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1. Further Japanese Reports on the Atomic Bomb:
  - a. A "third report", sent out by the 12th Flying Div (Hq Ozuki, 80 m. SW of Hiroshima) at 1950I, on 8 Aug, adds the following information on results of the 6 Aug attack on Hiroshima:

(1) "Damage sustained by the Army has been extensive; about 50 per cent were killed and 50 per cent wounded."

(2) "It is impossible to get the assistance of the police force at the present time, so we are standing by."

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b. At 1331I on 8 Aug the Kure Naval District issued "Hiroshima Air Raid Spot Report #3", which includes the following:

(1) "The altitude of the bomb was about 700 meters at the time of the explosion."

(2) "Within a radius of 500 meters, there were many whose bodies showed internal [word missing]. There were practically no casualties among those who were in [word missing] which had wooden log [word missing]. No damage was sustained by those wartime [word missing] of a semi-underground type which were within a radius of two kilometers. Residential buildings within a radius of three kilometers were [word missing]. There were some casualties from burns four and one-half kilometers from the center of the explosion; casualties were rare beyond that limit."

(3) "These fires are more difficult to extinguish than fires caused by oil. In general, fires broke out ten minutes after the explosion and are believed to have been set off by sparks within collapsed houses."

(4) "Research program: Researches into the atom, Uranium 235, are being\* conducted at the Tokyo Imperial University under Army supervision and at the Kyoto Imperial University under Navy supervision. [Words missing] have not gone beyond the limits of theory."

\*Possibly "will be".

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At [place missing], about five months ago, research was made into the [practical] application of Uranium 235, but no announcements have been made since then. However, it is believed that research into the [word missing] of the atom has since been completed and [words missing] research into this is considered to be of considerable value. It is believed that it is essential that this be completed immediately."

g. A 7 Aug message to all Japanese Naval commands, probably from the Navy General Staff, states:

"Although we [are making investigations] concerning [expected] atomic bomb attacks by the enemy, you are to make every effort to strengthen [word missing] as follows and to [minimize] damage:

"(1) As regards the aircraft [word missing] you will have fighters intercept them. For that purpose, we shall consider the question of aviation fuel [word missing] in the light of actual results.

"(2) You are to endeavor to [word missing] against the parachute of the [atomic] bomb and to [shoot it down].

"(3) You are to step up the [word missing] of aircraft fitted for [word missing] attacks."

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d. On 9 Aug the following "intelligence report" was sent to all Naval commands:

"The bombers which carry the atomic bombs are B-29s attached to the 313th [Bomber Wing] based at Tenian, and have heretofore appeared on the communication circuit between 30 minutes to one hour before bombing."

The message adds that, "if those planes appear on the circuit", certain specified signals will be broadcast from the Tokyo area.



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