9 March 1944

BRIEFING NOTES

TARGET:

1st TaskForce - Oranienburg - Heinkel Bomber Assembly Factory
2nd Task Force " - Heinkel Bomber Components Factory
3rd Task Force- Brandenburg - Arado Bomber Assembly Factory

BOMBERS:

1st Task Force - 4 CWs 60 each - 1st Div. - triangles 2nd Task Force - 3 CWs 60 each - 3rd Div. - squares 3rd Task Force - 3 CWs 60 each - 2nd Div. - B24s - circles

20th GROUP:

Picks up 2nd Task Force at Target and gives target and withdrawal support. The 4th Gp. (P51s) will R/V with the bombers before the 20th and will also be with the bombers in target area. RAF P51s will R/V after target at 20th W/D.

.CALLS:

Bombers - Goldsmith 2-1, 2-2, 2-3. Fighters - 4th -Denver 2-3 20th -Denver 2-4 356th -Denver 2-5

Fighter Recall: Bookbinder

OTHER FRIENDLY FIGHTERS:

1st Task Force: P47s, 354th (1-5) and 55th (1-6)
3rd Task Force: P47s, 363rd (3-4), 357th (3-5), 364th (3-6).
All groups will support bombers to limit of endurance.

GEOGRAPHICAL CHECK POINTS:

H - Meppel

I - Dummer Lake

M - Celle

L - Pritzwalk

B - Berlin

R - Stendal

MISCELLANEOUS:

"B" Channel is to be used for ASR and extreme emergencies only. Only use it in dire emergencies when other channels fail.

P51s are going in South of the Bomber track and will make landfall in near Hague.

E/A: At least 300 s.e. and 300 t.e. fighters can be vectored in.

FLAK: North of the track at Bremen, South of the track at Hannover, Magdeburg. Flak at Dutch Coast at point of entry. Other locations are shown on the briefing map.

TIMING:

20th Group R/Vs at Target at 1317, 9 minutes behind the 1st Task Force. The 4th Group R/Vs 37 minutes before the 20th and the RAF P51s R/V 36 minutes after the 20th.