

ARMY PEARL HARBOR BOARD EXHIBIT No. 31

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT,
Fort Shafter, T. H., 4 March 1941.

Memorandum for Department Adjutant General:

Request that the following Secret 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 Routine

/s/ Robert J. Fleming, Jr.,
ROBERT J. FLEMING, JR.,
Major, Corps of Engrs.,
Asst. Dep. Engr.

Sent as Radiogram No. 2330-5
Approved for transmission:

/s/ Carl Grosse,
CARL GROSSE,
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant Gen.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

Fifth endorsement this headquarters three January Nineteen forty one file engr six seven six point three on Haleakala AWS installation represented best thought of officers making study Stop Your radio AGMO three March Nineteen forty one transmitted in clear does not appear to appreciate the seriousness of the situation Stop I have personally reviewed the Haleakala situation and find that the officers responsible for this project had already thoroughly considered all the questions raised in your radiogram Stop My comments on the points in your radio are as follows colon agree to construction at Red Hill under spacial use permit semicolon disagree with decrease proposed in combined communication and caretaking building as it will be necessary to maintain caretaking detachment at this point and adequate shelter and facilities must be provided at the high altitude period reference camp site comma possibility of use of CCC camp was thoroughly investigated and before any recommendations were submitted semicolon camp is now occupied by CCC and by park rangers semicolon in immediate vicinity of CCC camp there is not room for expanded facilities and for this reason the other site about a half mile distant is necessary for proper housing of men and equipment of the mobile unit semicolon in addition I am opposed to any joint housing with agencies not under War Department control as the great importance and secret nature of this equipment makes this highly undesirable Period reference necessity submitting building plans to Department of Interior comma I have received copy of letter from Secretary War to Secretary Navy which states that the AWS equipment would be available in this department in June and would be in operation shortly thereafter semicolon Haleakala is second most important station in the system and construction should not be delayed any further comma if building plans must be submitted to Interior Department for its detailed examination the completion of the Haleakala station which is vital both to the army and the navy in the present situation will be unduly delayed Paragraph

The seriousness of the situation requires that all administrative obstacles be removed semicolon this applies not only to the Haleakala installation but also to the entire project Period Now that basic decisions of location comma type of station comma and general plans have been reviewed and approved by the War Department I strongly recommend this project be decentralized and that I be authorized to make final decision on Design and layouts and such other details as may be required to expedite completion

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Enc sec by Capt R W Davis SC 245 PM Mar 5 '41