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MEMORANDUM
REPORT : Relationship between the "SALAD" Supply Drop Program and Security in Thailand

TO : Strategic Services Officer
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During the period from 21 through 29 June the series of operations known as SALAD succeeded in flying 28 supply missions into four locations in Thailand, delivering a total of 148,587 pounds of stores. This study has been made for the purpose of determining, as nearly as possible, whether these operations bear any relation to the current apprehension regarding the security of supply drops into Thailand, and guerrilla organization. Extracts have been made of all significant statements in operational messages coming from the field parties and from Ruth. In extracting significant material from these reports, an attempt has been made to avoid taking anything out of context, thereby changing its meaning.

The present status of the various dropping locations has been plotted on the accompanying map of Thailand and coded to indicate whether the location is safe, a caution area, doubtful or definitely insecure.

OPERATION PATTERN - Location 4 - Petburi

Of the five locations which received SALAD drops, the greatest number were received by this operation; a total of eight drops between 21 and 29 June.

Prior to the SALAD drops, four drops had been flown to this operation by B-24's of the RAF SD Squadrons out of Jessore (28 April, 2 and 26 May, and 2 June). The first drop missed the dropping area and cargo landed in the woods almost on a nearby village, but were recovered. On 8 June, the party reported that the Sheriff from the village announced the finding of a container full of weapons, probably part of the drop on 2 June which was reported by the field to be bad. Personnel on this drop landed 300 yards from the area, and cargo was scattered.

On 13 June, the party reported their decision to move to a new dropping zone which would be more secure.

The PATTERN party, one of whom is an American Major, have commented on the success of each of the eight drops received by them, but have given no indication of the security of these drops having been

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jeopardized. Comments on each of the eight drops were

21 June: "My congratulations to the two pilots ... Best drop I have ever seen."

23 June: "Very good drop. Height and direction very good."

24 June: "Plane direction excellent, 100 too high. Very good drop."

25 June: "No comments. All perfect. Send word of praise to the crew."

27 June: "Too high. Direction OK."

28 June: "Another perfect drop. Height, direction and time excellent."

29 June: "No comments."

All packages were received by the party on the eight drops.

In reply to a direct question, the party informed that there is no increased enemy activity in the area. The native leader of the party has twice visited Petburi and has several men stationed in the town for the sole purpose of reporting Japanese reactions, if any, to the operations. They have not discovered any unfavorable reaction among the Japanese and themselves feel that the operation is very secure.

Ruth's only specific remarks on the security of this location were included in his message on 30 June in which he stated that the Japanese have informed Thai military authorities that they have suspected dropping of parachutists or supplies in several locations, Petburi being one of them.

On 23 June, the PATTERN party reported: "Two days ago the Army received a daylight drop." Nothing of such a program is known to OSS.

OPERATION FAVOR - Location 3 - Kanburi

Approximately 110 miles north of Operation PATTERN is Operation FAVOR, which has received between 22 and 28 June a total of seven supply drops. On 30 June, after completion of the SALAD drops, the leader of this party reported: "Japanese in Kanburi didn't show any suspicion or any other reaction at present ..." The only dangerous reaction to these drops which is apparent in the messages received from that location is evidenced by the native population, who at first were frightened when the aircraft came over but on later nights watched with curiosity. It was impossible to prevent natives in the area from seeing some of the chutes, although drops were made from 200 feet.

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Comments on the individual drops were similar to those on the PATTERN drops (above) and do not indicate any bad drops, or loss of security.

OPERATION MISSION - Location 2 - Sawankaloke

Six drops were made to this operation, which is west of Sawankaloke, between the 22nd and 25th of June. This dropping zone has been active for some time and although the security of the location was originally extremely good, it has been jeopardized in the past by SD Squadron aircraft searching over the town of Sawankaloke and dropping cargo nearby (19 June) which was not recovered by our own party. There have apparently been several operations in this vicinity of which we do not know because our operational party has reported aircraft, which they thought were for them, flying in the area and around the town on days when we did not have missions out.

Here again the native population have been talking about the aircraft which visit them, and the Japanese have gotten wind of it. The location of the DZ in deep jungle affords excellent security provided the aircraft stay away from villages, particularly Sawankaloke. The four SALAD drops to this location on successive nights were "perfected safe and sound," and all cargo received accurately by the party. One of the aircraft was required to circle the area for some time while awaiting reception signals, but was not reported as having proceeded over Sawankaloke although this is possible.

The Japanese also have received a definite report, source unknown, of our first drop by RAF SD Squadron on 26 April. Since that time, however, our dropping zone has been moved and there are no traces of the party or cargo at the original DZ should the Japanese investigate.

SD aircraft have attracted considerable attention in the Tak area southwest of Operation MISSION. Their reason for being in this area is not known to OSS. Our party have reported aircraft circling low for an hour and a half during daylight hours. // Why?

The MISSION party are again changing DZ's and splitting up the caches of supplies already received, and express confidence that the Japanese will be unable to find them in the jungle even if patrols should be sent out searching for them.

OPERATION SELFISH - Location 8 - Jolburi

This operation has received four drops between 21 and 26 June and have reported that the area is definitely "hot." It is not known whether security here has been jeopardized as a result of the drops or the fact that there are considerable Japanese in the area to whom information may have come from native population or informers. The Japanese have been questioning the population at Jolburi and our party at the present time has taken cover.

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OPERATION DIAGRAM - Location 11 - Northeast Thailand

The Pukio Airfield in Northeast Thailand, has received four drops and one landing during the SALAD operations. There has been no indication from the party inside that security has been violated on any of these operations, and although Ruth has asked that drops be discontinued, he is agreeable to occasional landings. The greatest worry here again appears to be arousing the misdirected enthusiasm of the local population, and nothing definitely damaging in the way of Japanese reaction has been reported.

OTHER OPERATIONS

Of the eleven remaining operations in Thailand, none have received drops in the SALAD series. In Northern Thailand operations SYNTAX and NUMERAL are apparently still very secure. In Northeastern Thailand, operations QUISLING (Location 13), SLEEVE, (Location 14), MIXTURE (Location 15) and BUCKET, give every indication of being secure with the possible exception of SLEEVE. RAF SD Squadron aircraft have on several occasions flown over the city of Sakol Nakorn and on 11 June cargo for the SLEEVE operation was dropped 50 miles from the DZ in "the only untrustworthy village near Sakol Nakorn. Annamese village..."

Ruth has apparently received false rumors which have built up the situation even to the extent of reporting that Japanese are searching people at Sakol, but on 2 July our party investigated and reported: "Everything quite normal ..."

Operation MIXTURE has definitely reported that they are very sure of security.

Ruth's request on 18 June for no drops of any sort at Klong Pai was based on a suspected breach of security by one of the native agents operating in that vicinity rather than on the general insecurity of the location for dropping activities.

In the southern peninsular area, operations FELLOW, GRASP, PADDLE, and PLASTER have reported nothing of significance except that Japanese have predicted that the Allies are going to drop paratroops in the Nghao landing ground, Rajakrud, Jumbhorn, and Hauteuy. The four above-mentioned operations generally fall into this area but the Japanese have nothing more concrete upon which to base their prediction than a realization of the logistical suitability of this area for airborne operations, and probable reports of considerable air traffic. By the same token, they have taken another shot in the dark and announced that northeastern Thailand would be a most suitable locality for airborne operations and they plan to investigate on this "hunch."

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SUMMARY

From the foregoing, it can safely be assumed that the recent SALAD supply drops into Thailand have jeopardized neither the security of clandestine operations in that country nor the organization of guerrillas. The apprehension Ruth has expressed, which culminated in his request on 30 June that all drops cease immediately, cannot be traced to these drops. They have, on the contrary, proved to be by far our most effective and secure air operations relative to their scale, intensity and percentage of success. There may be other factors unknown to us, but from the evidence at hand, it appears that Ruth's misgivings have resulted mainly from the following:

1. Japanese unrest in Thailand has increased with the closing in of the Burma front. They are touchy and alert for indications of hostile activity in Thailand. Their knowledge of Allied methods of aerial infiltration and supply in Burma lead them to expect the same in Thailand. This general suspicion has been expressed to Thai military authorities by the Japanese, who have requested the Thai to investigate and announced that they will also. Ruth is of course aware that something of the recent infiltration and supply activities may be discovered.

2. In addition to this general situation, specific areas of clandestine activity have been betrayed in the past by numerous flights over insecure or Jap-occupied villages and faulty drops made by RAF SD Squadrons on both OSS and other missions. The recurrent flights over Jap-infested Sawankaloke in order to locate the MISSION dropping zone is an example. Location of this operation in the jungle is such that its security would be excellent except for constant alerting of the town by dropping aircraft. The same holds true of Tak, in the same area, which has been host to aircraft circling overhead for long periods during daylight hours. SLEEVE cargo has been dropped in "the only untrustworthy village near Sakol Nakorn," and Japs in Sakol Nakorn have been "much excited" by low flights over them. The same holds true of many other locations.

3. The presence of aircraft over Thailand is not unique to the enemy or to the local population. Frequent "unexplained" flights over the same routes and areas will surely arouse suspicion in populated areas, however, unless leaflet or bombing diversion is created. The Japanese have reported noticing many flights over Kanburi, Bangkok and return, and Loburi, Bangkok and return. When no definite results of these flights are known, their clandestine nature is certain to be suspected.

4. The curiosity and enthusiasm of native populations near dropping zones is sooner or later likely to communicate itself to Japanese in the vicinity. Few drop areas are isolated to the

extent where a local population must not be considered. Perfectly secure areas could be found, but by virtue of this very security they would also be isolated from areas of Jap interest in which intelligence can be derived or in which guerrilla teams can be organized and supplied for most effective use. The difficulties of overland transportation of cargo make it impossible to drop at spots remote from anticipated activity.

The selection of drop areas has thus necessarily been based on a compromise of these factors, and none of them have been ideally located from the security standpoint since their activation, with the possible exception of Pukio and BUCKET. Definite racial animosity and mutual distrust (for instance, among the French, Chinese, Juan and Lao in Northeastern Thailand) has bred a situation in which the security of operations observed by native population is further weakened.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made relative to improving the security of supply and personnel drops into Thailand in the future:

1. Selection of DZ's for maximum security of local population consistent with storage, hiding and transportation facilities available to the party, as against the necessity for locating in areas of Jap interest for the greatest value of the operation should be considered. This responsibility will fall almost entirely with Ruth and individuals inside.

2. Information on DZ's for use in briefing of aircrews should include not only the field approach, but also information on best methods to approach from long range so as to avoid unfriendly or Jap-infested villages. This should also include, if possible, alternate approaches to be used in the event of successive drops to the same location. Wherever possible, routes should follow those frequently used by "legitimate" sorties on bombing or reconnaissance runs. A careful scheduling and routing of missions flown by or for all clandestine organizations should be accomplished by closer coordination.

3. Wherever possible an impression of an ostensible reason for the presence of an aircraft, such as leaflet dropping, which was done on some of the SALAD drops, should be given.

4. Close liaison with Bomber Command should be maintained in order that SD drops can be covered by bombing sorties, or can go in to take advantage of regular bombing raids in the vicinity of drop areas.

5. SD Squadrons should be urged to navigate with greater care to avoid circling the general area too long. Unmistakable recep-

tion by means of Rebecca-Eureka, S-Phone or visual signals should be emphasized.

6. A study of the best means of tightening the security of well-intentioned but poorly regulated native populations by whispering campaigns or leaflets. Conversely, false rumors might be effectively used as "red herring" in areas away from clandestine activity. This would upset the present guess work on which the Japanese have based many of their suspicions.

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Attachments:

Map of Thailand with DZ's
Extracts from Field Messages

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To Memorandum Report, "Relationship between the "SALAD" Supply Drop Program and Security in Thailand," to Strategic Services Officer dated 4 July.

Since the above memorandum report was prepared, additional information has been received which has confirmed several of the contentions therein:

1. On 5 July, Ruth signalled SACSEA: "Since recent supply drops the situation has been relatively quiet except that as to a few general areas the Japs have expressed their vague suspicions. Consequently as it may be necessary for British and American teams and supplies to be sent into some places I agree that such operations may be resumed in areas to be agreed with OSS and Force 136 from time to time if cover in some way such as by leaflet drops or by bombing Jap targets. In particular flights over Bangkok should be accompanied by leaflet drops or mining the river mouth."

2. A probable explanation for the "unknown" flights which have alerted the Tak area (near Operation MISSION) and the Sakol Nakorn area (near Operation SLEEVE) has been found. There is a Force 136 operation at each of these locations (Operations NECHONIAN and CANDLE) which would account for the presence of aircraft. It is not known whether these operations are secure, but obvious that the SD aircraft supplying them are not. Force 136 operation SQUALID may also account for the reported "drops to the Army" near our Operation PATTERN.

3. Ruth has given his approval (5 July) subject to confirmation from the individual locations, for resumption of drops to four specific operations. Two of these (Operations SELFISH and YIELD) were previously reported, and indicated on the map, as being definitely insecure.

4. A report has finally been received from NUMERAL on the drop made by RAF SD Squadron on 29 June. It states that the aircraft circled for twenty minutes over a nearby village, and that this causes bad security.

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5. Major Burstein, who has just returned from Calcutta where he coordinated the SALAD program, has remarked on the excellence of the performance of USAAF aircraft throughout. The percentage of successful flights was remarkable in spite of the fact that many were made under weather conditions in which other SD flights would not take off.

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EXTRACTS FROM FIELD MESSAGES

PATTERN - Location 4 - Petburi

#7 - 1 June: "... If possible please instruct planes to try make drop at lower altitude and right on our head. Our receiving field is small and close to village. Last time all chutes dropped outside field into woods and almost hit houses."

This was British SD Squadron drop.

#26 - ? June: "Please give exact number of chutes to be dropped night 2-3 ... Will there be bombing cover? Please do so if possible and advise."

#20 - 8 June: "... Sheriff from village near the drop zone just came in and said a container had been found with weapons. We reported number that we had found but no answer as to how many had been dropped..."

This was British SD Squadron drop.

#28 - 13 June: "...Pow agrees that new drop zone more secure and easier to handle. New drop zone ...."

Since those messages, eight drops have been made on the SALAD program with no adverse security comments. On the contrary, the following was received:

#63 - 29 June: "No increased enemy activity in our area. Pow has been to Phetburi twice during this drop period to investigate enemy activity due to recent drops. Both times negative. Have several men stationed in town for this sole purpose. Will inform you if anything happens. So far so good."

(SALAD drops)

FAVOR - Location 3 - Kanburi

#45 - 10 June: "...2. Dropping ground near village. Dropping should be time when people are in bed ... 5. .. Suggest bombing some Jap camps when plane passes Kan."

#62 - 19 June: "No drop last night. Wait till moon down. Please state latest hours. Should wait."

No comments were made on the individual reports on results of seven SALAD drops between 23 and 28 June. The following was in reply to a direct question on Jap reaction:

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#98 - 30 June: "1. Reaction of civilians due to drop. Scared on first two nights. All went in dugouts. Curious on later nights. Some climb trees to see chutes. Due to drop released more than 200 feet high some of curious people who disobeyed order to dugout saw chutes floating high in air. Some believe that they are Thai planes dropped supplies to our men. Some believe that planes often circled around but didn't know reasons. In Kanburi nobody suspect because passing of planes always happened. Didn't hear noise while plane were dropping at Banthuen. 2. Japs in Kanburi didn't show any suspicion or any other reaction at present..."

(SALAD drops)

MISSION - Location 2 - Sawankaloke

#20 - 25 May: "If you want to come at 0700 hour our time morning of 30 May or 1 June we have to change to better pinpoint. The last one cannot drop at given hour and few Japs came in town. New pinpoint..."

#45 - 1 June: "Please come on 2 May, 0530 our time. Please look for fires and 1 only house with 2 white roof beside pinpoint ... If you cannot come (then) we decided by all means you can come at any day time without trouble. You can fly low after across the mountains to our point."

#26 - 4 June: "Exactly 06 hour our time plane flying over area but 5 kilometers east off pinpoint. Still too high and because of low cloud you cannot see when you flew straight to town...The bomber missions they always fly low passing over here and same direction over pinpoint. Please do not go over Swankaloke because now Jap is watching around ... No any danger at all."

This was not an OSS mission.

#29 - 5 June: "...Will stand by any time you want. Please try to search around jungle. Do not go around villages nearby but you can go far away like other bombers or observation planes which going every day flying like airmails. People likes to see with admiration but Japs always run away and hide. They can identify by engines sound."

#34 - 12 June: "...Exactly 1200 hour our time on 12 June Liberator flying in low just right over our pinpoint made our men exciting but given time is 19 so we hope that is not the one for us."

British SD Squadron - abortive - reported due to weather over target.

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#50 - 27 June: "Sorry have to stop our drop few days because Thai Army move passing through our zone enroute to Sukothai. We do not want them know our work now we are still under cover..."

SALAD drops

Of significance is the inability of this party to locate the drop made by British SD Squadron to the wrong location on 19 June. #55 - 30 June: "We sent men to search all over our zone but cannot find drop..."

#54 - 30 June: "...By two ways Jap will know about drops. 1. Reaction of population and some like to talk when see plane come in at night without bomb or strafe they guess it must be drop. 2. Plane flew into town and circling around forest or for fires. Our drop zone is far from Jap and town deep in the jungle if plane come in directly and see our fires before going other places then everything will be alright and quiet..."

RAF Squadron and SALAD drops.

#30 - 28 June: "Please stop drop until further notice. Because Japs plenty in town and they seem to know our work because of reaction of population and plane flying while searching over them. Will move to another zone soonest and resume our drop zone. Have to move around for better security and drop.

SALAD drops.

#59 - 3 July: "...2. Jap was told drop ten chutes 15 kilometres north of Swankaloke that was our first drop on 26 April our last drop is 25 kilos west and will change again. 3. Our idea if planes come in directly to point then will be quiet but if planes fly in town without disturbing Jap, then there will be talking and decision about planes ci——— ———nd town people will watch without afraid and several nights like that it is hard to cover. 4. If we drop large amount like we did and change around drop zones it would be ready before rumor and hard to try to follow us or hard to get us. Our movement can be done easy now afterward the rain and flash will be all over country. It will be good for us to be ready before and hide out because transportation or trips around jungle is very hard then also searching is hard to do in deep jungle with rain and high flash."

The single Liberator sortie referred to on 26 April was flown by British SD Squadron. The first message received from the field after this drop was dated 29 April and reported that "Drop was perfect..." #4, dated 5 May, states, "...No Japs around Swankaloke. They pass some times in small groups..." #5, dated 7 May: "...Need weapons badly. If no moon, at 1900 hours local will be all right. For us no trouble at any night time..." This would appear to indicate that if the Japs now know about the drop on 26 April, it is because they have recently been informed of it. As the same drop zone is not being used at present, and stores have been removed, a search of the reported area would provide them with no proof except possible rumors.

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SELFISH - Location 8 - Jolburi

#201 - 22 June: "...This place is good for another drop. Don't take too much time in dropping. Japs are only 8 miles from us."

SALAD drop.

57 - 25 June: "...For the time being there will be no more dropping at this point..."

This, followed by a switch of DZ's - next message - would imply concern for the security of this location.

24 - 28 June: "New DZ in Rayong is 101 degrees 11 minutes east. 12 degrees 43 minutes north bearing north 60 degrees west of Samet Island..."

12 - 29 June: (In reply to query from Opero dated 28 June on "rumors or moves by Japs in your vicinity as result of recent drops in your area"). "To Ruth. Report of Japs at Tahsaan on Bangpaking River. Number unknown. Believed to be more than one company also a company of Free Indians arrived Jolburi today."

40 - 2 July: "Having return Jolburi. Security here not so good. Japs questioning people at Jolburi. Will have to keep silence. Please communicate me through Bangkok."

PUKIO - Location 11 - Northeast Thailand

55 - 19 June: "We prefer to stop droppings at Pukio field temporarily. We prefer landings. However, landings should be after drops because security cannot be kept from natives... Unconfirmed reports say that Jap fighters are present at Kokatiem and Northern Thailand therefore your planes should avoid passing there... Pukio should be intermittently operated or operated near D Day."

60 - 21 June: "...Pukio can be used intermittently for landings and for exfiltrating and infiltrating. But not fit for drops..."

70 - 25 June: "...You may choose date to send plane to land any time. Field now is in very good condition."

82 - 27 June: No comments regarding the security of the two SALAD drops on this date were made.

89 - 30 June: As in the last instance, no comments were made although the successful landing of one aircraft (which brought Greenlee out) and drops by four additional were reported. These were all SALAD aircraft.

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NUMERAL - Location 1 - Northern Thailand

#23 - 6 June: "Confirm 8 June, 0530 GMT. But tell me why can't you make it at 0530 local when it is a lot safer for both of us?"

#56 - 14 June: "...For security reason we can best receive you from 1900 to 0500 local..."

First and only drop to this operation was successfully completed by a C-47 of SD Squadron on 29 June. No report on this drop has been received to date.

QUISLING - Location 13 - Northeast Thailand

No drops have been made to this location. Supplies are received through SLEEVE.

FELLOW - Location 5

Same as above. Arranging for supply through GRASP.

SLEEVE - Location 14 - Northeast Thailand

#42 - 11 June: "...Security weakened by racial animosity of French, Chinese, Juan, and Lao. No group fully trusts the rest..."

#53 - 18 June: "Two planes on June twelve. One at four thirty GMT. B 24 seen by Anney. Flying southeast and exactly over drop area. Two thousand feet. Just under ceiling. Gentle rain and overcast all day. Second plane reported four motored and like planes making drops for British. Same weather and altitude. Twice circled village ten miles northeast of drop area. Continued on east to Sakol and circled field where I dropped. Flew off to north. Sakol Japs much excited ... Holladay."

One was OSS mission flown by RAF SD Squadron; dropped wrong DZ. Other mission unknown.

#54 - 22 June: "Your message first we knew drop was effected. May be several days yet before we receive. Over 50 miles and may have to use ox carts on back roads. Many Jap military police around now..."

#56 - 27 June: "Have not heard from MP in two weeks. Have sent three special messengers out but no reports yet. Cannot understand unless June drop caused trouble..."

#60 - 30 June: "Just received equipment salvaged from June drop. Cargo was dropped in only untrustworthy village near Sakol Nakorn. Annamese village..." Holladay. (RAF SD Squadron)

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#63 - 2 July: "1. It is natural for Japs to suspect that drops are being made in various areas since our first drop came one hour too early and made seven runs over area while the second dropped near Sakol in areas of fifty miles away... 3. MP arrived last night. Has spent many days rounding up missing cargo... He reports same as our messengers. That reports of Japs searching people at Sakol is pure myth. Everything quite normal..."

MIXTURE - Location 15 - Northeast Thailand

#24 - 31 May: "...Will give you new drop zone for this one. Expecting for dusk drop and very sure of safety."

#06 - 11 June: "...We are very sure of security and safety to make drop at this place. Nawnghon used to be 70 house village but now is deserted and isolated from other villages..."

After the drops (made by British SD Squadron), no comments were made regarding security. Drops were on 30 June and 1 July.

GRASP - Southern Peninsula

GRASP has been supplied by Catalina landing at Goh Kam Yai. No comments have been made on the security of this operation.

One signal dated 2 July, however, stated: "1. Captain Kawasayi Commanding Officer at Razakrud called off his men who studied Thai language at a temple in Rahohng June 22. 2. From his conversation with the Governor on same date he predicted that if allies are going to drop ... paratroops following are expected areas. Nghao landing ground, Rajakrud. Jumbhorn. Hauteuy about 157 kolemeters south of Jumbhorn and Trang..."

PLASTER - Location 7 - Southern Peninsula

None of the messages from this source indicate any apprehension regarding the security of the location. The supply drop flown by the British out of Minneriya on 23 June was routine.

YIELD - Location 9

No drops have been made to this location. Only significant comments in past messages are:

#78 - 14 June: "...5 planes can safely come in 1 night... you may come as often as necessary. We will tell you to stop in case of emergency..."

#12 - 19 June: "...2 or 3 planes may come in one night... Now planes may come once or twice a month but we do not know how long you can come..."

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#60 - 15 June: "...1. 12 June 1530 at 1800 hours local time 4-engine plane circled Tak area five times. No drops made but Jap units in area are alerted and expect drops of weapons soon..."

This mission unknown. No connection with OSS operations.

#72 - 18 June: "Betty wants no drops of any sort at Klongpai until further notice. Security there bad. Hope drop may be made there after ten days. Will advise."

#95 - 27 June: "1. Please convey the following to SAC. quote I have so far received no report on any Japanese apparent reaction to OSS drops this week. I think operations may proceed current moon period and continue thereafter with dusk drops whenever field approve. Shall keep you informed of any incident or further development. Unquote. 2. Please have fields report me any move or rumor among all around."

#98 - 27 June: "Ruth requests no more drops be made to Jolburi until further notice. This in the area are talking too much, not to the Japs but among themselves."

9 - 30 June: "1. Ruth requests all air drops be suspended immediately until further notice. Detailed message to you from Ruth on next schedule. 2. Ruth requests following be sent to all drop areas except Sritamarat. 'Japs informed our military authorities they suspect supplies are being dropped in various areas. Please inform your local chief to take precautions but do not yet take any premature action.'"

#10 - 30 June: "1. Jap inform military authorities that they have suspected dropping of parachutists or supplies in Swankaloke, Kanburi, Petburi, Jolburi and other points which are not correct because they have observed recent flying of many planes by Kanburi Julia and back and by Loburi Julia and back. They have asked military authorities to investigate in this matter and for their part they will investigate too. 2. Japs inform also that in northeastern area there should be suitable dropping sites for Allied parachutists so they will send troops to inspect the area. 3. Please suspend dropping of supplies until further notice."

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Salad folder

SUBJECT: Thailand Airfields

TO: "P" Division

Attached is a table showing present status of airfields and DZs in Thailand, indicating what authorizations have been given for dawn and dusk drops at each location.

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DATE RECEIVED 14/7
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	Dawn	Dusk	Daytime	Ruth Appvl	Field Appvl	Comments
DIAGRAM	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (9/7)	Yes (12/7)	Field says best is dawn and not later than 2215 GMT (12/7)
FAVOUR	Yes	Yes	--	No	--	Field says dawn better than dusk (1/7)
FELLOW	--	--	--	9/7 not open for another month	--	No advice from inside; 17/6 we suggested dawn and dusk
GRASP	--	--	--	--	--	PADDLE Catalina will supply during moon period
MISSION	--	--	--	--	No	Ray moving to new site; must wait for details of time and place until later
MIXTURE	Yes	--	--	--	Yes (29/6 & before)	
NUMERAL	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (5/7,9/7)	Yes (19/6)	Ruth opened field for supply drops 5/7; for team drop 9/7. Field says between 1900 and 0500 local time best (19/6)
PATTERN	Yes	No	No	~~No~~ Yes 15/7	Yes (9/7)	Field says drops to be between 2000 & 2400 GMT; no drops between 1200 & 1300 (9/7)
PLASTER	Yes	--	--	~~No~~ Yes 15/7	Yes (17/6)	
QUISLING	--	--	--	--	--	Field gets supplies via SLEEVE
SELFISH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (5/7,9/7)	Yes (29/6)	Ruth opened field supply drops 5/7; for team drops 9/7. Field says dawn preferable but anytime of day OK (29/6).
SHRIVEL	--	--	--	No	--	Ruth says not secure; drop teams at SELFISH and these will travel to SHRIVEL by boat (11/7)
SLEEVE	Yes	--	--	No	Yes (29/6)	
SNOUT	--	--	--	--	--	No data
SYNTAX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (5/7)	Yes (1/7)	
YIELD	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes (9/7)	Betty wants to see effect of supply drop before gives OK for team drop (9/7); Betty says between midnight & dawn OK (12/7); field prefers dusk (9/7)

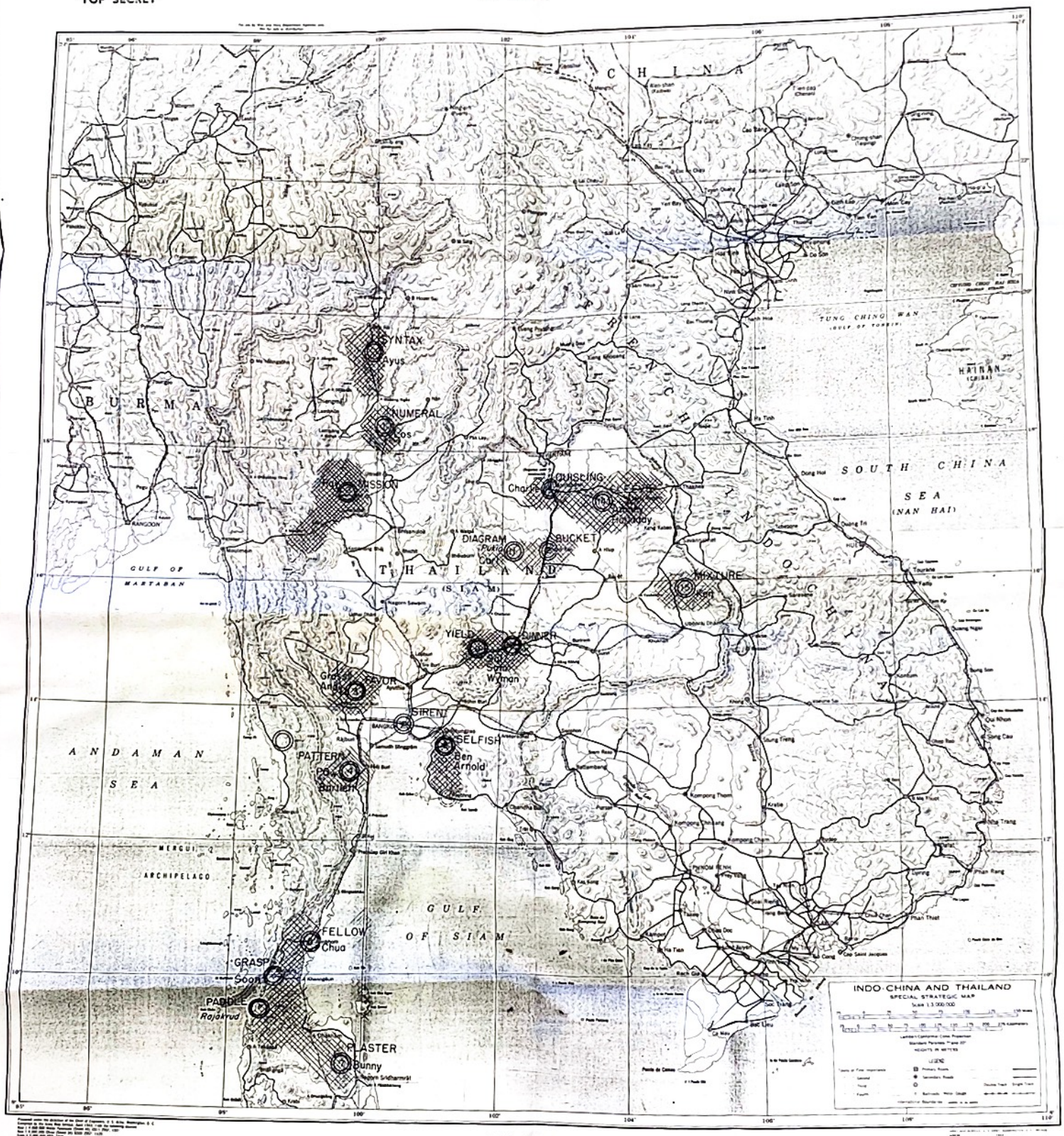
Special Note:
Betty requests leaflet and/or bombing at Kaeng Khoi, Na Roeng and Nakorn Nayoke (all these NW of Prachanburi) as accompaniment to drops. (Sam 12/7)

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