

a. The Army estimates its requirements from directives emanating from the War Department.

b. The Navy estimates its requirements from directives emanating from the Navy Department.

c. There is insufficient space on the Island of Oahu to provide for the estimated future requirements of both the Army and the Navy.

6. Joint recommendations:

a. That it be agreed that in order not to delay starting the development of an important strategical base, the board recommends:

(1) That the Kahuku Point area be developed immediately by the Army as an air base.

(2) That as the Army representatives hold that the Kahuku Point air base should be available for Army air units solely and the Navy representatives hold that the Kahuku Point air base should be available for temporary use by the Navy when circumstances so require, the extent of availability of this base to the Navy as well as the extent of the availability to the Navy of all other Army air bases on the Island of Oahu, be left to the determination of higher authority as the solution of this problem transcends the prerogatives of this board.

b. That progress be continued on the development of air bases on islands of the Hawaiian Group, other than Oahu, which are now under construction.

c. That in order to reduce air congestion on Oahu, all existing and new sites of strategical importance on islands of the Hawaiian Group other than Oahu, suitable for air bases and auxiliary operating fields be expanded or developed to maximum practicable capacities and that such developments have the same high priority as any development proposed for the Island of Oahu.

d. That all sites on the Island of Oahu suitable for air bases and auxiliary operating fields be developed to maximum practicable capacities at the same time avoiding the creation of an undesirable degree of air congestion in the vicinity of Oahu.

e. That the existing revised Joint Army-Navy agreement relating to operating areas be placed in force—adjustments which may become necessary, from time to time, to be accomplished by conference between local representatives.

P. N. L. HOLLAND,
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,
Senior Naval Member.
F. L. MARTIN,
Major General, U. S. A.,
Senior Army Member.

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WASHN, D. C., 2101' Oct. 2, 1941

COMMANDING GENERAL

Hawaiian Department, Ft. Shafter, T. H.

One eight six second September twenty-three rearad Navy Department instructed Commandant Fourteenth Naval District in radio September twenty six to confer with you and submit joint recommendations covering allocation aircraft operating areas for all purposes for entire Hawaiian area stop This has War Department approval stop Navy radio stated further joint recommendations on Kahuku Point desired stop You are authorized to confer on this latter matter but will be guided by instructions to you in General Marshall's letter of August nine-

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EXHIBIT NO. 121

FACTS AND CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT ADMIRAL KIMMEL'S RETIREMENT

FACTS ABOUT ADMIRAL KIMMEL'S RETIREMENT

On 25 January 1942 I was informed by Rear Admiral Greenslade, U.S.N., Commander 12th Naval District, San Francisco, California, that Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, U.S.N., Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department,

Washington, D. C., had telephoned an official message to be delivered to me which stated that Admiral Jacobs had been directed by the Acting Secretary of the Navy to inform me that General Short had submitted a request for retirement. I took this as a suggestion that I submit a similar request and on 26 January I submitted a request for retirement. Until I received this message from the Navy Department I had not even thought of submitting a request for retirement.

On 28 January I was informed by Rear Admiral Greenslade that Admiral H. R. Stark, U.S.N., Chief of Naval Operations, had telephoned a message for me to the effect that my notification of General Short's request for retirement was not meant to influence me.

I thereupon submitted my letter of 28 January in which I stated, "I desire my request for retirement to stand, subject only to determination by the Department as to what course of action will best serve the interests of the country and the good of the service."

Subsequently I learned from Admiral Jacobs that the Official directing him to inform me that General Short had submitted a request for retirement was not the Acting Secretary, but the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Knox.

On 22 February 1942 in a letter to Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, I stated in part: "I submitted this request solely to permit the Department to take whatever action they deemed best for the interest of the country. I did not submit it in order to escape censure or punishment."

The approval of my request for retirement included the statement: "This approval of your request for retirement is without condonation of any offense or prejudice to future disciplinary action."

I was notified through the public press on or about 1 March 1942 that the Secretary of the Navy had directed that charges and specifications be prepared to bring me to trial by General Court Martial at some future time.

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APRIL 24, 1942.

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Retired, 280 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, N. Y.

Subject: Duty.

Reference: (a) Your letter of April 21, 1942.

1. The receipt is acknowledged of reference (a) in which you express your readiness to perform any duty which may be assigned you.

[s] RANDALL JACOBS.

Certified a true copy.

[s] H. E. KIMMEL.

280 BRONXVILLE ROAD, BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK.

21 April 1942.

Rear Admiral RANDALL JACOBS, U. S. Navy,

Bureau of Navigation,

Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

DEAR JACOBS: Enclosed herewith is my request for any duty to which the Navy Department may see fit to assign me. I know that you and Admiral King understand my desire to do anything to help, but I believe the enclosed request should be on file to keep the record straight.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely,

[s] H. E. KIMMEL.

280 BRONXVILLE ROAD, BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK,

21 April 1942.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy, Retired.

To: Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Duty.

1. Supplementing the statement in my request for retirement dated 26 January 1942, I wish to again state that I stand ready to perform any duty to which the Navy Department may assign me.

[s] H. E. Kimmel,
H. E. KIMMEL.

Letter from Admiral Stark

FEBRUARY 23, 1942.

DEAR MUSTAPHA: I tried to get you by phone last night at the St. Francis where Jacobs told me you were staying, only to find out you are not registered there. I then called Johnny Greenslade, and I trust he got over to you what I wanted to say, which was particularly to clear any doubts in your mind so far as I could regarding the situation here.

Also, I should have so liked just to talk to you for a couple of minutes and, incidentally, to send you some birthday wishes, which are almost due.

It might not have just fitted to have said "Happy Birthday", but I do wish it and I also know that it will be just as happy as you will to make it, and that the measure of that happiness will be commensurate with your innermost strength.

We all have a tough year ahead amid the present clouds of uncertainty, and we all need courage that will enable us to think bravely, act wisely, and endure. I do not have to tell you that my faith in one Husband Kimmel and in the fine fiber in his innermost makeup is such that I know it will carry him through, regardless of how rough the going.

I told Kit I was going to drop you a line this morning when I had failed to reach you last night, and she said to be sure to join all her good wishes with mine to you and to Dot.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, U. S. N.

c/o Rear Admiral J. W. Greenslade, U. S. N.

Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California.

22 FEBRUARY 1942.

DEAR BETTY: I started writing this letter a few minutes after Pye gave me your letter of 21 February. I thank you for the letter and for the information contained therein. I also thank you for your other letters which I have not answered.

I understand from your letter that I will not be retired for the present, that I will be in a leave status until some further action is taken.

I submitted my request for retirement because I was notified that Short had done so and took that notification as a suggestion for me to do likewise. I submitted this request solely to permit the department to take whatever action they deemed best for the interests of the country. I did not submit it in order to escape censure or punishment.

When I was notified that the notification in regard to Short was not meant to put pressure on me, I submitted my second letter on the subject.

When the fact that Short and I had submitted requests for retirement was published to the country, I was astounded that the department would put Short and me in such light before the public.

On February 19, I received notification by the Secretary that I would be placed on the Retired list on March 1, 1942. Paragraph 2 of this letter states, "This approval of your request for retirement is without condonation of any offense or prejudice to future disciplinary action."

I do not understand this paragraph unless it is to be published to the country as a promise that I will be disciplined at some future time.

I stand ready at any time to accept the consequences of my acts. I do not wish to embarrass the government in the conduct of the war. I do feel, however, that my crucifixion before the public has about reached the limit. I am in daily receipt of letters from irresponsible people over the country taking me to task and even threatening to kill me. I am not particularly concerned except as it shows the effect on the public of articles published about me.

I feel that the publication of paragraph two of the Secretary's letter of February 16 will further inflame the public and do me a great injustice.

I have kept my mouth shut and propose to continue to do so as long as it is humanly possible.

I regret the losses at Pearl Harbor just as keenly, or perhaps more keenly than any other American citizen. I wish that I had been smarter than I was and able to foresee what happened on December 7. I devoted all my energies to the job and made the dispositions which appeared to me to be called for. I cannot now reproach myself for any lack of effort.

I will not comment on the Report of the Commission, but you probably know what I think of it. I will say in passing that I was not made an interested party or a defendant.

All this I have been willing to accept for the good of the country out of my loyalty to the Nation, and to await the judgment of history when all the factors can be published.

But I do think that in all justice the department should do nothing further to inflame the public against me. I am entitled to some consideration even though you may consider I erred grievously.

You must appreciate that the beating I have taken leaves very little that can be added to my burden.

I appreciate your efforts on my behalf and will always value your friendship, which is a precious thing to me.

My kindest regards always.

/s/ H. E. KIMMEL.

To: Admiral H. R. Stark, U. S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations.
(Written in San Francisco, California.)

KIMMEL, HUSBAND E.
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.
(2218-11-Kn)

FEBRUARY 21, 1942.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy

To: The Secretary of the Navy

Subject: Transfer to the Retired List after forty (40) years' service.

Reference: (a) The Secretary of the Navy's letter of February 16, 1942 informing me that I will be transferred to the retired list of officers of the United States Navy.

1. I hereby acknowledge the receipt of reference (a).

/s/ H. E. Kimmel.
H. E. KIMMEL.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

Op10-KR

FEBRUARY 21, 1942.

DEAR KIMMEL: A few days ago I thought that you would have something definite before long. I am inclined to think now that this is not the case, and that for the time being at least you will just be continued on leave. I know that from your standpoint this is terribly indefinite, but I believe that if you knew all the cross-currents you would concur with this decision and that it is made with much thought regarding your own interest.

Pending something definite, there is no reason why you should not settle yourself in a quiet nook somewhere and let Old Father Time help this entire situation, which I feel he will—if for no other reason than that he always has.

I would like you to know the remark the Secretary made a day or two ago and that was:

"As for Kimmel, he has conducted himself in an exemplary fashion since this thing happened." And to which I believe the entire Navy would give a hearty "Aye, Aye!"

We realize how tough it is, but again I am counting on you to rise above it and be master of yourself in the future just as you always have been in the past.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,

Admiral H. E. KIMMEL,
Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

21 FEBRUARY 1942.

DEAR KIMMEL: Unless I am mistaken, you have another landmark in the near offing. May I send you some thoughts which I recall from something I once read and which is in substance:

On this occasion, instead of a wish for a happy birthday, knowing as I do that it will be just as happy as you choose to make it, and instead of wishing you the happiest year just ahead, knowing as I do that the measure of happiness will be exactly commensurate with what you, in your innermost strength, choose to make it; I wish for you, amid the clouds of uncertainty, *COURAGE*—courage that will enable you to think bravely, act wisely, and endure; courage to defend all the virtues and therefore itself, the greatest of them; courage that will steel the arm without clouding the brain; courage that can and will lift both body and mind above their present levels and capacity. Make over your own world. Let your courage be its architect. May God give you strength, wisdom, balance, courage, and hope.

Affectionately,

Rear Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, *USN*,
c/o Rear Admiral J. W. Greenslade.

[First endorsement]

FEBRUARY 17, 1942.

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.
To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy, Twelfth Naval District.
Via: The Commandant.
Subject: Transfer to the Retired List after forty (40) years' service.

1. Forwarded.

/s/ RANDALL JACOBS

[Second endorsement]

ON LETTER FROM SECNAV, DATED FEB. 16, 1942, TO REAR ADM. H. E. KIMMEL

From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District and Naval Operating Base, San Francisco.
To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy
Subject: Transfer to the Retired List after forty (40) years' service.

1. Delivered, February 19, 1942 at 11:05 A. M.

/s/ J. W. Greenslade.
J. W. GREENSLADE.

Certified a true copy:

/s/ H. E. KIMMEL

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
WASHINGTON, February 16, 1942.

From: The Secretary of the Navy:
To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy.
Subject: Transfer to the Retired List after forty (40) years' service.

Reference: (a) Your request for retirement, dated January 26, 1942.

1. Your request to be transferred to the retired list after the completion of forty (40) years' service in accordance with the provisions of U. S. Code, Title 34, Section 381 is, by direction of the President, approved. You will be transferred to the retired list of officers of the United States Navy as of March 1, 1942.

2. This approval of your request for retirement is without condonation of any offense or prejudice to future disciplinary action.

3. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

/s/ FRANK KNOX.

Certified a true copy:

/s/ H. E. KIMMEL.

KIMMEL, HUSBAND E.
Rear Admiral, USN
(2208-11-Kn)

JANUARY 28, 1942.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. N.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: My Request for Retirement.

Reference: (A) My ltr. to the Secretary of the Navy of 26 January 1942 requesting retirement under the provisions of Article 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. Reference (A) was submitted after I had been officially informed by the Navy Department that General Short had requested retirement.

2. I was officially informed today by the Navy Department that my notification of General Short's request was not intended to influence my decision to submit a similar request.

3. I desire my request for retirement to stand, subject only to determination by the Department as to what course of action will best serve the interests of the country and the good of the service.

/s/ H. E. Kimmel.
HUSBAND E. KIMMEL.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

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27 JANUARY 1942.

DEAR KIMMEL: Yesterday Jacobs called up directing Greenslade to continue you on leave.

Our feeling here is that until definite action is taken regarding your future orders, it is better for you not to return to any temporary duty. We also think that it would be well for the two Secretaries to confer before any final action is taken and at the moment Colonel Knox is out of the City and will not be back until Thursday.

I showed the Secretary and the President your splendid letter stating that you were not to be considered and that only the country should be considered.

Marshall informed me yesterday while we were talking over the situation, that Short had submitted a request for retirement. We all thought this information would be of interest to you and Jacobs sent it on to Greenslade. I do not want you in any sense to consider the transmission of this information as request on you by the Department to follow suit. We do not desire to influence your initiative in any way. If and when we have any definite recommendations—suggestions—we will definitely say so.

I do want you to know that we will try and solve the problem on the basis of your letter—"whatever is best for the country"; that is about all I can say.

That you are sitting on a question mark hoping for something definite at the earliest possible moment, we realize and I can assure you you are very much in our thoughts.

Every good wish as always.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, USN,
c/o Rear Admiral John W. Greenslade,
12th Naval District.

P. S. The information about Short is confidential. I do not know what action will be taken on his request.

Copy to Adm. Jacobs.

KIMMEL, HUSBAND E.
Rear Admiral, USN
(2207-00-Kn)

JANUARY 26, 1942.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. N.

To: The Secretary of the Navy

Subject: Request for Retirement under the Provisions of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. After forty one years and eight months service in the United States Navy, I hereby request that I be placed upon the retired list in accordance with the provisions of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

2. I hold myself in readiness to perform any duty to which I may be assigned.

/s/ H. E. Kimmel
HUSBAND E. KIMMEL.

[First Endorsement]

JANUARY 27, 1942.

From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District and Naval Operating Base, San Francisco, California.

To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Request for Retirement under the Provisions of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. Forwarded.

J. W. GREENSLADE.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

HRS/hu

29 DECEMBER 1941.

DEAR KIMMEL: Just received your note of 24 December 1941.

You certainly are entitled to a short leave and shall have it.

Don't worry about our finding duty for you. I value your services just as much as I ever did and more and I say this straight from the heart as well as the head.

If there is any way in which I can help you when you arrive here, call on Kit and me at once.

We had a great and wonderful surprise yesterday when Kewpie called up from San Francisco. The head of the concern her husband works for had informed me they were going to close their business out in Honolulu so it was a joy that transportation was made available for them and I have just dropped Admiral Bloch a line telling him of our appreciation.

Every good wish in the wide world as always and with the admonition of the old Irishman who said "if you can't be cheerful, be as cheerful as you can."

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, USN,
Fleet Post Office, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

HRS/hu
Ser. #9

17 DECEMBER 1941.

DEAR KIMMEL: I want you to know how deeply I feel for you.

I am not going to tell you the developments here. Nimitz can.

Tell the Gang for me that it is almost superfluous for me to say that regardless of their personal feelings, I know in a time like this, they will give Nimitz all the support they have in every ounce and fiber of their makeup.

Suffice it to say that what is happening had never even occurred to Nimitz, but like a good soldier he is obeying orders.

I wish there were something I could do for you, both officially and personally, but I know you will keep your chin up regardless.

My best to all hands and good luck.

Sincerely,

Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, USN,
Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet,
USS Pennsylvania, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

P. S. King is here and echoes what I have to say.
 Copy to Adm. Nimitz.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

HRS/hu
 #8

11 DECEMBER 1941.

DEAR MUSTAPHA: I am enclosing a page from the Congressional Record covering the remarks of Congressman Jimmie Van Zandt. Thought it might be of interest to you.

Keep cheerful.

Good luck.

We'll fight it out.

BETTY.

Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, USN,
Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet,
USS Pennsylvania, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

LETTER FROM ADMIRAL STARK

In reply refer to Initials and No. #7.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
 Washington, December 8, 1941.

Admiral H. E. KIMMEL, U. S. N.,
Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet,
USS Pennsylvania, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

DEAR ADMIRAL KIMMEL: We are feeling for you just as hard as we can in just what you have been through and are biding our time until you can send us some details which are eagerly awaited. We did not want to bother you while you were applying first aid but will welcome news as soon as you can get some for us.

Hundreds of telegrams and messages are being received from the families of ships and we know that as soon as you can you will start sending us a list so that we may acquaint them with the facts.

I dropped Admiral Bloch a line and will just repeat what I told him that I am not going to bother you now knowing that you will give us reports as soon as you can.

Very good wishes from all.

Sincerely,

HAROLD R. STARK,
Admiral, U. S. N.

P. S. Send us your needs and we will do everything we can to assist in any way we can.