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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX NO. 254)

TO OPER/TIONS ORDER NO. 254)

This is Plan Able

1. RED FORCE: See Intelligence Annex No. 245, 11 November with the following additional information:

a. At BLECHHAMMER, formation encountered SIH to M/IAH on 13 November. Time in flak will be approximately 6½ minutes. DEUTSCH WAGRAM lies on the perimeter of the Northern defenses of VIENNA. Refer to Northwest and Northeast defenses of VIENNA as reported for Blue Force. GYOR is on an important communication intersection on the route from BUDAPEST to VIENNA and an increase in flak may be expected.

b. At BLECHHAMMER, enemy aircraft opposition will probably not be in excess of 30-40 single engine fighters at this time. Enemy capabilities in the VIENNA area are now probably 60-75 single engine fighters. Photo reconnaissance indicates these are, for the most part, based at fields Southwest of BUDAPEST and this force or part of it may be committed for operations on the RUSSIAN Front South of BUDAPEST.

c. With weather forecast more favorable than it has been for some time this is an all out effort against vital oil targets. Latest estimate of production at BLECHHAMMER South is 25,000 tons of gasoline per month.

2. BLUE FORCE: See Intelligence Annex No. 247, 12 November with the following additional flak information:

a. VIENNA: The FLORISDORF Oil Refinery lies in the Northern defenses of VIENNA from which on 7 November, IAH flak was encountered. The latest reports are 4E 16,17,18 and 15 (27 Oct 44) as amended by 4340 (3 Nov 44). However, an increase in flak in this area may be expected as part of the defenses in the BUDAPEST area have probably evacuated. Time in Intense flak will probably be 2 minutes of the total 6 minutes in flak.

b. GRAZ: Refer to E Map 2706 (5 Oct and 2510 (10 Sept) as amended by E Report 2594 (20 Sept).

On 1 November, M/IAH flak was encountered and the time in flak may be expected to be approximately 4 minutes.

c. MARIBOR: Refer to 4E Map 13 (24 Oct 44). Flak may be expected for 3 minutes from all 26 Heavy Guns because of the location of the target in the center of defended area.

d. The fluid situation in YUGOSLAVIA has caused a withdrawal of guns. Additional flak in YUGOSLAVIA and in the BUDAPEST-VIENNA area may be expected at bridges, rail and highway intersections, and at any centers of population.

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