

for this purpose are Army planes, and the types and numbers are inadequate for the purpose.

5. The only anti-submarine vessels now in the district are the four destroyers of Destroyer Division 204THY, one still being unequipped with listening gear, and three Coast Guard cutters. These vessels will not only have to be used for hunting and tracking down submarines but will also be required for escort and security patrols in a very extensive frontier.

6. It is urged that the department send a number of small, fast craft to this district equipped with listening gear and depth charges for this purpose. It is further urged that the department send to this district at least two squadrons of VBO planes which can be used for patrol against enemy submarines.

7. Nearly all of the failures of the British have been caused by what may be expressed in the cliché "too little and too late." It is hoped that we may profit from their errors.

C. C. Bunch.

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EXHIBIT No. 47

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
Washington, November 25, 1941.

In reply to Initials and No. Op-12B-7-dlm (SC)A16-1/ND14

Serial 0135412 D-37057

From: The Chief of Naval Operations.

To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

The Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District.

Subject: Local Defense Forces, Hawaiian Naval Coastal Frontier.

References:

- (a) CinCpac secret let. A16/(038W) of May 26, 1941, to CNC.
- (b) WPL-46.
- (c) WP Pac-46.
- (d) CNO secret let. Op-12B-7-djm (SC)A16-1/1D14 serial 070312 of June 23, 1941, to CinCpac, copy to Com-14.
- (e) Com-14 secret let. C-A16-1/1D14 (01084) of October 17, 1941.
- (f) CinCpac endorsement ND14/18 serial 096W of no date, to reference (e).
- (g) CNO conf. let. Op-22-A2(SC)A16-3(9) serial 0115422 of October 23, 1941.

1. The request of the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, in reference (e), for a number of small anti-submarine craft and at least two squadrons of VSC planes for anti-submarine patrol, and the endorsement thereon by Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, reference (f), have been given full consideration by the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. A previous letter of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, reference (a), pertaining to the same general subject, was replied to in reference (d).

3. The Chief of Naval Operations notes that the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, in his war plan, reference (c), has taken full cognizance of his responsibilities in connection with his tasks pertaining to the Hawaiian Naval Coastal Frontier. The forces available in the Hawaiian area, both Fleet and Local Defense Forces, and the actual operations of our own and hostile forces, will, of course, indicate the numbers of Fleet vessels or aircraft required to be assigned to local defense tasks.

[2] 4. Neither the Local Defense Force Operating Plan—Rainbow No. 5 (Naval District Plan O-5, Rainbow No. 5) nor the Joint Coastal Frontier Defense Plan, both required by reference (b), have yet been received by the Chief of Naval Operations. The joint plan should indicate what assistance in anti-submarine or other patrols will be rendered by Army air forces. A recent joint letter of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Staff, contained in reference (g), provided for joint exercises of Army and Navy Frontier forces and called attention to the necessity of early completion of joint defense plans.

5. The augmentation of the Local Defense Forces of the Fourteenth Naval District is proceeding as fast as the availability of ships, funds, personnel, material and priorities will permit. The current situation in this regard may be summarized as follows:

(a) The Department now has authority to acquire and convert four small and ten larger types of privately-owned vessels for the Naval Local Defense Forces of the Fourteenth Naval District. These are generally of the yacht type and do not have very high speeds. The delivery of underwater detection devices is slow, but every effort will be made to give priority for such gear assigned these vessels.

(b) The completion of the 173-ft. sub-chasers (PC) is progressing slowly, and they will not be turned out in any quantity until about May, 1942. Eight of these, due for completion in May, 1942, are tentatively assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District. The date of completion of the 110-ft. sub-chasers (PC) is indefinite due to the engine situation.

(c) The Commandant now has under his command the Coast Guard of the Fourteenth Naval District. Of the Coast Guard vessels under his command, the following are equipped with depth charges and underwater detection gear: TANEY, RELIANCE, and TIGER.

(d) Ten YMS, expected to have depth charges and sound gear when available, are tentatively assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District. Two of these are due for completion in the third quarter.

(e) The Department has no additional airplanes available for assignment to the Fourteenth Naval District. Allocations of new aircraft squadrons which become available in the near future will be determined by the requirements of the strategic situation as it develops.

[3] 6. Transmission of this document by the following means is necessary and is authorized: within the continental limits of the United States by registered air mail; beyond the continental limits of the United States via P. A. A. locked box.

H. R. STARK.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF,
WAR PLANS DIVISION,
Washington, December 7, 1941.

Memorandum for the Adjutant General (Through Secretary, General Staff)
Subject: Far East Situation.

The Secretary of War directs that the following *first priority secret radiogram* be sent to the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces in the Far East; Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command; Commanding General, Hawaiian Department; Commanding General, Fourth Army:

"Japanese are promoting at one p. m. Eastern Standard time today what amounts to an ultimatum also they are under orders to destroy their Code machine immediately stop. Just what significance the hour set may have we do not know but be on alert accordingly stop. Inform naval authorities of this communication.

"MAGSALA."

L. T. Gerow,
L. T. Gerow,
Brigadier General,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff,

Noted D. C. R. 12/7/41. JW.
Radios as follows dispatched* 11:52 AM, 12-7-41, by Code Room, WDMC:
12.05 #123 to CG, USAFFE, Manila, P. I.;
12.17 #529 to CG, Haw. Dept., Pt. Shafter, TH.
12.09 #519 to CG, Cba. Def. Command, Quarry Heights, CZ.
12.11 at 10 to CG, Fourth Army, Pres. of San Fco., Cal. cbs-1705.

I certify that this message was dispatched via facilities of the Western Union Telegraph Company and Radio Corporation of America to RCA Honolulu sub station at the time indicated on the face of the document.

Edward F. French,
Edward F. French,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Chief, Traffic Operations Branch,
Army Communications Service, CUSA.

* Code messages sent out D. R. V.