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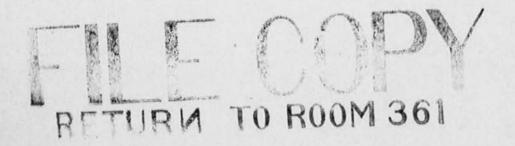
- 1. In view of the subsequent situation in North China, the Army intends to gather part of its air force outside Shankaikwan.
- 2. The commander of the Air Forces shall order scout planes, fighters, heavy bombers, each forming two squadrons and commanded by regiment commanders to advance between Shanhaikwan, Suichung and Chinchou by the twentieth of January and to make preparations for marching towards Peiping-Tientsin Area.
- 3. The Railway Line Sector Commanders of the Kwantung Army shall dispose railway transportation service in order to facilitate the transference of the said air squadrons.
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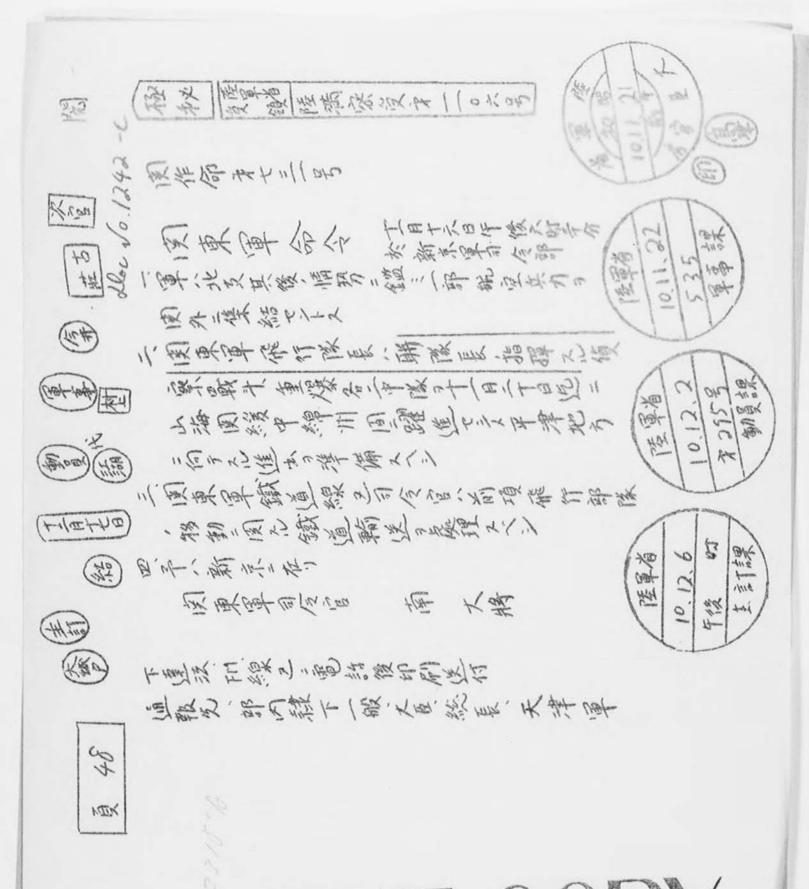
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