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References:
1. C.O.S. 691/6
2. C.O.S. 691/7
3. J.C.S. 1120/2

Report by the Joint Staff Planners

1. Since making the recommendation contained in J.C.S. 1120/2, Fleet Admiral Nimitz has indicated that ships of the SHIELD and VACUUM forces may be sailed as scheduled (Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet Top Secret dispatch 120217 of July 1945).

2. In view of the above it is recommended that the proposed memorandum by the United States Chiefs of Staff (Enclosure) be substituted for the proposed memorandum in the Enclosure to J.C.S. 1120/2.

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Memorandum by the United States Chiefs of Staff

1. Information has now been received from Fleet Admiral Nimitz that ships of the SHIELD and VACUUM forces may be sailed as scheduled, and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations has so informed the Admiralty. These vessels will be sailed independently and unescorted from Panama to Eniwetok and will then be called forward to the Ryukyus in regular echelon convoys as required. There is a backlog of shipping at Okinawa which will be gradually reduced and selective unloading is in effect. No special priority can be given to the unloading of the British ships but they will be integrated into the immediate requirements of the Ryukyus as a whole.

2. In view of the above the United States Chiefs of Staff concur in the loading of the VACUUM convoy as proposed in C.C.S. 691/6 and 691/7.
16 July 1945

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DECISION ON J.C.S. 1120/3

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Note by the Secretaries

By informal action on 13 July 1945 the Joint Deputy Chiefs of Staff, acting for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, approved the recommendation in J.C.S. 1120/3 and the memorandum in the Enclosure thereto was presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as C.C.S. 691/3.

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