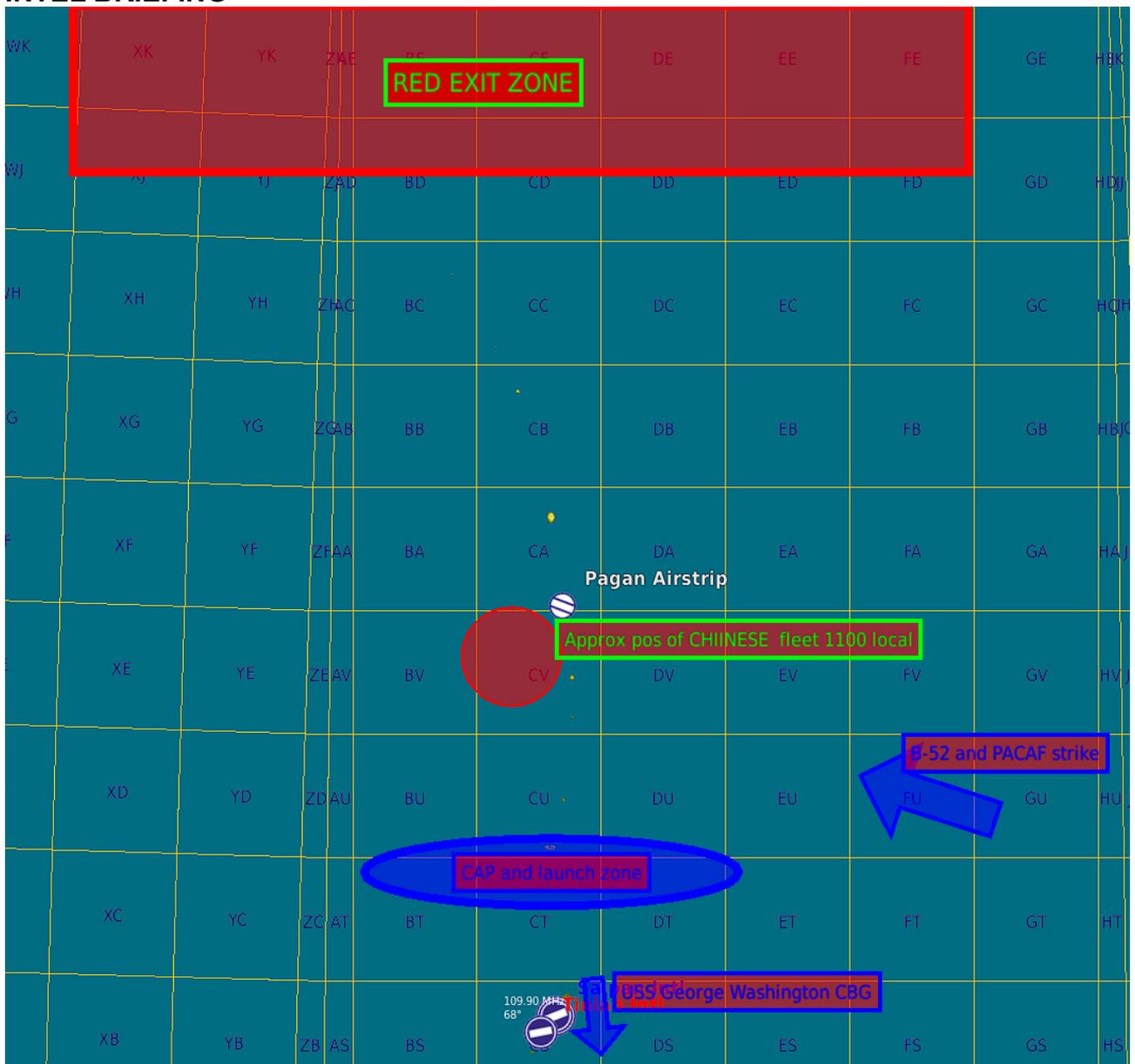


+++++++FLASH TRAFFIC FROM CINCFLEET+++++++

SECRET – CAW-11/PACAF EYES ONLY
OPERATION DRAGON SLAYER – MISSION 8
FRAGO 3/6/202X
1130HR LOCAL
3 June 202X

WEATHER two layers scattered/broken high altitude - cloud base 15,000ft WIND 5kts from 175deg

INTEL BRIEFING

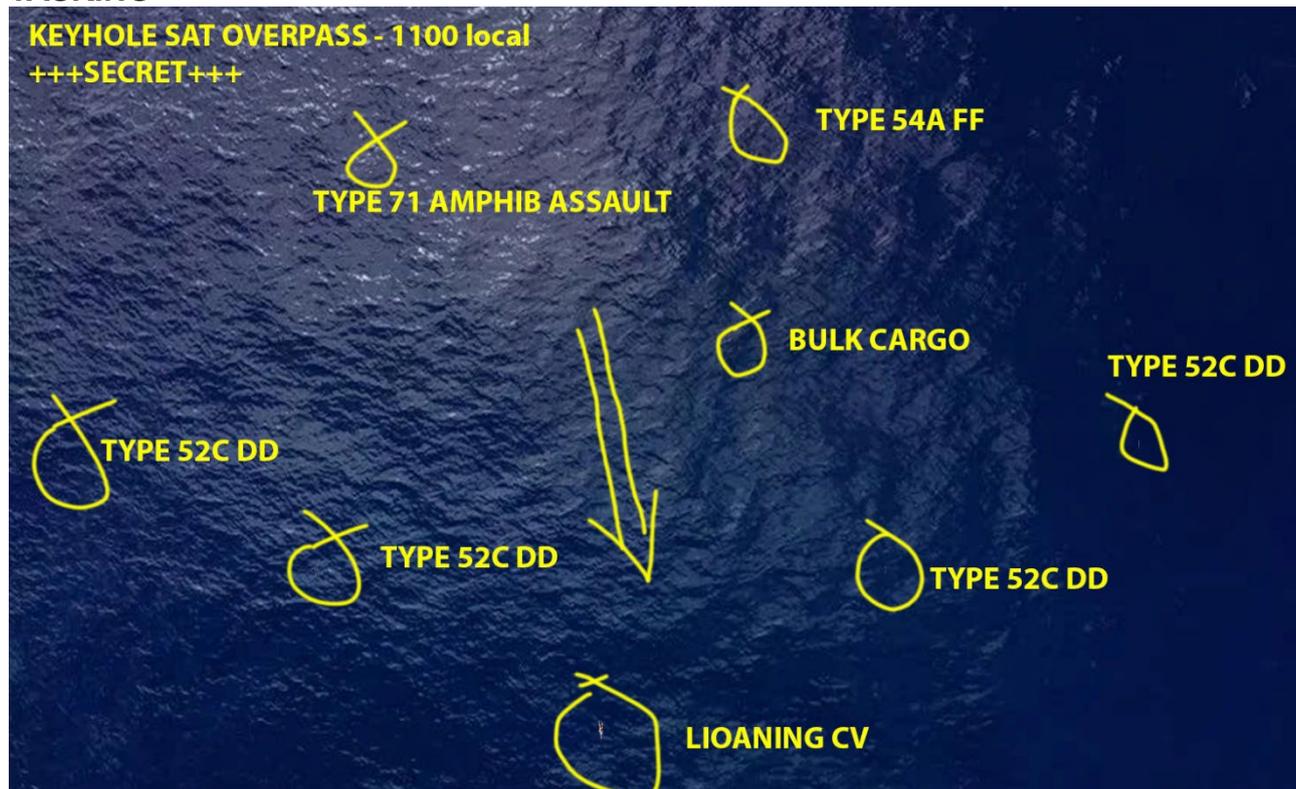


Aviators! This is it! After our success in interdicting a Chinese maritime resupply convoy early this morning, the enemy is now falling back in disarray and is being hard pressed on two fronts as our other carrier groups have arrived in the Western Pacific to drive the enemy back from Taiwan. The PLN has already moved some ships from our immediate AO

northwards to counter this threat to their main objective. Meanwhile, after air strikes on the PLA front line and command centre on Tinian, we have air-landed Marines to the south and are now pushing to capture the airbase where the final resistance remains. However, the enemy's powerful carrier battle group is still in the AO. Intelligence decrypts indicate the enemy may be attempting to conduct a fighting withdrawal of its carrier group and pull back the bulk of its fleet to help defend Taiwan – denying us the opportunity of removing the Liaoning and her battle group. We intend to prevent this from happening and sink the Liaoning before she escapes!

Good luck and make America proud!

TASKING



OPERATION DAUNTLESS

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE Conduct a large integrated complex air-sea strike on the PLN carrier Liaoning and its escorts. The Liaoning CBG lies roughly 150nm to the north from our carrier group. It is comprised of 4 escorting destroyers, along with the remnants of the resupply convoy that have joined up with it earlier this morning. To destroy this powerful carrier battle group, we will use decoys, Harpoons, cruise missiles, Mavericks, LGBs and even iron bombs if required. Multiple attacks will aim to deplete the CBGs escorts and strip it of its long-range SAMs, allowing tactical aircraft to get in closer. The attacks will aim to be synchronised to deliver maximum punch. To begin with it is suggested that F-18s will deploy TALD decoys to get them to light up their radars. Following that, Hornets and B-52s will launch Harpoons from two different axis in a coordinated strike. This should then crack the defences open to allow Harriers and F-16s to get in closer to deliver Mavericks, LGBs and, if necessary, unguided weapons into the enemy's flagship and escorts. We aim to drain their SAM magazines with overwhelming missile attacks.

No doubt the enemy will also try to do it to us – so we still need to defend the fleet against bombers and leakers getting through to target our carrier.



SECONDARY OBJECTIVE: A-10s and AH-64Ds will conduct CAS on the remaining Chinese forces on Tinian holding out at the airport. US forces are attacking from the North and South.

ENEMY FORCES

The Linoang carrier group consists of the Linoang aircraft carrier and four Type 52C destroyers along with a Type 54A frigate, Type 71 amphibious transport and cargo ship from the convoy we hit earlier this morning – giving it an immense amount of firepower and defences. J-15s will be active as its CAP. Furthermore, intelligence believes that the PLN will draw on support from PLAAF bombers (H6J) and tactical aircraft (JF-17s) from the mainland to augment its anti-ship striking power. Tankers have already been spotted by satellite on forward bases on the Chinese mainland, indicating a potential strike with tactical fighters. Watch for other Chinese warships and their WEZs in the vicinity.

On Tinian, enemy resistance has weakened with the main threat being short range AAA and MANPADS.

ELEMENT TASKS



ANTI-SHIP - DAUNTLESS

STINGER (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on CBG – Freq 262
WEREWOLF 1 (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on CBG – Freq 264
WEREWOLF 2 (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on CBG – Freq 265
JUVAT (4 x F-16Cs, Saipan) Anti-ship on CBG – Freq 139
SKULL (4 x F-16Cs, Saipan) Anti-ship on CBG – Freq 138
BLACKSHEEP (4 x AV-8Bs – USS Tarawa)) Anti-ship on CBG - Freq 277

HEADHUNTER (2 x F-16Cs, Saipan) – BARCAP N Freq 137
NICKEL (2 x F-18s, Saipan) - BARCAP N Freq 266

PLASMA (2 x A-10Cs, Rota International Airport) CAS - Tinian Freq 263
AVENGER (2 x AH-64Ds, Saipan airport) CAS Tinian. Freq 267

SUPPORT/AI (*will change to human participants as necessary*)

MERLIN – (1 x E-3D Hawkeye, USS George Washington)
TANKERS – 2 tankers S-3 tanker, KC-135
GUNFIGHTER (2 x F-14s USS George Washington) FLEET DEFENCE – North
TAPROOM (2 x F-14s, USS George Washington) FLEET DEFENCE – West
STINGER 2 (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on PLN CBG
STINGER 3 (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on PLN CBG
WEREWOLF 3 (4 x F18Cs, USS George Washington) Anti-ship on PLN CBG
DEATH (2 x B-52s, PACAF bases) Anti-ship on PLN CBG
BONE (2 x B-1s, PACAF bases) Strike on XXXX
HAMMER (4 x F15Es, PACAF air bases) Strike on XXXX

CODEWORDS

PUSH – PEARL

MISSION SUCCESS (carrier sunk) – MIDWAY

RTB - HARBOUR

BULLSEYE

San Jose, Tinian

COMMS

MERLIN – 261

Carrier USS *George Washington*

RADIO : 227 MHz

TACAN : 32X ACC

ICLS Channel: 3

ACLS 336Mhz

BRC 175

USS *Tarawa*

RADIO : 228 MHz

TACAN : 33X

ICLS Channel: 4

BRC 175

MISSION TIME – 2HR

NOTES

This is a one-life per mission scenario with NO RESPAWNS except for IT issues/DCS crashes or issues beyond a players control. (eg aircraft blowing up from spawning on same deck spot). Outside views will be on. Icons are off and easy communication disabled.

SPECIAL RULES for this mission. RED human-flown aircraft from off-map bases have a 'safe zone' in the north (marked on F10 map) to exit to where no valid missile/gun shots either in/out are permitted. No BLUE aircraft are allowed in this zone. Once in the 'safe exit zone' (marked on the map) RED players should disconnect and are considered out of the battle and RTB. Once in the safe zone, there will be no reentry to the battle.