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IMMEDIATE ACTION

SUBJECT: D-Day Intelligence (R M S H)
TO : All District Commanders

The Allied forces are drawing closer to Luzon. With the next few months, the next few weeks or, possible EVENS within THE NEXT FEW DAYS, Allied forces may land on the island of Luzon. Immediately before, during and after the D-Day upon which this landing (or landings) takes place your Intelligence activity will enter a new and most vital phase. All of your activity to date and all of your organization to date will have been only a preparation for this final phase. In order that you may be fully prepared for this phase, the following brief discussion is made:

1. GENERAL: During this final phase, your activities will be centered around obtaining and forwarding information of value to immediate operations and the operations that will immediately follow such operations. Effective D-Day, you will cease to submit periodic reports. All information will be submitted as RUSH Fragmentary Reports and, wherever possible, will be submitted by radio.

2. WIDE D-DAY INTELLIGENCE: During a four to seven day period preceding D-Day selected landing points will be subjected to heavy air and naval bombardments. Other points will also be bombarded with a view to deceiving the enemy as to the actual landing points. The enemy will quite certainly know a landing is coming. During this period, GHC, SWPA, will want to know what the enemy is doing in response to this information, to what points he is rushing reserves to meet expected landings, how well the enemy is being fooled by feints at points at which our forces will not actually land. Therefore information of enemy movements and concentration of troops and equipments, particularly tanks and artillery, giving strength, type and armament is especially important and must be forwarded without delay. Negative reports (that the enemy in certain area is not moving) are equally important.

3. D-DAY INTELLIGENCE:

a- In the area of immediate operations.- It is not believed that you will be able to maintain agents in immediate battle areas, but they will, in many cases, be able to observe from nearby hills. The important information here is the movements of

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enemy tactical reserves. Are tanks, artillery or large numbers of troops moving into position? Make immediate reports, giving all information possible.

b) In the immediate rear areas. Watch for and report all enemy movements giving direction and description. Watch for and report all concentrations of enemy troops, artillery, tanks and supplies. Watch for and report full details of any new positions being prepared paying particular attention to the location of artillery and machine gun emplacements, the location of the flanks and depth of the position and the type of fortifications. Watch for and report any bridges or roads being prepared for destruction or being destroyed and any roads being mined.

c) In the further rear areas (where you can hardly hear the sound of guns) watch for and report all enemy troop and supply movements and concentrations, giving full details. Watch for and report all airfield activity and lack of activity. Watch for and report new positions being prepared, roads being mined, or bridges or roads being prepared for destruction. Watch for and report all arrivals of troops by sea, particularly at night. Report the success or failure of all Allied air attacks upon bridges and roads and whether or not the enemy is succeeding in repairing them or not. WATCH FOR AND REPORT THE MOVEMENT OF ALL TANKS AND ARTILLERY. WATCH FOR AND REPORT GENERAL AND INTERIOR AREAS THAT ARE BEING EVACUATED.

5. AFTER D-DAY MISSIONS: This is when the enemy is withdrawing from positions. Watch for and report in what condition he is withdrawing, in what condition are his troops, how much of his equipment, particularly tanks, artillery and motor vehicles, he is withdrawing with. Watch for and report the manner on which he is withdrawing, what routes he is using, what bridges and roads he is destroying en route, in what formations and order he is withdrawing. Watch for and report new positions or areas into which he is going. WATCH FOR AND REPORT WHERE AND WHEN LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS LEAVE THE BEACH AND TAKE TO THE HILLS. In rear areas, continue activity as in Part (d) e above.

6. You will each without delay instruct all of your agents and units regarding the above so what they will not overlook any of the desired information. You will be prepared to furnish this type of information no matter where on the coast or interior (remember, troops sea now land by air) initial or subsequent landings take place.

7. Agents will be instructed that all such information MUST be reported to the nearest Headquarters. They will also report the information directly to the nearest Headquarters in the vicinity of the landing.

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