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THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 1st CARRIER TASK FORCE OF THE PACIFIC FLT HAVE DEALT THE ENEMY A CRUSHING BLOW WHICH WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED X THE SAME COURAGE X SKILL AND TEAMWORK WHICH ENABLED OUR CARRIER PILOTS TO DESTROY THE ENEMY IN BAD WEATHER OVER TOKYO ARE NOW BEING DISPLAYED BY THE FORCES WHICH ARE TAKING IWO ISLAND ONLY 660 MILES FROM TOKYO X THEY WILL ALSO BRING SUCCESS WHEN OUR TROOPS LAND IN JAPAN ITSELF COVERED AND AND SUP-PORTED BY THE EVER INCREASING POWER OF OUR AIR FORCES AND THE GUNS OF THE FLEET X TO THOSE BRAVE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE BEEN AND ARE IN COMBAT AND ALSO TO THOSE WHOSE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN REAR AREAS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SHCCESS X WELL DONE X

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