

MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS
DECEMBER 8, 1941

Paragraph One

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in **infamy**/ _____
--the United States of America was suddenly and **deliberately**/ _____
attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

Paragraph Two

The United States was at the moment at peace with that nation and, at the
solicitation/ _____ of Japan, was still in **conversation**/ _____
with its government and its Emperor looking towards the
maintenance/ _____ of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after
Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese
Ambassador to the United States and his **colleague**/ _____
delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message.
While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic
negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

Paragraph Three

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that
the attack was **deliberately**/ _____ planned many days or even weeks

ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false **statements/** _____ and expressions of hope for continued peace.

Paragraph Four

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused **severe/** _____ damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition American ships have been torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Paragraph Five

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Paragraph Six

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise **offensive/** _____ extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their **opinions/** _____ and well understand the **implications/** _____ to the very safety of our nation.

As **Commander-in-Chief/**_____ of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Paragraph Seven

Long will we remember the character of the **onslaught/**_____ against us.

Paragraph Eight

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this **premeditated/**_____ invasion, the American people will in their **righteous/**_____ might win through to **absolute/**_____ victory.

I speak the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the **uttermost/**_____ but will see to it that this form of **treachery/**_____ shall never endanger us again.