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6 October 1941-2 December 1941

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: B3. Serial No. 82. Date: October 6, 1941

Anchored in a Bay near HAKODATE on 26 September :

7 SS
2 CL
2 CA

Underway headed South in Japan Sea night of 26th : 5 CA.

29th departed YOKOHAMA : 1 CL (NAKA) Class.

29th Located South of Hong Kong (CL) ISUZI & (DM) SHUMUSHU.

26th departed Shanghai (OCA) : IZUMO.

26th departed Shanghai (PG) : TOBA.

26th arrived CHEFOO : 1 TB.

Week ending 27th : Mouth Pearl River—

12 AP upstream.
14 AP downstream.

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Air Groups are reported at : Takao, Hoilow, Taichu (?) and Kagi (?).

ASHIGARA is reported to have left Sasebo with probable destination South China.

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 85. Date: 27 October 1941

Latest information of locations of units of Orange Fleet is :

Takao Area :

CVs
RYUJO
ZUIKAKU
unidentified

AVs
NOTORO
KENJO MARU
Maru Type
Maru Type
DD (Plane Guards)
DD " "

Takao: Commander Combined Air Force

Inland Sea & Ariake Bay Area: FIRST & SECOND FLEET plus SUBFORCE

except:

Yokosuka : YAMASHIRO.

Maizuru : KONGO.

Kanoya-Eastern Kyushu Area :

CVs: AKAGI HIRYU
KAGA HOSHO
Unidentified
Unidentified
Unidentified

Sasebo Area : THIRD FLEET

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 84. Date: 4 November, 1941

The following information is from a source which has been thoroughly reliable in the past:

From 1 Nov. the navigation through URAGA CHANNEL is restricted as follows. Seven fixed buoys are in the channel.

(1) Lighted buoy: From ASHIKA JIMA lighted buoy 136 degrees, 6050 meters (3.27 miles). Lighted painted black.

(2) Lighted buoy: From ASHIKA JIMA lighted buoy 104 degrees, 6500 meters (3.55 miles). Painted black.

(3) Lighted buoy: From ASHIKA JIMA lighted buoy 104 degrees, 6700 meters (3.66 miles). Painted red.

(4) Flag buoy: From ASHIKA JIMA lighted buoy 87 degrees, 6600 meters (3.61 miles).

(5) Flag buoy: From buoy (4) 190(170?) degrees, 500 meters (.27 miles).

(6) Flag buoy: From KANNONSAKI LIGHT 88 degrees, 4900 meters (2.67 miles).

(7) Flag buoy: From buoy (6) 170 degrees, 500 meters (.27 miles).

NAVIGATION

Sail to the east of lighted buoy (1) and between lighted buoys (2) and (3). Sail to the east of the northern four buoys because the sea area to west of them is dangerous. Do not enter (this area).

When meeting (another ship) going to the entrance between buoys (2) and (3), the ship leaving port is to wait.

There will probably be maintenance by naval patrol vessels and by the lookout station on the northwest point of NOKOGIRI YAMA.

Take care!

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 85. Date: 10 November 1941

Reliable information indicates the ZUIKAKU, NOTORO and two Maru Tenders have returned to the Sasebo-Kure Area. RYUJO is still in Taiwan. The KENJO MARU is in the Saigon-Camanh Bay Area.

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 86. Date: 12 November 1941

It is reliably reported that the RYUJO has returned to Kure.

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Reliability Rating: (?). Serial No. 87. Date: 22 Nov. 1941

Dutch Authorities in the NEI have received information that a Japanese Expeditionary Force which is strong enough to constitute a threat against the NEI or Portuguese Timor has arrived in the vicinity of Palau. If this force moves past a line through Davao-Waigea-Equator the Governor General of the NEI will regard it as an act of hostility and will consider war to have begun.

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 88. Date: 23 Nov. 1941

CinCAF has no information confirming the Dutch report of a Japanese Expeditionary Force near Palau. His information does not indicate the presence of

units other than the Fourth Fleet in the mandates and no unusual concentration of that force. It is possible that there may be an increase in the number of transports and marus. There has been a concentration of 30-40 marus in the Saipan area since the middle of October. CinC Fourth is at Saipan as of the 22nd and it is possible that Airon 24 may also be present. Slight indications are that one battleship division and two carriers are preparing to proceed to the mandates but so far there has been no signs that the movement has begun.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 89. Date: 23 Nov. 1941

CinC Fourth Fleet is now reported to have returned to Truk after a trip to Saipan in the Kashima. There has been increased activity of the cruiser division and other units of the Fourth Fleet in the Truk-Saipan area. The following increases in Base Forces are estimated: Third (Palao), one (1) division marus; Fourth (Truk), two divisions marus, two maru air tenders, special landing force (?); Fifth (Saipan), two divisions marus; Sixth (Jaluit), three divisions marus, three unidentified shore commands, two maru air tenders.

The activity of the Combined Air Force is increasing. The Eleventh Air Corps is believed to be at Palao and Airon Twenty four is concentrated in the Marshalls. The Fifth Fleet is apparently at Chichijima with portions possibly at Marcus. There have been approximately seventy arrivals or departures of marus since one November, mostly in the Truk and Jaluit areas.

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Reliability Rating: ---- Serial No. 90. Date: 25 November 1941

The U. S. N. Shipping Adviser in Batavia reports that the Dutch report concerning the Japanese Expeditionary Force near Palao originated from the Dutch Army in Timor. Portugese Timor was named as the objective of the Expedition. The information was classed as doubtful and no further confirmation has been obtained.

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Reliability Rating: ---- Serial No. 91. Date: 25 Nov. 1941

The British report that Germany is obtaining rubber from Saigon in the following shipments. All routing is from Saigon to Bordeaux around Cape Horn. Six thousand tons was shipped in two Japanese ships on 15 October and 14 November respectfully. Five thousand tons is to be shipped in a German ship on about one December. The Jap ships may be German vessels under Japanese charter. The ships have not yet been identified.

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 12. Date: 25 November 1941

Opanav reports that the chances of any favorable result coming out of the present negotiations with Japan are very doubtful. It is his opinion that this, coupled with the statements of the Japanese government, and the movements of their military and naval forces, indicates that they may make a surprise aggressive movement in any direction, including an attack on the Philippines or Guam. The Chief of Staff of the Army concurs in this opinion. Senior Army Officers in the Far East, Pacific and West Coast areas (including Panama) have been informed. Utmost secrecy is enjoined regarding this opinion in order to not further complicate the present tense situation or to precipitate Japanese action.

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Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 13. Date: 25 Nov. 1941

For the past month the Commander Second Fleet has been organizing a Force composed of the following:

Second Fleet—Third Fleet (including 1st and 2nd Base Forces and 1st Defense Division)—Combined Air Force—Desron Three—Airron 7—Subron 5—possibly units of Batdiv 3 (from First Fleet).

These units are linked with the South China Fleet and French Indo-China Force as well as the Naval Stations at Sama, Takao and Bako. The Commander Second Fleet has intensely been interested in operations at Palao and the Third Base Force which is at Palao.

The Combined Air Force has assembled at Takao with some indications that certain units have moved on to Hainan.

The Third Fleet is believed moving in the direction of Takao and Bako.

The Second Base Force appears to be transporting the equipment of air forces to Taiwan.

An unidentified Second Fleet unit and a submarine unit appears to be in the vicinity of Takao. Crudiv 7 and Desron 3 appear to be an advance unit and may be en route South China. A strong concentration of submarines and aircraft is believed in the Marshalls comprising Airron 24, at least one cardiv and one third of the submarine force.

Com 14 believes the above indicates a strong force is preparing to operate in South Eastern Asia while certain units operate from Palao and the Marshalls.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A. Serial No. 94. Date: November 26, 1941

A reliable source of information evaluates the situation during the past few days as follows. He considers it reliable:

1. He believes that various units of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th Fleets are being directed by CinC 2nd Flt in a loosely-knit organization. He further states that the organization appears to be subdivided into two sections. And expects:

Section I to operate in South China Area.

Section II to operate in the Mandates.

2. Forces which appear to be under CinC 2nd Flt.

SECTION I

CruDiv 7 (From 2nd Flt) (4 CA's—KUMANO, MOGAMI, MIKUMA, SUZUYA)

Airon 6 (From Combined Air Force) (3 XAV's—KAMIKAWA MARU, FUJIKAWA MARU, KENJO MARU)

1st Defense Division (From 3rd Flt)

Subron 6 (From 6th Flt) (1 CL, 2 Subdivs (4 ss)) (note 4 SMs)

It is possible but not known for sure that *Crudiv 6* may be included herein. (From 1st Flt) (4 CA's—KAKO, FURUTAKA, KOBA, KINUGASA)

SECTION II

Crudiv 5 (From 2nd Flt) (3 CA's (maybe 4)—MYOKO, NACHI, HAGURO)

Cardiv 3 (From Carrier Flt) (2 CV's—RYUJO?, HOSHO) RYUJO and 1 MARU

Desron 2 (From 2nd Flt) (1 CL, 3 Desdivs (12 DD's))

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Subron 5 (From 6th Flt) (1 CL, 3 Subdivs (6 or 7 SS's))

Desdiv 23 (From Carrier Flt) (4 DD's)

1st Base Force (From 3rd Flt)

3rd Base Force (At PALAO)

5th Base Force (At SAIPAN)

Other lesser units (Names not known)

It is possible but not known for sure that *Batdiv 3* may be included herein. (From 1st Flt) (4 BB's—HIYEI, KONGO, KIRISHIMA, HARUNA) (HARUNA may be undergoing major repairs)

3. Disposition of remainder of 3rd Flt in doubt but it is assumed they will be stationed around the BAKO-TAKAO area or further south.

4. Indications are that today (Nov. 26th) *Desron 3* (1st Flt), *Crudiv 7* (2nd Flt) and *Subron 6* (6th Flt) are in the TAKAO area. Units of Combined Air Forces from the Empire are at TAKAO, HOCHOW, PAKHOI, SAIGON and other bases along the CHINA COAST and in TAIWAN.

5. He cannot confirm report there being large force of SS and CV's in the MANDATES. Thinks 'all known carriers of 1st and 2nd Flts are still in the KURE-SASEBO area.

6. He believes that:

CinC Combined Flt is in *NAGATO* (BB)

" 1st " " *HYUGA* (BB)

" 2nd " " *ATAGO* (CA) (In KURE area)

" 3rd " " *ASHIGARA* (CA) (In SASEBO area)

" 5th " " *CHICHIJIMA* area

" 6th " " *KASHIMA* (CL) (In YOKOSUKA area but this

is unreliable)

7. CinC 2nd Flt, CinC 3rd Flt and CinC Southern Expeditionary Force apparently have the major roles.

8. Units from North or Central appear to have joined the South China Fleet (probably torpedo boats).

9. One Base Force unit apparently being used to strengthen Southern Expeditionary Force.

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Reliability Rating: A. Serial No. 95. Date: November 27, 1941

A reliable agent states that there appears to be ORANGE Army activity in the air that involves Imperial Headquarters, Combined Army Forces and Commander OPTION KING AFIRM. Commander OPTION KING AFIRM and Combined Army Taiwan and Combined Army Forces Sama.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: B-3. Serial No. 96. Date: 27 November 1941

Information from British Intelligence (Far East) sources states:

Japan will commence Military Operations on 1 December against the KRA Isthmus, Thailand, with the *objective* of interposing between Bangkok and Singapore.

Main landing and center of effort at SINGORA (SONGKHLA).

Japanese Assault Forces to proceed direct from TAIWAN (FORMOSA) and HAINAN Is.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 97. Date: 28 Nov. 41

Absolutely reliable reports from Singapore are that the following procedure will be carried out on Japanese news broadcasts in the event that diplomatic relations are on the verge of severance:

On ordinary Tokyo news broadcasts, the following words repeated five times at the beginning and the end will have this significance:

HIGASHI HIGASHI: Japanese-American.

KITA KITA: Russia.

NISHI NISHI: England (including occupation of Thai or invasion of Malaya and NEI).

On Japanese language foreign news broadcasts, the following sentences repeated twice in the middle and twice at the end will be used:

"HIGASHI NO KAZE AME" (America).

"KITA NO KAZE KUMORI" (Russia).

"NISHI NO KAZE HARE" (England).

The British and Com 16 are monitoring the above broadcasts.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 98. Date: 28 Nov. 1941

Com 16 reports location of following units:

In Formosa Straits:

ISUZU

SubTender

4 Subs (probably Subron 6)

NAGOYA MARU

NITTA MARU sailing Yogosuka to Takao on 29th with military supplies.

Two senior construction officers and 4000 men (status unknown) order to the Mandates.

Unidentified CL (?) has apparently relieved KASHWI as flagship of the Southern Expeditionary Fleet and is now in the Camranh Bay Saigon Area.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 99. Date: 29 Nov. 1941

Com 16 reports recent developments noted:

"COMDR FIRST PATROL FORCE" has headquarters apparently in Palao or Yokosuka along with other forces of this nature.

"FIFTH AIR BATTALION" is at Takao.

"COMDR AIR BORNE TROOPS" (location unknown).

"FRENCH INDO-CHINA BILLETING DETACHMENT" in Saigon Area.

"THIRD FLEET HEADQUARTERS" probably at Yokosuka.

CinC Third has shifted flag from ASHIGARA to NAGARA.

CinC Southern Expeditionary Force shifted flag from KASHII to CHOKAI.

New additions to the First Section (Ser. # 94):

DESRON 4.

SUBRON (?).

AIRRON 7 (CHITOSE type).

The HIYEI and KONGO now appear to be definitely in the First Section but no movement has been noted.

Completely reliable information indicates that CinC Combined will leave Kure Zone at 0400 today, leave Sasebo Zone at midnight on the 1st and enter Bako Zone at midnight on the 2nd.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 100. Date: 1 Dec. 41

There have arrived in the Takao Area in the past two days: ComDesRon 5 in the NATORI; NAKA to join DesRon4; Units of Number Two Base Force; CHOGEI (believed to be tender for two subdivs). All of these units are under command of CinC Third. CinC Second has shifted from Kure to Sasebo Area in the ATAGO apparently en route South China Waters.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 101. Date: 1 Dec 1941

Absolutely reliable agent in Bangkok reports that on the 29th conferences were in progress considering plans to force the British to attack Thai at Padang Bessa near Singora as counter move to Japanese landing at Kota Bharu. Thai,

at present, intends to consider the first invader as her enemy therefore Japan believes this landing in Malay would force the British to invade Thai at Padang Bessa. Thai would then declare war against the British and call on Japan for help. This plan appears to have the approval of the Thai Chief of Staff Bijitto. Up until 25 November Thai government circles have been sharply divided between pro-British and pro-Japanese but now those favoring Japan seem to have silenced the anti-Japan group and intend to force Premier Pibul to make a decision. They expect early and favorable developments.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Reliability Rating: A-1. Serial No. 102. Date: 2 December 1941

CinC Second Fleet [handwritten: in ATAGO] and the Cinc Third Fleet have put in their appearance in the TAKAO Area. The Commander Southern Expeditionary Force in the CHOKAI has arrived at SAMA, HAINAN.

The U. S. Ambassador at Bangkok on the 30th requested permission to destroy all but a limited number of Codes.

Three I-class submarines were sighted bearing 070 distant 180 miles from SAIGON, course 180 speed 15.

Nine (9) ORANGE Submarines sighted at 0230 GCT 2nd Latitude 13-10, longitude 110-00 East course 180 speed 10.

Reported at CAMRANH Bay 21 ORANGE transports with a six plane patrol overhead.

HEWITT INQUIRY MEMORANDUM No. 27

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Paraphrase

This is a paraphrase of a classified dispatch. Please return to coding officer for burning when of no further use.

In Tokyo Yokohama area at present time. Kamakura and Nitta Haruo X Yokohama Dock Yard finished, not long ago, 2 escort ships X 2 transports left Yokohama last Thursday in November one carrying aircraft, the other Navy men.

CBO LIRP Date 5 December 41 Serial No. 12-129

Originator: NAVATT TOKYO

Action: OPNAV

Information:

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Nazis from Shanghai who are of military age are being transferred to Japan for training thought for purpose of serving on German ships which are now in Japan. In this connection 80 have departed in last 10 days average age of these men 30 years. A great deal of pressure is being brought to bear on French Consulate by 5 Shanghai officials to bring about the discharge of Anglo American civilian volunteer members of police reserves for the purpose of replacing them with Italians and Germans. The following information from British In-