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This is Plan Able.

Maps: GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (GRAZ Sectional) 1:500,000
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (BUDAPEST Sectional) 1:500,000
GSGS No. 4072 EUROPE Air (FIUME Sectional) 1:500,000

Target Charts: No. 12-35-IIA (SZONY)
No. 12-11-JA (SZEKESFEHERVAR)
No. 8-4-NA (ZAGREB)

Illustration No. S. 177/6 (ZAGREB)
HI Report No. 199, dated 1 May 1944 (SZONY)
DB Report No. 118, dated 25 June 1944 Print # 4003 (SZONY)

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) SZONY - No E series report available. Briefing Officer will place special emphasis on close proximity of BUDAPEST defenses to rally point. The defenses on the North end of LAKE BALATON have been derived from crew reports, the outlying defenses being in SZEKESFEHERVAR area. Due to lack of accuracy in these defenses and their mobile character, no definite statement can be made. Day attack on 14 June and night attack on 21/22 August drew SIH

(2) SZEKESFEHERVAR A/D - See Intelligence Annex No. 163, dated 26 August 1944.

ZAGREB - E Map 1419 - 19 Mey amended by written report E - 2093/26 July show main defenses to be centered around A/D located E of city, however formation will be in range of 3 x 4 batteries on bomb run. On attack of 7 July, MAH was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(1) The enemy is capable of 30 - 35 ME-109s from VIENNA area and an additional 15 - 20 ME-109s from HUNGARIAN bases in opposition bomber formations.

(2) The enemy is also capable of calling 30 - 35 ME-109s and FW-190s from the MUNICH area. If the MUNICH e/a attempt

interception, Fifteenth Air Force Intelligence Annex states, initial attacks may not occur before vicinity of target.

(3) Believe strongest opposition will be against force attacking MOOSBIERBAUM. Fifteenth Air Force suggests the probability of less total opposition in VIENNA-BUDAPEST area than above figures indicate.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TARGET

(1) SZONY - The SZONY O/R is located on the South bank of the DANUBE RIVER approximately 4 miles SE of KOWAROM. The location permits easy transportation facilities of water routes to augment the rail lines. The last attack is believed to have reduced the gasoline capacity of the SZONY O/R to approximately one half former production. Even so estimates indicate present production of gasoline to be 1,000 tons per month. Complete destruction of the already damaged target will further decrease fuel source of the AXIS.

(2) ZAGREB and SZEKESFEHERVAR - These two alternate targets are important communications centers in YUGOSLAVIA and HUNGARY respectively. Rail targets have assumed more value since the RUSSIAN drive from JASSY. Successful attacks on either of these targets will limit the flow of supplies as well as troops.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION

(a) This is a coordinated attack against oil and communication targets:

5th Bombardment Wing (6 Groups) attack MOOSBIERBAUM
(4820 - 1600).

47th Bombardment Wing (4 Groups) attack MISKOLC M/Y.

49th Bombardment Wing (3 Groups) attacks SZOLNOK TISZA
RR Bridge.

304th Bombardment Wing (2 Groups each) attack AVISIO
Viaduct and ORA RR Bridge.

b. The 306th Fighter Wing will provide penetration, target and withdrawal support.

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