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OPERATIONS ORDER #148
WEATHR ANNEX.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION 0600Z

High pressure area over southwestern Russia, East Poland and Balkans with highest pressure northwest of Stalin. High over eastern Mediterranean Sea and east North Africa. Area of low pressure over western Mediterranean Sea, western Europe, British Isles to Iceland. Azores high extending into Bay of Biscay. Strong trough aloft associated with the weak pressure gradient from the western Mediterranean to Iceland.

FORECAST:

BASE: Sky: Clear.

Air-Ground Visibility: 15 milos.

Upper Winds: 5000' 240 degrees 10 knots.

10000' 260 degrees 10 to 15 knots.

15000' 270 degrees 20 knots.

ROUTE: Sky: Generally clear from south Italy to Dinaric Alps.

Over Dinaric Alps and Yugoslav mountains 3 to 4/10 stratocumulus in patches, tops at 7000' and scattered middle clouds at 12000'. East of Yugoslav mountains generally clear with scattered cumulus up to 7000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 15 to 20 miles.

Upper Winds: 10000' 260 degrees 20 knots.

15000' 270 degrees 25 knots.

20000' 230 degrees 20 knots.

TARGET: Sky: 2 to 4/10 cumulus, base 5000' tops 7 to 8000', with scattered cirrus at 24 to 25000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 20 miles.

Surface Winds: Light and variable, but generally from east to southeast.

Upper Winds: 20000' 210 degrees 20 kots.

25000' 19.0 degrees 30 knots;

RETURN: on return 4 to 6/10 cumulus, base 5000' tops 14;000' over Yugoslav mountains increasing to 5 to 7/10 over Dinaric Alps with tops generally at 17000'. 4 to 5/10 cumulus, base 5000' tops 14000' with 5 to 6/10 high clouds at 22000' at bases.

ALTERNATE FIELDS: All areas should remain open with east coast of Italy best.

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