

APPENDIX C

A SERIES OF WAR WARNINGS ISSUED BY THE US GOVERNMENT

SEALED SECRET

NAVAL MESSAGE NAVY DEPARTMENT

Phone Ext. No. Op-12. Br. 2992		Addressee		Message Precedence	
From Chief of Naval Operations	To.	CinCef		Priority	
Relay to: <i>London</i>		CinCpac		Routine	
Date November 24, 1941.		Com11		Deferred	
TCR Code Room		Com12	Com15		
Decoded by		Com13		Priority	
Paraphrased by		Spence London		Routine	
Indicate by asterisk addressee for which mail delivery is satisfactory		CinClant		Deferred	

Unless otherwise designated this dispatch will be transmitted with DEFERRED precedence.

Originator fill in date and time for DEFERRED and MAIL DELIVERY.

Date _____ Time _____ COT _____

TEXT (CinCef, CinCpac, Coms Eastern Twelve, Thirteen, and fifteen in effect on Spence London and CinClant for info xx)

CHANCES OF FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN VERY DOUBTFUL. THIS SITUATION COUPLED WITH STATEMENTS OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND MOVEMENTS THEIR NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES INDICATE IN OUR OPINION THAT A SURPRISE AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN ANY DIRECTION INCLUDING ATTACK ON PHILIPPINES OR GUAM IS A POSSIBILITY. CHIEF OF STAFF HAS SEEN THIS DISPATCH CONCURS AND REQUESTS ACTION ADERS TO INFORM SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS ~~THEIR~~ AREAS ~~THEIR~~ UTMOST SECRECY NECESSARY IN ORDER NOT TO COMPLICATE AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION OR PRECIPITATE JAPANESE ACTION. GUAM WILL BE INFORMED SEPARATELY.

Copy to WPA, War Dept, and to Op-12 but no other distribution.

plus *Definitely not to be distributed*

Make original only. Deliver to Communication Watch Officer in accordance with (SEC 751a) Navy Regulations.

SECRET

CINCEPAC 29/CETYH (Rude)
CINCLANT
Rear Admiral
HCH 43/EVER (cont.)
CINCEPAC 14/15-ECM 11/16 (cont.)

Source: RG 80, PHLO, MMRB, Archives II.

Prediction of a Japanese "surprise aggressive movement in any direction" came from Rear Admiral Royal Ingersoll, assistant chief of naval operations, on November 24, 1941. Upon receiving this message on the super secret US Navy CETYH circuit (see lower right), Admiral Husband E. Kimmel pulled the Pacific Fleet out of a North Pacific reconnaissance mission.

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT
FORT SHAFTER, T. H.

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Request that the following ~~Secret~~ ~~Confidential~~ ~~Restricted~~ official radiogram be sent. This message does NOT cover subject matter previously sent in a message, either in the clear or having a different security classification.

This message is ~~Priority~~ ~~Secret~~ ~~Confidential~~ ~~Restricted~~

*Strike out words not applicable.

Sent as Radiogram No.	Message Center No.	Time Filed	Check	Code Clerk	Signature and Title
<p>PI WAR PRY KASHN DC 611 PM NOV 27 1941 CG HANE DEPT FT SHAFTER TH</p>					<p>Approved for Transmission: Adjutant General</p>

472 27TH NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN APPEAR TO BE TERMINATED TO ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WITH ONLY THE RAREST POSSIBILITIES THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT COME BACK AND OFFER TO CONTINUE STOP JAPANESE FUTURE ACTION UNPREDICTIBLE BUT HOSTILE ACTION POSSIBLE AT ANY MOMENT STOP IF HOSTILITIES CANNOT COMMA REPEAT CANNOT COMMA BE AVOIDED THE UNITED STATES DESIRES THAT JAPAN COMMIT THE FIRST OVERT ACT STOP THIS POLICY SHOULD NOT COMMA REPEAT NOT COMMA BE CONSIDERED AS RESTRICTING YOU TO A COURSE OF ACTION THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE YOUR DEFENSE STOP PRIOR TO HOSTILE JAPANESE ACTION YOU ARE DIRECTED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH RECONNAISSANCE AND OTHER MEASURES AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY BUT THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT SO AS NOT COMMA REPEAT NOT COMMA TO ALARM CIVIL POPULATION OR DISCLOSE INTENT STOP REPORT MEASURES TAKEN STOP SHOULD HOSTILITIES OCCUR YOU WILL CARRY OUT THE TASKS ASSIGNED IN RAINBOW FIVE SO FAR AS THEY PERTAIN TO JAPAN STOP LIMIT DISSEMINATION OF THIS HIGHLY SECRET INFORMATION TO MINIMUM ESSENTIAL OFFICERS

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Om. Butler
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LT COL INFANTRY

MARSHALL

1162/27

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Source: General Short's papers, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Though it is signed "MARSHALL," this November 27, 1941, war warning message was originated by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, acting on the orders of President Roosevelt. It directs the Hawaiian US Army commander, Lieutenant General Walter Short, to follow an official US government desire: "The United States desires that Japan commit the first overt act."

A SERIES OF WAR WARNINGS

NAVAL MESSAGE		SEAL		SECRET	
PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER	0112 Ext. 2002	ADDRESSEES		MESSAGE PRECEDENCE	
FROM	Chief of Naval Operations	CINCAP CINCPAC		PRIORITY X	
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>	CINCPAC		ROUTINE	
DATE	November 27, 1941	CINCPAC		DEFERRED	
FOR CODE ROOM		CINCPAC		PRIORITY	
DECODED BY		CINCPAC		ROUTINE	
PARAPHRASED BY		CINCPAC		DEFERRED	
INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY					
GKVL BKWL 272337 0921					
UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.					
ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME FOR DEFERRED AND MAIL DELIVERY					
DATE TIME DST					
<p>THIS DISPATCH IS TO BE CONSIDERED A WAR WARNING X NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN LOOKING TOWARD STABILIZATION OF CONDITIONS IN THE PACIFIC HAVE CEASED AND AN AGGRESSIVE MOVE BY JAPAN IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS X THE NUMBER AND EQUIPMENT OF JAPANESE TROOPS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF NAVAL TASK FORCES INDICATES AN AMPHIBIOUS EXPEDITION IMMINENTLY AGAINST EITHER THE PHILIPPINES OR KRA PENINSULA OR POSSIBLY BORNEO X EXECUTE AN APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE DEPLOYMENT PREPARATORY TO CARRYING OUT THE TASKS ASSIGNED IN WPLACX INFORM DEPARTMENT AND ARMY AUTHORITIES X A SIMILAR WARNING IS BEING SENT BY WAR DEPARTMENT X SPENAVO INFORM BRITISH CONTINENTAL DISTRICTS GUAM SAMOA <i>filed</i></p> <p><i>copy to WPD WPD DEPT</i></p> <p><i>enc. phoned calls</i></p> <p>TO SECRET</p> <p>SEE <i>[initials]</i></p> <p>MAKE ORIGINAL ONLY, DELIVER TO COMMUNICATION WATCH OFFICER IN PERSON</p>					

The US Navy's war warning message of November 27, 1941, authored by Rear Admiral Royal Ingersoll (top left), omitted the crucial orders of President Roosevelt that called for US military forces to let Japan commit the first overt act. The omission was corrected the next day.

APPENDIX C

NAVAL MESSAGE		NAVY DEPARTMENT	
PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER	Op-12	Ext.	2092
FROM	Chief of Naval Operations	ADDRESSEES	MESSAGE PRECEDENCE
RELEASED BY	<i>HR Stark</i>	COM PNICP COM PSNCP	PRIORITY X ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	November 28, 1941	FOR ACTION	
TOR CODE ROOM		FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY		CINCPAC COM PNCP	
PARAPHRASED BY			

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME FOR DEFERRED AND MAIL DELIVERY

RNTVL DATE TIME OCT

TEXT 1407 22

REFER TO MY 272338 X ARMY HAS SENT FOLLOWING TO COMMANDER WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND QUOTE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN APPEAR TO BE TERMINATED TO ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WITH ONLY THE BAREST POSSIBILITIES THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT COME BACK AND OFFER TO CONTINUE X JAPANESE FUTURE ACTION UNPREDICTABLE BUT HOSTILE ACTION POSSIBLE AT ANY MOMENT X IF HOSTILITIES CANNOT REPEAT NOT BE AVOIDED THE UNITED STATES DESIRES THAT JAPAN COMMIT THE FIRST OVERT ACT X THIS POLICY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSTRUED AS RESTRICTING YOU TO A COURSE OF ACTION THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE YOUR DEFENSE X PRIOR TO HOSTILE JAPANESE ACTION YOU ARE DIRECTED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH RECONNAISSANCE AND OTHER MEASURES AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY BUT THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT SO AS NOT REPEAT NOT TO ALARM CIVIL POPULATION OR DISCLOSE INTENT X REPORT MEASURES TAKEN X A SEPARATE MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO NINTH CORPS AREA RE SUBVERSIVE

TOP SECRET

SEE ART. 76(4)
NAV REGS

MAKE ORIGINAL ONLY, DELIVER TO COMMUNICATION WATCH OFFICER IN PERSON

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Source: Rg 38, Station US papers, MMRB, Archives II.

On Friday, November 28, 1941, Admiral Harold Stark, the chief of naval operations, restored the previous day's omission by twice repeating that the United States desired that Japan commit the first overt act.

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114 WAR ER 189 WD PRY					
	WASH DC 842P NOV 28 1941				
CG				Approved for Transmission:	
				Adjutant General	

HAW DEPT FT SHAFTER T H

482 28TH CRITICAL SITUATION DEMANDS THAT ALL PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AGAINST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD OF INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF WAR DEPARTMENT PAREN SEE PARAGRAPH THREE MID SC THIRTY DASH FORTY FIVE END PAREN STOP ALSO DESIRED THAT YOU INITIATE FORTHWITH ALL ADDITIONAL MEASURES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION OF YOUR ESTABLISHMENTS COMMA PROPERTY COMMA AND EQUIPMENT AGAINST SABOTAGE COMMA PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONNEL AGAINST SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AND PROTECTION OF ALL ACTIVITIES AGAINST ESPIONAGE STOP THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MEAN THAT ANY ILLEGAL MEASURES ARE AUTHORIZED STOP PROTECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THOSE ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY COMMA AVOIDING UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY AND ALARM STOP TO INSURE SPEED OF TRANSMISSION IDENTICAL TELEGRAMS ARE BEING SENT TO ALL AIR STATIONS BUT THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT AFFECT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS

ADAMS

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Form H D No 1173 (Revised) 1045 Honolulu 10-19-40 8M

Source: Papers of Lt. Gen. Walter Short, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

A second warning to prepare for subversive activities and sabotage in Hawaii was issued to Lieutenant General Walter Short by the US Army Adjutant General, Emory Adams, on Friday, November 28, 1941. Adams warned Short not to precipitate publicity or alarm.