rate, the standard of efficiency among our commanders of smaller units is low. While we have few desertions, our loss by stragglers is too high.

We are lacking in technical personnel, such as truck drivers, radio men, and personnel who know how to operate heavy and complicated equipment, such as artillery. We captured a great many trucks at Pingsingkuan in Shansi in September, 1937, but as we could not use these, we simply had to destroy them.

One of our principal strong points is that our units are small and their equipment light, so that our forces have a high degree of mobility, which makes us especially effective in guerrilla warfare. We can divide our forces very quickly for independent missions over a wide area.

Our system of command is highly centralized. Political work among our forces guarantees that orders will be carried out. Many of our regimental, brigade, and division commanders have had long years of experience in grade, some as many as ten years in one grade, and they know their duties very well.

Getting back to our weaknesses again, we are very short on ammunition. While according to our tables of allowances each man is supposed to carry 50 rounds of ammunition, the average is about 30 rounds per man. We lack automatic weapons and have very few heavy weapons. Our rifles and the little artillery we have are very old and most of them are worn out. The steel in our bayonets is poor which reduces the effect of our bayonet charges.

We have no anti-gas equipment, and during 1938-1940 period we suffered 14,750 gas casualties. A considerable number of our Brigade and Division commanders have been gassed.

Since before the fall of Wuhan, in 1938, when we received 120 light machine guns and six anti-tank guns from the National Government, we have received practically nothing in the way of arms or equipment from Kuomintang China. Most of our arms and ammunition have either been captured from the Japanese or made locally in small workshops, principally by hand. These workshops are too small and the methods of production used therein are too primitive for them to be called arsenals. Our shortage of rifles is shown by the fact that in our Field Armies we have an average of about one rifle to every two men; while in our Local Forces, the proportion is about one rifle to every three men.

Beside what we capture from the Japanese and what we make, we have captured some rifles and other weapons from the Kuomintang forces and the puppets. Some are brought in by local troops who are incorporated into our forces. Then of course we have the weapons which we had in the original Chinese Red Army, less those lost or worn out. Ammunition supply for this motley collection of weapons is very difficult, as there are several calibers among them.

In spite of all our weaknesses in supplies, weapons, and equipment, we have fought for seven years and have attained some successes. We believe with better equipment and weapons and more regular supplies, we could do much better. We hope that the future will give us a chance to demonstrate this.

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12. Comment.

During a rest period in the talk in which the above report was given, General Yeh told me that in stating the needs and weaknesses of the Communist forces, he did not wish to give the impression that he was asking for anything. Naturally they could not refrain from hoping that the future would bring some turn of events which would make it possible for them to receive more adequate arms, equipment, and supplies than they had in the past. They did not hope for much, so he said, but what they wanted most of all was rifle and light machine gun ammunition, light automatic weapons, and some easily portable weapon capable of destroying the Japanese and puppet forts. He thought from what he had heard of the bazooka it might be just the weapon for this last purpose, but he had never seen one demonstrated. He was sure mountain pack artillery would be very useful, and they had plenty of big strong mules for transport.

13. Note: This report had to be prepared in a hurry, hence the material is not as well assembled as it would have been had more time been available in which to work over the notes on General Yeh's talk.

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Attached report dated 24 July 1944 is a general statement as to the needs of Communist Forces, with priority given to small-arms ammunition, radio and medical supplies.

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1. General. The following report was obtained through the initiative of Mr. John S. Service, who, in May 1944 forwarded a comprehensive list of questions about the Communists forces to a foreigner who has lived and worked with the Communists for several years. I am well acquainted with this source and consider him both competent and reliable. Much of the report could, in my opinion, be rated A-1, but I prefer to give it a general rating of B-2. The report affords a valuable basis for many phases of the work of the Observer Section.

2. The most pressing needs of the Communist forces are for rifle and machine gun ammunition and for an easily portable weapon capable of knocking out Japanese forts, which usually have thick brick walls. The bazooka might be very useful for this purpose, as it is essential that a man be able to carry the weapon. Cartridges should be half Japanese and half Chinese, cal. 7.92.

3. An urgent need is for more modern signal equipment. For example, ultra-short wave equipment would be valuable as it would greatly facilitate coordinated operations. It could also be used very near Japanese forts or in occupied towns and villages where it is impracticable to put up antennae. With short-wave equipment a station could be set up in the West Hopei mountains by means of which contact could be maintained with units operating in the plains to the east. This is not now possible.

4. Medical supplies and hospital equipment of all kinds are urgently needed.

5. Shipment of supplies to base areas, except the Shansi-Suiyuan base would probably have to be by air, as only small quantities could be transported along distances by pack animals across Japanese held railways. Landing strips could be constructed in most of the Base Areas. During the offensive last fall the Japanese built a landing strip in the middle of the main Shansi-Chahar-Hopei Base.

6. Source of this report believes that if the 18th Group and New 4th Armies had an adequate supply of rifle and machine gun ammunition and weapons capable of knocking out forts, there would soon be a collapse of many Japanese positions in North and Central China, and it would be possible to extend guerrilla activity into Manchuria. If the Japanese could not hold a fort or strong point without artillery, and if the Communists had enough ammunition to attack strongly any Japanese unit moving without artillery or air support, the whole Japanese fort system would become untenable and the Japs would lose most of the country outside the railway zones. The railways would be subject to continual interruption unless the Japanese greatly increased the strength of their railway garrisons. With air support it would be possible to make effective raids, even large-scale attacks, on the main railway garrison centers. The source believes that with U.S. Army Air Force support, it might be possible to retake the whole of Shansi Province.

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Comment: I believe that the source is overly optimistic about the ability of the Communists, even with adequate supplies, to attack effectively strongly held Japanese positions. I agree, however, that much valuable territory could be taken back by knocking out forts and strong points, that rail and other transport could be seriously interfered with, that contact could be established with guerrillas in Manchuria, and that large numbers of puppet forces could be dispersed or forced to surrender.

7. With even a small amount of help in the way of arms, ammunition, and equipment, the 18th Group and new 4th Armies would be able to extend the scope of their operations, inflict increased losses on the Japs, and tie up more Japanese troops in North and Central China. How little help would produce good results can be seen from the fact that in 1942 a reliable estimate placed the number of rounds of rifle ammunition used by the 18th Group Army, since the beginning of the war, at only two or three million at the most.

8. A few supplies of major importance would greatly increase the productive capacity of Communist manufacturing plants. For example the Shansi-Chahar-Hopei Munitions Department has difficulty in standardizing explosives because it has no accurate chemical balance scales for analysis. Many factories have to waste valuable time making tools like saw blades and files which soon wear out because they are made from railway rails. A few mule loads of essential radio parts would materially improve the whole communication system.

9. As long as the blockade between Kuomintang and Communist territory continues, money payments in national currency would be of little assistance to the Communists. Payments in gold bullion would be very useful in buying supplies from the occupied areas where Japs and puppets are anxious to hoard gold and the price is very high.

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U.S. Army Observer Section
APO 879
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Subject: The Communist Policy Toward the Kuomintang
To: Commanding General, Fwd. Ech., USAF CBI, APO 879

While there are a large number of political subjects of great importance to be observed in the Communist areas (such as the form of their governments, their political program, and their political indoctrination of the people), the problem of greatest immediate urgency, and the only one which I have had as yet even a slight opportunity of studying, is the attitude of the Communist Party toward its differences with the Kuomintang.

In comment on a conversation with General LIN Piao, a memorandum of which was attached to my report no. 3 of July 30, I noted the outspoken and apparently irreconcilable bitterness of the Communist military leaders toward the Generalissimo and the Kuomintang as contrasting with the more moderate and reserved attitude of the civilian political leaders.

The policy of these political leaders, who appear to have unquestioned control over the military leaders in policy matters continues to be: adherence to the United Front; full mobilization to fight Japan; abandonment of any purely Communist program; and recognition of the Central Government and the leadership of the Generalissimo. This attitude has been clearly expressed by MAO Tse-tung in recent interviews and by CHOU En-lai in his talk with me on July 27, memoranda of which were also transmitted with my report no. 3.

This professed policy of the Communist Party presents a number of anomalies. It is generally assumed, for instance, that the driving power of any political party is the struggle for political power. This should be even more true of a Communist party which, theoretically at least, is revolutionary in nature. Why then, at a time when it is apparently growing in strength, and in the face of the obvious and serious deterioration in China and the growingly questionable capacity for leadership of the Kuomintang and the Generalissimo, should the Communist Party insist on a policy of self-limitation? Certainly the Kuomintang has given ample provocation for it to give up its adherence to the United Front. And it would seem that conditions in Kuomintang China had reached such a stage that further effective resistance against Japan is doubtful under its leadership and the Party might reasonably be justified in playing its own hand. Instead of holding mass meetings and offering to send troops to defend Sian (as was done during the critical period in the middle of June), would it not be more logical for the Communists to hope for, or even work for, the defeat and collapse of the Kuomintang?

The question therefore presents itself: are the Communists sincere in this policy?

The indications are that they are sincere. Except for the months from July to September, 1943, when they seriously thought they were in danger of attack by the Kuomintang, they have not talked of violent opposition to the Kuomintang. Impartial observers have never been convinced of Communist attacks on Government forces. But there have been instances of Kuomintang attacks. And the

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Kuomintang's record of its relations with the puppets and even the Japanese in those guerrila areas does not bear close examination. The Communists steadfastly stick to the line that civil war would be a tragedy which must be avoided at any cost -- although some observers believe that it would be difficult if not impossible for the Kuomintang to defeat them. They will not permit any suggestion that China should be divided or that they should hold one section of it, such as North China, more or less independently. Propaganda wall slogans in Yenan (long ante-dating our arrival) call for both parties to unite to resist Japan. There are reports that military leaders too out-spoken in their criticism of the Central Government have been required to temper their statements -- similarly some party members have been disciplined for becoming "left deviationists" by going beyond the Party line in advocating such reforms as collective farms. Finally and very significantly, even the Kuomintang has not made more than very weak and unconvincing efforts to claim that the Communists have attempted to foment or capitalize on the agrarian unrest in Kuomintang China, or that there is any large scale Communist activity outside of the areas of their military operations in North and East China.

What then is the explanation of this Communist policy? And what is their expectation of their place in China during the fairly near future -- say the next few decades?

I suggest that there may be two explanations of Communist policy. The first, based on theoretical grounds, is the one given by the Party leaders (though never, as far as I know, completely to any one observer). The second, arising out of practical political considerations, may be too cynical and would certainly be rejected by those leaders. Both, I think, make some sense. And both would seem to show that the party is under far-sighted, careful leadership and strong discipline.

Theoretical Explanation of Communist Policy

The Chinese Communist Party claims that it is Marxist. By this the Communist mean that their ideology, their philosophical approach, and their dialectical method are based on Marxist materialism. Marxism thus becomes to them chiefly an attitude and approach to problems. It is a long-term view of political and economical development to which all short-term considerations of temporary advantage or premature power are ruthlessly subordinated.

This interpretation of Marxist materialism means to them a certain logical development of economic society. It also means that this natural sequence cannot be short-circuited. To try to do so would be disastrous and a violation of their basic principles of strategy.

Thus socialism, in their view, cannot be evolved at one jump from the present primitive agrarian society of China. It can come only after considerable development of the Chinese economy and after it has passed through a stage of at least modified capitalism.

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Their Communism, therefore, does not mean the immediate overthrow of private capital -- because there is still almost no capitalism in China. It does not mean the dictatorship of the proletariat -- because there is as yet no proletariat. It does not mean the collectivization of farms -- because the political education of the peasants has not yet overcome their primitive individualistic desire to till their own land.

Furthermore, the Communists see the existence of their politically advanced party in an economically backward country a unique opportunity to so lead and direct economic development that the abuses of capitalism which lead to violent revolution can be avoided. The problem is to have the economic revolution catch up to and keep pace with the more rapid political revolution. By democracy, they hope to prevent the exploitation of the working and peasant classes and the need for class revolution. By orderly and progressive solution of China's basic land question, they seek to remove the possibility of a land revolution. By the encouragement of such institutions as cooperatives, they can assist productive development in a way suitable to a country lacking in capital, modern industry and communications, and at the same time educate the people toward socialism. By encouragement of private capital, they can increase national wealth and raise the standard of living; but at the same time, by democratic controls, avoid the abuses of powerful private monopolies that have created problems in purely capitalistic states.

All facets of present Communist policies seem to fit into this framework. For instance: the substitution of rent reduction for the former policy of confiscation not only helps to keep the support of the landlord interests and to unify all groups in support of the war; it also serves to make industrial investment more attractive to the landlord-capitalist class by restricting their profits from land investment. The policy is already having this effect in the North Shensi Border Region.

So although the Chinese Communist Party aims at eventual socialism, it hopes to arrive at this, not through a violent revolution, but through a long and orderly process of democracy and controlled economic development.

This democracy will be of a progressive -- or what would generally be called radical -- type. The economic development will be partly socialistic, partly private. The first is essential to the second: the desired economic development can come about only under democracy.

This long-term approach therefore determines for the Communists their present policy toward the Kuomintang. Since they believe in democracy, they advocate multi-party participation in politics. They accordingly seek compromise with the Kuomintang and hope that the progressive elements within the Kuomintang will rise to the occasion to make such a compromise possible. To this end, they refuse to exploit what seems to be a present opportunity to seek the overthrow of the Kuomintang. And for this reason they seek to avoid civil war: even if they win after a long struggle, the country's development will be set back by loss of time and destruction of resources.

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At the same time, the Communists take the view that this desirable compromise with the Kuomintang will be wasted if they are forced to give up the progress that they have already made toward these democratic goals. Therefore, while they accept provocation and abuse, they will make no concessions of principle, because to make such concessions would be a violation of their long-term policy and a turning back in the pursuit of their ultimate objectives.

By this view the Communist Party becomes a party seeking orderly democratic growth toward socialism -- as it is being attained, for instance, in a country like England -- rather than a party fomenting an immediate and violent revolution. It becomes a party which is not seeking an early monopoly of political power but pursuing what it considers the long-term interests of China. It bases this seemingly "idealistic" policy on a rigid interpretation of materialism, which holds it to be a violation of those materialistic principles to attempt to force the country into socialism before the natural development of the country's economy makes socialism possible.

Practical Explanation of Communist Policy

Almost everything that the Communist Party is doing and advocating can also be explained from a practical point of view. This starts from the assumption that the Party is actually seeking power and that this aim provides the motivation for its policies. In very brief and exaggerated form this interpretation might be as follows:

The Communists actively support the war because this gives them an opportunity to mobilize, organize and indoctrinate the people, and to create and train an efficient army.

They operate by preference in the areas behind the Japanese lines because there they are relatively free from Kuomintang interference.

Such policies as the abandonment of land confiscation are useful temporary expedients to help them carry on the war and to win unified popular support in the areas of their operations. It also has strong propaganda appeal in other areas.

Their espousal of democracy appeals to the great majority of the people of China and is a good club for beating the Kuomintang. They realize that popular support must be their principal weapon against the superior arms of the Kuomintang in any contest of strength.

Their democratic claims, their engagement in guerrila warfare behind the enemy lines, and their proclamation of liberal economic policies based on private property are also useful in appealing to foreign sympathy and in winning the foreign support which they realize will be necessary, at least for a time, in the economic rehabilitation and development of China following the war.

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At present, time is working in favor of the Communists. As conditions in the rest of China worsen and the Kuomintang becomes weaker, the Communists, both relatively and absolutely, are growing stronger. It is unnecessary, therefore, for them to take active steps to capitalize on this situation in Kuomintang China. They can afford to sit back and wait. If things continue as they are now going, time will bring the collapse of the Kuomintang, leaving the Communists the strongest force in China. They will then be free, immediately or gradually as circumstances seem to dictate, to revert to their program of Communism.

Comment

It is difficult to make a clear-cut choice between these two explanations of Communist policy. It is probable that something of both enter into the actual formulation of Communist strategy. The bellicoseness of the Communist generals inclines one toward acceptance of the second explanation. Even the almost over-adroitness of the Communists in the field of public relations and propaganda inclines one at times to be suspicious of them.

But on the other hand, the apparently genuine attempt of the Communists to avoid any civil war now or after the present war are hard to fit into the second explanation. And the impressive personal qualities of the Communist leaders, their seeming sincerity and the coherence and logical nature of their program leads me, at least, toward general acceptance of the first explanation -- that the Communists base their policy toward the Kuomintang on a real desire for democracy in China under which there can be orderly economic growth through a stage of private enterprise to eventual socialism without the need of violent social upheaval and revolution.

If this view is correct, it follows that the policies of the Chinese Communist Party will not run counter to the interests of the United States in China in the foreseeable future, and that the Party merits, so far as possible, a sympathetic and friendly attitude on our part.

It is requested that the attached copies of the report be transmitted to the American Ambassador at Chungking to Headquarters, USAF CBI, New Delhi for the information of Mr. Davies.

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U.S. Army Observer Section
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Subject: First Informal Impressions of the North Shensi Communist Base.

To: Commanding General, Fwd. Ech., USAF CBI, APO 879

Although I have been in Yenan only 6 days, it seems advisable, in view of the availability of mail facilities and their future uncertainty, to try to record a few general first impressions of the Communist Border Region.

In spite of the shortness of the time we have been here, I have had opportunities to meet and talk to a number of Chinese friends, to meet three foreigners who have been resident in the Communist area for some time, and to meet most of the important Communist leaders. In addition I have had the chance to draw on the experience, impressions and notebooks of several foreign correspondents who have spent more than 6 weeks in Yenan, during which time they have been given every sort of facility to interview personages and collect information.

My own experience is that one enters an area like this, concerning which one has heard so many entirely good but secondhand reports, with a conscious determination not to be swept off one's feet. The feeling is that things cannot possibly be as good as they have been pictured, and that there must be a "catch" somewhere.

It is interesting, therefore, that my own first impressions -- and those of the rest of the Observer Group -- have been extremely favorable. The same is true of the foreign correspondents, at least two of whom (Votaw and Forman) could not by any stretching of the term, have been called "pro-Communist" before their arrival. The spell of the Chinese Communists still seems to work.

All of our party have had the same feeling -- that we have come into a different country and are meeting a different people. There is undeniably a change in the spirit and atmosphere. As one officer, born and brought up in China, put it: "I find myself continually trying to find out just how Chinese these people are."

This difference in atmosphere is evident in many ways.

There is an absence of show and formality, both in speech and action. Relations of the officials and people toward us, and of the Chinese among themselves, are open, direct and friendly. MAO Tse-tung and other leaders are universally spoken of with respect (amounting in the case of Mao to a

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sort of veneration) but these men are approachable and subservience toward them is completely lacking. They mingle freely in groups.

Bodyguards, gendarmes and the claptrap of Chungking officialdom are also completely lacking. To the casual eye there are no police in Yenan. And very few soldiers are seen.

There are also no beggars, nor signs of desperate poverty.

Clothing and living are very simple. Almost everyone except the peasants wear the same plain Chungshan type uniform of native cotton cloth. We have seen no signs of ostentation in dress, living, or entertaining.

Women not only wear practically the same clothes (trousers, sandals or cloth shoes, and often a Russian type smock), they act and are treated as friendly equals. Their openness and complete lack of self-consciousness is at first almost disconcerting. This does not mean familiarity: the spooning couples seen in parks or quiet streets in Chungking would seem as out of place as long gowns, high heels or lipstick.

There are a great number of young people, both men and women. This is natural with the universities and various Party training schools. But there is generally an air of maturity and seriousness about these students. They have little time, one learns, for loitering and they have most of them earned their higher training by hard work, generally for the Party. Those who are here are here because they want to be, and they expect work and a very simple life.

These students from all over China, many from the forward bases in the guerrilla zones, and the fact that one meets Government and military officials from all over North China, gives the feeling that this is a sort of nerve center of important happenings. Students continually talk of going back to the villages or the front to carry on their work.

Morale is very high. The war seems close and real. There is no defeatism, but rather confidence. There is no war-weariness. One gets a feeling that everyone has a job. The program to make every person a producer has a real meaning. Those who do not grow crops, work at something like spinning. Each morning we see our co-ed neighbors at the university at their spinning wheels outside their caves.

At the same time there is time for a great deal of talk and discussion. There are continual meetings.

This leisure is notable in the case of the Party leaders. One learns that they stay completely out of the Government and hold no routine tasks of this time-consuming character.

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People do not talk of "going back to Shanghai" as soon as the war is over. People have made themselves at home here.

Toward the rest of China, the attitude is one of interest in conditions there but a sort of detached sympathy because they know that conditions are so much worse than here.

There is everywhere an emphasis on democracy and intimate relations with the common people. This is shown in their cultural work which is taken very seriously. Drama and music have taken over the native folk forms of the country people of this area. Social dancing includes dancing of the local folk dance.

People are serious and tend to have a sense of a mission. But recreation is encouraged. One form of this, just mentioned, is social dancing. At the dinner given for us after our arrival, all the most important leaders joined in the dancing in the most natural and democratic manner. There is a surprising political consciousness. No matter who one questions -- barber or farmer or room attendant -- he can give a good description of the Communist program for carrying on the war. We notice that most of the coolies waiting on us read the newspaper.

There is no tension in the local situation - no guards when one enters the city, no garrisoned blockhouses on the hills (as were apparent in Lanchow in 1943). One hears nothing of banditry or disturbances in the country.

We saw a group of men marching down the road with no armed escort in sight. We were told they were new recruits.

There is no criticism of Party leaders and no political talk.

At the same time there is no feeling of restraint or suppression. Foreigners notice this particularly after they have traveled in Kuomintang North China. We are not burdened with people trying to question us under the guise of making friends. Our interpreters are available when we want them. No one bothers to lock their rooms. We walk freely where we wish. The correspondents have had no censorship.

The leaders make excellent personal impressions. The military men look and act like capable military men. Mao has more warmth and magnetism than would be expected from the generally poor pictures of him.

The general feeling is of calm self-confidence -- self-respect. General YEH laughed about the weapons of the Communist armies. "But," he said, "I won't apologize. It was all we had, and we fought with them." Things happen pretty well in a business-like way.

To the skeptical, the general atmosphere at Yenan can be compared to that of a rather small, sectarian college -- or a religious summer conference. There is a bit of the smugness, self-righteousness, and conscious fellowship.

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I had a little bit of this feeling during the first few days. Later I found myself agreeing with one of the correspondents, a man who has been long in China, when he said: "We have come to the mountains of North Shensi, to find the most modern place in China."

I think now that further study and observation will confirm that what is seen at Yenan is a well integrated movement, with a political and economic program, which it is successfully carrying out under competent leaders.

And that while the Kuomintang has lost its early revolutionary character and with that loss disintegrated, the Communist Party, because of the struggle it has had to continue, has kept its revolutionary character, but has grown to a healthy and moderate maturity.

One cannot help coming to feel that this movement is strong and successful, and that it has such drive behind it and has tied itself so closely to the people that it will not easily be killed.

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