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Awaiting reply COMHAVWESPAC availability radio teletype equipment. Latter discussing CNO. Suggestion also submitted ESD believed have such equipment already installed southern Formosa which might be available move Tainel (DEFTEL 501. March 17).

Since all indications peace negotiations may be drawn out eventually lead resumption fighting with natio-milists holding South China would seem essential maintain teletype outlet order insure adequate communications facilities. CW channels from Taipei not considered adequate handle reporting lead from OFFEMB Canton, Taipel and other accessible points should former events come pass.

China network has sufficient equipment set up base at Taipel if adequate space available. During install dion Canton would serve as emergency alternate. Once Talpei installated Canton reduced to outpost with Shanghai to continue until last.

If COMNAVWESPAC can provide radio teletype equipment (require all equipment but transmitters which network has available) and can assist installation we believe to can adequately operate and maintain Talpoi base using madio engineer Snider as principal technicism and alien engineer. Would require employment extra teletype operators. Consider above plan most adaptable Embassy consular needs within China to insure adequate communications to and from Department. Plan C reference telegram would limit traffic to extent much valuable reporting useless because time factors.

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