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C.C.S. 691/7

9 July 1945

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFFBRITISH PARTICIPATION IN V.L.R. BOMBING OF JAPAN

Reference: C.C.S. 691/6

Memorandum by the Representatives
of the British Chiefs of Staff

1. In C.C.S. 691/6 we asked the United States Chiefs of Staff to give the earliest possible agreement to VACUUM force being sailed between the 14th and 18th July.
2. This matter is urgent. The British Chiefs of Staff now inform us that unless immediate decision is forthcoming they must disperse the shipping. Once the ships are dispersed it would take not less than three weeks to reassemble them. Loading will take another two weeks and the voyage two months. It is therefore essential for loading to commence immediately if the planned sailing date is to be adhered to.
3. The British Chiefs of Staff therefore ask the urgent concurrence of the United States Chiefs of Staff to the loading of the VACUUM convoy, in anticipation of their subsequent agreement to its being sailed.

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