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Subject: SRD ACTIVITIES - WEWAK - MUSCHU

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The following information was ascertained from interrogation of Comd HDML operating with SRD Field Party inserted on MUSCHU Island.

2. No sign of the party has been had since the insertion on 11/12 Apr 45. HDML appeared at RV on 13/14 Apr and 14/15 Apr and at alternative RV on 15/16 Apr. Tac R aircraft received no signal from the party on 14, 15, 16, 17 Apr. No wireless communication has been effected with the party.

3. The following are the results of observations from the HDML. The HDML operated in vicinity of a point 4 miles from CAPE WARBU on nights 11/12, 13/14, 14/15 Apr and from this point proceeded to alternative RV near CAPE SAUM on 14/15 and 15/16 Apr.

- (a) 11/12 Apr 0030 - 0300  
13/14 Apr A 4 cylinder engine missing on one cylinder was picked up on wireless set.  
Direction unknown.
- (b) 13/14 Apr Approx 0200 A craft proceeded from WEWAK - BORAM area to south-west portion of MUSCHU Island.
- (c) 13/14 Apr Signals were observed from CAPE BORAM in the direction of MUSCHU and KAIRIRU. These consisted of two white flashes followed by a red flash, possibly from a powerful 10 inch projector with a range of approx 10 miles.
- (d) 14/15 Apr A strong light showed at intervals from area between BRANDI PLANTATION - FOROK POINT at intervals of 3 to 4 minutes between 0030 and 0300 hours. This was NOT considered to be a signal but rather a light for illuminating an area at those intervals. This confirms the presence of a similar light mentioned in the previous report on the CAPE MOEM insertion on 8/9 Apr.
- (e) 14/15 Apr 0230 - 0330 Bright lights indicating movement and activity in vicinity of YARIN W305284 and immediately WEST of this village.
- (f) 15/16 Apr No lights were observed on KAIRIRU Island.
- (g) For the whole period no lights were observed on MUSCHU Island but a number were seen each night in the beach areas between CAPE BORAM and CAPE MOEM and between BRANDI PLANTATION and FOROK POINT.

4. Due to suspected presence of enemy indicated by fires and seen on Tac R of TEREBU area, SRD have decided NOT to insert the party as originally planned. The plan at present under consideration is to base their party on VOKEO Island; use natives from this island who normally trade with the mainland, to contact natives in vicinity KAUP Villages B7681, set up an intelligence system if possible extending towards WEWAK and move along the coast towards WEWAK until a suitable place for insertion is found. These operations are to commence about 23 Apr.

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