

EXHIBIT NO. 115A

COMMUNICATION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES

of

9 & 10 December 1941

showing

ASSUMED COMPOSITION OF JAPANESE STRIKING FORCE

COMMUNICATION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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COMBINED FLEET - The Combined Fleet Commander-in-Chief and Staff are believed to be in Empire waters. There appeared to be a split in this command in Mid-November which led to the belief that the operations as initiated by Second Fleet Commander in South East Asia occasioned a supreme Commander in Empire waters with a secondary Commander-in-Chief Combined Fleet in South East Asia or elsewhere.

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FIRST FLEET - First Fleet is believed to be temporarily in the background as some first fleet units should be operating with the Second and Third Fleets and the majority of the remainder is operating with the Carrier Divisions. Battle Ship Division One and Two have disappeared as far as our identifications are concerned. Battleship Division Three is believed to be operating with Carrier Divisions which outfit is in turn divided so that HIYE I and KIRISHIMA are operating with Striking Force #1 in the Blue Pacific and HARUNA and KONGO are probably with the or a #2 Striking Force. Destroyer Squadron One and ABUKUMA are believed also in the #1 Striking Force. From one dispatch in plain text and associations, it appears likely that Striking Force #1 is still in the Oahu-Midway area (Lat. 32 N Long. 164 W).

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SECOND FLEET - Cruiser Division Eight of this Fleet may be operating with Striking Force #1. Other units are probably with the Commander-in-Chief, Second in Southeast Asia. One indication is that the bulk of the Second Fleet is operating against Malay and Singapore while the Third Fleet took care of Luzon. The indications continue that Second Fleet, Third Fleet and Combined Air Force are under one command; also that Indo-China Force and South China Force seem to have lost some of the close association with this combination, probably because South China and Indo-China Force are holding the South China Coast and Indo-China.

THIRD FLEET - Together with some units of the Combined Air Force is probably operating against the Philippines and also in Malay. The close connection of Palao with Third Fleet addresses and Palao prior to war is the basis for this assumption.

FOURTH FLEET - Operating in the Mandates. No recent indications of operations of this fleet outside of the Mandates. On one hand there is a close connection between Fourth Fleet and Fifth Fleet in the north; on the other hand Submarine Force and Fourth Fleet must be working together in the defense of the southern flank. Air Squadron Twenty-four figures prominently in the traffic and is still in the Marshall area. Saipan Radio initiated a broadcast similar to Takao. Jaluit appears to have taken over some of the primary duties of a radio intelligence unit and is assumed to be headquarters in the "Field".

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FIFTH FLEET - Definite information that this fleet is in the northern area continues. Ominato Radio handles traffic to and from the Fifth Fleet units. This fleet appeared to shift from Yokosuka north to Ominato area shortly before war opened. The composition of this fleet is still somewhat obscure but is believed to have very few so called fleet vessels. Probably as large percentage of fleet auxiliaries and converted air tenders?

CARRIERS - #1 Striking Force operating in Blue Pacific. Believed to comprise Carrier Division One - AKAGI (Flagship CarDivs)

KAGA

Carrier Division Two - HIRYU
SORYUCarrier Division
Four (or Five) - SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKUCruiser Division Eight
Destroyer Squadron One
KIRISHIMA - - First Section BatDiv Three.
HIYEI.

By deduction #2 Striking Force, if such an organization exists, comprises Carrier Division Three - RYUJO
HOSHO

Carrier Division
Five (or four) - KORYU

and probably other combatant units. Carrier Division Three and RYUJO were definitely associated with Second and Third Fleet prior to war.

SUBMARINES - A strong force of submarines believed to be operating with Fourth Fleet and another force operating with Carrier Divisions.

CHINA - China Fleet Commanders in normal bases or locations.

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GENERAL - Traffic volume continues very high with proportionate amount of high precedence traffic. The actual amount of traffic intercepted at Heeia has not increased materially since the Eighth but this is due to the concentration of efforts on obtaining all transmissions of Japanese vessels in the Hawaiian area somewhat at the expense of obtaining the maximum traffic on all known circuits. There were very few signals identified as emanating from the immediate Hawaiian area. A great many bearings have been obtained the last two days in the sector 295 - 300 true from Oahu; since most calls involved have been tentatively identified as vessels in the North China and Takao areas, increased activity in that region may be the reason therefor. The Navy Minister originated the following dispatch to the Secretary of the Combined Fleet which was broadcasted from Takao Radio:

"164. From the Cabinet, Prime Minister and Admiral Arihama Takaza Igo received a request for a congratulatory telegram as follows addressed to all hands (?).

"Congratulations (upon) there having been attained manifold results (war results) (at) the outset of the naval war. We pray for the success of the fortunes of war for all ranks of officers and enlisted men".

COMBINED FLEET - No change.

FIRST FLEET - No indications of any change. The calls identified as First Fleet have practically disappeared from the traffic lately. This is submitted as a partial strengthening of the opinion that the First Fleet has lost its identity as such and has been split between Carrier Divisions and the large task force operating in the Malay area. The report of United States bomber action on a HARUNA type Battleship in the Philippine area, if true, substantiates this.

SECOND AND THIRD FLEETS - Appear to be "intact" in the South eastern Asia area.

FOURTH FLEETS - Commander-in-Chief, Fourth Fleet and some of the Fourth Fleet vessels definitely show in the Mandates. It is believed that Air Squadron Twenty-four is still in the Marshall area and that the Commander-in-Chief, Fourth Fleet is in the Truk area. While complete coverage at Heeia is not possible under present conditions, the available traffic does not indicate the previous association between Palao and Second-Third Fleet combination.

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FIFTH FLEET - No apparent change in the available information on this fleet. Considerable activity has been noted in the High North and Ominato area shore stations.

SUBMARINES - Commander Submarine Force continues to show in the routing of traffic to and from Mandate stations, particularly the Marshall Island area. From all the reports of submarine activity in the Hawaiian area and the well established fact that Submarine Squadrons Five and Six went south to Malay prior to declarations of war, it appears that practically all submarines are away from Empire waters or that our estimates of Japanese submarine strength were lower than actual numbers.

CARRIERS - Very little radio activity the past twenty-four hours. One possible significant clue to Carrier Divisions future operations was contained in a despatch from Tokyo Radio to the Commander of First Air Fleet flagship, AKAGI, listing a long string of Tokyo Broadcast messages which it is assumed provided a reminder or check on those dispatches which should have been received for the First Air Fleet during the period 7 - 10 December. To this office, the inference is that for the past three days (during radio silence in Hawaiian waters), a check up was not practicable but now may be done without breaking radio silence. While this may be far-fetched, it still remains a possibility.