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CINCPACFLT OP-PLAN 51-Z-55

IN CASE US NAVAL FORCES ARE DIRECTED ASSIST IN EVACUATION OF TACHENS FOLLOWING IS MY TENTATIVE PLAN: "THIS IS CINCPACFLT

OP PLAN 51-Z-55 X PARA ONE X GEN SIT X INCREASED COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST TACHENS HAS RESULTED IN LOSS OF

ICHIANG X CHICOMS HAVE CAPABILITY TO RENDER UNTENABLE POSITION OF CHINAT DEFENSE FORCES IN TACHENS X CHINATS WITH CON-

CURRENCE OF US GOVT HAVE DECIDED EVACUATE GARRISONS AND CIVILIAN POPULATION OF CHINAT HELD ISLANDS OF TACHEN GROUP

INCLUDING PISHAN AND YUSHAN (EST 18 THOU TROOPS AND 14 THOU CIVILIANS) X LIMITED CHINAT NAVAL AND AIR CAPABILITIES AND

POSSIBILITY OF CHICOM AIR AND SEA ATTACKS INDICATE THAT US NAVAL FORCES WILL BE REQUIRED ASSIST IN AND DEFEND EVACUATION

IN ORDER ASSURE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION X

A X ENEMY FORCES ARE CHICOM FORCES PLUS ANY OTHER

ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING WITH OR OVERTLY ASSISTING CHICOMS X B X FRIENDLY FORCES X 1 X USAF FORCES BASED IN OKINAWA OR

WHICH MAY BE LATER DEPLOYED TO FORMOSA MAY BE DIRECTED SUPPORT THIS OPERATION X 2 X CHINATS WILL PROVIDE SEA LIFT

AND NAVAL AND AIR SUPPORT TO MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE EXTENT X 3 X CHMAAG FORMOSA WILL FURNISH TRAINING AND ADVISORY SUPPORT

TO CHINATS X

C X INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE CHICOM AND CHINAT FORCES BY

SEPARATE MESSAGE

D X ASSUMPTIONS X 1 X A "CEASE FIRE" BETWEEN CHICOMS AND

CHINATS HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTED X 2 X ATOMIC WEAPONS WILL NOT BE USED X

PARA TWO X MISSION X PACIFIC FLEET WILL PROVIDE NAVAL SUPPORT INCLUDING AMPHIBIOUS LIFT TO CHINAT FORCES EVACUATING MILITARY

AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FROM TACHENS IN ORDER TO EFFECT SAFE AND TIMELY REMOVAL OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED

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TO FORMOSA OR OTHER DESIGNATED LOCATION X

PARA THREE X TASKS X

A X SEVENTH FLEET X 1 X PROTECT US AND FRIENDLY SHIPPING PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION X 2 X ASSIST IN EVACUATION UTILIZING US SHIPPING AS ASSIGNED X 3 X REPEL AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ATTACK ON OWN OR FRIENDLY FORCES X 4 X PROVIDE NAVAL AIR AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT TO CHINAT FORCES IN THE TACHENS AS NECESSARY X 5 X COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH CHINAT FORCES FURNISHING COORDINATING TEAM TO JOC FORMOSA X 6 X CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AS REQUIRED SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS IN SUBPARA 3X 3 BELOW X 7 X BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT URGENT EVACUATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT AS PRACTICABLE, IN EVENT LOCAL MILITARY SITUATION PREVENTS DELIBERATE WITHDRAWAL X 8 X CONTINUE PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN FORMOSA STRAIT AND BE PREPARED TO DEFEND FORMOSA AND PESCADORES AS MATTER OF PRIORITY OVER OPERATIONS DIRECTED HEREIN X 1 X THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING UPON RECEIPT AND FOR OPERATIONS WHEN DIRECTED X UPON EXECUTION THIS PLAN DIRECT LIAISON WITH CHINAT COMMANDERS IN TACHEN AREA AUTHORIZED X 2 X TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST AIR SURFACE OR UNDERSEA ATTACK INCLUDING MINING X 3 X EXCEPT AS NOTED IN SUBPARA 6 AND 7 BELOW US FORCES SHALL NOT OPERATE WITHIN 3 MILES OF CHINA MAINLAND X 4 X IT IS INTENDED INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE AVOID SHOOTING INCIDENTS X PRIOR TO FIRST ACT OF COMMUNIST ATTACK ON OWN OR FRIENDLY FORCES AFTER EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN, COMMUNIST FORCES ENCOUNTERED SHALL NOT BE ATTACKED UNLESS THEY, BY THREATENING MANEUVERS OR BY GAINING ATTACK POSITION, DEMONSTRATE HOSTILE INTENT X COMMANDERS AND PILOTS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED NOT ACCEPT POSITIONS OF TACTICAL DISADVANTAGE IN INTEREST AVOIDING

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SHOOTING INCIDENTS BUT SHOULD TAKE INSTANT AGGRESSIVE PROTECTIVE ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST FORCES WHICH SHOW HOSTILE

INTENT X 5 X ANY ACTUAL COMMUNIST ATTACK ON OWN OR FRIENDLY FORCES (INCLUDING BOMBARDMENT FROM NEAR BY ISLANDS) AFTER

EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING SITUATION OF OPPOSED EVACUATION AND THEREAFTER ANY COMMUNIST FORCES

ENCOUNTERED IN TACHEN AREA OR IN VICINITY EVACUATION AND COVERING FORCES SHALL BE DESTROYED X 6 X IN EVENT ACTUAL

ENGAGEMENT IN COMBAT, HOT PURSUIT INTO MAINLAND AIR SPACE OR TERRITORIAL WATERS IS AUTHORIZED FOR PURPOSE OF SUCCESSFUL

CONCLUSION OF ENGAGEMENT X 7 X ALTHOUGH IT IS DESIRED LOCALIZE HOSTILITIES AS PRACTICABLE, ATTACK ON CHICOM BASES SUSPECTED

AS SOURCE OF ENEMY ATTACKS IS AUTHORIZED SHOULD NATURE AND SCALE OF ENEMY REACTION INDICATE THIS ACTION TO BE ESSENTIAL

TO SUCCESS X 8 X AUTHORITY GRANTED PLACE PERSONNEL ASHORE IN TACHEN AREA AS DESIRED X

PARA FOUR X LOGISTICS IN ACCORDANCE CINCPACFLT OP ORDER 201-54 AND COMSEVENTHFLT OP ORDER 201-A-54 X

PARA FIVE X COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE COMSEVENTHFLT OP ORDER 201-A-54 AND EFFECTIVE EDITION NWP 16 X NWIP 16-1 PAC 73

JANAPS AND ACPS X CHMAAG FORMOSA WILL BE DIRECTED REPORT TO COMSEVENTHFLT FOR LIAISON FUNCTIONS X USE LOCAL ZONE TIME

PLUS ZONE DESIGNATOR X CINCPACFLT AT PEARL HARBORX"



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ANNEX ABLE

Atomic Operations



This annex derived from CINCPACFLT msg 270125Z JAN 55. Comprised from basic plan to include portions received in above msg, underlined, which makes up Annex A.

1. General Situation. Increased Communist military pressure against Tachens has resulted in loss of Ichiang. CHICOMS have capability to render untenable position of CHINAT defense forces in Tachens. CHINATS, with concurrence of U.S. Government, have decided evacuate garrisons and civilian population of CHINAT held islands of Tachen group including Pishan and Yushan (estimated as 18,000 troops and 14,000 civilians). Limited CHINAT naval and air capabilities and possibility of CHICOM air and sea attacks indicate that U.S. naval forces will be required to assist in and defend evacuation in order assure success of the operation. This annex provides for the contingency that U.S. use of atomic weapons will be authorized in defense of own forces.

a. Enemy forces are CHICOM forces plus any other armed forces participating with or overtly assisting CHICOMS.

b. Friendly forces:

- (1) USAF forces based in Okinawa or which may be later deployed to Formosa may be directed to support this operation.
- (2) CHINATS will provide sea lift and naval and air support to maximum practicable extent.
- (3) CHMAAG Formosa will furnish training and advisory support to CHINATS.

c. Intelligence estimate CHICOM and CHINAT forces by separate message.

(1) Assumptions:

- (a) A "Cease Fire" between CHINAT & CHICOMS has not been effected.
- (b) U.S. use of atomic weapons will be authorized and enemy attack is possible.

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2. Mission. Pacific Fleet will provide naval support including amphibious lift to CHINAT forces evacuating military and civilian personnel from Tachens in order to effect safe and timely removal of personnel and equipment involved to Formosa or other designated locations.

3. Tasks.



a. SEVENTH FLEET.

- (1) Protect U.S. and friendly shipping participating in operation.
- (2) Assist in evacuation utilizing U.S. shipping as assigned.
- (3) Repel and destroy enemy forces attempting attack on own or friendly forces.
- (4) Provide naval, air and gunfire support to CHINAT forces in the Tachens as necessary.
- (5) Coordinate operations with CHINAT forces furnishing coordinating team to JOC Formosa.
- (6) Conduct reconnaissance as required subject to restrictions in subparagraph 3x. below.
- (7) Be prepared to conduct urgent evacuation of military personnel, and equipment as practicable, in event local military situation prevents deliberate withdrawal.
- (8) Continue patrol and reconnaissance operations in Formosa Strait and be prepared to defend Formosa and Pescadores as matter of priority over operations directed herein.

x. (1) This Annex effective for planning upon receipt and for operations when directed. Execution of this annex will be specifically directed independently of execution of basic plan. Upon execution this annex, direct liaison with CHINAT Commanders in Tachen area authorized.

(2) Take precautions against air, surface or undersea attack, including mining and atomic attack.

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- (3) Except as noted in subparagraph 6 and 7 below, U.S. forces shall not operate within 3 miles of China mainland.
- (4) It is intended insofar as possible to avoid shooting incidents. Prior to first act of Communist attack on own or friendly forces after execution of this plan, Communist forces encountered shall not be attacked unless they, by threatening maneuvers or by gaining attack position, demonstrate hostile intent. Commanders and pilots should be instructed not accept positions of tactical disadvantage in interest avoiding shooting incidents but should take instant aggressive protective action against Communist forces which show hostile intent.
- (5) Any actual Communist attack on own or friendly forces, including bombardment from nearby islands, after execution of this plan, shall be construed as creating situation of opposed evacuation and thereafter, any Communist forces encountered in Tachen area or in vicinity evacuation and covering forces shall be destroyed.
- (6) In event actual engagement in combat, hot pursuit into mainland air space or territorial waters is authorized for purpose of successful conclusion of engagement.
- (7) Although it is desired localize hostilities as practicable, attack on CHICOM bases suspected as source of enemy attacks is authorized should nature and scale of enemy reaction indicate this action to be essential to success.
- (8) Authority granted place personnel ashore in Tachen area as desired.
- (9) Subject to restrictions in subparagraph x. 7, [REDACTED] are designated as [REDACTED] targets: [REDACTED]



Other targets suspected as source of enemy attacks may be nominated by COMSEVENTHFLT for atomic strikes.

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- (10) Coordination and control procedures for atomic operations as contained my ser 0001 of 6 January 1955. Situation "A" of those procedures effective.

NOTE FOR CNO: Situation "A" referred to above requires approval from CINCPACFLT for the expenditure of each atomic weapon.

4. Logistics in accordance CINCPACFLT OpOrder 201-54 and COMSEVENTHFLT OpOrder 201-A-54. Atomic resupply as directed by CINCPACFLT.

5. Communications in accordance COMSEVENTHFLT OpOrder 201-A-54 and effective edition NWP 16, NWIP 16-1, PAC 73, NANAPS and ACPs. CHMAAG Formosa will be directed report to COMSEVENTHFLT for liaison functions. Use local zone time plus zone designator.

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