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.