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From: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: U. S. Pacific Fleet Operating Plan—Rainbow Five (WPPac-46).

Reference: (a) WPL-46.

Enclosure: (A) Six (6) copies of WPPac-46, registered numbers 1 to 6 inclusive.

1. As required by reference (a), the subject Plan is submitted herewith for approval.

2. In order that the task force commanders of the U. S. Pacific Fleet might have a basis for planning, and for action in case of an early outbreak of war, this Plan has been distributed prior to its approval by the Chief of Naval Operations.

3. The Plan required by paragraph 3215 a.2 of reference (a) will be submitted when completed.

4. Plans for other operations are under investigation and will be submitted as they are developed.

5. This 0-1 Plan is the best that this command has been able to evolve for carrying out the tasks assigned in the Basic Plan. Every investigation of prospective operations among the Japanese Mandated Islands shows that risks of serious damage from enemy submarines and shore-based aircraft must be incurred. The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet finds himself severely handicapped for any such operations, because of the limited forces made available to him, particularly by the small number of destroyers and other anti-submarine vessels, and the lack of transports and a properly trained and equipped marine force.

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Enclosures Doc. 33956—CincPac Ltr. of July 25, 1941 to CNO on same subject. (Orig. & 3 copies.)

Charged to Comdr. Griswold

For Admiral Hewitt.

Charged by Lt. N. M. Blake

Date May 26, 1945.

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