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MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL REIFSNIDER:

Subject: Capture of IE SHIMA.

1. It has been decided that you will command the capture of IE SHIMA and will take over the duties of SOPA in the IE SHIMA and MOTOBU area, while retaining the duties of CTF 53 for the time being. The date for the capture is 16th. Enclosed herewith are 3 advance copies of my Op Order covering this operation. It will go out by despatch today; meanwhile you can act on it.

2. I would like to relieve you as soon as possible of your duties on the northern HAGUSHI beaches. You have about wound up unloading on those beaches, and should be able to turn that over to Admiral HALL. However, I think that you should retain all of the unloading to the northward of Point BOLO. If you can make the necessary arrangements with Admiral HALL, I will issue the orders immediately.

3. You are likely to be in a hot spot at IE SHIMA, and think you should keep as few vessels there as possible, sending at least some of them back to HAGUSHI nightly. Only those ships of TG 51.1 required for the IE SHIMA assault will be brought in until the remainder of the 77th Division is landed on OKINAWA, as now seems likely

4. Please consider your screening needs in that region and let us know what you need, keeping in mind that we must be economical in the use of screening vessels. Suggest you consult Captain Moosbrugger and my staff on this.

Turner

R. K. TURNER.

COPY TO:

REAR ADMIRAL HALL (with copy of enc.)