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December 13, 1941
5:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources, No. 11.

1. PHILIPPINES:

No reports received.

2. HAWAII:

No enemy action has been reported. General Short reports that Japanese planes of three separate types, brought down in Sunday's attack, are in the possession of the Army and Navy. The aircraft are under study.

3. EAST COAST:

✓ Three B-17 four-motored bombers have been dispatched by the Air Force to attack a submarine reported two hundred miles southeast of Miami, Florida, (Lat. 24°08' N - 79°10' W). The Navy Department has stated that the submarine is neither American nor British. The planes should have arrived over the target area at 2:30 p.m.

4. WEST COAST:

Air reconnaissance has been hampered by bad weather.

5. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES:

No reports received.

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December 13, 1941.
8:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources, No. 10.

1. PHILIPPINES:

General MacArthur reports that Cebu Island (east of Negros Island and about 250 miles southeast of Manila) and Clark Field were bombed early in the forenoon of the 12th by enemy planes in medium strength. Japanese ground activity was sporadic and unimportant. He states that it is now clearly indicated that the immediate objective of the enemy is to secure improvised air bases outside of the area encompassed by our ground forces. The radio this morning announces that new Japanese air and possibly ground attacks were beginning today.

2. SOUTH PACIFIC:

General Short telephoned at 5:40 p.m. on the 12th that he is worried about Canton Island, where we are building an airfield for trans-Pacific use via Christmas and Fiji Islands. General Short says that the Japanese are very near Canton Island, and that our Navy cannot protect it.

3. WEST COAST:

One sabotage incident involving an attempt to destroy an army communications line in San Francisco was reported at 8:30 p.m. last night. The saboteur's action may have been simple theft. He was arrested by the F.B.I.

4. ALASKA:

Ice Conditions. The west Arctic Coast is frozen. In the Bering Sea ice extends one mile out from shore; a landing there is believed possible, though difficult. Ice conditions in Bristol Bay are not favorable for landing operations, although they are favorable in the Gulf of Alaska. (Source: Headquarters, Fourth Army.)

5. HONGKONG:

According to the press the Japanese have made substantial progress in their advance on the Chinese mainland toward the harbor.

6. MALAYA:

The ground and air situations apparently are unchanged.

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December 12, 1941.
5:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from
Army Sources, No. 9.

1. PHILIPPINES:

No further reports received of hostile action.

2. HAWAII:

No further reports of hostile action. Population calm and orderly. No signs of sabotage.

3. WEST COAST:

At 10:11 a.m. (P.S.T.) today a plane of the 2d Air Force while on reconnaissance located and bombed a submarine on the surface about 450 miles west of the center of the Oregon coast, (44th parallel). After it had circled back the plane saw no sign of the submarine. There are no reports of sabotage or fifth column activities on the coast.

4. BURLINGTON, IOWA:

An explosion took place shortly after 1:00 p.m. today in the only one of the three mixing units in full operation at the Burlington, Iowa Ordnance Plant. The cause has not been determined. Of 50 or 60 persons in the building, a high proportion of casualties is feared, with several dead. The factory is a shell loading plant that went into operation in July.

5. MALAYA:

There is no material change in the Malayan situation except evidence of enemy reinforcements. British have sent reinforcements to Khota Bahru area after withdrawing approximately ten miles. Dutch fighter planes are on their way to Singapore.

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December 12, 1941
8:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from
Army Sources, No. 8.

1. PHILIPPINES:

Manila, December 11. MacArthur reports that enemy forces have landed at Legaspi (250 miles southeast of Manila) and are off Zambales on the west coast of Luzon. The force off Zambales is composed of 5 heavy ships and 11 destroyers. U.S. communications are cut as far north as Naga. Demolitions are being executed. The enemy appears to be augmenting his forces at Aparri and Vigan. The present phase of the hostile action involves a series of concentric thrusts which have the purpose of confusing and demoralizing the defense. It seems probable that an additional objective of the northern movement is to secure airdromes for the operation of land-based craft.

2. HAWAII:

Short reports that nine army bombers from San Francisco arrived in Hawaii at 4:16 A.M. of the 12th.

3. WEST COAST AND ALASKA:

Air Corps continues reconnaissances to investigate numerous reports of hostile activity. No contacts made with enemy.

4. MALAYA:

Around Kota Bharu the British forces apparently are withdrawing slowly. It is reported from Manila that the British Air Force in Malaya has been reduced by at least 35%. The Japanese are also suffering heavy air casualties in this area. Our observer at Singapore states that British combat air strength should be increased 100% to effectively defend Malaya, since the Japanese hold land bases in the north. He estimates that the Japanese forces operating against Malaya now consist of two to three divisions and 250 to 300 planes, plus the naval forces in the area.

5. SARAWAK (BORNEO):

Manila reports that the airdrome at Miri and the Sarawak oil facilities have been demolished.

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6. HONGKONG:

Apparently no change in the situation. The British War Office on December 11 confirmed reports that Chinese troops are attacking the Japanese in this vicinity.

7. U.S.S.R.:

Military Attache, London, has been reliably informed that Premier Sikorski of the Polish Government has advised Stalin not to enter the war with Japan, conserving his forces for use against Germany. Sikorski believes the Japanese will not attack Russia unless forced.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from
Army Sources, No. 7.

1. PHILIPPINES:

No additional information received. It is assumed that Japanese pressure down the Cagayan Valley continues.

2. HAWAII:

No information received.

3. WEST COAST:

G-2, Fourth Army, reports from reliable Canadian sources that a reading made at 6:00 p.m. on a hostile radio 200 miles south-west of Unalaska indicates possible early Japanese action against Aleutian Islands. Date of reading not given but believed by G-2, Fourth Army, to have been December 10. Information from naval sources in Hawaii, according to same G-2, tends to confirm probability of hostile action in Aleutians. Commanding General, Fourth Army, reports that cipher cards found in Japanese crashed planes mention Aleutians, Midway and Hawaiian Islands.

4. MALAYA - THAILAND:

Military Attache, London, reports the loss of Kota Bharu after demolition of the flying field. The British state their troops are in contact with Japanese forces on Thai soil some 60 miles to the north and northeast of Penang. They estimate the Japanese forces in Thailand at five divisions and one mechanized brigade with three or four more divisions en route.

5. JAVA:

Military observer reports that Java will mobilize on December 11 and that no Japanese air operations have been reported to him up to 1:42 p.m. (Java time) on the 9th.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

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Army Sources, No. 6.

1. PHILIPPINES:

The Japanese attempts at landing have continued in northern Luzon. Exact points of landing are unknown except that the enemy is definitely ashore at the mouth of the Cagayan River in the extreme north. General MacArthur reported that the Cagayan Valley was the only place in which a determined effort was made to exploit landings. He added that he was executing demolitions in the valley as far south as Balete Pass and on the Ilocos coast north of Lingayen Gulf. (Balete Pass is some 150 miles south of Aparri.) He also reported that the enemy was very active in the air and that in the early afternoon yesterday his attacks culminated in a forty-five minute raid on Manila in which he used 35 high-level bombers and an undetermined number of dive bombers. Cavite and Nichols Field were the main targets. Principle damage was done to Cavite. He concluded, "The Japanese have overwhelming preponderance of air strength. If he continues his pressure, our air force will be wiped out by attrition."

2. HAWAII:

There have been no important military developments. General Short reported last night that he now has 14 heavy bombers and 44 pursuit planes and will have more pursuit ready for action in the next few days. He estimates his general gasoline reserve as sufficient for from four to six months. He is making an inventory of food stockages. He reports that Midway and Wake Islands are still in the hands of our Navy.

3. MALAYA:

The Japanese are estimated to have landed about three divisions north of Khota Baru (northeast shoulder of the Federated Malay States). Heavy British resistance continues.

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4. HONGKONG:

The British are holding against Japanese pressure which is not estimated as exceedingly heavy.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

Our Military Attache, London, reports that British Military Intelligence states that the French capital ships, STRASBOURG and PROVENCE are at Toulon in full battle trim. The three other capital ships under the Vichy flag are not ready for the line of battle.

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December 10, 1941
5:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from
Army Sources, No. 5.

1. WEST COAST: San Francisco.

a. Commanding General, 9th Corps, reports through 4th Army, that Washington State police found and extinguished a series of fires at 7:50 p.m. (Pacific Coast time) near Port Angeles, Washington. The fires were in form of an arrow pointing toward Seattle. Search being made for 5th columnists. At 8:10 p.m. a group of high flying planes was reported moving northwest of North Cove, near Willapa Bay, in Washington.

b. By telephone from Commanding General, 9th Corps area: There was another air alert along the coast last night and indications were that the planes followed the same course, i.e., started in the south and moved north along the coast, as they did on the night of the 8th-9th.

c. It was learned that on the 9th the Mexican Government granted permission for U.S. air reconnaissance over Lower California, where Japanese air activity has been reported.

2. HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES:

No reports received on operations.

3. MALAYA, London, December 9:

Military Attache reports that Kota Bharu (northeast corner of the Federated Malay States) is the scene of confused ground combat.

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No. 4
December 10, 1941
9:45 A.M.

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION:

1. Philippines - The Japanese are making heavy landing attacks against the northwest coast of Luzon from San Fernando to Vigan, and with reported raidings in considerable strength near Aparri at the northern tip of the Island. Heavy Japanese Naval forces are reported off Aparri. No operations have materialized in the southern islands. General MacArthur launched his air force against the hostile landing forces. In the first U.S. bombing, direct attack was made on six Japanese transports off Vigan, and resulted in direct hits on three ships, one of which capsized and sank immediately. General MacArthur also reported Navy planes attacking Japanese war ships and working in close cooperation with the Army. In a later dispatch received at 2:25 A.M., General MacArthur estimates that the mass of the enemy air and naval strength is committed to attack on Singapore and the Philippines. He urges offensive air action against Japan proper.

2. Hawaii - No hostile operations reported.

3. West Coast - The planes detected and tracked by radio and listening devices, but not seen, in the San Francisco area on the night of the 8-9th are still not positively identified. The Commanding General of the Fourth Army, and the Commanding General of the Air Forces are convinced that they came from a Japanese carrier. Their objective and further intentions are unknown. If flown from a carrier, as is probable, they may have been lost in the fog and unable to return to the carrier.

4. Pacific Ocean - There are indications, received from Naval sources, of Japanese concentrations in Bering Sea and west of the Panama Canal. There is also a naval report indicating action in the South Seas, where we have two convoys. These reports will, no doubt, be covered in the Naval memorandum of this date.

5. False Alarm on the East Coast - The source of this alarm is now being investigated by military authorities.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources, No. 3.

1. PHILIPPINES:

Manila, December 9. Ten Japanese planes bombed Nichols Field, 3:15 a.m., December 9. Casualties: 3 killed; 110 wounded. Material loss: 1 hangar destroyed; 1 B-18 and 1 C-52 damaged. Up to dark, December 9, there had been no further air attacks reported on the Philippines.

Revised casualties at Clark Field show 55 killed, 110 wounded.

Contemplated Formosa attack rendered impossible by condition of Clark Field.

Hostile air operations characterized by high efficiency. Some indication that white men are piloting hostile dive bombers. No landing attempts made.

2. WEST COAST:

No additional reports on hostile planes in San Francisco area.

3. HAWAII:

No further reports received.

4. ECUADOR:

Ecuador, Quito, December 8. The Minister of National Defense states that bases on the Galapagos Islands are available to the United States on request.

Sherman Miles

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

**Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources.**

1. Supplementing our memorandum of 8:30 a.m. this morning, the following information has been obtained by direct long distance telephone conversation with the Chief of Staff, Fourth Army, at 11:30 a.m. today:

Radio detectors and listening devices indicated the presence of between 40-50 unidentified planes coming in from the sea and following the courses indicated in our previous memorandum. The planes were tracked by listening devices and radio detectors from 5:40 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. P.S.T. No one actually saw these planes. Personnel at Fort Barry, just north of the Golden Gate, claim that they saw exhausts from several planes. Careful checks have been made of all Army and Navy planes on the West Coast and they were not involved in the reported flights. No bombs were dropped or bullets fired from these planes. There is still grave doubt in the minds of the command on the West Coast whether these planes were hostile.

2. Lieut. Gen. Emons, commanding the Air Combat Force, believes that the planes reported in the San Francisco area last night were hostile planes. Major General Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, does not believe they were hostile planes. Assistant Secretary Lovett does not believe they were hostile planes.

3. Military Intelligence has serious doubts whether any considerable number of planes actually came in to the San Francisco area and whether they were hostile. There would seem to be no purpose of such a hostile flight if the objective was reconnaissance, since it was made after dark. Clearly the objective was not an attack, since no attack was made, and since, also, the blackout was neither sufficiently effective nor sufficiently prompt to have destroyed the possibility of night bombing.

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The fact that no aerial activity was renewed after daylight this morning (last report from San Francisco having been sent at 8:30 a.m., P.S.T.) is also very significant. There remains the possibility that it was a feint intended to divert all attention to the San Francisco area, and to be followed by a real air attack either in the Los Angeles or the Bremerton areas. Such an operation would be based on the improbable assumption that we would immediately strip the last two areas of all defenses and send them to San Francisco.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources, No. 2.

1. WEST COAST.

Chief of Staff, 4th Army, San Francisco, 5:40 p.m.
(P.B.T.). Two detector stations reported two flights of many planes about 100 miles west of San Francisco. No friendly planes were in the air at the time, either Army or Navy. Commanding General of 4th Interceptor Command notified Chief of Police, San Francisco and Commanding General of 4th Army and Head of Civilian Defense. Immediate blackout put into effect and all radio broadcasting was stopped. Two flights of planes were present. Flight #1 proceeded directly toward San Francisco up to the vicinity of Point Reyes and circled out to sea. Flight #2 headed toward Monterey, then north to San Francisco near Golden Gate, passed Fort Barry (heard by Harbor Defense troops) flying low three or four miles to sea. Flew to Point Reyes and joined Flight #1; Golden Gate again Monterey, 35W out to sea. Planes were tracked from 5:40 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. There is no doubt in the mind of the Commanding General of the 4th Interceptor Command or in the mind of the Commandant of the 12th Naval District that the planes were there. The tracking was continuous and there were no friendly planes in the air.

Telephone report from General Ryan, San Francisco,
to General Emmons, 8:15 a.m., Dec. 9. (5:15 a.m. P.B.T.).
Radio direction finder indicated approximately two squadrons of airplanes made two approaches to San Francisco about 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Never overland. One formation heard by a battery at Fort Barry. Radio direction finder indicated actual approach to San Francisco. Weather bad. Attack not made for this reason. Navy patrol planes have been searching all night for the carrier.

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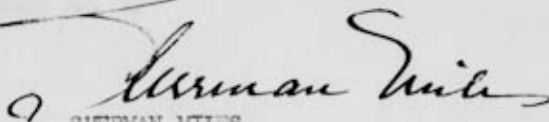
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2. HAWAII.

December 8, 10:15 p.m. by 'phone. There are available in Hawaii 67 combat planes as follows: 9 heavy bombers (B-17's), 9 medium bombers, 8 light bombers and 41 pursuit. There are also present capable of repair locally 2 heavy bombers, 4 medium bombers, 2 light bombers and 9-16 pursuit.

3. PHILIPPINES.

No additional reports received.



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December 9, 1941
8:30 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Military Information from Army
Sources, No. 2.

1. WEST COAST:

San Francisco, December 9, 1:15 a.m. General Ryan, Fourth
Interceptor Command, reports unidentified planes off San Francisco.

2. HAWAII:

December 8, 10:15 p.m., by phone. There are available in
Hawaii 67 combat planes as follows: 9 heavy bombers (B-17's),
9 medium bombers, 8 light bombers and 41 pursuit. There are
also present capable of repair locally 2 heavy bombers, 4
medium bombers, 2 light bombers and 9-16 pursuit.

3. PHILIPPINES:

No additional reports received.

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December 8, 1941
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Information Received in G-2 -- Report No. 1.

1. THE PACIFIC:

a. Headquarters, Hawaiian Department (by telephone, 12:10 p.m.). There has been no air raid this morning. We have had our pursuit in the air since before dawn and there has been no indication of any raid. All identifications of planes and pilots in yesterday's attack so far show them to be Japanese. We are all set; all the troops are in the field. The population is quiet, no rioting, no organization of saboteurs. We have arrested something over 200 Japanese agents. There are no indications of any hostile troops in this vicinity.

b. Manila, December 8. There have been continued but light bombing attacks over southern and central Luzon during this morning and in the early afternoon. There was one heavy attack on Clark Field which involved 40 dive bombers and 52 two-engine bombers, the latter operating at high altitudes. Casualties were 23 dead and about 200 wounded. Our air losses have been heavy. Enemy losses have been medium. Enemy aviation has not penetrated to Manila. I will launch a heavy bomber attack on the hostile air bases in Formosa tomorrow. Arrests of hostile aliens have been effected without disorder.

c. Hongkong, December 8. Hongkong is completely ready and all ships are sailing thence as soon as practicable. The local authorities hold that an attack on the isthmus of Kra is in prospect.

d. Singapore, December 8. Aerial reconnaissance reports that the Japanese are landing at Patan, Thailand, from six big transports escorted by two destroyers.

2. MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER:

London, December 7. The War Office believes that the German commander in Libya is now moving generally to the westward and abandoning his advance position between Tobruk and the Egyptian border. If this is true, the location of the enemy forces will be much the same as when the British first attacked.

3. RUSSIA:

London, December 7. The British believe that the Russians have stopped the German drive to the north of Moscow but that the Germans are still advancing in the Tula region to the south of Moscow. The Russian attack from Rostov is continuing and it appears as though the Axis will not be able to stop the Russians along the west bank of the Mius River. (The line of this river is generally north from Taganrog.)

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