

*By Canada*

At the Newfoundland Airport, facilities for the operation of a composite group (75 planes) of United States Army aircraft, and storage for 1,500,000 gallons of aviation gasoline.

In the Botwood-Lewisporte area, storage for 1,000,000 gallons of aviation gasoline.

In the Holwood area, shore facilities permitting the operation of one squadron of United States Navy Patrol planes.

Land plane staging facilities at Sydney, Nova Scotia, including radio facilities. A fighter aerodrome in the vicinity of St. Johns, N. F.

Defenses for the ports of St. Johns, Botwood, and for other points as required.

Expansion of the aircraft operating facilities in the Maritime Provinces to include provisions for the early operation by the United States of one squadron and the ultimate operation of four squadrons of naval patrol planes (45 planes).

Staging facilities for aircraft en route between Alaska and the continental United States.

Aerodromes on the north end of Vancouver Island and at Ucluelet.

Additional coast defenses at Christopher Point, B. C.

*By United States*

At Argentina, a defended base for the operation of two squadrons of patrol planes (24 planes), including storage for 110,000 barrels of fuel oil and 1,800,000 gallons of aviation gasoline.

[14] Staging facilities at Stephenville for short range aircraft between Sydney and the Newfoundland Airport; these to include radio facilities.

Improvement of the Newfoundland railway and an increase in rolling stock of 5 locomotives and 200 cars to meet United States requirements.

Development of airways and other transportation facilities leading into Eastern Canada.

Army bases at Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Land aviation facilities at Ketchikan, Yakutat, Carlotta, Anchorage, Bethel, Nome, Boundary and Big Delta.

Naval air stations at Sitka, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor and their defenses.

Airways between Ketchikan and Kodiak, and between Nome and Boundary.

Readjustment of coast defenses in Juan de Fuca Straits to coordinate with Canadian fixed defenses at Esquimalt.

Aircraft operating facilities at Seattle, Whidby Island, Tongue Point, Aberdeen, Bellingham, Everett, Olympia and Spokane County.

## EXHIBIT NO. 52

## COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN

## WAR DEPARTMENT AND GENERAL HERRON

## CONCERNING 1940 ALERT

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[1] Sent June 17, 1940 Number 428. WE.

Secret

June 17, 1940.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

*Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H.*

Immediately alert complete defensive organization to deal with possible trans-Pacific raid comma to greatest extent possible without creating public hysteria or provoking undue curiosity of newspapers or alien agents. Suggest maneuver basis. Maintain alert until further orders. Instructions for secret communication direct with Chief of Staff will be furnished you shortly. Acknowledge.

ADAMS.

[2] LW

127WVY

Received at the War Department, June 17, 1940, 6:29 P. M.

From: Honolulu,

To: The Adjutant General.

Secret

Honolulu Number 1843. June 17th.

Receipt acknowledged your radiogram 428.

HERRON.

[3] Received at the War Department, June 18, 1940, 4322, 737 A. M.

W 2

1140 P

From: Hawaii

To: General George C. Marshall

Secret

Number 1. June 17th.

All anti-aircraft observations and security of detachments in position with live ammunition and orders to fire on foreign planes over restricted areas and in defense of any essential installations. Some local interest in ammunition issues but no excitement. Navy inshore and offshore air patrols in operation.

HERRON.

Initialed "G. C. M."

[4] Received at the War Department, June 19th, 1940, 12:11 A. M.

46-WTJ

From: Ft. Shafter, T. H.

To: The Adjutant General.

No. 1848 June 18th. 426PM. Priority.

Secret

Following funds urgently required for local procurement of services and supplies in connection with your radio 428 seventeenth; U S and S A, three thousand dollars; S F E, eighty eight thousand five hundred dollars broken down as follows: Engineer construction materials, forty eight thousand dollars; rental of motor vehicles and construction equipment, twenty five thousand dollars; wages, two

thousand dollars; transportation of equipment and supplies two thousand five hundred dollars; Medical and Hospital treatment, one thousand dollars; Miscellaneous, ten thousand dollars.

HERRON.

[5] Secret

Number 434. Sent 6-1940—MWW.

JUNE 19, 1940.

COMMANDING GENERAL,

*Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H.*

Concerning your 1848, June 18 period You are authorized to modify gradually measures ordered in our 428 but adequate guards on a semipermanent basis will be maintained at all critical points period guard detachments may be rotated at your discretion period In view of above resubmit your request for funds with concise explanation as to their application under each appropriation subhead period every effort should be made to avoid publicity and to place maintenance of alert as modified herein on strictly a training basis period Acknowledge.

ADAMS.

[6] Secret

Received at the War Department, June 20, 1940, 113 A. M.

37 WTJ

From: Hawaii

To: The Adjutant General

Number 1849. June 19th.

Acknowledge receipt your 434 of 19th.

HERRON.

[7]

Received at the War Department, June 20, 1940, 8:00 A. M.

W 1

From: Honolulu,

To: Chief of Staff.

Secret

Honolulu Number 2. June 19th.

Yours of 19th acknowledged. Full aircraft and antiaircraft precautions will be continued with easing in other lines. Local publicity on maneuvers favorable and not excited.

HERRON.

[8]

Received at the War Department, June 21, 1940, 8:47 P. M.

W-27.

From: Fort Shafter, T. H.

To: Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Number 3, June 21st. Filed 2:00 PM

Secret

In interpreting your cable consideration is given to the fact that Navy here has nothing from Navy Department regarding Alert. Navy now turning over to Army inshore aerial patrol in accordance with existing local joint agreement. Will not modify Army Air and Antiair Alert before Monday except on further advice from you.

HERRON.

[9]

Secret

JUNE 22, 1940.

Memorandum for the Chief, War Department Message Center:

Subject: Defense Precautions.

No. 1. Sent 6-22-40 BFS

The Secretary of War directs that the following radiogram, in the Chief of Staff's secret code, be dispatched to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department:

"Reurad 3 June twenty-first. In view of present uncertainty instructions for the Navy other than local Naval Forces have not been determined. Continue



your Alert in accordance with modifications directed in War Department Number 434.

MARSHALL."

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GEO. V. STRONG,  
/s/ Gen. Strong  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

[10]

JUNE 24, 1940.

General GEORGE C. MARSHALL,  
Chief of Staff of the Army, War Department, Washington, D. C.

This is to report that the Hawaiian portion of your domain is quiet this morning. I have just come in from seeing the dawn patrols take the air, and the antiaircraft men roll out of their blankets at the first grey light at the sound of the claxon and stand to their guns. The Infantry at Walter Dillinghams bathing beach on the North shore were standing by their guns and looking out to sea.

I have been highly gratified by the promptness and precision with which the planes get off the ground every morning promptly at 4:30. It is further encouraging to see the discipline and quiet efficiency among the ground crews. It is my belief that the Air Corps here comes on well.

A week ago today I gave the command for a surprise alert, which went off smoothly and efficiently. In view of the disturbing state of the world I thought that the command might as well get accustomed to having live ammunition, but did not realize how much this would excite the post war portion of the Army. However, they are all quieted down now, as is the city, which buzzed for a couple of days. Some of the young people thought that M day had come and two or three young couples that had intended to get married this month hustled around and did it at once just as in 1918!

We really worked the young men for the first few days but have now eased up so that not more than 25% of any command is on actual reconnaissance or observation at any one time.

Our officer strength ebbs fast and we rapidly approach the day when we will have but one officer per battery or company. However, with our "maneuver officers" for combat and the expected Thomason Act officers to carry the administrative portion, I will have no complaint. It is, of course, unorthodox to contemplate using Thomason Act officers for administrative duties but the proportion of that is heavy and the few remaining [10A] regular officers must be released to train their companies.

Under existing War Department Directives but little use can be made of local Reserve Officers without obvious racial discrimination. I am still convinced that the discreet employment of a few orientals will have a tremendous effect upon the mass and will rally much of the disaffected to our side. I may soon ask to have War Department Directives entailing racial discrimination set aside insofar as they apply to Hawaii.

In planning the M day organization of a police force to relieve the command from guarding our hundred miles of cables we have found that the project makes a great hit with the Plantation Managers, although they would be asked to supply the personnel. It seems that the desirability of an increased police force in war has been a good deal on the minds of some of the managers.

I have turned over nearly everything in the office to the Chief of Staff and am spending my time with the troops, which is one of the things that I learned from Charles Pelow Summerall and the First Division!

Your crack that "yesterday we had time but no money and that today we have money but no time" is good and has made a great hit in particular with the civilians.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ C. D. Herron  
C. D. HERRON.

Please pardon typographical error—the mail closes too soon to have this rewritten. [Handwritten]

[11] Confidential

JUNE 26, 1940.

Memorandum for General Strong:

It seems to me I should write to both Van Voorhis and Herron something of what led up to our emergency radios of the other day; that is, if you think we can trust to Air Mail for such a confidential message. Personally, I think it is reasonably safe.

Will you have somebody make a rough draft of what I should say.

(Sgd) G. C. MARSHALL, *Chief of Staff.*

[12] Secret

JUNE 27, 1940

Memorandum for the Chief of Staff:  
Subject: Defense Precautions.

1. Reference to your memorandum of June 26, with reference to writing General Van Voorhis and General Herron in regard to the background for our emergency radios; I am inclined to think that developments of the last 10 days, as reflected in the press, have given both all the background necessary.

2. Another point to be considered is that air mail may be tampered with, any reference in the matter covered in your secret code might jeopardize that code.

3. However, if you think that you should write them, I suggest that the communication go by registered mail. Drafts of suggested remarks herewith.

GEO. V. STRONG,  
*Brigadier General,*  
*Assistant Chief of Staff.*

Incls.

2 drafts:

1 for Gen. Van Voorhis.

1 for Gen. Herron.

[13] Secret

MY DEAR HERRON: You have no doubt wondered as to the alert instructions sent to you on the 17th. Briefly, the combination of information from a number of sources led to the deduction that recent Japanese-Russian agreement to compose their differences in the Far East was arrived at and so timed as to permit Japan to undertake a trans-Pacific raid against Oahu, following the departure of the U. S. Fleet from Hawaii.

Presumably such a raid would be in the interests of Germany and Italy, to force the United States to pull the Fleet back to Hawaii.

Whether the information or deductions were correct I cannot say. Even if they were, the precautions you have taken may keep us from knowing they were, by discouraging any overt act.

In any event it would have been foolhardy not to take special precautions. The world situation is so troubled and changing so rapidly that I think it wise for you to keep the command definitely on its toes until I give you the "all-clear" signal.

Best of luck.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. M.

Not used

[14] Received at the War Department, July 1, 1940, 5:45 P. M.

W-15.

From: Honolulu, T. H.

To: Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Honolulu Number 4. July 1st. Filed 10:35 AM

Secret

Alert on two weeks today. All quiet locally no ill effects on command except cumulative hours on plane engines and impaired overhaul facilities due to move from Fords Island.

HERRON.

[15] Received at the War Department, July 8, 1940, 9:42 P. M.

W-26.

From: Honolulu, T. H.

To: Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Number 5, July 8th. Filed 2:05 PM.

Secret

Three weeks of Alert completed today with no unfavorable reaction on personnel but a good deal of wear on motor transportation. No developments in local situation.

HERRON.

[16] *Secret*

No. 2. Sent July 10, 1940. BFS. July 10, 1940.

Memorandum for the Chief, War Department Message Center:

Subject: Defense Precautions.

The Secretary of War directs that the following radiogram in the Chief of Staff's secret code, be dispatched to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department:

"Your 5, July 8. Can you not avoid undue wear on motor transportation by putting present Alert stations on a permanent basis without unfavorable reaction on convenience or morale of personnel? If this meets your approval submit an estimate for the necessary construction of temporary type. As to your shortage of transportation it is expected that 1½-ton types will be delivered by October 1 and other types by December 1, 1940. These vehicles will be placed at ports of embarkation and shipped as rapidly thereafter as transport space permits.

"MARSHALL.

/s/ Gen. STRONG  
GEO. V. STRONG,  
*Brigadier General,*  
*Assistant Chief of Staff.*

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[17] Received at the War Department, July 15, 1940, 5:47 P. M.

W 14

From: Honolulu,

To: Chief of Staff.

Secret

Honolulu Number 6. July 15th.

Alert entering 5th week. As now conducted is without undue strain on personnel or materiel including motors. New construction unnecessary. Navy continues cooperation by outer aerial patrol.

HERRON.

Memorandum for the Chief, War Department Message Center:

Subject: Defense Precautions.

No. 3. Sent July 16, 1940. BFS

The Secretary of War directs that the following radiogram, in the Chief of Staff's secret code, be dispatched to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department:

"Your Number 6, July 15. You are authorized, at your discretion, to relax Alert provisions except that first, precautions against sabotage will be continued on the basis of instant readiness and second, aerial patrol measures can be reduced to a training status, but so arranged as to be reestablished on an Alert basis on short notice.

"MARSHALL."  
/s/ Gen. Strong,  
GEO. V. STRONG,  
*Brigadier General,*  
*Assistant Chief of Staff.*



[19]

AUGUST 21, 1940.

General GEORGE C. MARSHALL,  
*Chief of Staff of the Army,*  
*War Department, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR GENERAL MARSHALL: You will be interested to hear that the evacuation of Ford Island proceeds on schedule and that we will be completely out on the agreed date. Our shops are about set up in hangers and we can get by until the new Hickam shops are finished, although that time is several months off.

In addition, we seem about to complete satisfactorily our local joint agreement with the Navy. In the original agreement concluded last winter, there were necessarily some gaps—matters, such as the allocation of local man power, upon which we could not then pin the Navy Down.

Admiral Bloch, who commands the 14th Naval District, is a fine, upstanding officer, always amenable to reason and never narrow-minded or stupid. However, he is a tough guy who plays his cards closely and shamelessly picks up his opponents' tricks, if the latter does not protect himself. But that kind of a game serves its purpose of dividing up the chips before the joint is raided, and suits me as well as any other kind. I think the Army has lost none of its garments to date, except Bishop's Point. Ford Island ought to belong to the Navy.

Richardson is the salt of the earth and I am devoted to him.

The Reserve Officers begin to come in and to date we have 38. They are alright and an infinite help.

We have an allotment of funds for the Supersonic Warning Service and hope to be ready to go the day the instruments arrive, although it will be no child's play to do the preliminary work on these mountain tops. If the system works, it will be a major addition to our strength.

[19A] The Alert has now been on two months. The only present measurable loss is in the weathering of the hundreds of miles of field wire in place, largely for anti-aircraft purposes, but that is probably worth while.

I trust that you keep well and do not allow them to drain away in any day strength that you cannot regain before the next dawn. However acute things be now, it is not yet war!

Best wishes!

Yours as ever,

/s/ Herron  
 C. D. HERRON.

[20] Confidential

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28, 1940.

DEAR HERRON: I have appreciated very much your letters and notes keeping me generally advised of the situation.

As to "the alert", what is your frank reaction? Do you think it is imposing too heavy a tax to continue on the present basis? In Panama the condition is much more different. We have had to give them about \$300,000 to construct temporary shelters for the numerous anti-aircraft stations in the high hills. The rainy season makes life under these circumstances very difficult, but I do not feel that we can expose ourselves to the risks of a sudden lunge from some unexpected quarter. It is a very difficult business and I am deeply concerned that we do not exhaust the morale of the command by heavy requirements during what is supposed to be a period of peace, yet a failure would be catastrophic.

Let me have your frank opinion.

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) G. C. MARSHALL.

General C. D. HERRON,  
*Commanding Hawaiian Department,*  
*Fort Shafter, T. H.*

[21] Confidential

KILAUIA MILITARY CAMP,  
*Hawaii, T. H., 6 Sept. 40.*

DEAR GEORGE: Your note of August 28th has just reached me here, where I have come to collect my wits and obtain a little perspective. Wish you could do the same!

My absolutely frank and honest opinion is that "the alert" as now carried on here does not dull the keen edge, or exhaust morale. I think that our real power accumulates and that now that the season of individual target practice and instructions is about over, the manuevers of numerous small units camped along the beaches will build up naturally and easily the effectiveness of the alert.

The presence of the fleet here and its frequent putting to sea with absolutely secret destinations and periods naturally eases the situation very much. As things now are, I feel that you need not have this place on your mind at all. The position of this place on the Army priority lists is still all right, for our essentials can still be quickly supplied when the necessity arises. You know what they and War Plans can refresh your mind.

Am flying back early tomorrow morning to greet Mr. Knox.

Best wishes!

C. D. HERRON.

[All of above hand written.]

[22] Confidential

OCTOBER 15, 1940.

Secret

The Navy has resumed the outer air patrol at 180 miles, but has not asked us to take any measures. Having no evidence of marked change in the situation and with an eye to the conservation of material I have not resumed the Army inner air patrol at 40 miles, nor the putting of the pursuit planes in the air at dawn.

We now have guards on utilities and highway patrols at times when they will be observed. There are constantly small manuevers (company) on the beaches. It is my guess, however, that the international situation drifts to the left and that precautions must increase.

C. D. H.

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