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From: USS Teton AGC 14

To: Commander in Chief Army Forces Pacific Administration  
Manila Philippines

Re: CAX 51813

10 September 1945

From CINCAFAC Adv to WARGOS info 313 Bomb Wing  
Tinian pass to Kirkpatrick for Groves from Farrell.  
CAX 51813.

I have just returned from preliminary inspection of  
Hiroshima. Flew over city at 300 foot elevation and later  
examined it in detail on the ground.

The scene is one of utter devastation, the airplane  
photographs do not give an adequate presentation of the com-  
plete levelling of the City which is substantially destroyed.  
One there had awful proof of the terrible power of the bomb.

Some detailed comments follow.

For radius of 1 1/4 miles from point of detonation  
practically everything is burned as well as blasted. To a  
radius of 2 miles everything is blasted with some burning.  
Between 2 and 3 miles about half destroyed. Beyond 3 miles  
the damage is generally slight with roof damage up to 5 miles  
and glass broken up to 12 miles.

About 20 well built structures of masonry and  
steel remain standing in central portion of city but all windows  
are out and interior is gutted. A few bridges are destroyed  
but most of the bridges are intact except for hand rails and  
some sidewalks which have torn loose.

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Individual warehouses are collapsed out on the pier area. Some nearby areas were protected from the blast by intervening hills. Light shelters were caved in, street cars were derailed and burned, automobiles had the roofs caved in. A fire started in the forest on a mountain about 4 miles away.

White clothes were much more protection from burns than dark clothes. Many had dark clothes burned off, while nearby persons in light clothes escaped. Signs had the dark paint burned off, while the light paint remained. Huge trees were uprooted and broken. Cloth covers in a hospital 1 1/2 miles away were singed from radiant heat.

All Japanese officials were most cooperative in giving service and information. A Staff Officer described the attack and effects in detail and his description was almost identical with our knowledge of the operation and the effects of the bomb. There was rain at 10 AM and again between 1 and 2 PM on day of strike. All the Staff of an Army Headquarters were casualties.

Japanese officials report dead fr 70,000 to 120,000 and wounded from 75,000 to 200,000. 68,000 buildings were destroyed or damaged or nearly 90% of City. They report deaths now about 100 daily.

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Warren's preliminary report follows. Summaries of Japanese reports previously sent are essentially correct, as to clinical effects from single gamma radiation dose. Warren and party have examined 10 anemic and epileptic patients who also show low blood counts as reported to you.

Warren and party inspected 2 large hospitals housing total 280 patients mostly showing latent effects from radiation. Largest number of casualties probably resulted from blast, missiles and fire. Actual number and proportions will probably never be known. More than 75,000 injured to some extent, and many will die from various causes. Number dead or injured by radiation unknown, but preliminary survey indicates that there are only a small percent of injured survivors. Most of injured have been distributed throughout the surrounding country for care.

Warren found no measurable radioactivity on preliminary measurements under detonation site or elsewhere on ground, streets, ashes or other materials. Most of local medical facilities and Doctors wiped out, and present facilities and personnel extremely poor and limited, and disorganized.

Subsequent investigation will require a lot of time and facilities that will be furnished by Chief Surgeon

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(Colonel Oughterson) of GHQ, who will cooperate with our people. Warren, Nolan, Oughterson and Flick are remaining 2 days for further study. I expect to be able to go to Nagasaki in a few days.

End

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ACTION: Gen Groves

INFO : Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell; C of S

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