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**SECRET**

San Pedro, California,  
28 January, 1932.

From: Commander BLUE Force.  
To : Commander Right Flank Attack Force.  
Commander Left Flank Attack Force.  
Commander Air Force.  
Commander Submarine Force.

Subject: Grand Joint Exercise No. 4 - Letter of instructions concerning Landing of Troops.

Reference: (a) Commander BLUE Force Operation Plans 1-C, 2-C, 3-C, of 21 December, 1931.

1. The Commanding General BLUE Expeditionary Force has expressed to Commander BLUE Force his earnest desire that Operation Plan 1-C be made effective in preference to Operation Plans 2-C and 3-C.

2. It is the present intention of Commander BLUE Force at some time on ten February and not later than sixteen hundred to direct that Operation Plan 1-C become effective, unless the conditions at the time indicate that landings under this Plan will be impracticable. It is also the present intention to make the zero hour the time of sunrise for the day on which landing is to take place.

3. Commander Right Flank Attack Force and Commander Left Flank Attack Force prior to sending in the first landing wave will report to Commander BLUE Force whether or not they consider landing practicable without taking any undue risks. On receipt of these reports, Commander BLUE Force will direct the execution of the Plan if both Task Force Commanders report favorably. Should either Task Force Commander report unfavorably, the Plan will be ordered abandoned for that day. In this latter contingency such boats as may have been lowered will be hoisted, and the two Attack Forces will be withdrawn to the northward as directed by their respective Task Force Commanders.

4. Should the Right and Left Flank Attack Forces be withdrawn they will operate under their respective Task Force Commanders at a distance off shore not greater than will enable the forces to reach attack positions the following day for whichever Attack Plan may be ordered. The Right Flank Attack Force will operate to westward of the one hundred fifty-eight meridian and the Left Flank Attack Force to the eastward of that meridian. Both forces will keep clear of the area in which our submarines are operating, (See Orders of Commander Submarine Force - Phase C). The Commander Air Force and Commander Submarine Force will operate as directed by their Task Force Commanders taking offensive action against enemy submarines if encountered.

5. If at any time after landing operations have started it becomes necessary to discontinue the landing by either Attack Force owing to weather conditions or other reasons, the Task Force Commander so affected shall discontinue the landing operations and report to commander BLUE Force who will issue directions as to the supporting of the other Attack Force or as to landings that are to be carried out elsewhere.

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