

(11) It was felt that the air-to-ground radio equipment at present available was not the best that could be hoped for, and it was therefore decided to investigate the possibility of utilizing other army, navy, coast guard or civilian radio facilities in the event of an emergency, if not at present.

(12) In view of the permanence of the location and operation on the island, and its bombproof position, the question was raised as to whether or not it might be important to use the Information Center as a joint Communications Center, or to have a joint Communications Center adjacent to the Information Center.

(13) The question of teletypes was brought up, and it was considered that in some cases it might be used to advantage but in most cases it was too slow. Direct lines should therefore be used between all manned positions in the Information Center and the various outlying units.

(14) As there has been some difficulty in the procedure for requesting telephone circuits to the Information Center, i. e., requests had to be made by each of the many activities on the far end of the circuit—this question was presented to Colonel Murphy. Colonel Murphy agreed that all requests for circuits should and could be made by the Information Center. Circuits to Kaneohe and Bellows Field are required, and Colonel Murphy agreed that these could be furnished.

(15) It was agreed that all air to ground and air to ship radio procedure, of Fighters at least, should be standardized. In view of a recent Bureau of Aeronautics Navy Department letter to this effect, it is believed that all naval Fighter squadrons are now using the British system. It was decided, therefore, that all Pursuit squadrons will also use this procedure. It was felt by all that further liaison should be done to insure that the procedure being used is the same.

(16) It was decided that Intercept Tables for use in interceptions are cumbersome and unnecessary, and that therefore interceptions would be accomplished by eye, direct from RIF plots, by the Controller or Pursuit Officer.

(17) It was considered desirable to point out to all aircraft activities that bombing and rescue facilities are being made available to all aircraft within the next fourteen days. It was decided that the question of developing this to the highest degree would be worked out with the activities concerned. It was felt that if all information comes in to the Information Center, the Information Center could, with the minimum amount of delay, locate aircraft in distress and send out rescue aircraft or surface craft to the proper position.

(18) It was pointed out also that the Information Center can be used for dissemination of orders, change of policy, or recalling aircraft, immediately, through Information Center direct lines, when this is desired by the Officers commanding the particular activities.

(19) It was decided that communications liaison is vitally important and therefore all activities should be approached with a view of coordinating communications facilities to the best advantage of all concerned.

(d) It was decided to investigate the probability and possibility of using naval ship-board RIF (NADAR) to supplement the land-based RIF under various conditions of emergency; also to determine the most efficient method of communications between the Ship's Warning Net and the Information Center.

(e) The facilities of the Information Center can be made available to Army, Navy and Marine Corps squadrons for interception, exercises, by arrangement either by telephone or letter to the Controller, Information Center.

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DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT 63

Exhibit 63 is a file of photostatic copies of certain dispatches, duly authenticated under official seal, prepared by the Acting Director of Naval Communications at the request of the Judge Advocate.

This exhibit has, by direction of the court, been filed separately with that part of the record which has been extracted and separately deposited with the Secretary of the Navy. This action was taken in the interest of the National security and the successful prosecution of the war.

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