

## EXHIBIT NO. 78

## DESPATCHES ON KRA PENINSULA ALERT

*Despatches on KRA Peninsula alert (1941)*

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[1] Top Secret

28 November 1941

From: Com 14

Action: Opnav

Info:

280240

Following received by British Consul from usually reliable source. Japanese will attack Krakow Isthmus from sea on 1 December without ultimatum or declaration in order get between Bangkok and Singapore. Attackers will proceed direct from Hainan and Formosa. Main landing to be made at Songkhla.

[2] Top Secret

30 November 1941

From: Opnav

Action: Cincaf

Info: Cincpac

300419

Indications that Japan about to attack points on Kra Isthmus by overseas expedition X In order to ascertain destination this expedition and for security our position in the Philippines desire you cover by air the line Manila Camranh Bay on three days commencing upon receipt this despatch X Instruct planes to observe only X They must not approach so as to appear to be attacking but must defend themselves if attacked X Understand British air forces will search arc 180 miles from Tedta Bharu and will move troops to line across Kra Isthmus near Singora X If expedition is approaching Thailand inform MacArthur X British mission here informed X

[3] Top Secret

30 November 1941

From: Cincaf

Action: Opnav

Info:

301135

Only 1 small cruiser and 1 auxiliary were disclosed by todays reconnaissance in position approximately 14-00 north 110-00 east.

[4] Top Secret

1 December 1941  
 From: Cincaf  
 Action: Opnav  
 Info: Cinc China  
 011140

Results of today's reconnaissance negative even including the close vicinity Camranh Bay: Reference Opnav's dispatch 301709.

[5] Top Secret

2 December 1941  
 From: Cincaf  
 Action: Opnav  
 Info: Cincpac  
 020730

Bearing 070 from Saigon distant 180 miles 3 type 1-61 submarines in cruising formation headed south 15 knots. 21 transports anchored Camranh Bay with six planes patrolling overhead.

*Comment:* This is in position Lat 11-50 N Long 109-29E, 690 miles from Manlla. /s/ EW

[6] Top Secret

2 December 1941  
 From: Cincaf  
 Action: Opnav  
 Info: Cincpac  
 020345

Patrol plane sighted 9 submarines speed 10 course south at 0230 Greenwich Lat 13-10 N, Long 110-00 East.

[7] Top Secret

2 DECEMBER 1941  
 FROM: CINCAF  
 ACTION: C X M  
 CINC CHINA  
 INFO: OPNAV  
 021636

No results of significance today's reconnaissance other than as reported before. The 9 subs were line abreast 5 miles spacing. Ships in Camranh are mostly large, several probably cargo only. Our planes have been sighted on Indo-China coast three successive days have discontinued search for the present of that locality.

[8] Top Secret

3 DECEMBER 1941  
 FROM: CINCAF  
 ACTION: OPNAV  
 INFO:  
 031400

No results from reconnaissance today.

[9] Top Secret

4 DECEMBER 1941  
 FROM: CINCAF  
 ACTION: OPNAV  
 INFO:  
 041315

Negative results from Dec. 4th reconnaissance.