

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
Washington, September 29, 1941.

Lieutenant General WALTER C. SNOW,  
*Headquarters, Hawaiian Department, Honolulu, T. H.*

DEAR WALTER:

I have your letter of the thirteenth relative to the establishment of revolving funds in connection with construction in Hawaii.

Owing to legal restrictions we cannot approve your request for revolving funds. However, it appears that the wording of the appropriation from which the Quartermaster General maintains the lumber pile you mention is such that those funds may be used to make advance purchases of other materials required for construction.

The Quartermaster General will take immediate measures to establish a stock pile of construction materials other than lumber, sufficient to meet requirements for both Engineer and Quartermaster construction. The conditions under which these stock piles will be reimbursed will be covered in the reply of the War Department to your official request of July 28, 1941.

The Chief of Engineers advises that the allotment of \$1,100,000 made to your District Engineer, to which you refer, is from funds now available for approved projects. This allotment should not be construed as making these funds available to you as a revolving fund, nor for advance purchase of materials, except for the projects to which the funds apply.

I believe that when these stock piles have become established the situation you outline will be greatly relieved.

Sincerely yours,

[S] R. C. MOORE,

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*Major General, Deputy Chief of Staff.*

A true copy,

Edward von Geldern,  
EDWARD VON GELDERN,  
*2nd Lt., F. A.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
Washington, November 27, 1941.

Air Mail via Clipper

Lieutenant General WALTER C. SHORT, U. S. A.,

*Headquarters Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H., Office of the Department Commander.*

DEAR SHORT: The copy of your report on the additional air routes has been received. The quantity of details requiring coordination, and the distances involved in the projects make the short time consumed in getting rolling almost unbelievably short.

I extend you my personal thanks for the effort you have expended on this job and the results you are getting.

The way things are working out now, it looks as if we will be using trans-Pacific airways almost continuously from now on. Our plans are O. K. for 4-engine bombers, but what are the prospects for medium bombers? Do you think we should even study that phase of trans-Pacific operations?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

[S] H. H. ARNOLD,  
*Major General, U. S. A.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Air.*

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