MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL ISHII

SUBJECT: Groves Project

1. The following plans and schedule for initial attacks using special bombs have been worked out:

b. The first bomb (gun type) will be ready to drop between August 1 and 10 and plans are to drop it the first day of good weather following readiness.

2. The following targets have been selected: Hiroshima, Kokura, Nagasaki and Miyakejima.

(1) Hiroshima (population 313,000) is an "army" city; a major PEC; has large W and supply depots; has considerable industry and several small shipyards.

(2) Nagasaki (population 210,000) is a major shipping and industrial center of Kyushu.

(3) Kokura (population 178,000) has one of the largest army arsenals and ordnance works; has the largest railroad shops on Kyushu; and has large munitions storage to the south.

(4) Miyakejima (population 120,000) is an important industrial city, building machine tools, diesel engines, etc., and is a key port for shipping to the mainland.

g. All four cities are believed to contain large numbers of key Japanese industrialists and political figures who have sought refuge from major destroyed cities.

g. The attack is planned to be visual to insure accuracy and will take favorable weather. The four targets give a very high probability of one being open even if the weather varies from that expected, as they are considerably separated.
The plane will be piloted by a veteran aviator, accompanied by two other pilots with experience and combat proficiency.

The three planes will land at their target. The pilot at the center plane will be isolated by natural means upon completion of the survival sections.

The outer planes willutherland the selected targets and prepare the drops to be released. The plane will make a steep dive to drop the Special Army Parachute from the plane. The participating units are to avoid the effects of the drop.

The plane will be loaded by Parachute Fuses about 50 feet above the ground.

1. Emergency arrangements have been provided at the base for handling the load if required.

2. Two loaded type tanks are expected to be available in London, one about the 10th and another the 12th, general orders subjects to have more information in future order. Letters in a few days which will be furnished you when received.

3. The above has been discussed with Generals Speer and Weller this morning.

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