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IMPORTANT

From: S.A.C. South East ASia

To: Usual [redacted] Guidance Addressees

Nr: SAC 13024 31 December 1944

[redacted] Guidance for week ended 29th December 1944 on Burma Front. Not for publication.

Situation.

Good progress has been made in the Irrawaddy valley and in Arakan during the week. On the Myitkyina - Mandalay railway IV Corps troops have reached Kanbalu 110 miles from Mandalay. Along the (*bank*) of the Irrawaddy the 36th British Division had made a corresponding advance southwards. On the road from Shwegyin to Yeu the XXXIII Corps captured Pyinhaing and Tawgyin which is 34 miles from Yeu. The Japanese withdrawal is orderly and there is stiff opposition from rearguards on the road to Yeu in particular.

Along the railway and the line of the river there has been less. In Arakan in the Coastal Sector the XV Indian Corps with support from Naval guns has reached foul point at the top of the Mayu Peninsular. East of the Mayu Range they are advancing down the banks of the Mayu river. In the Kaladan valley they are now south of Kyauktaw. In the Myittha valley there is still Japanese opposition in the neighbourhood of Gangaw but patrols have been as far as Tilin. On the road from Bhamo to Namhkam Chinese troops of the Northern Combat Area Command have taken Panchkae four miles from Namhkam. They have also captured Loi-Wing on the Chinese side of the borader five miles north of Namhkam. In the area of Tonkwa Chinese troops and the Mars Task Force (American) are

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still meeting Japanese resistance. Air activity in support of Ground operations was chiefly in Arakan and on the Axis of the Shwegyin-Yeu road and between Lashio and Wantito.

It was announced during the week that on December 20th British Naval Carrier-borne aircraft of the East Indies Fleet attacked the harbour of Belawan-Deli on the East Coast of Sumatra and airfields in the Sabang area and the anchorage at Uleelhoe.

Points.

1. Some 80,000 square miles, nearly one third of Burma is now in Allied occupation.

2. Loi-Wing which General Sultan's Chinese troops have taken is the first town in China to be liberated by troops that have advanced overland from India. It was the final site of China's sole aircraft factory which moved westwards by successiv stages after Japanese invasion of southern China.

3. There are indications that the Japanese withdrawal in the Centre may continue south of Shwebo. They have been demolishing airfields in the neighbourhood. The Japanese withdrawing down the Irrawaddy are described as sick ragged and starving.

4. The Japanese radio continues to discuss the possibility of Allied landings. From Singapore it suggests that the German offensive in the West diminishes the prospect

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of amphibious operations in Burma but the Japanese population in Greater East Asia is the object of special propaganda to make it invasion conscious.

End

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China
Headquarters, Rear Echelon, China Theater,
Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, 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, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft. Shafter, T. H.

Nr: CRAX 24120 31 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI CRAX 24120 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan. G-2 SITREP 30th Dec.

Burma-Yunnan border: 70 Japanese dead counted in fighting on 29 December east of Wanting; Japanese fighting in general area approximately 7 miles northeast and east of Wanting estimated at 1200; comment: This is Chinese estimate which is normally high, believed here figure at least 50 percent exaggerated; only one group of hills north of Shweli River in area 10 miles west of Wanting held by Japanese, bulk of Japanese this area said to have moved to Mengmao; 300 Japanese arrived at Mengmao from southwest say

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

Nr: CRAX 24120 31 December 1944

Chinese, comment: Total Mengmao said to be 800, but figure believed high since enemy here inactive; report dated 28 December states Japanese garrison withdrawing from Kunlong (45 miles east of Hsenvi).

North Burma-Japanese resistance in area 12 miles northwest of Namhkam broken and only slight resistance just east of that area; No contact reported at present; wearing khaki clothes Japanese from direction of Mongmit reportedly arriving in Namtu; no other change reported. Chindwin front-enemy positions southeast of Pyingaing overcome and Allied advance on Yeu continues against slight opposition, leading Allied troops now 17 miles northwest of Yeu, further identifications 31st Division during advance; enemy opposition against Allied advance in Kanbalu area continues, 58th Regiment 31st Division tentatively identified this area, comment: Appears that 31st Division now responsible for delaying action in areas north of Yeu and Shwebo.

Arakan front: Allied southward advance continues and Rathedaung entered by patrols without opposition; only slight contacts report remainder of front; no change in Kaladan area.

End

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From: CG Panama Canal Department
Quarry Heights Canal Zone

To: War Department

Nr: P 29393 30 December 1944

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Present Executive of Panama believed until 27 December 1944 that he had control of National Assembly and could continue in power until 1947. Because of his attempts to dictate to Assembly name of its President to be elected 2 January 1945 for the next session President De La Guardia alienated some of his supporters and it became apparent that his control was doubious.

The first National Youth Congress of Panama which has been meeting since 25 December in an orderly manner and concerning itself with the internal affairs of Panama passed a resolution 28 Dec 1944 calling for a constitutional convention under a new President. The leaders of the old line political parties forming a national committee of political coordination and theoretically supporting the President suggested a constitutional convention also.

The President then in view of the uncertain situation in the Assembly and the apparent popular clamour for a National Assembly suspended the constitution on 29 December 1944 except for judicial and executive powers and announced elections to be held 6 May 1945 for delegates to a national convention to convene 14 June 1945.

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From: CG Panama Canal Department
Quarry Heights Canal Zone

Nr: P 29393. 30 December 1944

A state of seige has been declared in Panama. Youth movement is making threats to use passive resistance to force government to resign, passive resistance to consist of closing all stores under threat of property damage by Youth movement. President is now attempting to form a coalition cabinet composition of which has not been published.

Further information concerning formation of triumvirate has not been disclosed. Possible same was trial balloon to secure comment from American authorities.

Pro government faction of Socialist party headed by Demptrio Porras will stage a parade manifesting support of present government afternoon 30 December 1944. Persons to participate in parade are being brought to Panama City by truck. Panama police are closing stores along Central Avenue Panama City, apparently to avoid incident during parade, consequently unable to fully determine extent of threat of Youth movement but apparently passive resistance of Youth movement has failed. Position of government seems slightly strengthened.

This is summary of entire situation up to now.

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From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon
Kandy, Ceylon

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
CG, 10th Air Force, Kanjipoah, Assam
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

Nr: 396 30 December 1944

To Marshall for Surles info Warner Sultan, Stratemeyer and Wedemeyer, info PROS from Huntley signed Wheeler. Starting weekly review Burma front. Censored by Larsen US cite 396.

A three-way Allied squeeze play from the mainland and the sea appeared as the year ended to be shaping the whole course of the Burma campaign for the scared and frustrated Japanese forces half-heartedly resisting the Allied advances.

As in much of this seasons land campaign, the opposition normally is spotty, unspectacular and designed for delay. There is still no visible purpose on the enemys part to make a major stand anywhere. At the same time Allied Forces kept their trigger fingers ready and their other fingers crossed.as they moved cautiously from point to point in the job of mopping up Jap suicide squads and repairing roads and railways leading to Mandalay.

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From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon
Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: 396 30 December 1944

Meanwhile the main Jap forces, always out of sight as they pull away ahead of the British, Chinese and Americans pressing them from the north and west, were changing south and east.

American progress in the Philippines and the threat of British Naval landings in southeast Asia appeared to be pulling them toward the coasts while the Allied Armies in Burma pushed and kicked them from behind to speed them on their way. Whatever the overall influence of this Jap fear of coming events, indications mounted that the enemy is preparing to concentrate his forces for the protection of land communications with China to the east.

In moving out through north Burma their progress is slowed by the havoc wrought on communication lines behind them by American and British Air Forces of General Stratemeyer's Eastern Air Command, They in turn also are messing up the roads and rail lines for Allies by throwing in road blocks and burning or blowing up bridges and rail facilities Allied airmen overlooked. The movement of men and supplies over Burmese communication routes thus becomes a problem for both sides, but the advantage lies with the Allies, since they not only control the air completely but bring with them supplies and repair facilities denied the enemy.

There is considerable shadow boxing as the Japs move out. Both sides are conducting their campaigns to conserve manpower. Here too the advantage lies with the Allies,

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Kandy, Ceylon

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and the ratio of Jap losses runs far ahead of those suffered by attacking forces. Additional Jap casualties are inflicted regularly by Allied airpower.

Although the rate of the Allied advance from day to day never appears rapid, the overall picture shows that General Sultan's Chinese, British and American forces have won back in 60 days half as much territory in north Burma as was cleared of the enemy in last seasons campaign, and this years drive is just getting well launched, with several months to go.

Except at the juncture of the Burma and Ledo road routes where the Japs are holding out as long as possible for the purpose of delaying the reopening of the land communications with China, Allied lines are being straightened and consolidated and moved steadily forward. Ground fronts summarized.

Chindwin-British Fourteenth Army pushed through a road block at Pyingaing on Shwegyin-Yeu road, clearing the area of Japanese in the process. There were some 10 miles beyong Pyingaing toward Yeu, where British, American and Chinese forces separated on their retreat before the Japanese during the ill-starred campaign of 1942. Then the Japs were moving on India. Now they are saving their skins.

Irrawaddy river and railway corrider areas-British forces on the west and north, flanked by the American Mars

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Kandy, Ceylon

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Task Force on the east, were pressing forward steadily toward Mandalay. They were only 100 miles away. It was still an open question whether the enemy would fight for Mandalay, and if so, on what basis.

Northern combat area-three days ago General Sultan's Chinese forces were only five miles from Namkham, and occupying villages and towns on both sides of the Burma-Chinese border in that area. Patrols pushed ahead cautiously to feel out enemy strength in Namkham itself. It could prove another Bhamo, or the Japs could abandon it without a fight as they have most of the other towns between Bhamo and Namkham.

Arakan-2050 Indian Division reached foul point at the foot of the Mayu range, and dominating the water route from Akyab to the mountain valleys to the north. It was deserted when they arrived. Akyab Island was in sight 5 miles away.

New subject. Air action.

Air action during the week followed the usual Burma pattern as Eastern Air Command flyers concentrated on rail yards, bridges, motor transport and airfields. The Rangoon-Mandalay line was being systematically wrecked. The Moulmein railway yards were smashed up during the week also.

On a long-distance plunge into Indo-China, a part of the China Land Theater commanded by Major General

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Wedemeyer, EAC heavies attacked railway yards at Phyklang Thuoun, northeast of Hanoi, on one of the two rail supply routes to southern China. This is one of the areas the enemy must hold and keep open at all costs to prevent the cutting of communications between China and their conquests in Indonesia.

New subject: Naval action.

For good measure, Britains East Indies Fleet went into action also. Carrier-borne aircraft attacked the harbor of Belawau-Deli on the easy coast of Sumatra. They struck enemy airfields in the Sabang area later the same day although both strikes occurred December 20, they were not announced until December 26. In the first target area the attacking force wrecked and burned warehouses, jetties, railyards and D installations.

Thus, by land, sea and air the Japs found Admiral Mountbatten's forces closing in from southeast Asia while American land and Naval forces hammered them from the Pacific. The squeeze play was in full swing, and the Allies were doing the squeezing.

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

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 23983 30 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten TOPSEC CRAX 23983.

Lifted to China by air to include 0800 hours 28 December is total of 9188 Chinese, 116 US personnel, 813 animals, and 9 jeeps.

Above from 6th Army Headquarters and 22nd Division.

Still in Wansin area is 2nd Battalion of 66th Regiment.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: CC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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From: Headquarters Air Command Southeast Asia
Kandy Ceylon

To: War Department

Nr: AC 76 28 December 1944

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Photo Recce Force 24th December: 1 P-38.

25 December: 1 Spitfire, roll stock count Shwebo 5.

26th December: 6 P 38's and 4 Spitfires and 9 P 40's insluding 1 abortive and 1 Liberator, roll stock count follows, Pegu 45, Abya 15, Kyaungkashe 25, Sittang west 40, Sittang east 22 and 2 possible locos Mokp Kon 30, Taungxun 20, Paung 9, Martlban 95, Moulmein south 129, Henyada 50, Nattalin 6, Lashio 14, Namyao 21, Yoataung 150, and 4 locos Wetlee 50.

27th December: 5 Spitfires and 6 P-38's including 1 abortive and 1 abortive Mosquito, aircraft count Mingaladon 22 small 1 probably damaged medium single engine, roll stock count Ywataung 175 and 4 locos Yegyi 8 Taungdwngyi 27, Sagaing 31, Tadas 9, Kyaukpadaung 51.

General Recce 26th December: 2 Catalinas met flight and shipping escort. 1 Sunderland anti U-boat patrol.

27th December: 1 Catalina shipping escort. 1 Catalina met flight. 1 Cataline anti U-boat patrol.

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From: Headquarters Air Command Southeast Asia K
Kandy Ceylon

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Air Supply 23rd December: 40 C-46 total 200 tons 4-XXXIII Corps, Imphal General Area 20 tons 123 men, returns shuttles 63 tons 72 men 208 casualties.

25th December: 85 C 47 (3 abortive) total 209 tons 142 men, 54 sorties 131 tons 142 men Northern Combat Area Command, 28 sorties, 78 tons 4-XXXIII Corps.

End of installment 4, installment 5 follows.

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

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command
Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 23797 28 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten TOP SECRET CRAX 23797.

Report on air lift to China from Burma follows:

Total of 6157 Chinese,
95 Americans,
4 Jeeps and trailers,
576 Animals and entire artillery of 22nd Division was delivered by 0800 December 27. About half of 64th Regiment has gone over in addition to units mentioned in ourad CRAX 23706 yesterday.

End

NOTE: 23706 is CM IN 26209 (27 Dec 44) General Hull

ACTION: General Hull

INFO : JC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S

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PRIORITY

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

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No. CRAX 23837 28 December 1944

TOP SEC Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 23837.

Total airlift of 22nd Division to China up to 0800 hours 28th December is 8403 Chinese, 95 US personnel and 701 animals. No change in total of equipment delivered.

END.

ACTION: General Hull

INFO : JC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S

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PRIORITY

TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 23747 27 December 1944

TOP SEC to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff CRA 23747 from Sultan.

General Wedemeyer has informed Admiral Mountbatten and me that he will not require a fourth combat cargo squadron which had been tentatively set up for employment in China during the month of January only.

At present there are now in China a Combat Cargo Group Headquarters and three Combat Cargo Squadrons.

End

ACTION: JCS

INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Adm King; C of S

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PRIORITY

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

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 23636 26 December 1944

TOPSEC Marshall and Mountbatten from Sultan
CRAX 23636.

Here are total figures of air lift of Chinese 22nd Division and Sixth Army Headquarters up to 0800 hours, 25th December:

3171 Chinese and 30 US personnel,
2 jeeps and
313 animals.

End

ACTION: General Hull'

INFO : JC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S

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

To: War Department.

Nr: CRA 23563 25 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall [redacted] CRA 23563.

Completed was move of the 14th Division less motors and certain animal elements. US personnel that accompanied were 45 portable surgical hospital, liaison and signal personnel, total of 26 officers and 85 enlisted men. US personnel to accompany the 22nd Division are 60 portable surgical hospital, liaison and signal people, total 32 officers and 75 enlisted men.

Sixth Army Headquarters and Army troops to be moved are Army Headquarters, two signal companies, three GUBUD companies, one animal transport company, one jeep platoon, heavy mortar regiment 4.2, less one battalion. US group with them will be 12 officers and 46 enlisted men.

Moved up to 0800 hours 24th December from 22nd Division were 30 US personnel, 2346 Chinese and 202 animals. From Sixth Army Headquarters, two jeeps and 58 Chinese.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: Gen MacFarland
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
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
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Fwd, Rear Echelon, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft 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: CMAX 23570 25 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI CMAX 23570 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

This is G-2 SITREP for 24th December - North Burma:

No contact along Irrawaddy south of Tinysing and no contact reported Tongkwa area; Chinese report contact with estimated enemy platoon four miles north of Penghkam; in area nine miles west of Penghkam Chinese report not contact

Burma Yunnan border-artillery duels only ground activity; Japanese main positions said to be on a perimeter five to eight miles north and east of Wanting.

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

No: CRAX 23570 25 December 1944

Chindwin - 80 Japanese contacted at bridge eight miles southeast of Pyingaing, no further details; contact broken with 200 Japanese reported in area 12 miles east of Kawlin and enemy withdrawing southward.

Now comes weekly G-2 SITREP for week ending 25th December.

Withdrawal of Japanese in burma continues; only resistance being encountered is northeast Burma, along axis Bhamo-Namhkam road northwest of Namhkam and along Kaladen in Arakan; Japanese battle order runs west to east as follows:

33rd Division Monywa area,
31st Division Yeu area,
15th Division Kanbalu area to Irrawaddy River, but indications may have withdrawn from line with 31st Division taking over responsibility,
43rd Division bulk east of Irrawaddy between river and Mongmit area,
18th Division Mongmit area and to northeast,
56th Division plus 168th Regiment Namhkam-Wanting area;

General comment: Line may indicate defense of central Burma, but if Allied pressure maintained and pending reinforcement of Japanese forward strength enemy not considered capable of sustained defense.

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No: CRAX 23570 25 December 1944

New subject: G-2 section wishes to extend a Merry Christmas to all.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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IMPORTANT

From: SAC South Sea Asia

To: Usual [redacted] Guidance Addressees

No: SAC 12548 24 December 1944

[redacted] guidance for week ended 22nd December 1944 on Burma Front not for publication.

Military situation.

Progress in Burma has again been marked. The IV Corps, Fourteenth Army and the 36th British Division (Northern Combat Area Command) met in the Banmauk area on December 16th. At the same time the IV Corps has occupied a large stretch of the Myitkyina-Mandalay Railway south of that already held by the 36th Division and is now at Kawlin, 167 miles from Myitkyina and more than half way from Myitkying to Mandalay.

The 36th Division have entered Tigyiang on the Irrawaddy 42 miles south of Katha. It has also put troops across the Irrawaddy from Katha and sent patrols to the Shweli River, near its confluence with the Irrawaddy.

Eastwards the Chinese and an American Task Force have met with considerable Japanese opposition in the neighborhood of Tonkwa. Still further east the Chinese have made progress against opposition on the Bhamo-Namhkam Road and are now at the 52nd mile.

On the Grhn-Chindwin area east of Kalemyo the Fourteenth Army now has advanced troops in Pyingaing on the road to a rail terminus at Yeu.

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From: SAC South Sea Asia

No: SAC 12548 24 December 1944

West of the Chindwin in the Myittha Valley Lushai Scouts have pushed far to the south through Gangaw towards Tilim and the sources of the Myittha River. From Tilim a road leads to Pakokku on the Irrawaddy southwest of confluence of the lower Chindwin in Arakan our troops have advanced down the coastal strip more than half way to the tip of the Mayu Peninsula. The advance has been supported ship to shore bombardment by Naval units.

Southeast of Buthidaung we have advanced down the Kalapanzin and reached the Mayu River at Kwazon. In the Kaladan Valley also there has been some advance.

The Eastern Air Command has been very active in Arakan particularly in the area between the Mayu and the Kaladan and also on the coastal strip and further south at Akyab and Andrew Bay.

Maymyo and objectives on the Mandalay-Lashio Railway were attacked and on December 17th Great Coco Island north of the Anhamans was raided again. With our advances in to the area of the Burma railway system and the Irrawaddy Plain new airstrips are becoming available.

Points.

1. The Japanese are making extensive withdrawals in their centre but Arakan and connection south of Bhamo are fighting stubbornly. This suggests that they regard Akyab on the west and the Shweli River Valley and northern Shan states on the east as bastions of a new line which would

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IMPORTANT

From: SAC South Sea Asia

No: SAC 12548 24 December 1944

connect with French Indo-China and Thailand. Speculation on the likelihood of the enemy evacuating the whole of Burma is still to be discouraged.

A governing factor in Japanese strategy at present must be to make provision against the possibility of a seaborne invasion and this enforces a concentration southward as their present forces are in face of our pressure quite inadequate to hold the territory formerly occupied.

2. The pace at which our inordinately long lines of communication over the ground are now being lengthened increases the difficulty of maintaining that pace. These lines are in themselves inadequate and supplies have to be airborne.

The problem of maintaining the civil population in large newly liberated areas considerably denuded by the enemy is an additional supply complication. The Japanese are losing out and their final expulsion from Burma is sure but to pitch expectations too high at present might lead to disappointment. Meantime all the Burma news is highly satisfactory.

End

TO.O.O. 240355Z

ACTION: BPR

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, G-2, Colonel Park, Log

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

Nr: CRAX 23521 24 December 1944

G-2 SITREP 23 December, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 23521 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Chindwin front:

Small party of Japanese intercepted at Taungmaw (9 miles southeast of Wuntho) and 3 captured from 51st Regiment 15th Division on 20 December; 200 enemy engaged 4 miles east of Taungmaw on 21 December but no details received; general line-up of Japanese now appears to be:

33rd Division in Monywa area
31st Division Shwebo-Teu area and
15th Division Nuarwa northeast of Kanbajuo Irrawaddy River.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, USAF India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 23521 24 December 1944

Allied troops 4 miles east of Pyingaing have encountered no enemy; 100 enemy reported in area 23 miles northeast of Myingaing.

North Burma-turntable at Kanbasu and 6 bridges shown as destroyed on aerial photographs dated 22 December, comment:

Indicates continuation of withdrawal down railroad by enemy, southernmost bridge destroyed 14 miles south of Kanbalu; 200 Japanese from Mongyu SO 7034 said to be at Kongkang (14 miles south of Naumhkam) and moving north toward Gamhkam; strong enemy attacks of unknown size repulsed along Boabo-Namhkam road 10 miles west of Namhkam.

Burma-Yunnan border--no contact reported and no change in situation.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Log

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PRIORITY

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

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

Nr: CRAX 23475 23 December 1944

Operational summary for 23 December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 23475.

Lead elements 150th Regiment of 50th Division reached Shwegu. 2nd Battalion of 149th Regiment across river and now in Kontha area. 1st Battalion 475th Regiment plus Btry A of 612nd Field Arty battalion closed in an area 14 miles west of Sikaw. Slight gains were made by the 30th Division. Troops of 112nd Regiment occupied village of Namhkai and repulsed Jap attack on their roadblock. First separate Chinese Regiment closed in the Bhamo Area.

In the XXXIII Corps area advance along Yeu road continued without contact. Lead elements were 5 miles north of Pyingaing. Headquarters 2nd Division opened at Thetkegyin.

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Nr: CRAX 23475 23 December 1944

Patrols from 32nd Brigade were active. In IV Corps area 98th Brigade moved into Kawlin. Troops of 64th Brigade advancing south from Nankan encountered 200 Japs 7 miles east of Kawlin but no details were reported. On Arakan front no report.

End

ACTION: OPD

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

To : War Department
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CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Y Force, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
Rear Echelon, Headquarters, China Theater, Kunming, China

Nr : CFBX 29755 23 December 1944

Bissell WDGSI Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn, Monteith and Duncan, Lemay, Stratemeyer CFBX 29755 book msg nr 192 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Western front relatively quiet with no changes of note reported. Sino G-2 reports Japanese landing at Hoppo (109 deg 10 min - 21 deg 38 min) by force consisting of 300th Cavalry and 500th Infantry with date of landing not given. Force reported commanded by Colonel Yoshida. Chinese believe this may be elements of 82nd Regiment of 21st division. Chinese also claim Sino troops reoccupied Kianghwa, Yungming and Taohsien (111 deg 33 min - 25 deg 33 min) on the 17th. No evidence Japs in the area. Chinese think that Jap column previously reported moving north thru Pinglo were elements of 37th division which they claim passed thru Taohsien and are now in Lingling area. No proof offered for this theory. Chinese further believe that 3 divisions (the 3rd, 40th and 37th) are now located along Hengyang--Kweilin Railway between Tungan and Chuanhsien but no positive proof of this contention either. From Chinese also comes report that Japs have built reinforced

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Nr : CFBX 29755 23 December 1944

concrete defensive positions at quarter mile intervals along the coast in the vicinity of Chapu (121 deg 06 min - 30 deg 35 min). All above rated C3 lacking proof. 14th Air Force aerial recon photos of 21st show railway from Kep to Langson in French Indo China operational but portion of line between Langson and Dong Dang show bridges out and road bed cut. From Dong Dang north to Pingsiang (106 deg 45 min -22 deg 06 min) and east to Ningming road bed cut and washed out in numerous places. Roads thru this area good as far as Ningming but east of Ningming in poor condition although some evidence of traffic with use of by - passes and fills. This report nullifies former report of first train moving from Dong Dang to Pinghsiang on the 12th.

In the Salween area Japs attempted to cross the Shweli River 7 miles east of Wanting but were repulsed on the 19th. Sino estimate of Jap strength in Wanting area is 3000 but our liaison believe 1500 more nearly correct. 200 Japs with Supplies reported at Monglong (98 deg 13 min - 24 deg 07 min) area. 4 Sinos reported poisoned by hostile civilians. This not confirmed but under investigation.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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PM news

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 23295 22 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 23295

Semi-monthly report on Burma Road, Kunming to Myitkyina for first half of December.

Kunmingto Salween River:
Paoshan relocation 85 percent complete. 3,000 Chinese laborers on general maintenance ATD construction work.

Salween River to battle front:
Bridges going restored and road repair by Chinese and combat construction units.

Luhgling to Tengchung:
One way truckable dry weather road.

Tengchung to Burma-China border:
4,900 Chinese laborers working. One way truckable dry weather road to 9 kilos north of Kuyung.

Burma-China Border to Myitkyina:
Road reached vicinity of Sodon.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CGAAF, ~~ASF~~; G-2; Col. Park; Log

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From: US Military Observer, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CDA 23 21 December 1944

From Graybeal CDA 23

Internal India Summary dated 15th December '44.

1. Tour of Earl of Munster received with mixed feelings. He made a good impression on the troops and they feel hopeful about outcome. In the units he did not visit, due partly to his change of appointment, the troops were disappointed and sceptical. Morale of British troops is high, repatriation is temporarily more satisfactory and though war news is not spectacular it is reassuring. Signals personnel bitterly disappointed at postponement but accept the necessity. There is a feeling among British personnel posted to Indian Army that repatriation and reallocation schemes do not affect them. Morale of Indian troops unchanged Not yet possible to report reactions to plan for one months leave in UK. AG agrees.

2. In Malabar the food situation is reported as less satisfactory in Bengal there is some concern over the central governments renunciation of further responsibility for feeding Calcutta but as yet the situation is not clarified. In Bombay serious strikes of railway employees over economic grievances caused some interruption of normal local runnings. Strikes which commenced without due notice were not terminated.

3. Nationalist press has given promptence to American

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From: US Military Observer, New Delhi, India

Nr: CDA 23 21 December 1944

criticism of British intervention in Italy. Considerable interest is shown by the public in Italian and Greek developments. Anxiety still felt regarding situation in China although the progress in Burma and the Tokyo raids have caused general satisfaction.

4. DIB agrees.

5. Derailment of Punjab Mail on November 23rd near Patna definitely attributed to sabotage but perpetrators not yet identified. Mukherjee has succeeded Savarkar as President of Hindu Mahasabha. He is expected to conform more closely to Congress policy except concerning approach to Muslim League. In several provinces Congress reorganization is now under way. Object believed to be
(A) Preparation for some kind of new movement should the opportunity occur and
(B) Reconstruction of party machine. Satrus Conciliation Committee has been published but it is not considered they will command confidence of party leaders outside Congress particularly Muslim League. Gandhi is considering inclusion Muslim mass contact as part of Congress program and is devoting his chief attention to communal problem.

6. No comments by military observer.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG

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

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

Nr: CRAX 23173 21 December 1944

Operational summary for 20 December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 23173.

Buffs battalion of 26 brigade closed in the Mawlu area. 150th Regiment reached Manwing. 2nd Battalion 149th Regiment cleared Mawlu enroute to Naba as 3rd Battalion 149th Regiment closed in Mohnyin area. 1st Battalion 475th moved south from Shwegu to Sithaung. Headquarters 5332nd Brigade opened at Sokangyi north of Tonkwa. Troops of 475th Regiment continued patrolling in Tonkwa area with light contacts reported west and south of the village. Elements of the 88th Regiment 30th Division captured Hkalum north of the main road while the 89th Regiment made slight gains along the road east of Lasai. Jap attack on 90th Regiment positions was repulsed. First serial separate Chinese regiment closed in area southeast of Myothit.

IV Corps sector: Wuntho occupied against light oppo-

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sition. Namkan, 15 miles northeast of Wuntho along railroad also occupied POM troops of 268th Brigade occupied Yeshin and Hegin, 30 miles southwest of Pinlebu.

XXXIII Corps sector: elements of 32nd Brigade moved into Tegyi, 2 miles north of Pyingaing meeting no resistance. Patrols active east of Kalewa and road reported clear to 12 miles east of Kalewa. On Arakan front slight opposition encountered by 81st West African Division 13 miles south of Kaladan. Troops moving along coast noe reported midway between Maungdaw and Foul point.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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

Nr: CRAX 23106 20 December 1944

Operational summary for 19th December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX 23106

One battalion of 29th Brigade established at Kunbaung 16 miles south of Indaw and 1st Battalion of 29th Brigade on east bank of Irrawaddy River at Katha.

Light contact reported west of Tonkwa by 475th Regiment. Village of Kaihtik captured by troops 30th Division.

Lead elements first Separate Chinese Regiment at Tali, first serial 124th Cavalry at Kazu in IV Corps sector troops at 64th Brigade moving south from Banmauk reached Shwedaung 16 miles northeast of Wuntho without contact with Japs.

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Elements of 62nd Brigade were now south of Alezu, 12 miles west of Auntho.

In XXXIII Corps sector elements of 32nd Brigade occupied Pengauk, 5 miles north of Pyingaing without opposition No change in Kalewa area. On Arakan front 82nd West African Division Troops moved southeast and took Kindaung unopposed by enemy. Other sectors patrols were active with light contact south of Kaladan reported.

End.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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

To: War Department
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CG, Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Oahu, T.H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, 14th Air Forces Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces China Theater Rear Echelon,
Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Kwahghai, India

Nr: CRAX 22948 18 December 1944

Now comes weekly G 2 SITREP for week ending 17th December, Bissel WDGBI CRAX 22948 info Wedemeyer, Cheves Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Chindwin front-correction: Enemy battalion reported in position seven miles southwest of Pinlebu now reported as one company, no other change this front.

North Burma-contact in Tongkwa area lost; Japanese continue attacks against Chinese positions in area thirteen miles west of Panghkam. No change reported on Burma-Yunnan border.

Burma Yunnan border-Week characterized by only slight contacts with resistance lacking; Japanese trend appears south-

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New Delhi, India

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westward from W nting area; all indications point to only 56th Division troops in Wanting area; no enemy resistance expected north of Muse area.

North Burma: Contact in railroad corridor lacking although enemy active in Tongkwa area and against Chinese drives southward west of Bhamo-Namhkam road, all contacts with small groups; Japanese continue to delay and withdraw southward as pressed; Japanese intention in Namhkam area not known at present, however presence of 168th Regiment 49th Division in area may indicate that they will put up at least strong delaying action to deny opening of land route to China; movement down the Burma road toward Lashio and lack of contact in railroad corridor further substantiates Japanese withdrawal from North Burma in progress.

Chindwin front: Enemy capabilities remain unchanged; 33rd Division capable of delaying action only unless reinforced or replaced; only intermittent delay encountered from small groups; at present no contact; small force delaying in Pinlebu area but no organized enemy force known north of Shwegwin-Pyingaing road.

Arakan front-Japanese withdrawing in face of Allied advance; does not appear Japanese intention to put up strong defense presently.

General comment: Recent reports of movement of supplies and troops through Mandalay and Pakokku thence to R ngoon, native reports of prevalent rumor among enemy troops of

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withdrawal to Rangoon also tend to support belief that withdrawal from North Burma definitely in progress and possibility that withdrawal to South Burma contemplated; latter hinges on use made of 49th and 2nd Divisions and Japanese reaction to Allied advance on important centers such as Mandalay, Monywa and Lashio.

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From: SAC South East Asia

To: Usual [redacted] Guidance Addressees

Nr: SAC 12089 17 December 1944

[redacted] Guidance for week ended 15th December 1944.

Situation.

Adm Mountbatten's situation estimate in Burma

There have been considerable changes in our favour in the military situation in Burma during the week which ended with the capture of Bhamo by the Chinese 38th Division. Also in the Northern combat area command the 36th British Division has occupied Indaw Naba and Katha.

The Myitkyina-Mandalay railway is now in Allied hands from Myitkyina to Indaw, a distance of 117 miles and also the branch line from Nabarto Katha on the Irrawaddy.

The 30th Chinese Division is midway between Bhamo and Namhkam and the 22nd Chinese Division further to the south west fifty miles south of Bhamo. On the right flank of the Northern combat area command the Fourteenth Army has very nearly effected a junction with it in the neighbourhood of Banmauk.

The Japanese themselves have blown bridges on the railway south of Indaw and may be preparing to retreat down the railway beyond Wuntho which is menaced by the Fourteenth Army advancing eastwards to the north and south of Pinlebu.

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From: SAC South East Asia

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The 11th East African Division (Fourteenth Army) on the east bank of the Chindwin has occupied Shwegyin after overcoming stiff opposition and is now just east of it on the road to Yeu. A Bailey bridge 365 yards long has been thrown across the Chindwin from Kalewa and carries their supply line forward from the Tiddim-Kalewa road. For weeks past the Japanese have been holding on stubbornly to an area East of the Chindwin 7 to 9 miles north east of Kalewa. This resistance is now slackening and mopping has begun.

The XV Indian Corps front in Arakan is again in the news. Guthidaung which had been evacuated for the monsoon has been reoccupied and also a position two miles south of the high ground east of Maungdaw has been occupied and we have advanced to new positions 14 miles south east of Maungdaw in the coastal strip.

The 81st West African Division has made further progress in the Kaladan valley and has a bridgehead east of the river south of Kaladan village. Close Allied air support has greatly assisted the progress of our troops on the Chindwin and Arakan fronts and also enabled the Chinese 38th Division to tighten its ring round Bhamo and finally take the town. Japanese aircraft made an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the setting up of the Bailey bridge over the Chindwin.

There has been a day and night campaign against the enemy airfields in central Burma during the week. The Moulmein-Bangkok railway continued to be the objective of long range bombers.

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Points for emphasis:

1. The advance to Indaw and Katha is another example of close cooperation in the practical working of an integrated Allied Command. The northern combat area is commanded by an American General (Lt Gen Dan Sultan) the spearhead of the long thrust down the railway corridor was the 36th British Division but both its flanks were efficiently protected by the 50th Chinese Division. Chinese gunners and Indian sappers also worked with the British Division.

2. Though the war picture in Burma has undergone a satisfactory transformation it would be wrong to assume that Japanese resistance is nearing its end. There is as yet no evidence whatever of any intention of evacuating Burma altogether. There is on the other hand evidence of an intention to defend in the last resort a line from Monywa on the lower Chindwin running in an arc passing north of Mandalay and Maymyo to French Indo China. Speculation on a Japanese evacuation of Burma should be discouraged.

3. The Japanese have been balancing their successes in China against their reverse in Burma. It has been a race against the calendar and the issue is not yet decided. But they have recently received a check in their advance towards Kunming and the capture of Bhamo the Allies deep thrust south of the Irrawaddy bend and along the railway and the three pronged advance of the Fourteenth Army eastwards from

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the Chindwin towards the Burma railway system puts the Allies in front at present. It should however be remembered that some of China's best Divisions are fighting in Burma under Allied Command at a time when in China proper the Chinese Army is hard pressed.

4. The Japanese continue to fight stubbornly leaving initially strong reargurads and later suicide squads, mines, and booby traps behind them as they withdraw. Nowhere has our advance been unopposed though strong-points which have been subjected to artillery and air bombardment are usually found without any live defenders when entered by our troops. Some change however, can be noted in the tenacity of Japanese resistance. New positions freshly dug in and wired have been found suddenly abandoned and there are other signs of hurried evacuation such as meals cooked but left uneaten. The Bhamo garrison was probably expected to emulate the defenders of Myitkyina who held out for some 80 days after they had been cut off from reinforcements. Bhamo has only held out for 30 days.

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To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea.
CG, US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India.
CO, Northern Combat Area, Myitkyina, Burma.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.

No: CABX 29330 17 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter info MacArthur COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA Sultan Davidson Stratemeyer and LeMay CABX 29330 from Wedemeyer.

Witness China 16 December. 175th Division now at Chintung (10752-2450) moving toward Hochih. Elements 91st Division moving south from Nantan have contacted 175th Division. 169th Division now fighting on outskirts of Hochih, north of town.

Nothing new elsewhere.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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

No. CSF 4950 16 December 1944

TOP SECRET to Marshall and Arnold for Joint Chiefs of Staff info Sultan, Chennault, Lemay, Cheves, McClure from Wedemeyer cite CSF 4950.

Carful analysis of enemy situation and the effect of emergency measures now in process within China theater to stabilize situation will be conducted continuously. Your WARX 77678 refers. Tonnage will be allocated insofar as is practicable to the 20th Bomber Command for the month of Japuary in consonance with your plans for employment of that command.

We will do utmost to reach your minimum goal of 250 sorties and commensurate with our capabilities will increase tonnages if at all possible to reach maximum potential of 425 sorties. The situation appears more favorable in that the enemy is withdrawing south from the Kweiyang area. This withdrawal was not occasioned by Chinese action. It is my considered opinion that the Japanese became over extended logistically. I expect them to regroup their forces in the Kweilin-Liuchow-Nanning area and to push forward advance supply bases before they resume drive westward or to the north. The enemy concentration in that area remains ominous

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and until we are able to interpose effective forces on possible avenues of enemy advance it would be militarily unsound to relax the emergency measures now in process of implementation.

These measures as the Joint Chiefs of Staff well know do infringe on HUMP tonnage requirements of other activities but you have my repeated assurance that infringements on CAPITAL, FIVESOME and the 20th Bomber Command imposed by local situation will be kept to minimum. It is my hope that appropriate dispositions and preparations will be completed by 1st February. In this connection very bad flying conditions have retarded planned air movements to a discouraging degree.

New Subject. It is most unfortunate that radio and press reports inspired by Chinese Headquarters give the impression that Chinese military effort is causing Japanese withdrawal. Actually the situation is as follows. The Japanese are withdrawing in order to shorten lines of communications. After they vacate a village Chinese civilians return to their homes and are followed by the Chinese military forces. There has not been bitter fighting in this withdrawal. I am today in Kunming where I have conferred with Chennault, Cheves, and Dorn. I plan to visit the front and remain there sufficient time to present realisitc picture of conditions to Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
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CO, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu TH
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
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Nr. CRAX 22747 16 December 1944

G 2 SITREP 15 December. Bissell WDGBI CRAX 22747 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Only slight resistance and ground mines opposed British forces in Arakan who occupied Buthidaung, Baguna and Alethangyaw. North Burma-Native reports 200 Japanese in position at Kongon twelve miles South Indaw; second native report states large number Japanese moved south from Tigyaing; small enemy attacks at Tonkwa and in area 18 miles west north west Namhkam repulsed.

Early hours 15th December 200 to 300 Japanese of Bhamo garrison after artillery preparation attempted break through Chinese lines in southern sector, estimated 100 Japanese killed during breakthrough while balance reached vicinity of Konmahat (3 miles south Bhamo) where believed cut off by Chinese troops, Bhamo occupied by Chinese 1400

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hours, now mopping up snipers and small pockets, six tankettes and much ammunition and food stores captured, no details regarding prisoners taken or total enemy casualties although capture of one POW mentioned. On Chindwin Front Shwegyin occupied by allied troops; estimated 50 Japanese withdrew from Mutaik; only slight contact with small groups reported. No change on Salween front.

~~General comment.~~ Information regarding enemy activities in rear areas sketchy and in many instances from low rated sources but general tenor of all reports is southward movement of troops and supplies through the Mandalay Area toward Rangoon; possibility exists that general withdrawal from Burma now in progress if allied pressure is maintained.

End

ACTION: G-2

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 22684 16 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI CRA 22684 from Sultan.

Special situation report, 15th December.

Preliminary report states Bhamo captured about 1400 December 15th along with six tankettes and much ammunition and food stores.

200 Japanese broke through Chinese ring but believed trapped three miles south of Bhamo, 100 Japanese killed during escape attempt.

No further information presently available regarding casualties or prisoners taken. Believe only snipers remain in Bhamo who are being mopped up.

Details follow.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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TO REINFORCE TAIWAN AND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AMERICAN FORCES FROM LANDING IN THAT PLACE, 3 DIVISIONS WERE DETACHED FROM JAPANESE FORCES IN CHINA IS INDICATION FROM DATA FROM SIND G-2 OBTAINED BY AGENT FROM JAPANESE SOURCES OF THE JAPANESE ARMY HEADQUARTERS AT SHANGHAI.

THIS INFORMATION RATE C-3.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED DIVISIONS (DESIGNATIONS UNKNOWN) WERE TO BE TRANSPORTED SUCCESSIVELY BY SHIPS TO TAIWAN FROM SHANGHAI. THESE 3 DIVISIONS ALREADY HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED NEAR SHANGHAI.

COMMENT FOLLOWS: DOES NOT SEEM LOGICAL THAT THESE DIVISIONS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH CHINA OR CENTRAL CHINA, THOUGH POSSIBLY FROM NORTH CHINA.

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TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRAX 22667 15 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 22667 TOPSEC.

On movement of Chinese troops to China from Burma no report received for 14th December.

New subject follows:

Regarding movement of reinforced squadron of 7th Bomb Group to China. 14 aircraft departed for China and the remaining 4 planes of squadron were scheduled to leave Panda, for China on 15th December.

End

Corrected copy of CM-IN-15236 (15 Dec 44) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull
INFORMATION: JC/S Gen Arnold Adm King
Adm Leahy Gen Bissell CofS

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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CAKX 2469 15 December 1944

Chennault CAKX 2469 to Arnold for Hodges info Wedemeyer.

Japanese aircraft made night attacks on 14th Air Force bases 3 times during the week 7 through 13 December. On 8 December 8 Jap bombers dropped frags and demos on Suichwan Airfield, destroying 1 B 24 tanker, damaging another B 24 and 1 P 51. Attack demolished 1 engineering shack with all equipment and temporarily closed runway. Same day 9 Jap bombers dropped banana bombs on Kanchow Airfield, causing minor damage to 8 P 51's. On 9 December 9 Jap aircraft hit Suichwan with incendiaries and anti personnel bombs. 1 P 51 suffered minor damage. On 8 December 14 P 51's were intercepted by undetermined number of Jap fighters over Nanking; 5 Japs destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 15 damaged in the air while on the ground 19 Jap aircraft were destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 9 damaged in the same raid by American fighters. 2 additional interceptions occurred on 10 December. P 51's shot down 1 Jap bomber over the Lunghai Railroad. B 25's reported same date encountering 3 night fighters in the Hankow and Yochow areas, no contact was made. The Japanese Air Force lost heavily to 14th Air Force strafing attacks over enemy fields. 4 Oscars were destroyed and 3 probably destroyed at Nanking on 7 December. 3 Jap fighters and 1 transport were destroyed at Hongkong the same day. On 8 December 1 Tojo and 1 unidentified plane were destroyed at Kaita. 4 P 51's in a

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PRIORITY

From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

Nr: CAKX 2469 15 December 1944

dawn surprise attack on 11 December destroyed 9 Jap aircraft, probably destroyed 4, and damaged 8 at Tien Ho airdrome. Total Japanese aircraft losses for the week were 42 destroyed on ground and in air, 10 probably destroyed, and 22 damaged. 14th Air Forces lost no planes in aerial combat. 3 P 51's were destroyed by enemy flak and 1 B 24 was destroyed on the ground during the week's operations.

Foregoing para A.
Weekly intelligence report 14th Air Force ending midnight 13 December.

B. No new developments on Jap air tactics and plans noted.

(70 SE Kweiyang)

C. Chinese reoccupation of Pachai ~~(2615 north 10750 east)~~ last week represented the turning point of the Japanese swift and demoralizing drive towards Kweiyang. Trend towards reorganization of Chineses defenses, bitterly cold winter weather, or overextended Japanese supply lines appeared to dissuade Japs from further penetration. Chinese pursued retreating Japs without contact retaking ~~Sanho, Tuyun, Tugshen,~~ Nantan and proceeding towards Cheho ~~(2506 north 10746 east)~~ and Lieming Pass (2512 north 10817 east). Chinese Commanding General reported to believe Jap defense line will extend through Hochih-Ishan area. On combat sector northwest of Nanning, Japs also reported withdrawing east towards Wuchow, letting Chinese reoccupy Pingma area, Kweite (2316 north 10716 east), Lunghu, Lungan. Troops appeared active in pressing many points along RR including Nantan, 120 S of Kweiyang.

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From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

Nr: CAKX 2469 15 December 1944

road reconstruction northeast from Lungchow and southwest and south from Nanning. Pilots' observations showed Nanning, Liuchow, Yangtong, Erhtong airdromes to be repaired and usable. Pilots' observations in Hunan indicated considerable employment of flanged wheel trucks for hauling light flat cars over repaired rail lines from Yochow through Nangsha and from Jengyang towards Chuanhsien; with blown out bridges temporarily repaired for limited use by employment of planks and supporting timbers.

D. This week 14th destroyed 5 Jap fighters and 1 bomber, probably destroyed 2 fighters and damaged 5 fighters in aerial combat. On the ground we destroyed 19 enemy fighters, 14 bombers, 2 transports and 1 unidentified plane, probably destroyed 8 fighters and damaged 10 fighters and 7 bombers. We lost no planes in aerial combat. 3 of our fighters were brought down by ground fire, while 1 heavy was destroyed by the enemy on the ground. Loss due other reasons were 6 fighters and 1 heavy. Damaged by enemy were 4 fighters and 1 heavy. Damaged due other reasons was 1 fighter. This week 14th sank 1-500 foot transport of 10,750 tons, 1-450 foot vessel of 8,000 tons, 1 300 foot merchant vessel of 3,100 tons, 1 destroyer of Akikaze class and 64 miscellaneous small craft. Probably sunk were 1-450 foot freighter of 8,000 tons and 1-350 foot freighter of 4400 tons. Damaged were 1 400 foot freighter of 5800 tons, 1-250 foot freighter of 2000 tons, 1-200 foot freighter of 1200 tons, 2-150 foot vessels totalling 1600 tons, 1-125 foot barge of 500 tons,

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From: CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China

Nr: CAKX 2469 15 December 1944

1-100 foot vessel of 500 tons and 132 miscellaneous small boats. During the week fighters flew 711 sorties, photos flew 9, mediums flew 99 and heavies flew 37. Fighters dropped 102 tons of bombs, mediums dropped 57 tons and heavies dropped 62 tons. Troop carriers completed 13 sorties dropping 32 tons of food to Chinese along the Salween River.

End

ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: OPD
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PRIORITY

TOP SECRET

From: Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

To: War Department

Nr: CRAX 22667 15 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 22667 TOPSEC.

On movement of Chinese troops to China from Burma no report received for 14th December.

New subject follows:

Regarding movement of reinforced squadron of 7th Bomb Group to China. 14 aircraft departed for China and the remaining four planes of squadron were scheduled to leave Panda, for China on 15th December.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S
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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, Northern Combat Area Command, Advance Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Advanced, Hsinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CFBX 29129 14 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn, Monteith and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer, CFBX 29129 book msg nr 183 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

No contact reported between Japs and Sino troops except at .50 kilos southwest of Wuming. Sino G-2 reports concentration of around 20,000 troops south of Lungsheng (109 deg 55 min 25 deg 52 min) with division CP radio formerly identified Kweilin-Liuchow area now identified in Lungsheng.

Some patrol activity to west of Paochin also reported by Sino G-2 who thinks Japs may be contemplating two pronged push on Chihkiang airfield. Same source states CP radio not previously identified intercepted at Siang Yin (112 deg 50 min 28 deg 45 min). Think this is probably newly arrived unit probably a division.

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

Nr: CFBX 29129 14 December 1944

Above rated C 3 by MI. Sino G-2 has received report that between 6th and 8th December 50,000 Jap troops moved east from Pingnam area on West River. During same period 20,000 Puppet troops moved west from Canton area with duty reported to be guarding of communication lines.

Sino G-2 believes figure of 50,000 probably high. We rate C 3.

Communist 18th Group Army reports no evidence indicating possible Jap push on Sian has been received. They believe that conversion of IIDS may be for future offensive action but no indication of immediate action.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 22586 14 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 22586. TOPSEC.

On 13 December by 2000 hours 1178 personnel, 108 animals and 4 jeeps were delivered to China. That day move was still continuing.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S
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PRIORITY

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 Pacific Ocean Area,
Ft. Shafter. T. H.
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India

Nr: CRAX 22581 14 December 1944

Operational summary for 13th December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 22581.

Situation unchanged in railway corridor. Patrols of 475th Regiment scattered some Jap patrols in the Tonkwa area. 2nd Battalion of 90th Regiment cleared out the encircled enemy position south of Lasai. In Bhamo minor gain was made in north sector. 1st Tank Battalion of 1st Provisional Tank Group closed in the Momauk area. Leading serial of first separate Chinese Regiment reached position along road 8 miles south of Kaxu. On Arakan front elements of 25th Division entered village of Udaung meeting no enemy resistance. No change in IV Corps sector on Chindwin front. XXXIII Corps sector-patrols entered Shwegyin. Received fire from hills north and east of Kalewa. Only damaged slightly 2 Oscars destroyed and one probably destroyed by ack ack fire.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF, G-2, COL PARK, LOG
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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, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean,
Ft Shafter, T. H.
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas,
Hollandia, New Guinea

No. CFBX 29099 14 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter info Sultan Lemay Stratemeyer Davidson MacArthur and COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA CFBX 29099 from Wedemeyer.

Flying your way is China situation 13th December.

91st Division entered Nantan and is moving to Cheho (107 50-25 07). Moving south from Lipo Chinese troops have reached vicinity of Liuming Pass (108 07-25 20). Exact locations unknown. Both columns report no contact. Units 16th Group Army moving from Tunglan (107 33 -24 30) east to Hochih and Chinchengchiang (107 59-24 57).

In vicinity Wuming (108 15-23 12) 156th and 159th Divisions are engaged with enemy. Elsewhere no change.

On 12th December Chinese Air Force flew 19 missions totalling 55 sorties bombing and strafing enemy installations in Hochih, Luichai, Nantan and Shenhsien. Results were good.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log
CM-IN- 13871 (15 Dec 44) 14562 wk

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
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CG, US Army Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

No. CRAX 22573 14 December 1944

G2 SITREP 13th December, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 22573 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz Timberman, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

In well placed machine gun positions enemy still holding out north of Shwegyin; Allied patrol entered Shwegyin and drew fire from east as well as from enemy positions south of Shwegyin Chaung; small enemy patrols encountered and dispersed in Ingon area (two miles north of Shwegyin). North Burma-all rail bridges from Wuntho to Nankan (14 miles northeast of Wuntho) destroyed by Japanese reports aerial observer; Allied patrol dispersed small group of enemy in area two miles south of Indaw; along Shweli River at Mansawn (three miles west of Nanhkam) 200 Japanese with 100 rafts reported; much activity and large enemy

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New Delhi, India

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concentration reported in Kutkai area (10 miles north of Hsenwi) as of 11th December; at Mongnge (14 miles northeast of Kutkai) estimated Japanese company said to be concentrated, also light motor traffic reported on Kutkai-Mongnge road. Burma-Yunnan border: from Wanting toward Lashio Japanese said to be moving supplies, personal baggage and heavy equipment; no further contact mentioned.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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URGENT

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

To : War Department

No : CFB 29071 14 December 1944

TOP SECRET To Marshall and Arnold nr CFB 29071 from Wedemeyer.

Removal of 20th Bomber Command shortly after January 15th was recommended by me in Paragraph 20 of my CFBX 28463.

I am now computing my HUMP tonnage allocations for January and decision with respect to this recommendation is urgently required here.

End

NOTE: Reference is CM IN 7020 (7 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFO : Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Hull, Admiral King, C of S

CM-IN-13530 (14 Dec 44) 0519Z [redacted]

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TOP SECRET

From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

No: SEACOS 281 13 December 1944

Reference COSSEA 169 and 170.

A meeting has been held at Calcutta to examine implication on this theatre of removal of resources to China.

I have examined problems under 2 hypotheses.

Part 1. The transfer of resources to China at present underway.

Part 2. Further transfer to China as suggested by Wedemeyer.

Part 1. Transfers underway.

I am committed to following:

(a) 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions are being flown to Kunming from Myitkyina and Si-U respectively.

(b) 2 air commando troops carrying squadrons and at least 30 (ships ?) per day from 10th U.S.A.A.F. are being diverted for these divisions by 1 January the date required by Wedemeyer.

(c) 2 Combat cargo squadrons left Tulihal for China on 11 December.

I am asking for their replacement by 1 March.

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(d) The 7th Heavy Bombardment Group has been placed at disposal of Wedemeyer.

Only 18 aircraft have been called forward. The remaining 30 aircraft are continuing with their bombing operations and are required for TALON.

Rearrangement of enemy. Intelligence point to Japanese preparedness to withdraw in north and north east Burma under pressure. It is expected that they will offer resistance in Nankham - Wanting area in order to delay opening of Burma road. Reduction of pressure on N.C.A.C. front might enable Japanese to deny us the trace of road and even to release troops for other operations.

Own forces. In order to fulfil my directive it is vital to continue pressure on Japanese and to maintain present momentum of 14th Army and N.C.A.C. The withdrawal of 2 Chinese Divisions from N.C.A.C. and halting of C.E.F at Wanting will inevitably reduce Impetus of operations in north-east Burma.

There are insufficient aircraft remaining to permit reinforcements by air of N.C.A.C. by British India Division as well as meet existing CAPITAL demands. It has therefore been decided to march 19th Indian Division over land to Indaw less one Brigade to Pinlebu which will take at least 5 weeks across escarpment. This will enable Sultan with forces still in N.C.A.C. to redirect 36th Division and 50th Chinese Division to south east.

The two combat cargo squadrons (50 aircraft) transferred to China have had to be replaced by two R.A.F. transport squadrons (40 aircraft) which were rehabilitiating and

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at training 50 parachute brigade and which were already included inestimate of aircraft required for detached service CAPITAL plan.

Effect on CAPITAL and ROMULUS. Provided the troop carrier aircraft of 2 Air Commando are returned to S.E.A.C. as soon as the flying in is completed on 1 January the implication on CAPITAL and ROMULUS of movement in Para 3 are as under March plan airborne portion of CAPITAL as planned cannot be carried out. The chances of surrounding and destroying the Japanese north of Mandalay are thus greatly reduced but I intend diminishing radius of action with plan revised as necessary. clearing Arakan down to + including Akyab.

(b) ROMULUS can be carried out. The loss of 18 aircraft of heavy bombardment group will adversely effect TALON. I am studying the bombardment plan and I may have to ask for extra assistance.
(plan operation for assault + capture of Akyab.

The above assumes that no N.C.A.C. administrative units will be withdrawn to China. I have received verbal information that this is the case but I require another of this from Wedemeyer.

Part 2. Further transfers.

Wedemeyer has already given warning that he will require 38th Division and he has mentioned the withdrawal of 4th Chinese Division and total of 6 or 7 transport squadrons.

He has since crystallized his present demands for transport aircraft as follows:

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(a) 4 Combat Cargo Squadrons in China for re-disposition of forces within China, their consequent supply and for supporting intensified tactical air efforts.

(b) A fifth Combat cargo squadron base in Burma and Assam to support logistically the 4 Combat cargo squadrons in China.

Enemy. The Japanese operations in China have been held south of Tuyun and it is now reported forward elements have been pushed back. You will have seen from telegram 1874 from Machin to W.O. that there are indications that Japanese aims (?) may well be less ambitious than was at first appreciated.

Withdrawal of further divisions from N.C.A.C. The withdrawal of further Chinese divisios from N.C.A.C. and in particular 38th Chinese Division would probably put mission of securing trace of Burma road beyond capacity of the troops remaining.

Withdrawal of further Combat cargo squadrons. Quite apart from present intention to transfer of aircraft to China one of my Combat Cargo Squadrons has been taken over since 1 July in maintaining the C.E.F. in their role in CAPITAL and for convenience has been based temporarily in China pending drying out fair weather air fields in Burma. In the circumstances I am prepared to waive travel regulation for return of this Squadron. This unit together with the 2 Squadrons recently transferred to China making formidable inroads into my resources with effects shown in Part 1.

The withdrawal of a total of 5 combat cargo squadrons now would entail a halt on 14th Army front and might even enforce a withdrawal west across the Chindwin in order to regain adequate air supply for NCAC forces securing road trace. Furthermore I should have no reserve transport aircraft for emergency. The only source from which additional

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aircraft might be found later on would be NCAC and when Ledo Road becomes available maintaining formation on that front. I am asking Sultan to give me an estimate of when in his opinion this will occur and how many aircraft might be released thereby.

I am however releasing a third Combat Cargo Squadron now as recommended at Calcutta meeting which also recommended the loan of fourth Squadron on 1 January 1945 provided it is either returned or alternatively replaced from some other source outside this theater by 1 February without fail.

The meeting at Calcutta proposed and I concur that Wedemeyer's demand for fifth Squadron to be based in Assam or Burma to maintain those Squadrons transferred to China should be met by A.T.C. who have responsibility for logistical support of forces in China.

Withdrawal of lines of communication and administrative units.

Withdrawal of lines of communications and administrative units from NCAC would entail their replacement. As you are aware these are already in very short supply. Only after detailed examination can full effect of such an additional commitment be judged. In any case Wedemeyer's greatest need is for troops that will fight and it would appear that he has ample forces that can act in administrative role. In fact it was always General Stilwell's policy that administrative function of (?all) Chinese forces in China would be performed by Chinese themselves with American assistance only in an advisory capacity and in few key positions.

Recommendation. I therefore request that C.C.O.S. be urged to:

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From: SACSEA

No: SEACOS 281 13 December 1944

(A) Ask Generalissimo to restrict the transfer of ground forces from SEAC to China to 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions. Plans for movement of 38th Chinese Division will be prepared and ready to be placed in effect at moments notice but I ask that it should not be moved until Japanese intention to advance on Kunming is clear.

(B) Limit the transfer of transport aircraft from SEAC to China to 3 Combat Cargo Squadrons (in addition to one provided for CEF in July) on understanding that the 3 Squadrons are replaced from outside SEAC by 1 March.

(C) Only to authorize the loan to? from 1 January of the fourth Combat Cargo Squadron on the understanding that it is returned or replaced from outside SEAC by 1 February without fail.

(D) Limit the transfer of 7th Heavy Bombardment Group to China to 18 Aircraft only until after TALON.

(E) Leave the existing L. of C. lift Chinese administration units in NCAC.

The above movements are the very most which I can accept if I am still to go ahead with CAPITAL and open road to China the (major?) importance of which now that Kunming is threatened is greater than ever before.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, 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

Nr: CRAX 22498 13 Dec 1944

Marshall Mountbatten and Leese from Sultan CRAX 22498 TOP SEC.

This is your first message of movement of Chinese troops by air lift to China from Burma. Total delivered to China including 12 Dec amounts to 6238 personnel, 14 anti tank guns, 9 jeeps 5 plane sorties of other supplies and 308 mules. Will keep you informed of progress this move.

End

ACTION: General Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S
Admiral Leahy
General Arnold
General Bissell
Admiral King
CofS

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

No : CFBX 29043 13 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn, Monteith and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 29043 book msg nr 182 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

All indications point to Jap withdrawal south from Tuhshan Lipo-Sanho area southward to Hochih-Ishan area. Nantan-Lipo and Lieming Pass reported reoccupied with no contact with Japs who are burning villages and removing livestock as they withdraw.

In south area Sino G-2 states that Sino units moving east from Kuote in direction of Wuming found no Japs west of Wuming but reports indicate Japs in strength at Wuming with no indication of withdrawal. Sino G-2 report confirmed by our field liaison states that Japs pushing construction of two motor routes between Nanning and Lungchow from both ends. North road follows course of river and is reported completed 35 kilos west from Nanning to Funan and east from Lungchow 44 kilos to Taiping. Second road follows southern course and is reported completed 60 kilos southwest from Nanning to

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Suilu and east from Ningming 35 kilos to Ssulo. Sino G-2 also reports that motor road from Nanning northeast to Pinyang and Tsingkong also completed and in use by trucks.

Unconfirmed report indicates Japs are repairing railway between Nanchang (115 deg 50 min - 28 deg 38 min) and Yuanchow (114 deg 28 min - 27 deg 48 min). This being checked.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
CG 20th Bomber Command, Khargapur, India
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, Philippines
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T. H.

No. CFBX 29020 13 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter info COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA MacArthur Sultan Lemay Stratemeyer and Davidson CFBX 29020 from Wedemeyer.

Now comes China situation 12 December.

91st Division reached Nantan vicinity no contact.

11th Division left Machangping positions moving toward Tushan area.

In Hengyang-Leiyang-Kiyang area guerrilla units made extensive raids against Jap loc.

On Salween front more positions were taken by CEF. Elsewhere nil. 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
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CFBX 28964 12 December 1944

TOPSECRET to Sultan info Marshall and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chennault and Stratemeyer from Wedemeyer CFBX 28964.

My representative, Colonel Caraway, recently returned and reported results of conference with you and your staff. He was most enthusiastic about the cooperative spirit of the Americans with whom he had contact. This is a definite reflection on the loyal support you pledged when I was assigned on this difficult job, and I appreciate it deeply.

We realize that you would like to know as early as possible the resources, air and ground, required in China for period of emergency. I appreciate that without definite information, it is impossible for you to plan and to conduct operations. Therefore, I have tried to give you timely warning and also a firm indication of my requirements. This has been difficult, as the Generalissimo and his advisors are vacillating and uncertain.

The Chinese Staff has been seriously considering removing the 38th Division. As result of conference this date, I can state definitely that the 38th Division will

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

Nr: CrBX 28964 12 December 1944

not be removed prior to 1 March and then only if the situation makes it mandatory.

Although the situation south of Kweiyang looks favorable at this time, 12 December, it is too early to make sound evaluation. There is nothing militarily effective between the enemy and Kweiyang that could stop him should he advance. His temporary withdrawal is attributed to the fact that he over-extended his supply lines. The Chinese report that they are pushing the enemy back but this is not the case.

Reference your CRA 22250, I will watch developments and if possible will recommend to the Generalissimo that the 22nd Division remain with you. However, unless the situation changes rapidly for the better there is very little possibility that the Generalissimo will permit you to retain this division. I understand fully your problems and agree that we must watch for opportunities to support each other in our joint missions.

CRAX 22224 has just been received and my detailed comments are as follows:

1A. I have instructed Chennault to divert sufficient transport aircraft from the HUMP to permit this operation to be completed by 1 January. Continued bad weather necessitating prolonged diversion of ATC aircraft will seriously reduce HUMP tonnage.

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Nr: CgBX 28964 12 December 1944

1B. Agreed.

1C. Agreed.

1D. In the emergency now facing this theater, I do not agree that this combat cargo squadron should be definitely allotted for a 30 day period. I must have this fourth combat cargo squadron on 1 January for use as long required. You can be assured that it will not be retained longer than necessary.

2A. Agreed.

2B. Not agreed - see comment in 1D above.

2C. Agreed.

3. No comment.

4. I fully appreciate that rapid exploitation of the enemy's precarious position in Burma is dependent upon transport aircraft and that it will result in our mutual benefit. I agree to immediate release of any transport resources that are not essential operational requirements.

5. I agree with paragraphs A and B with respect to paragraph C my position has been stated above.

D. I cannot agree to limiting my requirements to 18 aircraft of the 7th Bomb Group. The 7th Bomb Group

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has already been allocated to me by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. These aircraft are being used in lieu of transport aircraft which were originally requested. As you know they are only partially effective when used for transport purposes. General Chennault must retain his present authority to ask for aircraft from this source as he sees fit. He has at present asked for 18 of these aircraft and he will not request additional aircraft from this source except to satisfy an urgent operational requirement.

6, 7 and 8. No comment.

9. I am sure that everyone concerned is making wholehearted effort to cooperate. However, it is very essential and sound that we look upon the US resources that have been considered under the operational control of SEAC as resources which are available not only to the India-Burma Theater but also to the China Theater and that the proper employment of resources will be determined by the operational requirements of the two theaters concerned. This will take careful balancing and we both must make every effort to visualize our long range requirements and limit our emergency requirements to a minimum. This will facilitate planning and increase our mutual effectiveness.

End.

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SITREP 334.

1. 15 Ind Corps.

(A) Arakan.

10 December. 13 JIFS surrendered area PM5453 stated arrived area Buthi Daung 5 December ex Rangoon on propaganda mission.

(B) Kaladan.

81 (WA) Div 5 (WA) Bde.

— Bde less 7 GCR on East bank of Kaladan river area PN0558-PN0856.

6 (WA) Bde.

Bde conc area PN0758-PN0760. No contact reported.

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2. Fourteenth Army.

(A) 13 Corps.

First. Labo PD 3901 and Ywazi PJ 4098 reported clear. Enemy believed withdrawing to gen line Laungyaung Chaung PJ 4092.

Second. Corps H.Q. area Kontha RP 50.

Third. Lushai Bde. Leading tps 1 R JAT moving to PJ 3996. Two coys 1 Bihar occupied Kunoe PD 4801. 9 Dec. own typs attacked enemy posns area Tilin PJ 3337. No details. 8 Dec Lushai scouts occupied Mingin SQ 0431. Elements (*Falam*) Levies est East of Chindwin river RU 9342.

Fourth. 11 (EA) Div. 26 (EA) Bde. 11 Dec. 13 KAR in contact enemy posns North of Shwegyin RU 8764. Patrol reached Shegyin Chaung RU 8763 without opposn and engaged enemy withdrawing by boats. 10 Dec. Bailey Br over Chindwin river at Kalewa completed.

21 (EA) Bde. 2 KAR est astride RD RU 9265. 4 KAR conc Mutaik RU 8965. Bde H.Q. 5 KAR RU 9267.

Fifth. 20 Div. 32 Bde. 11 Dec Bde H.Q. 1 Northamptons 9/14 Punjab SL 1510 moving SL 2205. 3/8 GR 4/10 GR moving SL 1510.

100 Bde. Bde conc area Htinzin RP 64.

(B) 4 Corps.

First. 268 Bde. 1 Chamar less two coys SL 1953 coy each SK 0788 SL 2049.

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Second. 19 Div. 62 Bde. Fwd elements 3 Raj Rif SL 7676. 4/6 GR SL 6879. Bde H.Q. 2 Welsh SL 5382 64 Bde Bde H.Q. two coys 4/4 GR SF 5225. 4/4 GR less two coys SF 6120 2 Worc R SF 7727. 1/6 GR SF 8734 less coy SF 9839.

NCAC. Area Shegu-Bhamo. Chinese report identification elements 146 Regt gen area East of Rd Bhamo-Namkham. 1 Bn 56 Regt identified area Tonkwa SN 7730. PW state 3 Bn 56 Regt moving to sme area. Also 55 Regt area Mong Mit SS 4869. Further rumour that 53 Div to cross Irrawaddy river to join 18 Div.

End

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

To: War Department
CG Southeast Asia Command Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 22396 12 December 1944

TOP SECRET Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 22396.

Delivered on 11th December to China total of 1102 Chinese and 23 US personnel, 98 animals and 8 antitank guns. Now remaining to be delivered to China 20,500 personnel, 1300 mules, and 99 tons equipment (note: Wedemeyer's CFBX of 11th December reduced the number of mules required from 2500 to 1500) recent estimate is to devote attached commando squadrons to hauling mules. At 25 sorties per day these 2 commando squadrons can deliver 1300 mules in 13 operational days. The diverted aircraft (30 C 47s) from Burma supply run can deliver 7500 troops in 10 operations days. ATC C 46s, flying 31 sorties per day can deliver the balance or 13,000 personnel in 10 operational days. The 99 tons of equipment can be carried by an additional 23 sorties of C 46s.

As per above estimate it is believed that movement will be completed by 1st January next year.

End

Note: Reference not identified in WDCMC.

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: 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
CG Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CFAX 22316 12 December 1944

TOPSEC Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CFAX 22316

Latest info on airlift of Chinese divisions.

Two air commando squadrons totalling 32 planes are being utilized fully. In addition Tunner is making available to Davidson ATC aircraft to expedite move. Also two combat cargo squadrons have been released by Supreme Allied Commander, and will depart from India for China based 11th December.

Now follows progress report of move.

On 9th December, no sorties delivered because of bad weather.

On 10th December total of 2,338 Chinese and 26 US personnel, two jeeps and 1C2 animals were delivered to China for total of 128 plane loads.

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This number of sorties made possible by utilizing supply planes from rear bases delivering one load of supplies forward and then picking up one load of Chinese and delivering them to China. Grand total delivered to China as of 10th December is 6 jeeps. 102 animals and 4,424 personnel.

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ACTION: General Hull

INFO : JC/S, General Arnold, General Bissell, C of S

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

To: War Department
Forward Echelon, Northern Combat Area Command,
Myitkyna, Burma
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CRA 22339 12 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI info Cannon for Halfpint and Wedemeyer CRA 22339 from Sultan.

Information here indicates disintegration of Burma puppet troops as effective pro Jap unit. Native report from Maymyo area says that majority Burmese troops there are going to Rangoon. Their morale is smashed and they concede Allied superiority. In Kalewa area, seven Burma puppet troops surrendered voluntarily to British saying they had killed Jap officer and dismantled two anti-aircraft guns. Dismantled guns were found

Surrendered Burma puppet officer states he was told by visiting Burma puppet captain of order from Major General Aung Gau to all Burma puppets in Burma that they must desert to British whenever opportunity occurs.

End.

ACTION: G-2

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

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

Nr: CRAX 22398 12 December 1944

Operational Summary for 11th December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, COMGEN Hickam Field, CARX 22398.

Consolidation of the Indaw-Katha area was carried out by 36th Division. No contact reported. Third Battalion of 66th Regiment captured Tonkwa forcing Japs south of village where resistance continues. 148th Regiment moved to Siu area with one company outposting Yepaug on south bank of Shweli. Third serial of 475th Combat Team closed at Nansif northwest of Siu, enemy established road block north of 90th Regiment positions along Namhkam Road. Third Battalion of 88th was enroute to take out Nip road block. Minor gains reported in Bhamo. Nothing received from Arakan front. Elements of 26th and 21st Brigades were reported one and one half miles north of Shwegyin without enemy contact. Elements of 64th Brigade moved east of Sinlamaung encountering no enemy. Headquarters of 19th Division opened in Thanan. Patrols were active east of Kaungkasi and Pakngbyin area.

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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
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
No : CRAX 22348 12 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI info Wedemeyer CRAX 22348 from Sultan.

Rated B 2 is information from British agent sources dated 30th October that 117th Division is located at Sinsiang, Honan (113-53 east 35-19 north) with code name HIRO.

Comment: Unidentified Division was reported formed in Honan in July from 4th IIB and elements of 110th Division. As 4th IIB was located at Sinsiang we believe 117th is probably its correct identity.

Other items from agent's report:

(1) The 110th Division is located Loyang (112-36 east 34-49 north) with SAGI 3906 as code number; Division Commander is Lieutenant General Kitamura; Chief of Staff Colonel Suenaga;

110th Regiment is commanded by Colonel Korosu;
139th Regiment commanded by Colonel Shimoeda with main force at Liojuchen (112-32 east 34-11 north);
163rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Uesaka with headquarters two miles west of Loyang. (Comment: Mitamura may be Lieutenant General Kitamura Taisuke; Suenaga possibly Colonel Suenaga Tsunetaro).

(2) Unit with code name TAKI located at Suchow, Honan. (Comment: Probably 3rd Armored Division).

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(3) Akebono USIT located Shih-Chia-Chuang, Hope. (Comment: Probably 2nd Independent Infantry Brigade).

(4) Rui located Changchih, Shansi. (Comment: 14th Independent Infantry Brigade).

(5) Division bearing code word USHI, (Comment: Unidentified) which originally came from Manchuria and one tank regiment bearing code work TORA recently to south China moved.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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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, Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Karachi, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CFBX 28883 11 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn, Monteith and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 28883 book message number 181 from G-2 signed Wedemeyer.

Japanese apparently have withdrawn south as far as Nantan as advancing Sino troops report no contact.

Sino G-2 reports that recon indicates no Japanese Lipo area. Our aerial recon showed heavy ground fire against planes Hochih area.

No further reports from Nanning-French Indo China area.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in the India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

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

No. CRAX 22224 11 December 1944

TOP SEC to Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff, info Wedemeyer CRAX 22224 from Sultan.

Following Calcutta conference on 10th December among general officers representing SEAC, Allied Land Forces, Eastern Air Command, Twentieth Bomber Command, and India-Burma Theater, I now forward a summary of the present situation regarding emergency support to China Theater:

1. Calcutta conference proposed to meet General Wedemeyers transport aircraft requirements as follows:

A. Continue move of 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions by troop carrier elements of two air commandos, reinforced by all aircraft which can be spared from those now supporting US-Chinese effort in North Burma. Movement to date slowed down by bad weather on China side. If the move cannot be completed by 1st January (as desired by Wedemeyer) by these aircraft, Wedemeyer must furnish any additional required to meet target date from ATC HUMP planes.

B. Assign the two combat cargo squadrons from 1st Combat Cargo Group, already released to China, to that theater for an indefinite period.

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New Delhi, India

No. CRAX 22224 11 December 1944

C. Assign a third combat cargo squadron to China on 15th December for an indefinite period.

D. Allot a fourth combat squadron to China Theater on 1st January for period of 30 days.

2. The proposals in paragraph 1, above, have been submitted to Admiral Mountbatten. As I see the situation, he can approve this solution only if the following general assurances are made:

A. That when the troop carrier elements of the two air commandos complete present task on 1st January, they will revert to their units for normal employment.

B. That the 4th Combat Cargo Squadron will be returned from China by 1st February.

C. That consideration will be given by the Chiefs of Staff to any necessary request by SEAC for replacement from sources outside the theater for any of the squadrons required in China after 1st March. This matter is being studied further, but it should be noted now that if such replacement is required, replacement units must be fully operational in theater by 1st March.

3. I feel that Admiral Mountbatten will require some assurance on points raised in paragraph 2, above, because if he meets the proposals now made to him he must:

A. Discontinue training of airborne units immediately.

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New Delhi, India

No. CRAX 22224 11 December 1944

B. Abandon any plans for an airborne operation in CAPITAL.

C. Accept a risk in that he will not be able to fly in reserve divisions by air in an emergency.

D. Face the possibility that he may have units committed in Burma on air supply when the monsoon breaks without sufficient aircraft to maintain them.

E. Consider the fact that General Leese feels that the above effects are unacceptable.

4. You can appreciate the fact that, although there is a defensive emergency in China, there is an offensive emergency facing us in Burma. A great saving in time and resources can be effected by immediate and vigorous exploitation of the enemys precarious position in Burma. Hence, the rapid replacement of resources diverted to China would have very great strategic advantages. Without amphibious resources, SEAC can move rapidly into Burma only by means of a large air lift.

5. Calcutta conference has recommended to Admiral Mountbatten that the SEAC diversions in support of China be limited to:

A. Two Chinese Divisions now in transit.

B. Three combat cargo squadrons indefinitely.

C. One combat cargo squadron for 30 days only, in January.

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

No. CRAX 22224 11 December 1944

D. Not more than 18 aircraft of 7th Bomb Group.

6. If diversions additional to paragraph 5 above are ordered by the Joint or Combined Chiefs of Staff, CAPITAL will require drastic modification, to the possible extent of withdrawing troops now east of the Chindwin before the monsoon.

7. ROMULUS will not be affected by proposed diversions. TALON will be affected seriously only if more than 18 aircraft are diverted from 7th Bomb Group.

8. General Leese proposes to readjust his forces to meet in some degree the withdrawal of the 14th and 22nd Divisions by directing 19th Indian Division in Indaw so that I may employ 36th Division and 50th Chinese Division east of the Irrawaddy as soon as possible.

9. Calcutta conference proceeded on a factual and objective basis. Everyone concerned made every effort to cooperate and find a solution.

End

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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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
Headquarters Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea

Nr: CFBX 28847 11 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter info Sultan MacArthur COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA Davidson LeMay and Stratemeyer CFBX 28847 from Wedemeyer.

Situation in China for 10th December. Sino Division now in vicinity Liuchai (10720 - 2515) without contact. Elements of 20th, 79th and 26th Armies now south of Lipo following Japs. 43rd Division closed in Laohwangping (10750 - 2650)

Salween front: light artillery duel has only action. Nothing new for other sectors.

End.

ACTION: OPD

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

Nr : CRAX 22296 11 Dec 44

Bissel WDGBI CRAX 22296 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Here is G 2 SITREP for 10th Dec: Chindwin Front-Japanese falling back on Shwegyin where locals say only 100 enemy remain, main force having moved east on 30th Nov; officer deserter from Burma puppet Army states he heard of orders from BPA Headquarters to effect that all puppet personnel were to desert to British as opportunity appeared.

North Burma: Entered without opposition were Katha and Indaw. Documents captured at Kota SN 3739 by Kachans identify 2nd Battalion 114th Regiment 18th Division at Mabein SN 3733 with remainder of Regiment at Myitson (14 miles northwest of Mongmit);
At Tonkwa SN 7730 Japanese 1st Battalion 56th Regiment identified from three prisoners taken; prisoners stated:

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Nr : CRAX 22296 11 Dec 44

3rd Battalion 56th Regiment moving to Tongkva and 18th Division concentrated in Mongmit area with 55th Regiment at Mongmit;

Chinese driving south on west side of Bhamo-Namhkam road report identification 146th Regiment 56th Division in area 13 miles west of Panghkam, comment: Not known if from documents or prisoners. Documents captured by Chinese in area 13 miles west of Panghkam list a Battalion of the 168th Regiment 49th Division, comment: Evidence as received not conclusive and no strengths given, however it may be that elements of 49th are present in Namhkam area to cover withdrawal of units there which are believed in poor condition or they are there to fill gap caused by withdrawal of 18th Division to the Southwest. Along Burma-Yunnan border 70 Japanese reported 7 miles north northeast of Wanting but no contact mentioned.

Now follows weekly G 2 SITREP for week ending 10 Dec on Chindwin action characterized by withdrawal and delaying action by small groups; not believed 33rd Division capable of other than sporadic delaying action unless reinforced or replaced. North Burma-trend in railroad corridor complete withdrawal and practically no resistance offered except from small isolated groups; enemy here not expected to resist north of junction of Meza River and railroad. Namhkam area thinning out during week with 18th Division moving southwest and 56th Division partially in Namhkam area with some possible movement toward Lashio. Delay is only enemy capability on all fronts unless reinforced: if Japanese

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

Nr : CRAX 22296 11 Dec 44

intend to hold their position in north Burma and maintain blockade of Burma Road immediate reinforcement to Kalewa and Namhkam sectors appear necessary.

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New Delhi, India

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

Nr: CRAX 22291 11 December 1944

Operational summary for 10th December Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 22291.

Elements of 36th Division moved into Indaw and Katha without any enemy opposition. In the Tonkwa area fighting continues. Troops of 66th Regiment have cut all trails to the west and south of the village. In the Lasai area troops of the 90th Regiment have encircled the Jap position on the hill feature south of Lasai and repulsed an enemy attempt to break the encirclement. 89th Regiment moved into Momauk. On Chindwin front the enemy withdrew from positions east of Kalewa and elements of 26th Brigade were moving along the road to Shwegyin. A column of 21st Brigade was reported two miles north of Shwegyin along a trail east of the main road. Patrolling was continued on Arakan front.

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INFO: CG AAF, G-2, Col Park, Log
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From: War Cabinet Offices
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

To: War Department
SACSEA

Nr: COSSEA 177 11 December 1944

Following for Mountbatten.

1. Combined Chiefs of Staff endorse your decision in agreeing to the transfer of the 2 combat cargo squadrons to China as reported in your SEACOS 276.

2. In approving this action United States Chiefs of Staff wished it to be understood that they did so without prejudice to the reservation entered by them at a previous Combined Chiefs of Staff meeting under which they retain the right to re-assign units from the 10th and the 14th Air Force as they wish.

End

T.O.O. 11/1510Z

ACTION: CC/S

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

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From: SAC South East Asia

To: [redacted] Guidance Addressees

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[redacted] Guidance for week ending 8 December 1944 on Burma Front not for publication.

Operations. On the Chindwin Front the 11 East African Division which has been strongly opposed by Japanese Rearguards finally entered Kalewa without opposition on December 2nd. The enemy has evacuated the west bank of the Chindwin. The East Africans have established a bridgehead on the east bank opposite Kalewa and are meeting opposition two miles eastwards. They are also pushing south towards Shwegyin. Other East African troops are operating on the east bank to the north-east. Still further north other 14th Army troops have cleared a number of villages east of the upper Chindwin in the general direction of Pinlebu and (further south) of the oilfields at Indaw not to be confused with the Indaw on the Myitkyina (Mandalay Railway). In General Sultan's northern combat area the British 36 Division in the Myitkyina-Mandalay railway corridor has reached the Statiki at Naba the junction for Jatha. There are indications that the Japanese are making a considerable withdrawal in this area. Chinese troops who crossed the Shweli river south of the Irrawaddy bend are more that 45 miles south of Bhamo. This force threatens not only the Japanese held section of the Burma road but also the important silver and lead mining centers at Namtu and Bawdwin from which a light railway runs to the Mandalay-Lashio line another threat to the Burma road comes from Chinese troops advancing to Namhkam who are now 35 miles south east of Bhamo. At Bhamo the Chinese have captured

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the northern Airstrip which American Engineers are making available for heavy aircraft. In Bhamo the Japanese Garrison still holds out. In Arakan west African troops have made further progress down the Kaladan valley south of Kaladan village.

From the Air. Great attention was paid during the week to the Chindwin area, both in close support of ground troops and by bombing the Japanese lines of communication leading back to the Burmese railway.

System. In Central Burma there was also extensive bombing of rail and road bridges. Further south Pegu and Toungoo were bombed. Akyab was again attacked and mines were laid in enemy waters. Great Coco Island north of the Andamans was also raided by liberators. On December 8 there was a successful raid on trains on the Moulmein-Bangkok Railway, and shipping and seaplanes were attacked near Victoria Point.

Points. 1. The Chinese in Yunnan have captured Chefang and are now within a few miles of the frontier between China and Burma. Coupled with our advances south, south-east and north-east of Bhamo this brings nearer the junction between SEAC's forces and the Chinese (?in) Yunnan. Through progress is slow it is unchecked and sure.

2. East of the Chindwin the Japanese have abandoned much motor transport. In the dry weather allied aircraft are making daylight movement very difficult for the enemy, and are also attacking during the night, when most of his movement now takes place.

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3. The way in which the Japanese are forcing upon Burma the ruthless methods of total terrorism and the gestapo were vividly brought out in a speech made in Tokyo by the Burma Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Japanese controlled Government of Burma.

"The Government". He says, "Decides not only how the people are to be governed but how they are to live, how they are to work, and how they are to think. In Government, leadership and responsibility are more important than a representative character, and the whole administrative machinery is being over hauled to give effect to this principle, and a drive is now in full swing through a country wide machinery specially set up for this purpose and security service have been placed on a broader and more national basis". Details of this organization, the Mahabama Astayone are giving in broadcasts of the Burma Home Service. This shows that a huge system of Terroristic Espionage is being set-up. In every village or town block for every ten houses there will be a ten house head, above him there will be a 100 house head, and over the 100 house head there will be a head of the block. They will keep a register of all arrivals and departures, and generally act as spies, and assist the police or military "in connection with the work for peace and tranquility and home defence". At the head of the whole organization there will be a Chief of Staff, who will be a Cabinet Minister, with 3 deputy Chiefs of Staff. This is to be the sole "Political" organization. One of its slogans is "One blood, one choice, one country". No other organization is to be permitted and every member shall comply with the orders and direction issued from the Home Ministry.

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4. Japanese efforts to diffuse an atmosphere of cordiality in the final period of her occupation are having the embarrassing effect of encouraging some of her satellite politicals to venture on a little plain speaking. Thus BA MAW at a press conference in Tokyo is reported by the Japanese wireless to have said "the most difficult problem facing Burma is the economic question, because at present Burma is supporting a tremendous Japanese Army". The spokesman of the Philippine Ministry for Foreign Affairs has also ventured to call for "Deeds rather than words" in the sharing out of "Co-prosperity".

5. A statement from the Japanese board of Information to Foreign Press correspondents on the sinking of the ship containing prisoners of war makes indirectly some remarkable admissions. Efforts were made to repair the torpedoed ship but it continued to sink. "To avoid congestion, Japanese Civilians including women and children were first ordered to jump into the sea and after that the prisoners". The Japanese troops were the last to leave the ship but an effort is made to conceal the fact that they had kept the lifeboats and rafts for themselves by suggesting that they also jumped into the sea and "swam" to Lifeboats, rafts and other floating things."

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10 December 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi India

Commanding General
US Army Liaison Section
Kandy, Ceylon

Number WARX 75543

[redacted] from Marshall for Wedemeyer, Sultan and Wheeler

Quoted herein is decision made by Combined Chiefs of Staff 8 December 1944. " Combined Chiefs of Staff endorsed Admiral Mountbatten's decision to agree to the transfer of two combat cargo squadrons to China on the understanding that such endorsement did not prejudice the reservation accepted by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in the conclusion to item five of their 141st meeting".

Reservation accepted by Combined Chiefs of Staff in their 141st meeting 14 January 1944 referred to above pertains to CCS 308/8, Air Directive, Southeast Asia Command, which states that Combined Chiefs of Staff agree that the United States Chiefs of Staff reserve the right to reassign units from Tenth to Fourteenth Air Force when necessary to meet US commitments to China.

End

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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
CG Services of Supply Kunming China

Nr : CRAX 22175 10 Dec 44

Wedemeyer info Covell Cheves and Marshall CRAX 22175 from Sultan.

My Staff and the Commanding General SOS have been and are keenly sensitive to the necessity of making every effort to meet the increasing demands of your theater, many of which are of a high priority order. Normal supply matters, it is believed, are fully and adequately covered by a proposed operational procedure recently transmitted to the Commanding General SOS China Theater by the Commanding General SOS India Burma Theater. As stated therein we will, subject to being able to obtain sufficient supplies from the Zone of Interior, meet your wishes on what portion of your authorized levels of supply will be maintained on your site of the HUMP.

My present concern is with your emergency requirements, particularly for critical items which are and will continue to be in short supply in both our theaters. We are at the end of what has always been considered a 6 months supply line. Today, due to our shortage of ocean shipping, we cannot even count on that as the period which will elapse between the submission of a requisition and the receipt of supplies. Moreover, we suffer and have always

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

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been handicapped with an extremely low priority in relation to other theaters. Not infrequently we are unable to obtain supplies to which we are willing to give the highest priority in water shipment.

It is likely that operational emergencies will from time to time require you to expend critical supplies at a far higher rate than has been normal to these theaters. We will do our best to compensate for such abnormal expenditures by obtaining replenishment as quickly as possible. Here again, however, we may strike a further snag in the ceiling placed upon your program by the War Department. For example, unless and until additional requirements have received War Department approval, we will be held strictly to the quantities of items called for by the 30th Division plus 10 percent program insofar as supply to China is concerned. It is not possible to obtain automatic replacement for equipment diverted from that program, nor can we readily replace US equipment which is diverted to the Chinese. In either case War Department approval must be obtained on the basis of the best justification which can be presented, and our lengthy supply line traversed, before you can be made whole.

Ours is a tight operation in a slender margin. It calls for careful and discriminating supply planning. We can be of the most service to you if your needs are made known to us as far ahead as possible, if they are phased

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or scheduled there appropriate, and if their relative importance or priority is stated. It will require constant effort on both our parts to see that first things come first, and that they are on hand when they are needed.

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To: War Department
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG US Station, Kunming, China
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Iceland Base Command
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
CG Army Air Forces, Madras, Oregon

Nr: CAKX 2177 10 December 1944

To Arnold, Stratemeyer, Davidson, LeMay, Sultan, Mountbatten, Pierse, COMGENCENPAC pass on to CINCPOA and Richardson info MILID, DFABI and AFDTS CAKX 2177 signed Chennault.

Summarizing results of 14th Air Force operations off East China bases on 7th and 8th December in celebration of Pearl Harbor Day.

36 fighter and two bomber sorties attacked shipping and airfield at Anking, Nanking, Hongkong.

Score at Anking: two each 150 foot and a 100 foot vessel damaged, a 60 foot tug destroyed and two Oscars destroyed on ground.

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At Nanking: two direct hits and near miss on railroad ferries, direct hit on elevator to ferry slip, a 400 foot freighter damaged and left burning, two locomotives destroyed, in air five Jap aircraft destroyed, two probables and five damaged: on ground 20 Jap aircraft destroyed, one probable and nine damaged.

At Hongkong: a destroyer of Akikaze class sunk, a 500 foot transport sunk, a 450 foot freighter and a 350 foot freighter left burning, a 250 foot freighter and *--- aircraft destroyed. Liberators sunk a 300 foot freighter 40 miles east Hongkong: one Mustang is missing.

More operations for 7th December:

Mission A:

Of Chihkiang four Mitchells in staggered takeoffs briefed to alert and harass enemy in Siang River valley at night, bombed town and airdrome at Hengyang, attacked motor convoys on Hengyang-Changsha roads.

Add sorties to 7th December of four bomber and three transport.

Add seven transport sorties to 6th December.

Additional operations for 8th December:

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Mission B:

Off Suichwan nine Mustangs attacked Yangtze River shipping at Shihhweiyao damaging a 120 foot barge.

Mission C:

Two missions totalling 26 CACW Sharks off Chihkiang covered roads and railroad from Lingling to Liuchow attacking installations and troops with four trucks destroyed and 15 damaged, five rail cars destroyed and 20 damaged, 250 Jap troops and 50 horses killed, considerable damage to 10 villages, small river shipping and rail trackage.

Mission D:

Four Mustangs bombed supply and equipment stores at Hengyang with good hits: one Mustang crashed at target with pilot killed.

Mission E:

Three missions totalling 24 CACW Sharks and four Mustangs supporting Chinese Ground Forces swept roads and railroad from Tuhshan to Kweilin with good results: bombed town 40 miles south Tuhshan with good hits, many Jap occupied building areas attacked causing considerable damage and leaving fires, Jap troops and cavalry bombed and strafed with unestimated results, six locomotives and 20 rail cars damaged, nine trucks damaged and wooded area strafed.

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Mission F:

Four Mitchells escorted by eight Mustangs bombed town of Lipo with 50 % hits in target starting fires followed by secondary explosions: Mustangs bombed Nantan and strafed 20 trucks near Hochih with unestimated results.

Mission G:

Four Mitchells bombed town of Tuhshan with excellent results starting fires followed by secondary explosions.

Mission H:

Mitchells bombed Nantan where enemy cavalry reported with good pattern bombs across the town and believe heavy damage.

Mission I:

Off Tsingchen seven Mustangs bombed towns of Hochih and Lipo at request of Chinese with good hits starting fires and causing considerable damage: compounds in area strafed, nine field guns strafed and three trucks destroyed.

Mission J:

Six missions totalling 17 Mustang sorties attacked targets in Tuhshan, Nantan, Hochih area with excellent results: bombed with considerable damage rail yards at Hochih,

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villages and compounds heavily strafed, 100 or more Jap troops killed by strafing, stores and installations left burning.

Mission K:

One Lab Liberator searching for enemy shipping off Hongkong reported no sightings.

Mission L:

One Lab Liberator briefed to lay floating mines in Yangtze River up stream from Hankow was unsuccessful due radar and weather troubles.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in five sorties carried freight and passenger pounds of 20,100.

Add sorties to 8th December of 127 fighter, 19 bomber, five troop carrier and one photo.

Now follows Operations and Intelligence Report for 9th December:

Weather on all fronts operational excepting Indo-China.

On Salween River front troop carrier squadron in 16 sorties dropped and landed 32 tons of food, equipment and personnel.

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Mission M:

Three missions totalling 10 CACW Sharks and four Mustang sorties attacked groups of Jap cavalry and pack horses between Lingling and Kweilin killing 30 Japs and 30 horses, strafed and damaged building areas.

Mission N:

Two missions totalling 24 CACW Shark sorties swept roads and rivers from Chuchow to Kweilin, damaged two each 75 foot steam boats, destroyed or damaged 15 sampans, building areas destroyed, small groups of Jap troops strafed killing 20.

Mission O:

Two missions totalling five Mustangs and 12 CACW Sharks attacked targets in Tuhshan-Liuchow area, bombed building area five miles west of Hochih with good results, attacked and fired village 15 miles northwest of Ishan with napalm bombs, towns of Luchai and Ishan bombed and strafed with considerable damage, killed 60 Jap troops, strafed and damaged three locomotives and 17 rail cars.

Sorties for 9th December are 55 fighter and 16 troop carrier.

Persistent reports of Japs withdrawal south from Tuyun (26-18 north 107-40 east) are received.

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Chinese reported to have reoccupied Tuhshan (25-49 north 107-42 east) on 8th December.

US liaison quotes General Teng En Po as believing Japs may withdraw as far south as Hochih (24-59 north 107-56 east).

Kweichow weather reported to be bitterly cold, and Jap troops observed clothed in summer uniforms.

14th Air Force pilot observation on 8th December showed Yangtang and Erhtong airdromes apparently in good condition with possible aircraft visible at Erhtong (25-16 north 110-09 east).

On 9th December pilots observed 200 railway cars burned out at Hochih, observed trucks by-passing knocked out bridges on Ishan (24-32 north 108-38 east)--Hochih (24-59 north 107-56 east) sector in railway zone, observed Liuchow and Liangfeng (25-07 north 110-08 east) bridges apparently still out, observed Liuchow airdrome apparently operational as seen from 9,000 feet, observed no activity south of Tuhshan.

On 9th December 14th Air Force pilots on recon observed no Jap activity in area from Chuchow (27-51 north 113-02 east)--Hungyang-Lingkwantien (26-37 north 111-54 east).

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No activity on Hengyang airdrome was observed, on Hengyang-Kweilin railway sector light truck bridges were believed to have been erected, Kweiyi (28-49 north 113-01 east)--Changsha-Siangtan railway observed to operate in afternoons, railway line from Hengyang to Chuanhsien (25-59 north 110-58 east) apparently operational for flanged wheel trucks which used light bridges for truck passage, large number flanged wheel trucks observed between Lingling and Chuanhsien (25-59 north 110-58 east).

Chinese Fifth Route Air Force reports Japs from Nanning met Jap forces from French-Indo China at Shangsze (22-04 north 107-45 east).

Chinese reported by Theater Headquarters to have reoccupied Lungan (23-02 north 107-19 east) on 8th December.

Photos *--- 8th December showed at Sinsiang (35-17 north 113-55 east) three small and one large aircraft, at Kaifeng two small aircraft.

Delayed photos taken from Suichwan 20th November reveals aircraft count of Formosa as follows:

At Okayama 46 small, 63 medium, 18 non-operational;
Takao airdrome 26 small;
Heito airdrome 155 small, 53 medium, six large;
At Hainan airdrome 137 small,12 medium, seven large;

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At Kamkai airfield 28 small;
At Chitai airfield 26 medium;
At Mako airfield, Pescadores, six small.

Shipping at Toshien totals 14,100 tons plus one Naval vessel 260 feet long; at Takao 90800 tons of shipping visible plus four Naval vessels ranging from 250 to over 300 feet long.

Shipping at Mako, Pescadores, totals 14,100 tons plus six Naval vessels including probable destroyer.

At Amoy 3,000 tons shipping visible and four small aircraft at airfield.

40 cars in Okayama yards, 250 cars in Takao yards, 150 cars at Heito.

New landing strips apparently under construction at Hesioliau (22-42 north 120-31 east) and Lampo (22-45 north 120-31 east).

Another Suichwan mission 4th December shows aircraft count:
Hankow airdrome 89 small, 21 medium, two large;
Wuchang airdrome one small, 23 medium;
Wuchang satellite 12 small;
Hankow satellite one small; no evidence of reported 100 transports.

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Shipping at Hankow totalled 18,600 tons plus one Naval vessel.

175 cars in Wuchang yards but no cover of Hankow yards.

Five small aircraft at Pailuchi but none visible at Sinsiang landing strip and satellite (29-33 north 113-13 east).

Merchant shipping at Kiukiang totals 5,200 tons plus two Naval craft; one small aircraft at Kiukiang airfield and five at Erh Tao Kow.

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*--Being Serviced

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

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FOLLOWING IS T[redacted] TO CNO FROM ALUSNA.

OBJECTIVE OF CURRENT JAP DRIVE IN CHINA IS POSSIBLY MILITARILY IMPORTANT KUNMING RATHER THAN POLITICAL CHUNGKING. THEATER HEADQUARTERS GIVING DEFENSE OF KUNMING FIRST PRIORITY ABOVE CHUNGKING AND SHIFTING LARGE PART OF HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES FROM HERE TO KUNMING IMMEDIATELY. CHINESE ANNOUNCE THAT JAP TROOPS FROM INDO CHINA LINKED UP 7TH DECEMBER WITH JAP CENTRAL CHINA FORCES AT SHANGSZE (23-03N 107-44E). NIP PUSH TOWARD KUNMING MIGHT FOLLOW ANY OR ALL OF THESE 3 ROUTES:

(A) FROM LIUCHOW TO KWEIYANG OR FROM HSIANGTAN-HENGYANG AREA THROUGH PAOCHING (27-26N 111-29E) TO KWEIYANG AND THENCE ALONG MAIN ROAD TO KUNMING.

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(B) FROM NANNING AND/OR CAOBANG INDOCHINA TO PAISE (23-46N 106-05E) THENCE NORTHWEST TOWARD KUNMING.

(C) FROM LAOKAY INDO CHINA NORTH ALONG OLD RAILBED TO MENGTZU (23-17N 103-27E) THENCE NORTH ALONG RAILWAY. LATTER ROUTE SHORTEST BUT MOST VULNERABLE TO AIR ATTACK AND NO UNUSUAL CONCENTRATIONS YET REPORTED IN LAOKAY AREA. KWEIYANG ROUTE LONGEST WITH ATTENDANT SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES UNLESS JAPS MOVE WEST FROM PAOCHING AREA WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GOOD LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS. THAT ROUTE MAY BE STRONGLY OPPOSED BY CHINESE AS IT THREATENS CHUNGKING. PRACTICABILITY OF WATER SUPPLY ROUTE FROM CANTON THROUGH TO PAISE AND POSSIBILITY OF WEAKEST CHINESE RESISTANCE IN THAT AREA INDICATES IT MAY BE MAIN JAP DRIVE. IF KUNMING DRIVE THWARTED JAPS LIKELY TO TRY FOR CHUNGKING.

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

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

No: CFBX 28711 9 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, LeMay, Chennault, Dorn, Monteith and Duncan, Stratemeyer CFBX 28711 book msg nr 179 from G-2 AMMISCA. This thru Sina G-2 by wire from Field Headquarters.

Ground sources confirm reoccupation of Tuhshan and Sanho withdrawal of Japanese south along railroad and to main of railroad.

Japanese forces appear to be heading towards Lipo and Nantan. Columns have been identified as follows:

Force along the railroad is 104th Regiment of 13th Division.

Column moving south Farcacachai-Caqho area is 6th Regiment of 3rd Division.

Possible clue to withdrawal is statement that Jap troops still wearing summer uniforms plus recent extremely cold weather with snow in Kweichow combat area.

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Withdrawal appears to be voluntary as 1 battalion of Chinese Troops reoccupies Tuhshan.

Reoccupation of Kweite on road to Poseh on 7th also confirmed with no indication as to present whereabouts of Jap troops.

Recon shows marked activity Hengyang-Changsha-Tungting Lake area. Night recon showed unusual activity north of Hengyang area with no details as to nature of activity.

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To : War Department
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Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Pt Shafter, T. H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T.H.

Nr : CASX 2126 9 December 1944

To Arnold, Stratemeyer, Davidson, LeMay, Sultan, Mountbatten, Pierse, COMGENCENPAC pass on to CINCPOA and Richardson info MILID, AFABI and AFDIS CASX 2126 signed Chennault.

Note. Chinese Fifth route Air Force reports that Chinese reoccupied Tuhshan (2549 north 10742 east) on 7th December. Liaison on 7th December reported Chinese reentered Sankiao (2559 north 10754 east) while Japs retreating towards Lipo (2542 north 10756 east) were being attacked from northeast of flanks.

Liaison forwards Chinese report that Japs were retreating in Liuchai (2518 north 10724 east)-Mantan (2514 north 10740 east) area where Chinese moved 20 kilimeters south of Tuhshan (2549 north 10742 east).

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Pilot observation on 8th December showed road and rail repair activity between Nantan and Liuchow; bridges south of Chuanhsien reported still unrepaired.

14th Air Force pilots on 8th December noted much Jap activity south of Hengyang and Hengyang-Paoching highway in use. Liaison reports that 20,000 Japs are moving Kweilia through Lingling and Kiyang (2628 north 11150 east) towards Hengyang.

Jap reinforcements into Chaling (2655 north 11330 east)-Anjen area (2647 north 11304 east) reported. 14th Air Force Photo cover for 7th December showed no aircraft at Snking, Erhtaokov (2949 north 11556 east), Shihhweiyao (3014 north 11508 east), Puchi (2943 north 11354 east); at Wuchang 25 medium 5 small, at Wuchang Satellite 8 small, at Pailuchi 4 small, at Hankow 1 large 27 medium, 83 small, Anking 2 small, Wuhu 1 small.

New AGFRTS team report on 8th December stated Japs have met ring from Nachong (2256 north 10730 east).

Same source reports 10-12000 Japs fell back from Dingan (2302 north 10719 east) and that 12-14,000 Japs located at Kweite (2316 north 10717 east) where Chinese believed considering attack.

14th Liaison reports Japs retreating 100 kms east of Poseh (2346 north 10605 east).

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China Theatre Headquarters reports Japs pushed north from Luichow towards Paishum (2336 north 10650 east).

Same source states Japs moved southwest from Nanning towards Funan (2235 north 10745 east) and Nakwan (2226 north 10746 east).

14th Liaison states Japs have started repairs on Langson (2150 north 10644 east)-Lungchyi Highway. Liaison states Japs on 4th December started move north of Humsien (2329 north 11320 east) possibly towards Kukong (2455 north 11314 east) and that 17,000 Jap reserved believed in Lanton.

Report of 7th December from CACW states construction is completed on portion of railway between Yuncheng (3502 north 11055 east) and Shanasien (3446 north 11104 east).

1500 Jap troops with ammunition and coolies were reported to have crossed the Yellow River to Shanhsien. 13,000 Japs were reported to be in the Linju area (3408 north 11254 east).

More operations for 7th December: Mission A, 8 Mistangs in 2 missions off Kanchow in coordinated attack on river shipping and airdrome at Anking damaged 3 vessels of 100 to 150 feet: Strafed and exploded a 60 foot tug, strafed 4 barges with 2 damaged; destroyed 2 Jap Oscars on airfield, also installations and machine gun positions; strafed and damaged a possible radar station; returning via Kiukiang while at low level intercepted by 6 Oscars with no claims or damage:

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Nachang airfield strafed with unobserved results.

Mission B:

2 Lab Liberators off Suichwan on night mission swept strait of Formosa and South China Sea, attacked and sunk a 300 foot merchant vessel at (2230 north 11510 east).

Mission C:

One Mustang off Suichwan reconned Liling-Chawang-Ieiyang area and observed no activity.

Mission D:

2 Photo Missions covered targets at Pailuchi, Puchi, Hankow, Shihhweiyao, Kiukiang, Wuhu and Anmeng. Off Chihkiang,

Mission E:

2 CACW Sharks strafed Paoching town and airfield damaging camouflaged strips and compounds, Jap troops strafed with unobserved results.

Mission F:

2 missions totaling 7 Mustangs attacked bridge, building areas and small river shipping at Paoching with considerable damage.

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Mission G:

3 Mustangs bombed bridge near Hengshan and town with unestimated damage.

Mission H:

10 CACW Sharks swept road and railroad from Kweilin to Liuchow, bombed 75 foot rail bridge near Yunffu damaging under structure; attacked and damaged 4 villages, railroad installations and rolling stock, killed 50 Jap troops and 150 horses of observed 300 troops and 300 horses.

Mission I:

4 Mitchells escorted by 14 CACW Sharks bombed Sankisp 20 miles northeast Tuhshan, with good hits followed by secondary explosions and smoke rising to 2,000 feet. Sharks swept roads southward from Tuhshan attacking villages, gun positions and small groups of Jap troops. Off Csingchen,

Mission J:

7 Mustangs at request of Chinese bombed town of Tuhshan causing heavy damage.

Mission K:

6 Mustangs strafed enemy troops and horses near Tuhshan killing 50 horses and 50 troops.

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Mission L:

7 Mustangs on recon of Nantan-Puicehi area observed no activity, bombed and strafed 5 compounds setting fires.

Mission M:

2 Mustangs bombed bridge north of Nantan with no hits claimed, bombed building area near bridge with considerable damage. 322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in 6 sorties carried 17,500 pounds of freight and passengers. Add sorties to 7th December of 67 Fighter, 6 Bomber, 2 Photo and 6 Transport. Add 41 transport sorties to 4th December to 6th December inclusive.

Now follows operations and intelligence reports for 8th December:

Weather on all fronts reported operational except in French Indo China. At 0130 hours Japs heavily bombed Suichway airdrome destroying a Liberator and damage to second. Destroyed 700 gallons of gasoline.

In Salween River front Troop Carrier Squadron in 14 sorties dropped and landed 30 tons of food and ammunition to Chinese ground troops.

Flash, 14 Mustangs off Suic Wan in 2 missions of 12 and 2 respectively attacked shipping in Hongkong Harbor, also Kaotak airdrome with preliminary claims as follows:

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Nr : CASX 2126 9 December 1944

✓ A destroyer of Akikaze class sunk, a 500 foot transport sunk, a 350 foot freighter left burning and probably sunk, a 400 foot freighter left burning and damaged, a 250 foot and a 200 foot freighter damaged, leaving much debris in harbor.

Bombed Kowloon wharfes, destroyed 4 Jap aircraft on ground; no interception; complete story will follow later.

Sorties for 8th December are 22 fighter and 14 troop carrier.

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CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Hollandia, NG
Navy Department
CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T. H.

Nr: CFBX 28656 9 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter info Sultan LeMay Stratemeyer McArthur Davidson and COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA CFBX 28656 from Wedemeyer.

[redacted] Take a look at China December 8. Chinese force of one battalion moved into Tushan and are now moving southest to Lipo (10755-2545); 91st Division moving east from Pingchow (10720-2550) area now following apparent Jap withdrawal south of Tushan. In the Nanning - Poseh area 159th Division entered Kuote also known as Kweitb (10715-2315) 140 kilos south east Poseh. No changes elsewhere.

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ACTION: OPD

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

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 22125 9 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten [redacted] CR'X 22125

Committed are 50 sorties per day for move of Chinese 14th and 22nd Divisions including 30 sorties for personnel and 20 sorties for animals and equipment. Estimate move of 14th Division can be completed by 22nd December and 22nd Division by 10 January with aircraft now committed.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : JC/S, Adm. Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, CofS

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

To: War Department

Nr. CFB 28602 8 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI CFB 28602 from Wedemeyer.

Comments on ground information CAKX 1932 dated December 7. Lack of activity Nanning-Langson roads probably due to night movement of Japs and fact that Japs have not followed main road. Movement of Japs in area confirmed. Movement of troops Hanoi to Lanfoon thought probable but has not been confirmed. We have received a report that 20th Division (formerly in New Guinea) is in French Indo China but this not confirmed. There are strong indications however that Japs are attempting evacuation of troops from Southwest Pacific Area to bolster defenses in North Pacific Areas.

End

CAKX 1932 is CM-IN-6783 (7 Dec 44) OPD

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Forward Echelon Northern Combat Area Command
Myitkyna, Burma
CG 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming, China
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur, India

No : CFBX 28601 8 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn, Montieth and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 28601 book msg nr 178 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Reports of Jap withdrawal south from Tuyun area continue to be received. Following points reoccupied by Chinese forces on dates specified according to Sino G-2: Sanho (107 deg 55 min-25 deg 58 min) and Kuote (107 deg 15 min-23 deg 15 min) on the 6th, Tuhshan (107 deg 42-min-25 deg 48 min) and Lungan (107 deg ~~20 min~~-23 deg 03 min) on the 8th.

No Jap opposition to the reoccupations reported. In south Japanese forces from Nanning and from French Indo China reported met at Shangsxe (107 deg 45 min-22 deg 03 min) on the 7th.

All above from Sino-2 and not confirmed from our Liaison to date.

ACTION: G-2 End
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG

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

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

Nr: CRAX 21947 8 December 1944

Marshall info Wedemeyer, Chennault and Stratemeyer from Sultan CRAX 21947 TOPSEC

Additional information to my CRAX 21642, CRAX 21777 and CRA 21862 following conferences held at Imphal and Delhi now follow:

1. As I have already informed you Admiral Mountbatten has agreed to release two combat cargo squadrons from the First Combat Cargo Group as requested in my CRAX 21777. If the Royal Air Force meet their target time for relieving these squadrons they will arrive in China on the evening of 9th December.

2. Movement of 14th Division was slowed down by adverse weather conditions in China on 6th and 7th December. With troop carrier planes from First and Second Air Commandos as reinforced by every available plane which can be released from units supported NCAC we hope to reach 60 sorties a day when weather clears. Only way to increase rate of movement over this rate is to use ATC planes from Hump and understand that Wedemeyer is now considering this.

3. Imphal conference was on a purely planners level and indicated only the possibility that a total of three combat cargo squadrons might be released for China in addition to those aircraft now ferrying the 14th and 22nd Division.

CM-IN-7978 (8 Dec 44)

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

Nr: CRAX 21947 8 December 1944

4. Delhi conference, which was purely an American conference, at which China Theater representatives attended, resulted in substantial agreement that:

A. In addition to planes moving the 14th and 22nd Divisions only a total of three combat cargo squadrons can be taken from SEAC at this time without jeopardizing troops now engaged in combat on air supply.

B. That about January 1st at least one more combat cargo squadron could be released for China.

C. That any additional airlift immediately required by China must be provided at a cost to Hump lift or 20th Bomber Command. It appears that a change from long range to short range objectives by 20th Bomber Command, which China Theater representatives stated was under consideration by them, with some moderate diversion from Hump aircraft might provide the necessary solution.

D. Use of 7th Bomber Group is still to be considered by China Theater and present indications are that at least one squadron will be required depending upon decision reference diversion of 20th Bomber Command tonnage which will be made by Wedemeyer.

5. India Burma Theater representatives will meet representatives of Allied Land Force Commander and SEAC on 10th December. India Burma Theater has already and will continue to press vigorously at this meeting for one additional combat cargo squadron (making total of three) for immediate release to China and it will also press for release of at least a second additional squadron (making total of at least four) on about 1st January. If these representations are

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successful, at a minimum, the entire First Combat Cargo Group should be in China about 1st January. You will be kept informed fully of results.

End

Note: 21642 is CM-IN-5448 (6 Dec 44) JC/S
21777 is CM-IN-5961 (6 Dec 44) JC/S
21862 is CM-IN-6866 (7 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

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

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 21993 8 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten [redacted] CRAX 21993.

Bringing you up to date on move of troops to China.

24 plane loads started for China afternoon of 7 December. Three planes returned because of bad weather.

On 8 December 33 plane loads of troops and five plane loads of equipment departed for China. Ready and waiting at field are 25 plane loads of personnel. In addition there are 111 animals for 28 plane loads.

All the above are personnel and equipment from 42nd Regiment.

Total personnel air lifted to date was 2372 and five plane loads * *.

End

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ACTION: General Hull

INFO : JC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S

CM-IN-8183 (8 Dec 44) 2103Z m/m

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

To: War Department
CG Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 21993 8 December 1944

21993 Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten TOPSEC CRAX

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On 8th December 33 plane loads of troops and five plane loads of equipment departed for China. Ready and waiting at field are 25 plane loads of personnel. In addition there are 111 animals for 28 planes loads.

All the above are personnel and equipment from 42nd Regiment. Total personnel air lifted to date was 2,372 and 5 plane loads of equipment.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN 8183 (8 Dec 44)

ACTION: General Hull

INFO : JC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, General Bissell, Admiral King, C of S

CM-IN-8452 (9 Dec 44) 0255Z m/m

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URGENT

From: Headquarters Southeast Asia Command Kandy Ceylon

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr: EAC 369 8 December 1944

War Department Washington info CG China Theater, CG IB Theater, EAC TOP SECRET cite 369 to Marshall info Wedemeyer, Sultan, Stratemeyer from Wheeler

As result of requirements placed on SEAC by China Theater a new estimate of the SEAC situation is being prepared as a matter of urgency and copy will be forwarded to you shortly. CFBX 28167 December 4 appreciation from Wedemeyer on China operation report.

New subject: Reference CFBX 28463 December 7 Supreme Allied Commander has already ordered two combat cargo squadrons to China (50 aircraft) and has provided the troop carrier elements of two air commands (41 aircraft) which are presently lifting 14 Div into China.

End

Note: CFBX 28167 is CM-IN-4828 (5 Dec 44) JC/S
CFBX 28463 is CM-IN-7020 (7 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
Supreme Command, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr. 510 8 December 1944

To Commanding General India Burma Theater rptd to Adv AAFSEA, Eastern Air Command, Chungking, Rear SACSEA TOPSECRET. Cite 510 for Sultan rptd for Leese, Wedemeyer, Stratemeyer, Lane from Mountbatten your CRAX 21777.

1. I greatly appreciate the straightforward manner in which you have approached this difficult problem.

2. You may be sure that I have already considered the two RAF transport squadrons, referred to in your paragraph 6, which are now engaged in training 50th Parachute Brigade. What you may not have known was that these squadrons had been withdrawn from the support of an * * * * * to use them at the same time for airborne training. If they have to be transferred now to take the place of combat cargo squadrons, the exploitation of CAPITAL will suffer in that not only will the glide-in of the air landing brigade be prevented, but also any chance of using parachutists on the scale of a brigade, as at present planned, will probably be destroyed. Furthermore, it will postpone for an indeterminate period the final readiness for action of 44th Indian Airborne Division.

CM-IN-7886 (8 Dec 44) [redacted]

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From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr. 510 8 December 1944

3. Two air commando transport squadrons have already been released temporarily from CAPITAL to move the Chinese Divisions but the loss of 50 US aircraft of two combat cargo squadrons will only be compensated by a replacement of 40 RAF aircraft, thus further reducing the support of active operations.

4. Reference your paragraph 7, I can also assure you that the arrival of this combat cargo group has all along been taken fully into account. The aircraft of this group are all required by the plans for CAPITAL.

5. Leese has informed me that he has found that Air transport resources are now not enough to move a replacement division to NCAC by air, and has had to change his plans accordingly.

6. Realizing the urgency of Wedemeyer's predicament, and in view of the fact that the detailed estimates called for by the Chiefs of Staff in COSSEA 169 cannot be available from the Calcutta Conference for three days at the earliest, I have nevertheless decided to accept these consequences. I am therefore giving orders, in anticipation of the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, that two combat cargo squadrons are to be released at once, and that their place is to be taken by the two RAF squadrons now engaged in training 50th Parachute Brigade.

7. Until I have been able to reply to COSSEA 169, it will not be possible to consider any further requests for

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From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr. 510 8 December 1944

transport aircraft from Wedemeyer.

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Footnote: 21777 is CM IN 5961 (6 Dec 44) JCS

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Adm King, C of S

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TOP SECRET

From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

To: War Department

Nr. 368 8 December 1944

Cite 368 to Marshall from Wheeler.

Mountbatten's complete reply to Sultans CRAX 21777 of 6th December referred to in my cite 366 filed at 070515Z relayed to you this date as cite 510 December 071445Z.

End

Footnote: 21777 is CM-IN-5961 (6 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm. Leahy, Gen. Arnold, Gen Hull, Adm. King

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From: Chiefs of Staff

To: MA Chungking
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

No: O.Z. 7159 7 December 1944

O.T.P. [redacted] O.Z. 7159

Following for General Carton de Wiart from Chiefs of Staff. Please give following message to General Wedemeyer.

Begins:

General Marshall has kindly shown us your latest telegram to him about the situation in China.

2. We would like you to know at this moment that we have every confidence that you will overcome the grave difficulties which confront you and that we will do our utmost to support you.

End

TOO 071416Z

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
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From: CG US Army Forces in China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: 23729 7 December 1944

MILID 23729 info Chennault and Montieth from DePass signed Wedemeyer.

At Changsha the arrival of approximately 10,000 Jap rpt enemy paratroops December 4th is report of Chinese G-2. This C-3 rated. At Hankow are 100 Japanese transport planes.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
OPD
~~COL PARK~~
~~LOG~~

CM-IN-7560 (8 Dec 44) 0321Z mcs

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

To : War Department

No : 23730 7 December 1944

MILID 23730 from DePass sgd Wedemeyer.

Japanese 25th Division numbering 1000 troops reported moved to area Loyang from north. Being present activity is possible prelude to their renewed operations in Sino first war zone our comment is enemy Chenghsien-Loyang area activity needs marked attention.

Sino G 2 reports new enemy troop arrivals totaling 30,000 in area Chenghsien-Hsinhsiang and another 10,000 area east Loyang.

Enemy advancing toward Kweiyang as follows: One drive 3rd Division elements from Nantan drove up highway taking Tushan and on December 2nd moved westerly direction to Pingchou. Strength 5,000 following day here. Other drive being 13th Division elements going Ssuen to Ipeision then northwest Dec 2nd to Sanchiao procedding Pachai. They split into two columns, one toward Tuyun and other to Machiang village.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log

CM-IN-7643 (8 Dec 44) 0419Z bjm

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

To: War Department
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China Theater
Chungking, China
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CO, U.S. 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 Area
Oahu, T. H.

No. CRAX 21893, 7 December 1944

G-2 SITREP 6 December, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 21893 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Inferior troops poorly clothed with only four rifles for six men says B-2 report on Namhkam area dated 27 November; unknown numberof Japanese in position contacted at point one mile south east of Namyu respectively; undated message captured in Ngavre SO-00080 from Company Commander 5th Company 56th Regiment states Company to stay in present locality to cover withdrawal of main strength of Division;

Comment: Presumed to be 18th Division; estimated platoon of enemy contacted in area 14 miles southwest Siu

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New Delhi, India

No. CRAX 21893, 7 December 1944

(42 miles southwest of Namhkam); Japanese diary captured in Pinwe area gives indication although not conclusive that 53rd Division is under control of 15th Army; Comment: Subordination of 53rd Division to 15th Army already accepted here.

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INFO: CGAAF
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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces, Calcutta, India
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma

Nr: CFBX 28463 7 December 1944

TOP SECRET Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff info Mountbatten, Sultan, Stratemeyer, Chennault, Cheves, Dorn, Tunner, Cannon, Carway CFBX 28463 from Wedemeyer. CRAX 21777 refers.

It is now apparent that movement of the 14th and 22nd Divisions and their Army Headquarters from Burma to China must be completed by 1st January. It is increasingly evident that the 38th Division will be required also. Careful studies are in progress with reference to definite requirement of 38th Division and you will be notified within next few days.

I have been forced to take planes from the Hump to assist in meeting this emergency. I desire to point out that the movement of the additional forces from Burma to China imposes greatly increased demands for Hump tonnage, and it is unsound to decrease that most vital source of

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Theater, Chungking, China
Nr: CFBX 28463 7 December 1944

supply. Hump tonnage must be increased rather than decreased. Further, the redisposition of forces within China and their consequent supply, the support of intensified air effort to include the eastern airfield area, make mandatory that we base three additional combat cargo squadrons in China. A fourth combat cargo squadron based in Burma or Assam must support logistically these three combat cargo squadrons based in China.

In addition to the four combat cargo squadrons above required for missions specifically within China, Sultan must have sufficient aircraft to permit him to move the 14th and 22nd Divisions from Burma to China by 1st January. If this is not done immediately, the arrival of these two divisions with Army Headquarters and full Table of Equipment to the area of prospective employment will be too late for existing emergency. At the present time only 50 sorties a day are being flown in connection with the move of these two Divisions and they will not close for 60 days. According to information here, the 14th Division is now being moved by the troop carrier elements of the 1st and 2nd Air Commandos with a total of only 26 aircraft.

I was concerned when informed that Southeast Asia Command continues to employ two squadrons of Royal Air Force transport planes in training airborne units for possible employment, particularly in the light of decisions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that planes not actually required to supply Southeast Asia Command forces in contact with the enemy would be made available to meet China Theater emergency. It would appear that I have failed to make clear to Admiral Mountbatten the real emergency that exists in this theater.

End

Note: 21777 is CM-IN-5961 (6 Dec 44) JC/S
ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Adm King, C of S
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Sector,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 21885 7 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbattan CRA 21885 TOPSEC.

Due to bad weather conditions no movement of troops to China made on 6 December. None made as of noon today 7 December.

Ready to move this afternoon if weather permits.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: 510 7 December 1944

To Commanding General India Burma Theater rptd to Adv AAFSEA, Eastern Air Command, Chungking, Rear SACSEA. TOP SECRET. Cite 510 for Sultan rptd for Leese, Wedemeyer, Stratemeyer, Lane from Mountbatten your CRAX 21777.

Correct original copy Page 1, line 11 to read:

"What you may not have known was that these squadrons had been withdrawn from the support of active operations for rehabilitation and we have been able to use them at the same time for airborne training".

End.

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Hull Adm King

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From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

Nr: SEACOS 276 7 December 1944

SEACOS 276. [redacted]

Wedemeyer has made a further urgent appeal for 2 Combat cargoes Squadron to accelerate the movement of forces within China. Today I received the following telegram from Sultan repeated to U. S. Chiefs of Staff requesting my approval for transfer to China of these squadrons.

BEGIN.
From Headquarters U. S. Forces, I. B. D. M., SACSEA December 6 10 (18?)Z.
CRAX 21777 to Mountbatten information Marshall for U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Leese, Wedemeyer, Stratemeyer, Carrol, Lane and Chennault from Sultan.

1. I thoroughly understand the fact that U. S. aircraft in this theater are under the operational control of SEAC. I also appreciate that large land forces have been committed by SEAC on the basis that these planes will be available for supply purposes.

2. As the Commander of all United States Forces in the India Burma Theater, I am responsible to the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff for keeping them informed on any matters which concern the forces under my command. Where the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff act upon matters separate from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, as on the allocation of

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From: SACSEA

Nr: SEACOS 276 7 December 1944

of United States Air Forces between the India Burma and China Theaters, I am a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This in no wise impairs your status as the sole represenative of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in SEAC.

3. My duty to you, and sound military procedure, require that I inform you of any recommendation I may make to the Joint Chiefs of Staff which would affect the forces under your command I feel strongly that I should not make any recommendations to the Joint Chiefs which would be contrary to your policies and wishes unless it was a matter involving an extreme emergency.

4. An extreme emergency now exists in China and the seriousness of General Wedemeyer's position is clear. The Joint Chiefs of Staff desire to help him from United States resources now in India and Burma. In CCS 308/8 dated 7 January 1944 it was noted that the Joint Chiefs of Staff reserved the right to transfer aircraft from India to China.

5. General Wedemeyer has been instructed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to limit his demand for transport aircraft to those not at present actively employed and urgently required for the supply of SEAC Forces engaged with the enemy unless no other means of meeting his emergency can be found. I interpret these instructions to mean that he can call for any aircraft of my command which are not now actively employed and urgently required for the supply of forces now committed to combat. Before furnishing such aircraft, I consider it essential to have your agreement.

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6. If United States transport aircraft are assigned to urgent and essential supply missions and RAF aircraft are employed on non-emergency activities, I believe you would agree that the intent of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be easily frustrated. Such a situation now obtains in SEAC and I consider it my duty to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to call this to your attention.

Two Royal Air Force Transport Squadrons are now engaged in purely training activities for airborne operations. This could not be considered as urgently required for the supply of SEAC forces engaged with the enemy. There is no certainty that airborne units will definitely be required for CAPITAL; in fact there are indications to the contrary.

7. Further I believe we should give consideration to the fact that the 4th Combat Cargo Group is now arriving in the theater by air and is expected to be operational by 1 January.

8. I feel that I am required by my responsibilities to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to ask you for the immediate release of two Combat Cargo Squadrons of the 1st Combat Cargo Group which are not engaged in the supply of the 14th Army. Their supply responsibilities with regard to 14th Army would consequently have to be taken over by the Royal Air Force.

The situation in China does not permit further delays in meeting the immediate and urgent requirement for two Combat Cargo Squadrons. While any delay in airborne training is regrettable, I believe it inescapable under the

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From: SACSEA

Nr: SEACOS 276 7 December 1944

circumstances. The two RAF Squadrons should probably be able to take over the present tasks of the Combat Cargo squadrons within two days.

9. As soon as the 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions have been removed from air supply in northern Burma, it should be possible to release some of the transport aircraft now supporting NCAC. In any event a reallotment of aircraft in India Burma will be for you to consider but this examination should follow the movement of two Squadrons to China.

Your approval is requested as a matter of greatest urgency.

END.

In anticipation of approval of CCS I have replied as follows:

BEGIN.
TOPSEC SAC3EA December 7th 1445Z
To: Commanding General I. B. Theater,
S. O., (I?) A. L. F. S. E. A., Chungking.
Rear SACSEA. C.C.S. 510 for Sultan repeated Leese, Wedemeyer, Stratemeyer, Lane.

Your CRAX 21777.

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From: SACSEA

Nr: SEACOS 276 7 December 1944

1. I greatly appreciate the straight forward manner in which you have approached this corresponding problem.

2. You may be sure that I have already considered the 2 R. A. F. Transport Squadrons referred to in your Para 6 which are now engaged in training 50 Parachute Brigade. What you may not have known was that these squadrons had been withdrawn from support of active operations for Rehabilitation. We have been able to use them at the same time for airborne training (at?) (Madras?) until to be transferred now to take the place of Combat Cargo Squadrons the exploitation of CAPITAL will suffer in that not only will (gliding?) in 1 (?) Air Landings Brigade be prevented but also any chance of using parachutist on scale of (Brigade?) as at present planned will probably be destroyed. Further more it will postpose for an indeterminate period the final chance for action of 44 (India?) Airborne Division.

3. 2 Air (Transport) Squadrons have already been released temporarily from CAPITAL to move the Chinese Divisions. The loss of 50 (U. S.) aircraft of 2 Combat Cargo Squadrons will only be compensated by replacements of 40 R. A. F. aircraft thus further reducing the support of active operation.

4. Reference your paragraph 7 I can also assure you that the arrival of this Combat Cargo Group has (all?) (along?) been taken fully into account. The aircraft of this group are all required for the plan for CAPITAL.

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5. Leese has informed me that he has found that air transport resources are now not enough to move the replacement divisions to NCAC by air and has had to change his plan accordingly.

6. Realizing the urgency of Wedemeyer's predicament and in view of the fact that the detailed (estimate ?) called for by the Chiefs of Staff in COSSEA 169 cannot be available from Calcutta for 3 days at the earliest I have nevertheless decided to accept these consequences. I am therefore giving order in anticipation of approval of CCS that the 2 Combat Cargo Squadrons are to be released at once and that their place is to be taken by 2 R. A. F. squadrons now engaged in training 50 Parachute Brigade.

7. Until I have been able to reply to COSSEA 169 it will not be possible to consider any further request for Transport Aircraft from Wedemeyer.

END

Note: CRAX 21777 is CM-IN-5961(6 Dec 44) JC/S
CCS 510 is CM-IN-7886 (8 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
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B.A.S WASHINGTON

No. 1476 OPS 7 December 1944

SITREP 329.

ONE: 15 IND CORPS.

Nothing to report.

TWO: FOURTEENTH ARMY

(A). 33 CORPS.

First. PALAM Zone LEVIES report NO river traffic passing SHWEGYIN RU8763 since 26 Nov. Lushai Bde report large pot dump and 100 plus JAPANESE LABO PD3902.

Second. 11 (EA) Div 26 (EA) Bde 22 KAR Coy 5 KAR in contact with strong posns RU8470 13 KAR Area KALEWA RU86. 5 DEC own Det crossed Chindwin river RU8573 and occupied feature RU8472 25 (EA) Bde. Bde HQ 11 KAR RU8068. 21 (EA) Bde. Two Coys 5 KAR RU9171. Night 5/6 DEC 2 KAR captured posn RU9177. 4 KAR in contact area RU8874.

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From: ADV ALLIED LAND FORCES S.E.A.

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Third. LUSHAI Bde. TAC Bde HQ 1 R JAT PD3415. 1 BIHAR PD4019 less Coy PD4107. HAKA LEVIES en route PR3175. FALAM LEVIES op east of CHINDWIN river area SHWEGYIN RU8763. LUSHAI Scouts report MINYWA RU9731 clear.

Fourth. 254 Tk Bde. TAC Bde HQ RU6172. 3 DG RU5786 less Det RU6774. Sqn 7 CAV area RU8268.

Fifth. 2 Div. 4 Bde area RU5891

(B). 4 CORPS.

First. TAC R 6 DEC reports increase track activity area north and NE of BANMAUK SG4820.

Second. 19 DIV. 1 Assam conc Moreh RP7895. 62 Bde. Bde HQ Two Coys 2 WELCH SL4989. 2 WELCH less Two Coys SL3988. Two Coys 3 RAJ RIF NANAUNG SL4766. 4/6 GR SL5382. 64 Bde. Bde HQ 2 WORC R LE-U SF4323. 1/6GR SI5225. 5 BALUCH SK2321.

THREE: NCAC.

(A. AREA PINWE-KATH. 36 Div. Patrols reached SG8606 without opposn.

(B) AREA SHWEGU-BHAMO.

First. B2 report 27 NOV states enemy area NAMHKAM S05463 are poor quality of deficient in eqpts. Diary of Man of 119 Regt captured area PINWE SG8614 27 NOV further indicates 53 Div now under Comd 15 Army.

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Second. 50 CHINESE DIV. 148 Regt less 3/148 Regt conc S1KAW SR55.

THIRD. 30 CHINESE DIV. Div HQ S01548. 90 Regt. Regt HQ 3/90 Regt S02376. 1/90 Regt in contact S02872. 88 Regt less 1/88 Regt S01882.

Fourth. 5332 US Bde. 1/475 Regt SHWEGU.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CCS
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TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 21862 7 December 1944

Marshall from Sultan [redacted] CRA 21862.

See my CRAX 21777 Mountbatten has just informed me he agrees to release two combat cargo squadrons as requested. Movement to China will be expedited.

End

Note: 21777 is CM-IN-5961 (6 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
~~Gen Arnold~~
Gen Hull
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URGENT

From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

To: War Department

No: 366 7 December 1944

[redacted] cite 366 Marshall from Wheeler.

Mountbatten has just approved the transfer of 2 combat cargo squadrons to China. Sultan's message CRAX 21777 of 6th December refers. Will send copy of Mountbatten's complete message.

End.

FOOTNOTE: 21777 is CM-IN-5961 (6 Dec 44) JC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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From: Adv H.Q. Allied Land Forces, S.E.A.

To: War Office
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M. A. China
N. Z. Force H. Q. New Zealand
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G. H. Q. Middle East
B. A. S. Washington
G. H. Q. India

No: 1470 OPS 6 December 1944

SITREP 328.

1: XV Corps.

(A) Arakan.

1st. Fairly reliable report dated 20 November places 1 Bn 111st Regt Akyab Island. Recent reports inticate increase in enemy strength area junc Ri Chaug - Saingdin Chaunlo M 6546.

Comment: XV Corps consider possibility task force up to 1 Bn assembling this area.

2nd. 25th Div. 53rd Bde. 4 R Garh Rif PM 3337.

(B) Kaladan.

1st. Further identification from documents dated 29 November of 3rd Bn 111st Regt between Bidonegyaungwa PM 9369 and Kaladan village PM 0070.

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Documents captured 3 December area Laungshe PN 0261 indicate 4 Coy 143rd Regt and 55th Cav Regt less 2nd Sqn moved down both banks Kaladan River.

Comment: Bulk probably now area PN 0359 *2nd Sqn unlocated but probably PI Chaung.

2nd. 81st WA Div. 6 WA Bde own Tps crossed Kaladan River and dispersed party of enemy Tetno PN 0359, H. Q. 6 WA Bde 1 Gambia Orama PN 0160.

2: 14th Army.

(A). XXXIII Corps.

1st. Statement by Gurkha escapee lately employed H. Q. 215th Regt possibly indicates shortage of eqpt as personal weapons were taken over by replacements.

2nd. 11th EA Div. 25th EA Bde. 34th Kar est RD block RU 8469 and secured BR RU 8470 and in contact with enemy posns RU 8570.

26th EA Bde. Elements 44th Kar crossed Chindwin Rivers and est RU 8469. Coy 26 Kar found features RU 8364 RU 8366 clear. 21st EA Bde. Coy 1 NRR est RU 8370.

(B) IV Corps.

1st. Ref SITREP 326, Para 2 B 1st. Delete ref to 49th Div. Further interrogation PW shows that first year soldiers were part of Draft for 60th Regt. 2nd. Own Tps occupied Letpangwe SL 5382 Wetkauk SF 5225 without opposition.

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3: NCAC

(A) Area Pinwe-Katha

1st. 36th Div. Patrols reached SG 8407 SG 8708 without meeting enemy.

2nd. 50 Chinese Div. 2/149 Regt Mawhun SG 85. Patrols 150 contacted enemy SG 7824.

(B) Area Shwegu-Bhamo

1st. 50th Chinese Div. 148th Regt SN 7666 less 1/148 Regt Sikaw SN 85.

2nd. 30th Chinese Div. 2/90 Regt in contact SO 2669. 1/90 Regt adv to SO 3073 without meeting resistance. 1/88 Regt SO 3178.

3rd. 38th Chinese Div. 112th Regt. 3/122 Regt adv to SJ 0110. Hq 112th Regt 1/112 Regt less 2 Coys area SJ 0505. Coy 1/112 Regt SH 0712. Coy with Hq 38th Div 6 SJ 0908. 2/112 Regt Mansi SO 1095.

4th. 5332nd US Bde. 1/475 Regt SN 7688 2/475 Regt SN 9177 3/475 Regt SN 9282.

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INFO: CC/S
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From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff

Info: Joint Staff Mission

No: SEACOS 275 6 December 1944

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1. In my SEACOS 264 I said that my ability to undertake a pre-Monsoon amphibious operation would depend inter alia on the situation in China. In Para (3) of my SEACOS 265 I reported that the effect of finding replacements for NCAC would negative any chance of an amphibious operation before the Monsoon.

2. Until the recent deterioration in China, 23rd Division, my only theatre reserve, has been carrying out planning for BAMBOO and was beginning amphibious training in the Bombay area. The removal of the Chinese Divisions means that the IV Corps Reserve Division will now have to be committed in NCAC area, and I endorse Leese's view that 23rd Division must now be regarded as potential 14th Army Reserve. It must therefore be more centrally placed, and will return from Bombay area about the end of the year.

3. I shall thus have no formation to use for any operation other than CAPITAL and ROMULUS and I have reluctantly decided that BAMBOO must be postponed until after the Monsoon. Operations against the Andamans are ruled out for the same reasons.

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From: SACSEA

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4. CAPITAL and ROMULUS will now proceed the former with reduced resources.

End.

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264 not identified by WD CMC

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Nr: S 69713 6 December 1944

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Identifications: By prisoners of war:

Elements 708th Signals Battalion and 658th Artillery Regiment, Fort Mutzig (V 8094). 5th December 209th Engineer Battalion Q 5340 and elements 110th Panzer Grenadier Regt Schopperten (Q 4938), both 11th Panzer Division.

Previous Para 1. order of battle.

5th (?) December 902nd Panzer Grenadier Regt, Panzer Lehr Div, area Voellerdingin (Q 5641) and Domfessel (Q 5739). 192nd Panzer Grenadier Regt 21st Panzer Div, Saarlautern.

5th (?) December 165th Grenadier Regt, 36th Inf Div Lauterbach (Q 2866) state regiment holds line Lauterbach-L'Hopital (Q 270628) and unit to retire to Karlsbrunn (Q 3264)

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By prisoner of war statement.

Sector 16th Parachute Regt, 6th Parachute Div Waal to E 7568. Headquarters 10th SS Panzer Division at F 0064.

By good source: 1st December:

General Von Tettau commanding a Hoeheres Einsatz Stab including coast defence units and two divisions forming in sector Helder to Hook: Comment: Two divisions could be 5th Parachute Div and 331st (or 346th).

1st December LXXXVIII Corps Headquarters moved from Houten (E 28) to Bilthoven (E 29).

1st December Narva units left Baarn (Z 30) for unknown destination.

Notes:

Documents shows Lt General Thumm Commanding General LXIV Corps and Colonel Fleckmann, new Commanding Officer 708th Volksgrenadier Division.

Prisoner of war states 16th Parachute Regt, 6th Parachute Div has no regimental companies: started forming in Prague: personnel mainly ex-flying, nearly all Reichsdeutsche: Commander Oberst Dorn.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Main, Versailles, France

Nr: S 69713 6 December 1944

Prisoners of war state 352nd Volksgrenadier Div formed Schleswig Holstein and moved to Eifel for defensive training and has young personnel and new equipment: Comment: 352nd probably favoured Division, it's successor in Schleswig Holstein is 275th.

2. Movements:

Air reconnaissance 5th December showed following:

A. Northwest Germany and Holland:

In addition to rail movement on line Rheine-Munster noted on 3rd December military trains now observed on lines Ahaus Coesfeld Dulmen and Haltern Wesel, confirming suggestion of general movement towards Wesel area from north. Intense westbound road movement in area west of Arnhem(Oosterbeek-Wageingen). Comment: Road movement may be explained by new formation taking over former sector of 363rd Division.

B. Köln-Koblenz area:

Continued rail movement on lines between Munchen Gladbach and Euskirchen. Flats possibly loaded with tanks on line Bonn-Euskirchen, and at Linz and Sinzig (half way between Kiln and Koblenz). Part loaded military train at Bonn. Comment: Traffic should in the main be connected with Sixth Panzer Army.

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C. Frankfurt area:

Heavy activity continues between Fulda and Frankfurt. Much movement in yards at Hanau and Fulda. Comment: Probably reinforcements for Eifel or for Army group G.

3. Prisoners of War:

Prisoners captured 2nd December:

Second British Army:	111
First Canadian Army:	1
First United States Army:	408
Third United States Army:	443
Ninth United States Army:	419
Seventh United States Army:	577: 1st Dec 1018
First French Army:	28 (G-2 estimate)
Second French Armoured:	4: 1st Dec, 21

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 2nd December (excepting first French Army 26th November to 2nd December):

75,7980.

ACTION: G-2

End

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

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

No: CFBX 28367 6 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter LeMay Davidson Stratemeyer MacArthur Sultan and COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA CFBX 28367 from Wedemeyer.

China situation 4th December:

Kweiyang area critical. Present dispositions Chinese Units vague. New 11th Division digging in at Machynkping (107 Deg 29 Min-26 Deg 37 Min).

169th Division at Makiang (107 Deg 50 Min-26 Deg 12 Min).

Thirteenth Army:

4th Division at Kweiyang.

89th Division enroute Kweiyang ETA 7th or 8th December.

North and East China:

No change.

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No: CFBX 28367 6 December 1944

Southwest China:

Elements Chinese Expeditionary Force now eight miles from Wanting against very light opposition.

End

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
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CG Rear Echelon Y Forces, 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
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No: CRAX 21804 6 December 1944

G 2 SITREP 5 December, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 21804 info Wedemeyer, Dorn, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Wessels, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Documents identify 187th Independent Infantry Battalion 34th IMB in railroad corridor; comment:

First identification of elements 34th IMB since 14 October; estimated enemy platoon contacted in area 17 miles west northwest of Namhkam; just north of Panghkam enemy buildup reported, comment:

May be covering force for movements toward Namhkam from Wanting since 30 truck loads of Japanese said to have arrived in Namhkam area from Wanting on 30 November; also reports of moving ammunition to Namhkam from Mengmao (4 miles west of Muse); continued reports of unknown number of enemy moving from Namhkam to Mongwi thence to Oilaw (11 miles south of Mongwi); also reports of Japanese moving from Namhkam to Mansut (4 miles south of Namhkam) and then to Mongyu (18 miles south southeast of Namhkam) but no strengths reported.

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No: CRAX 21804 6 December 1944

On Chindwin front - no enemy opposition other than artillery fire encountered by British crossing river in Kalewa area; slight contact reported east of river after Allied troops advanced one mile; enemy evacuated position 6 miles north northeast of Kalewa on east bank of Chindwin and has now taken up new position 2 miles to the south; enemy also hold stubbornly in position just south of Mmangon (8 miles northeast of Kalewa); no strengths reported at either position.

reported as fire to 5 Dec [redacted]

General comment: No contact with enemy on railroad corridor and with only small groups on other fronts; reports indicate all enemy movements in forward areas are rearward and no reports of reinforcements to any front.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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

To: War Department
Headquarters Southeast Asia Command Kandy Ceylon
Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command Kandy Ceylon
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr: CRAX 21777 6 December 1944

To Mountbatten info Marshall for United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, Leese, Wedemeyer, Stratemeyer, Garrod, Lane and Chennault from Sultan T[redacted]T AGAG CRAX 21777

1. I thoroughly understand the fact that US aircraft in this theater are under the operational control of SEAC. I also appreciate that large land forces have been committed by SEAC on the basis that these planes will be available for supply purposes.

2. As the Commander of all United States Forces in the India Burma Theater, I am responsible to the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff for keeping them informed on any matters which concern the forces under my command. Where the United States Join Chiefs of Staff act upon matters separate from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, as on the allocation of United States Air Forces between the India Burma and China Theaters, I am a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This in no wise impairs your status as the sole representative of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in SEAC.

3. My duty to you, and sound military procedure, require that I inform you of any recommendation I may make to the Joint Chiefs of Staff which would affect the forces under your command. I feel strongly that I should not make any recommendations to the Joint Chiefs which would be contrary to your policies and wishes unless unless it was a matter involving an extreme emergency.

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

No: CRAX 21777 6 December 1944

4. An extreme emergency now exists in China and the seriousness of General Wedemeyer's position is clear. The Joint Chiefs of Staff desire to help him from United States resources now in India and Burma. In CCS 308/8 dated 7 January 1944 it was noted that the Joint Chiefs of Staff reserved the right to transfer aircraft from India to China.

5. General Wedemeyer has been instructed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to limit his demand for transport aircraft to those not at present actively employed and urgently required for the supply of SEAC Forces engaged with the enemy unless no other means of meeting his emergency can be found. I interpret these instructions to mean that he can call for any aircraft of my command which are not now actively employed and urgently required for the supply of forces now committed to combat. Before furnishing such aircraft, I consider it essential to have your agreement.

6. If United States transport aircraft are assigned to urgent and essential supply missions and RAF aircraft are employed on non emergency activities, I believe you would agree that the intent of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be easily frustrated. Such a situation now obtains in SEAC and I consider it my duty to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to call this to your attention.

Two Royal Air Force Transport Squadrons are now engaged in purely training activities for airborne operations. This could not be considered as urgently required for the supply of SEAC forces engaged with the enemy. There is no certainty that airborne units will definitely be required for CAPITAL; in fact there are indications to the contrary.

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

No: CRAX 21777 6 December 1944

7. Further I believe we should give consideration to the fact that the 4th Combat Cargo Group is now arriving in the theater by air and is expected to be operational by 1 January.

8. I feel that I am required by my responsibilities to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to ask you for the immediate release of two Combat Cargo Squadrons of the 1st Combat Cargo Group which are not engaged in the supply of the 14th Army. Their supply responsibilities will regard to 14th Army would consequently have to be taken over by the Royal Air Force.

The situation in China does not permit further delays in meeting the immediate and urgent requirement for two Combat Cargo Squadrons. While any delay in airborne training is regrettable, I believe it inescapable under the circumstances. The two RAF Squadrons should probably be able to take over the present tasks of the combat cargo squadrons within two days.

9. As soon as the 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions have been removed from air supply in north Burma, it should be possible to release some of the Transport aircraft now supporting NCAC. In any event a reallotment of aircraft in India Burma will be for you to consider but this examination should follow the movement of two Squadrons to China.

Your approval is requested as a matter of greatest urgency.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Hull Adm King C of S

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 21753 6 December 1944

[redacted]T Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 21753.

Latest info on move of Chinese 14th Division follows:

On 5th December 37 plane loads were moved to Kunming This consisted of entire 1st Battalion of 42nd Regiment and 353 men of the 2nd Battalion of the same unit.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT:

General Marshall is desireous that the attached cable from Wedemeyer, regarding the gravity of the Chinese situation, be forwarded for your information.

Richard Park, Jr.

RICHARD PARK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



6 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL PARK:

General Marshall expressed a desire that the attached radio from General Wedemeyer be transmitted to you for the attention of the President.

By direction of the Chief of Staff:

FRANK McCARTHY
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Secretary, General Staff

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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

Nr : CRAX 21642 5 December 1944

[redacted]T to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff info Wedemeyer from Sultan CRAX 21642 reference WARX 72134, dated 3rd December.

My initial report on action taken to move two Chinese Divisions from North Burma to China and my comments on the general situation consequent upon this move now follow:

1. The move of the Fourteenth Chinese Division by air to Kunming began Tuesday December 5th. The troop carrier elements of the 2nd Air Commandos are assigned this task, which they expect to accomplish in about twelve days. This will avoid interference with Hump tonnage and with air supply for operations now in progress in North Burma. If General Wedemeyer desires a faster movement, we believe it can best be effected by drawing aircraft from the Hump temporarily. Decision on this has been left with General Wedemeyer.

The 22nd Chinese Division is now being prepared for air movement immediately following the 14th. The 22nd Division will be picked up from an airfield now being urgently prepared in the Siu area (40 miles SSW of Bhamo). I shall do everything in my power to provide the support required by the China Theater as quickly as possible; you will be kept fully informed of progress.

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

Nr : CRAX 21642 5 December 1944

2. The move of these divisions will result in the following situation in NCAC for the immediate future:

A. 30th Chinese Division will continue its advance on Namhkam.

B. 38th Chinese Division will proceed with the investment and capture of Bhamo.

C. 475th Infantry Combat Team and a regiment of the 50th Chinese Division will cover the Shwegu-Sikaw area between Katha and Bhamo.

D. 36th British Division and elements of 50th Chinese Division will continue operations in the railway corridor.

E. Remainder of 5332nd Brigade stays in NCAC Reserve.

3. There remains to be considered the effect of these moves on the long range strategy of South East Asia and China Theaters. I assume that the principal long range objectives of the combined Chiefs of Staff for these theaters remain unchanged.

A. The Japanese advance on Kunming must be blocked, but the overall situation in China cannot be substantially improved by moving two or even four Chinese Divisions from

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

Nr : CRAX 21642 5 December 1944

A. (Cont'd)
North Burma to China. It will be necessary to open up communications with the outside world. Only by such action can we give the necessary material and psychological support to forces opposing the Japanese in China.

B. Chinese Forces remaining in North Burma as well as those on the Salween Front should be impressed by the Generalissimo with the urgent need to clear the remaining short gap which now blocks the road to China.

C. In my opinion, the present missions of South East Asia Command do not require change. We now possess a substantial strategic and numeriacal superiority over the enemy in Burma, backed by almost complete air and Naval superiority. The loss of two Chinese Divisions should not result in SEAC's abandoning its plans for the present dry season, particularly since no alternative plans can now be undertaken. The enemy is in a precarious position in Burma; even if the present indications of his withdraval from North Burma do not materialize, he can be destroyed by vigorous action during the present dry season.

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

Nr : CRAX 21642 5 December 1944

4. After discussing the ground situation in Burma with General Leese, I believe that the following steps should be taken to accomplish our present missions:

A. Continue the movement of the 14th and 22nd Chinese Divisions to Kunming by air as quickly as possible.

B. Move a British-Indian Division to relieve the 36th Division in the Indaw-Katha area. This new division would move south along the railway to join with Fourteenth Army in the latters advance across the Chindwin. General Leese is examining this as a matter of urgency.

C. Move the 36th Division, soon to be reinforced by a third brigade, east of the Irrawaddy to Mongmit-Mogok area or perhaps into NCAC Reserve. This would provide a force consisting of three Chinese Divisions, the 36th Division, and the 5332nd Brigade for the mission of seizing the Mongmit-Lashio line.

D. Expedite the advance of Fourteenth Army across the Chindwin; Kalewa was occupied two weeks earlier than the target date.

E. Continue at maximum speed the development of road and pipeline communications into China.

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5. The above suggestions reflect my belief that we should go ahead with our same missions in spite of the diversion of resources from India and Burma. We shall exert ourselves to the limit to furnish the support needed by General Wedemeyer in this emergency. At the same time, in order to maintain the pace of our successes against Japan and to get ready to exploit a favorable development in Europe, SEAC should continue with its mission of destroying or expelling the enemy from Burma.

Both the support of the defense of Kunming by sending the 14th and 22nd Divisions to Kunming by air and the completion of capital operation are, in my view, within the capabilities of resources now at hand.

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ACTION: JC/S

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

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Executive, Operations
Division 3465

5 December 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Number: WAR 72782

[redacted] to General Wedemeyer personal from General Marshall

Your CFB 28160, December 4, 1944, is subject. We appreciate your difficulties in taking action at this late date to save the situation in China and had them in mind in giving you a rather free hand as to U S resources in India-Burma, even if required or already committed by Mountbatten. We have as yet no reason to believe that either the British Chiefs of Staff or Mountbatten will try to obstruct your implementation of the JCS decision. The picture will be clearer in a few days when we have heard from the British concerning the instructions they have given Mountbatten as a result of our request. Meanwhile, we are taking no action on your request that Mountbatten be instructed to restrict his scheduled operations.

The U S Chiefs of Staff realize that, regardless of any approved plans, essential requirements to preserve China must take priority over operations in Burma. From this distance, we cannot reasonably establish the details of your future needs for resources from India and Burma. The JCS expect you to advise them at once of any obstacles you encounter in pressing forward your preparations and operations in order that they may take immediate action.

End.

ORIGINATOR: Gen. Hull

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

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To: War Department.
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, U.S. Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.

Nr: CFBX 28235 5 December 1944.

TOPSEC to Mountbatten and Wheeler information Marshall, Arnold, Sultan and Stratemeyer CFBX 28235 from Wedemeyer. Refer to CRAX 21369 and SEACOS 273.

It appears necessary to state categorically my views with reference to communication concerning air and ground resources now located in India-Burma, Theater. I want very much to cooperate and coordinate with responsible Commanders in contiguious theaters. The situation developing in China made mandatory request for air and ground resources that heretofore were considered available practically exclusively to SEAC. Now the Combined Chiefs of Staff have rendered decision which makes certain air and ground resources available to China Theater should the situation require. Mountbatten in his SEACOS 273 points out that US Chiefs of Staff Authorized me to deal directly with his subordinate, Sultan, and claims that he should have a voice in matters which do vitally effect his operations. I agree absolutely, but in so doing must emphasize that I must have a voice in matters which will likewise vitally effect China Theater operations. I would like therefore to be kept informed relative to SEAC operations that might commit air and ground forces which may be required urgently in the China Theater and which have been tentatively

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China.

Nr: CFBX 28235 5 December 1944.

made available to China Theater by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

We can and must work out this difficult situation in a cooperative spirit, based on full and timely exchange of information. May I make following proposals:

Whenever I communicate with Sultan or Stratemeyer concerning matters pertinent to SEAC, I will send informational copies to Mountbatten and Wheeler. Whenever Mountbatten communicates with Stratemeyer and Sultan or submits firm plans and recommendations pertaining to the resources, air and/or ground, which the Combined Chiefs of Staff have non tentatively earmarked for possible employment in China Theater, I will be furnished informational copies. We will make mistakes from time to time, but our complete understanding of mutual problems should enable us to solve problems without referring to higher level for decision.

End.

FOOTNOTE: Corrected Copy of CM-IN-5046 (5 Dec 44) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: CC/S Adm King
Adm Leahy C of S
Gen Arnold

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

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

No: CRAX 21677 5 December 1944

To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff info Wedemeyer, Chennault and Stratemeyer from Sultan [redacted]T CRAX 21677.

The movement of the 14th Chinese Division was started on 4th December utilizing the troop carrier elements of the 1st and 2nd Air Commandos. While not under my operational control, they were not being employed and I ordered Stratemeyer to use them. I informed Mountbatten of my action. I took this action as being the most rapid means of complying with the directive of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From the transport planes assigned to support NCAC I reinforced the above troop carriers to the limit of my ability retaining only sufficient planes to insure the supply of basic necessities to units at present on exclusively air supply and engaged in combat.

The result of the foregoing action with regard to aircraft has not caused any interference with operations in North Burma. While full reports are not yet available

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No: CRAX 21677 5 December 1944

due to the haste with which troop movements are being executed it appears that better than 2 battalions a day are being moved into Kunming. This rate may not be entirely satisfactory to General Wedemeyer but represents the maximum which I am able to do without taking planes from the HUMP or Taing planes which are now supporting British operations. Wedemeyer does not want to divert planes from the HUMP.

Admiral Mountbatten is having a conference in Imphal on 6th December under the supervision of General Leese to see what can be done with respect to modifying the requirements in transport aircraft for the forces under Leese. Concurrently and continuing on the day following, I am having my own staff examine the entire problem and make our own estimate of the situation and work out able solution which will permit dispatch of the aircraft which Wedemeyer so urgently needs for the movement of troops within China. I intend to press whatever solution we work out as firmly as possible with Mountbatten but feel that in all of this under the existing command set up I must secure agreement by him to any action taken.

Wedemeyer has now requested 4 combat cargo squadrons for internal movements in China. He has urgently requested Mountbatten to send 2 of these squadrons immediately and states that the delay incident to conferences cannot be accepted due to the urgency of his emergency situation.

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I feel that Admiral Mountbatten may not be able to act as promptly in this emergency as the situation demands. I have so advised Wedemeyer and suggested that some planes be taken off the HUMP pending results of the conferences. If the resultant diminution of HUMP tonnage cannot be accepted by him, one obvious remedy is the withdrawal of 20th Bomber to India on a temporary basis.

Within the limits of resources given to me by Mountbatten for operations in the NCAC area, I have diverted everything possible to moving troops to China. I have been unable to furnish transports for internal movements within China but by negotiation am doing everything possible to obtain these. I shall keep you closely informed.

End.

ACTION: JCS (Gen. McFarland)

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

To: War Department

Nr: CFB 28241 5 December 1944

TOP SECRET to Marshall CFB 28241 from Wedemeyer.

1. Latest reports from front indicate that Japanese advance continues practically unimpeded. It is now estimated by American observers that Kweiyang will be occupied about 10 December. The terrain south of Tushan is difficult and demolitions had been effected. Chinese assured us that some delay would be accomplished by the Chinese troops. We, therefore, estimated that Kweiyang would not be occupied by the enemy prior to 18 December. CFBX 28167 explain your plan, which included concentrations and dispositions east and south of Kweiyang. This plan must be altered accordingly.

2. General Carton De Wiart, the Prime Minister's special representative to China, stated this morning that he had sent a message to the Prime Minister criticising the non-cooperative attitude of the British in connection with support of China in this hour of crisis. Mountbatten provides De Wiart with information copies of pertinent messages and De Wiart has on several occasions openly criticised to me the British for their present attitude. I do not of course join him in his criticism. It is apparent that the British are playing a very clever game in this area. They are sending agents to various points and are watching developments concerning the Communists and the French Indo-China situation. I am constantly being asked questions about United States

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policy and so are my people. I have given instructions to all officers that we must tactfully explain that we are not here to discuss our country's policy, but to implement it.

3. After capture of Kweiyang, the Japanese can reasonably be expected to consolidate and bring up supplies for continued push. Unfortunately the weather has been very bad and our air force has not been able to operate effectively against Jap troop and supply movements. The Japanese have two alternatives, either a push north on Chungking or west on Kunming or a combination of these advances. We will do everything possible to halt Jap advance and to retain Kunming area. We are at a distinct disadvantage in that we cannot evaluate combat effectiveness of the Chinese units being made available from within China. It has been reported that the Chinese divisions being brought from Burma are not keen to return to poor Chinese standards of living and treatment of soldiers. I am going to take steps as feasible to preclude a lowering of their morale and fighting efficiency. If they do not fight and fight well, our position in Kunming will probably be untenable.

4. The Generalissimo in conference today states that he will retain the seat of government in Chungking, even should the city be invested. His advisors explained that he has stated on numerous occasions that he intends to stay here and die. Old China hands tell me that he announced his intention to remain * * the enemy and again when * was the target. At the last minute in each instance he yielded

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to persuasion of his advisors to move. I * to the * * for the movement of the seat of government to Kunming and suggested that this could be done quietly and in consonance with an orderly plan when enemy advance renders move mandatory. He did not agree, and stated that he intends to remain in the city. If he does not plan and make preparations for an orderly evacuation now, I visualize chaos and confusion in this area. Refugees will jam the roads and Jap agents will add to difficulties within the city. When situation requires, China Theater Headquarters will move to Kunming area. We already have bulk of our forces there with the Headquarters of American forces, including the Service of Supply, 14th Air Force, and Chinese Training and Combat Command. I am coordinating with American Embassy relative to evacuation of our civilians in area. We will have hundreds of Allied civilians to assist, also.

5. From other theaters you receive heartening reports, whereas for the past 4 weeks I have sent only discouraging news about the China situation. Recent developments have brought me into direct conflict over Allied resources with my former chief, Admiral Mountbatten. I do hope with all my heart that we can pull through this crisis. You may be sure that all Americans are doing and will continue to do utmost. That is all.

End

FOOTNOTE: CFBX 28167 is CM IN 4828 (5 Dec 44) JC/S
ACTION: General Hull
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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, South East Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 21716 5 December 1944

[redacted] Marshall and Mountbatten from Sultan CRAX 21716

Progress report on movement of Chinese Divisions to Kunming follows, 26 sorties left Myitkyina at 0700 December 5th carrying 3rd Battalion of 42nd Regiment plus 50 men of 2nd Battalion total 647 Chinese. Troops carried T/E equipment plus combat load of ammo and five days rations. Expect to lift similar number in the afternoon reported that field in Si-U area will be completed to take C47's at daylight 7th December and C46's on 8th December. Plans complete to move 22nd Division. Move of 22nd Division to begin as soon as field is complete and planes available.

End

ACTION: General Hull

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

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

Nr; CFBX 28237 5 December 1944

TOPSEC to Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff info Sultan and Chennault CFBX 28237 from Wedemeyer.

Estimated dates of completion per urad WARX 70625 are:

Miles project, August of 1945; for the coastal strip, in September 1945; and for remainder of JCS project, for October 1945. Estimate is based on;

(1) Present adverse mapping weather and weather records which show that January to June or July is unsuitable mapping weather in eastern China,

(2) Limitation of gasoline and other supplies in eastern China and,

(3) Retention of fields in eastern China. Both aircraft and crews are standing by daily in eastern China and are making every attempt to carry this project to completion. They will continue to do so. We wish you to give seriuus consideration to the study of the limitation in number and or size of 5 miles areasand other mapping areas.

ACTION: JCS End
INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell
Adm King, C of S

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To: War Department
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New Delhi, India
Advanced Echelon Northern Combat Area Command,
Myitkyna, Burma
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
Forward Echelon, Headquarters 20th Bomber Command,
Hsinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CFBX 28162 4 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI Sultan Cannon Chennault Dorn Monteith and Duncan LeMay Stratemeyer CFBX 28162 sgd Wedemeyer book msg nr 174

Sino G-2 states that no communication with Tuhshan (107 deg 40 min-25 deg 49 min) but occupation by Japs not confirmed.

Occupation of Heishihkwan twenty kilos south of Tuhshan confirmed as of 2nd December. To the east Japanese forces reported attacking Chinese positions south of Pachai (107 deg 50 min-26 deg 13 min).

Our liaison believe that Tuhshan and Tayun will fall soon. No information regarding situation at Lipo (107 deg 57 min-25 deg 41 min) but Chinese state no communication since morning of 2nd. No further reports regarding Jap forces pushing west from Wuming area or north from French Indo China.

Aerial recon on 2nd showed marked boat activity on

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Siang River between Changsha and Tungting Lake. Yangtan airfield at Kweilin completely repaired and field at Liuchow under repair but not usable. Road and railway between Ishan and Tuhshan in good condition with only part of bridges blown. Road from Nantan to Tuhshan not demolished as previously reported. (Comment: This accounts for rapid advance by Japs over roads thought to have been blown).

Sino G-2 states that 100 transport planes arrived at Hankow on 1 December. This is to be checked by air recon.

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Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-5870 (6 Dec 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr. CFBX 28167 4 December 1944

To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff information Sultan, Mountbatten, Wheeler, Chennault, Cheves, LeMay and Tunner nr CFBX 28167 from Wedemeyer. TOP SECRET.

Considering situation in China, conference of senior Americans in China Theater, including Chennault, Cheves, Dorn and their senior staff officers, as well as members of China Theater Headquarters Staff, concluded recently. I have daily conferences with the Generalissimo and senior Chinese officials. Analysis of developing situation with regard to the enemy and Allied forces in this area reported in following estimate of enemy capabilities, and plans pertaining to projected operations:

Chinese capabilities. Practically one month has elapsed since my arrival in the China area 31 October. On 6 November initial survey of the overall situation was submitted. There was tangible evidence available at that time indicating Japanese capabilities and intention to penetrate the Kunming area. We submitted plans to the Generallissimo for the redisposition of forces available within China to meet such contingency and we then followed developments. On

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15 November CFBX 26558 was dispatched providing additional specific information. It is difficult to obtain accurate information concerning ability of Chinese forces to present stout defence or to conduct planned operations, including limited objective attacks. For example, in early conferences with the Generalissimo he stated categorically that the enemy would be held in the Kweilin-Liuchow area for at least 2 months. Ten days later both of those places fell into the hands of the enemy practically without a fight. I pointed out to him at that time the urgent necessity for dispositions of units that would fight to block enemy's advance, and was informed that the 97th Army in strong positions near Nantan would block the advance north up the Liuchow-Hochih-Nantan-Tushan-Kweiyang Road. This 97th Army had ample time to consolidate position, prepare demolitions, and construct field fortifications. I furnished American officers to assist in these preparations. The 97th Army was well equipped by Chinese standards and comparatively well fed. Upon approach of enemy it offered practically no resistance. Also, it is pertinent that the troops that melted away so quickly in the Kweilin-Liuchow area on 10 November were by Chinese standards well equipped and fed. This is emphasized because at high logistical cost we are now concentrating and disposing forces for the security of the Kunming area. Yet we have no definite assurance that they will fight with guts and determination.

In previous radios I suggested that the Chinese attitude was apathetic. This remains true; however, I have now concluded that the Generalissimo and his adherents

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realize seriousness of the situation but they are impotent and confounded. They are not organized, equipped and trained for modern war. Psychologically they are not prepared to cope with the situation because of political intrigue, false pride, and mistrust of leaders honesty and motives. Every possible assistance is being given by Americans in the form of advice at conferences, supervision of troop movements, preparation of plans and directives at China Theater Headquarters for air and truck movements and for operations. In personal daily conferences with the Generalissimo, I gave him a resume of the situation as it is reported to me by objective American observers. On one occasion, after reporting the situation and stating frankly that the Chinese were not fighting before the advancing Japanese, the Generalissimo suggested that of course these were early reports and that it was always better to wait until such reports were confirmed by Army sources. I agreed that this was necessary. Tactfully I informed him, however, that I reported accurately the situation as depicted by my observers, and that it was possible that his Chinese advisors were often reluctant to do this, in order to minimize the seriousness of the situation, for they did not like to convey disheartening news. The Generalissimo admitted this possibility too. Frankly, I think that the Chinese officials surrounding the Generalissimo are actually afraid to report accurately conditions for two reasons, their stupidity and inefficiency are revealed, and further the Generalissimo might order them to take positive action and they are incompetent to issue directives, make plans and fail completely in obtaining

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execution by field commanders.

Current situation-enemy. Ground forces: Major Jap forces below Yochow available for operations against Kunming approximate 300000 troops.
Twelve divisions identified: 3rd, 13th, 22nd, 27th, 34th, 37th, 40th, 58th, 64th, 68th, 104th, 116th; One additional division confirmed but not identified; Two additional divisions reported but not confirmed, the 12th and 71st; Four independent mixed brigades, the 17th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd; Three independent infantry brigades, the 4th, 8th and 13th.

Air Forces: Elements of 3rd and 4th Air Divisions. In China, Formosa, Hainan, and French Indo-China believe only 100-150 planes all combat types available for support of ground forces or combat missions.

Replacements available-ground: One division, the 110th, from North China. Believe possible but not probable three more from Manchuria, three from Japan, one armored.

Replacements available-air: Not to exceed 400 fighters, 200 bombers from North China, Manchuria and Japan.

Capabilities: Opening of West River provides water transportation via Canton to Liuchow (109 degrees 15 minutes-24 degrees 17 minutes) or to Nanning (108 degrees 4 minutes-22 degrees 43 minutes) Poseh (106 degrees 5 minutes-23 degrees 42 minutes). If Kunming were objective,

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Japs have three routes available:

(1) Via Liuchow-Kweiyang (106 degrees 55 minutes-26 degrees 40 minutes).

Comments:

Longest route, all-weather highway, difficult terrain. Advantageous because capture of Kweiyang cuts road communications to Chihkiang used as staging base for eastern United States airfields, cuts Kunming-Chungking road, is equally favorable for advance on Kunming or Chungking. Present dispositions and advance suggest its use.

(2) Via Nanning-Poseh.

Comments:

Good route. Not as long as Kweiyang route. Difficult terrain.

(3) Hanoi-Laokay.

Comments:

Shortest route. Rail and water to Laokay. Difficult terrain. Advantage of good seaport at Haiphong.

Japs can attack by any one or combination of these routes. Believe only five divisions plus independent mixed brigades and independent infantry brigades in area required for garrison purposes.

Conclusions: Japanese with 12 [redacted] plus divisions available in south and southwest China definitely have offensive capabilities and intentions. Present indications are advance on Kweiyang and then probably continue advance on Kunming or possibly Chungking. Should Japanese continue present route of advance, they may seize Kweiyang about 18 December. They might reach Kunming area by first week in

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February if unopposed or if present Chinese resistance is criterion.

Plan for defense of Kunming area.

Plan of operations, approved by the Generalissimo, employs most effective forces available in attempt to insure that we retain Kunming area as effective air base and supply terminal. Plan follows in two phases:

A. Phase one:

Present period to 31 December. Forces now in contact in south and southeast China employ to retard enemy advance. American assistance includes supervision of demolitions and defensive installations and maximum air support. American officers in air and ground liaison and advisory roles with Chinese headquarters down to include divisions. American officers serving in key posts on staffs of higher Chinese Headquarters.

B. Phase two:

1 January to May 1945. Block Japanese advance by concentrating forces for employment in areas along principal avenues of approach to the Kunming area.

(1) Chihkiang area-two divisions block the enemy east of the north-south line through Kweilungkiao (110 degrees 58 minutes-27 degrees 10 minutes).

(2) Liping (108 degrees 58 minutes-26 degrees 15 minutes) area-two divisions block the enemy south of an east-west line through Liping.

(3) Tushan-Kweiyang area-six divisions employed in operations for defense of Kweiyang.

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(4) Poseh area-three divisions block Japanese advance north of the Hung-Shui River.
(5) Southern Yunnan area-six divisions block advance from Indo-China and hold Japanese south of line Mengtze-Wenshin.

Reserves: Sector reserves each of three divisions to be located in the Kweiyang, Annam (105 degrees 27 minutes-25 degrees 55 minutes) and Mengtze areas where they will receive maximum equipment and training as permitted by tactical situation. A general reserve will be located in Kunming area. Strength undetermined. Estimated now about ten divisions.

Recent rapid advance of Japanese on Kweiyang from south and lack of fighting spirit and will to resist on part of Chinese forces within China compels withdrawal immediately of units from the CAI in Burma and the CEF on the Salween front.

Two divisions, the 14th and the (22nd or 38th) Divisions, will be flown from Incia to China by 10 January. The Fifty Third Army will be withdrawn immediately from the Salween front and moved by air from Paoshan to Kunming. Additional Chinese forces on Salween will be withdrawn as situation requires.

Combat air support.

The 14th Air Force is completely integrated and

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coordinated in provision of maximum support to ground forces engaged in these operations.

Troop movements.

Current troop movements for concentrations above described:

A-Air transport of Fifty Seventh Army (30,000) from Sian to Chanyi (103 degrees 48 minutes-25 degrees 38 minutes) began 1 Decmeber, involves 50 US transports-completion contemplated by 28 December

B-Thirteenth Army (13,500) by truck and marching from Chungking on Kweiyang. Close Kweiyang 20th December.

C-Ninety-fourth Army (12,000) marching from Patung to Kweichow-Kwangsi border southwest of Chihkiang, estimated arrival 18th December

D-Three Armies (32,000) in a truck and foot movement Chungking to the Kweichow-Kwangs border. Ninety Eighth Army (6000) arrived Nantan 28 November. Twenty Ninth Army (12,000) began arriving Kweiyang 28 November close three December. Ninth Army (14000) on foot Tsunyi close Kweiyang 15 December.

Chinese combat efficiency: Efficiency of Chinese combat units within China is very low. Efforts are being made to bolster by better diet, infusion of improved and trained Chinese reinforcements, combined Chinese and American liaison sections exercising virtual command.

Numberical strengths are not indicative of combat

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effective strengths. Chinese estimates are usually fifty percent accurate. Forty percent of the strength of Chinese Combat Units is composed of unarmed coolie labor (essentially for porterage), cooks and services.

Implications of Plan.

We have estimated as accurately as possible the implications of the plan upon Allied activities in the overall and contiguous areas as foolows:

A-CAPITAL plan.

My personal knowledge of conditions in Burma suggests that CAPITAL can be carried on with certain modifications. The plan obviously cannot attain objectives as scheduled. It is my considered opinion that adequate and appropriate resources will remain available in SEAC to accomplish phase two of CAPITAL even after the withdrawal of two or three Chinese Divisions and six or seven transport aircraft squadrons. ROMULUS and TALON would probably have to be postponed or changed in scope and concept.

FIVESOME. L-3 and M-1. The 14th Air Force cannot accomplish fully the missions contemplated and agreed at Hollandia. Enemy advances on Kweiyang may restrict or definitely preclude effective operations from Kanchow and Suichwan. Denial of eastern air bases and staging areas leading up to them will militate against effective sea sweeps. However, everything possible will be done to accomplish assigned missions. It is estimated that the neutralization missions assigned in M-1 will be reduced by

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one third. This is due to inability to support logistically the full program.

20th Bomber Command.

It is believed that the 20th Bomber Command should be removed from this area as early as possible after the 15th January. This command imposes prohibitive limitations upon China Theater, particularly at this time. For every ton of supplies sent to the Chengtu area to support the 20th Bomber Command effort, we could move two and one half tons into the Kunming area to insure the security of our bases and to maintain China in the war effort. When the Chengtu area fields were constructed, the administrative support of the project was given to the China Theater as a full responsibility. However, I am informed that no additional means were made available for that purpose. This impinged heavily on already inadequate transportation and other administrative facilities. The 20th Bomber Command requires a large monthly Hump tonnage allocation. It is my opinion that much greater dividends in the overall war effort can be realized by using that tonnage for augmentation of that allocated to the ground forces and to the 14th Air Force. Later when conditions are created that insure the security of our terminal of supply and areas from which strategic bombing can be effectively conducted, I believe it would be sound to return VLRS to China for such purpose. However, as indicated in CFBX 27895, I recommend that 20th Bomber Command be retained in this area to support FIVESOME and accomplish strategic missions until 15 January. We

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may not be able to attain the 349 sorties scheduled for December and the 425 sorties scheduled for January. China Theater will strive to reach those figures in logistical support.

End

* Being Serviced.

Note: 26558 is CM-IN-18141 (19 Nov 44) Gen. Hull

ACTION: JCS (Gen MacFarland)

INFO : Adm. Leahy
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FROM: THE PRESIDENT

TO : THE PRIME MINISTER

NO : 665, 4 DECEMBER 1944

Your 841. Generals Wedemeyer and Sultan have been directed to transfer two Chinese divisions to China to meet the emergency.

Wedemeyer has been directed to limit his demands for transport aircraft to those not urgently required for supply of SEAC forces engaged with the enemy unless no other means of meeting the emergency can be found.

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

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CFBX 28235 4 December 1944

[redacted] to Mountbatten and Wheeler information Marshall, Arnold, Sultan and Stratemeyer CFBX 28235 from Wedemeyer. Refer to CRAX 21369 and SEACOS 273.

It appears necessary to state categorically my views with reference to communication concerning air and ground resources now located in India-Burma Theater. I want very much to cooperate and coordinate with responsible Commanders in contiguious theaters. The situation developing in China made mandatory request for air and ground resources that heretofore were considered available practically exclusively to SEAC. Now the Combined Chiefs of * decision which makes certain air and ground resources available to China Theater should the situation require.

Mountbatten in his SEACOS 273 points out that US Chiefs of Staff authorized me to deal directly with his subordinate, Sultan, and claims that he should have a voice in matters which do vitally effect his operations. I agree absolutely, but in so doing must emphasize that I must have a voice in matters which will likewise vitally effect China Theater operations. I would like therefore to be kept >

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No: CFBX 28235 4 December 1944

to SEAC operations that might commit air and ground forces which may be required urgently in the China Theater and which have been tentatively made available to China Theater by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

We can and must work out this difficult situation in a cooperative spirit, based on full and timely exchange of information. May I make following proposals: whenever I communicate with Sultan or Stratemeyer concerning * information copies to Mountbatten and Wheeler. Whenever Mountbatten communicates with Stratemeyer and Sultan or submits firm plans and recommendations pertaining to the resources, air and/or ground, which the Combined Chiefs of Staff have now tentatively earmarked for possible employment in China Theater, I will be furnished information copies. We will make mistakes from time to time, but our complete understanding of mutual problems should enable us to solve problems without referring to higher level for decision.

End.

FOOTNOTE: 21369 is CM IN 1570 (2 Dec 44) General Hull

ACTION: General Hull

INFO : CC/S, Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, Admiral King, C of S.

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From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

No: SEACOS 273 4 December 1944

Your COSSEA 169 and 170. Orders have been issued for movement of 2 Divisions, these will be 14th Division and probably 22nd. We are working urgently to answer paragraph 3 of COSSEA 169 but not all necessary information is available here and much has to be obtained from Wedemeyer, Leese, Sultan, and Eastern Air Command.

I must sound a note of warning that (direct ?) division administrative units may have to be obtained for N.C.A.C. front to replace similar units going to China. This would be at expense of 14th Army and RONULUS.

As general comment para 3 of COSSEA 170 I must point out that it authorizes Wedemeyer to deal direct with my subordinate Sultan (and ?) if they do not agree refer the matter to United States Chiefs of Staff. I have no doubt Sultan would keep me informed, but I do not regard that as sufficient and I must claim to have a voice in matters which so vitally affect my operations. I cannot accept that Sultan's views alone should be accepted as representing this Command.

In this connection Wedemeyer has addressed Sultan requesting him to plan at once for move of 2 further divisions, adding "I do not now intend to withdraw these 2 divisions but may be forced later if combat efficiency of main forces here disintegrate completely". I have told Wedemeyer that if this question matures it will be referred to C. C. S.

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From: SACSEA

No: SEACOS 273 4 December 1944

To (? start) with Wedemeyer was addressing his telegrams to me and repeated to Sultan and other authorities concerned. I would request this procedure should be authorized for the future rather than he should address telegrams direct to Sultan. I feel that former is the only satisfactory arrangement in matters affecting my (area ?).

Apart from this question of procedure however effective yet further withdrawals will even more seriously affect the whole strategy of this theatre and my capacity to carry out directive which C.C.S. themselves approved.

I have now been informed the Generalissimo has ordered the C.E.F. to halt at Burma frontier, which, although understandable, adds to my difficulties.

End

Note: References not identified by WDCMC.

ACTION: JC/S (Gen McFarland)

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

To: War Department

Nr: CFB 28160 4 December 1944

To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff TOP SECRET CFB 28160 from Wedemeyer.

Every effort has been made and will be continued throughout to select units and employ air resources from India and Burma to effect the minimum interference on Mountbatten's operations in north Burma.

Para two of WARX 70954 refers.

I share the British concern about impact on operations CAPITAL and ROMULUS, but as pointed out in my CFBX 27686 the principal object of operations in Burma will be completely nullified if we do not retain the Kunming area as a terminal of supply. In that same message I asked the Chiefs of Staff to instruct Mountbatten to the effect that his operations CAPITAL and ROMULUS will be conducted in such manner as not to militate against the measures required to insure the defense of the Kunming area. I am now informed by WARX 72009 that the British are particularly concerned about the impact on operations CAPITAL and ROMULUS by the diversion of transport aircraft. Also, WARX 72134 just arrived implies that the US Chiefs of Staff accept British concern and the British approach, which really places CAPITAL and ROMULUS in a preferred position, whereas it is my considered opinion that the crisis now in China should be in first priority.

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Nr: CFB 28160 4 December 1944

As the situation develops, additional resources may be necessary. Has Mountbatten been instructed to restrict his scheduled operations? Unless such restrictions are forthcoming, he may so commit the resources, air and ground that are now considered jointly available to China Theater and South East Asia Command as to preclude their availability for grave emergency in China. I recommend that this point be clarified earliest and Mountbatten directed to withhold or postpone operations that might impinge on China Theater plans for the defense of Kunming.

End

Note: CFBX 27686 is CM-IN-29542 (30 Nov 44) JC/S

ACTION: Gen McFarland (JC/S)

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 21615 4 December 1944

Sultan to Marshall CRA 21615 TOP SECRET.

Started today was move by air of Fourteenth Chinese Division to Kunming from Myitkyina Area.

End

ACTION: General Hull

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

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To: War Department
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CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, Northern Combat Area, Advance Echelon,
Myitkyina, Burma
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.

Nr: CFBX 28145 4 December 1944

To Marshall for Porter LeMay Davidson Stratemeyer MacArthur Sultan and COMGENPOA pass to CINCPOA CFBX 28145 from Wedemeyer.

Comes now China situation 3 December.

Sino 91st Division surrounded by enemy 20 kilos south Tushan (25 50-107 43). Sino new 11th Division in contact with Japs at Pachai (26 13-107 50) 33 kilos southeast Tuyun.

At Lipo (25 42-107 55) remnants Sino Twentieth and Seventy-ninth Armies engaged with enemy.

Reinforcements coming into Kweiyang (23 45-106 05) area expected to arrive within five days. Included in reinforcements are Thirteenth and Ninth Armies. Other units

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expected to arrive in area later are Ninety-fourth, Eighty-seventh and Fifty-seventh Armies.

Remnants of Sixty-second and Sixty-fourth Armies moving to Poseh (23 55-106 25).

East China: Minor engagements reported along Changsha-Kweilin loc.

North China no change.

Southwest China: Chinese units closing on Wanting (24 06-98 05) at Sino-Burma border.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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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, Rear Echelon, New Delhi.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
CG, Air Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
CG, US Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, Calcutta, India.

Nr: CRAX 21620 4 December 1944

G 2 weekly SITREP ending 3rd December, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 21620 info Wedemeyer Dorn Chennault Richardson pass to Nimitz Wessels LeMay CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Sporadic patrol activity on the Arakan has characterized the enemy action; on the upper Kaladan some indications enemy withdrawing southward.

Chindwin front - Japanese continue strong delaying action along Myittha River gorge during week while down Chindwin River Japanese delayed intermittently but usually evacuated when outflanked or pressure applied; by 1st December Allied advance from west and north was two miles from Kalewa

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New Delhi, India.

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and village was occupied on morning of 2nd December virtually unopposed; no details of capture received as yet; however some stragglers reported to still be west of Chindwin; area between Chindwin and Myittha Rivers south to Kangaw reported clear of enemy.

East of Chindwin Japanese patrols continue to be active in Nanbon area (16 miles east southeast of Sittaung); Allied patrols to Indaw(oil) (22 miles east *) have reported that village clear of enemy but reported in contact with estimated 50 Japanese three miles southeast of village.

North Burma: Enemy situation in Pinwe remained unclear * of week; village occupied unopposed on 29th November and 100 dead Japanese plus much artillery, ammunition and three uncrated flame throwers found in village; contact regained just south of village but * contact was again lost; an operations order of the 2nd Battalion, 53rd Division Artillery dated 14th October ordered that unit to withdraw via Indaw and Wuntho to Mandalay; some unconfirmed reports of increase of enemy strength in Banmauk.

Allied drives to south of Shweli River have captured Monghkak and Ngawre in area 35 miles southwest of Namhkam; no contact reported but believed areas south of Shweli 18th Division responsibility; no change in all out defense in Bhamo; Allied advance down Bhamo-Namhkam road now 24 miles south of Bhamo with no contact reported; Japanese reported to

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have demolished 500 foot section of road 25 miles south of Bhamo; Namhkam area continued to be location of defensi activity but some indications enemy thinning out here and moving to southwest.

Along Burma-Yunnan border at week's end Chinese advances to point three to five miles southwest of Chefang failed to contact any enemy; some troops presumed to be from 56th Division reported to be in area north of Shweli River just north of Muse; these troops thinly dressed and reported without weapons. Burma Following is estimate from General Sultan's headquarters:

OCT 600

Collecting news

Comment: Generally, the trend seems to be toward complete Japanese evacuation of northern Burma provided Allied pressure continues as it has in the last month. Japanese plan seems to be delay and withdraw to shorter lines possibly on a general line east and west from Mandalay; this may be substantiated by reports of thinning out of the Namhkam area, apparent withdrawal from the Burma-Yunnan border sector captured document found in the railroad corridor ordering part of the 53rd Division artillery to withdraw to Mandalay plus the steady southeast ward withdrawal on the Chindwin front. The possible outward move of the 2nd Division plus the absence of identifications of the 49th Division in any combat area are significant in themselves to indicate a possible change of Japanese strategy in Burma.

End

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

From: CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG Northern Combat Area, Advance Echelon, Myitkyna, Burma
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.

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Additional operations for 2nd December:
Mission A. Two Mustangs off Suichwan on recon of Yangtze River found weather operational, intercepted by 7 Oscars at Kiukiang with no damage.

Mission B. Eight Mustangs off Suishwan attacked and probably destroyed at Kiukiang a 150 foot gun boat and near misses damaged a 100 foot tug, intercepted by seven Tojos and one Oscar with claim of one Oscar damaged, on return strafed Nanchang airdrome destroying one truck and

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observed no aircraft on field.

Mission C. One LAB Liberator on night mission carrying bombs swept Strait of Formosa, attacked convoy of three small freighters and one destroyer at (2205 north 11840 east), six bombs released, claim no hits, radar malfunction forced return.

Mission D. 12 CACW Sharks off Chihkiang attacked targets in Youngfeng area including small shipping and building area setting fires, Paoching airfield strafed with unobserved results.

322nd Troop Carrier Squadron in one sortie carried 4500 pounds of freight and personnel.

Add 22 fighter, one bomber and one transport sorties to 2nd December.

Add 14 transport sorties for 28th November to 1st December.

Now follows operations and intelligence reports for 3rd December.

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Weather on respective fronts as follows:
Yellow River operational:
Salween River operational:
Siang River and eastern bases partially operational:
French Indo China generally bad;
Liuchow area partially operational:

Mission E. Off Yunnanyi two missions totalling four Sharks bombed barracks area at Wanling on Burma Road, strafed small group of Jap troops, no activity observed on road from Chefang to Wanling.

Troop Carrier Squadron in 21 sorties dropped and landed 31 tons of food and equipment to Chinese ground troops operating on Salween River front.

Mission F. One LAB Liberator off Kunming carrying no bombs in daylight sweep of waters around Hainan Island in coordination with Navy made three sightings as follows:

Five unidentified ships at (1807 north, 10942 east),
One unidentified vessel at (1830 north, 11155 east)
One destroyer and five unidentified ships at (1930 north, 11235 east).

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Mission G. Flash report, one LAB Liberator with bombs off Suichwan on night seasweep from Hongkong through Strait of Formosa sighted one medium freighter at (2225 north, 11540 east), claim freighter sunk.

Sorties for 3rd December are seven fighter, two bomber and 21 troop carrier.

Japs reported to have 300 Cavalry plus 2,000 Infantry at Pachai (2613 north, 10749 east). Chinese state only small pockets of Chinese troops along road south of Tuhshan (2549 north, 10742 east).

Liaison states 3rd and 13th Divisions involved in Kwangsi-Weichow combat operations while 40th Division reported moving through Lungsheng (2552 north, 10954 east).

14th Air Force visual air recon showed road and railway from Hengyang to Lingling in good condition. Recon also indicated railway from Sintsiang (2906 north, 11309 east) to Changsha (2812 north, 11259 east) in perfect condition, previous photo recon established bridges out. Large amounts of river shipping observed along Siang River and in channels south of Tungting Lake.

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24,000 Japs reported on 2nd December to be north of Nanning. Liaison states 5,000 Japs have moved into Langson (2150 north, 10645 east) from the Delta area and Annam in French Indo China.

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

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

To: War Department

No: CFB 28063 3 December 1944

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Bissell WDGBI CFB 28063 from Wedemeyer.

Comments from us relative CAKX 1661 and CAKX 1681 dated 1 and 2 December.

Majority of ground information appears to be extracted from our radios and radios from our liaison with Chinese forces and agrees with information previously sent you by us. Believe statement that Jap force invading province is artillery unit of 3,000 is error. Elements of 21st Division most like identification with artillery elements attached. Regiments reported in Liuchow in Chinese uniforms are probably puppet troops and not Japanese, not reasonable that Japanese would use inferior Chinese arms.

Presence of Jap paratroopers Hengyang-Changsha area thought correct but no indication as to intentions. Do not believe that Japanese likely to bother Chihkiang or imtermediary airfields as all activity appears directed at primary drive to neutralize Kunming. Possible that paratroopers might be used in attack on Kunming or Chungking but no indication that such is contemplated at present.

Presence of paratroopers in both Hengyang and Canton areas indicates that some use of same might be contemplated. Present drive towards Kweiyang. Kweigyang consists of elements of 3d and 13th Divisions. Believe that estimate of two

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China.
No: CFB 28063 3 December 1944

divisions Ipehhsien (108 deg 20 min-25 deg 12 min) excessive.

Now follows comments on CAKX 1643 dated 1 December:

Believe report of 10,000 sampans conscripted is excessive although likely that additional sampans have been conscripted in anticipation of increased transports needs with extended lines involved in drive thru Poseh (106 deg 05 min-23 deg 47 min) West River navigable for sampans to Poseh and also along northern branches to Liuchow and will undoubtedly be utilized to supply troops pushing on Kunming. Reports indicate that Yellow River Bridge in use on 22 November. Completion of repairs confirmed by aerial reconnaissance by Chinese American Composite Wing planes.

Reports of activity Yencheng-Shanhsien area of great interest but objectives not clear as yet. We have reports of formations of new division in area which not confirmed as yet but if true and added to identification of 114th Division and possible presence of a 94th Division (still not definitely identified) north of Yellow River may indicate preparation to release 110th and 69th Divisions for offensive action Sian direction.

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1661 is CM-IN-2961 (3 Dec 44) OPD

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TOP SECRET

From: CG, Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma

To: War Department
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No: CHC 5302 3 December 1944

This is AGAG TOP SECRET, in reference to Wedemeyer's CFHX 27686, to Mountbatten info Marshall, Wedemeyer, Merrill pass to Leese from Sultan, CHC 5302.

This is AGAG. Pending decision by Chiefs of Staff, I have given orders halting the advance of the 22nd Division until further notice, and preliminary studies are being made for movement of the troops to China.

Wedemeyer's CFHX 27745 stating that 2 Divisions were necessary to prevent disaster at Kunming a month hence makes it imperative that troops be moved as speedily as possible, provided the decision is made to do so.

Consequently, the following is furnished for information and consideration:

(1) The 38th Division is engaged in taking Bhamo. Two Regiments and one Battalion of the 3rd Regiment are fully committed.

(2) The 22nd Division is crossing the Shweli River south and southeastward of Si-U SN 8736 preparatory to moving to an area about 20 miles north of Kutkai to establish a road block on the old Burma Road. Leading elements of 30th

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From: CG, Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma

No: CHC 5302 3 December 1944

Division are 20 miles south of Bhamo marching on Mumhkam. These are the only major changes in situation as reported in my CHC 5233.

If these divisions are to move to China, it will be necessary to move units to relieve the 38th Division, assemble both divisions and either construct air strips suitable for heavy transports in Bhamo and Sikak areas or march them to Myitkyina to be flown to China.

In addition, SEAC will probably require some time to adjust plans and evaluate the implications of the loss of these two divisions. All of this will take time.

The 14th Division on the other hand is located in the Mogaung-Myitkyina area and is not engaged with the enemy. The 50th Division likewise is engaged on a security mission in the railroad corridor.

Since these two divisions are not engaged with the enemy and are located reasonably near established airfields, they could be assembled very quickly and flown to China. The British India Troops in the railroad corridor would have to be strengthened.

The movement of 14th and 50th Divisions could probably be made without the Japs obtaining the knowledge that CAI is being weakened. Since there are some indications that the Jap is weakening his forces in North Burma, this might mean that we could still secure the road trace to China.

If the 14th and 50th Divisions are not acceptable,

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From: CG, Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma

No: CHC 5302 3 December 1944

the 14th could be started on very short notice followed by either the 38th or 22nd Division.

I am prepared to do everything possible to carry out any decision made by the Chiefs of Staff with the utmost speed and with my entire cooperation.

End

Note: 27686 is CM-IN-29542 (30 Nov 44) JC/S
27745 not identified by WDCMC.

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PRIORITY

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 21494 3 December 1944

Y Force Operational Summary for 2 December Sultan to Marshall CRA 21494.

Disposition of Chinese units after taking Chefang.

11th Army Group headquarters in Mangshih.
2d Reserve Division 2½ miles southwest of Chefang.
200th Division 2½ miles south of Chefang.
Elements of 116th Division along Burma Road eight miles southwest of Chefang.
Honorable 1st Division 2 miles northeast of Chefang.
87th and 88th Divisions 1½ miles southeast of Chefang.
In the town are Headquarters Second Army.

No activity reported.

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

To: War Department

Nr: 23724 2 December 1944

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Yellow men forces moving north from Langson took Pinghsiang and then moved in two columns, one eastward toward Ningming and other northward toward Lungchou.

C-3 rated from Sino G-2. A column went north to Ningming from LOC BINH while another from Wuming made westward movement to Kuote. Mawei and Liuchai taken with northward movement from Nantan by Jap forces.

End

JAP MOVE FROM INDO-CHINA

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
Forward Echelon, Northern Combat Area Command,
Myitkina, Burma
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
Forward Echelon, Hq, 20th Bomber Command, Hsinching, China
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Nr: CFBX 27935 2 December 1944

Bissell WDGBI, Merrill, Sultan, Chennault, Dorn, Montieth, Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 27935 book msg nr 172 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Continues the Japanese break thru with details not clear but Japanese forces reported occupying Luchai (107 deg 24 min-25 deg 18 min) morning of 30th and in outskirts of Tuhshan (107 deg 43 min-25 deg 50 min) on same date.

Jap forces breaking thru Leiming pass west of Ipuohsien (108 deg 20 min-25 deg 12 min) reported to have occupied Sankiao (107 deg 54 min-25 deg 58 min) with no date given. If true this flanks Sino forces Tuhshan area. These troops thought heading for Pachai and Tuyun (107 deg 39 min-26 deg 18 min).

One Jap Division (probably the 13th) reported concentrated Ipuohsien area. Paru in south Japanese advance elements estimated to be two battalions reported in contact with Sino forces vicinity of Napa (106 deg 40-26 deg 28 min)

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

Nr: CBX 27935 2 December 1944

on 1st December. This not officially confirmed but thought probable.

Liaison reports that on 24th November Japs conscripted 10,000 sampans for use along west river area. This rated C3 by us. No reports regarding Jap force from French IndoChina area.

Aerial recon on 30th November showed Yellow River bridge completely repaired. Recon also showed much traffic between Yungcheng (110 deg 56 min-35 deg 01 min) and Shan Hsien (110 deg 48 min-34 deg 45 min) and reports from liaison states that 600 trucks hauling ammunition and supplies south between those points.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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To: War Department
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CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, Northern Combat Area, Advance Echelon, Myitkina, Burma
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No: CAKX 1681 2 December 1944

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Alert net liaison reports that 4-500 Jap cavalry are at Liro (2542 north 10757 east) with other Jap columns 12 miles south of Tuhshan (2549 north 10742 east), 22 miles northeast, and at Tukiang (2554 north 10810 east).

US ground source states two or three Jap regiments at Liuchow are equipped with Chinese uniforms and rifles and supported by cavalry.

Report indicates Headquarters 13th Jap Division at Ishan, 3rd Division at Hojhih (2458 north 10755 east), 58th Division at Kweilio, 37th Division at Lojunghsien (2428 north 10931 east), 40th Division at Liuchenghsien

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(2427 north 10910 east).

Alert net liaison report states concentration of Jap paratroops at Changsha may be employed against Chihkiang (2726 north 10936 east).

Report states Headquarters Jap 22nd Division is at Pinyang (2318 north 10845 east) and Headquarters 104th Division at Laipan (2342 north 10916 east).

5,000 Japs reported by US ground liaison to have moved 77 KMs west northwest from Wuming (2311 north 10816 east).

Headquarters Chinese 35th Group Army reported at Tienting, 60 KMs southeast of Poseh (2347 north 10605 east).

Chinese forces occupied Chefang (2415 north 9817 east) on 1st December. Japs retreated without resistance.

Delayed operations for 30th November:

Troop Carrier Squadron in nine sorties carried 22,300 pounds of equipment and personnel.

Add nine transport sorties to 30th November.

Now follows operations and intelligence reports for 1st December:

Weather on respective fronts as follows:

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

No: CAKX 1681 2 December 1944

Umllow River generally bad:
Salween River operational:
French Indo China generally bad:
Siang River and eastern bases generally bad:
Liuchow area generally bad.

Off Luliang one Photo and two Mustangs on recon of Nantan-Liuchow area, returned due bad weather. Off Kunming two missions totalling eight Mustangs on recon Lang Son Area French Indo China and Nanning-Liuchow area made no observations due bad weather.

Off Yunnanyi two missions totalling four Mustangs reconned Burma Road from Chefang to Lashi, destroyed five trucks and damaged two, destroyed staff car and strafed tankette, Wanling Headquarters area and two motor pools North LAshio strafed with unobserved results.

Two Mustangs strafed building areas near Kunlong starting fires followed by secondary explosion.

Two missions totalling eight Sharks bombed targets in Chefang area in support of Chinese ground troops as directed by ground radio with unobserved results.

Two missions totalling seven sorties of Sharks and Lightnings bombed hill positions and barracks area north of Wanling with unobserved results.

Two missions of Mitchells in eight sorties bombed

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

No: CAXX 1681 2 December 1944

Wanling storage area with good hits causing considerable damage, two secondary explosions followed.

Troop Carrier Squadron in 28 sorties dropped and landed 60 tons of ammunitions, food and equipment to Chinese Ground Forces in Salween River area.

Two Photo missions covered targets on Burma Road from Wanling to west and south of Lashio.

Four Lab Liberators on night mission swept South China Sea making no sightings: then bombed secondary targets, one bombed Samah Bay installations with good hits, two bombed Fort Bayard installations with unobserved results, one bombed Kowloon dock claiming good hits.

Sorties for 1 December are 44 fighter, 12 bomber, three photo, 28 troop carrier.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Executive Office
Operations Div WDGS
General Hull

2 December 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
Southeast Asia Command
Kandy, Ceylon

Number: WARX 72009

TOP SECRET personal to Wedemeyer Sultan and Wheeler from Hull signed Marshall.

British Chiefs of Staff have concurred in the instructions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff sent you in WARX 70954 dated December 1, 1944, except for Para 3 which, subject to Sultan's agreement, authorizes diversion of any US resources required by Wedemeyer.

The British are particularly concerned about the impact on operations CAPITAL and ROMULUS of the diversion of transport aircraft. ho Burma Arakan

They propose a substitute Para which in effect would direct Wedemeyer to report, after consultation with Sultan, his requirements for aircraft to move and support the two divisions.

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This proposal is now before the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The above is furnished you for information only.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India

No: CFB 27895 2 December 1944

Re CRAX 21310. TOPSEC to Marshall and Arnold info Sultan CFB 27895 from Wedemeyer.

1. Suggestions made by Hearn are subject of this message. I have carefully considered the implications of retaining the 20th Bomber Command in China area and have concluded that it would be unsound to remove them as Hearn suggested. It is my opinion that the 20th Bomber Command should continue to operate in support of projected Pacific operations, at least until 15th January. I am doing everything possible to assist that command logistically without militating against the drastic movements of equipment and personnel required for the defense of the Kunming area.

2. Reference to Hearn's suggestion that the United States establish a supply system for China troops. This should have been accomplished long ago to have effect on the immediate situation. I am striving to bring some degree of order out of chaos in connection with Chinese supply and movement problems by daily conferences, providing Americans in supervisory roles, and by furnishing American officers to work intimately with the Chinese SOS. If we survive this crisis, I will introduce US system of supply as fes sible.

3. Reference to Hearn's suggestion that General Chen Cheng be placed in charge of the defense of the Kunming area. After drawing up plan and presenting same to the Generalissimo

From here on-suit to Pres in memo from by Gen Marshall. OA Rooky has copy of the memo. Bub

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

No: CFB 27895 2 December 1944

to provide for the defence of the Kunming area. I explained carefully that the execution of this plan was vital to China and that he should appoint his best general to execute that plan. I recommended General Chen Cheng. The Generalissimo stated that he had another important post for Chen Cheng and confided that he proposed to make him Minister of War. I continued to press the Generalissimo for Chen Cheng by suggesting that he make him Commander-in-Chief of the plan during the critical next 3 or 4 months. The Generalissimo told me that he would consider this recommendation. A few days later I learned that the Generalissimo had appointed General Chen Cheng as Minister of War and that he had appointed General Ho Ying Chin, the former Minister of War and also Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army, to be Commander in Chief of the Kunming Defense Forces. This was a decided blow. I have been informed, and my several contacts with General Ho confirm, that he is weak, dilatory, a Politico and incapable militarily. My advisors inform me that he is justifiably suspected of being pro Japanese. Again I discussed the subject with the Generalissimo and as forcefully as I could to the head of a state, I pointed out that the defense of the Kunming area was the decisive operation politically, economically, and militarily to China. I then put this question to the Generalissimo: "Realizing this, Generalissimo, you have appointed General Ho Ying Chin to the important post of Commander of all forces in the Kunming area instead of General Chen Cheng, whom I am informed is your outstanding General?" The Generalissimo replied that that was the very reason that he had appointed General Ho, the obvious implication being that Ho is considered by the

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

No: CFB 27895 2 December 1944

Chinese as most capable. Apparently we are to be saddled with a mediocre general to implement our important plan. However, General Ho has been given a good Chinese General as Chief of Staff. He is General Hsiao and has been Chief of Staff with CEF.

I had already designated Dorn to General Ho as American advisor. I have given General Ho American officers to work on his staff in the following sections: G-2, G-3, G-4, air, medical, engineer, and signal.

Giving up these officers further depletes my own staff, but I feel that General Ho without such American support could not possibly cope with the responsibilities involved.

Language difficulties and the face-saving reluctance of Chinese Generals to accept advice of Americans junior to them add to our problems, but I am doing all possible to build up mutual respect and confidence in cooperative and friendly atmosphere.

4. Hearn's statement that the situation has grown steadily worse since June is correct. The Chinese have not offered resistance north of the Name since the defense of Hengyang, where they fought creditably. I have carefully reviewed US intelligence reports extending over the past 6 months. The Japanese present capabilities and intentions are perfectly obvious when one analyzes such reports. Appropriate countermeasures were not taken by the Chinese.

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

No: CFB 27895 2 December 1944

I do not know what advice they received from Americans, but my experiences the past four weeks convince me that due to disorganization, political intrigue, and outright military inefficiency, they probably were powerless to act in an appropriate or timely manner. The seriousness of the situation was apparent within one week of my arrival, although the Chinese assured me that the Japanese advance would be stopped or at least delayed. I had felt that I would have more time in which to plan and prepare for the defense of the Kunming area. I heard that such plans would not impinge heavily on operations of the 20th Bomber Command, FIVESOME and CAPITAL. The Japanese advance has been more rapid than I or even old China hands had believed possible. I agree with Hearn that if the Japs meet stiff resistance they will not push their attack further.

The fighting effectiveness of available Chinese units is so unpredictable that no American officer can state categorically when, where and how such resistance can be definitely provided. We can throw in great numbers of troops at tremendous cost logistically, but we do not know whether the Chinese will stick and fight. I have pointed this out to the Generalissimo.

We are moving 60,000 troops by air from Sian area to bolster Kunming plan. The Gissimo assured me that these men can and will fight. These troops include 30,000 in formed units; however, they will require additional equipment and training. The remaining 30,000 are replacements of unknown value. I have instituted policy in theater that

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

No: CFB 27895 2 December 1944

every man will be physically examined by US medical officer to preclude movement of physically unfit. I am doing everything possible to insure that food and ammunition are provided for all of these troops vital to our plan and all the troops engaged with the enemy. These vital provisions have been uniformly neglected in the past.

I have just received a message from Wheeler inspired by Mountbatten urging me to take the 50th and the 14th Chinese Divisions from upper Burma, neither of which is actively engaged. Of course, this is absolutely sound, as their removal would militate least against CAPITAL, but actually what I require is men who will fight.

(Passed by telephone to Shanghai)

The 50th and 14th Divisions are not comparable to the 22nd and 38th Divisions. The latter 2 divisions have proven themselves in combat and are American trained, equipped and fed.

As indicated in previous messages to you and Mountbatten, I have considered all of the implications of removing the 22nd and 38th Divisions and I concluded that these 2 divisions would be necessary in China. I discussed this matter with the Generalissimo last night. He agreed to accept the 14th, which is readily available for movement, to be followed by either the 22nd or 38th, but he indicated that he may move additional Chinese Divisions from Burma.

I am sending a small group of American officers to

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Sultan immediately to work out movement plans. What I actually need, as you can discern from the above, is men with fighting spirit and determination.

I appreciate the support of US Chiefs of Staff in the premises, and will do utmost to surmount difficulties in consonance with my directive and their desires. The attitude of the Americans in this crisis is superb. McClure, Chennault, Cheves, Dorn, and my Staff--in fact, all of the officers and enlisted men--are working strenuously to preclude disaster.

Following soon will be radio describing in detail the plan for the defense of the Kunming area. The situation is developing so rapidly that events may overtake us. We are prepared, of course, to change the plan accordingly.

End

FOOTNOTE: CRAX 21310 is CM-IN-763 (1 Dec 44) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell; C of S

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GENERAL MARSHALL's EYES ONLY

TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces China Theater,
Chungking, China
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 21369 2 December 1944

TOP SEC to Marshall eyes alone info Wedemeyer eyes alone and Wheeler eyes alone from Sultan CRAX 21369 reference WARX 70963, dated 1 December.

By disregarding last sentence of WARX 70954 dated 1 December, reference transfer of Chinese Divisions to China, we are still left with approval by US Joint Chiefs of Staff for such move. This would normally be interpreted by us as a directive. On the other hand, we have been ordered by Admiral Mountbatten to take no action to move these forces until approval has been received from Combined Chiefs of Staff.

I do not believe that you intend to raise at this stage a direct clash of authority. Therefore, I am continuing the preparation of plans for the most expeditious move of two Chinese Divisions by air to China. I am not taking action effect such move until you confirm that Combined Chiefs of Staff approve or that you desire me to proceed without such approval.

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ACTION: GEN HULL

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TOP SECRET

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

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CRAX 21460 2 December 1944

Marshall info Wedemeyer CRAX 21460 TOPSECRET.

Further to my CRAX 21369 dated 2nd December, I have just received radio from Wedemeyer substantially as follows: " Request you fly 14th Division to Kunming without delay, to be followed by whichever of 38th or 22nd Division can be most quickly relieved from its present task. Decision to transfer Chinese forces from Burma is necessity which I regret; it was made with reluctance with full appreciation of the factors involved. Nevertheless our utmost effort must be made to improve our chances of defending vital Kunming base because of the critical nature of our present situation. Plans must also be made to move 30th Division and whichever of 38th or 22nd Division is not moved at once. It is not my present intention to take these latter divisions, but it may be necessary later if there is a complete disintegration of combat effectiveness of Chinese troops in China." End of paraphrase.

Referring to my CRAX 21369 plans are being made to move two divisions speedily to China. Movements will not actually start until our instructions are qualified, in the light of Mountbatten's order to take no steps pending approval of Combined Chiefs of Staff. Please expedite definite instructions to me.

Note: CRAX 21369 is CM-IN-1570 (2 Dec 44) Gen Hull End

ACTION: Gen Hull
INFO: CC/S Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Adm King C of S

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FROM: THE PRIME MINISTER

TO : THE PRESIDENT

NO : 841, 2 DECEMBER 1944

1. I agree fully with your number 663. Events have superseded the views expressed two days ago in my number 839. We must, then, review the new situation created in Burma by these misfortunes at a time when operation CAPITAL has opened well. The one request I make at the moment is that, as the two Chinese divisions are to be carried by air, we should be consulted about what air forces are left for the necessary support of Mountbatten's advancing forces. I have the greatest confidence in Wedemeyer but he cannot know the situation in the south at any moment.

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Colonel Lincoln
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Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF in India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
U.S. Army Liaison Section
Kandy, Ceylon

Number: WARX 70963

Action Wedemeyer, Sultan and Wheeler signed Marshall from JCS.

Concerning the message from the JCS about transfer of divisions to China. With reference to last sentence, it has not been acted upon by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

End

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(TO MOUNTBATTEN INFO MARSHALL, WEDEMEYER, MERRILL PASS TO LEESE FROM SULTAN [redacted] AGAG CHC 5302.)

WARNING THIS IS AGAG TOP SECRET.

IN REFERENCE TO WEDEMEYERS CFBX 27686 PENDING DECISION BY CHIEFS OF STAFF, I HAVE GIVEN ORDERS HALTING THE ADVANCE OF THE 22ND DIVISION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AND PRELIMINARY STUDIES ARE BEING MADE FOR MOVEMENT OF THE TROOPS TO CHINA. WEDEMEYER'S CFBX 27745 STATING THAT 2 DIVISIONS WERE NECESSARY TO PREVENT DISASTER AT KUNMING A MONTH HENCE MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT TROOPS BE MOVED AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE, PROVIDED THE DECISION IS MADE TO DO SO. CONSEQUENTLY, THE FOLLOWING IS FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION:

(1) THE 38TH DIVISION IS ENGAGED IN TAKING BHAMO. 2 REGI-

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MENTS AND 1 BATTALION OF THE 3RD REGIMENT ARE FULLY COMMITTED.

(2) THE 22ND DIVISION IS CROSSING THE SHWELI RIVER SOUTH AND SOUTHEASTWARD OF SI-USN 8736 PREPARATORY TO MOVING TO AN AREA ABOUT 2¢ MILES NORTH OF KUTKAI TO ESTABLISH A ROAD BLOCK ON THE OLD BURMA ROAD. LEADING ELEMENTS OF 3¢TH DIVISION ARE 2¢ MILES SOUTH OF BHAMO MARCHING ON NAMHKAM. THESE ARE THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGES IN SITUATION AS REPORTED IN MY CHC 5233.

IF THESE DIVISIONS ARE TO MOVE TO CHINA, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE UNITS TO RELIEVE THE 38TH DIVISION, ASSEMBLE BOTH DIVISIONS AND EITHER CONSTRUCT AIR STRIPS SUITABLE FOR HEAVY TRANSPORTS IN BHAMO AND SIKAW AREAS OR MARCH THEM TO

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MYITKYINA TO BE FLOWN TO CHINA. IN ADDITION, SEAC WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO ADJUST PLANS AND EVALUATE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LOSS OF THESE 2 DIVISIONS. ALL OF THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME.

THE 14TH DIVISION ON THE OTHER HAND IS LOCATED IN THE MOHAUNG - MYITKYINA AREA AND IS NOT ENGAGED WITH THE ENEMY. THE 5ØTH DIVISION LIKEWISE IS ENGAGED ON A SECURITY MISSION IN THE RAILROAD CORRIDOR.

SINCE THESE 2 DIVISIONS ARE NOT ENGAGED WITH THE ENEMY AND ARE LOCATED REASONABLY NEAR ESTABLISHED AIRFIELDS, THEY COULD BE ASSEMBLED VERY QUICKLY AND FLOWN TO CHINA. THE BRITISH INDIAN TROOPS IN THE RAILROAD CORRIDOR WOULD HAVE TO BE STRENGTHENED. THE MOVEMENT OF 14TH AND 5ØTH DIVISIONS

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COULD PROBABLY BE MADE WITHOUT THE JAPS OBTAINING THE KNOWLEDGE THAT CAI IS BEING WEAKENED. SINCE THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE JAP IS WEAKENING HIS FORCES IN NORTH BURMA, THIS MIGHT MEAN THAT WE COULD STILL SECURE THE ROAD TRACK TO CHINA.

IF THE 14TH AND 5∅TH DIVISIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, THE 14TH COULD BE STARTED ON VERY SHORT NOTICE FOLLOWED BY EITHER THE 38TH OR 22ND DIVISION.

I AM PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CHIEFS OF STAFF WITH THE UTMOST SPEED AND WITH MY ENTIRE COOPERATION.

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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

No: CBAX 21310 1 December 1944

Marshall from Hearn info Wedemeyer EYES ALONE TOPSEC CBAX 21310.

The situation in China is fast deteriorating as you have been informed. The withdrawal of Chinese Divisions from Burma cannot arrive in time to meet the immediate danger. Troops closer at hand and immediately available though not as effective, can be found.

I recommend that the 20th Bomber Command operate from India bases for at lease a month; that their allocated tonnage be used for shifting troops and supplies within China, that the United States establish a supply system for these Chinese troops; that the GMO be urged to place General Chen Cheng, the new Minister of War, in charge of the defense of the general Kunming area and vicinity; that Wedemyer have Dorn join General Chen Cheng as his (Wedemyer's) personal representative.

If GMO refuses to immediately designate Chen Cheng then that the Chief of Staff Turwei Li Wang, with whom Dorn has worked the last several months, be designated. The situation has grown steadily worse since June. Effective action cannot be further delayed. I believe that if Japs meet stiff resistance they will not push their attack

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

No: CRAX 21310 1 December 1944

further for the time being, thus giving Wedemeyer time to build up effective sector reserves.

The Chinese Division in Burma should be released to GMO as an effective reserve as soon as practicable.

I will be in Delhi until Sunday noon.

End

ACTION: General Hull

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

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FROM: THE PRESIDENT

TO : THE PRIME MINISTER

NO : 663, 1 DECEMBER 1944

Since the receipt of your message Number 839 of November 29th reference Mountatten's SEACOS 265 a message has been received from General Wedemeyer outlining the gravity of the situation in China and stating that he concurs in the decision of the Generalissimo to transfer the two best trained divisions of Chinese troops from Burma to the Kunming area. You have undoubtedly seen this message which went to Mountbatten and has been furnished to your Mission here in Washington so I shall not repeat it.

We have General Wedemeyer's views on the ground as to the gravity of the situation along with his knowledge of the situation and the plans for operations in Burma. I feel that he is better informed as to the general situation and requirements than any other individual at this moment. Furthermore we are faced by the fact that the Generalissimo in a grave crisis which threatens the existence of China, has decided that he must recall these two divisions in order to check the Japanese drive on Kunming. It would avail us nothing to open a land line to China if the Japanese seized the Kunming terminal for air and ground. Under the circumstances I therefore am of the opinion that we are not in a position to bring pressure on the Generalissimo to alter his decision.

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The U.S. Chiefs of Staff propose to send to General Wedemeyer a message which approves his recommendation in support of the Generalissimo's decision but requests him to endeavor to develop a scheme for using other units which might make possible the retention in India of one or even both of the two crack Chinese divisions. The U.S. Chiefs have explained their intention to the British Chiefs of Staff and have requested that they concur with this action and inform Mountbatten accordingly.

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1 December 1944

Commanding General
USAF China Theater
Chungking, China

Commanding General
USAF India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
U.S. Army Liaison Section
Kandy, Ceylon

Number: WARX 70954

To Wedemeyer information Sultan and Wheeler from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered SEACOS 265 and CFBX 27686, and approve your recommendation to transfer two divisions of the CAI to China, specifically the 22nd and 38th if you consider other available divisions are not satisfactory.

You should however work out a selection of units to be moved to China which fulfills your requirements while at the same time causing least interference with Mountbatten's operations in North Burma.

Call on Sultan for any U.S. Air Forces including ATC and other U.S. resources required for the transport and support of the two divisions and to meet other requirements arising out of the present emergency in China. Should you and Sultan be unable to agree on any details, radio the facts to us.

The U.S. Chiefs of Staff do not propose to question the Generalissimo's decision to use his own forces to defend China in the critical situation depicted in your message.

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The Combined Chiefs of Staff are informing Admiral [redacted] batten that they concur with the instructions to you and [redacted] Sultan contained in this message.

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ORIGINATOR: JCS

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell; Adm King; C of S

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FROM: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

TO: CG, US ARMY FORCES, CHINA THEATRE, CHUNGKING CHINA

TOP SECRET TO WEDEMEYER INFORMATION SULTAN AND WHEELER FROM THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE CONSIDERED SEACOS 265 AND CFBX 27686, AND APPROVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER TWO DIVISIONS OF THE CAI TO CHINA, SPECIFICALLY THE 22ND AND 38TH IF YOU CONSIDER OTHER AVAILABLE DIVISIONS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY.

YOU SHOULD HOWEVER WORK OUT A SELECTION OF UNITS TO BE MOVED TO CHINA WHICH FULFILLS YOUR REQUIREMENTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CAUSING LEAST INTERFERENCE WITH MOUNTBATTEN'S OPERATIONS IN NORTH BURMA.

CALL ON SULTAN FOR ANY U.S. AIR FORCES INCLUDING ATC AND OTHER U.S. RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT OF THE TWO DIVISIONS AND TO MEET OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARISING OUT OF THE PRESENT EMERGENCY IN CHINA. SHOULD YOU AND SULTAN BE UNABLE TO AGREE ON ANY DETAILS, RADIO THE FACTS TO US.

THE U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF DO NOT PROPOSE TO QUESTION THE GENERALISSIMO'S DECISION TO USE HIS OWN FORCES TO DEFEND CHINA IN THE CRITICAL SITUATION DEPICTED IN YOUR MESSAGE. THE COMBINED

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CHIEFS OF STAFF ARE INFORMING ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN THAT THEY CONCUR WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU AND SULTAN CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE.] 2 Corrected 1 see 4

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