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TO MARSHALL EYES ONLY FOR EISENHOWER

From: USFOR London
To: WAR

Nr. W-9418, 10th January 1944



To Marshalls eyes only for Eisenhower from Montgomery signed Bradley.

Have made a close examination of the whole OVERLORD problem in consultation with Ramsay and Leigh Mallory. In my opinion it is highly desirable that the extent of the initial assault area should be widened and that five divisions should be put on shore on the first tide and a good build up be possible. This can be done only if ANVIL is reduced to a threat and the assault craft thus released are made available for OVERLORD. This has been put up to the Chiefs of Staff. It seems quite clear that no final decision on this matter will be given until you yourself give your opinion and wishes. The really important point is to get a decision now at once. Provided we can get what I recommend then I consider OVERLORD has every chance of being a quick success so far as can be seen at present. If we do not get the ANVIL craft then I consider the chances of quick success are not good. I suggest it is essential to make a really good lodgement in Northern France and that this must be given the necessary resources to ensure success. Time is very short. Will you hurl yourself into the contest and get us what we want.

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ACTION: SGS (Colonel McCarthy)

INFORMATION: General Handy

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