My anxiety about the S. W. Pac.
is to make sure that every possible
weapon ~~is in~~ gets into that area to hold Guadacanal.
and that having held it in this crisis
that munitions and planes and crews are on the
way to take advantage of our success
We will soon find ourselves engaged
in two active fronts and we must
have adequate air support in both
places even tho it means delay
in our other commitments, particularly
to England. Our long range planes

could be set back for months if we fail to throw our full strength in our immediate and impending conflicts

I wish therefore you would canvass over the week end every possible temporary division of munitions which you will require for our active fronts and let me know what they are. Please also give me the number and use of all combat planes now in the continental United States

Roosevelt