Zero hour and date to be given later.

This plan is to provide cover for a large scale attack on "CROSSBOW" targets by viii Bomber Command.

The entire area covered by the bomber forces has been subdivided into sections, and each section assigned to a group as its operating area. This plan provides general area support, instead of our usual close escort.

The attack on all targets will be commenced by the bombers at the same time (A-time). All groups will be in position within assigned area at A minus 10 minutes.

Area	essign AREA A B C	ments are GROUP 358 359 55	as follow ALTITUDE 12000 14000 16000	Groups to fly with one squadron at each of the three altitudes.	
	D F G H	355 353 56 78A 78B	18000 20000 22000	Groups to fly with one squadron at each of the three altitudes.	
	I J	354 4	25000 25000		
	K	352 356	15000	Groups to fly with one squadron at each of the three altitudes.	

19000

Groups will give support until all bombers have withdrawn from enemy coast, or as long as endurance permits. Bomber withdrawl will be checked by Fighter-Bomber intercom, or by questioning group controller. All bombers should be clear of area by approximately A plus 52 minutes.

56th, 78A, 78B, 353rd, 355th and 4th groups will use 108 gal. tanks. 55th will use one 150 gal. tank. All other groups will use tanks as available.

Groups operating under Type 16 will be governed by the provisions of SCI 25-1, this Headquarters, effective 15 December 1943.

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