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SUBJECT: Target Information

TO: Director, Joint Target Group  
FROM: Chief of Staff, Twentieth Air Force

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652, (a) (1) (i) and (ii)  
DATE 28 Apr 1945  
NND 730039  
By: ERC NARS 06-4-74  
COMMENT NO. 1  
ALS/mc/lh 72993

1. In connection with contemplated operations using high explosive "tall boy" (12,000 lb.) bombs detonated above the ground (about 200 feet altitude), it is requested that this Headquarters be furnished suitable target information of targets having the following specifications:

- a. They should be located in a reasonably large urban area but the target itself should not be less than three miles in diameter.
- b. They should lie on the Japanese main island area between Tokyo and Nagasaki.
- c. They should possess high strategic value.

2. The following are suggested as possible appropriate areas:

- a. Tokyo Bay
- b. Kamasaki
- ② → c. Yokahama
- d. Nagoya
- e. Osake
- f. Kobe
- ② → g. Kyoto
- ① → h. Hiroshima
- i. Kure
- j. Yamata
- k. Kokura
- l. Shimosenka
- m. Yamaguchi
- n. Kumamoto
- o. Fukuoka
- p. Nagasaki
- q. Sasebo

3. The destruction will primarily be accomplished by the air blast effect and the selection should be made with this thought in mind.

4. It will be appreciated if this information can be furnished to this Headquarters by no later than Saturday 5 May.

Hed:

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