

LOCATION OF JAPANESE FLEET UNITS—Continued

Mandate Area—Continued

4th Base Force.....	4 NPG 4 XAP
17th Air Group.....	4 XAP's 30 planes
Total—36 planes—2 CI—2 OC—3 DD	4 NPG 4 XAP 4 XAM.
Saipan	
CinC Submarine Force	1 CI
plus subs (?) 1 Bataan (?).....	1 AS 7 SS
Chitose Air Group.....	30 planes
1st Air Group.....	30 planes
5th Base Force.....	2CM 8 NPG 5 XAP

Total—78 planes—1 CI—1 AS—7 SS—2 CM—3 NPG—5 XAP.

Marshall Area

10th Air Group.....	30 planes
Yokohama Air Group.....	30 planes
Wotje Air Group.....	24 planes
Kwajalein Air Group.....	24 planes
Air Squadron 34.....	2 XAP
KORYU (?) plus plane guards.....	30 planes 1 CV 4 DD
Submarine Squadron 7.....	1 AS 9 SS (Bo)
Rodier (?).....	4 SS (I)
Submarine Squadron 5.....	9 SS (I)
6th Base Force.....	4 XAP's 8 NPG 3 PG
KATHURIKI.....	1 AG (survey)

Total—150 planes—2 XAP—1 CV—4 DD—1 AS—22 SS—4 XAM—
8 NPG—3 PG—3 IC—1 AG.

Respectfully,

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HEWITT INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 24

SEALED—SECRET

Naval message—Navy Department

*Phone Ext. No. Op-12. Br. 2992	Addressees	Message Precedence
R17R	Action:	
From: Chief of Naval Operations.....	To: CinCaf.	Priority.
Released by: Ingersoll.....	CinCpac.	Routine.
Date: November 24, 1941.....	Com11.	Deferred.
	Com12.	
	Com13.	
	Com15.	
TOR Code Room.....	Info:	Priority.
Decoded by.....	Spenavo London.	Routine.
Paraphased by.....	Cinclant.	Deferred.

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(Hand written): CinCaf CinCpac, Coms Eleven Twelve, Thirteen, and Fifteen for action spenavo London and Cinclant for infoxx.

TEXT

Chances of favorable outcome of negotiations with Japan very doubtful X. 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 X Chief of Staff has seen this dispatch concurs and requests action Adees to inform senior Army Officers ^{their} ~~your~~ areas X Utmost secrecy necessary in order not to complicate an already tense situation or precipitate Japanese action X Guam will be informed separately

Copy to (WPD, War Dept.) and to OP-12 *but no other distribution.*

[Handwritten:] plus 3 copies to sealed secret file.

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NOTE.—Linetype and italics denote change.

HURRY INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 23

SEALED—SECRET

Naval message—Navy Department

Phone message number: Op-12, Ext. 1002	Address	Message procedure
From: Chief of Naval Operations. Released by Date: November 22, 1941.	For action: CINCPAC, CINCPAC.	Priority X. Routing: Deferred.
TOR Codebook Demanded by Permitted by	Information: CINCPAC, SPENAVO.	Priority. Routing: Deferred.

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TEXT

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 ambitious expedition probably against either the Philippines [Written: Thai] or Kra Peninsula or possibly Moroe X Execute an appropriate defensive deployment preparatory to carrying out the tasks assigned in WPL46X Inform district and Army authorities X A similar warning is being sent by War Department X Spenavo inform British X

[Handwritten:] Continental districts Guam Samoa directed take appropriate measures against sabotage.

Copy to WPD War Dept.

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