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MILITARY STRATEGY IS AN IMPORTANT

PART OF NATIONAL STRATEGY, AND MUST FIT

INTO THE NATIONAL STRATEGY.

MILITARY STRATEGY IS LARGELY BASED ON GEOGRAPHY.

NAVAL STRATEGY IS A PART OF MILITARY
STRATEGY. IT MUST FIT INTO THE OVERALL
PATTERN OF MILITARY STRATEGY.

THE INTEGRATION OF NAVAL STRATEGY
INTO MILITARY STRATEGY; AND OF MILITARY
STRATEGY INTO NATIONAL STRATEGY HAS BEEN
GREATLY FACILITATED BY THE ORGANIZATION
SET UP BY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT PASSED
LAST SUMMER.

CONTROL OF NECESSARY SEA AREAS AND DENTAL OF USE OF SEA TO ENEMY.

NAVAL STRATEGY OF ANY COUNTRY IS PRI-MARILY BASED ON ITS GEOGRAPHY AND ITS CAP-ABILITIES.

EXAMPLES -- U.S., BRITISH EMPIRE, JAPAN, GERMANY, ITALY, RUSSIA, FRANCE, SPAIN.

VALUE OF INSUIAR VERSUS CONTINENTAL POSITION IN DEVELOPMENT OF SEA POWER.

SECURITY OF HOME BASE IS ESSENTIAL. PARTICULARLY WITH PRESENT DAY CAPABILITIES OF LONG RANGE AIR BLOWS.

SEA POWER PROTECTS INSULAR COUNTRY, WHICH THEREFORE DOES NOT REQUIRE GREAT LAND FORCES TO PREVENT INVASION BY HOSTILE NEIGHBORS.

CONTINENTAL COUNTRY WITH POWERFUL
HOSTILE NEIGHBORS MUST SECURE HOME TERRITORY BY LAND AND AIR FORCES. ITS RESOURCES DO NOT PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF SUPREME NAVY IN ADDITION.

CONDITION WHICH WOULD OBTAIN IF ONE COUNTRY OBTAINED CONTROL OF EUROPE AND ASIA. POSSIBLE HOSTILE NEIGHBORS WOULD BE ELIMINATED, VERY GREAT RESOURCES AND MAN POWER WOULD BE OBTAINED, AND COUNTRY WOULD CHANGE FROM CONTINENTAL TO INSULAR COUNTRY. IT WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO BUILD GREAT SEA POWER.

ROTE OF AIR IN NAVAL POWER. LONG **
RANGE STRIKING POWER, RECONNAISSANCE.

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EFFECT OF LAND BASED AIR POWER IN
LIMITING AREAS IN WHICH HOSTILE SHIPS CAN
OPERATE. SHRINKAGE OF SECURITY AFFORDED
BY SEA BARRIERS. CASES OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND JAPAN, VERSUS U.S.

EFFECT OF DISTANCE FROM TARGET ON PERCENTAGE OF HITS IN WAR.

SECURITY FOR U.S. IN WAR OBTAINED BY PUSHING OUR FRONT LINES TOWARD ENEMY, THEREBY SHORTENING OUR RANGE TO HIM, WHILE KEEPING HIS RANGE TO US LONG.

PUSHING OUR FRONT LINES TOWARD ENEMY INVOLVES CONTROL OF SEA COMMUNICATIONS.

SEA POWER INSURES THIS CONTROL -- UNDER WATER, ON SURFACE, AND IN THE AIR -- PLUS THE ABILITY THROUGH MERCHANT SHIPPING TO USE THIS CONTROL FOR WAR PURPOSES.

CONTROL OF SEA MUST BE OBTAINED BY

DEFEATING OR CONTAINING ENEMY FLEET, BY

OBTAINING CONTROL OF THE AIR IN THE

THEATER OF OPERATIONS, AND BY KEEPING

WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS LOSSES DUE TO

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY. EXAMPLES FROM

WORLD WARS I AND II.

USES OF SEA CONTROL WHEN GAINED.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. SUPPORT OF OVERSEAS

OPERATIONS. TYPES OF OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

-- RAIDS, AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS FOR CAP
TURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BASES.

NECESSITY FOR BASES. KINDS OF BASES
-- HOME AND ADVANCED. NEEDED FOR SUPPORT
OF NAVAL, LAND AND AIR FORCES. EXAMPLES
FROM WORLD WAR II.

SECURITY OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION IS

ESSENTIAL, EXCEPT FOR RAIDS WHICH ARE LO-GISTICALLY SEIF-CONTAINED.

SUCCESS OF OUR MOVEMENT ACROSS PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II WAS RESULT OF OUR ABILITY TO KEEP DOWN LOSSES FROM ENEMY SUBMARINES: OUR GREAT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CARRIERS, WHICH ENABLED US TO GET CON-TROL OF THE AIR IN THE THEATER OF OPERA-TIONS; OUR IMPROVEMENT IN AMPHIBIOUS TECH-NIQUE. WHICH ENABLED US TO LAND AGAINST HEAVY OPPOSITION: OUR MOBILE LOGISTIC SUP-PORT: AND OUR FLEET STRENGTH, WHICH PRE-VENTED SUCCESSFUL INTERFERENCE BY JAPANESE FLEET WITH OUR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

DIFFERENCE IN CAPABILITIES OF CARRIER AND LAND BASED AIRCRAFT. LIMITATIONS ON

SIZE OF CARRIER PLANES REDUCE RANGE BUT IMPROVE ACCURACY OF HITTING. LARGE LAND PLANES HAVE GREATER RANGE. BUT AGAINST SMALL TARGETS THEY ARE OFTEN SO INACCU-RATE AS TO BE INEFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY IF TARGETS ARE WELL PROTECTED, OR ARE MANEUV-ERABLE. LARGE LAND PLANES CAN CARRY MUCH GREATER WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES, HENCE, WITH THEIR REDUCED ACCURACY, ARE BETTER FOR AREA BOMBING. MORE MISSIONS FOR SMALL PLANE.

USE OF NAVAL PATROL PLANES FOR RECONNAISSANCE. RELATIVE VALUE OF SEAPLANES
VERSUS LAND PLANES FOR THIS PURPOSE.
SEARCH, ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL, WEATHER
OBSERVATION.

USES OF SUBMARINES. OPERATIONS

AGAINST SHIPPING IN WATERS UNDER ENEMY
CONTROL. A.S. WORK. RECONNAISSANCE.
WEATHER OBSERVATION. RESCUE OF DOWNED
AVIATORS IN ENEMY WATERS. PICKETS TO DETECT ATTACKING ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

VALUE OF RADAR.

NEW WEAPONS. ATOMIC BOMB. RADIO
ACTIVE MATERIALS. BIOLOGICAL AGENTS.
GUIDED MISSILES. NEW SUBMARINES WITH
LONG SUBMERGENCE AND HIGH UNDERWATER SPEED.

CONCLUSION. REGARDLESS OF NEW DE-VELOPMENTS WE MUST BE PREPARED TO CARRY WAR TO ENEMY, NOT PERMIT HIM TO BRING IT TO US. THIS MEANS OVERSEAS OPERATIONS, IN WHICH CONTROL OF THE SEA IS VITAL. SUCH OPERATIONS INVOLVE THE CO-ORDINATED USE OF SEA, GROUND AND AIR FORCES, EACH IN ITS PROPER SPHERE.

IN BOTH NAVAL AND LAND OPERATIONS,

CONTROL OF THE AIR IN THE THEATER OF OP
ERATIONS IS A REQUIREMENT, BUT NEITHER

NAVAL NOR AIR FORCES CAN CAPTURE AND HOLD

LAND. THIS REQUIRES GROUND FORCES, OF

WHICH THE INFANTRYMAN IS THE BACKBONE.

AMERICANS ARE A PEACE LOVING PEOPLE,
THEY HAVE GREAT PATIENCE UNDER PROVOCATION, BUT, AS PROVED BY THEIR REACTION TO
THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, THERE IS A
LIMIT TO THEIR PATIENCE. THE UNITED
STATES CAN BE DEPENDED UPON NOT TO COMMENCE A WAR, BUT IT CANNOT BE DEPENDED
UPON NOT TO ENGAGE IN ONE UNPREPARED.

BY KEEPING OUR OBJECTIVES IN INTER-

NATIONAL POLITICS AND OUR MILITARY STRENGTH MORE IN CONSONANCE WITH EACH OTHER THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST, WE SHOULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF OUR BEING ATTACKED OR OF OUR BEING PUSHED INTO A POSITION FROM WHICH MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL BY BOTH SIDES TO A CONTROVERSY BECOMES A PRAC-TICAL IMPOSSIBILITY. THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. CREATED BY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT LAST SUMMER, GIVES US A BODY WHICH SHOULD KEEP OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND OUR MILITARY POLICY IN LINE WITH EACH OTHER.

IF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD EVER
AGAIN BE FORCED INTO WAR, OUR POLITICAL
OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE REASONABLE, SO THAT

THEY MAY BE ATTAINED WITHOUT DEMANDING AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. THE WAR SHOULD BE WAGED WITH A MINIMUM OF UNNECESSARY DESTRUCTION, BOTH OF HUMAN BEINGS AND PROPERTY. WORLD WAR II SHOULD TEACH US THAT WE MUST TRY TO OBTAIN OUR ENDS WITHOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENEMY'S CIVILIZATION.

CONTROL OF THE SEA WILL ENABLE US TO CHOOSE WHERE AND WHEN WE SHALL FIGHT.