

December 7, 1941.

PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS

Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in ~~our history~~ ^{infamy}
 the United States of America was ~~attacked~~ ^{suddenly} and deliberately attacked
 by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan, ~~with that intention~~.

The United States was at the moment at peace with that nation and was
~~conducting~~ ^{still in} the conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking
 toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after
 Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in ~~Hawaii and the Philippines~~ ^{Oahu}

the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered
 to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a ~~former~~ ^{recent} message, ~~from the~~ ^{from the}

~~Secretary.~~ ^{While} This reply ~~contained a statement~~ ^{stated} that diplomatic negotiations
~~must be considered at an end, but~~ ^{it} contained no threat ~~and no~~ ^{or} hint of ~~an~~ ^{war or}
 armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance ~~between~~ ^{between} ~~the~~ ^{of}
 Hawaii from Japan make ^{it} obvious that the ~~attack~~ ^{was} deliberately
 planned many days ago. ^{or 10 or 14 weeks} During the intervening time the Japanese Govern-
 ment has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false
 statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

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with the solicitation of Japan
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The attack ~~yesterday~~ ^{the Hawaiian Islands} on ~~Mantle and on the Island of Oahu~~ ^{has}

caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition American ~~ships~~ ships have been torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.

~~Japan~~ ^{Last night Japanese forces attacked Luzon.} has, "therefore," undertaken a "surprise offensive" ^{This Philippine} extending ^{Islands}

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 ~~of these attacks~~ ^{to} ^{very} ~~on~~ the safety of our nation.

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

Long will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

(A) No matter how long it may take us to overcome this perimitated 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 ~~of this~~
~~country~~ 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. Hostilities exist. There is no mincing
 the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in
 grave danger.

I, therefore, ask that the Congress declare that since the
 unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December
 seventh, a state of war ^{has} exist^{ed} between the United States and the
 Japanese Empire.

~~Our people in
 full confidence in our might~~