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: Request for aerial photo studies .

1. Listed below are 12 target areas on which interpretation studies from aerial photographs are requested:

- (1) Railroad line from BANANERA north to PUERTO HARRIOS. *overlay 9 apr*
- (2) Road conditions on the direct highway north of GUALAN to the town of LOS ANATES. *overlay 7 apr*
- (3) Road conditions on the highway north of GUALAN to the town of TECOLUTAN. *overlay*
- (4) Railroad line from GUALAN to ZACAPA. *overlay*
- (5) Road conditions on the south road from GUALAN to ZACAPA. *overlay*
- (6) Rail conditions between GUATEMALA CITY and the turn at approximately CF240270. *overlay*
- (7) Road conditions between junction at BF880090 and SANARATE. *overlay*
- (8) Road conditions between VILLA NUEVA (BG650680) and BG660730. *overlay*
- (9) Railroad line between PALIN (BG570560) and LAGUNA DE AMATITLAN. *overlay*
- (10) Road conditions between PATZICIA (BF350000) and SANTIACOS (BG590790). *overlay 12 apr*
- (11) Road conditions between TOTONICAPAN (AF920290) and QUEZALTENANGO. *overlay 12 apr*
- (12) Road conditions between ASUNCION MITA (CG530500) and JUTIAPA. *overlay and 12 apr*

2. Attachment #1 lists the specific information desired on each target area.

3. The above studies are listed on a priority basis and are required as soon as possible. It is realized that all the requested information may not be

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available from aerial photographs. For this reason it is necessary that these studies be prepared and forwarded as quickly as possible so that additional inquiries to the field stations can be made not later than 15 April 1954, to supplement any sketchy sections of the aerial studies.

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Attachment: 1, as stated.

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Distribution:  
3-Wash w/3 attachments  
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ATTACHMENT #1 to HULA-322

(1) Target: Railroad line from BANANERA north to PUERTO BARRIOS.

Locate logical spot to sever rail lines from PUERTO BARRIOS. It is hoped sufficient information can be gathered to assign tasks to five men (leader + 4) sabotage teams.

1. Locate point where reported intermittent stretches of pilings form only rail support.
2. Determine two points where stretch of piling support is over 75 feet long and water or marsh conditions prevent piling for support, and also isolated in nature - the nearest such area to BANANERA would be the most desirable.
3. Show water conditions, type of piling, and rail support between piles.

(2) Target: Road conditions on the highway north of GUALAN to the town of LOS AMATES.

Between a point approximately 3 miles north of GUALAN and the town of LOS AMATES, determine the most appropriate point on the road for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to effectively block motor transport and cover by small arms fire efforts to bypass. The southernmost such point is desired.

On road bridges believed to exist at approximately CF940580 and CF990600, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

Road cuts probably occur between GUALAN and the first stream north and between the first and second stream. Show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

- (3) Target: Road conditions on the highway north of GUALAN south to the town of TECULUTAN.

Between a point across the Rio Motagua from GUALAN and the town of TECULUTAN, determine the point or points for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport via any connecting roads from ZACAPA.

On all bridges (one probably at approximately CP710450), show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketches).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

Road cuts probably occur between TECULUTAN and the first stream north and between the first and second stream. Show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

- (4) Target: Railroad line from GUALAN to ZACAPA.

Locate the logical spot for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to sever rail lines (or deny use of rail bed for mobile transportation) from ZACAPA. The area from ZACAPA 8 kilometers north to turn in rail is most desirable.

1. Determine the proper place for a demolition job which would allow fire coverage of the sabotage team.
2. Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular traffic (or heavy logistical moves) impossible.

- (5) Target: Road conditions on the south road from GUALAN to ZACAPA.

Between a point 15 kilometers south of GUALAN and ZACAPA, locate the most appropriate point on the road for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport from ZACAPA.

1. Determine the proper place for a demolition job which would allow fire coverage of the sabotage team.

2. Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular traffic (or heavy logistical moves) impossible.
3. Locate any steep cuts in the road.

(6) Target: Railroad line between GUATEMALA CITY and turn at approximately CF240270

Select proper location for spotting a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to deny rails' use to forces from GUATEMALA CITY. A spot between SANARTE and twenty kilometers back towards GUATEMALA CITY from SANARTE would be of particular use.

Locate bridges this area and show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

Locate road cuts this area and show:

1. steepness and nearness of banks to the bed.
2. degree of incline in cuts.

(7) Target: Road between junction at BF880090 and SANARTE

Locate the best point for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block road to motor transport from GUATEMALA CITY.

On road bridges believed to exist at approximately CF020120 and BF920100, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

Locate road cuts this area and show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

- (8) Target: Road conditions between VILLA NUEVA (BG650680) and BG660730.

Locate the most appropriate point on the road for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport and cover by small arms fire efforts to bypass. The most logical points may be two streams which appear to be six to ten kilometers north of VILLA NUEVA.

On road bridges, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

On road cuts, show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

- (9) Target: Railroad line between PALIN (BG570560) and LAGUNA DE AMATITLAN.

Locate the logical spot for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to sever rail line (or deny use of rail bed for mobile transportation) from PALIN.

1. Determine the proper place for a demolition job which would allow fire coverage of the sabotage team. The most logical places may be in the vicinity of SAN VICIENTE at what appears to be inclined country near the rail. Another logical point may be a stream at the west end of LAGUNA DE AMATITLAN.
2. Search for bridges which, if demolished, would make vehicular traffic (or heavy logistical moves) impossible.

- (10) Target: Road conditions between PATZICLA (BF350000) and SANTIACOS (BG590790).

Locate the logical spot for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport on this road. The best point may be a stream approximately two kilometers west of SUMPANGO or the higher area west of SANTIACOS.



On road bridges, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

On road cuts, show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

(11) Target: Road conditions between TOTONICAPAN (AF920290) and QUEZALTENANGO.

Locate the logical spot for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport on this road. The best point may be in the vicinity of RIO SAMALA near SAN CHRISTOBAL.

On bridges, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

On road cuts, show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.

(12) Target: Road conditions between ASUNCION MITA (CG530500) and JUTIAPA.

Locate the logical spot for a five man (leader + 4) sabotage team to block motor transport on this road. The best points may be two streams between PROGRESO and JUTIAPA at approximately CG410530 and CG390490.

On bridges, show:

1. construction details (material, dimensions, and sketch).
2. stream depth, bottom conditions, and bank conditions.

On road cuts, show:

1. width of the road and construction material.
2. condition of bar ditches.
3. condition of banks, whether rock or dirt.
4. degree of slope and length of inclines within each cut.