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/s/ Albert B. Ray

District of Columbia SS

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/s/ Herbert A. Engler  
Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 1,  
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I. Vessels Under Construction as of 7 December 1941.

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Vessels</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
BB	10	410,000
CV	22	442,300
CB	3	81,000
CA	8	107,200
CL	31	278,000
DD	206	393,080
DE & BDE	50	57,500
SS	<u>96</u>	<u>146,496</u>
TOTAL COMBATANT	426	1,915,776
Auxiliary	90	249,508
Mine Craft	313	121,233
Patrol Craft	328	42,028
Large Landing Craft	15	67,500
District Craft (SP)	73	19,215
District Craft (NSP)	<u>76</u>	<u>16,877</u>
GRAND TOTAL	1321	2,432,137

II. Vessels On Hand as of 7 December 1941.

Type	No. of Vessels	Tonnage
BB	17	534,300
CV	7	154,600
CVL	0	0
CVE	1	8,000
CA	18	171,200
CL	19	157,775
DD	172	239,530
SS	<u>111</u>	<u>116,621</u>
TOTAL	345	1,382,026

III. (a) Carriers On Hand 12-7-41 and Completed up to 8-13-45.

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Keel</u>	<u>Launch</u>	<u>Commission</u>
CV	2	LEXINGTON	33,000	1-8-21	10-3-25	12-14-27
CV	3	SARATOGA	33,000	9-25-20	4-7-25	11-16-27
CV	4	RANGER	14,500	9-26-31	2-25-33	6-4-34
CV	5	YORKTOWN	19,800	5-21-34	4-4-36	9-30-37
CV	6	ENTERPRISE	19,800	7-16-34	10-3-36	5-12-38
CV	7	WASP	14,700	4-2-36	4-4-39	4-25-40
CV	8	HORNET	19,800	9-25-39	12-14-40	10-20-41
CV	9	ESSEX	27,100	4-28-41	7-31-42	12-31-42
CV	10	YORKTOWN	27,100	12-1-41	1-21-43	4-15-43
CV	11	INTREPID	27,100	12-1-41	4-26-43	8-16-43
CV	12	HORNET	27,100	8-3-42	8-30-43	11-29-43
CV	13	FRANKLIN	27,100	12-7-42	10-14-43	1-31-44
CV	14	TICONDEROGA	27,100	2-1-43	2-7-44	5-8-44
CV	15	RANDOLPH	27,100	5-10-43	6-28-44	10-9-44
CV	16	LEXINGTON	27,100	7-15-41	9-26-42	2-17-43
CV	17	BUNKER HILL	27,100	9-15-41	12-7-42	5-25-43
CV	18	WASP	27,100	3-18-42	8-17-43	11-24-43
CV	19	HANCOCK	27,100	1-26-43	1-24-44	4-15-44
CV	20	BENNINGTON	27,100	12-15-42	2-26-44	8-6-44
CV	21	BOXER	27,100	9-13-43	12-14-44	4-16-45
CV	31	BON HOMME RICHARD	27,100	2-1-43	4-29-44	11-26-44
CV	36	ANTIETAM	27,100	3-15-43	8-20-44	3-1-45
CV	38	SHANGRI LA	27,100	1-15-43	2-24-44	11-1-44
CV	39	LAKE CHAMPLAIN	27,100	3-15-43	11-2-44	6-3-45

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III. (b) Carriers On Hand 12-7-41 and Completed up to 8-13-45.

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>&amp; Name</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Keel</u>	<u>Launch</u>	<u>Commission</u>
CVL	22	INDEPENDENCE	11,000	5-1-41	8-22-42	1-14-43
CVL	23	PRINCETON	11,000	6-2-41	10-18-42	2-25-43
CVL	24	BELLEAU WOOD	11,000	8-11-41	12-6-42	3-31-43
CVL	25	COWPENS	11,000	11-17-41	1-27-43	5-28-43
CVL	26	MONTEREY	11,000	12-29-41	2-28-43	6-17-43
CVL	27	LANGLEY	11,000	4-11-42	5-22-43	8-31-43
CVL	28	CABOT	11,000	3-16-42	4-4-43	7-24-43
CVL	29	BATAAN	11,000	8-31-42	8-1-43	11-17-43
CVL	30	SAN JACINTO	11,000	10-26-42	9-26-43	12-15-43

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Start of Conv.\*\*

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>&amp; Name</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Keel</u>	<u>Launch</u>	<u>Commission</u>
CVE	1	LONG ISLAND	8,000		3/18/41	6/ 2/41
CVE	6	BATTLE	9,800		4/ 4/42	10/31/42
CVE	7	ATTACKER	9,800		9/27/42	10/ 7/42
CVE	8	HUNTER	9,800		5/22/42	1/ 9/43
CVE	9	BOGUE	9,800		5/ 1/42	9/25/42
CVF	10	CHASER	9,800		2/16/42	4/ 9/43
CVE	11	CARD	9,800		5/ 1/42	11/ 7/42
CVE	12	COPAHEE	9,800		2/ 8/42	7/22/42
CVE	13	CORE	9,800		5/15/42	12/10/42
CVF	14	FENCER	9,800		2/27/43	3/25/43
CVE	15	STALKER	9,800		3/ 5/42	12/21/42
CVE	16	NASSAU	9,800		5/ 1/42	9/21/42
CVE	17	PURSUER	9,800		7/18/42	6/14/43
CVE	18	ALTAMAHA	9,800		5/ 1/42	10/15/42
CVE	19	STRIKER	9,800		5/ 7/42	5/18/43
CVE	20	BARNES	9,800		5/ 1/42	2/20/43
CVE	21	BLOCK ISLAND	9,800		6/ 6/42	3/ 8/43
CVE	22	SEARCHER	9,800		5/ 1/42	4/ 7/43
CVE	23	BRETON	9,800		6/27/42	4/12/43
CVE	24	RAVAGER	9,800		5/ 1/42	4/25/43
CVE	25	CROATAN	9,800		5/ 1/42	4/28/43
CVE	26	SANGAMON	11,400		2/25/42	8/25/42
CVE	27	SUWANEE	11,400		2/15/42	9/24/42
CVE	28	CHENANGO	11,400		3/16/42	9/15/42
CVE	29	SANTEE	11,400		3/19/42	9/ 8/42
CVE	30	CHARGER	11,400		10/ 4/41	3/ 2/42
CVF*	31	PRINCE WILLIAM	9,800	5/18/42	8/23/42	5/ 1/43
CVE*	32	SLINGER	9,800	5/25/42	9/19/42	8/11/43
CVE*	33	ATHELING	9,800	6/ 9/42	9/ 7/42	7/30/43
CVE*	34	EMPEROR	9,800	6/23/42	10/ 7/42	5/31/43
CVE*	35	AMEER	9,800	7/18/42	10/18/42	6/28/43
CVE*	36	BEGUM	9,800	8/ 3/42	11/11/42	7/22/43
CVE*	37	TRUMPETER	9,800	8/25/42	12/15/42	8/ 4/43
CVE*	38	EMPRESS	9,800	9/ 9/42	12/31/42	8/ 9/43
CVE*	39	KHEDIVE	9,800	9/22/42	1/30/43	8/25/43
CVE*	40	SPEAKER	9,800	10/ 9/42	2/20/43	11/20/43
CVE*	41	NABOB	9,800	10/20/42	3/ 9/43	9/ 7/43
CVE*	42	PREMIER	9,800	10/31/42	3/22/43	11/ 3/43
CVE*	43	SHAH	9,800	11/13/42	4/21/43	9/27/43
CVE*	44	PATROLLER	9,800	11/27/42	5/ 6/43	10/22/43
CVE*	45	RAJAH	9,800	12/17/42	5/18/43	1/17/44
CVE*	46	RANEE	9,800	1/ 5/43	6/ 2/43	11/ 8/43
CVE*	47	TROUNCER	9,800	2/ 1/43	6/16/43	1/28/44
CVE*	48	THANE	9,800	2/23/43	7/15/43	11/19/43
CVE*	49	QUEEN	9,800	3/12/43	8/ 2/43	12/ 7/43
CVE*	50	RULER	9,800	3/25/43	8/21/43	12/20/43
CVE*	51	ARBITER	9,800	4/26/43	9/ 9/43	12/31/43
CVE*	52	SMITER	9,800	5/10/43	9/27/43	1/20/44
CVE*	53	PUNCHER	9,800	5/21/43	11/ 8/43	2/ 5/44
CVE*	54	REAPER	9,800	6/ 5/43	11/23/43	2/18/44
CVE	55	CASABLANCA	7,800		4/ 5/43	7/ 8/43
CVE	56	LISCOMBE BAY	7,800		4/19/43	8/ 7/43
CVE	57	ANZIO	7,800		5/ 1/43	8/27/43
CVE	58	CORREGIDOR	7,800		5/12/43	8/31/43
CVE	59	MISSION BAY	7,800		5/26/43	9/13/43
CVE	60	GUADACANAL	7,800		6/ 5/43	9/25/43
CVE	61	MANILA BAY	7,800		7/10/43	10/ 5/43
CVE	62	NATOMA BAY	7,800		7/20/43	10/14/43
CVE	63	ST LO	7,800		8/17/43	10/23/43
CVE	64	TRIPOLI	7,800		9/ 2/43	10/31/43

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Type	No. & Name	Tonnage	Keel	Launch	Commission
CVE	65 WAKE ISLAND	7,800		9/15/43	11/ 7/43
CVE	66 WHITE PLAINS	7,800		9/27/43	11/15/43
CVE	67 SOLOMONS	7,800		10/ 6/43	11/21/43
CVE	68 KALININ BAY	7,800		10/15/43	11/27/43
CVE	69 KASAAN BAY	7,800		10/24/43	12/ 4/43
CVE	70 FANSHAW BAY	7,800		11/ 1/43	12/ 9/43
CVE	71 KITKUM BAY	7,800		11/ 8/43	12/15/43
CVE	72 TULAGI	7,800		11/15/43	12/21/43
CVE	73 GAMBIER BAY	7,800		11/22/43	12/28/43
CVE	74 NEHENTA BAY	7,800		11/28/43	1/ 3/44
CVE	75 HOGGATT BAY	7,800		12/ 4/43	1/11/44
CVE	76 KADASHAN BAY	7,800		12/11/43	1/18/44
CVE	77 MARCUS ISLAND	7,800		12/16/43	1/26/44
CVE	78 SAVO ISLAND	7,800		12/22/43	2/ 3/44
CVE	79 OMMANEY BAY	7,800		12/29/43	2/11/44
CVE	80 PETROF BAY	7,800		1/ 5/44	2/18/44
CVE	81 RUDYERD BAY	7,800		1/12/44	2/25/44
CVE	82 SAGINAW BAY	7,800		1/19/44	3/ 2/44
CVE	83 SARGENT BAY	7,800		1/31/44	3/ 9/44
CVE	84 SHAIROCK BAY	7,800		2/ 4/44	3/15/44
CVE	85 SHIPLEY BAY	7,800		2/12/44	3/21/44
CVE	86 SITKOH BAY	7,800		2/19/44	3/28/44
CVE	87 STEAMER BAY	7,800		2/26/44	4/ 4/44
CVE	88 CAPE ESPERANCE	7,800		3/ 3/44	4/ 9/44
CVE	89 TAKANIS BAY	7,800		3/10/44	4/15/44
CVE	90 THETIS BAY	7,800		3/16/44	4/21/44
CVE	91 MAKASSAR STRAIT	7,800		3/22/44	4/27/44
CVE	92 WINDHAM BAY	7,800		3/29/44	5/ 3/44
CVE	93 MAKIN ISLAND	7,800		4/ 5/44	5/ 9/44
CVE	94 LUNGA POINT	7,800		4/11/44	5/14/44
CVE	95 BISMARCK SEA	7,800		4/17/44	5/20/44
CVE	96 SALAMAUA	7,800		4/22/44	5/26/44
CVE	97 HOLLANDIA	7,800		4/28/44	6/ 1/44
CVE	98 KWAJALEIN	7,800		5/ 4/44	6/ 7/44
CVE	99 ADMIRALTY ISLANDS	7,800		5/10/44	6/13/44
CVE	100 BOUGAINVILLE	7,800		5/16/44	6/18/44
CVE	101 MATANIKAU	7,800		5/22/44	6/24/44
CVE	102 ATTU	7,800		5/27/44	6/30/44
CVE	103 ROI	7,800		6/ 2/44	7/ 6/44
CVE	104 MUNDA	7,800		6/ 8/44	7/ 8/44
CVE*	105 COMMENCEMENT BAY	10,900	9/23/43	5/ 9/44	11/27/44
CVE*	106 BLOCK ISLAND	10,900	10/25/43	6/10/44	12/30/44
CVE*	107 GILBERT ISLANDS	10,900	11/29/43	7/20/44	2/ 5/45
CVE*	108 KULA GULF	10,900	12/16/43	8/15/44	5/12/45
CVE*	109 CAPE GLOUCESTER	10,900	1/10/44	9/12/44	3/ 5/45
CVE*	110 SALERNO BAY	10,900	2/ 7/44	9/26/44	5/19/45
CVE*	111 VELLA GULF	10,900	3/ 7/44	10/19/44	4/ 9/45
CVE*	112 SIBONEY	10,900	4/ 1/44	11/ 9/44	5/14/45
CVE*	113 PUGET SOUND	10,900	5/12/44	11/30/44	6/18/45
CVE*	115 BAIROKO	10,900	7/25/44	1/25/45	7/16/45
BAVG***	1 ARCHER	9,164		5/ 6/41	11/17/41
BAVG	2 AVENGER	4,133		8/ 2/41	3/ 2/42
BAVG	3 BITER	4,133		9/15/41	5/ 6/42
BAVG	5 DASHER	4,133		11/22/41	7/ 2/42
BAVG	6 TRACKER	8,522		5/ 1/42	1/31/43



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- \* CVE built by Navy - other CVE's were acquired.
- \*\* Launch date for CVE's built - Start of Conversion for Acquisition.
- \*\*\* BAVG 1 Lend leased to United Kingdom as of 12-7-41 but listed for information.

Note: The above CVE and BAVG vessels were converted from Maritime C3 (Cargo) type vessels except the following:

CVE 26 - 29 (converted from tankers)  
CVE 55 - 104 (special military type/S4-S2-BB3)  
CVE 105 - 115 (special military type)

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IV. 50 Old Destroyers Transferred to United Kingdom.

<u>Type &amp; No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Transferred</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Class</u>
DD 70	CRAVEN	10-23-40	1,020	DD 70
DD 72	CONNER	10-23-40	1,020	" "
DD 73	STOCKTON	10-23-40	1,020	" "
DD 75	WICKES	10-23-40	1,090	DD 75 - 185
DD 76	PHILIP	10-23-40	1,090	" " "
DD 78	EVANS	10-23-40	1,090	" " "
DD 81	SIGOURNEY	11-26-40	1,060	" " "
DD 88	ROBINSON	11-26-40	1,060	" " "
DD 89	RINGGOLD	11-26-40	1,060	" " "
DD 93	FAIRFAX	11-26-40	1,090	" " "
DD 108	WILLIAMS	9-24-40	1,060	" " "
DD 127	TWIGGS	10-23-40	1,090	" " "
DD 131	BUCHANAN	9- 9-40	1,090	" " "
DD 132	AARON WARD	9- 9-40	1,090	" " "
DD 133	HALE	9- 9-40	1,090	" " "
DD 134	CROWNINSHIELD	9- 9-40	1,090	" " "
DD 135	TILLMAN	11-26-40	1,090	" " "
DD 140	CLAXTON	11-26-40	1,090	" " "
DD 143	YARNALL	10-23-40	1,090	" " "
DD 162	THATCHER	9-24-40	1,060	" " "
DD 167	COWELL	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 168	MADDOX	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 169	FOOTE	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 170	KALK	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 175	MACKENZIE	9-24-40	1,060	" " "
DD 181	HOPEWELL	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 182	THOMAS	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 183	HARADEN	9-24-40	1,060	" " "
DD 184	ABBOT	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 185	BAGLEY	9-23-40	1,060	" " "
DD 190	SATTERLEE	10- 9-40	1,190	DD 186-347
DD 191	MASON	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 193	ABEL P. UPSUR	9- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 194	HUNT	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 195	WELBORN C. WOOD	9- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 197	BRANCH	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 198	HERNDON	9- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 252	MC COOK	9-24-40	1,190	" " "
DD 253	MC CALLA	10-23-40	1,190	" " "
DD 254	RODGERS	10-23-40	1,190	" " "
DD 256	BANCROFT	9-24-40	1,190	" " "
DD 257	WELLES	9- 9-40	1,190	DD 186-347
DD 258	AULICK	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 263	LAUB	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 264	MC LANAHAN	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 265	EDWARDS	10- 9-40	1,190	" " "
DD 268	SHUBRICK	11-26-40	1,190	" " "
DD 269	BAILEY	11-26-40	1,190	" " "
DD 273	SWASEY	11-26-40	1,190	" " "
DD 274	MEADE	11-26-40	1,190	" " "

V. It is presumed the following acts comprise the first, second and third Vinson Plans: (As ship Construction is concerned)

1. The Vinson Trammel Act of 27 March 1934 (Public Law Number 135 - 73d Congress) which authorized:

(a) That the composition of the United States Navy with respect to the categories of vessels limited by the treaties signed at Washington, 6 February 1922, and at London, 22 April 1930, is hereby established at the limit prescribed by those treaties.

(b) That subject to the above treaties to construct (in addition to those vessels previously authorized by act of 13 February 1929 and Executive Order 6174 of 16 June 1933)

(1) Aircraft carrier of approximately 15,000 tons Standard Displacement,  
99,200 tons of Destroyers,  
35,530 tons of Submarines.

(c) Replace overage vessels by vessels of modern design and construction as limited by the above treaties.

Note: The total tonnage established by the above treaties (as amended) for the United States Navy (Combatant Vessels) was 1,262,068 tons.

2. The 20% Expansion Act of 17 May 1938 (Public Law 528 - 75th Congress) which authorized: (as amended)

(a) 135,000 tons Capital Ships  
(b) 40,000 tons Aircraft Carriers  
(c) 68,754 tons Cruisers  
(d) 38,000 tons Destroyers  
(e) 13,658 tons Submarines  
(f) In addition approximately 133,650 tons of auxiliaries were authorized and 15,000,000 dollars for use in construction of experimental vessels.

Note: The total tonnage established by the above act (Combatant Vessels) for the United States Navy was 1,557,480 tons.

3. The 11% Expansion Act of 14 June 1940 (Public Law 629 - 76th Congress) which authorized:

(a) 79,500 tons Aircraft Carriers  
(b) 66,500 tons Cruisers  
(c) 21,000 tons Submarines  
(d) The above tonnages may be varied upward or downward 33,400 tons so long as the total tonnages (167,000 tons) is not exceeded. (this transfer later amended to 50,100 tons)  
(e) Acquire or construct 75,000 tons Auxiliaries.  
(f) Established the life of combatant ships as follows:

Battleships	26	Years
Aircraft Carriers	20	"
Cruisers	20	"
Other Combatant	16	"
Submarines	13	"

Note: The total tonnage established by the above act (Combatant Vessels) for the United States Navy was 1,724,480 tons.

4. It is assumed that the so called Stark Plan (1940) is the 70% Expansion Act of 19 July 1940 (Public Law 757 - 76th Congress) which authorized:

(a) 385,000 tons of Capital Ships  
(b) 200,000 tons of Aircraft Carriers

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- (c) 420,000 tons of Cruisers
- (d) 250,000 tons Destroyers
- (e) 70,000 tons of Submarines.
- 1,325,000 tons, Total
- (f) 397,500 tons transfer authorized between types of vessels above.
- (g) 72 Patrol Craft
- (h) 100,000 tons auxiliaries.

Note: The total tonnage established by the above act (Combatant Vessels) for the United States Navy was 3,049,480 tons.

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