

EXHIBIT NO. 175

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

Herewith

the figures on Japanese
military & naval forces
in Indo-China - concerning
which I have just talked
with you on the phone.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hon Cordell Hall



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: O.N.I. estimates of Japanese forces in Indo-China, and adjacent areas.

25,000 men in Tonkin Province (North)
 21,000 " " Southern Indo-China
 100,000 men.....TOTAL

90 planes near Hanoi (North)
 100 " Southern Indo-China
 100 planes...TOTAL

NAVAL FORCES

At Cochin Bay or vicinity	1 Heavy Cruiser 1 Converted Seaplane Tender 9 Submarines 21 Transports or supply vessels.
At Saigon	2 Destroyers
Indo-China Coast	1 Light Cruiser 1 Mineslayer
In the general Hainan-Formosa area	1 Heavy Cruiser 3 Light Cruisers 24 Destroyers 10 Submarines 3 Aircraft Tenders 1 Submarine Tender 1 Mineslayer 27 (approx.) transports or supply vessels.
In supporting distance are:	
On Hainan	30,000 men and 200 planes.
On Formosa	45,000 " " 150 " "

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose the figures of our estimate of Japanese air and ground forces in Indochina, Malaya, and Formosa, as requested by the President yesterday.

Faithfully yours,

Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War.

Hon. Cordell Hull,
The Secretary of State.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
 WASHINGTON

December 6, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Estimate of Japanese Air
 and Ground Forces in Indo-
 China, Hainan and Formosa.

1. Indo-China.

Japanese troops in the theater	125,000
In the North	25,000
In the South	82,000
On ships in harbors	<u>18,000</u>
Total	125,000

(Other troops, number unknown, are in transit toward Indo-China, south of Shanghai)

Planes (bulk in the south)	450
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2. Hainan.

Japanese troops	50,000
Planes	200 (approx.)

3. Taiwan (Formosa).

Japanese troops	40,000
Planes	400 (approx.)

4. Basis of the foregoing: Reports by M.I.D., O.N.I., State Department and British Intelligence.

Sherman Miles

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 Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Distribution:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

In compliance with your request there is enclosed a memorandum in regard to the number of Japanese forces in Indochina and the recent increase in Japanese military materiel and equipment brought into that colony.

Enclosure:

Memorandum.

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JAPANESE FORCES AND RECENT INCREASE IN JAPANESE MILITARY MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT IN INDOCHINA

According to information reported by our Consuls at Hanoi and Saigon, received by them from French military sources in Indochina and not confirmed, it is estimated that there are at present in northern Indochina (Tongking) 25,000 Japanese troops and 80,000 in southern Indochina, making a total of 105,000, and that there are at the outside some 450 Japanese planes in Indochina. According to a statement made December 4 by the Governor General of Indochina to our Consul at Hanoi, there are approximately 70,000 Japanese troops in Indochina, a little less than 30,000 being in Tongking and the balance in the south. The estimate of 105,000 is considered to be approximately correct by the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department.

According to the Office of Naval Intelligence of the Navy Department, 21 transports were sighted in Camrauh Bay on December 2 by an air patrol from Manila, 12 submarines were sighted at sea northeast of Saigon proceeding south and nine of these submarines are now in Camranh Bay with other naval units including several destroyers. Our Consul at Hanoi reported on December 5 information from [2] a reportedly reliable source that there were in Camranh Bay 30 transports carrying an estimated division of troops. Our Consul at Tsingtao reported on December 1 that for the preceding ten days an average of about three transports had left Tsingtao daily loaded with troops in summer uniforms.

An official of the French Foreign Office at Vichy stated to an officer of our Embassy on December 3 that the Japanese recently had been sending large amounts of military equipment and materiel into Indochina. According to our Consul at Hanoi Japanese military equipment recently landed in Indochina includes, as estimated by French military sources, 3,400 trucks and tractors, 600 automobiles, 500 motorcycles, 260 tanks (categories unspecified), 300 cannon, 2,000 machine guns, 1,300 submachine guns, 2,100 pack horses and a large number of bicycles.

The marked increase in Japanese troops in Indochina reportedly began November 21 with the arrival of 21 troop and supply ships at Saigon, the landing of 20,000 troops there, the transfer of 10,000 troops from northern Indochina southward and the subsequent landing of additional troops at both Saigon and Haiphong, those landed at the latter place proceeding southward by train.

[3] At nearby Hainan Island there are estimated by the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department to be some 30,000 Japanese troops and an unknown number of planes. Pursuit planes as well as bombers can fly from Hainan Island to northern Indochina, either direct or via Waichow Island off Pakhoi, Kwantung Province of China.

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