MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL AMEND

SUBJECT: Groves Project

I. The following plan and schedule for initial attack
using special bombs have been worked out:

a. 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.

b. The following targets have been selected: Hiroshima,
Kokura, Nagoya and Nagasaki.

1. Hiroshima (population 355,000) is an "ary" city; a major PRR; has large LQ 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. Nagoya (population 125,000) 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.

h. The attack is planned to be visual to insure accuracy
   and tell what kind of weather. The four targets give a very
   high probability of one being good even if the weather varies from
   that predicted, as they are considerably separated.
The shipment will be made in a master airplane accompanied by two other project 947's with observers and special equipment.

3. The three 947's will land at their north point, minimum and to the east. The use of lighter tangent will be determined by weather and airmanship of all sectional leaders.

3. The 947's will then be detected targets from a point one phase distance to the west. The 947's will then be given a speed dive on the line from the target to minimum distance and range before evading it. The evading planes will be dive perpsectives from the target. The evading planes are believed to be safe from the effects of the bomb.

4. The bomb will be released by radar proximity fuse about 3,000 feet above the ground.

5. Emergency arrangements have been provided for the crash test terminal the bomb is2

6. Two twisted type bombs are expected to be available in August one about the 15th and another in October. General weather updates to have some information on future availability. It is a few days out of the estimated date when received.

7. The above has been discussed with General Speck and later the report.

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