

## EXHIBIT No. 77

From: CINCPAC  
To: OPNAV  
Date: Nov. 30, 1941  
292350

Desire 37 milimeter anti aircraft guns and ammunition mentioned in your 282054 X Urgently recommend shipment minimum 3000 rounds ammunition with guns for familiarization and training X

From: CNO  
To: CINCAF (action)  
CINCPAC (info)  
Date: 30 November 1941  
301709  
Priority

Ref my 300 19 priority dispatch requested of any contacts. In case there are no contacts make report once a day even if information is all negative.

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*/s/ H. B. BAKER,*  
*Captain, U. S. Navy,*  
*Judge Advocate.*

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From: Washington.  
To: Tokyo.  
25 July 1941.  
(Purple).  
#571.

Apparently Admiral Pratt had put in a good word for me to the Chief of (Naval) Operations, for ever since I assumed this post, I have been shown many courtesies by him. His opinions concerning U. S.-Japanese relations coincide with mine; he once told me that the only result of a war between the two countries would be mutual exhaustion.

Once while conversing with the Admiral (Stark) I happened to mention that it seemed to me that the higher officials in the Navy Department here seemed to be men of excellent character and qualifications.

To this, the Admiral replied that both the Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Director of War Plans were exceedingly able men. The same is true of the Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics. As for the fleet, he continued, both Kimmel and King were recommended by him, and both are of the highest caliber. Although Hart had reached the age of retirement, he had been kept on in active duty because of the critical times, he added.

Please relay this information to the Navy.

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