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TO : C. O., 14th INF.

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 - b. Good landing beaches, however, of less importance than above, lightly garrisoned or patrolled.
 - c. Stationed at strategical points behind the above mentioned defenses will be local reserves, as highly mobile as the Japs can make them ready to move to a threatened point within their area.
 - d. Behind all the above, there will be still larger general reserves.
 - e. The units outlined in a, b, c, are expected to detect landings, defeat if possible the landing effort, and at least retard the landing effort and limit the beachhead. The success with which these units can carry out their mission depends primarily on their ability to move RAPIDLY the local reserve mentioned under c.
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4. Subsequent missions may be carried out after the primary mission of destroying lines of communications is accomplished.

5. Ref. see also Plans for Action..., USFIP. N.L. dated July 15, 1943.

By order of C.O., USFIP, N.L.

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