

ARMY PEARL HARBOR BOARD EXHIBIT No. 32

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WASHINGTON DC 837P Mar 12 1941

COMMANDING GENERAL,  
Hawaiian Dept Ft Shafter TH

005 Twelfth received two three nine you are authorized to make final decision on design and layout and other details of construction within limitations of funds now available for AWS projects in your department and subject to approval by Department of Interior of construction projects in national park. Department of Interior desires preliminary building plans only showing size architecture and general appearance. Plans will be submitted by you to Mister Wingate park superintendent for transmittal by him direct to Washington by air mail. Expedite reply by radio. Submission of duplicate plans by you direct to this office by air mail will facilitate and expedite action. Park service advises CCC camp will be vacated to make room for army personnel and equipment. Park rangers only will remain at station.

(2) There will be no joint housing with other agencies. Park service indicates that with concurrence of Superintendent Wingate it will recommend approval of Red Hill and CCC sites for War Department use with understanding that installations and buildings be approved by Department of Interior prior to construction. Department of Interior positively refuses occupancy of forty acre tract and demands that preliminary building plans be submitted as heretofore requested. Appreciate fully your position but consider it highly undesirable to attempt further discussion with Department of Interior on these two questions. Desired you contact Superintendent Wingate and submit further recommendations by radio regarding use of CCC camp site when vacated.

ADAMS  
657P

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SECRET

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
Washington, March 15, 1941.

Lieut. General WALTER C. SHORT,  
Commanding General, Hawaiian Department,  
Fort Shafter, T. H.

DEAR GENERAL SHORT: The matters referred to in your secret letter dated March 6, 1941, and the inclosures thereto, have been given careful study.

The War Department appreciates fully the necessity for the early establishment of the aircraft warning service stations in the Hawaiian Department. However, it will be necessary to comply with certain fixed regulations in those cases where facilities are to be established on lands pertaining to the Department of the Interior. The National Park Service officials are willing to give us the temporary use of their lands when other lands are not suitable for the purpose,

but they will not waive the requirements as to the submission of preliminary building plans showing the architecture and general appearance. They are also very definitely opposed to permitting structures of any type to be erected at such places as will be open to view and materially alter the natural appearance of the reservation.

I have given these matters my personal attention, and have conferred with officials of the National Park Service. War Department radiogram of March 12, 1941, outlines what appears to be the most practical solution at this time. The War Department finds it necessary to ask the Department of the Interior for the use of many tracts of land in the National Parks, and for their cooperation in the transfer of large areas of public lands. It is not believed that it would be advisable to attempt to alter the informal decisions of the Department of the Interior by carrying this matter to higher authority, or to prolong the discussion through official channels.

We are as anxious as you to work out a solution for these problems with the least practicable delay, and I know that I can count upon you for fullest cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ G. C. MARSHALL,  
per WB.

In the absence of the Chief of Staff.

(Note in longhand:)

SHORT: Gen Marshall had this letter prepared but he went off on a trip before signing. I am sending it on.

/s/ BRYDEN.

ARMY PEARL HARBOR MAIL KEYSET No. 31

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE INSTANTANT CHIEF, STAFF,  
Port Shafter, T. H.  
Initials: /s/ OMM A.G.  
Date: 23 May 1941

In reply refer to: Eogr. 6703

Subject: Base Camp Haleakala AWS Station

To: District Engineer, Honolulu, T. H.

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this headquarters, 9 May 1941, on your letter, file 2034-42, April 23, 1941, subject: "Haleakala Aircraft Warning Service Station."

2. The War Department has informed this headquarters by radio, paraphrase of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1, that the National Park Service has approved the building designs and layout and is issuing a special use permit for the 6.87 acre camp site. All negotiations with the War Department and the National Park Service concerning the Haleakala AWS Station have now been completed and your office is free to proceed with the construction of both summit installation and the base camp.

3. Also attached is copy of letter from Mr. Edward G. Wingate, Superintendent, Hawaii National Park, which states that the OCC Camp at Haleakala, recently vacated, is available for such use as the Army may care to make of it. These are accommodations at this camp for approximately 25 persons, including a mess hall which can be used for feeding twice that number. It may be convenient to utilize these facilities for quartering at least a portion of the construction crew which will be engaged on the work at the Haleakala site.

4. Outside of the Mt. Keala Station, the Haleakala installation is the most important link in the aircraft warning system and it is consequently essential that the work thereon be carried to early completion.

For the Commanding General:

O. M. McDerm,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

2 Incls: #1—Paraphrase WD Rad #2—Ltr. fr/Mr. Wingate, 16 May 1941