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DEFINITIONS: The following Hostile Action Alert conditions are for use by the Task Force during the On-Site phase of Operation CASTLE:

WHITE ALERT: Indicates that hostile action or attack on forward area installations is imminent and will occur within a period of time specified by ATCOM ENIWETOK.

RED ALERT: Indicates that positions are being subjected to hostile reconnaissance or attack.

ATCOM ENIWETOK: As employed in this plan will be the Commander, JTF SEVEN. In the absence of Commander, JTF SEVEN, while the Task Force Headquarters is in the forward area, the senior Task Force Officer present will discharge the responsibilities of ATCOM ENIWETOK.

1. GENERAL CONCEPTS

a. In the event of an outbreak of general war during the On-Site Operational Phase, Task Group 7.4, will continue toward the execution of its mission within the capability of the forces remaining available unless instructions to the contrary are received from Commander, JTF SEVEN.

b. The Task Group will be placed on WHITE and RED Alerts in accordance with orders initiated by ATCOM ENIWETOK. When on WHITE Alert status, all Task Unit Commanders will prepare for RED Alert conditions to the maximum extent possible in view of their primary tasks and missions.

c. The ground defense of ENIWETOK and BIKINI ATOLLS is at all times a function of Commander, Task Group 7.2. All Task Groups are directed to augment the forces of TG 7.2 to the maximum extent possible. Personnel not augmented to TG 7.2 will continue their missions but will be available as a reserve force to augment Task Group 7.2.

2. MISSION:

a. In the event of a WHITE Alert, Task Group 7.4 will:

- (1) Prepare aircraft and crews to airlift Task Group 7.2 Combat Security Force as directed.
- (2) Prepare aircraft and crews to evacuate key scientific personnel and critical equipment of Task Group 7.1.
- (3) Assemble and equip the combat squadrons. Reference Appendix 2, Annex B.
- (4) Conduct aerial reconnaissance as directed.
- (5) Prepare to evacuate certain test aircraft.

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- (6) Prepare to destroy classified documents and materiel.
- b. In the event of a RED Alert, Task Group 7.4 will:
- (1) Notify TG 7.2 of the number of aircraft by type that are available to airlift the Combat Security Force.
 - (2) Assemble and equip combat squadrons. Notify the Commander, Task Group 7.2, when this is accomplished.
 - (3) Evacuate Task Group 7.1 key scientific personnel and critical materiel when directed.
 - (4) Evacuate test aircraft when directed.
 - (5) Provide standby aircraft for atoll re-supply.
 - (6) Control Electronic Emissions and Surface Lighting. (See Annex D).
 - (7) Destroy classified documents and materiel in accordance with Task Group 7.4 Regulation No. 205-2, dated 19 February 1954, when directed.

3. TASKS FOR SUBORDINATE UNITS - WHITE AND RED ALERTS:

a. Headquarters, Task Group 7.4:

- (1) Establish, occupy and defend Command Post of CTG 7.4 (Bldg. #90 and vicinity), constitute a reserve force and be prepared to be employed as directed by Commander, Task Group 7.4.
- (2) Maintain communications with Commander, JTF SEVEN and other Task Group Commanders from the Command Post (AOC, Bldg. #90, telephone numbers 4255, 4261, and 4254).
- (3) Maintain existing AOC procedures.
- (4) Dispatch two (2) rifle flights to the unit area of the Test Support Unit to draw combat equipment to include individual weapons and "basic" load of ammunition. Rifle flights will return to Bldg. #90 to defend Task Group 7.4 Command Post. Reference Appendix 2, Annex B.

b. Test Support Unit:

- (1) Establish and occupy Command Post of Commander, Test Support Unit, Bldg. #135, Extension 4226 or 4229. Secondary Command Post is the Orderly Room, Tent M-1, Extension 4263.
- (2) Assemble and equip two (2) combat squadrons in the unit area and be prepared to be employed as directed by CTG 7.4.
- (3) Assemble two (2) combat squadrons in the unit area to unpack and clean weapons that are in storage.
- (4) Draw "basic" load of ammunition for the weapons that are unpacked and cleaned.
- (5) Issue weapons and "basic" load of ammunition to other units of this Task Group as follows:

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Hqs Task Group 7.4	Two (2) Rifle Flights
Test Aircraft Unit	One (1) Combat Squadron
Test Services Unit	One (1) Combat Squadron

- (6) Provide aircraft and crews to evacuate Task Group 7.1 key scientific personnel and critical materiel. Reference paragraph 3f.
- (7) Provide aircraft and crews to airlift Task Group 7.2 Combat Security Force as requested by the Commander, Task Group 7.2.
 - (a) Total strength of the Task Group 7.2 Combat Security Force is 170.
 - (b) Average weight per individual including weapons and ammunition is 200 pounds.

c. Test Aircraft Unit:

- (1) Establish Command Post, Bldg. #135, Extension 3207 or 3209. Secondary Command Post is the Orderly Room, Tent Q-1, Extension 3217.
- (2) Dispatch one (1) combat squadron to the unit area of the Test Support Unit.
- (3) Draw equipment from the Test Support Unit to equip the combat squadron.
- (4) Dispatch the combat squadron to defend Bldg. #135 and vicinity.
- (5) Personnel not employed in the above missions will assist in the preparation of aircraft for evacuation. Upon evacuation of test aircraft, these personnel will be organized as combat squadrons and will constitute a reserve force to be employed as directed by Commander, Task Group 7.4.
- (6) Evacuate test aircraft when so directed by Commander, TG 7.4.
- (7) Provide test aircraft for reconnaissance as directed by Commander, TG 7.4.
- (8) Provide six (6) Officers to augment Test Support Unit. These officers will report to the Commander, Test Support Unit.

d. Test Services Unit:

- (1) Establish Command Post, Bldg. #135, Extensions 4252 or 3256. Secondary Command Post is the Orderly Room, Tent F-31, Extension 3283.
- (2) Dispatch one (1) combat squadron to the unit area of the Test Support Unit.
 - (a) Draw equipment from Test Support Unit to equip the combat squadron.
 - (b) Dispatch the equipped combat squadron to defend the vital facilities assigned to the Test Services Unit, such as weather facilities, antenna farms, communication transmitting and receiving stations, GCA, etc.

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- (3) Maintain weather reporting procedures in accordance with existing directives.
 - (4) Maintain existing atoll communications and command circuits to higher headquarters.
 - (5) SAR aircraft and crews will standby to be employed as directed.
 - (6) MATS aircraft and crews that are at ENIWETOK when the alert is sounded will standby to be employed as directed.
 - (7) Documentary Photo aircraft and crews will standby to be employed as directed.
- e. Task Group 7.1:
- (1) Will provide this headquarters with:
 - (a) The names of the key scientific personnel to be evacuated.
 - (b) The weight and volume of the critical materials to be evacuated.
 - (c) The above will be accomplished within five (5) days after receipt of this plan.
- f. Task Group 7.2:
- (1) Will provide the Commander, Test Support Unit, Bldg. #135, with the necessary vehicles to transport 250 airmen.
- x. All Units:
- (1) Hostile Action Alert Plans:
 - (a) Unit Commanders will prepare detailed Hostile Action Alert Plans. These plans will reflect but not be limited to the following:
 - 1. Procedure for issuing weapons and ammunition that are ready for use.
 - 2. Procedure for unpacking, cleaning and issuing the weapons that are in storage.
 - 3. Procedure for drawing and issuing "basic" load of ammunition for the weapons as they are unpacked and cleaned.
 - 4. The utilization of assigned transportation during alert conditions.
 - 5. The assignment of all personnel to combat squadrons.
 - g. Units will maintain current rosters assigning all personnel to combat squadrons.
 - (2) Upon sounding of the Hostile Action Alert (WHITE or RED):
 - (a) Implement Hostile Action Alert Plans.

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- (b) Two (2) messengers will be dispatched from each Command Post in the unit area to the Command Post, TG 7.2 (Bldg #15), with instructions to report to the Task Group 7.2 Sergeant Major.
 - (c) Prepare to evacuate aircraft in accordance with the procedures outlined in Task Group Regulation 55-2.
 - (d) Be prepared to destroy the following in this order:
 - I - Classified documents
 - II - Classified equipment
 - III - Scientific equipment
 - IV - Military and construction equipment
 - (e) Control of electronic emissions and surface lighting.
 - (f) Essential Elements of Information.
 - 1. Unit Commanders will brief all air crew members flying in the ENIWETOK - BIKINI Danger Area to conduct constant aerial reconnaissance for unauthorized aircraft, surface vessels and submarines. Such sightings will be reported in detail to the AOC, this headquarters. Aircraft having the necessary communications capability will:
 - a. Report immediately, vital intelligence sightings in accordance with the provisions in JANAP 146 (CIRVIS Report).
 - b. Report immediately, in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 26 August 1953, the sighting of any unidentified flying objects (a VFOB report applies).
 - 2. The pilots of aircraft that cannot comply with the above instructions will, upon landing at ENIWETOK, call the Air Operations Center and will report unusual sightings to the Senior Air Controller on duty.
 - (g) Unit Commanders shall report any information of atomic, biological or chemical attack immediately to AOC, Bldg. #90. Information will include time, location, intensity and type of such an attack. Units having a radiation detection capability will standby to assist TG 7.2 Rad-Safe organization.
- (3) Notify Command Post, TG 7.4, when Combat Squadrons are in place.
- (4) Notify Command Post, TG 7.4, of the number of aircraft by type that are available for employment.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS:

a. Administrative:

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Existing administrative procedures will apply.

b. Logistical:

- (1) Provisions of existing procedures will apply, until changed by Commander, TG 7.4 to meet the tactical situation.
- (2) All requests for supplies will be routed through established supply procedures except class III (POL).
- (3) All casualties will be evacuated to the Hospital (Bldg. 24).
- (4) Class I (Rations) emergency rations will be issued as directed by S-4, Task Group 7.2, through the Mess Officer of the Consolidated Mess.
- (5) Class II and IV (Clothing), weapons, miscellaneous equipment issued as required through normal supply channels.
- (6) Class V (Ammunition) Test Support Unit will maintain a "basic" load in the unit area for those weapons ready for issue. This ammunition will be issued immediately upon sounding of the Hostile Action Alert. For re-supply, see Appendix C (Ammunition).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL MATTERS:

a. Command Post (See Appendix "E" (Map)).

- (1) CTG 7.4 AOC - Bldg. #90, Telephone 4255, 4261 and 4254.
- (2) Hqs TG 7.4 - Bldg. #90, Telephone 4210.
- (3) Commander, Test Support Unit, Bldg. #135, Telephone 4226 or 4229.
- (4) Hqs Test Support Unit - Tent M-1, Telephone 4263.
- (5) Commander, Test Aircraft Unit - Bldg. #135, Telephone 3207 or 3209.
- (6) Hqs Squadron, Test Aircraft Unit - Tent Q-1, Telephone 3217.
- (7) Commander, Test Services Unit - Bldg. #135, Telephone 4252 or 3256.
- (8) Hqs Squadron, Test Services Unit - Tent F-31, Telephone 3283.

b. Communications. (See Annex "D", Task Group 7.4, Operations Order 2-54).

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ALERT CONDITIONS, SIGNALS AND PROCEDURES

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ALERT CONDITIONS, SIGNALS AND PROCEDURES

HEADQUARTERS
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1. ALERT CONDITIONS:

a. Ground Attack:

- (1) WHITE Alert: Indicates that hostile action or attack on ENIWETOK - BIKINI area is imminent.
- (2) RED Alert: Indicates that any or all of the ENIWETOK - BIKINI positions are being subjected to hostile reconnaissance or attack.

b. Air Attack:

- (1) Warning YELLOW: Air attack probable. Unidentified aircraft are in the Air Defense Area, and the situation is evaluated as "Air Attack Probable".
- (2) Warning RED: Air or guided missile attack is imminent. Enemy aircraft are in the Air Defense Area or guided missiles have been detected.
- (3) Warning WHITE: All clear. No unidentified or hostile aircraft are in the Air Defense Area and no guided missiles have been detected.

2. ALERT SIGNALS:

a. Ground Attack (RED or WHITE Alert):

- (1) Three (3) short blasts to be repeated nine (9) times over the Post Siren System.

b. Air Attack (RED or YELLOW Alert):

- (1) Alert to consist of fluctuating signal on siren for three (3) minutes duration.

3. ALERT PROCEDURES:

a. In the event of hostile action directed against ENIWETOK ISLAND, the first person detecting such action will immediately notify the Military Police Desk Sergeant, Task Group 7.2, by the most expeditious means available. The Desk Sergeant is located in Building #21, Telephone Number 27-4427.

4. All units upon hearing the alert signal will implement their

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Hostile Action Alert plans and upon arrival at their duty stations or assembly areas will report degree of readiness to Command Post, Task Group 7.4.

5. The "All Clear" announcement will be issued by Commander, Task Group 7.2. Task Group 7.4 will relay the "All Clear" announcement to subordinate units:

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TASK ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT

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1. Effective upon receipt of an alert, the Task Group enters into a combat organization.

2. Note appendices attached hereto for organization of the Task Group for combat.

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1 - Task Group 7.4 -
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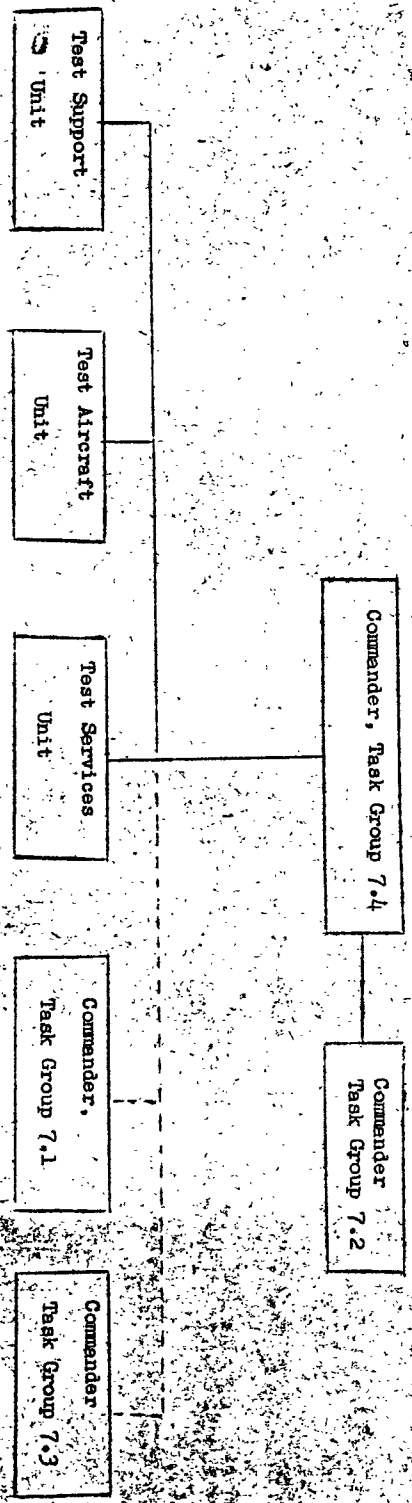
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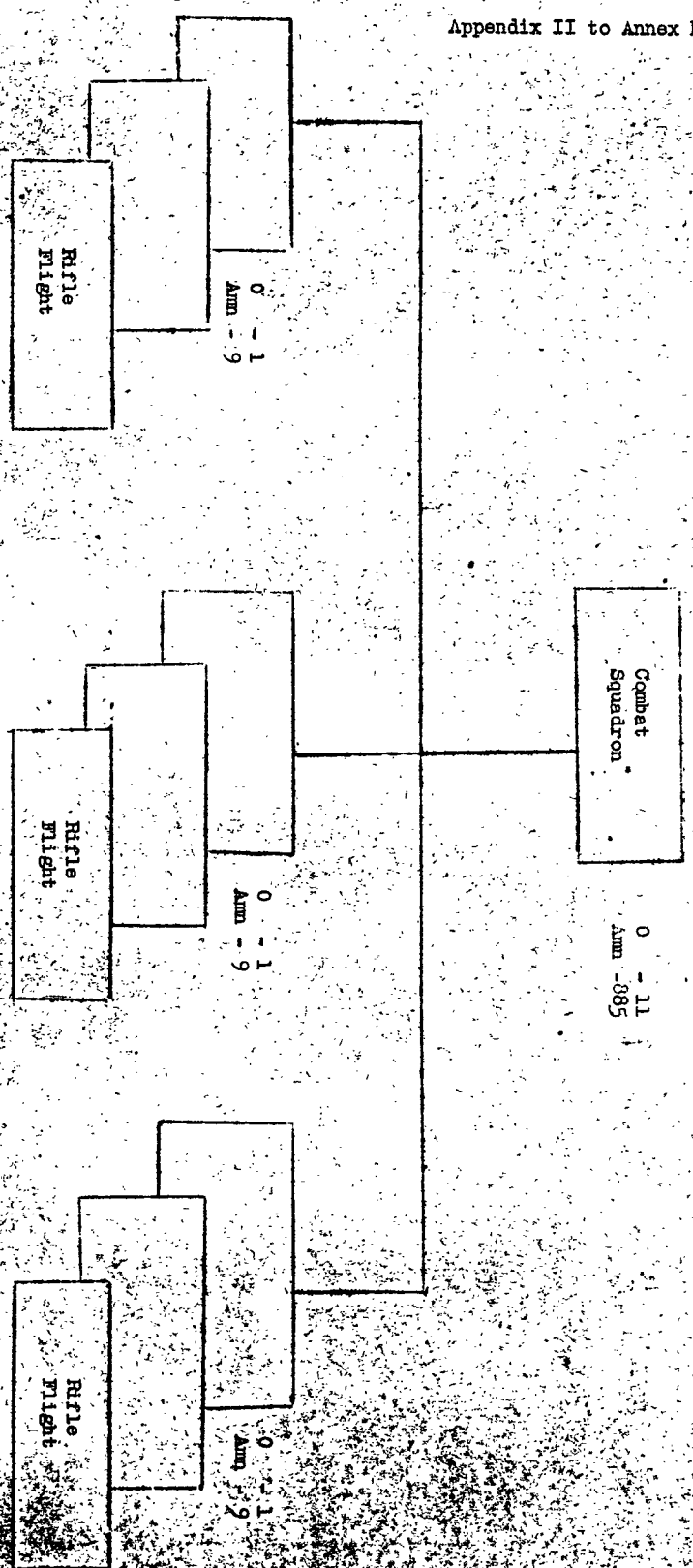
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COMBAT SQUADRON - DETAILED ORGANIZATION

1. Squadron Headquarters:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK/GRADE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS</u>
1	Maj	Sqdn Comdr	Pistol
1	Lt	Adjutant	Pistol
1	M/Sgt	1st Sgt	Carbine
1	A/2C	Driver	Carbine
2	A/3C	Messenger	Carbine

2. Rifle Flight:

1	Lt	Flight Leader	Carbine
1	T/Sgt	Asst Flt Leader	Carbine
5	A/2C	Rifle Man	Carbine
1	A/3C	Ammo Bearer	Carbine
1	A/3C	Messenger	Carbine
1	A/3C	Driver	Carbine

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AMMUNITION

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1. The Test Support Unit will:
 - a. Maintain a "Basic Load" of ammunition in their unit area for the weapons that are ready for issue.
 - b. Draw and re-issue "Basic Load" of ammunition for the weapons that are unpacked and cleaned.
2. Ammunition resupply point for all ammunition will be the Island Magazine (See map Annex F).
3. The Unit "Basic Load" will consist of the number of rounds of ammunition for each type of weapons, multiplied by the number of weapons in the unit.
4. The prescribed "Basic Load" for each weapon is as follows:

<u>WEAPONS</u>	<u>BASIC LOAD PER WEAPONS "RDS"</u>
US Carbine, Cal. 30 M2	45
Pistol, Auto, Cal 45 M1911A1	21
Revolver, Cal. 38, Spec	21

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CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC EMISSIONS AND SURFACE LIGHTING

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CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC EMISSIONS AND SURFACE LIGHTING

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1. PURPOSE: This annex establishes the procedures for the curtailment of non-essential radio, electronic and lighting services controlled by Task Group 7.4.

2. CONCEPT OF CONTROL: Upon receipt of announcement of the following conditions from ATCOM ENIWETOK, all Unit Commanders will:

a. Lights:

(1) WHITE and RED Alert:

(a) Lighting: After the outbreak of general hostilities, a dim-out will be placed into effect as follows:

1. Exterior lighting controlled by units of this Task Group will be extinguished or shielded to minimum needed for safety.
2. Lights in quarters or offices will be extinguished or shielded to prevent the emission of light from the building.
3. Airdrome lighting will be extinguished or dimmed during periods of alert except when necessary to accomplish the mission.
4. Vehicles will be driven during darkness with blackout lights.
5. Blackout curtains will not be required except to meet the requirements of the foregoing.

(b) Electronic services: Normal

See Annex "D", Operations Order No. 1-53, Hqs Task Group 7.4.

b. Essential Electronic Services:

- (1) The Communications Circuits as designated in Appendix 1 to Annex "E", Operations Order No. 2-54, are considered essential and will be utilized as the tactical situation dictates during WHITE and RED Alerts. Key Electronic Navigational Aids will be operated only as directed by ATCOM ENIWETOK.

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3. TASKS FOR SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. Air Operations Center:

- (1) Monitors and controls communications and electronic emissions for Task Group 7.4.

b. Unit Commanders:

- (1) Enforces observance of dim-out and blackout conditions stated above.
- (2) Will submit his determination of key aids and essential services to this headquarters. This will accompany the Unit Hostile Action Alert Plan. .

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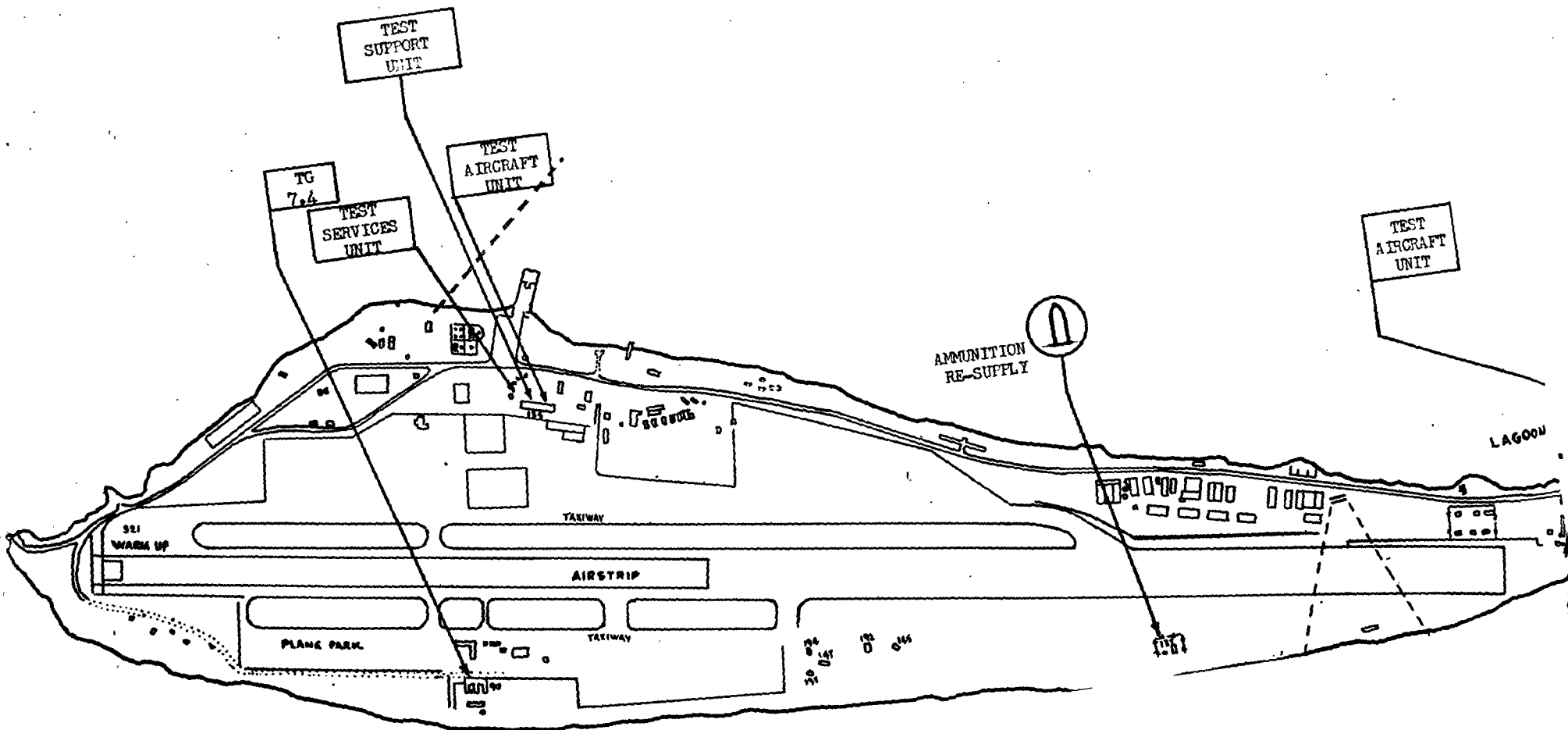
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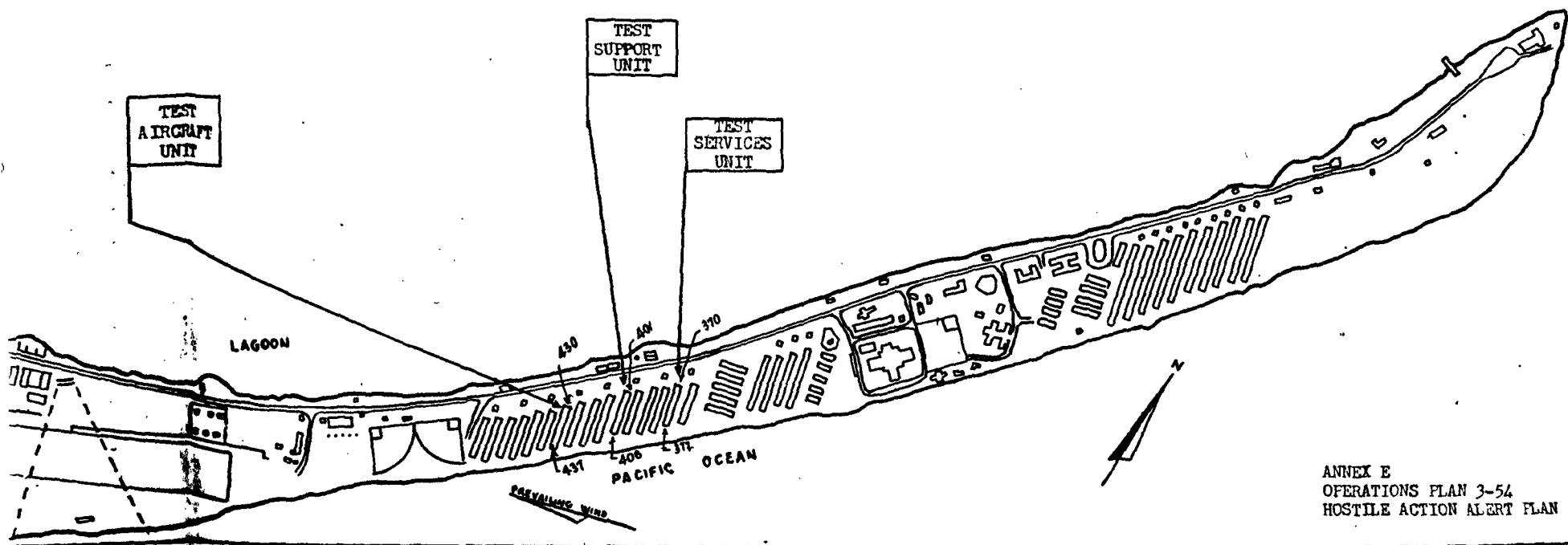
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