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0120 AT PRESS CONFERENCE BY GENERAL HARADA JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE
HE SAID THAT JAPANESE BOAT WHICH BOMBED PANAY AT 1100 12 DECEMBER
GAVE WARNING THAT THE VESSEL WAS IN DANGEROUS ZONE THAT PANAY FIRED
AT JAPANESE TROOPS ON SHORE WITH MAIN BATTERY AND THAT THE ARMY BOAT
WHICH BOARDED THE (50) PANAY BEFORE SHE SANK DID NOT MACHINE GUN THE
VESSEL BEFORE BOARDING THESE STATEMENTS ARE ENTIRELY CONTRARY TO ALL
EVIDENCE GIVEN BY SURVIVORS TO COURT OF INQUIRY 2256

13 ACTION

05 10A 11 19 20 38 PX CWD STATE MARCORPS(2) 16(6) WHITE HOUSE
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ACTION: CINCAF.

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ROUTINE

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0024 TWO CHINESE MESSMEN EX PANAY NOW AT HANKOW STATE JAP BOATS
WHO BOARDED VESSEL AFTER ABANDONED EXPLODED TWO BOMBS & AT STERN
WHICH ENDED VESSEL PERIOD STATE THEY WERE HIDDEN CLOSE TO WATERS
EDGE AND AMERICANS HAD GONE FARTHER INLAND EXCEPT POSSIBLY CIVILIAN
WHO TOOK SOME MOVING PICTURES FROM NEAR RIVER EDGE PERIOD ALSO
STATE JAP BOATS MACHINE GUNNED THEM HIDING 1025

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 PX CWO MARCOR PS(2)
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1616 JUNIOR AIDE NAVY MINISTER PRESENTED NAVAL ATTACHE WITH SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX YEN ELEVEN SEN WHICH HAD BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONS TO THE DEAD WOUNDED AND SURVIVORS OF USS PANAY RANGING FROM ONE YEN ELEVEN SEN THE ENTIRE PERSONAL SAVINGS OF A SMALL BOY TO FIVE (50) HUNDRED YEN CONTRIBUED BY THE THE EMPLOYEES OF A BUSINESS CONCERN THE NAVAL ATTACHE WITH APPROPRIATE REMARKS ACCEPTED PROVISIONALLY THIS CONTRIBUTION SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS PERIOD AS THIS IS BUT ONE OF MANY POPULAR EXPRESSIONS OF PUBLIC SYMPATHY AND CONCERN MANIFESTED DURING (100) PAST THREE DAYS AND FURTHERMORE AS A JAPANESE CUSTOM WHICH IF NOT ACCEPTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT MIGHT LEAD TO MISSUNDERSTANDING IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SAME BE ACCEPTED IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH OFFERED PERIOD SUGGEST IT BE SENT CINCAF FOR PURPOSE STATED 1854

10-ACTION(4)

20 10-A 11 16(6)

19 20

38 PX CWD STATE MARCONI (2)

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FROM USS OAHU

TO CINCAF

INFO COMYANGPAT

PASSED BY CINCAF TO NAVY DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION

1937

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED

0016 ATTACKING FORCE CONSISTED THREE HEAVY BOMBERS SIX LIGHT BOMBERS
HEAVY BOMBERS DROPPED THREE BOMBS FROM ALTITUDES UNDETERMINED THEN
PROCEEDED DOWN RIVER LIGHT BOMBERS DIVED BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING
SHIPS FIRST HEAVY BOMB FELL FIFTEEN FEET OFF PORT BOW HOLING BOW AND
WRECKING BRIDGE WOUNDING LT COMDR HUGHES SECOND HIT DEMOLISHED RADIO
ROOM AND SURROUNDING SPACES CREW MANNED MACHINE GUNS RETURNED FIRE BUT
PROJECTILES PASSED THROUGH NON-VITAL PARTS PLANES AFTER ATTACK ON
PANAY BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON SOCONY VESSELS PLANES APPARENTLY CONCEN-
TRATING ON ARMED VESSEL BEFORE DESTROYING OTHERS 2312

DISTRIBUTION

13ACTION (4)

FOR IN CODE ROOM 1432 16 DEC

05 10A 11 16(6) 19 38 20 CWO MARCORPS(2) STATE(2) WHITE HOUSE FILE

SENT TO STATE AND WHITE HOUSE VIA MSGR

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FROM: USS OAHU

ACTION: CINCAF

INFO: COMYANGPAT.

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1937 DEC 16 13 35

ZMR MUSK V F5Q NITE ZMT2 Z F5Q V NEFN Q F6C NITE GR 135
1015 SURVIVORS ARRIVED ALONGSIDE ZERO ONE THIRTY WEDNESDAY PITIFUL
STATE DIRT COLD EXHAUSTION SHOCK CLAD BLANKETS QUILTS LIFEJACKETS
REMNANTS CLOTHING MORAL IMPROVED IMMEDIATELY ARRIVAL ON BOARD DENSE
FOG AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS DELAYED DEPARTURE SHIP 1300 TODAY PERIOD
OBTAINED BODIES ENSMINGER SANDRI SHORE OTHERS SENT FROM KASASAGASI
DEPARTED KASASAGASI LEADING OAHU LADYBIRD KOTORE WE HAVE LARGE
COLORS FORE MAST AND HORIZONTAL AFT FOUR BODIES ON FANTAIL COLORS
HALFMAST ALL SHIPS PERIOD OBTAINED PANAY GIG FROM CRICKET ABOVE
NANKING CONVOY JOINED BY TWO BANDS STEAMERS ANCHORED 1617 JUST
ABOVE NANKING AT DIRECTION KASAGASI WHICH STATED BATTALION ON
PERIOD LADYBIRD MOORS ALONGSIDE OAHU (100)

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AS HER ANCHOR MACHINERY WRECKED SHELLFIRE SHIP CROWDED BUT
ALL CARED FOR LTCOMDR HUGHES NOW MORE COMFORTABLE WITH LEG
SPLINT ALL CIVILIAN SURVIVORS PREPARING STATEMENTS FOR CINCAF
AS REQUESTED ALSO LTCOMDR HUGHES COMPILING HIS 2245

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05 10A 11 19 20 38 CWO

MARCORPS (2) PX

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WHITEHOUSE

13 ACTION (4)

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Z MUSK V F5Q Q F6C GR 30.

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0017 OAHU MOORED ALONGSIDE AUGUSTA 1645 TRANSFERRED PANAY OFFICERS
MEN TO AUGUSTA ~~EXCEPT~~ EXCEPT FOUR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED TO SECOND BRIGADE
HOSPITAL PERIOD FOUR BODIES INCLUDING ENSMINGER SENT ASHORE FOR
EMBALMING 1920.

13 ACTION (4)

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BUNAV MARCORPS (2) RELAYED STATE

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NINE SIX ONE ZERO MM SECOND WOUND PENETRATING MACHINE GUN BULLET LEFT
CHEST MINOR SHRAPNEL WOUND BOTH LEGS CONDITION FAVORABLE JOHN H ■
LANG THREE TWO SEVEN EIGHT FIVE ZERO FOUR CQM WOUND LACERATED SHRAPNEL
RIGHT ~~ARM~~ ARM CONDITION FAVORABLE PERES D ZIEGLER TWO SEVEN NINE THREE
EIGHT NINE SHEET TWO FOLLOWS 2148.

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13-ACTION ACTION(4)
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05 10-A 11 16(6)
19 20 38 PX CWO
STATE MARCORPS(2)
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White House

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PRIORITY

7517 FOLLOWING PANAY WOUNDED RECEIVED FROM OAHU ON BOARD AUGUSTA
FOR FURTHER TRANSFER NAVHOS CANACAO COLON LTCDR JAMES J HUGHES
FRACTURE SIMPLE RIGHT FEMUR CONDITION FAVORABLE LT ARTHUR F ANDERS
WOUNDED MULTIPLE SHRAPNEL LEFT NECK AND LEFT THUMB ALSO FRACTURE
COMPOUND THIRD FINGER RIGHT HAND CONDITION FAVORABLE LT JG JOHN (50)
W GEIST WOUND MULTIPLE SHRAPNEL LOWER LEFT LEG AND LEFT SHOULDER
CONDITION FAVORABLE CARL H BIRK THREE TWO EIGHT TWO TWO NINE SEVEN EM
FIRST WOUND MULTIPLE SHRAPNEL BUTTOCKS AND NECK CONDITIONS SERIOUS NEWTON
L DAVIS TWO SEVEN FOUR ONE EIGHT SIX FOUR FIREMAN FIRST WOUND PUNCTURED
SHRAPNEL LEFT CHEST (100) CONDITION FAVORABLE ALEX KOZAK TWO ONE FOUR

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Z MUSK V F5Q Q GOWN STAR P GR 91.

PRIORITY

FROM : CINCAF

ACTION: OPNAV

INFO : BUNAV, ~~XXXX~~ BUMED PRIORITY (B)

7516 SHEET TWO ZERO SC THIRD WOUND SHRAPNEL LEFT NECK CONDITION
SERIOUS TOTAL EIGHT FOLLOWING TRANSFERRED SECMBRIG HOSPITAL SHANGHAI
COLON EDGAR WG HULSEBUS THREE THREE SIX SEVEN TWO TWO FOUR COX WOUND
MACHINE GUN BULLET SIXTH DORSAL VERTEBRAE CONDITION CRITICAL KENNETH
J RICE TWO NINE NINE SEVEN TWO TWO SIX EM THIRD WOUND MULTIPLE
SHRAPNEL OCCIPITAL AND RIGHT LUMBAR REGIONS CONDITION SERIOUS CHARLES
S SCHROYER THREE TWO ZERO NINE FOUR NINE FOUR SEAMAN FIRST WOUND
MULTIPLE SHRAPNEL RIGHT & VORTEX SCALP AND LEFT GROIN CONDITION
CRITICAL TOTAL THREE GRAND TOTAL ELEVEN 2150.

1209 VP MX.

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13-ACTION

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MARCORPS(2)

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FROM: ALUSNA TOKYO
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: CINCAF.

PRIORITY /S

1613 SENIOR AIDE TO NAVY MINISTER CALLED TODAY TO INFORM NAVAL ATTACHE
OF SINKING OF USS PANAY BY JAPANESE BOMBING PLANES AND STATED QUOTE
NAVY MINISTER WISHES TO EXPRESS TO SECRETARY OF NAVY AND US NAVY HIS
SINCEREST REGRET TO THIS UNHAPPY ACCIDENT 1616

13 ACTION(4)

BUNAV 05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 PX

CWO MARCORPS(2) STATE VIA MSGR.

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FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: AMCON SHANGHAI, COMYANGPAT, AMEMBASSADOR JAPAN, AMEMBASSADOR CHINA.

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PRIORITY TO OPNAV /S

0013 JAPANESE CHIEF OF STAFF CALLED AT 1100 AND MADE FOLLOWING REPORT
TO CINCAF REGARDING BOMBING PANAY AND THREE STANDARD OIL VESSELS NEAR
MILEAGE TWO TWO ONE ABOVE WOODSUNG AFTERNOON TWELVE DECEMBER PERIOD
FOUR VESSELS WERE PROCEEDING UPRIVER SPEED FOUR KNOTS ONE JAPANESE
PLANE ENDEAVORED ASCERTAIN NATIONALITY FLEW ALTITUDE THREE HUNDRED
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1340 SIX BOMBERS ATTACK DAMAGED ONE VESSEL AT 1630 TWO BOMBERS ATTACK
SANK TWO VESSELS PERIOD UNABLE DETERMINE EXACT TIME PANAY HIT SUNK
PERIOD VICE ADMIRAL (100)

HASEGAWA CALLED ADMITTED JAPANESE NAVY RESPONSIBILITY EXPRESSED
APOLOGIES AND REGRETS STATED JAPANESE PREPARED MAKE SUITABLE AMENDS
OFFERED ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS AND STATED HAD DESPATCHED NAVAL PLANE
TRY HELP SURVIVORS PERIOD HMS BEE AND OAHU NOW PROCEEDING VICINITY
HONKAI WHERE SURVIVORS ARE FULL INFORMATION REGARDING INCIDENT NAMES
KILLED WOUNDED NOT AVAILABLE WILL SEND WHEN RECEIVED FROM THE
OAHU ALL VESSELS WERE DIRECTED IN AUGUST TO DISPLAY COLORS HORIZON-
TALLY ON UPPER DECKS AND PANAY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY COMPLYING WITH THIS
ORDER 1608

13 ACTION(4)

BUNAV 05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 PX

CWO MARCORPS(2) STATE VIA MSGR.

WHITE HOUSE(2) VIA MSGR.

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FROM: - COMVANGPAT

ACTION: CINCAF

INFO: USS OAHU

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0013 YOUR 0013 1017 OAHU LEAVING KIAKUING IMMEDIATELY
COMPLETION FUELING FOR WUHU TIME OF ARRIVAL DEPENDENT ON
STATUS OF CARRIER AT LITTLE ORPHAN AND LACK OF NAVIGATIONAL
AIDS BELOW EARLIEST TIME OF ARRIVAL NOON TOMORROW 1058

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13 ACTION (4)

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CWO STATE MARCORPS (3)

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FROM; USS OAHU
ACTION; CINCAF
INFO; COMYANGPAT

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1015 SURVIVORS ARRIVED ALONGSIDE ZERO ONE THIRTY WEDNESDAY
PITIFUL STATE DIRT COLD EXHAUSTION SHOCK CLAD BLANKETS
QUILTS LIFEJACKETS REMNANTS CLOTHING ^{MORALE} ~~MOORE~~ IMPROVED
IMMEDIATELY ARRIVAL ON BOARD DENSE FOG AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS
DELAYED DEPARTURE SHIP 1300 TODAY PERIOD OBTAINED BODIES ENSMINGER
SANDRI SHORE OTHERS SENT FROM KASASAGASI DEPARTED KASASAGASI
LEADING OAHU LADYBIRD KOTORE WE HAVE LARGE COLORS FORE MAST
AND HORIZONTAL AFT FOUR BODIES ON FANTAIL COLORS HALFMAST
ALL SHIPS PERIOD OBTAINED PANAY GIG FROM CRICKET ABOVE NANKING
CONVOY JOINED BY TWO BANDS STEAMERS ANCHORED 1617 JUST ABOVE
NANKING AT DIRECTION KASAGASI WHICH STATED BATTALION ON
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WRECKED SHELLFIRE SHIP CROWDED BUT ALL CARED FOR LTCOMDR
HUGHES NOW MORE COMFORTABLE WITH LEG SPLINT ALL CIVILIAN
SURVIVORS PREPARING STATEMENTS FOR CINCAF AS REQUESTED
ALSO LTCOMDR HUGHES COMPILING HIS 2245

13-ACTION(4)
05 10-A 11 19 20 38 CWO 16 (5)

MARCORPS (2) PX
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FROM USS OAHU

TO CINCAF

INFO COMYANGPAT

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1937

ROUTINE

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PANAY BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON SOCONY VESSELS PLANES APPARENTLY CONCEN-
TRATING ON ARMED VESSEL BEFORE DESTROYING OTHERS 2312

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 18, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Please ask CINCAF what
disposal was made of code books
and other confidential papers when
PANAY was abandoned.

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FROM: CINCAF

ACTION: OPHAV

INFO: AMCON SHAISHA, COMYANGPAT, AMEMBASSADOR JAPAN, AMEMBASSADOR CHINA

PRIORITY TO OPHAV /S

0010 JAPANESE CHIEF OF STAFF CALLED AT 1100 AND MADE FOLLOWING REPORT
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TRY HELP SURVIVORS PERIOD HAD BEEN AND DAMU NOW PROCEEDING VICINITY
WOMEN WHERE SURVIVORS ARE FULL INFORMATION REGARDING INCIDENT NAMES
KILLED WOUNDED NOT AVAILABLE WILL SEND WHEN RECEIVED FROM RSM THE
DATA ALL VESSELS WERE DIRECTED IN AUGUST TO DISPLAY COLORS HO-100-
TALLY ON UPPER DECKS AND PANAY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY COMPLYING WITH THIS
EXLT 1500

13 ACTION(4)

BUNAV 05 10A 11 16(6) 15 20 38 PX

CWD MARCORPS(2) STATE VIA MSGR.

WHITE HOUSE(2) VIA MSGR.

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Z MUSK V F5Q P GR 279 .

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0015 PANAY STATIONED NANKING PROTECT NATIONALS MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS
BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICE NANKING AND AMBASSADOR HANKOW PERIOD DUE
FIGHTING IN CITY HAD TAKEN THIRTEEN FOREIGN MEN INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS
AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF FIVE OTHER AMERICANS ONE BRITISH THREE ITALIANS
ON BOARD OTHER AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS ON THREE STANDARD OIL VESSELS
MEIAN MEIHSIA MEIPING PERIOD THESE VESSELS ANCHORED FIRST OFF HSIKWAN
BUT WERE ENDANGERED BY JAPANESE ARTILLERY FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST JUNKS
OTHER RIVER CRAFT IN WHICH CHINESE WERE FLEEING PERIOD AS FIGHTING
PROGRESSED VESSELS FORCED MOVE UP RIVER KEEP CLEAR LINE OF FIRE AT
TIME OF FIRST BOMBING ATTACK VESSELS WERE ANCHORED OFF (100)

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KAIYUAN NEAR ENTRANCE HOHSIEN CHANNEL PERIOD TOTAL FIVE BOMBING ATTACKS
FROM EIGHTEEN HUNDRED METERS WERE MADE AT 1235 THREE BOMBERS AT 1330
SIX FIGHTERS AT 1340 SIX BOMBERS AT 1350 THREE BOMBERS AT 1630 TWO
BOMBERS PERIOD SECOND ATTACK BELIEVED HAVE BEEN MACHINE GUN ATTACK
ALSO AS RESULT THESE ATTACKS MEAN DAMAGED BEACHED MEIPING MEIHSIA
BURNED PANAY SUNK PERIOD FIFTY FOUR SURVIVORS INCLUDING EIGHT SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED LANDED NORTH BANK NEAR HOHSIEN PROCEEDED^{ED} INLAND TWENTY KILOMETERS
TO HANSHAN TO GET CLEAR FIGHTING AREA THIS PARTY NOW RETURNED HOHSIEN
BOARDED DAH LADYBIRD POSSIBLY JAPANESE DESTROYER PERIOD OTHER SURVIV-
ORS LANDED SOUTH BANK THREE (200)

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PROCEEDING WITH SOME TAKEN ABOARD THIS BEE AT FIRST NOW INX DAHU
COMPLETE LISTS PASSENGERS AND KILLED WOUNDED NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT
FOUR KNOWN DEAD PERIOD JAPANESE SENT GUNBOAT HOZO TWO DESTROYERS ONE
LARGE PATROL PLANE TO HOHSIEN TO ASSIST CONTACTING SURVIVORS MAINT-
AINING ~~PLANE TO HOHSIEN TO ASSIST CONTACTING SURVIVORS MAINTAINING~~
LASON WITH JAPANESE ARMY FORCES AIDING WOUNDED AND TRANSPORTING
SURVIVORS PERIOD PRESENT PLAN TO BRING PARTY TO SHANGHAI IN DAHU
LADYBIRD PERIOD PROMPT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF BRITISH AND JAPAN-
ESE NAVIES HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL 0516

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FROM : USS OAHU
ACTION: ~~CINCAF~~ COMYANGPAT
INFO: CINCAF

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1014 CINCAF 0114 0928 AND 0114 1125 SURVIVORS ARE TO BE EMBARKED ABOUT
1630 USING AMERICAN BRITISH JAPANESE BOATS PERIOD OAHU WILL TAKE MANY AS
POSSIBLE REMAINDER TO BE PLACED ON LADYBIRD AND HOOZU PERIOD BEE WILL
TAKE ANY WOUNDED TO WUHU IF NECESSARY PERIOD LADYBIRD WILL HELP TAKE
WOUNDED TO SHANGHAI POSSIBLY DEPART FORENOON FIFTEENTH ACCOMPANIED BY
LADYBIRD AND HOOZU SPEED LIMITED BY OTHER VESSELS JAPANESE OFFERED TAKE
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN SEAPLANE BUT OFFER COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PLANE
MUST DEPART 1500 TODAY 1405

13 ACTION(4)

05 10A 11 16(6)

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19 20 38 PG-OWO STATE MARCORPS(2)
BUNAV WHITE HOUSE
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FROM ; USS DAHU
ACTION; COMYANGPAT
INFO ; CINCAF

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0514 YOUR 0514 1235 AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED PANAY CAPSIZED AND ~~SUNK~~
SUNK DIRECTLY ABREAST LOWER ENTRANCE HOHSIEN CHANNEL ABOUT 500 YARDS
YARDS FROM LEFT BANK 7 FATHOMS WATER NOTHING SHOWING BOMBED ABOUT 1330
SANK ABOUT 1430 MORE DETAILS UPON CONTACT WITH SURVIVING OFFICERS 1410

13 ACTION(4)

05 10A 11 16(6)

19 20 38 PX CWO STATE

MARCORPS (2)

WHITE HOUSE 20G 20GS

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FROM: CINCAP

PSF Navy

PRIORITY

1937

ACTION: NAVDEPT

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2019 MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE WHICH MAY BE MODIFIED BY FINDINGS COURT OF INQUIRY IN ANSWER YOUR TEN TWENTY FIVE OF EIGHTEEN DECEMBER IS THAT FIVE SEPARATE BOMBING ATTACKS WERE MADE ON PANAY AND CONVOY FIRST THREE BOMBERS IN HORIZONTAL ATTACK FROM ALTITUDE ESTIMATED SEVEN THOUSAND FEET ONE BOMB STRUCK PANAY SECOND SIX PURSUIT PLANES MADE DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS IN SUCCESSION DROPPING APPARENTLY TWO BOMBS EACH SIXTY KILOGRAMS THIRD SIX BOMBERS DROPPED SEVERAL BOMBS FROM HIGH ALTITUDE FOURTH THREE LIGHT BOMBERS MADE DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS FIFTH TWO BOMBERS MADE HORIZONTAL ATTACK FROM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND FEET PERIOD TIMES OF ABOVE BOMBING ATTACKS REPORTED IN MY SIXTEEN ZERO EIGHT OF THIRTEENTH PERIOD DURING DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS PLANES FIRED MACHINE GUNS AND DURING ESCAPE SURVIVORS PLANES DIVED MACHINE GUNNED BOATS AT LOW ALTITUDES PERIOD BEFORE PANAY SANK AND AFTER SHIP WAS ABANDONED ARMY MOTOR BOAT APPROACHED VESSEL MACHINE GUNNED IT SEVERAL SOLDIERS BOARDED AND STAYED ABOUT FIVE MINUTES PERIOD FIRST BOMB FELL FIFTEEN FEET OFF PORT BOW HOLDING BOW OPENING SEAMS AND WRECKING BRIDGE SECOND HIT WRECKED RADIO ROOM AND SURROUNDING SPACES SHIP SANK BOW FIRST IN ABOUT ONE HOUR TWO THESE HITS PERIOD AFTER FIRST ATTACK PANAY OPENED FIRE WITH FOUR MACHINE GUNS BUT APPARENTLY INEFFECTIVE NO OTHER GUNS USED BY VESSEL PERIOD PANAY DISPLAYED LARGEST COLORS AT GAFF AND TWO FLAGS ABOUT SIXTEEN FEET LONG HORIZONTALLY UPPER AWNING ONE FORWARD ANOTHER AFT SOCOMY SHIPS ALSO HAD LARGE COLORS PAINTED ON UPPER WORKS AND FLEW ENSIGN FROM FLAG STAFF PERIOD SURVIVORS WERE ATTACKED WHILE IN BOATS BY PLANES MACHINE GUNNING THEM AND AFTER THEY LANDED PLANES FLEW OVER REPEATEDLY APPARENTLY SEARCHING PERIOD ALL OFFICERS AND MEN CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES DURING BOMBING AND AFTERWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST TRADITIONS OF SERVICE COURT OF INQUIRY NOW IN SESSION WILL FINISH IN TWO DAYS AND FINDING WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY RADIO PERIOD IF AMBUSTA DOES NOT PROCEED MANILA WILL SEND REPORT OF COURT TO MANILA FOR CLIPPED PLANE LEAVING ABOUT THIRTY DECEMBER 1937

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TO ACTION (4)
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WHITEHOUSE (2)

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FROM : USS DAHU
ACTION: COMYANGPAT

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0014 YOUR 0514 1235 AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED PANAY CAPSIZED AND SUNK
SUNK DIRECTLY ABREAST LOWER ENTRANCE HOHSIEN CHANNEL ABOUT 500 YARDS
YARDS FROM LEFT BANK 7 FATHOMS WATER NOTHING SHOWING BOMBED ABOUT 1330
BANK ABOUT 1430 MORE DETAILS UPON CONTACT WITH SURVIVING OFFICERS 1410

13 ACTION(4)

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19 20 30 PX CWO STATE

MACORPS (2)

WHITE HOUSE 200 2000

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MSG 3576. FROM: ~~000000~~ COMYANGPAT
ACTION: USS SAHJ
INFO: CINCAF

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0014 FURTHER CONTACT MADE WITH PANAY SURVIVORS IN HANSHAN WHO WILL
RETURN TO HOHSIEN TODAY AS SOON AS WOUNDED HAVE RESTED ITALIAN
JOURNALIST SANDI AND ONE SAILOR OF PARTY NAME UNKNOWN DEAD LIEUT
AMERS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY MACHINE GUN BULLET IN THROAT AND WITH
SHRAPNEL PAXTON SLIGHTLY WOUNDED HMS BEE HAS BEEN INFORMED 1017.

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MARCORPS(2) WHITEHOUSE RELAYED STATE MSGR

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FROM ; COMYANGPAT
ACTION ; CINCAF

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0512 PANAY AGAIN ENDANGERED BY ARTILLERY FIRE AND F-ORCED MOVE
FARTHER UPRIVER BELIEVE JAP FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST JUNKS AND
OTHER RIVER CRAFT WHICH CLUSTER AROUND SHIP PERIOD HMS LADYBIRD
FIRED ON AT 0900 BY JAP BATTERIES NEAR APC INSTALLATION WUHU
AND STRUCK BY FOUR SHELLS KILLING ONE SEAMAN AND WOUNDING SEVERAL
OTHERS HMS BEE ALSO UNDER DIRECT FIRE BUT NOT STRUCK 1554
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13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 30 PX CWD MARCORPS(2)

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NPG NR 3346

FROM; COMYANGPAT.
ACTION; OPNAV.
INFO; 2ND BRIGADE USMC- YANGPAT- COMDESRON 5-
COMSUBRON 5- CINCAF- COMSOPAT- AMEMBASSADOR CHINA
USS MARBLEHEAD- AMEMBASSY NANKING CHINA-
ALUSNA PEPING CHINA. /CA

0012 PANAY ENDANGERED BY ARTILLERY FIRE FORCED MOVE ANCHORAGE FARTHER UP
RIVER PERIOD BRITISH GUNBOATS AND FOREIGN MERCHANT VESSELS BETWEEN WUHU AND
NANKING SUBJECTED DIRECT ARTILLERY AND AIR ATTACKS THROUGHOUT DAY
HMS LADYBIRD STRUCK FOUR TIMES BY JAP SHELLS AT WUHU ONE SEAMAN KILLED
SEVERAL WOUNDED PERIOD SITUATION NANKING UNCERTAIN BUT CHINESE APPARENTLY
STILL HOLD CITY 2110

13 ACTION(4)

05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 PX CW0 STATE

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MARCORPS(2)

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FROM: COMYANPAT.

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ACTION: CINCAF.

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0012 THREE AIR ATTACKS MADE ON BRITISH GUNBOATS CRICKET AND
SCARAB WITH CONVOY TWELVE MILES ABOVE NANKING DURING AFTERNOON
PERIOD EIGHTEEN BOMBS DROPPED NO DIRECT HITS EXCEPT ON ONE
MERCHANT VESSEL BOTH GUNBOATS OPENED FIRE ON ATTACKING PLANES
2112

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FROM CINCAF
ACTION ALUSNA TOKYO
INFO OPNAV

AG

1111 BARKER ALDEN WILL ARRIVE SUNDAY AT HOISHOTO WHERE PRESHOOVER IS
AGROUND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE AND SAFEGUARD PASSENGERS ~~FX~~ PLEASE NOTIFY
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS 2346

13 ACTION (4)

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FROM: COMYANGPAT

ACTION: CINCAF

INFO: USS OAHU

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SHIP BOMBED AND SUNK 1040

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05 10A 11 16(00 19 20 38 PX CWO

STATE MARCORPS (2)

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IPG NR 3244 FROM: COMYANGPAT
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO:

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2ND BRIG. USMC, YANGPAT, COMSUBRON 5, COMDESRON 5
CINCPAC, COMSOPAT, USS MARBLEHEAD, AMEMBASSY NANKING
ALMSNA PEIPING

#11 CONTINUOUS BOMBING AND MACHINEGUN FIRE NANKING PUKOW HSIKUAN
FIVE JAPAN BOMBERS LEVELLED MAIN OBJECTIVES PUKOW WATERFRONT AND ARTILLERY
FIRE DIRECTED VICINITY PANAY AND ~~STANDVACK~~ STANDVACK VESSELS WHICH WERE ~~COMPL~~ COM-
PLETED ANCHORAGE FARTHER UPRIVER PERIOD WUHU OCCUPIED BY JAPANESE
2355

13 ACTION (4)

#5 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 CWD PX MARCORPS(2)

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Z MUSK V F5Q P GR 18

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPNAV PRIORITY /S

0115 FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AB MENKEN OF PARAMOUNT NEWS VIA
JAPANESE CONSULATE ALL FOREIGNERS SAFE IN NANKING 2112

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DEC 1941

0821 BZ 15 DEC

OT12 BOTTOMING RECEIVED 1300 18
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FROM: USS DAHU
ACTION: CONYANGPAT

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1015 EXPECT DEPART FOR SHANGHAI IN COMPANY HMS LADYBIRD AND JAPANESE
SHIPS ABOUT 1300 500N AS BODIES RECEIVED SURVIVORS EQUALLY DIVIDED
DAHU AND LADYBIRD THOSE SERIOUSLY INJURED ON DAHU PERIOD HAVE
RECOVERED PANAY OUTBOARD MOTOR SAMPAN EXPECT PICK UP PANAY MOTOR
SAMPAN FROM HMS CRICKET AT NANKING 1210

13 ACTION

05 10A 11 16 19 20 38 PX CWO BUNAV MARCORPS

0435 VPMX

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Z MUSH V FSQ ZMT 2 2 FSQ F60 V NEFN P GR 10
FROM: USS BAHU
ACTION: CHICAP, COMYANPAT PRIORITY HP

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1015 DEPARTING 1300 TODAY IN COMPANY HONZU AND LANCYBIRN 1055.

13 ACTION

2141 VPMX.

05 XPA 11 16 19 20 38 PX CWO MUNAV M-ROSEPH

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NPQ 3876

FROM; COMSOPAT.
ACTION; OPNAV
INFO; 2ND BRIGADE (USMC) COMBUDRON FIVE. COMDESRON FIVE.
CINCAF COMYAROPAT AMAMXEMXNX AMAMBASSADOR CHINA
USS MARBLEHEAD ALUSNA PEIPING NITE C

0114 SOUTH CHINA PORTS QUIET 2000

13-ACTION (4)

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STATE MARCORPS (2)

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NAVJG MESSAGE

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Z MUSK V WIFE Q F5Q HOCK P GR 33

FROM: ALUSNA PEIPING
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: CINCAF, MARCORPS

PRIORITY WP

1615 CARLSON REFERRED TO IN AMBASSADORS RADIO FIFTEEN DECEMBER 1955
TO SECSTATE IS CAPTAIN SOCONY VACUUM OIL COMPANY TANKER SUNK NEAR
HONOLULU IS NOT REPEAT NOT EVANS F CARLSON CAPTAIN USMC 1955

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16 19 20 30 PX CWD BUNAV MARCORPS

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Z MUSH V FSQ Q BUMP WELD P MUSH GR 147

FROM: CMICAF
ACTION: OPHAV
INFO: AMCON SHANGHAI,

PRIORITY WP

0815 HNS SEE REPORTS FIRST GROUP PANAY SURVIVORS ARRIVED 2350 TUESDAY
REMAINDER AT 0200 TODAY TWO COFFINS WILL BE BROUGHT OUT AT 0900
TODAY PERIOD AS FAR AS CAN BE LEARNED ALL PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR
PERIOD FOLLOWING STRETCHER CASES LTCDR J J HUGHES LT AF ANDERS KJ
RICE EM THIRD JB LANG CQM CH BIRK EM FIRST AA KOZAK MM SECOND EWG
HULSEBUS COX PN ZIEGLER SC THIRD CS SCHROYER SEA FIRST NL DAVIS F
FIRST MR GASSIE EMBASSY CLERK PERIOD MACDONALD CORRESPONDENT AMONG
FIRST GROUP SURVIVORS REPORTS PANAY HIT ABOUT 1350 TWELFTH BY BOMB
FROM GREAT HEIGHT SHIP ABANDONED AT 1405 BEFORE VESSEL SANK WAS
MACHINE GUNNED BY TWO JAPANESE ARMY MOTOR BOATS WHOSE CREWS BOARDED
ABOUT 1554 AND LEFT BEFORE VESSEL SANK PERIOD COLORS WERE FLYING AND
CLEARLY VISIBLE DURING WHOLE TIME PERIOD OAHU RADIO WAS OUT OF COMM-
MISSION TEN HOURS NOW BACK IN COMMISSION 1010

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 CWD PX HUNAV

MARCORPS (2) RELAYED STATE MSGR...

2020 AH WX.

WFO 3342

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPHAV

PRIORITY P1

PRIORITY

USIS PANAY STATIONED NANKING PROTECT NATIONALS MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS
BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICE NANKING AND AMBASSADOR HANKOW PERIOD DUE
FIGHTING IN CITY HAD TAKEN THIRTEEN FOREIGN MEN INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS
AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF FIVE OTHER AMERICANS ONE BRITISH THREE ITALIANS
ON BOARD OTHER AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS ON THREE STANDARD OIL VESSELS
MEIAN MEINDIA WEIPING PERIOD THESE VESSELS ANCHORED FIRST OFF HOIAKUAN
BUT WERE ENDANGERED BY JAPANESE ARTILLERY FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST JUNKS
OTHER RIVER CRAFT IN WHICH CHINESE WERE FLEEING PERIOD AS FIGHTING
PROCESSED VESSELS FORCED MOVE UP RIVER KEEP CLEAR LINE OF FIRE AT
TIME OF FIRST BOMBING ATTACK VESSELS WERE ANCHORED OFF (100)
KATYIAN NEAR ENTRANCE HOHSIEN CHANNEL PERIOD TOTAL FIVE BOMBING ATTACKS
FROM EIGHTEEN HUNDRED METERS WERE MADE AT 1235 THREE BOMBERS AT 1335
SIX FIGHTERS AT 1345 SIX BOMBERS AT 1355 THREE BOMBERS AT 1635 TWO
BOMBERS PERIOD SECOND ATTACK RECEIVED HAVE BEEN MACHINE GUN ATTACK
ALSO AS RESULT THESE ATTACKS MEIAN DAMAGED REACHED WEIPING MEINDIA
BURNED PANAY SINK PERIOD FIFTY FOUR SURVIVORS INCLUDING EIGHT SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED LANDED NORTH BANK NEAR HOHSIEN PROCEEDED INLAND TWENTY KILOMETERS
TO HANGHAI TO GET CLEAR FIGHTING AREA THIS PARTY NOW RETURNED HOHSIEN
BOARDED SAH LADYBIRD POSSIBLY JAPANESE DESTROYER PERIOD OTHER SURVIV-
ORS LANDED SOUTH BANK THREE (200)

PROCEEDING WHI SOME TAKEN ABOARD HIS VEE AT FIRST NOW IN SAH
COMPLETE LISTS PASSENGERS AND KILLED WOUNDED NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT
FOUR KNOWN DEAD PERIOD JAPANESE SENT GINBOAT HOZO TWO DESTROYERS ONE
LARGE PATROL PLANE TO HOHSIEN TO ASSIST CONTACTING SURVIVORS MAINT-
AINING ~~USIS PANAY STATIONED NANKING PROTECT NATIONALS MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS~~
EASONS WITH JAPANESE ARMY FORCES AIDING WOUNDED AND TRANSPORTING
SURVIVORS PERIOD PRESENT PLAN TO BRING PARTY TO SHANGHAI IN SAH
LADYBIRD PERIOD PROMPT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF BRITISH AND JAPANESE
NAVIES HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL 0516

ACTION..13(4)

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05 10A 11 16(6) 19 20 38 PX CWD (ROOM 3005)

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TO : CINCAF COMYANSPAT

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0015 ALL SHIPS WERE AT ANCHOR SOCONY SHIPS SUCCEEDED GETTING
UNDERWAY AFTER FIRST ATTACK PANAY HIT FORWARD TOOK PORT LIST
AND DOWN BY HEAD SINKING IN ABOUT ONE HOUR PLANES MADE NUMBER
ATTACKS LOW ALTITUDE BOMBS MACHINE GUNS PANAY COLORS DISPLAYED
TWO LARGE FLAGS HORIZONTAL UPPER AWNING ONE AT GAFF SOCONY
SHIPS LIKEWISE BOATS WERE ABLE TO LAND SURVIVORS NORTH SHORE
WHERE PARTY PROCEEDED INLAND MORE COMING 1045

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F8Z MUSK NUPM PLUG THOR P NIRR GR 10

FROM : CINCAF

ACTION:USS AUGUSTA, USS MARBLEHEAD

INFO : 2ND BRIGADE (USMC) AMCON SHANGHAI, COMSUBRON FIVE,
ALL SHIPS AT SHANGHAI, COMDESRON FIVE, COMYANGPAT, COMSOPAT,
OPNAV, USS EDSALL, COMSIXTEEN, NAVPUR SHANGHAI.

PRIORITY TO USS MARBLEHEAD.

1113 AUGUSTA WILL NOT DEPART SHANGHAI UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE 1108

2342 AN 12 DEC

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16 (6) 19 20 38 PX CWO

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1155/12 CWO

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FROM: ALUSNA PEIPING

1937

ACTION: NAVY DEPT

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INFO: CINCAF

ROUTINE

0012 ESTIMATES JAP TROOPS IN NORTH CHINA AS ON 9 DECEMBER IN THOUSANDS
HIGHEST THREE HUNDRED FIFTY LOWEST TWO TWENTY FIVE INCLUDING KWANTUNG
ARMY OBSERVER ON SPOT REPORTS WAR SPIRIT STRONG IN HANKOW WITH NEW
LEVIES ~~IN~~ STRAINING EXPECT SOMETHING DEFINITE LOCAL POLITICAL
SITUATION ~~NO~~ POSSIBLE TOMORROW OR TUESDAY LIKELY TSAO KUN WUPEI FU
HSIEH YUAN SETUP 2030

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FROM; CINCAF INFO; 2ND BRIGADE (USMC) AMCON SHANGHAI CHINA
ACTION; OPNAV COMSUBRON FIVE, COMDESRON FIVE.
ASSAULT
#11 JAPANESE ~~ARMY~~ NANKING CONTINUES BELIEVED HAVE MADE BREACH IN
WALLS IN VICINITY KWANGHWA GATE SMALL DETACHMENTS TROOPS NOW IN CITY
UNCONFIRMED REPORT WUHU OCCUPIED SETTLEMENT SITUATION UNCHANGED SEVENTEEN
ARMED JAPANESE SOLDIERS ENTERED JAPANESE MILL AMERICAN SECTOR NIGHT
EIGHT TENTH WITHDRAW UPON REQUEST 1932

INFO; (CONTINUED) COMYANGPAT.
13-ACTION COMSOPATAMERICAN AMBASSADOR
05 10-A 11 16(6) CHINA
19 20 38 ~~XXXXXX~~ STATE
MARCORPS (2) USS MARBLEHEAD
PX CWO STATE AMEMBASSY NANKING
ALUSNA PEIPING
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#12 JAPANESE HAVE ENTERED WALLS NANKING TWO PLACES ADVANCING SLOWLY AIDED
HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM PURPLE MOUNTAIN CHINESE RESISTANCE STRONG ALT-
OUGH SOME TROOPS HAVE WITHDRAWN ACROSS RIVER TO PUKOW ^LARGE SECTIONS
CITY BURNING WUHU OCCUPIED YESTERDAY JAPANESE TROOPS ESTIMATED ONE DIVIS-
ION RETURNED SHANGHAI FROM SOOCHOW SEVEN TRANSPORTS OFF WOOSUNG SHANGHAI
NANKING HANGCHOW RAILROADS BEING REPAIRED JAPANESE ^ROLLING STOCK ^NOW
IN USE BETWEEN WOOSUNG SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT QUIET 1946

FROM -CINCAF
ACTION † OPNAV
#751 CI MX/ INFO - 2ND BRIGADE USMC. AMCON SHANGHAI. COMDESRON 5
COMSUBRON 5, COMYANGPAT, COMSOPAT,
AM AMBASSADOR CHINA, USS MARBLEHEAD,
AMEMBASSY NANKING, ALUSNA PEIPING

13 ACTION (4)

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FROM ; COMSOPAT
ACTION; OPNAV
INFO ; 2ND BRIGADE (USMC), COMSUBRON 5, COMDESRON 5
CINCAF, COMYANGPAT, USS MARBLEHEAD, AMEMBASSY
NANKING CHINA, ALUSNA PEIPING
NITE (B)

0111 SOUTH CHINA PARTS QUIET 2000

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19 20 38 PX STATE MARCORPS)2)

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ACTION: CINCAF

INFO: COMYANGPAT, COMSOPAT, AMEMBASSADOR CHINA, OPNAV, AMEMBASSY NANKING,
ALUSNA PEIPING

8613 DIGEST MONDAY PRESS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE
STATES JAPANESE TROOPS 12 DECEMBER CAPTURED ENTIRE SOUTHERN WALL
NANKING AND ARE DRIVING TOWARD CENTER OF CITY IN HEAVY STREET FIGHTING
PERIOD OTHER JAPANESE UNITS CROSSED YANGTZE RIVER NEAR WUKIANG AND
ARE ADVANCING TOWARD PUKOW THREATENING CHINESE REAR PERIOD JAPANESE
REPORTS (50) STATE CHINESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN VACUATING NANKING IN
RIVER VESSELS SINCE EVENING 11 DECEMBER PERIOD JAPANESE FIELD ARTILLERY
AND MACHINEGUNS EARLY MORNING 12 DECEMBER FIRED ON HMS LADYBIRD AND
2 BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS AT WUHU KILLING NAVAL RATING WOUNDING
SEVERAL PERIOD DURING AFTERNOON JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BOMBED CONCENTRATION
BRITISH VESSELS AT
WBIASANSHAN 12 MILES UPRIVER FROM NANKING WERE FIRED ON BY HMS SCARAB
AND CRICKET NO DAMAGE CAUSED EITHER VESSELS OR PLANES PERIOD JAPANESE
11 DECEMBER FIRED ON LAUNCH IN WHANGPOO RIVER FLYING GERMAN FLAG
WHEN VESSEL FAILED STOP AFTER BEING HAILED LATER OCCUPIED VESSEL
THREATING SWISS SUBJECT IN CHARGE AND REFUSED ALLOW MUNICIPAL POLICE
ON BOARD PERIOD VESSEL AND PASSENGERS LATER RELEASED AT CITY GOVERNMENT
PONTOON PERIOD STATEMENT MADE BY NANTAO SAFETY ZONE AUTHORITIES REPORTS
MAJORITY JAPANESE TROOPS WITHDRAW THAT AREA AND THAT JAPANESE WILL
NOT TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATION REUTER SINSIANG HONAN REPORTS RENEIX
NORTH CHINA FRONT QUIET WITH EXCEPTION OPERATIONS

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CHINESE MOBILE UNITS PERIOD JAPANESE REPORTED ENGAGED SETTING UP
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY PERIOD JAPANESE FORCES
SOUTHERN SHANSI REPORTED WITHDRAW FOR PROTECTION PINGSUI PINGHAN AND
CHINGTAI RAILWAYS PERIOD JAPANESE AIRCRAFT ACTIVE NORTH CHINA
BOMBING CHINESE POSITIONS DAILY 0950

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ACTION: CINCAF
INFO: COMYANGPAT, COMSOPAT, AMEMBASSADOR CHINA,
OPNAV, AMEMBASSY NANKING, ALUSNA PEIPING.

NITE /S

8612 DIGEST SUNDAY PRESS RUTERS HANKOW REPORTS LATEST NEWS NIGHT
11 DECEMBER ANNOUNCED NO CHANGE IN NANKING SITUATION AND CITY STILL
HELD BY CHINESE REUTER NANKING REPORTS HEAVY FIGHTING AT NANKING
GATES ON 3 SIDES WITH SEVEREST ENGAGEMENT OUTSIDE QUANGHUAMEN WHERE
CHINESE FORCES HOLD FORTS COMMANDING ENTRANCE PERIOD CHINESE REPORTS
(50) CONFIRM JAPANESE CAPTURE PURPLE MOUNTAINS WHENCE JAPANESE MAY
DIRECT FIRE ANYWHERE WITHIN NANKING PERIOD PILOTS CHINESE PLANES
REPORT LARGE FIRES WITHIN CITY WALLS CAUSED BYXX INTENSE BOMBARDMENT
AND CONTINUOUS JAPANESE AIRRAIDS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS JAPANESE
COMMUNIQUE AFTERNOON 11 DECEMBER CLAIMS ^{CAPTURE} ~~XXXXX~~ WUHU BY JAPANESE
FORCES PERIOD JAPANESE AUTHORITIES 11 DECEMBER (100) ASSUMED CONTROL
NANTAO REFUGEE ZONE FOLLOWING FIRING PISTOL SHOT AT JAPANESE SENTRY
BY UNKNOWN PERSON BELIEVED WITHIN ZONE PERIOD JAPANESE REPORT
CONTROL NOW LIMITED TO POLICING DISTRICT BUT ADMINISTRATION WILL
SOON BE TAKEN OVER PERIOD TA TAO CITY GOVERNMENT AUTONOMOUS REGIME
NOW FUNCTIONING IN POOTUNG 11 DECEMBER HOISTED FLAGS OVER (150)
FERRYING POTUNG AT PEKING ROAD JETTY FLEETNEWS HANKOW REPORTS
ACCORDING CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE OUTER MONGOLIAN GOVERN-
MENT PASSED THROUGH SIAN ENROUTE OFFER MONGOLIAN TROOPS TO CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT DOME SHHCHIANGHUANG REPORTS JAPANESE FORCES 10 DECEMBER
RESUMED OPERATIONS WESTERN HANGTUNG OCCUPYING TANGHI HSINCHI AND
SIATUNG WHILE VANGUARD REACHED TAICHUAN 6 MILES FROM (200) KWANSHIEN
REUTER TOKYO REPORTS WHEN JAPANESE TROOPS OCCUPY NANKING PREMIER
KONOYE IS EXPECTED URGE PEOPLE UNITE FOR PROTRACTED HOSTILITIES AND

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WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO JAPANESE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT
PEACE IN EAST ASIA AS RESULT COLLAPSE NANKING GOVERNMENT WHICH
IS NOW MERELY LOCAL ADMINISTRATION Ø939

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RADIO USS LUZON CK113 GOVT STATE PRIORITY TWELFTH 2235

GOVT STATE PRIORITY SECSTATE WASHINGTON AMEMBASSY PEIPING COMMANDER IN
CHIEF ASIATIC FLEET USS AUGUSTA
DECEMBER 12 2200 COMMANDER YANGTZE PATROL
HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT PANAY SINCE 1335 TODAY AM INFORMED THAT
JAPANESE ARMY FORCES HAVE ORDERS TO FIRE UPON ALL SHIPS ON RIVER PERIOD
IN VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED TO BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS NEAR NANKING AND AT ~~MMN~~
WUHU TODAY PLEASE ASK TOKYO TO MAKE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO FOREIGN
OFFICE AND TO NOTIFY IF OF WHEREABOUTS OF PANAY AND STANDARD OIL ~~MMN~~
COMPANYS SHIPS LOADED WITH AMERICAN REFUGEES COMMA LAST REPORTED
ANCHORED AT MILEAGE TWO TWENTY ONE ~~MMN~~ ABOVE WOODSUNG PERIOD PEIPING
REPEAT URGENT TO TOKYO PERIOD SENT TO DEPARTMENT PEIPING AND INFORMATION
CINCAF

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PRIORITY AT

T MUSK Z FSQ V C2L Q 030 05Y POST WIFE P GR 68

FROM ; COMSUBRON 5
ACTION ; CINCAF - OPNAV

INFO ; COMDESRON 5- FOURTH MARINES- AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING
ALUSNA PEIPING

0023 IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED TODAY BY LOCAL JAPANESE
CHINESE AUTHORITIES WHICH PROMISE TO GREATLY RELIEVE TENSION AND INSURE
SAFETY OF TSINGTAO DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS NOT AVAILABLE AWAITING
SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO RELEASE TO THE PRESS AMERICAN AND BRITISH CONSULS
AND NAVAL COMMANDERS CONFIDENT THIS IS A POSITIVE START TOWARD BETTER
CONDITIONS HERE NO IMMEDIATE DANGER HERE AND NOT BELIEVED NECESSARY
PROVIDE FOR ANY IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS 1725

FMED COMOR DAVIS
AT 0715

0650 AG MX 23 AUG

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16 (5) 19 20 MARCORPS
STATE CWO 38 PX



Capt. Bartels

NPD 496

1937

FROM: ALUSNA PEIPING

RESTRICTED

ACTION: NAVY DEPT

INFO: COMSUBRON 5; COMDESRON 5; CINCAF; COMYANGPAT; 4TH MARINES;
AMEMBASSY NANKING

P-R-I-O-R-I-T-Y

0023 INCREASED JAP AERIAL ACTIVITY DENOTES ANXIETY DUE ADVANCING
REGULAR IRREGULAR FORCES CONCENTRATIONS WEST SOUTH THIS AREA

HEAVY BOMBING YESTERDAY OF SUSPECTED LOCATIONS RADIUS THIRTY FIVE MILES
PEKIN PLANES PASSING OVER TOWN NIPPON ATTACK WEST LIANGSIANG BOGGED

DOWN IMPASSABLE ROADS AND LIULIOO RIVER NO ADVANCE NANKOW PEIPING
CHRONOCLE SUPPRESSED LAST NIGHT REPORTEDLY BECAUSE PLANNING PUBLISH

NEWS JAPANESE REVERSES FIFTEEN HUNDRED TANK CORPS TROOPS WITH EQUIPMENT
PASSED THROUGH CHINWANGTAO NORTH FOR MANCHUKUO INDICATING OPERATIONS

REINFORCE WESTERN JEHDL FRONT COMMA CITY QUIET TRUCKS CARTS COOLIES
BEING IMPRESSED DAILY BY INVADERS TWO TRAINS DAILY TIENTSIN 1450

TOR IN CDE RM 0645 23 AUG 1937

PHONED CMDR DAVIS 0715

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05 10A 11 16(5) 19 20 MARCORPS STATE CWO 38 PX FILE

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FROM : COMSUBRON 5
ACTION : CINCPAC--OPNAV
INFO : COMDESRON 5 - FOURTH MARINES - ALBANY, PEIPING
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING

0823 CLOSING OF NEARLY ALL STORES FACTORIES DRUGGIST AND OTHER
BUSINESSES COMPLETE EVACUATION JAPANESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND WHOLESALE
EXODUS OF CHINESE HAS CAUSED INTENSE APPREHENSION IN TSINGTAO AT NIGHT
STREETS ARE DESERTED AND OMINOUSLY QUIET BOTH SIDES APPEAR FULLY
PREPARED FOR TROUBLE ALTHOUGH MAYOR BIEN AND JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL
BOTH HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED NEITHER WILL MAKE AGGRESSIVE MOVE UNLESS
ATTACKED TENSION AT SUCH HIGH PITCH BELIEVED ONLY SLIGHT SPARK
NECESSARY TO START SERIOUS TROUBLE 1325

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16(5) 19 20 MARCORPS
STATE(2) CWO 38 PX

0814 AG 23 AUG

NPG 6608
NPG 6608

-Z-MUSK V F6C-Q-C2L D3C F5Q F8Z POST NITE GR45
FROM- COMYANGPAT
ACTION- DPNAV
INFO- COMSUBRON5- COMDESRON5- CINCAF-COMSOPAT-AMEMBESSY NANKING CHINA.

NITE PC

0022 NANKING AGAIN BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES SHORTLY AFTER 2000
THIS EVENING PERIOD TWENTY BOMBS DROPPED TO EASTWARD OF CITY
DAMAGE UNKNOWN PERIOD AIR RAID ON HANKOW LAST EVENING ONLY THREE
BOMBS DROPPED IN VICINITY OF TEXAS COMPANY SEVEN MILES FROM
CITY NO DAMAGE 2335

ACTION- 13 (4)
05 10A 11 16 (5) 19 20 MARCORPS STATE
CWO 38 PX

1627 AJ 22 AUG

NAVAL MESSAGE

RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

NPS 6624/5

FROM- COM3OPAT
ACTION- OPNAV
INFO- COMSUBRON5 COMDEBRONS CINCAF COMYANGPAT-

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THEY REMOVED HANKING CHINA

NITE PC

CANTON

0122 NO CHANGE SITUATION AT ~~SHANGHAI~~ KWANGTUNG GOVERNMENT DID NOT SEND
SILVER RESERVE TO HONGKONG NO CHANGE IN SITUATION AT FOCHOW
AT SWATOW ABOUT 10000 CHINESE OR HALF POPULATION HAVE LEFT
CITY AT HONGKONG THERE HAVE BEEN 602 CASES OF CHOLERA
TO DATE ABOUT HALF OF WHOM HAVE DIED 1945

13 ACTION- 4
05 10A 11 16(5) 19
20 MARCORPS STATE(2)
CWO 38 PX

1744 AJ 22 AUG.

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MPG 6550

FROM : COMSUBRON 5
ACTION : CINCPAC-OPNAV
INFO : COMDESRON 5- FOURTH MARINES- AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING /AT
NAVAL ATTACHE PEIPING

0022 SITUATION TSINGTAO SAME AS YESTERDAY CITY QUIET 1200

0124/ 0135 /02140 MX 22 AJO

13 ACTION(4)

05 10A 11 16(5) 19 20

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NPO 476
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NAVAL MESSAGE
RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT
FROM: COMYANGPAT
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: CINCAF

NITE P1

0022 TWENTY FIRST AIR RAIDS NANKING CONTINUED WITH MILITARY
DAMAGE DOUBTFUL ALSO TWO AIR BOMBINGS AT KIUKIANG BUT NO EFFORT
EVIDENT AGAINST KULING SUMMER CAPITAL NEARBY PERIOD TWO AIR
RAIDS HANKOW WHICH CHINESE PLANES ANTICIPATED AND NO JAP PLANES
SIGHTED BUT AT 2021 TWO HEAVY DETONATIONS DOWNRIVER FEW MILES
NORTHWESTWARD WHICH IS FIRST ACTUAL BOMBING HANKOW AREA PERIOD
NANKING REFUGEES ARRIVED PERIOD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS 700 JAP
PRISONERS ARRIVED NANKING FOR SAFEGUARDING 0830

ACTION...13 (4)

0326/0735 AG RB 22 AUG

05 10A 11 16(5) 19 20 MARCORPS

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FROM;
ACTION;
INFO;

CINCAF
OPNAV

AMERICAN CONSUL SHANGHAI CHINA COMSUBRON FIVE.
COMDESPON FIVE COMSOPAT 4TH MARINES
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA ~~SEE~~ ALUSNA PEIPING
CHINA C

#123 HONGKEW YANGTZEPOO AND POOTUNG AREAS COMPARATIVELY QUIET THROUGH-
OUT DAY EXCEPT FOR OCCASSIONAL BOMBING BY JAPANESE PLANES AND SHELLING
OF POOTUNG AND AREAS EAST OF YANGTZEPOO BY NAVAL VESSELS PERIOD ACTION
NOW SHIFTED TO WOODSUNG WHERE JAPANESE ARMY UNITS HAVE LANDED IN FORCE
ESTIMATED TWO DIVISIONS PERIOD MORE TROOPS REPORTED EN ROUTE PERIOD
CHINESE SNIPERS STILL ACTIVE ALONG RIVER PERIOD ABOUT 1256 LARGE TWO
MOTORED MONOPLANE BELIEVED CHINESE DROPPED BOMB ON SINCERE COMPANY
BUILDING NANKING ROAD MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED CASUALTIES INCLUDING
SEVERAL FOREIGNERS PERIOD ANOTHER BOMB PROBABLY DROPPED BY SAME PLANE ~~XXI~~
STUCK USNAVY GOODOWN FAILED EXPLODE FRAGMENTS BEING STUDIED 1915

13-ACTION (4)
#839 AM 23 AUG MX/933 05 10-A 11 16(6) 19 20 MARCORPS STATE
CWO 38 PX RELAYED SD VIA WR

NPM 435

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FROM: FOURTH MARINES
ACTION: CINCAF
INFO: COMSUBRON 5 - COMDESRON 5 - COMYANGPAT
COMSOPAT - OPNAV - AMEMBASSY NANKING -
ALUSMA PEIPING

*BSF
Navy*

DR

8624 DIGEST TUESDAY PRESS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ABOUT 17~~0~~ DEAD 47~~0~~
WOUNDED 13~~0~~ 5 23 AUGUST WHEN HIGH EXPLOSIVE BELIEVED AERIAL BOMB STRUCK
SINCERE COMPANY BUILDING NANKING ROAD PERIOD AT ABOUT SAME TIME ANOTHER
BOMB STRUCK US NAVY GODOWN SZECHUEN ROAD BUT BROKE UP AND FAILED
EXPLODE PERIOD BOMB RECONSTRUCTED BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH OFFICERS
ESTIMATED 1~~000~~ POUNDS PERIOD JAPANESE EXPERT WHO EXAMINED BOMB AT
POLICE HEADQUARTERS DECLARED IT IS CHINESE WHILE CHINESE AUTHORITIES
STATE THERE WERE NO CHINESE PLANES NEAR SETTLEMENT AT THAT TIME PERIOD
JAPANESE LANDED ARMY REINFORCEMENTS EARLY MORNING 23 AUGUST IN VICINITY
WOOSUNG PERIOD ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT (1~~00~~) JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE
TROOPS LANDED NUMBER OVER 5~~000~~ BUT CHINESE OFFICIAL REPORT STATES
ONLY BETWEEN 2~~000~~ AND 3~~000~~ ASHORE PERIOD THESE MEN LANDED AT LION
FOREST FORTS NEAR WOOSUNG WENTSADPANG AND CHANGWAHPANG IN FACE STILL
RESISTANCE FROM CHINESE TROOPS PERIOD SHANGHAI FRONT GENERALLY QUIET
WITH ONLY DESULTORY FIGHTING IN YANGTZEPOO DISTRICT PERIOD JAPANESE
REMAIN IN POSSESSION WATERFRONT DESPITE CHINESE EFFORTS TO ADVANCE
PERIOD EARLY IN MORNING CHINESE TRENCH MORTARS NEAR NORTH STATION AND
FIELD ARTILLERY NEAR NORTH CHEKIANG AND HAINING ROADS FIRED ON
JAPANESE POSITIONS 1 HOUR PERIOD CHINESE REPORTS STATE JAPANESE HAVE
SURRENDERED POSTS ALONG HAINING TIENDONG AND WOOSUNG (2~~00~~)

Capt Bactels

ROADS PERIOD JAPANESE CLAIM THEY REPULSED HEAVY CHINESE ATTACKS ALONG NORTHERN AND EASTERN FRONTS EARLY MORNING 23 AUGUST PERIOD JAPANESE PLANES 23 AUGUST BOMBED LUNGHWA AND KIANGWAN BUT MAJORITY PLANES OPERATING IN

WOOSUNG AREA PERIOD CHINA PRESS REPORTER STATE HUGE DAMAGE CAUSED WOOSUNG AREA BUT JAPANESE BOMBINGS PERIOD MAJORITY OF BOMBS FELL WILL OF TARGET AND CAUSED LARGE CASUALTIES AMONG CIVILIANS REUTER NANKING REPORTS 3 JAPANESE BOMBERS APPEARED OVER NANKING EARLY MORNING 23 AUGUST BUT DRIVEN OFF BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE CENTRAL KIANGYIN REPORTS 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN 2 DAMAGED 22 AUGUST WHEN 12 JAPANESE BOMBERS RAIDED KIANGYIN CENTRAL HANGCHOW REPORTS (300)

14 JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN AROUND HANGCHOW DURING PAST WEEK CENTRAL NANKING REPORTS MILITARY OBSERVERS SEE CHANGE IN JAPANESE TACTICS IN ATTACK ON CHAHAR PERIOD CHANGE NECESSITATED BY FAILURE TAKE NANKOW PASS BELIEVED AIMED AT FORCING CHINESE REAR ALONG RAILWAY DOMEI TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE CONTINUING DRIVE SOUTH ACROSS GREAT WALL 22 AUGUST CAPTURED WUCHUAN 8 KILOMETERS WEST KALMUN PERIOD LATER DESPATCHES STATE JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED ~~NANKING~~ KALGAN REUTER NANKING REPORTS GENERAL SUNG CHEH YUAN 23 AUGUST STATED REORGANIZATION TWENTY NINTH ARMY COMPLETE PERIOD LENG CHIH AN COMMANDS HOPEI FRONT AND LIU JU WING COMMANDS CHAHAR FRONT CENTRAL KWEI-
KWA REPORTS SEVERAL (400)

FORM 435 SHEET FIVE

HUNDRED MANCHOUKUO TROOPS ALONG GREAT WALL HAVE DECLARED DEFECTION PERIOD
MANY CERTAIN UNITS HAVE ARRIVED AT CHINESE GARRISONS WITH ARMS AND OTHER
UNITS AWAITING CHANGE FOR FLIGHT CENTRAL TSINGTAO REPORTS ONLY JAPANESE
NATIONALS REMAINING TSINGTAO ARE ABLE BODIED MALES COMMA EXSERVICEMEN AND
MEMBERS NAVAL LANDING PARTY CENTRAL PAOTING REPORTS LIANGSHIG BOMBED BY
JAPANESE PLANES 22 AUGUST BUT DAMAGE SLIGHT 0922

16 ACT

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AG MX 24 AUG

FROM : COMUSMACV 5
ACTION : CINCPAC-OPNAV
INFO : COMUSMACV 5- FOURTH MARINES
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING- ALUSNA PEIPING

PRIORITY AT

0024 MY 0023 1725 ONLY KNOWN RESULT YESTERDAYS NEGOTIATIONS FIRST CHINESE
POLICE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO ESTABLISH A GUARD AT NIGHT OVER CLOSED
JAPANESE COTTON MILLS SECOND JAPANESE CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY EVAC-
UATING ALL NATIONALS INCLUDING MEN FROM TSINGTAO DECISION ON THIS
UNKNOWN PERIOD OBJECT THESE MEASURES PREVENT HOSTILITIES THIS AREA PERIOD
CITY QUIET AND TENSION GREATLY EASED EFFORTS BEING MADE HAVE
SHOPS REOPEN AND RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS 17 1210

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 16 (6) 19 20 MARCORPS
STATE (2) CWO 38 PX

0117 AG MX 24 AUG

NAVAL MESSAGE

RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

NPG 6862

FROM- COMSOPAT
ACTION- OPNAV
INFO- COMSUBRON5 COMDESRONS CINCAF COMYANGPAT 4TH MARINES AMEMBASSEY
NANKING CHINA

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COPY PC NITE

Ø123 SITUATION UNCHANGED IN SOUTH CHINA 2ØØØ

13 ACTION
Ø5 1ØA 11 16 19 2Ø MARCORPS
STAKE CWO 38 PX

NITE AT

FROM : COMYANGPAT
 ACTION : OPNAV
 INFO : COMSUBRON 5 - COMDESRON 5 - CINCPAC
 COMSOPAT- FOURTH MARINES- AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING

0023 SEVEN JAPANESE BOMBERS ATTEMPTED RAID ON HANKOW AREA NOON TODAY
 BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY LOCAL CHINESE FIGHTING PLANES AT PUCHI
 SIXTY MILES TO SOUTHWEST ALONG HANKOW CANTON RAILWAY PERIOD
 NO INFORMATION YET OF BOMBS DROPPED OR AIR COMBAT PERIOD OTHER
 RIVER PORTS QUIET 2320

2325 AJ23AUMX

13 ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 15(5) 19 20 MAP CORPS

STATE (2) CWD 38 PX

COPY P1

NPM 356

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: COMSUBRON 5 - OPNAV - USS CANOPUS
INFO: AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CHINA

NITE P1

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NAVY

0018 INFORM FAMILIES OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AND ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS
THAT TSINGTAO IS BELIEVED TO BE ENTIRELY SAFE AND THAT NO
ANXIETY NEED BE FELT HONGKONG AND MANILA WILL BE FILLED TO
CAPACITY WITH PEOPLE FROM SHANGHAI FOR SOME TIME TO COME AND
STEAMERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED FROM THEIR REGULAR (50) SCHEDULES IN
THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF DISTURBANCES IN TSINGTAO THE NAVAL
PERSONNEL IS ENTIRELY ADEQUATE TO ENSURE PROTECTION AND TRANSPORTATION
OUT OF THE CITY WILL BE PROVIDED IF NECESSARY 1400

1414 AH 19 AUG MX

ACTION....13(4)

05 10A 11 16(3) 19 20 MARCORPS(30-MSGR)

CWO 38 PX

WATERA NEED BE LEFT HINDERS
THAT INDICATIVE IS NOT HEARD TO BE
2000 HOURS LATER ON THAT

INFO: WEDIC
ACTION: CONSIDER
INFO: CMCW

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: STATE DEPT - AMEMBASSY PANKING

NITE /KO

#019# FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONGEN SHANGHAI QUOTE JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL
HAS NOTIFIED THE SENIOR CONSUL THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE THIRD
JAPANESE FLEET HAS ORDERED THE CLOSING OF SECTION SIX COMMA SEVEN AND
EIGHT OF THE RIVER TO CHINESE VESSELS BETWEEN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ZERO FIVE
HUNDRED AND THAT OTHER VESSELS SHOULD NOTIFY THE JAPANESE OF THEIR MOVEMENTS
IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE FOLLOWING REPLY
MADE TO JAPANESE COMMANDER IN CHIEF VIA AMCONGEN QUOTE THE AMERICAN NAVAL
COMMANDER IN CHIEF HAS CONSIDERED THE ORAL MESSAGE RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN
CONSUL GENERAL FROM THE JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL THROUGH THE SENIOR CONSUL COMMA
COMMA STATING THAT SECTIONS SIX COMMA SEVEN AND EIGHT OF THE WHANGPOO
WILL BE CLOSED FROM NINETEEN HUNDRED TO ZERO FIVE HUNDRED DAILY TO CHINESE
VESSELS AND THAT OTHER VESSELS SHOULD GIVE DUE NOTICE PERIOD PARAGRAPH

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SHEET TWO

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OBSERVES THAT VICE ADMIRAL HASEGAWA COMMA
JAPANESE COMMANDER IN CHIEF COMMA HAS NOT CONFERRED WITH HIM IN
REGARD TO THIS MATTER PERIOD SHEET TWO FOLLOWS 1346

13ACTION (4)
05 TO-A 11 1513
19 20 MARCORPS STATE CWO 38 PX
ADM COOK

0524 AG RB 19 AUG/0532

AGE
MENT
TPG 5547 Z MUSK V F8Z Q C2L 73C F5Q F6C 05Y POST NITE 02 69

FROM: COMSOPAT
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: COMSUBRON FIVE, COMDESRON FIVE,
CINCPAC COMYANGPAT, 4TH MARINES
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA NITE 0

119 AFTER EVACUATION OF ALL JAPANESE FROM CANTON CHINESE FEAR AIR
RAID AND MANY THOUSANDS HAVE LEFT AND ARE STILL LEAVING CITY AT SWATOW
MANY CHINESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE EVACUATED BUT CONDITIONS QUIET THERE
AT FOCHOW JAPANESE CONTINUE TO EVACUATE TO KEELUNG FORMOSA BUT
OPERATIONS HAMPERED BY STRIKE OF SAMPAN COOLIES STRIKE PROBABLY DUE TO
SUMMARY EXECUTION OF THREE COOLIES FOR SELLING RICE TO JAPANESE
DESTROYER WAKATKE 113

13-ACTION (4)
00-A 05 10-A 11 16(3)

1923 AFUX 19 AUG

19 20 MESSAGE HARCOR
STATE CNO 38

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PX

MPG 5541 Z MUSK V F5Q Q C2L R3C F5C 05Y P0LT WIFE GR 159

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: 0PMAY
INFO: COMUSMACV FIVE COMUSMACV FIVE COMUSMACV
4TH MARINES AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA
ALUSNA PEIPING CHINA

19 JAPANESE PLANES CONTINUE BOMBING ATTACKS ON HONGKEW FOOTING
CHENJU KUNSHAN KIANGWAN AND SHANGHAI NANKING RAILWAY WHILE
NAVAL VESSELS SEWELL KIANGWAN AND WOSUNG PERIOD RELIABLE
REPORT THAT JAPANESE ARMY UNITS HAVE LANDED AT WOSUNG NUMBERS
UNKNOWN PERIOD JAPANESE CASUALTIES TO DATE BELIEVED TO BE VERY
SMALL IN COMPARISON WITH CHINESE (50) WHICH NOW APPROXIMATELY FIVE
THOUSAND PERIOD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT JAPANESE AGAIN BOMBED NANKING
TODAY PERIOD CHINESE HAVE MADE SMALL ADVANCES INTO HONGKEW SECTION
FROM EASTWARD AND INTO YANGTZEPOO AS FAR AS WAYSIDE POLICE STATION
BELIEVE FURTHER ADVANCES IMPROBABLE PERIOD CHINESE BOMBERS REPORTED
VICINITY LOWER YANGTZE PERIOD EFFECTIVENESS OF WHANGPOO BARRIER
(195)

NPS 5541 SHEET 2

INCREASED WHEN CHINESE SEIZED FIVE SMALL JAPANESE RIVER STEAMERS AND
SANK THEM ABOVE NAVAL BUOYS PERIOD BRITISH FORCES IN SHANGHAI
INCREASED BY FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN AND FRENCH EXPECT ABOUT SEVEN
HUNDRED MEN ON 24 AUGUST PERIOD PRESS HOOVER WILL EVACUATE
APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND AMERICANS TOMORROW BRINSING TOTAL
EVACUATED TO SEVENTEEN (150) HUNDRED RUMORS SERIOUS CHOLERA
EPIDEMIC REPORTED FROM HONGKONG 2045

IS-ACTION 14}

00-A 05 10-A 11 15XXM (3)

19 20 MARCORPS

STATE

0902 AFMX 19 AUG

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FROM
ACTION
INFO

COMSUBRON 5
CINCPAC-OPNAV
COMDESRON 5-FOURTH MARINES-AMCM HANKING-ALUSNA PEIPING

PRIORITY GL

19 MY 18 1450 FURTHER INVESTIGATION INDICATES ELEVEN JAPANESE MEN
OF WAR WERE MOST LIKELY JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPS FOUR OF WHICH ARRIVED
TODAY FOR EVACUATION OF SURPLUS JAPANESE WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE FROM
INLAND THIS AREA REMAINS QUIET 1810

13 ACTION (4)

18A 05 18A 11 16(3) 15 20 MARCORPS CWO 38 PX

2222 AD MX 18 AUG

IPG 5545

FROM: CINDAF
ACTION: AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CHINA
INFO: STATE DEPT CHINA
PRIORITY: AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CHINA

19 YOUR 466 PLEASE INFORM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT
1919 AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE BEING PLACED ON BOARD PRESIDENT HOOVER
TOMORROW TWENTY AUGUST DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS PERIOD THE HOOVER WILL
BE ANCHORED IN THE LOWER WHANGPOO RIVER PERIOD THE PEOPLE WILL BE
PLACED ON THE HOOVER BY A TENDER AND TWO DESTROYERS PERIOD THE
TRANSFER WILL TAKE PLACE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS PERIOD THE CONDITIONS
IMPOSED BY THE CHINESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET
WITHOUT WITHDRAWING FROM THE WHANGPOO RIVER ENTIRELY AND LEAVING
OUR NATIONAL WITHOUT PROTECTION PERIOD THIS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF DOING 2129

13-ACTION
1929 AFMX 19 AUG 66-A 05 10-A 11 16(3) 19 20 MARCONI
STATE CWO 35 PX
RELAYED 30 VIA NR

NPO 489

FROM: FOURTH MARINES
ACTION: CINCAF
INFO: COMSUBRON 5-COMDESRON-5 - COMYANGPAT- COMSOPAT -
OPNAV - AMEMBASSY NANKING- ALUSNA PEIPING

PI

8619 DIGEST THURSDAY PRESS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS JAPANESE TROOPS IN COUNTER OFFENSIVE
~~171717Z~~ 18 AUGUST SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY COMMA NAVAL GUNFIRE AND AERIAL ATTACKS RETOOK AREA LOST PREVIOUS DAY PERIOD CHINESE HAD ADVANCED TO THORNBURN AND WARD ROADS BUT JAPANESE CLAIM THEY NOW HOLD THAT AREA AND CHINESE TROOPS DRIVEN OUTSIDE (500) SETTLEMENT PERIOD JAPANESE ALSO CLAIM THEY HAVE RECOVERED YANGTZEPOO AREA BUT THIS CLAIM DISCOUNTED PERIOD JAPANESE DENY CAPTURE KUNG DAH COTTON MILL BY CHINESE BUT ADMIT HEAVY FIGHTING THAT AREA PERIOD SEVERAL JAPANESE REINFORCEMENT LANDED SHANGHAI DURING DAY AND SENT INTO YANGTZEPOO AREA PERIOD ACCORDING RELIABLE REPORTS 3 JAPANESE DIVISIONS (1000) WILL ARRIVE SHANGHAI IN FEW DAYS FIRST DIVISION DUE ARRIVE 19 AUGUST PERIOD FOOTUNG BOMBARDED AT 2220 BY DESTROYER HATSUKI AND OTHER VESSELS BOTH SHIPS BETWEEN BUND AND FOOTUNG ABOUT 300 YARDS FROM USS AUGUSTA PERIOD JAPANESE SHIPS ALSO SHELLED NANTAO DURING EVENING PERIOD JAPANESE PLANES BOMBED CHAPEI DURING EARLY (1500) MORNING ANOTHER RAID SAID DAMAGED CHENJU RADIO STATION PERIOD LATER JAPANESE BOMBED KIANGNAN DOCK AND ARSENAL COMMA SOUTH STATION AND LUNGHWA AIRDROME PERIOD ACCORDING CHINA PRESS JAPANESE TROOPS DRIVEN BACK BY CHINESE TO WITHIN 400 YARDS NORTHERN YANGTZEPOO BOUNDARY ALONG 2 MILE FRONT PERIOD CHINESE TROOPS CHAPEI AREA HOLD POSITIONS (2000) REPORTED 200 YARDS FROM JAPANESE KIANGWAN ROAD BARRACKS PERIOD CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTS JAPANESE LINES REDUCED TO 800 METERS THEIR LOSSES OVER 2000 KILLED AND WOUNDED PERIOD DURING EVENING CHINESE FIRED ON JAPANESE WARSHIPS ANCHORED BEYOND FOOTUNG POINT PERIOD 6 JAPANESE RIVER VESSELS SCUTTLED AND SUNK BY CHINESE AND SUNK (2500) TO STRENGTHEN BOOM ACROSS WHANGROO PERIOD CHINESE OFFICIALS DENY REPORTS REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVING ON SHANGHAI HANGCHOW RAILWAY PERIOD FOREIGNERS WHO ARRIVED 18 AUGUST ABOARD NAGASAKI MARU STATED GREAT DAMAGE SEEN AT CIVIC CENTER PERIOD AT 2115 18 AUGUST UNIDENTIFIED PLANE DROPPED INCENDIARY BOMBS AT CORNER NORTH KIANGSE AND HAINING ROADS PERIOD (3000)

Capt. Busted

THIS PLANE NOT FIRED ON BY JAPANESE PERIOD AT 2130 UNIDENTIFIED PLANE
LANDED JESSFIELD PARK PILOT NOT FOUND PERIOD FOOD SUPPLIES CONVOYED
INTO SETTLEMENT FROM NORTHERN DISTRICT BY DETACHMENTS US MARINES AND
SVC PERIOD 200 AMERICAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED SHANGHAI 18 AUGUST
PERIOD FIRST BATTALION ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES ARRIVED (350) FROM HONGKONG
18 AUGUST PERIOD MAJOR GENERAL KUMAKICHI HARADA NEWLY APPOINTED JAPANESE
MILITARY ATTACHE ARRIVED FROM JAPAN 18 AUGUST PERIOD 2 JAPANESE CIVILIANS
ATTACKED BY MOB IN FRENCH CONCESSION 1 KILLED OTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED
DOMEI TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE NAVY OFFICE 18 AUGUST ANNOUNCED JAPANESE
PLANES BOMBED AIRDROMES HAINING CHEKIANG CUMMA PENGFU ANHWEI AND ^WHAIYIN
HUMAN DESTROYING 8 PLANES 4 HANGARS REUTER CANTON REPORTS ANTIAIRCRAFT
ALARM SOUNDED WHEN JAPANESE PLANES REPORTED ENROUTE FROM CARRIER CAUSED
NEAR PANIC 18 AUGUST HOWEVER NO PLANES ARRIVED REUTER HONGKONG REPORTS
FOREIGN SOURCE CONFIRMS RUMOR THAT JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER IS LYING
OFF COAST NEAR SHATOW KUMIN (450) PAOTING REPORTS FOLLOWING DEFEATS
IRREGULARS AND OCCUPATION SHANTU CHINESE TROOPS RECAPTURED CHANGPEI
SHANGHAI NANHAOCHAN AND CHUNGLI 16 AUGUST LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ACCORDING
JAPANESE SOURCES GENERAL HAN FU CHU SHANTUNG CHAIRMAN IS MOVING 5 DIVISI-
ONS WITH APPARENT INTENTION COMBINING WITH OTHER CHINESE FORCES THEN
ATTACKING JAPANESE IN HOPEI PERIOD HANS (500)
TROOPS ALSO MOVING ON TSINGTAO ASSOCIATED PRESS PEIPING REPORTS CHINESE
COURIERS ARRIVING FROM HWAILAI NORTH CHAHAR STATE 3 CHINESE DIVISIONS
MOVING EASTWARD FROM KALGAN TOWARD JEHOL INDICATING POSSIBLE ATTEMPT
CUT OFF JAPANESE ARMY PERIOD 7 DIVISION REPORTED AT CHIHCHENG 2 AT TUSHIN-
KOU BOTH STRATEGIC CITIES INSIDE GREAT WALL NORTHERN LOOP (550) PERIOD
BATTLE JEHOL BORDER BELIEVED IMMINENT PERIOD JAPANESE HOLD MOUTH ALL PASSES
12 MILES WEST NANKOW THEIR FORCE BELIEVED FULL DIVISION 10000 MEN PERIOD
REPORTED THAT CHINESE DEFENDERS NANKOW PASS NOT GIVEN REINFORCEMENTS OR
SUPPLIES PERIOD BELIEVED JAPANESE FORCES SOUTH PEIPING AND TIENHSIN
BEING REINFORCED PREPARATORY ATTACK TOWARD PAOTING PERIOD (600)

NAVAL MESSAGE
COMMUNIST
COMMANDER STATES PRESENT DELAY MEANS FURTHER CHINESE CONSOLIDATION AND
PRESENT STALEMATE CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER PERIOD 3300 JAPANESE TROOPS
ARRIVED TIENTSIN BELIEVED FOR CONCERTED DRIVE ALL FRONTS CHICAGO TIMES
PEIPING REPORTS SHOULD CHINESE SUCCEED SHANGHAI FIGHTING EXPECTED BE
RESUMED PEIPING AREA WITH CHINESE USING PLANES HEAVY ARTILLERY PERIOD
LARGE CHINESE (650) ARMY STATIONED PADTUNG MAY MARCH NORTH ANY TIME
PERIOD FOREIGN AUTHORITIES TIENTSIN WARNED BY CHINESE MARK CONCESSIONS
WITH SPECIAL LIGHTS PREVENT DANGER AERIAL ATTACKS ~~XXXX~~ UNITED PRESS
PEIPING REPORTS GENERAL CHIANG CHAO CHUNG NOMINATED FOR MAYOR PEIPING
BY COMMITTEE MAINTENANCE PEACE AND ORDER AND HOPEI CHAHAR POLITICAL
COUNCIL REQUESTED MAKE APPOINTMENT 1006 ACTION 16(4)

0305 AM 19 AUG MX RB

10A 11 12 13(4) 19 20 210Y (ARMY INT OFF.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

NPG 6447.

Z MUSK V F5Q NITE GR26

FROM- CINCAF
ACTION-- OPNAV

NITE PC

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 4-7142a

7521 ALL MEN WOUNDED BY SHRAPNEL ON AUGUSTA ARE DOING WELL NO SERIOUS COM-
PLICATIONS ANTICIPATED UNLESS SUCH DO DEVELOP NO FURTHER REPORTS WILL BE
MADE 2114

1619 AJ 21 AUG MX

13 ACTION- (4)
05 10A 11 16 19 20 MARCORPS STATE 2
CWO 2 38 PX

MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

*file
Confidential
Name*

IPB 6369

FROM:
ACTION:
INFO:

CINCPAC
OPNAV
AMERICAN CONSUL SHANGHAI CHINA. COMUSMACV FIVE.
COMUSMACV FIVE. COMUSMACV 4TH MARINES
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA. ALONGA PEIPING CHINA.

1121 ACTIONS IN HONGKONG YANGTZEPOO AND POOTUNG CONTINUED NO CHANGE
IN GENERAL MILITARY SITUATION PERIOD JAPANESE STILL ON DEFENSIVE
THESE AREAS CONCENTRATING BOMBING ATTACKS ON CHAPEI NANSHANG
AND POOTUNG PERIOD CHINESE ATTACKS INEFFECTIVE DUE LACK OF
ARTILLERY PERIOD RELIABLY REPORTED THAT TWO ~~XXXXXXXX~~ DIVISIONS
CHINESE TROOPS ARRIVED SHANGHAI AREA IN LAST FORTY EIGHT HOURS 2210

12-ACTION (4)

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10-A-11 10103

1131 AFHX-21 AUG

19-20 HARCOURT STATE CHQ
30 PX

RELAYED 00 VIA NR

MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

EPD 6304 Z MUSK V F02 Q C2L 03C F5Q F6C 05Y POST NITE BR 64

FROM: COMUSPAT
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: COMUSMACV, COMUSMACV FIVE, CINCPAC
COMUSMACV, 4TH MARINES, AMERICAN EMBASSY, HANKING
NITE CHINA, C

121 TOTAL CHOLERA CASES ADMITTED HONGKONG BETWEEN 22 JULY AND MIDNIGHT
19 AUGUST WAS 475 WITH 236 DEATHS HEALTH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THIS IS
PEAK OF EPIDEMIC KWANGTUNG AUTHORITIES BEGAN THIS DATE TO REMOVE THE
PROVINCES SILVER RESERVES TO HONGKONG BY SPECIAL CHARTERED BRITISH
MERCHANT VESSEL CAJTON RETURNING TO NORMALCY CHINESE PLANES SCOUTED
SOUTH CHINA COAST BUT SAY ^W NO JAPANESE PLANES OR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
1655

1113 AFMX 21 AUG

RELAYED 30 VIA NR

13-ACTION 141
05 10-A 11 15 (5)

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VARIOUS STATE 141
C40 25 PX

NAVY DEPARTMENT
MESSAGE

NAVAL MESSAGE

1PS 5369 Z FQ WSK V C2L N 636 05Y MOST WIFE GR 89

FROM: COMUSMACV FIVE
ACTION: CINCPAC ARNAV
INFO: COMUSMACV FIVE 4TH MARINES
AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA ALUSNA PEIPING
CHINA C

#21 INSPECTION BY NAVAL OFFICER REVEALS EXTENSIVE OFFENSIVE
DISPOSITIONS IN VICINITY TSINGTAO AT DISTANCES VARYING FROM SIX TO
THIRTY MILES ESTIMATED FIVE THOUSAND SWANTUNG TROOPS THIS AREA HAVE
PREPARED TRENCHES BARBED WIRE OBSTRUCTIONS BOMB PROOF SHELTERS AND
ONE TEMPORARY LANDING FIELD THIRTY MILES BY ROAD FROM TSINGTAO FIVE
AMPHIBIAN NAVAL PLANES EQUIPPED FOR BOMBING FORMERLY BASED TSINGTAO
NOW AT THIS FIELD SOME ARTILLERY NUMBER AND SIZE UNKNOWN RELIABLY
REPORTED IN VICINITY PERIOD EVACUATION JAPANESE ~~W~~ WOMEN AND CHILDREN
PRACTICALLY COMPLETED JAPANESE FORCES AND
DISPOSITIONS SAME AS BEFORE CITY QUITE 1312

13-ACTION (4)

05 10-A 11 16 (2)

19 20 MARCORPS STATE CWD 30 PX

1000 BAMX 21 AUG /1939

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NAVAL MESSAGE

THROUGHTS TO THE SEVERAL

1PG 6308 Z MUSK V F6C Q A9T C2L 23C F5Q F6Z POST WIFE NITE CR 87

FROM: COMNAVFOR
ACTION: COMNAV
INFO: YANITE PATROL, COMMISSION FIVE, COMMISSION FIVE,
CINCPAC, COMSOPAT, AMERICAN EMBASSY, HANKING CHINA,
ALUMNA PRIPING CHINA NITE C

21 AIR DEFENSE ALARM SOUTHERN HAIKON 15 CHINESE PLANES FROM
AIRFIELD TOOK OFF BUT JAP PLANES DID NOT APPEAR PERIOD KIUKIANG
BOMBER AT 175 TWO BOMBS DROPPED DAMAGING KIUKIANG COTTON MILLS
NEAR RAILWAY STATION PERIOD COTTON MILL PROPERTY ANDERSON MEYER AND
COMPANY PERIOD SIX ~~PLANE~~ BOMBERS ATTEMPTED RAIN ON HANKING DURING FORENOON
BUT DID NOT REACH CITY PERIOD BOMBERS WERE ACCOMPANIED FOR FIRST TIME
BY SIX FIGHTERS PERIOD REPORT UNCONFIRMED JAPS LOST TWO FIGHTING
PLANES CHINESE ONE 15

13-ACTION (4)
05 10-A 11 16(5)
19 20 MARCORPS
STATE CND 05 PM

112Y AFIX 21 AGSLAYED 80 VIA WR

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Z F5Q V 05Y Q C2L 03C F6C F8Z MUSK POST WIFE GR 474

FROM: FOURTH MARINES

ACTION: CINCPAC

INFO: COMUSMACV 5- COMDESRON-5 - COMYANGPAT-COMSEUPAT-OPNAV
AMEMBASSY NANKING - ALBONA PEIPING

0622 HIGEST SURVAY PRESS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS WAR AREA QUIET WITH EXCEPT-
ION AERIAL BOMBING MORNING AND AFTERNOON BY BOTH SIDES PERIOD CHINESE ~~OWN~~
CLAIM SUCCESSFUL AIR ATTACKS AND GAINS IN HONGKEW DISTRICT WHILE JAPANESE
DENY THIS REPORT PERIOD VISITS TO AREA BY FOREIGNERS SHOW JAPANESE
HOLD ENTIRE YANGTZEPOO ROAD PERIOD CHINESE THREAT TO SEVER JAPANESE LINES
FAILED ALTHOUGH SMALL BANDS CHINESE TROOPS HOLD PARTS OF AREA PERIOD
ACCORDING JAPANESE REPORTS CHINESE ATTACKED YANGTZEPOO SECTOR EARLY MOR-
NING 21 AUGUST BUT DRIVEN BACK BY NAVAL ARTILLERY PERIOD CHINESE CLAIM
ALTHOUGH THEIR TROOPS CHECKED IN WARD ROAD AREA ADVANCE CONTINUES IN
WAYSIDE PERIOD ALSO (1pp)

CLAIMED THAT CHINESE MADE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN VICINITY KANGWAN BARRACKS
PERIOD JAPANESE NAVAL ATTACHE OFFICE REPORTS 2 CHINESE ATTACKS AT PAH-
ZCHEAO AND NORTH SZECHEN ROAD AREA FAILED AND CHINESE BATTERIES ~~WORKING~~
~~WORKING~~ IN CHENJU AREA SILENCED BY JAPANESE HEAVY ARTILLERY PERIOD DURING
NIGHT JAPANESE VESSELS SHELLED INTERIOR YANGTZEPOO AREA PERIOD JAPANESE
PLANES IN AIR IN LARGE NUMBERS ALMOST ENTIRE DAY BOMBING CHAPEI DANTAO
NORTH STATION AND POOTUNG PERIOD PLANES MET DURING AFTERNOON BY ANTI-
AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM POOTUNG AND KANGWAN PERIOD CHINESE BOMBERS ATTACKED
JAPANESE POSITIONS AND FLAGSHIP INZUMO 3 TIMES STRIKING BUILDINGS IN
HONGKEW AND POOTUNG PERIOD 1 CHINESE PLANE SHOT DOWN (2pp)

BY JAPANESE SEAPLANE PERIOD JAPANESE NAVAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE REPORTS JAPANESE PLANES 20 AUGUST BOMBED KIUKIANG AIRPORT PERIOD BRITISH MARINES AND SAILORS FROM HMS CUMBERLAND OCCUPIED BRITISH SECTOR ALONG SOOCHOW CREEK AND ROYAL REGIMENT UNITS REMOVED FOR OTHER DUTY PERIOD DETACHMENT FROM SOZUNG BOARDED CHINESE CUSTOMS CRUISER FU HSING AND DISABLED ONE OF SHIPS TENDERS CENTRAL HANKING REPORTS 3 JAPANESE PLANES ENROUTE / RAIN HANKING SHOT DOWN 21 AUGUST BY CHINESE PLANES NEAR TUNGTAI TAIHSING AND YANGCHOW PERIOD RAINERS FAILED REACH OBJECTIVE PERIOD 2 JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN BY CHINESE PURSUIT PLANES IN SHANGHAI 21 AUGUST PERIOD 30 JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT PRESENT (300)

~~REFF~~ PAILUNG HARBOR CHEKIANG COAST KUMING HANKOW REPORTS 21 JAPANESE HEAVY BOMBERS FORCED DOWN AND CAPTURED 21 AUGUST NEAR CHUCHOW WHEN GASOLINE SUPPLY RAN OUT AFTER RAIN ON HANKOW REUTER HANKING REPORTS SHANGHAI HANKING COMMUNICATIONS OPEN WITH RAILWAY TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH IN SERVICE REUTER TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE CHARGE AFFAIRES EMBASSY TO CHINA ON RETURN TOKYO STATED 21 AUGUST NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA OUT OF QUESTION SINCE GOVERNMENT IN HANDS WAR PARTY KUOMIN TIENTSIN REPORTS JAPANESE ATTACK ON HANKOW PASS SO FAR UNSECCESFUL PERIOD CONSIDERABLE LOSSES SUSTAINED BOTH SIDES PERIOD CHINESE CLAIM ADVANCE IN EAST CHANAR AND CAPTURE NUMBER JAPANESE TANKS AND (400)

WUHS BEUNG PERIOD JAPANESE MAKING NO PROGRESS IN FINDING SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT TO PROCLAIM AUTONOMY CENTRAL PAOTING REPORTS JAPANESE MILITARY EXTREMELY ACTIVE PEIPING TIENTSIN AREA DURING PAST FEW DAYS PERIOD FOLLOWING MOVEMENT ABOUT 1700 TROOPS FROM ~~WUHS~~ LANGFAN AND LOFA TO FENGTAI AND HUANGTUN ONLY ABOUT 200 JAPANESE GARRISON PEIPING TIENTSIN RAILWAY ^{UNITED} WHEN PRESS PEIPING REPORTS FIGHTING BROKE OUT 21 AUGUST LAINGSIANG BETWEEN JAPANESE AND CHANAR GOVERNMENT TROOPS PERIOD CHINESE REPORTED REPULSED WITH GREAT LOSSES 924

ACTION...10(4)

Capt. Bastido
 1055 AG BX 22 AUG

NO 10A 11 1015 12 25 HARCOURTS STATE 12
 CW 30 PX

FROM
ACTION
INFO

CINCAF
OPNAV
AMCON SHANGHAI

STATE

ROUTINE G.
EMBASSY HANKING

0022 JOINT LETTER SIGNED BY AMERICAN BRITISH AND FRENCH ADMIRALS
HAS BEEN SENT TO ADMIRAL HASEGAWA PROTESTING AGAINST PRESENCE OF
A JAPANESE DESTROYER ABOUT THREE HUNDRED YARDS DOWN STREAM FROM
AUGUSTA AND REQUESTING THAT ALL JAPANESE VESSELS BE KEPT
BELOW ~~WONGKOW~~ WONGKOW CREEK SUBSTANCE OF REPLY WILL BE COMMUNICATED
WHEN RECEIVED 00 1215

13.....ACTION

05 10A 11 15(5) 19 20
MACCORPS STATE (2) CND 30
PX

0127/ 0136 AG MX 22 AUG

FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: AMCOM SHANGHAI-CONSUDRON FIVE-CONDESRON FIVE
COMGOPAT-AMEMBASSY HANKING
ALUSNA PEIPING

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0022 DEADLOCK MILITARY ~~XXXX~~ SITUATION SHANGHAI AREA CONTINUES JAPANESE
NAVAL LANDING FORCE ESTIMATED TWELVE THOUSAND HOLD HONGKEW SECTOR
AND IN GENERAL YANGTZEPOO AREA SOUTH OF SEWARD BAIKAL AND PINGLIANG
ROADS PERIOD JAPANESE HAVE AIR CONTROL NAVAL VESSELS MAINTAIN CONTROL
WHANGPOO RIVER BELOW NAVAL BUOYS PERIOD THIS SITUATION WILL REMAIN UNCH-
ANGED UNTIL (50) ARMY UNITS NOW LOWER YANGTZE LAND SUFFICIENT FORCE
LAUNCH GENERAL ATTACK PERIOD RELIABLY REPORTED CHINESE HAVE NINE DIVISIONS
NORTH AND WEST SHANGHAI FOUR DIVISIONS SOUTH AND EAST WITH ONE ARTILLERY
BRIGADE EACH ~~AREA~~ PERIOD EXPECT BRIEF RAIDS ON HONGKEW AND YANGTZEPOO NO
CHINESE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS IN SHANGHAI AREA PERIOD LAST (100)
FORTYEIGHT HOURS COMPARATIVELY QUIET BUT SHIPING ON JAPANESE SHIPS FROM
FOOTUNG AND YANGTZEPOO AREAS CONTINUES PERIOD FOREIGN SHIPS AT NAVAL
BUOYS HIT REPEATEDLY BY THIS FIRE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 2100

13..ACTION (4)

05 10A 11 15(5) 19 20

1045 AM 22 AUG MX.

MARCORPS STATE (100R) CWD 000 00 PX
(2)

578
Z MUSK V F5Q Q CRAW POST P GR 541
FROM: CINCAF
ACTION: OPNAV
INFO: STATE DEPT - AMEMBASSY NANKING

PRIORITY KD

122 BOARD OF INVESTIGATION ON DEATH OF FALGOUT COMMA SEAMAN FIRST CLASS
RENDERED THE FOLLOWING OPINION QUOTE THE BOARD FROM A VIEW OF THE BODY AND
FROM THE EVIDENCE BEFORE IT IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS THAT OF FREDDIE J
FALGOUT LATE SEAMAN FIRST CLASS US NAVY AND IS OF THE (50) OPINION THAT
FREDDIE J FALGOUT LATE SEAMAN FIRST CLASS US NAVY DIED AT ABOUT SIX THIRTY
SIX PM ON TWENTY AUGUST NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN ON BOARD THE USS AUGUSTA
SHANGHAI CHINA BY REASON OF BEING STRUCK BY FRAGMENT OF A HIGH EXPLOSIVE
ANTI-AIRCRAFT PROJECTILE WHICH LANDED ON THE STARBOARD (100) SIDE OF THE
WELL DECK USS AUGUSTA X AND THAT HIS DEATH OCCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
AND WAS NOT THE RESULT OF HIS OWN MISCONDUCT UNQUOTE EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE
THE BOARD TENDS TO INDICATE THAT THE SHELL WAS OF CHINESE MANUFACTURE AND
AS TWO JAPANESE PLANES WERE FLYING IN THE (150) VICINITY AT THE TIME IT
IS PROBABLE THAT SHELL WAS FIRED BY CHINESE FORCES PERIOD EVIDENCE AS TO
THE LOCATION OF THE GUN WAS CONTRADICTORY PERIOD THE SHELL JUDGING FROM
FRAGMENTS WAS SOMEWHAT OVER ONE INCH IN DIAMETER AND WAS PROBABLY FIRED
FROM A SINGLE SHOT GUN AS NO SPLASHES (200) WERE NOTED IN THE WATER AT
THE TIME THIS SHELL FELL ON THE DECK PERIOD NO EVIDENCE WAS ADDUCED TO
INDICATE THAT THE SHELL WAS FIRED BY JAPANESE FORCES PERIOD WHILE THE
EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE SHELL WAS OF CHINESE MANUFACTURE AND WAS FIRED
FROM A CHINESE GUN COMMA SUCH (250) CANNOT BE STATED AS POSITIVE FACT
PERIOD SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF INTENTIONAL FIRING AT THE
AUGUSTA BY EITHER OF THE OPPOSING FORCES PERIOD BOTH HAVE EXERCISED THEIR
THE DESIRE TO AVOID ANY INJURY TO VESSELS OF THE NEUTRAL POWERS PERIOD AS
REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT (300)

13..ACTION

03 05 10A 11 15 19 20 MARCORPS
STATE (MSGR/22) 38 CWO

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON NINETEEN AUGUST WARNED NEUTRAL FORCES TO WITHDRAW FIVE MILES FROM JAPANESE VESSELS WITHIN TWELVE HOURS OR THEY WOULD REFUSE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES PERIOD FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THIS DEMAND WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH PERIOD THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE ESPECIALLY (350) FROM THE JAPANESE FORCES AND MANY NONCOMBATANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT AND FRENCH CONCESSION HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED BY SHRAPNEL AND BULLETS PERIOD SEVERAL FIFTY CALIBER BULLETS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN HAVE LANDED ON THE DECK OF THE AUGUSTA PERIOD THIS VESSEL IS ANCHORED OFF THE BUND IN THE CENTER (400) OF EXTENSIVE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS OF THE OPPOSING FORCES PERIOD IT IS CONSIDERED RATHER REMARKABLE THAT MORE INJURIES TO PERSONNEL HAVE NOT RESULTED PERIOD OWING TO THE LACK OF CONCLUSIVELY DEFINITE EVIDENCE THAT THE SHELL WAS FIRED BY CHINESE FORCES COMMA REPRESENTATIONS TO THAT GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CASE ARE NOT RECOMMENDED (450) PERIOD AFTER THE EXPLOSION ON THE AUGUSTA THE OPPOSING FORCES WERE NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO EXERCISE MORE CARE IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR FIRE PERIOD THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS AFFAIR LIES WITH ONE OR BOTH OPPOSING FORCES IN THEIR UNWILLINGNESS OR INABILITY TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT OVER THE (500) AFFAIR OF TEN AUGUST WHICH WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE CARRYING ON OF A RUTHLESS AND DESPERATE BATTLE IN THE HEART OF A GREAT CITY WITH ITS INCREDIBLE LOSS OF LIFE AND SUFFERING TO MILLIONS OF NONCOMBATANTS AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY 1815

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NAVAL MESSAGE

RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

NPB 8640

FROM- CINCAF
ACTION- OPNAV
INFO- AMCON SHANGHAI CHINA- STATE DEPT WASH- AMEMBASSY NANKING.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 4-7143a

PRIORITY

0023 ADMIRAL HASEGAWA HAS ORALLY AGREED TO KEEP JAPANESE MEN OF WAR BELOW
A LINE BETWEEN SOOCHOW CREEK AND POOTUNG POINT BUT REQUESTED THAT A SIMILAR
AGREEMENT BE SECURED FROM THE CHINESE FORCES NOT TO USE THE AREA BETWEEN
THE BARRIER OFF NANTAO AND THE LINE MENTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF HOSTILE
CHINESE VESSELS PERIOD THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP THROUGH AMBASSADOR AND
CONSUL GENERAL 0900

13 ACTION (4)
05 10A 11 16 (5) 19 20 MARCORPS STATEBY WIRE
CWO 38 PX

2047 AJ.22 AUG MX

PHONED COMDR DAVIS 2050
PHONED ADMIRAL RICHARDSON 2052

6686
file personal Navy
FROM FOURTH MARINES
ACTION: CINCAF
INFO: COMSOPA COMSOPA FIVE. COMDESRON FIVE. COMHANGPAT
OPNAV AMERICAN EMBASSY NANKING CHINA
ALUSNA PEIPING CHINA

MONDAY
8623 0101G/201G PRESS LOCAL PRESS REPORTS HAND TO HAND FIGHTING TOOK PLACE
22 AUGUST AROUND WARD ROAD JAIL AREA WHEN CHINESE ATTEMPTED DRIVE JAPANESE
TROOPS TO WHANGPOO RIVER PERIOD JAPANESE SPOKESMAN ADMITTED CHINESE PLAINCLO-
THES MEN AT ONE TIME REACHED SHANGHAI HOKGKEW WHARF BUT MAIN BODY CONTINUED
DIG IN AT KUNGPING ROAD SECTOR PERIOD CHINESE SAY JAPANESE ALONG NORTHERN
SECTOR PUSHED ~~XXX~~ BACK TO POINT JUST EAST OF ISIS RHEATER PERIOD JAPANESE
REPORT 3 CHINESE TANKS CAPTURED WHEN CHINESE ATTEMPTED BREAK ~~THROUGH~~ THROUGH
LINES AT EAST SEWARD AND KUNGPING ROADS PERIOD CHINESE REPORT JAPANESE TROOPS
SCATTERED AT SUNG SING MILL COMMA KUNG DAK YANGTZEPOO MILL AND SHANGHAI
COTTON MILL PERIOD JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE 22 AUGUST STATES CHINESE TROOPS
DRIVEN BEYOND SETTLEMENT EARLY IN MORNING AND CHINESE GUNS ~~X~~ WANGTZEPOO
SECTOR SILENCED BY NAVAL GUNFIRE PERIOD CHINESE ATTACKS AT

Capt. Bastedo ✓

POSHING JUKONG AND EAST JUKONG ROADS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY FROM NORTH STATION ALSO REPULSED PERIOD SMALL ARMS FIRE FOLLOWED BY JAPANESE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT HEARD POOTUNG IN EARLY MORNING WHERE CHINESE SAY JAPANESE ATTEMPTED LAND FORCED PERIOD CHINESE ARTILLERY RETURNED FIRE ON JAPANESE WARSHIP ~~WH~~ AT DKK WHARF PERIOD JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT WOODSUNG MOVED DOWNRIVER JOINTED IN SHELLING WOODSUNG AND PAILUNG HARBOR PERIOD CHINESE SAY JAPANESE ATTEMPTED LAND (2pp)

SOLDIERS UNDER COVER HEAVY GUNFIRE BUT UNSUCCESSFUL PERIOD NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS REPORTS ACCORDING RELIABLE INFORMATION JAPANESE LANDED ~~7~~ LARGE NUMBERS ~~777~~ TROOPS NEAR WOODSUNG 22 AUGUST BUT THIS REPORT UNCONFIRMED PERIOD JAPANESE PLANES BOMBED KIANGNAN ARSENAL AT ~~47~~ WITHOUT SUCCESS AT 15~~00~~ ~~MINIMUM~~ BOMBED POOTUNG AND DAK ZANG AREA ALSO SAID TO HAVE BOMBED SHANGHAI NANKING AND SHANGHAI NINGPO RAILWAY WITHOUT DAMAGE PERIOD CHINESE PLANES AT 1430 BOMBED YANGTZEPOO AND WAYSIDE AREAS PERIOD 20 INJURED IN SETTLEMENT SOUTH OF CREEK BY STRAY SHELLS PERIOD BELIEVED THAT DAMAGE TO HONGKEW AND CHAPEI AREA UNPRECEDENTED DUE TO TREMENDOUS FIRES WHICH SWEEPED AREAS 3 DAYS (3pp)

PERIOD AFTER PERMITTING EVACUATION ABOUT 500 PRISONERS INCLUDING FOREIGNERS FROM WARD ROAD JAIL JAPANESE REFUSED LET OTHERS LEAVE ON GROUND'S SETTLEMENT OFFICIALS VIOLATED AGREEMENT TO SEND ALL PRISONERS TO WESTERN CHINESE TERRITORY PERIOD NEW AGREEMENT EXPECTED TO BE REACHED ~~ON~~ 23 AUGUST REUTER NANKING REPORTS 3 JAPANESE PLANES AT 2~~00~~ 22 AUGUST DROPPED BOMBS OUTSIDE SOUTH GATE NANKING UNDER HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE KUOMIN HANKOW REPORTS 11 JAPANESE PLANES APPEARED HANKOW NIGHT 21 AUGUST AND DROPPED 3 BOMBS BUT DRIVEN OFF BY CHINESE PLANES DOMEI TOKYO REPORTS NAVY MINISTRY SPOKESMAN STATED JAPANESE PLANES 21 AUGUST DESTROYED KIERKAO AIRDROME PERIOD OTHER AERIAL OPERATIONS CARRIED ON AGAINST AIRDROMES AT YANGCHOW AND HSUCHOW WHERE 14 CHINESE PLANES SEVERAL BUILDINGS WRECKED KUOMIN TIENTSIN REPORTS JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED 21 AUGUST ATTACK

ON NANKOW PASS STOPPED DUE TO HEAVY RAINS REUTER TIENTSIN REPORTS
RELIABLE SOURCES STATE CHINESE TROOPS ARE CONCENTRATED AT MACHANG AND
SMALL UNITS PROBABLY NEARER TIENTSIN PERIOD CHINESE PLAINCLOTHESMEN XXXXX
OPERATING IN VICINITY TIENTSIN SHIPING ON JAPANESE OUTPOST HOMEI TIENTSIN
REPORTS CHINESE HEADQUARTERS AT HWAILAI DESTROYED BY JAPANESE AERIAL XXXX
BOMBARDMENT CENTRAL PAOTING REPORTS JAPANESE RENEWED ATTACK ON LIANGWAN-
CHUAN RECENTLY AFTER RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS PERIOD SPORADIC FIGHTING
REPORTED WITH CHINESE HOLDING POSITIONS PERIOD 5pp JAPANESE AIDED BY NANAN
CAVALRY UNIT ATTACKED (5pp)

KOUTOUTSUN ON PEIPING HANKOW FINE 2p AUGUST WITHOUT SUCCESS PERIOD
OPPOSING FORCES HOLD OPPOSITE BANKS YUNGTING RIVER PERIOD CHINESE
FORCES COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR ATTACK ON CHANGPEI CHAHAR PERIOD
JAPANESE TROOPS LAUNCHED ATTACK FROM CHANGPEI ON HOUERSSAN 2p AND 21 AUG-
UST BUT REPULSED HOMEI CHANGCHOW REPORTS KWANGTUNG ARMY WILL TAKE MM
STEPS BREAK UP CHINESE CONCENTRATIONS IN CHAHAR ASSOCIATED PRESS
PEIPING REPORTS JAPANESE TROOPS AIDED BY 5 BOMBING PLANES DIRECTED 2 HOUR
INTENSIVE BOMBARDMENT ON KANGCHIA VILLAGE NEAR MARCO POLO BRIDGE
BELIEVED TRYING WIPE OUT LARGE FORCE CHINESE TROOPS WHO PENETRATED FROM /
SOUTH ATTEMPTING OUTFLANK JAPANESE FORCES AT LIANGHSIANG PERIOD
BOMBARDMENT CLIMAXED (5pp)

JAPANESE APPREHENSION NOTED RECENTLY PERIOD ALL JAPANESE TROOPS
HURRIENLY WITHDRAWN 21 AUGUST FROM VILLAGES WEST PEIPING AND CONCENT-
RATED PEIPING WANGPING AND FENGTAI WHILE JAPANESE BOMBED WIDE
SEMICIRCLE BEGINNING MENTOUKOU 2p MILES WEST PEIPING THROUGH LIULING
ALMOST TO PEIPING TIENTSIN RAILWAY ATTEMPTING ANNIHILATE NUMEROUS
BANDS CHINESE TROOPS OPERATING THAT AREA UNITED PRESS PEIPING REPORTS 1/1
JAPANESE INFANTRY CAVALRY AND TANKS ATTACKED CHINESE OUTPOSTS WEST MACHANG
LIANGHSIANG PERIOD CHINESE TROOPS SAID TWENTY SIXTH DIVISION TWENTY
SIXTH ROUTE ARMY RETREATED ACROSS LIULI RIVER PERIOD HIGH MOBILITY
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Memorandum for the President.

Having worked for years for a reduction and limitation in armaments, it may seem inconsistent for me to advocate a temporary increase in expenditures on naval armaments. Nevertheless, I am convinced that for the sake of peace and ultimate disarmament, we should begin the construction of two or three additional battleships in replacement of existing obsolete ones. Only twelve of our fifteen battleships are now in commission and several others will be obsolete before others are completed to replace them.

If Japan were convinced that we are determined to build whatever size navy is necessary to maintain our relative position, and thus prevent her from getting an undue advantage, her attitude with regard to a naval agreement ought to become more reasonable.

Now that we have adopted the sixteen inch gun for the two battleships under construction, Japan is more apt to construe this as a threat and to build some new type of ship to counteract this, particularly if she feels that we are going to stop now with these two battleships. If, however, you should now ask for a sufficient appropriation to begin the construction of two or three more sixteen inch gun battleships - (I realize that there may now be difficulties and objections to this) - Japan is more apt to be convinced of the futility of starting a naval race through the building of some new type. Also, starting three additional battleships would have a more beneficial effect on Japan in the Sino-Japanese controversy now than anything else we could say or do, and it would make her more favorable

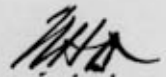
later on to any proposal for the neutralization of the islands of the Pacific.

Furthermore, as a matter of general policy, I think it important, since the British and ourselves have agreed on the principle of parity, for our navy not to be too inferior to that of the British. It would avoid possible complications later and would certainly put us in a better position to press for a reduction and limitation of armaments, if and when the time comes when it is possible to do this.

I do not hold to the theory that the best way to preserve peace is to prepare for war, but I am convinced that the bigger our navy is the more influence we could bring to bear for disarmament. And the more the militaristic powers are convinced that the United States as well as Great Britain, is alive to the dangers which they are creating in the world, and that they are not going to be able to get ahead in their armaments race, the sooner will it be possible to bring them to their senses and stop the suicidal increase in armaments.

So far as we are concerned, the building of three more battleships to replace obsolete ones will, in the long run be an economy and it will represent an increase in the efficiency of the Navy but not in its size. Finally, if starting three additional battleships now does not have a beneficial effect, which I believe it will have, then it is all the more important as a matter of defence that we have this additional protection.

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FEBRUARY

February 11. Mr. Chamberlain announced to the House of Commons that the government would seek legislative power to raise capital for defence expenditure up to a sum not exceeding £400,000,000, spread over a period not exceeding 5 years.

February 17. The Government issued a White Paper on the necessity for defence expenditure. The paper stated that the defence program would remain flexible, and would be subject to such modification as circumstances might demand. If conditions should permit, the program would be curtailed or its execution would be spread over a longer period. If events, which could not be foreseen, should show that amendment was called for, either in the maximum amount or in the period of years specified in the proposed resolution, the necessary measures would be submitted to Parliament. The Navy would be brought up to the strength necessary to insure that it would be in a position to perform its functions. The details were given with regard to capital ships, ~~for instance~~ ^{crusiers}, aircraft carriers. There will also be heavy expenditure in modernizing existing vessels and there would be an increase in the strength of the personnel of the Navy. With regard to the Army, the main expenditure would be in the category of equipment. It was important that equipment and organization should be brought up to the highest standard in all respects, including a completion of the process of mechanization. The Royal Air Force would be measurably increased, both as regards equipment and personnel. Adequate preparations

preparations would also be made to build up what has come to be known as a "war potential". Industries will have to be protected against air attack and there would have to be an accumulation of essential reserves. There would, in addition, have to be an equipping in urban centers with a view to protecting civilians from air attack. The total cost would be £1,500,000,000 in 5 years. In conclusion, the White Paper stated that, "deeply as they deplore the necessity for this vast expenditure on armaments and other defensive measures, His Majesty's Government are convinced that it must be undertaken. It has been forced upon them, partly by the circumstances of the time, and partly by the long interval during which comparatively small demands have been made upon the national finances for the purposes of the defence forces."

February 17. Mr. Chamberlain, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the bill for the first installment of defence expenditures. He said that the action was "unprecedented in the unprecedented conditions of the time." He went on, "if circumstances should change and allow us to slow down or reduce our program, all the better; we shall be thankful enough to do it. On the other hand, as conditions have changed to our disadvantage since we first contemplated this program they may change again, and it may be that in the end we shall find that even £1,500,000,000 has not represented the total amount that this country has been compelled to spend in this respect . . . There are grave questions. They concern the safety of the country. It seems to me that the Government

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ment which bears the responsibility for that safety, which has access to all kinds of information relevant to the consideration of this question--the Government alone can answer those questions, and the Government alone must in the long run be responsible for the results which must follow upon the answer they give . . . our program is not directed against any particular power or group of powers, but it is the duty of the Government to put before the House a program which they consider necessary for our safety and the fulfillment of our obligations . . . this is a measure for a preservation of peace . . . to leave this country with all its wealth, all its territory, and all its trade connections, inherited or acquired, unarmed and helpless in face of a world which is armed from top to toe, would be to provide a standing temptation to a possible aggressor which might some day prove to be invisible. Everybody knows that the British Empire stands for peace and that it never will use its forces for aggressive purposes. On the contrary, it will exert all its influence to preserve peace not only for itself but for others as well. We know from our own experience that our influence waxes and wanes in proportion to our strength. The strength that we are now rapidly gaining from day to day and from week to week is in itself a [^]steadying factor in international affairs, and probably the greatest bulwark for peace that exists in the world today. Holding these views, convinced as we are that this great program is essential for our own safety and the major factor in the safety of other nations, it would be impossible for us to shrink from meeting it. No one . . . can see this growing accumulation of burdens without a feeling

feeling of disgust and shame that civilization is trying to break its own back instead of trying to settle its differences by give and take, and turning its energy to the pursuits which might bring prosperity and contentment to all. For the time being at least we can do nothing but set our teeth and go forward with measures which we cannot afford to lay aside. Peace, political appeasement, disarmament, are not attainable by any one power alone but whenever and wherever we can find those who share our views, we shall rejoice in their company to seek to find a more fruitful and saner and a worthier solution.

"There had been criticism that the Government had not explained how their defence program was related to their foreign policy, that it appeared to contemplate that the foreign policy was of a simple character, that they had to take an enemy, A, and consider how they could defeat him with perhaps B and C, with whom this country might be in alliance. It would indeed be comparatively easy to draw up a program on those lines and show how it was related to the problem the Government had to solve. But they had not to single out a single power as an enemy, nor were they in alliance with any powers on whom they might rely. They had to consider the whole series of hypothetical emergencies in which they might be opposed to this or to that power or to a group of powers. They had to draw up a defence program to the best of their ability to enable them to make the country as safe as possible against any one of those hypothetical emergencies.

February 26.

February 18.

February 18. Sir Thomas Inskip, speaking in the House of Commons, said:

"It was quite impossible to arrive at some mathematical figure of certainty and say, 'that is just enough to carry us into safety and we will ask for no more.' . . . The fact that we have pooled our defences does not diminish--it increases--our responsibility and our risks--the responsibility of this nation to itself and to its prestige in Europe. . . . We will not neglect that which will be necessary whether we have collective security or not . . . The task of the Government is of making Great Britain safe and of making it competent to discharge the duties of collective security, if that day ever comes."

Prime Minister Baldwin, speaking the same day said:

"The Government desire to put themselves in a position to deter aggression . . . They would rather assure their own safety and that of the Empire, nor play their part in securing peace in the world, unless they brought their forces up to the necessary standard. That, and that alone, was what this expenditure was for . . . One of the most cogent reasons of unrest in Europe in the last two or three years was due to the want of equilibrium between the obligations and liabilities of Great Britain and the material strength of Great Britain. Our liabilities and obligations have been so much greater than our material strength that we have found it much more difficult to do what we would think we should want to in a heavily armed world if we had stronger armaments . . . What people everywhere wanted to get by collective security was that the forces of order were stronger than the forces of disorder. If a war broke out in Europe, it would not be localized. It would run through Europe, be the most terrible thing they could conceive, and if the forces were fairly even there might be a repetition of 1914, with worse horrors . . . Under collective security, assuming that others who were acting with us came in, the brunt of certain fighting would always be on Great Britain--the brunt of Naval fighting for one thing, and the brunt of the first attack from the air. The time for the sacrifice is now. I believe that peace can be preserved, and I believe that what we are doing will have that effect. It is a sacrifice--but it is a sacrifice worth making."

February 25.

February 25. Mr. Chamberlain spoke in the House of Commons as follows: He thought he might once again express his abhorrence of all rearmament by nations who might be more suitably employed in pursuing the arts of peace, and by so doing avoid the heavy taxation and deprivation of comfort and necessities. They could do this if they could once again discuss together their claims and grievances like sensible men. He was not altogether without hope that such discussions might come about, but the task of exploration would not, he recognized, be done in any short time. In the meantime they could not stay their hands until they were satisfied that they had put this country in a safe position and in a position faithfully to carry out its international obligations.

MARCH

March 2. Foreign Minister Eden, addressing the House of Commons, spoke as follows:

"The point which I wished to make was that almost throughout the world our rearmament has been welcomed. The reason is simple. It is because there is nobody abroad who does not realize that this country is not going to engage in a war contrary to our own undertakings under the Covenant. I conclude by saying that we must all regret the necessity for this arms program, but it is our conviction, and I believe in their hearts the conviction of nearly every member of the House, that with Europe and the world as they are today, for this country to have greater power will aid the forces of peace - on this condition, that we never forget that this rearmament is a means to an end and not an end in itself. That being agreed, I submit that there will be fresh opportunities to reach agreement on limitation under our program, and I agree that these opportunities must not be missed. It is even possible that by this route, which none of us wish to take, we shall reach the goal which we all desire to attain, and this at least I claim, that His Majesty's Government in the policy which they are now pursuing, in their statement of their commitments and in their rearmament, are making the best contribution in their power to the preservation of world peace."

March 3. Lord Halifax spoke in the House of Lords as follows: The rearmament program was calculated to make war far less likely. At the present stage of international adjustment he did not believe the statement was capable of challenge that the stronger Great Britain was the less likelihood there was of war. He deplored the waste of money on arms, and agreed that rearmament in itself was no solution. It was only the means to an end, but it might be the only means to an end. That was not a selfish or aggressive end, but to secure for Great Britain due weight in European councils. He did not

not believe that any loyal member of the League of Nations anywhere in Europe would disagree with that assessment of the situation today.

March 3. Furthermore, the Navy estimates were issued by the Government, amounting to 105,000,000 pounds in the first year.

March 4. The Army estimates were issued, amounting to an increase of approximately 39,000,000 pounds over the total of 1935.

March 18. Sir Samuel Hoare, speaking on the naval estimates in the House of Commons, said: What the Government were trying to do was to bring the Fleet up-to-date and to make it efficient for its task. He was stating a self-evident fact when he said that if Great Britain was to have an efficient fleet it must be efficient for its duties in both hemispheres.

He was asking the House to approve the estimates as necessary for the implementing of Great Britain's collective obligations, and for the defense of its shores and the defense of Empire territory. He did not believe that the much needed proclamation was going to start a race in naval armaments. He still hoped it would be possible to implement the agreements reached in London last year. He did not wish to be either optimistic or pessimistic, but he would say that it would be a great calamity to the world if those agreements were not implemented by the great naval powers and if there was witnessed once again a competition between new types and new sizes.

MAY

May 14. Prime Minister Baldwin spoke at the opening of the Imperial Conference, as follows: Great Britain had shouldered the heavy burden of the rearmament program for the security of the Empire and so that it might be equipped to fulfill its responsibilities in guarding the security of the Empire oversea and as a loyal member of the League of Nations.

May 14. Mr. Ormsby-Gore spoke at the Cenotaph as follows: In time of danger even the utmost courage and enthusiasm cannot make up for lack of training, knowledge, and many gallant lives may be tragically sacrificed for little purpose. We threaten none, but we see in a wise preparedness the best guarantee of peace and of the undisturbed enjoyment of our liberties and of the fruits of peace. In this sorely troubled world, if the Empire is to play its part in maintaining not only its own heritage but the peace of nations, we must be prepared, be united, and be strong.

... already recognized the necessity for taking measures to put their defenses in order, they thought it of the highest importance that negotiations for the limitation of armaments should be reopened whenever there was a reasonable prospect of success. They recognized with regret that, notwithstanding the progress of success in the limitation of armaments effected by the countries concerned in the London Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armaments of March 22, 1922, and in the Anglo-German Agreement of June 18, 1925, international conditions were not at the moment favorable to further progress in the direction of disarmament. The Conference took note of the measures specially adopted by the various countries represented at the Conference, often at a heavy cost, and recognized that the increased progress of armaments was as dire as their sufficient for the defense of their territories and trade and the fulfillment of such obligations as each might have assumed. The Conference heard with satisfaction of the various steps which had been taken to build on the armaments of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

June 22

JUNE

June 1. Sir John Simon, speaking of the new tax plan, excused the greater expenditure on the ground that "the country had to face an increase not merely this year but in greater measure for the remaining years of the defence program which we have announced and entered upon, and which has, I claim, the overwhelming support of the country. This year the expenditure of our defence program is less than one-fifth of the total of £1,500,000,000 which is contemplated."

June 16. In the summary of conclusions published at the close of the Imperial Conference it was said with regard to rearmament:

"The members of the Conference noted with deep concern that since the session of 1930 international tension had increased in a marked degree, and that there had been a large and rapid increase in the armaments of all the principal powers. They were impressed by the world-wide effect of these increased armaments on the international situation and on the financial and economic position of the nations concerned, and while their respective parliaments had already recognized the necessity for taking measures to put their defences in order, they thought it of the highest importance that negotiations for the limitation of armaments should be reopened whenever there was a reasonable prospect of success. They recognized with regret that, notwithstanding the measure of success in the limitation of armaments attained by the countries concerned in the London Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armaments of March 25, 1936, and in the Anglo-German Agreement of June 18, 1935, international conditions were not at the moment favorable to further progress in the direction of disarmament . . . The Conference took note of the measures recently adopted by the various countries represented at the Conference, often at a heavy cost, and recognized that the increased programs of armaments were no more than sufficient for the defence of their territories and trade and the fulfillment of such obligations as each might have assumed. The Conference heard with satisfaction of the various steps which had been taken to build up the armaments of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

June 29

June 29. Prime Minister Chamberlain, in an article in the July issue of Home and Empire, said:

"By its program for the reestablishment of our defence forces, now well under way, the national government has given a new sense of security and hope to the peace-loving nations. In this connection, I would recall the significant comment made by a representative of one of the smaller powers on learning of our determination to rebuild our defences. 'That comes as a relief,' he said, 'because we know that England is one of the police powers of the world.'

". . . It is a source of deep satisfaction to the government that the Imperial Conference just concluded was able to register such complete agreement upon these vital matters."

JULY

July 8. Prime Minister Chamberlain, in an address at Albert Hall, said:

"There was no suspicion at any time in their minds (of the Delegates to the Imperial Conference) that we had any other object in our program of re-armament than the maintenance of peace. And, indeed, they recognized that in the daily growing strength of Great Britain laid the soundest and surest guarantee that peace would be preserved . . . I have never hesitated to express my own grief and distress at the arm necessity which has forced us to spend upon armaments money which I would so much rather see devoted to objects which are calculated to raise the level of human happiness. But sometimes, you know, the longest way round is the shortest way home, and I myself am convinced that the reestablishment of our strength in arms, like that of that other great peace-loving nation across the Atlantic, will in time convince the world of the wisdom of settling its difficulties by peaceful discussion instead of by the arbitrament of force."