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Part III of the findings of fact is quoted to show that the policy of the U. S., was in conflict with certain other governments, and the State, War and Havy Departments knew that was was inevitable.

Chief of Staff, the Chief of Military Intelligence, the the Chief of Naval Operations each sent to their respective Happiian subordinate chiefs a communication to the effect that negotiations with Japan appeared to have ended, that Japanese action was unpredictable, that hostilities were momentarily possible and precentions should be taken accordingly.

Part XII relates that the Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department ordered alert effective Nevember 27th which was maintained until December 7th. Also, that the Commandant of the Naval district called a conference of destroyer commanders that they would be on the alert. The fleet commander made certain dispositions of units and ordered that any Japanese submarine found in the area be attacked, (the latter being beyond his authority to order).

Partification of Pearl Harbor at 6:30 A. M. It proved to be a submarine and was sunk. A destroyer was dispatched to investigate but no alert warnings were issued.

In Suggesty it is stated that as early as Cutober 16th the commanders were warned of the possibility of an attack and the warnings indicated war.

5 EP D OC 7 193 -Excerpt from the Robert Commission's Report on the Pearl Harbor Disaster Washington, January, 23, 19/12. The President, The White House. Sir: The undersigned were appointed by Executive Order of December 18, 1941, which defined our duties as a commission thus: Findings of Fact III It has been well known that the policy of the United States as to affairs in the Pacific was in conflict with the policies of other governments. It was realized by the State, War and Navy Degartments of the United States that unless these policies were reconciled war in the Pacific was inevitable. Findings of Fact IX (Excerpt) Army Message of November 27 The responsible commanders in Hawaii knew that negotiations had been continued through October and November, and were awaiting further developments. November 27, 1941, the Chief of Staff of the Army informed the commanding general, Hawaiian Department, that the negotiations with Japan seemed to be ended with little likelihood of their resumption; that Japanese sction was unpredictable: that hostilities on the part of Japan were momentarily possible; that in the event hostilities could not be avoided the United States desired that this nation should not commit the first overt act; the Department commander was not to be restricted to any course which would jeopardize : :: raina his defense.

The massage directed him, even prior to hostile action, to undertake such recommaissance and other measures as he deemed necessary, but to carry them out in such a way as not to alarm the civil population or disclose his intent. He was directed to the information contained in the message to the minimum of essential officers and to report to the Chief of Staff the measures taken. The purport of this message was communicated by the department commander to the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

On the same day (November 27, 1941) the Chief of Military Intelligence sent a message to the Intelligence Officer on the staff of the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, directing him to inform the commanding general and his Chief of Staff that negotiations with Japan had practically ceased; that hostilities might ensue, and that subversive activity might be expected.

Operations sent a message to the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, which stated in substance that the dispatch was to be considered a war warning; that the negotiations with Japan in an effort to stabilize conditions in the Pacific had ended; that Japan was expected to make an aggressive mayor within the next few days; that an amphibious expedition against either the Philippines, Thai or Kran Peninsula, or possibly Borneo, was indicated by the number and equipment of Japanese troops and the organization of their naval task forces.

It directed the execution of a defensive deployment in preparation for carrying out war tasks. It stated that Guam, Samoa and Continental Districts had been directed to take appropriate measures Findings of Fact XVIII (Excerpts)

In the attack on Oahu a suspicious object was sighted in the prohibited area off Pearl Harbor at 6:30 a.m., by the U.S.S.

Antares. Between 6:33 and 6:45, this object, which was a small submarine, was attacked and sunk by the concerted action of a naval patrol plane and the U.S.S. Ward.

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A report of this action by the Ward reached the naval base watch officer at 7:12 a.m., who notified his chief of staff. The ready destroyer was dispatched to investigate, but no alert warnings were issued, based upon this report.

Summary of the More Important Facts (Excorpts)

This conviction persisted netwithstanding messages containing wornings and orders. Protect to the attack. As early as October over a period of weeks prior to the attack. As early as October 16 the commanders were worted of the possibility of an attack by Japan on the Third States and were directed to take precautions and make preparately dispositions in the light of this information.

A significant worning resease were communicated to both the local commanders on Nevember 2h. On Nevember 27 each responsible commander was warned that hostilities were momentarily possible. The warnings indicated war, and war only.

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