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MEMORANDUM for the Newsreel Editors

The enclosed 1650 feet (approximate) of Official Navy line grain master positive is delivered to Universal Newsreel for distribution to all the members of the newsreel rota pool.

The film was made by a U.S. Navy Combat Photography Unit and shows activity aboard Naval carriers which raided Manila. Extreme long shots are shown of a burning Japanese cruiser and a destroyer. In addition burning planes are seen on two U.S. escort carriers. The planes absorbed the main impact of the explosion of a Japanese missile, and thus only minor damage was inflicted on the deck. This film will complement the footage made of the same action by Norman Alley of E-G-M News of the Day.

A copy of this film should be made available to the C.W.I. Overseas Branch, in accordance with arrangements reached between the newsreels and C.W.I. Overseas. Definite arrangements should be made to co-operate with all American News, if requested. After the newsreels and the March of Time have duplicated the film it should be delivered to the Army Special Coverage Division no later than 24 hours after its original receipt, then to the Officer of War Information and the National Broadcasting Company. The film should then be returned to the Army Special Coverage Division to be retained in its library. It is understood that the Officer of War Information will also handle arrangements for the National Film Board of Canada.

Dope Sheet appears below.

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Reel One. 6063.

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1. Anti-aircraft guns firing at Jap planes.
2. Planes burn on deck of escort carrier (scene aboard and from other carrier) as result of Jap hit.
3. F6F (Grumman "Hellcat") burning on carrier escort as result of Jap attack (same carrier).
4. Anti-aircraft fire on Jap planes.
5. Burning F6F on deck.
6. Long shot of plane burning on escort carrier (There are two escort carriers shown in these film - both suffered similar damage).
7. Navy crews extinguish fire.
8. TBF's (Grumman "Avengers") over Manila Bay. Smoking area in background is Japanese installations at Nichols Field, on Luzon.

9. Extreme long shot of Japanese cruiser (white smoke) and Jap destroyer (black smoke) shown burning after attack by Navy dive bombers.
10. Several views near Manila Bay, showing Jap shipping, etc.
11. TBF's over rice field near Manila.
12. TBF's over one of our task forces.

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13. Jap plane shot down in flames by anti aircraft fire.
14. Planes take off to continue attacking Jap ships and installations, and to destroy Jap planes. Burning carrier in background is one of two noted above.

Reel two. 6067

1. Jap bomb misses heavy U.S. carrier.
2. Hellcat "waved off" when it attempts landing.
3. "Helldiver" drops message on carrier prior to operations.
4. Man picks up message.
5. Destroyer comes alongside carrier to transfer mail.
6. Planes take-off at dawn for Manila strike.
7. Planes take off in daylight for a second strike of the day (Hellcats Helldivers and Avengers).
8. Planes from this and other carriers "join up" before heading for the target area.
9. Hellcat lands on carrier.

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10. Anti aircraft guns fire in attacking Jap planes as bomb crashes into water just beside carrier (smoking escort carrier in background is one of two previously noted).
11. Pilots and deck crews rush out to planes to take off and attack Japs.
12. Hellcats take off in rapid succession.

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13. Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers return to carrier after successful strike at Manila.
14. Navy combat photographers "in action".
15. Planes (Hellcats) making bad approach get "wave off"
16. 40mm. gun crew on alert for Jap planes during attack (Note other carriers in background).
17. Anti aircraft gun crews aboard carrier fire at attacking Jap bomber and torpedo planes.
18. Unexpended rockets.
19. Long shot of carrier; returning planes overhead.
20. Planes land on carrier.