

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 20 JUN 54

~~SECRET~~

ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SHERWOOD

ACTION: SA/PC/DCI (1)

INFO : DCI (2), D/DCI (3), DD/P (L) (4), WH (PBS) (5-7), WH (8)

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

SHERWOOD 303 (IN 20137) 2126Z 20 JUN 54

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
PRECEDENCE

TO: (OPERATIONAL  
IMMEDIATE) SLINC  
(ATTN ORDWAY)

INFO: DIR

CITE: SHERWOOD

RYBAT PBSUCCESS

RE: DIR 05706 (OUT 55618)

1. ASSESSMENT SYNCARP FIGHTER PILOTS.

A. ~~C~~ ~~7~~ CO NAVAL RESERVE UNIT. LAST DIVE BOMBING ACCOMPLISHED DURING SUMMER CRUISE 1953. STATES HE CAN HIT TARGETS ALTHOUGH F 47 STILL NEW TO HIM.

B. ~~C~~ ~~7~~ COMPLETED NAVAL COURSE DIVE BOMBING ONE DAY PRIOR REPORTING DUTY HERE. READY TO GO.

C. ~~C~~ ~~7~~ LAST DIVE BOMBING OVER JAPAN 1945. BELIEVES HE CAN HIT ANY TARGET SIZE OF FORT. HAS OVER 1,500 HOURS IN F 47. TOTAL TIME OVER 5,000 HOURS.

2. F 47 EQUIPPED WITH K-14 B GUN SIGHTS.

3. BOMB HOIST BEING OBTAINED ON LOAN FROM ~~C~~ ~~7~~

4. BOMBS 500 POUNDS AND 250 POUNDS DEMO NOW SOMERSET.

5. ONE F 47 ~~BACK~~ IN COMMISSION. P 38 DUE IN TODAY 20 JUNE.

6. IF SUFFICIENT PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR BY ~~C~~ ~~7~~ TO

~~SECRET~~

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE

Copy No.

~~SECRET~~

20 JUN 54

SHERWOOD 303 (IN 20137)

PAGE 2

RELEASE [ ] F 47 TO US, WILL AGAIN HAVE THREE FTR AIRCRAFT IN RISING POWER.

7. BRODFROST COMMENT:

A. HAVE CAPABILITY DIVE BOMBING TARGETS SIZE OF PALACE OR FORTS.

B. FLACK AND ACCURATE GROUND FIRE LIGHT TO MEDIUM. NOT SERIOUS FOR DIVE BOMBING.

C. LEAFLET MISSIONS EVERY DROP NOW APPROACHING SUICIDE RUNS. F 47'S MUST SLOW DOWN TO 200 MPH DUE CANOPY LIMITATIONS. PILOTS MUST THROW LEAFLETS BY HAND. THIS CONSIDERED VERY UNSATISFACTORY.

D. IF CAN STERILIZE AVAILABLE LEAFLET CANNISTERS AND USE TO DIVE BOMB FORTS MISSIONS CONSIDERED FEASIBLE. C 47'S ARE OUT FOR ANY DAYLIGHT LEAFLET MISSIONS. TOO VULNERABLE TO GROUND FIRE AT LOW ALTITUDE.

E. IN LAST SIX DAYS HAVE FLOWN 20 DROP MISSIONS WITH C 47'S (OVER 100 FLYING HOURS) AND NOT ONCE HAS DZ RECEPTION TEAM COME UP WITH ANY TYPE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION PATTERN LIGHT OR PANELS.

F. DUE LACK RADIO AIDS AND AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT FTR AIRCRAFT LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT VFR OPERATIONS.

G. USING ONLY INTERNAL GAS LOAD DUE NO EXTRA DEOP. TANKS TOT LIMITED TO MAXIMUM 14. TWO MISSIONS PER DAY MAXIMUM CAPABILITY.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

20 JUN 54

SHERWOOD 303 (IN 20137)

PAGE 3

H. ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE COORDINATE AIR COMMUNICATION FACILITIES UNLESS FCP ALLOWS SIX HOURS FROM TRANSMISSION TO TOT.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

TEMPORARY COPIES OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE WERE ISSUED TO

[ ] AND MR. WISNER AT 1750 HOURS, 20 JUNE 54.

~~SECRET~~