

MOST URGENT RPT. MOST URGENT

~~SECRET~~ COPY

FROM OIC TELCON WAR

HAVE THE OFFICER IN CHARGE COME TO TELETYPE AND GIVE US HIS NAME
WE HAVE A MOST URGENT MESSAGE WHICH TAKES TOP PRIORITY BY ORDER
OF SECRETARY OF WAR .

~~TOP SECRET~~

IS YOUR OFFICER THERE

INSTRUCTION 1. SET UP A CIRCUIT WITH TINIAN IMMEDIATELY FOR
STANDBY.

INSTRUCTION 2. GET GEN LE MAY TO TELETYPE IMMEDIATELY FOR URGENT
CONFERENCE REQUESTED BY THE SEC OF WAR. IF HE IS NOT ON THE
ISLAND GET GENERAL GILES, OR GEN TWINING OR GEN SPAATZ IN THE
ORDER LISTED.

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)
NND 730039
By ERC NARS, Date 6-4-74

UN UTHOST URGENCY PLS ACKNOWLEDGE

TOD 0506/1341Z

~~TOP SECRET~~

INSTRUCTION 3. INFORM US IMMEDIATELY WHICH OFFICIAL IS COMING AND
HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE HIM TO GET THERE.

~~TOP SECRET~~

MIN PLS

HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE I WE CAN ACCEPT

THIS CIRCUIT AT THE PRESENT TIME TAKES ALL PRIORITY AT THE PRESENT
TIME AND NO TRAFFIC WILL BE ACCEPT ED EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE SEC
OF WAR.

OK FINE

INSTRUCTION 4. CONTACT BRIG GEN T F FARRELL ON TINIAN AND HAVE HIM
GO TO THE TELETYPE THERE AND STANDBY AT REQUEST OF SEC OF WAR.

ELL US HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE HIM TO GET THERE

~~SECRET~~ COPY

NOIFY FARRELL WE ARE CABLING HIM IMPORTANT MESSAGE SHORTLY RE
PROPAGANDA INSTRUCTIONS.

~~TOP SECRET~~

GA OM

LT KRIEGER IS HERE AT MUX

OK

ROGER AT 1342Z RGE

THE CKT TO TINIAN IS OK NOW OM FINE FINE OM

OK OK WILL DO OM ROGER

HAVE AN URGENT COMING IN FROM 20AF FOR YOU NOW

UNDERSTAND O OK ROGER

GENERAL LE MAY WILL BE HERE WITHIN 15 MINUTES K

ROGER ROGER

GENERAL FARRLE WILL BE THERE IN 15 RPT 15 MINUTES

KK

GENERAL FARRLE WILL BE THERE IN 15 RPT 15 MINUTES

DID U GET THAT OM KKK

OK FINE

GEN LEMAY IS ON HIS WAY NOW OM FINE

~~TOP SECRET~~

GEN LEMAY IS PRESENT NOW KK
DID U GET THAT OM FINE TNKS

ROGER TNKS

~~TOP SECRET~~

THE F-13 CREWS 4 HOURS AFTER BOMBS AWAY

SAW SEVERAL FIRES NEAR THE DOCK AREA IN

THE FRINGES OF THE CLOUD.

THEIR C// MAGNITUDE COULD NOT BE

DETERMINED.

BECAUSE OF DENSITE // DENSITY OF THE
SMOKE CLOUD.

GENERAL FARRELL SEES NO REASON WHY INFORMATION

ON HIROSHIMA STRIKE SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO

AMERICAN PUBLIC AT ONCE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS

SUCH RELEASE.

MIN PLS MIN PLS
STAND BYE OK TNKS

~~TOP SECRET~~

REC'D COPY

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

GEN GROVES IS NOW HERE.

~~TOP SECRET~~

SENT COPY

IN

IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IMMEDIATELY HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONFIRMATION OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE PLANE IN FARRELL'S MESSAGE TO ME THIS MORNING.

DID YOU GET THAT

IT WAS A MESSAGE WHICH REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE INTERROGATION OF CREWS AND OBSERVERS SPOTS G///// SPAATZ GILES TWEIXRPT TWINING AND DAVIES WERE PRESENT.

DELETE THE UD SPOTS

CAN WE GUESS :

GENERALLY YES

DO YOU HAVE ANY ESTIMATE AS TO THE RESULTS OF F13 TRIP OVER THE TARGET ? AS TO THE AREA AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE FOR HAXXX OR HAS IT BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GET ANY IDEAS DUE TO SMOKE ? ARE COUXX CLOUD CONDITIONA SATISFACTORY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK?

DOES FAREXXX FARRELL HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHEN PICTURES MAY BE ATAKEN FROM THE STANPOINT OF THE SMOKE COLUMNS. I SHOULD HAVE THOT THAT THIS COLUMN WOULD HAVE DISAPPERED FROM TEXX THE IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA. WITHING XX WITHIN AN HOUR OR TWO.

WILL YOU ASK FARRELL THRU YOUR RELAY SETUP IF HE SEE'S ANY REASON FOR NOT RELEASING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED SAXX STATES WITHOUT DELAY?

~~TOP SECRET~~

I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH GENERAL FARRELL'S

~~TOP SECRET~~

ONLY CONFIRMATION OF CREW REPORTS IS
PICTURES TAKEN BY K-20 CAMERA FROM THE
TAIL GUNNERS POSITION IN THE STRIKE
AIRPLANE. TARGET AREA OF APPROXIMATELY

REC'D COPY

THREE MILES IN DIAMETER IS COVERED BY
A GREY DUST LIKE SMOKE. THIS SMOKE L//

SLPXX SLOPES TO THE CENTER FORMING A
MUSHROOM OF WHITE SMOKE THAT RISES TO
ABOUT 27,000 FEET. THIS PICTURE TAKEN
APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES AFTER STRIKE
REPORT THE TARGET COMPLETELY COVERED

WITH SMOKE AND A COLUMN OF DENSE WHITE//
WHITE SMOKE RISING TO ABOUT 30,000

FEET WITH A LESSER CONCENTRATION RISING TO 40,000
FT.

F13 ARRIVING 4 HOURS LATER REPORTS SMOKE
COLUMN STILL THERE HAVE OBLIQUE PICTURES
BUT EXPECT NO DETAIL FROM THEM WE

THERE WILL BE REB REPORT OF THESE
PICTURES IN 2 TWO
HOURS

IS THIS THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WANT?

NO BUT PICTURES MAY SHOW SOMETHING THEY
HAVE OBLIQUES ONLY AS THEY WERE BRIEFED
NOT TO FLY IN CO CLOUD AND SMOKE OVER
THE TARGET

THE F13'S REPORTED THE COLUMN STILL THERE
UPON THEIR ARRIVAL FOUR HOURS AFTER BOMBS
AWAY.

ROE

ROGER YOU ARE OUT ON NEW SET PLS
COME IN PLS COME IN PLS NEW SET
FINE ON FINE

YOU ARE OUT AGAIN ON CAN YOU READ
ME OK

WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU
NOW ON THAT LAST NOTE ON

~~TOP SECRET~~

SENT COPY

~~TOP SECRET~~

OK WILL DO

WILL YOU PLS CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATIONS TO THE
PEOPLE OUT THERE BOTH MINE AND YOURS AND TO YOU PERSONALLY MY
VERY BEST.

GA

GROVES HAS TO LEAVE BUT IS LEAVING ONE OF HIS OFFICERS DERRY IN
THE ROOM. DERRY IS FULLY XXX RPT FULLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL DETAILS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN ANOTHER PHOTO MISSION
WILL BE MADE?

YOUR NR 42 RCVD 030614/// 03061507Z

GA WITH NEXT MSG

WE GOT THAT FINE

NO WE HAVENT DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER MSG
THAT WILL BE FINE

WHAT ABOUT
WHAT ABOUT THAT URGENT THAT YOU WANTED TO SEND AT THE BEGINNING
OF THE CONFERENCE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MOREXX FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

SPECIAL TELETYPE CONFERENCE

HELD 8 AUGUST 1945 EWT

PRESENT IN WASHINGTON:

GEN L. R. GROVES

DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(e) and 5(D) or (E)
NND 730039
By ERC NARS, Date 4-74

PRESENT IN GUAM:

GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY

GROVES: IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IMMEDIATELY.
HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONFIRMATION OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE
PLANE IN FARRELL'S MESSAGE TO ME THIS MORNING? DID YOU GET
THAT?

LE MAY I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH GENERAL FARRELL'S MESSAGE -

GROVES: CAN WE GUESS

LE MAY: ONLY CONFIRMATION OF CREWS REPORTS IS PICTURES TAKEN BY K-20
CAMERA FROM THE TAIL GUNNERS POSITION IN THE STRIKE AIRPLANE.
TARGET AREA OF APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES IN DIAMETER IS COVERED
BY A GREY DUST LIKE SMOKE. THIS SMOKE SLOPES TO THE CENTER
FORMING A MUSHROOM OF WHITE SMOKE THAT RISES TO ABOUT 27,000
FEET. THIS PICTURE TAKEN APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES AFTER STRIKE
REPORT THE TARGET COMPLETELY COVERED WITH SMOKE AND A COLUMN OF
DENSE WHITE SMOKE RISING TO ABOUT 30,000 FEET WITH A LESSER
CONCENTRATION RISING TO 40,000 FT. F13 ARRIVING 4 HOURS LATER
REPORTS SMOKE COLUMN STILL THERE HAVE OBLIQUE PICTURES BUT
EXPECT NO DETAIL FROM THEM. THERE WILL BE REPORT OF THESE
PICTURES IN TWO HOURS. IS THIS THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WANT?

GROVES: GENERALLY YES. DO YOU HAVE ANY ESTIMATE AS TO THE RESULTS OF F13
TRIP OVER THE TARGET? AS TO THE AREA AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE OR HAS
IT BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GET ANY IDEAS DUE TO SMOKE? ARE
CLOUDS CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK?

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 730039
NARS, Date

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

LE MAY: NO BUT PICTURES MAY SHOW SOMETHING THEY HAVE OBLIQUES ONLY AS THEY WERE BRIEFED NOT TO FLY IN CLOUD AND SMOKE OVER THE TARGET. THE F13'S REPORTED THE COLUMN STILL THERE UPON THEIR ARRIVAL FOUR HOURS AFTER BOMBS AWAY.

GROVES: DOES FARRELL HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHEN PICTURES MAY BE TAKEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE SMOKE COLUMNS? I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THIS COLUMN WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA. WITHIN AN HOUR OR TWO.

LEMAY: THE F-13 CREWS 4 HOURS AFTER BOMBS AWAY SAW SEVERAL FIRES NEAR THE DOCK AREA IN THE FRIN ES OF THE CLOUD. THEIR MAGNITUDE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BECAUSE OF DENSITY OF THE SMOKE CLOUD.

GROVES: WILL YOU ASK FARRELL THRU YOUR RELAY SETUP IF HE SEE'S ANY REASON FOR NOT RELEASING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT DELAY?

LEMAY: GENERAL FARRELL SEES NO REASON WHY INFORMATION ON HIROSHIMA STRIKE SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO AMERICAN PUBLIC AT ONCE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS SUCH RELEASE.

GROVES: WILL YOU PLS CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OUT THERE BOTH MINE AND YOURS AND TO YOU PERSONNALLY MY VERY BEST

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 736039
BY NARS, Date

~~TOP SECRET~~