

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 26 JUN 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SHERWOOD

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : WH (4), DCI (5), D/DCI (6), DD/P (L) (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

RELEASE IN FULL

2003

SHERWOOD 400 (IN 22377)

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OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
PRECEDENCE

TO: (OPIM) SLINC

INFO: (OPIM) DIR

CITE: SHERWOOD

RYBAT PBSUCCESS

AFTER MISSION REPORT

1. A. F 16

B. 1330.

C. 1540

D. SEE REMARKS

E. PILOTS OVER CHIQUIMULA AREA 20 MINUTES. TOWN ALIVE, NUMEROUS WHITE MARKERS, NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS ON ROAD NORTH. STRAFFED ENGINE OF TRAIN HEADING NORTH FROM ZACAPA. STRAFFED TRAIN GOING SOUTH TO EL JICARO, ENGINE EXPLODED. STRAFFED TRAIN HEADING NORTH AT BF 9218, ENGINE DAMAGED. STRAFFED AND DIVE BOMBED MATAMOROS, BOMB EXPLODED IN INTERIOR FORT WITH LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE. MODERATE FIRE RECEIVED DURING RUNS. SOME LARGER THAN 50 CAL. AIRCRAFT HIT IN RIGHT WING AND BELLY BY APPROX 40 MM SHRAPNEL. COCKPIT FILLED WITH SMOKE. BOTH AIRCRAFT SET COURSE FOR SOMERSET. AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY ON FIRE. TRAIN HIT BY MORNING FLIGHT REMOVED.

2. A. F 17.

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E. (1) BOMBED RAILROAD BRIDGE AT CF 3327. EXCELLENT RESULTS. STRAFFED MATAMOROS STARTING FIRES. BOMBS DID NOT RELEASE. TWO BOMBS WERE JETTISONED FIVE MILES EAST OF CITY BY MANUAL RELEASE AND APPLICATION OF SIXES. ESCORTED F/16 TO SOMERSET.)

(2) BOMB RELEASE MALFUNCTION CORRECTED.

(3) FYI: AIRCRAFT STATUS. TWO F/47 OUT ROBA, TAIL WHEEL TIRES. ONE F/47 OUT SOMERSET, BATTLE DAMAGE AND TAIL WHEEL TIRE.

END OF MESSAGE

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