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2500 Thursday 12 orange transports were seen off Wenchow Tuesday on a southwest course X. A hospital ship departed Shanghai from opelver with 2500 wounded X. Seen off Wenchow on Wednesday afternoon 9 transport averaging 3000 tons moderately loaded, with no troops reported.

CDO MHR Date 27 Oct. 41 Serial No. 19-793

Originator:  
ASST NAV AT SHANGHAI  
Action:  
CINCAF

Information:  
CINCPAC NAVATTS  
CHUNGKING, TOKYO  
OPNAV, COM 16

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It is reported that all Jap tankers are being armed with 2 guns. Isumo, converted carrier, was launched at Kobe October 28th and was moved to the dock formerly occupied by the Zuihaku.

The main Japanese Fleet departed on 28 October for the Kure area.

Master of foreign vessel under charter to Nippon states that a guard ship is now stationed at Tenaru Strait and signals all passing ships for name, nationality, and destination.

CPO MRQ Date 5 Oct. 41 Serial No. 11-117

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HEWITT INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 28

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship

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PEARL HARBOR, T. H., November 28, 1941.

Memorandum for: Admiral.

Subject: Projected Reconnaissance Flight over Mandates Islands.

1. The subject was discussed with the Intelligence Section, Hawaiian Air Force, on 27 and 28 November, 1941, and will be further discussed this afternoon at 1430.

2. I have furnished the Intelligence Officer, Hawaiian Air Force, with Fleet Intelligence Bulletin No. 45-41, giving the general summary of the installations and developments in the Mandates. The Chief of G-2, H. A. F., has promised me that this publication will not be reproduced by them nor given any circulation except to the pilots of the reconnaissance planes and to the commanders of the Army squadrons to be stationed on Wake and Midway. This document will not be carried in any aircraft.

3. The urgent need for as wide a reconnaissance of the Marshalls, Truk and Ponape was stressed with particular reference to Jaluit, Eniwetok, Kwajelien, Rongelap, Wotje and Maloelap.

4. The Fleet Aerological Officer was present at this morning's conference and is working up meteorological data in conjunction with the proposed reconnaissance. From a point of view of photographic interpretation the hours of medium shadow 9-11 a. m. and 2-4 p. m. are considered most advantageous and fog conditions are expected to be best at around 10 a. m. Consequently, that hour has been tentatively agreed upon for arrival at first objective.

5. The Army plans to fly two (2) B-24 planes fully manned with defensive armament and photographic equipment from Wake on the selected day, departures to be staggered so that arrivals over assigned initial points would be practically simultaneous. Lacking definite information as to Radar installations in the Mandates it is proposed (tentatively) to make the first objective of the planes Jaluit and Truk respectively. The Jaluit plane returning via Maloelap, Wotje, Kwajelien, Rongelap and Pokaakku. The Truk plane returning via Ujelang and Eniwetok. These return objectives being dependent upon discovery or detection at or after first objective, and existing conditions at the time.

6. The second reconnaissance is to be conducted over Ponape enroute to Port Moresby was assigned Ujelang, Ponape and Kapingamarangi (Greenwich Island).

7. The Hawaiian Air Force has requested that I sit in on all conferences after the arrival here of the photographic planes and that I brief the pilots on all matters relating to the Mandates prior to their takeoff.

[s] E. T. LATTON.

#### HAWAII INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 29

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Incoming

From: Togo, Foreign Minister.

To: Consul Honolulu.

Please inform us immediately of any rumors of the movements of warships after the 4th.

Date: 6 Dec. 41.

Togo.

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Incoming

From: Kita.

To: Foreign Minister, Tokyo.

1. The three battleships mentioned in your X239 of Friday morning the 5th entered port. They expect to depart port on the 8th.

2. On the same day the LEXINGTON and 6 heavy cruisers departed.

3. The following warships were anchored on the afternoon of the 5th:

5 Battleships

3 Light cruisers

16 Destroyers

Coming in were 4 cruisers of the Honolulu type and 2 destroyers.

Date: 5 Dec. 41.

Kita.

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Incoming

From: Foreign Minister.

To: Kita, Consul, Honolulu.

Strictly Secret.

Would like you to hold on to your list of code words (also those used in connection with radio broadcast) right up until the last minute. When the break comes burn immediately and wire us to that effect.

Date: 3 Dec 41.

Togo.