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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

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December 7, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MILES:

Subject: Chronology of December 7.

1. At 2:30 p.m. Lieut. Schindel brought me a message from the Navy Department to the effect that the Japanese had bombed Honolulu. At 2:35 p.m. the radio announced that Mr. Early at the White House had published the above information plus the fact that they had also bombed Manila. At 2:36 p.m. I telephoned General Miles at his home and was unable to get him but left a message for him to be gotten immediately. I then notified General Gerow. At 2:40 p.m. I telephoned Gen. Marshall and told him the above information. After making positive that I was who I said I was, he told me that he had just spoken to Gen. Short in Hawaii, who had advised him of the following points:

- a. At 8 a.m. Hawaiian time, 50 dive bombers had bombed American Army installations in that area.
- b. Our airplanes were caught on the ground.
- c. Some hangars were on fire.
- d. One battleship had been badly hit.
- e. The Japanese were then machine-gunning airports.

2. Without giving the source, General Marshall also added that the airport near Manila had also been bombed and that Nichols Field was now being machine-gunned.

3. At 2:44 p.m. I spoke to General Miles and asked him to come to the office immediately.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
2:30	2 hits on airport HICKHAM FIELD Oil tanks set afire PEARL HARBOR Sky filled with American Pursuit ships Transport sunk 1300 miles from San Francisco apparently loaded with lumber Commercial US ship sunk, 700 miles off coast Naval battle off Honolulu	
3:15p	Japanese airplanes bombing Honolulu: Advertiser Building struck KGU Building had near misses	
3:20 p	Five people killed in Honolulu	Radio
3:20p	Cabinet meeting at 8:00 pm tonight	
3:32p	Parachute troops sighted off Honolulu	Radio
3:35p	Japanese nationals in Panama taken into custody.	Radio
3:45	White House announces that very heavy casualties have been received by our people in Honolulu	Radio
4:55	Two American battleships sunk Between 60 to 200 dive bombers participated 5 Jap planes down	G-2 Hawaii
4:55	Great loss of life and property in Hawaii Navy and Army fighting and on sea and air at this moment. Air raid wardens warned to be on notice in US	
5:00	USS Oklahoma hit and set on fire	Radio
5:15	350 men killed when Hickham Field was bombed 6 dead- 200 others in one hospital alone Enemy parachute troops in Honolulu Another ship reported attacked 700 miles off San Francisco Cavite and Luzon also attacked All officers wear uniform tomorrow	NBC

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
5:10	Japs have attacked HMS Petrel (river gunboat) British- also reported sunk.	Shanghai radio
5:20	Japs announce a state of war with US and Great Britain in the western Pacific effective dawn Monday December 8th	AP despatch Tokyo-6:00am Dec. 8th
5:26	Notice from Gen Weymss of the British staff mission in Washington that orders have been issued to all British units to take action against all Japanese formations wherever found.	Mc Mahon of G-2 via phone from Weymss
5:35	SecWar has advised all plants having defense contracts to take all precautions La Guardia requests all Japs in US to stay at home until their status has been determined.	Press via Goodfellow
5:45	Canadian Prime Minister has called a cabinet meeting for six P. M. tonight.	Radio WINX
5:59	Have been informed by Admiralty that an attempted landing is being made at Khorabahru by a force of three to five ships. Khorabahru is about 20 miles south of the British Mayla -states Thailand border, at 6 deg. north 102 degrees east.	Spenavo London - Radio- gram from.
6:06	Japs have started new air raid on Honolulu.	WINX
6:10	Governor Pointdexter has just phoned President Roosevelt & told him that a new Jap air attack has just started on Honolulu. Manila has not yet been bombed. U.S.S. Oklahoma set on fire in Honolulu harbor. U. S. S. West Virginia has been sunk. HMS Petrel has been burned to the waterline at Shanghai.	WINX
6:11	Tokio announces 1 Japanese aircraft carrier is in action off Hawaii; naval operations are proceeding successfully.	A.P.
6:18	FBI report from Honolulu two battleships sunk & one badly damaged and the Army air base badly damaged (Probably Hickham Field). Many planes were destroyed on the ground.	

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
6:20	Three battleships have been sunk. Attacks have been made on Wake and Guam simultaneously. Two major raids have taken place on Honolulu. The last one of about an hour's duration. Third raid was just beginning as the telephone conversation was taking place. General Gullion directed, using President Roosevelt's name, that all aliens be taken into custody immediately. General Bryden authorized \$500,000 for the construction of an interment camp.	G-2 Hawaii
6:08	Squadron of planes over Guam.	White House report.
6:25	Wheeler states Congress must declare war on Japan. Casualty summary - 12 noon- Dec. 7 Hickham Field - known dead 80, wounded 250, Wheeler Field - known dead 22, seriously wounded 10, slightly wounded 50. Bellows Field - known dead 2, wounded 6.	
6:45	British say both houses meet 9 A.M. tomorrow to pass declaration of war. Japs occupied ally waterfront at Shanghai. Navy sighted aircraft over Guam.	WINX
6:40	Blackout for Canal effective tonight.	From Balboa, A.P.
6:50	San Francisco - All dispatches for Hawaiian Territory ordered held up by ONI. State Dept. - Japs have landed on Thai peninsula near Malay border. British Parliament called to session for 9 A.M. Monday.	WINX
6:58	Blackout has been ordered in Sitka. Alaska.	
7:00	German drive preparing to take Moscow, Lennigrad and recapture Rostov within 2 weeks.	A.P. Europe

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Sheet #4 - 7 Dec.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
	The War Dept. announced that a press conference would be held at 7:30 P.M. in Room 2804.	
7:00	Guam attacked at 6:25 (Washington time). 300 men reported killed at Hickham Field. 50 to 70 planes over Waikiki coming from south from Island of Maui (?) or Nihaw.	WINX
7:45	Major Dean telephoned and advised that the White House had just issued instructions that no information on casualties would be given out other than those that occurred on Oahu and that these casualties were 104 dead and slightly over 300 wounded. The Bureau of Public Relations has been so advised.	
8:15	Dutch East Indies Office of The Netherlands declared war on Japan at 6 P.M. tonight.* General McArthur in Manila ordered all women and children to exacuate to the inland. Japanese landing parties reported to have occupied Wake Island. *Governor of Dutch East Indies ordered complete mobilization.	Radio
8:18	Costa Rico declares war on Japan tonight.	Radio
8:07	Jap aircraft carrier sunk off Honolulu.	Radio
8:35	Japs are landing on west coast of Oahu in vicinity of Nanakuli. <i>DENIED in phone conversation (Gen Marshall - Hawaii)</i>	Frm Office, Chief of Staff.
9:15	Singapore is being attacked by air and there is heavy fighting at Kotabaharu which is in northeast British Malay. There is a landing also in Kemassima which is 6 degrees 8 minutes north latitude - 102 degrees 22 minutes east longitude. The bulk of the air force in Singapore has been committed to action.	Col Bratton.
	Message is from Col. Brink in Singapore - no time indicated but received in our Message Center at 8:06 P.M.	

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9:13	Jap aircraft carrier sunk off coast of a Latin-American country.	Radio
9:25	FCC has ordered all amateur radio operators off the air.	Exec. Off. Signal Corps
9:30	The Netherlands Gov't. in exile in London has issued a statement that it is at war with Japan.	WRC
9:57	Canada has declared war on Japan.	WRC
10:25	Word has been received from Canadian Legation by phone from Brigadier Letson that Canadian Army and Navy has been ordered to engage the enemy wherever found. Word has been sent to the King that Canada regards herself as at war with Japan as of Dec. 7.	
10:40	President Roosevelt to address a joint session of Congress at noon Dec. 8th. Japanese attempt to land on coast near Singapore was repulsed by small arms and fire.	Radio
10:50	Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau has invoked the Trading with the Enemy Act. Under Secretary of War has called on the nation to put production on a 24-hour basis. From New York according to an Axis Control Radio Station at Shanghai. - Thailand has started moving a large number of her military forces toward the southern border of British Burma.	A.P. news
11:00	Two British cruisers sunk at Singapore.	Radio
9:29	Demands from Imperial Japanese Army in North China were received as follows: Immediate and voluntary disarming of all Marine forces in North China. Immediate turning in of all arms and ammunition. Assembly of command and awaiting further directions of Imperial Army Headquarters. A written reply accepting demands and complying at 12 noon today. (Midnight 7th -8th WASH.)	Far Eastern Section (Message from Marine Force, Legation Guard, Peiping.)
11:12	No. 97 date 4:45 PM Dec. 7, 1941. _____ Washington time. RAF continues search for Japanese naval sources with whom contact has been lost. British will occupy Kra Isthmus Singora area in case Japanese occupy or show signs of invading the peninsula. British ready to attack on moments notice.	Brief of cable from Brink.

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11:20	Report of enemy planes over Luzon, Davao and report of attack at Camp Hay, Baguio.	CBS
	Bangkok has had an air raid alarm.	BBC
11:40	Hawaii reports from Manila that no overt acts have yet occurred there (Manila). At 11:00 a.m. enemy resumed air attack of much less intensity than previous action.	Cable from Hawaii
11:40	Major portion of air strength in action as Singapore is made a target for Japanese air operations. An enemy landing has taken place at Kota Bharu where severe action is beginning, as well as in vicinity of Cape Kamassin.	Singapore sgd. Brink
11:50	President has authorized F.B.I. to pick up all Axis nationals immediately. This includes Germans and Italians.	ONI
11:55	Nicaragua declared war on Japan.	AP
	Pres. Roosevelt received report that Japanese planes have attacked Davao on the southern tip of Mindanao.	24 Dec 12:40 AP
	All private planes in the U.S. but commercial air liners have been grounded.	U UP
	Broadcast from Tokio 63 U.S. soldiers have been disarmed at Tiensin. Picked up at Los Angeles by NBC. Same dispatch Hongkong bombed for second time.	
	Mexico City announced Mexican solidarity with U.S. in the war with Japan.	UP
	Berlin radio broadcast Tokio announcement that the battleship West Virginia had been sunk and the Oklahoma set afire in an engagement between the U.S. -- British fleets and Japanese Navy.	CBS via A P

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12:10

Helena and one other cruiser badly damaged (cracks in the bottom). Two destroyers blown up. This action in Hawaii.

General Miles thru Navy.

12:10

Japs claim landing on Wake and surrender of U.S. force.

CBS

12:10

General Gullion reports that F.B.I. tells him they have not received instructions to round up Axis nationals. This is at variance with Captain Kingman's (ONI) report previously recorded.

PMG

~~12:15~~

12:25

Reports from Tokio state that the Japanese have crossed the Thai border and that British troops have also entered Thailand from Malaya. Same dispatch states that "informed sources" in Japan believe that Germany will declare war on the U.S. within 24 hours.

NBC

12:25

Pan American Airways base at Guam has been bombed by the Japanese.

AP (telephone from Manila)

12:40

General Gullion stated he had just talked to the Attorney General, who was at the President's meeting and that the President had said, "We will take them all in." Later Mr. R. said to apprehend only the Japs on the A and B lists.

Provost Marshal

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12:50

Ottawa officials said tonight that naval signals saying that Britain had declared war on Japan had been heard in Canada.

AP

~~Singapore has been attacked by Japs~~

1:15

Guam again attacked by six seaplanes at 1:45 hours. ONI (11:45 p.m. Washington) Source: Naval flash.

1:35

Landings from two destroyers and large transports at Patan. This was shown by aerial reconnaissance.

Manila radio, 12:19 a.m. No signature.

1:40

Captain Wilkinson called and stated suspicious messages had been transmitted from Jap Embassy to Consulate in New Orleans and from Jap Foreign Office to New Orleans. He wished G-2 to apply censorship to Japanese messages over land lines. Note: I transmitted this message to Corderman, who was unwilling to take action but agreed to call Captain Wilkinson. Corderman said General Miles had instructed him to take no action in such matters unless so directed by higher authority. JSW

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1:45	After being repulsed at Kota Bhura the Japs were successful at Sabak, 13 miles southward. They then proceeded overland toward Kota Bharu, fighting the British land and air forces as they went.	AP
	NBC in New York: reported from Manila earlier today that the U.S. Army transport Hugh Scott, formerly an American President liner, had been sunk about 1600 miles from Manila. NBC relayed another report from Manila that the former President Harrison had been either sunk or seized in the Yangtze just south of Shanghai.	NBC
	In the Japanese attack on the Philippines NBC reports several lives lost in the bombing of Davao. Some estimates were as high as 50. Several casualties reported at Camp Ord, 100 miles north of Manila.	AP
	In New York 12 Japanese were taken into custody.	AP
1:55	Clark Field in Philippine Islands reported bombed and machine gunned.	Radio report
	Attack on Davao was made by 13 Japanese planes. A number of lives were lost, some estimates as high as 50.	
	Fire Chief in Honolulu reports that fires in that city are under control and were not as bad as he had expected.	
2:05	Major Corderman called and said he was having Postal and Western Union hold up all Japanese messages. I suggested that he have A.T.&T. stop all long distance calls from Jap Embassy, consulates or any other offices, which he agreed to do. JSW	
2:00	Radioed all Corps Areas and Departments that F.B.I. had been directed to apprehend all Japanese on A and B lists. JSW	
2:20	Corderman reports A.T.&T. have agreed to stop all Japanese long distance calls. JSW	
2:32	British radio reports 10 Japanese ships reported sighted in the Gulf of Siam and attack of Palau(?).	WWDC

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2:55	Japanese aircraft carrier was reported sighted off Bay of Davao, which was believed to be floating base of bombers which destroyed post office and radio station.	AP
	NBC listening post in Los Angeles reported that it had heard Tokio dispatch that Japanese bombers were attacking Palawan.	
	Pan American Clipper which left Manila for Hongkong Sunday was bombed in Hongkong harbor. Passengers and crew safely on shore when Clipper was attacked.	
3:05	Japanese planes are continuing to attack Palawan in Philippines.	Radio report
3:10	Official report ^{from Singapore} stated that all Japanese surface craft in Northern Malaya Peninsula had fled under British fire, leaving a few troops on shore.	Radio report
3:15	Dutch planes from the Netherlands East Indies participated with British against Japanese planes. British invited to operate from Netherlands East Indies bases. This report from Batavia.	Radio report
3:20	Union of South Africa has declared war on Finland, Hungary and Romania.	Radio
3:35	Authoritative sources in Rome and Berlin were reported to have stated it was not expected that Germany and Italy would declare war on the U.S. immediately, but that their attitudes for the present would be one of "watchful waiting."	AP
	Troops left on shore of Malayan Peninsula by fleeing Japanese craft were reported as having been heavily machine gunned.	AP
	Australia has declared war on Japan, CBS correspondent in Melbourne reported tonight.	AP
3:45	From A-2. In addition to the six battleships lost, five cruisers and 8 destroyers seem to have been sunk in the Hawaiian action. Note: ONI would not confirm this, but A-2 sees to think it is correct.	A-2
3:55	Repeat radiogram received from Singapore, signed Brink: "Two destroyers and six large transports landing at Patan."	Brink

See special A-2 report in basket.

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4:10

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4:10

Hongkong received its first aerial attack when Japanese planes bombed Kowloon, mainland sector of this British Crown Colony.

AP

4:45

During the aerial attack on Singapore which was mentioned before, gunfire was heard off Mersing, 90 miles from Singapore on east coast of Malaya but significance was not immediately clear.

AP

5:00

Since Saturday noon a large tank battle has been in progress south of Tobruk between British and German forces. RAF attacked one of two German columns while it was refueling and destroyed many vehicles.

Direct radio (CBS) from Manila states Manila has not been bombed. Our fighters have driven Japs off. Manila being evacuated by civil population. Nine killed at Davao.

Radio

Direct from London (CBS). Landing attacks on Malaya repulsed.

5:05

In the German-Russian theater Soviet troops are said to have wiped out two German divisions and to have crushed German positions at two points above Moscow. Dispatches from Kuibyshev declare that the Germans are trying vainly to cross the Muse River near Taganrog.

AP

5:10

British report states Guam surrounded by Japanese warships.

CBS

5:15

Gunfire heard west of Hawaii indicates that large naval battle is in progress.

CBS

5:40

Moscow radio said Germans were badly beaten north of the capitol and in the Kalinin sector.

AP

Attack on Oahu lasted one hour and fifty minutes

AP

NBC reports that the U.S. aircraft carrier Langley is reported unofficially in Manila and to have been damaged in action with Japanese forces.

Enemy planes attacked Wahiawa, a town of 3,000 population 20 miles NW of Honolulu. Reported that 10 or more persons were injured when enemy bullets sprayed the streets.

AP

6:00

Message from State Dept. via TAG: Cable from US Minister at Bangkok ~~xxx~~ states Thailand Government now negotiating with Japs on terms for capitulation. US Minister is destroying codes, etc.

TAG

6:05

NBC reports Jap planes reported to have attacked Baguio, summertime mountain capital of the Philippines.

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6:30

State Dept. dispatch via TAG: Japanese air attack on Hongkong airfield Kaikak caused great damage. Shuttle clipper plane between Hongkong and Manila was destroyed shortly before scheduled takeoff. Antiaircraft defense apparently not successful.

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Singapore, no date. Bangkok radio reported Japanese have invaded Thailand. Australia broadcasts Bangkok being shelled by Japanese naval vessels and bombed from air.

AP

Manila, no date. The Japanese were understood to have attacked Tarlac, 70 miles north of Manila.

AP

Manila. 13 planes took part in attack on Davao and 17 on Baguio.

AP

Singapore, Dec. 8. Air raid sirens sounded second alert since Japanese began hostilities. All clear siren sounded after 45 minutes.

AP

~~Singapore, Dec. 8.~~

London. The Exchange Telegraph reported from Singapore that the Governor said 60 persons were killed and 130 injured in Japanese bombing of Singapore this morning.

AP

Balboa, C.Z. Dec. 8. The Panamanian Government decided to intern all Japanese, and affirmed intention to cooperate with the U.S. Police reported that 130 of 300 Japanese in Panama have been taken into custody by early morning.

AP

Buenos Aires: Acting Pres. Castillo said that "Argentina will maintain strict neutrality in the Pacific crisis."

AP

6:55

Japanese Government has handed formal declarations of war to American and British Ambassadors in Tokio as well as to Canadian and Australian Legations.

AP

Further reports of naval battle west of Hawaii.

AP

British report attempted landing of Japanese in North Borneo has been repulsed, ~~but that~~ landing was made at Petani, 60 miles north of Malay border as well as at Singora.

CBS

CBS correspondent Manila reports 290 persons killed or injured in two air raids on Phil. Islands.

CBS

Japanese naval force, consisting of one cruiser, 4 destroyers, one armed merchant ship, and one other vessel seen near Cocos Island in Indian Ocean.

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Midway attacked by ships 12 miles south of reef. Another ship has opened fire west of reef. This is urgent.

Guam has been attacked by 12 light and six medium Japanese bombers. The attack was in the harbor area and the ship Penguin was attacked outside the harbor, sinking several hours later. Ensign R. G. White, USNR, was instantly killed by machine gun fire. Remains are in Guam at Naval Hospital. His next of kin have not yet been notified. Two employees of the Pan American have been killed. Their names are Teddy Fe Cruz and Lorenzo Bangelinan. The total number of casualties among the civilian population is 50. The Standard Oil bulk storage tank is on fire. Other material damage is not large. At 2:45 p.m. there was a second attack with six twin ponton single-engine bombers at Libugon and Pits. Only serious results are damage to buildings at Pits. There have been the following serious casualties among Marine Corps personnel: Corporal Albert Legato; Pvt. 1st Class James W. Babbs and Corporal Harry E. Anderson.

Governor of
Guam to Cincaf

ONI

7:35

General Brett has departed from Cairo for India.

Radio

7:55

Japanese convoy has been seen steaming off Cape Cambodia at 1:00 P.M. local time afternoon of 6th. This consisted of 1 battle ship, 3 cruisers, about 6 destroyers and 35 transports. Local British authorities believe convoy intends to attack center of Kra Isthmus. Hongkong is fully on the alert. All ships are leaving port as soon as possible. All troops at posts.

Hongkong--Radio

8:05

The Japanese announce that Thailand has quit fighting and has agreed to let Japanese troops pass through the country. Meanwhile, London hears that Japanese troops have landed at two points on the Gulf of Siam--Singora and Patpani. These cities are far down the Thai Coast near British Malaya. Also, the Japanese Navy announces officially that two American battleships have been sunk, four others damaged, and four heavy cruisers damaged at Pearl Harbor.

Tokyo

8:30

The Japanese officially announce that 50 or 60 planes were shot down in air fights over Clark Field in the Philippines. They say that 80 miles northwest of Manila at Iba, another 40 American planes were shot down. They also announce that a hundred British and American subjects and other foreign nationals were rounded up this morning throughout the Japanese Empire.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
8:55 AM	Imperial Japanese headquarters announces that U.S. aircraft carrier has been sunk off Honolulu. The official Jap announcement further claims that many merchant ships have been captured in the Pacific.	Tokyo
9:05	According to Tokyo radio, Germany soon will follow Japan in declaration of war on the U.S.	NBC, Manila
9:10	The Japanese have identified one of the American battleships they claim to have sunk as the U.S.S. Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania was built in 1916.	London
	China has decided to declare war on Japan, Germany, and Italy. A foreign minister just announced this.	Chungking
	Prime Minister Curtin just announced that the Japs have attacked Nauru Island.	Melbourne
9:30	Japanese broadcast announces that two other battleships sunk were the Oklahoma, 29,000 tons, and the West Virginia, 32,600 tons.	Jap Broadcast
	Japanese declaration of war involves "in accordance with three-power pact the existence of a state of war between the two Axis powers and the U.S."	Rome Radio
9:55	Japanese Air Force attacked Fort Stotsenburg, headquarters in Northern Luzon. Heavy damage to air fields and oil reserves.	Domei News, (Manila)
10:10	President Vargas of Brazil had sent word to President Roosevelt that they would stand faithful to their promise to the U.S., and that they are calling an official meeting this morning.	State Dept.
10:18	Navy Flash: Thirty enemy planes are approaching from Kauai. (At 7:30 AM)	Message Center
10:27	Rome radio reported that Germany and Italy are now at war with the United States. At 7:45 another radio from Rome states that Germany and Italy have already been at war with the United States for some time and that Japan entered the war against the United States on her own initiative.	Special Study Group
10:35	Message from Major Sands, State Department: It is reported that one of the ships sunk was the Tennessee. Also reported that there is heavy fighting continuing in the vicinity of Kota Bharu.	State Dept.
10:50	The White House says there have been 3000 casualties in Hawaii.	United Press

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NOTES OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION,
WAR DEPARTMENT G-2 and G-2, HAWAIIAN
DEPARTMENT, AT 11:15 a.m., DECEMBER 8, 1941.

There are only rumors of landing operations; we have no definite indications.

We have no information on paratroop landings; there are only rumors.

All airfields are useable.

We expect a raid and are prepared to intercept it with what we have.

No information on enemy carriers in these waters. They have not been located by the Navy.

We feel this is a raid rather than an overseas expedition.

Figures sent by Colonel Philips covering damage of airplanes are correct.

Army casualties 202 - 3 officers, 199 enlisted men; 71 unidentified.

We are permitting a minimum use of radio as enemy has been using it as direction beam.

I will send information of positive nature.

200 Japanese agents have been arrested in Oahu. We expect to pick up 100 German and Italian agents. We are picking up agents on all other islands.

We are using immigration station and will take over station on Sand Island for internment of agents. There is no evidence of organized sabotage. There is much confusion among the civilian population. There are no riots.

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10:52AM	The White House also announces there are serious damages to American forces in Hawaii. Vichy radio reports that Cuba has declared war on Japan.	Major Goodfellow
11:01	The White House announces 3000 casualties, of which 1500 are fatalities.	Major Goodfellow
11:05	Telephone message from Colonel Hoover, Director F.B.I.: A telephone message from F. B. I. man in Honolulu states that the heaviest attack yet by airplane, is being made on Oahu.	F.B.I.
11:27	Churchill will broadcast at 3 PM today.	Major Goodfellow
11:28	White House announces that Japanese have attacked Wake, Midway and Guam.	AP
	Jap air raiders killed 63; injured 133. Fierce fighting at Singapore.	AP
	Singapore: Jap units trying to make a landing at Malay, British reports being mopped up.	
11:43	At 9:26: Navy and War Department have received numerous inquiries as to casualties and have advised against sending of individual inquiries at this time. Casualties will be announced as quickly as information is received.	Major Goodfellow
11:59	Colonel Weijerman, Military Attache of the Netherlands East Indies in Washington reported to the Foreign Liaison Section of G-2 that he had spoken to the Dutch East Indies this morning and they had reported to him that everything was quiet; there was no nervousness and everyone was on the alert. He will give us immediate advice on any action. He further advised that General Van Oyen, the Chief of the Dutch East Indies Air Corps, who has just finished a two month trip to this country and was presented to the Secretary of War, General Marshall, General Miles, etc. was in Hawaii yesterday scheduled to leave on the Clipper for Batavia. He has had no information from him.	Captain Leonard, G-2
12:01PM	Speaker Rayburn announced that a declaration of War will be presented to the House relating to Japan and possibly other nations.	AP

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Telephone conversation between Colonel Fortier, War Department, Washington, D. C., and Colonel Phillips, Hawaii, 12:10, Dec. 8, 1941

Col. Fortier: This is Fortier speaking for General Miles. We would like to have a report on the results of the air raid this morning.

Col. Phillips. There was no air raid this morning. There has been no air raid this morning.

Col. Fortier: Thank you, very much. We had reports from another source that the heaviest raids you received were received this A. M.

Col. Phillips: No, No, it is a mistake. There has been no air raid this morning. We have had our pursuits in the air since before daylight and there was no indication of any raid. It is now full daylight here.

Col. Fortier: Have you any identification other than Japanese?

Col. Phillips: Yes, we have some pilots. There has been no identification, no troops landed. The only identifications are from the pilots and their planes and they are all Japanese.

Col. Fortier: Is there anything else that we should know? If there any other information we should know, sir?

Col. Phillips: That is everything. I will let you know immediately if anything of importance occurs. We had a very quiet night. We are all set. All the troops are in the field. The population is quiet, no rioting, no organization of saboteurs. We have apprehended Japanese agents, something over 200. We are preparing to apprehend Germans and Italians. No air raid this morning. No indication of any troops in this vicinity. That is all.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
12:15 P.M.	A German military spokesman states that Germany does not expect to conquer Moscow this year.	Berlin
1:00 P.M.	United States Senate votes declaration of war.	Maj.Goodfellow
1:00 P.M.	Official German news agency says that 2 British cruisers have been sunk in the course of Japanese air raids on Singapore.	Berlin
1:30 P.M.	The vote in the House of Representatives on the declaration of war was 388 to 1. Representative Rankin voted against the bill.	Maj.Goodfellow
2:00 P.M.	Prime Minister Curtin of Australia has just announced that Ocean Island has been attacked. This island is the administrative headquarters of the Gilbert and Ellice group.	Associated Press Melbourne
2:10 P.M.	Radio messages heard at 2:10 indicated that an air raid was in progress over Manila.	Maj.Goodfellow
12:45 P.M.	At Honolulu 2 battleships have been sunk, 4 battleships and 4 heavy cruisers damaged. At Guam a mine sweeper PENGUIN and 4 merchant ships have been sunk.	Berlin
	Also in Honolulu many American planes were shot down while WE suffered slight losses.	Berlin
2:30 P.M.	Reports of death are being forwarded to Washington as rapidly as possible, and relatives are being notified. Conditions are such that cremation is necessary for some, and others are being buried in local military cemeteries.	AGO Cable
2:45 P.M.	All schools in Oakland, California, have been ordered closed. The action has been taken as an air raid precaution based on the fact that an air plane carrier may be off the Pacific coast.	Maj.Goodfellow
2:50 P.M.	100 to 200 troops, 60 of them Americans were killed or wounded when planes raided base Iba on the west coast of the island of Luzon. The Daily Bulletin placed casualties at 100.	Manila Tribune

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
2:55 P.M.	Canal Zone Police began rounding up Germans and Italians in a drive coordinated with a round-up made by the Colon, Panama, police.	Maj. Goodfellow
3:00 P.M.	Manila is under bombardment by Japanese planes, with raiders smashing at Fort William McKinley, Nicholas Air Field and the R.C.A. communications station.	Maj. Goodfellow
3:00 P.M.	Exchange Telegraph reports that the Egyptian Government has decided to break off diplomatic relations with Japan.	London
3:00 P.M.	Japanese Imperial Headquarters announced the sinking of 2 U.S. battleships and a mine sweeper, 4 cruisers, and the destruction of 100 American planes, at Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam. The Domei news agency interpreted these magnificent early gains as giving Japan naval mastery over the U.S. in the Pacific.	Tokyo official radio pick-up
3:05 P.M.	All commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted men will be retained in the Philippines for the emergency, except for those to be returned to the United States for physical disability or retirement.	MacArthur, Philippines to AG
3:25 P.M.	The gasoline supply at Nichols Field is reported to have been destroyed by the enemy air raid.	WINX
3:30 P.M.	The Supreme Court set aside the conviction of Harry Bridges, Los Angeles, on charges of contempt of Los Angeles Superior Court.	Maj. Goodfellow
3:30 P.M.	San Salvador declared war on Japan today.	San Salvador
3:40 P.M.	According to the German radio, Japanese air raiders have blown up a number of oil tanks at naval headquarters in the Philippines. They also say that the population of Manila is trying to flee the city in panic.	London
3:40 P.M.	The Turkish radio at Ankara took on a pro-American tone in its broadcast tonight.	Turkey

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Source</u>
3:40 P.M.	One large ship, believed transport, and 2 destroyers off Guam, pending landing expected at several points.	Navy from Guam
3:40 P.M.	The Japanese radio at Taikoku, Formosa, reported today that Japanese warships have surrounded Guam, and all big buildings on the island are ablaze.	News bulletin from Manila
4:10 P.M.	The Intelligence Division, Army Air Forces, has set up a Combat Intelligence Message Center in Room 3012. It will operate on a 24-hour basis. 3127.	Army Air Force
4:48 P.M.	Charles A. Lindberg issued the following statement to the America First Committee today: "We have been stepping closer to war for many months. Now it has come and we must meet it as united Americans, regardless of our attitude in the past toward the policy our government has followed. Whether or not this policy has been wise our country has been attacked by force and our own military position has already been neglected too long. We must now turn every effort to building the greatest and most efficient Army, Navy, and Air Force in the world. When American soldiers go to war, it must be with the best equipment that modern skill can design and that modern industry can build."	Chicago Assoc, Press (Lt. Levriero)
4:25 P.M.	President Roosevelt signed the Declaration of War against Japan at 4:10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, today, formally setting the nation to the task of achieving what he calls an "inevitable triumph."	Washington A.P.

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- 5:40 P.M. Argentina will adhere to hemisphere defense pact in view of Japanese attack. Source
- There were unconfirmed reports of at least 300 casualties; one-half dozen outside of Manila. A series of attacks made against Clark Field, Iba, and the Air Field at Davao. The Langly was also attack. Twenty-four Japanese raiders struck at the field at Davao, hitting hangars and ruining one runway. U/P.
- 5:45 P.M. MANILA: A fleet of Japanese war planes attack Manila in the moonlight early this morning, after a day of almost continuous blasting at U.S. Military Camps, bases, and ports throughout the islands. U.P.
- There were unconfirmed reports that 10,000 of the 25,000 Japanese in the Davao region were armed and ready for action. It appeared that these attacks on Davao may be a prelude to a Japanese attempt to control the sealanes leading Southward to Borneo.
- 6:15 P.M. Argentina will continue to regard United States as a non-belligerent which will enable U.S. to continue using Argentina's ports. Radio
- 6:30 P.M. White House says 1500 wounded and 1500 dead ~~on~~ island of Oahu. A.P.
- 6:30 P.M. White House says Lease-Lend program will continue in spite of the war. A.P.

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#17 4:10 P.M. Report—Room 3012 should be changed to Room 3121.

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7:25 P.M. Guam attacked again by Air Craft at 10:10 p.m. Source
Navy Official Cable

7:55 P.M. Tokyo radio announced (picked up by C.B.S.) that U.P.
Guam and Wake Islands are under the Japanese flag.

The Chilean Government ordered naval measures tonight A.P.
to protect the Coast in the Straits of Magellan.

Representative John D. Dingle tonight demanded A.P.
court martial proceedings ~~against~~ be brought against
Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander in Chief of U.S.
Fleet; Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, Commander of Hawaiian
Department; Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, Maj. Gen. George H.
Brett, and Maj. Gen. Fred L. Martin, because of failure
to beat off Japanese air attack before serious damage
occured.

The Indian Province of Assam, bordering Burma, is regarded A.P.
as in the war zone, it was announced officially today.

8:10 P.M. Commander in Chief of the defense situation in the Los Angeles
Harbor Area has ordered immediate evacuation of women,
children, aged, and infirmed from area surrounding Fort AP
McArthur.

British bombers attacking Japanese trying to land in A.P.
Northern Malay. Have set fire to two merchant vessels (B.B.C.)
carrying troups.

All Japanese large surface craft moving North from Reported
Kotabaahru at 9:00 a.m. Small infiltrations still message from
ashore. These are being mopped up. Hudson and Brink, No. 1134
torpedo bombs severely damaged the enemy. Note: Lt.
McCabe said this report came in this morning.

Stark possibility that the U.S. fleet may have lost
temporarily its margin of superiority in the Pacific
was suggested today. Damage from Japanese on Hawaii
appears more serious than at first believed. It was
the heaviest loss in the Navy's history.

Bombs started dropping in Singapore at 4:00 a.m. today.

8:35 P.M. Unconfirmed reports say Japanese troups have landed in UP
the Phillipines on Lubang Island, a smaller island
sixty miles southwest of Manila.

Japanese radio broadcast from Fromosa said today that UP
Island of Guam was taken without resistance.

The war in the Pacific has spilled over into the
Australian sphere. Japanese have attack the mandated
island of Nauru and Ocean Island, which is the administrative
headquarters for Britian's Gilbert and Ellice Island colony.

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- 9:00 P.M. At 7:00 a.m. one-hundred and seventy Japanese were interned in the Republic and in the Canal Zone. Of these 120 were men, 21 were women, and 29 children. Arrests are continuing. Radio from C/G Caribbean Defense Command (Through CHQ)
- 9:30 P.M. Japanese troops reported to have landed at Lubang with probably help of "fishermen", fifth columnists. Landing on Lubang not confirmed officially, but enough credence placed in report to cause urgent effort being made to contact Provincial Governor. Japanese Fifth Columnists also reported at Davao. One report had 3,000 armed Japanese forces already resisting there. AP
- 9:35 P.M. The Chronicle said the air raid warden at the Peresidio of San Francisco telephoned Chief of Police at 6:20 p.m. ~~that~~ FBT, that 50 unidentified planes were cited from the southwest headed for San Francisco. AP
- 9:35 P.M. Rush of naval volunteers in New York double number of first day of way in ~~1917~~ 1917.
- 9:45 P.M. Mexico broke off diplomatic relations with Japan tonite. Naval censorship formerly prohibited sending of news to Germany, Italy, Finland, and Japan. Columbia broke off diplomatic relations with Japan tonite. AP
- 9:45 P.M. The British forces have broken up ~~an~~ Japanese landing party in North Borneo, according to the Netherlands news agency. AP
- Chile announced tonite that the United States had accepted her suggestion for a conference of foreign ministess of the twenty-one American Republics. AP
- 10:00 P.M. A complete blackout of British Colombia in the lower mainland was ordered. An official announcement says that an attack by the Japanese forces on the Pacific northwest coast is eminent. UP
- 10:00 P.m. Following is a verbatim rendering of a bulletin by the UP: "New York—C.B.S. says an unidentified vessel has been reported off the coast of California with about fifty planes approaching San Francisco. UP

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11:00 p.m. San Francisco, 6:15 p.m., P.S.T., all radio stations were shut off the air abruptly. AP

San Francisco, 6:45 p.m., P.S.T., twenty-five minutes after the first warning, no planes appeared over the city. AP

San Francisco, 9:55 p.m., P.S.T., police communications broadcast an alarm that unidentified planes were approaching San Francisco. The broadcast said there was a possibility of an air raid on the city. Street lights and the Presidio blacked out and all radio stations silenced. AP

The following nations have declared war on Japan: Netherlands, East Indies, Costa Rica, Canada, England, United States, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Free France, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Australia, and China. With 7 of its 21 Republics and the Dominion of Canada at war, all the Americas had either joined the hostilities or given notice of full solidarity against their aggressor. Argentina and Uruguay pledged the use of their ports to the United States for declaring this country a non-belligerent, and Chile announced the U.S. had accepted its proposal for a conference of foreign ministers of the twenty-one American Republics. AP

Mexico and Colombia have broken off diplomatic relations with Japan. AP

The Columbia Broadcasting System estimated possibly the largest audience ever to hear a radio broadcast listened to President Roosevelt's message today. More than sixty million persons are believed to have tuned in on the momentous broadcast from Congress.

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