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EXT : 707-8  
DATE : 29 JUNE 1954

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1. IN VIEW LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN WSBURNT, ALL ACTION ON PROJECT OUTLINED REF A HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. PLAN GOES FORWARD AND ACTION WILL BE REINITIATED PROMPTLY SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. IF OPERATION REINSTATED EARLIEST ETA OF VESSELS COULD NOT BE SOONER THAN APPROX FIVE DAYS AFTER REINSTITUTION.

2. IN THE COURSE OF FURTHER EXPLORATION OF STRATEGIC CONCEPT PRESENTED IN REF A, A FURTHER MODIFICATION SEEMED TO BE REQUIRED OF WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE IN CASE OPERATION REINSTATED. HQS RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ANY VESSEL WITH FIRE POWER, EITHER COMMERCIAL VESSEL CARRYING ARMAMENT AS LINC PROPOSED OR EX-NAVAL VESSEL AS SUGGESTED PARA 1 B REF A. REASON IS IMPOSSIBILITY FINDING "VOLUNTEER" GUN CREWS OTHER THAN THROUGH USE ODOATH PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY. NOT TOO DIFFICULT SECURE COMPETENT NAVIGATORS, ENGINEERS, AND SHIP HANDLERS BUT NO EXPERIENCED GUNNERS TO BE FOUND.

3. ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIC CONCEPT WOULD BE TO OBTAIN ONLY ONE MERCHANT VESSEL

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BUT TO LAND TROOPS FROM IT ON THE BEACH AT LOCATION CLOSEST TO BOND WHERE LANDING  
COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE UNOPPOSED SO THAT THIS FORCE COULD LAUNCH GROUND ATTACK  
ON BOND PRESUMABLY FROM THE NORTH. LANDING MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT AND  
WOULD BE IN RUBBER BOATS OR SHIP'S BOATS. WE ARE PERFECTING THIS PLAN SO IT  
CAN BE READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT MAXIMUM SPEED IF CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD REQUIRE.

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