MOST URGENT

FROM OIC TELCON MAR

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

IS YOUR OFFICER THERE

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

INSTRUCTION 2. SET SEND WAY TO TELETYPING IMMEDIATELY FOR URGENT
CONFERENCE REQUESTED BY THE SEC OF WAR. IF HE IS NOT ON THE
ISLAND GET GENERAL CILES, OR GEN TUNLING OR GEN SPAATZ IN THE
ORDER LISTED.

UN URGENT URGENCY PLS ACKNOWLEDGE

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

WIN PLS

HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE WE CAN ACCEPT

THIS CIRCUIT AT THE PRESENT TIME TAKES ALL PRIORITY AT THE PRESENT
TIME AND NO TRAFFIC WILL BE ACCEPTED 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 TELETYPING THERE AND STANDBY AT REQUEST OF SEC OF WAR.

TILL US HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE HIM TO GET THERE

NOTIFY FARRELL WE ARE CABLEING HIM IMPORTANT MESSAGE SHORTLY RE
PROPAGANDA INSTRUCTIONS.

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GA OM

LT KRIEGER IS HERE AT MUX
OK
ROGER AT 1342Z. ROGER
THE Ckt To TINIAN IS OK NOW ON FINE FINE ON
OK OK WILL DO ON 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 K
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DID U GET THAT ON KKK
OK FINE
GEN LEMAY IS ON HIS WAY NOW OM FINE

GEN LEMAY IS PRESENT NOW K
DID U GET THAT ON FINE TNKS

ROGER TNKS

THE F-13 CREWS 4 HOURS AFTER BOMBS AWAY
SAW SEVERAL FIRES NEAR THE DOCK AREA IN
THE FRINGES OF THE CLOUD.
THEIR C/I MAGNITUDE COULD NOT BE
DETERMINED BECAUSE OF DENSITY // DENSITY OF THE
SMOKE CLOUD.

GENERAL FARRLE 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
GEN GROVES IS NOT HERE.

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SENT COPY

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 THE CREWS AND OBSERVERS SPOTS. SPAATZ GILES THE IX X RPT TWINING AND DAVIES WERE PRESENT.

DELETE THE "ID SPOTS"

CAN YOU GUESS:

GENERALLY YES.

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

DOES FAREXXX FARRELL HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHEN PICTURES MAY BE TAKEN FROM THE STANPOINT OF THE SMOKE COLUMNS. I SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT THIS COLUMN WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM TEXX THE IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA, WITHIN 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 STATES WITHOUT DELAY?
I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH GENERAL FARRELL'S

ONLY CONFIRMATION OF CREWX 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 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 THEN ME

THERE WILL BE 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 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 OH CAN YOU READ
ME OK

WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU
NOW ON THAT LAST NOTE OK.
OK WILL DO

WILL YOU PLS CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OUT THERE BOTH NINE AND YOURS AND TO YOU PERSONALLY MY VER Y BEST.

GA

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

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

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GA WITH NEXT MSG

WE GOT THAT FINE

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

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH MOREXX FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED
PRESENT IN WASHINGTON: GEN L. R. GROVES

PRESENT IN GUAM: GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY

GROVES: IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IMMEDIATELY.

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

GROVES: CAN WE GUESS

LE MAY: ONLY CONFIRMATION OF CREW REPORTS IS PICTURES TAKEN BY K-20

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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

CLOUDY CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK?
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.

LE May: The F13 crews 4 hours after bombs away saw several fires near the dock area in the fringe 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 sees any reason for not releasing information to the public in the United States without delay?

LE May: 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 personally my very best.

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