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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

A.P.O. 500  
10 August 1945

AG 373.4 (10 Aug 45)GD

SUBJECT: Air Dropping of Supplies to Prisoners of War and Internees of United Nations held by Japanese.

TO : Commanding General, Tenth U. S. Army, A.P.O. 357  
Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Force, A.P.O. 953  
Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, A.P.O. 925  
Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, A.P.O. 958  
Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, A.P.O. 707

1. Upon unconditional surrender or collapse of the Japanese Government and High Command, emergency supplies will be air-dropped to prisoners of war and internees of United Nations held in known Japanese camps. Emergency supplies will be flown from bases in the Philippines, Okinawa, and the Marianas. By arrangement with the Commanding General, China Theater, emergency supplies will be flown from the Philippine bases for dropping to camps located on the China coast south of Foochow and north of the boundary of the area under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia Command, and to those camps located in the islands of Formosa and Hainan. Emergency supplies will be flown from Okinawa and Marianas bases to camps located in the home islands of Japan, Korea, Manchuria, and to camps located on the China coast north of Foochow.

2. It is requested that the Commanding General, U. S. Army Strategic Air Force, assist the Commanding General, Far Eastern Air Forces, in this operation by dropping supplies made available at the Marianas and Ryukyus to camps requested by the Commanding General, Far Eastern Air Forces. It is also requested that the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Force, designate fields in the Marianas to which the Commanding General, AFMIDPAC, will deliver supplies when required for loading on planes. Radio concurrence of the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Force, in the foregoing is requested.

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3. It is desired that the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces:

a. Immediately initiate necessary plans for, and upon direction of this headquarters, execute the distribution of supplies to the prisoners of war and internees of the United Nations in known Japanese camps.

b. Enlist the assistance of the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Force, to air-drop emergency supplies lifted from Marianas bases to prisoners of war and internees of the United Nations held in known Japanese camps.

4. Upon receipt of this directive, preparation will be commenced as follows:

a. Supplies will be assembled and bundled in standard blocks as indicated in Inclosure 1, as follows:

(1) The Commanding General, AFWESPAC, will assemble and pack the necessary supplies for 45,000 prisoners for 30 days.

(a) Supplies for 13,000 will be stored and held in the Philippines until required for dropping.

(b) Supplies for 32,000 will be shipped to the Commanding General, Tenth U. S. Army, Ryukyus, for storage until required for dropping.

(2) The Commanding General, AFMIDPAC, will assemble, pack and store at stations in the Marianas, in locations as designated by the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Force, the necessary supplies for 25,000 for 30 days, delivering these supplies to designated airfields when

required for dropping.

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b. The Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, will advise the Commanding General, AFWESPAC, the names and locations of the airfields to which the supplies will be delivered when required for dropping, and the quantities of supplies desired at each field.

c. The Commanding General, AFWESPAC, is responsible for the shipment of air-drop supplies for lifting from Ryukyus airfields to dockside in Okinawa. The Commanding General, Tenth U. S. Army, is responsible for the unloading of these supplies and their storage and later delivery to fields designated by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces.

5. Location and strengths of prisoner of war and civilian internee camps is indicated in Appendix A of Annex 4 (Logistic) to Staff Study, BLACKLIST, this headquarters. Additional information may be obtained from current issues of Military Intelligence Department bulletins.

6. Direct communication between addressees is encouraged and authorized in making arrangements for this project.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

1 Incl:  
Tabulation as described  
in foregoing Par. 4a.  
(not inclosed)

  
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Adjutant General.

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APPENDIX A  
TO ANNEX 4 (Logistics)  
BLACKLIST

1. GENERAL.

This plan provides for an operation related to other BLACKLIST operations in that its execution is dependent upon the initiation of BLACKLIST. It is conducted concurrently with the early phases of BLACKLIST and covers operations to air-drop emergency supplies consisting of medicines, subsistence, and clothing, to Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees of the United Nations held in Japanese camps.

2. ASSUMPTIONS.

- a. That the Japanese government and High Command have surrendered unconditionally or have collapsed.
- b. That neither enemy air nor ground forces will interfere with flights of airplanes making air droppings in this operation.

3. OPERATIONS.

a. Concept

This plan covers a period of time following the unconditional surrender or collapse of JAPAN during which air droppings can be relied upon as the quickest and most feasible method of supplying Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees with emergency supplies. Emergency supplies are flown from bases in the PHILIPPINES, RYUKYUS and the MARIANAS. Emergency supplies for camps located on the CHINA Coast south of FOOCHOW to the northern boundary of the area under the jurisdiction of SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, FORMOSA and the island of HAINAN, are flown from PHILIPPINE bases. Emergency supplies for camps located on the CHINA coast north of FOOCHOW, KOREA, MANCHURIA and the home islands of JAPAN are flown from RYUKYUS and MARIANAS bases.

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The envisaged priority for dropping supplies to definitely known camps is as follows:

- (1) Camps with the largest number of personnel confined.
- (2) Camps in urban areas.
- (3) All other camps.

b. Operations Required.

PHASE I

Preparation

Commencing immediately, emergency supplies suitably packaged for air dropping are accumulated in the PHILIPPINES, RYUKYUS and the MARIANAS as required.

PHASE II

Commencing B-Day or the date, as later directed by this headquarters, air droppings of emergency supplies to camps are initiated and continued until thirty (30) days of emergency supplies have been dropped to all presently known and subsequently identified camps.

c. Employment of Forces.

(1) FAR EAST AIR FORCES

- (a) Directs and coordinates plans, and executes same upon direction of this headquarters.
- (b) Enlists the maximum aid of Commanding General, UNITED STATES ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCE in air dropping emergency supplies to Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees of United Nations held in Japanese camps.

(2) UNITED STATES ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCE

Assists Commanding General, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, in air dropping emergency supplies to Japanese camps confining Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees of United Nations.

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(3) UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

Assembles suitably packaged medical, subsistence, and clothing supplies for air dropping, and distributes to air fields designated by the Commanding General, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, for air droppings lifted from PHILIPPINE bases, and delivers by water to Commanding General, TENTH UNITED STATES ARMY, those supplies to be dropped by air lift from the RYUKYUS.

(4) UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, MIDDLE PACIFIC

Assembles suitably packaged medical, subsistence, and clothing supplies for air dropping, and distributes to air fields designated by the Commanding General, UNITED STATES ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCE, for air droppings lifted from the MARIANAS.

(5) TENTH UNITED STATES ARMY

Receives by water shipment emergency supplies prepared for air droppings provided by Commanding General, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, stores and later distributes supplies to RYUKYUS air fields as designated by Commanding General, FAR EAST AIR FORCES.

(6) Forces Required

As determined by implementing commanders.

4. LOCATION OF CAMPS

Detailed information and location of Prisoner of War and Civilian Internee camps with estimated strength of personnel confined therein are tabulated on pages 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Appendix.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

a. Letter file AG 373.4 (10 Aug 45) GD, subject: "Air Dropping of Supplies to Prisoners of War and Internees of United

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Nations held by Japanese", dated 10 August 1945, of this headquarters, contains instructions to appropriate commanders charged with preliminary preparations.

b. To place this plan in execution instructions will be communicated to appropriate commanders by radiogram as follows:

"FROM: CINCPAC  
TO : CG FEAF - ACTION  
INFO: CG USASTAF  
CG TENTH US ARMY  
CG AFMIDPAC  
CG AFWESPAC

UPON RECEIPT OF THIS RADIO INITIATE EXECUTION  
OF PLAN OUTLINED IN APPENDIX "A" TO ANNEX "4" (LOGISTICS)  
OF "BLACKLIST" STAFF STUDY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS, TO AIR  
DROP EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN  
INTERNEES HELD IN JAPANESE CAMPS. ACKNOWLEDGE."

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