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MR. PRESIDENT:

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I am told General Wheeler feels his hand could be strengthened in dealing with the Congressional hearings on bombing policy if he could state flatly that he has been fully and personally consulted on all the major decisions made.

I am told this is not in any way an expression of personal dissatisfaction with his access to you; but a desire to head off the argument that bombing decisions have been made by civilians without the benefit of JCS recommendations and discussion.

I am personally convinced that General Wheeler wishes to defend our bombing policy on the Hill and not add to the evident political pressures now being generated.

I therefore recommend that you consider in the days ahead -- before he goes up for his hearings -- a roundup session in which we:

- review all the targets now available for attack;
- isolate the targets not now available for attack and clarify our reasons for their being off the list; and
- generally get our ducks in a row for the Congressional hearings on the subject.

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