

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 Adcom to inform senior Army Officers ~~their areas~~ ^{your} X Utmost secrecy necessary in order not to complicate an already tense situation or precipitate Japanese action X Guam will be informed separately

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TEXT

This despatch 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 ~~probably~~ against either the Philippines [Written: Thai] or Kra Peninsula or possibly Borneo 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.

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