

Exhibit 2861

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Excerpt from Exhibit No. 32 of the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack - Congress of the United States, Seventy-Ninth Congress, First Session.

EXHIBIT NO. 32

MESSAGES BETWEEN WAR DEPARTMENT AND HAWAII
FROM JULY 8 to SEPTEMBER 7, 1941

(7) 27 November 1941 from Marshall to Short.
Subject: Warning.

(7) Secret

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November 27, 1941.

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COMMANDING GENERAL,

Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H.

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Negotiations with Japan appear to be terminated to all practical purposes with only the barest possibilities that the Japanese Government might come back and offer to continue. Period Japanese future action unpredictable but hostile action possible at any moment. Period If hostilities cannot be avoided the United States desires that Japan commit the first overt act. Period This policy should not be construed as restricting you to a course of action that might jeopardize your defense. Period Prior to hostile Japanese action you are directed to undertake such reconnaissance and other measures as you deem necessary but these measures should be carried out so as not to alarm civil population or disclose intent. Period Report measures taken. Period Should hostilities occur you will carry out the tasks assigned in rainbow five so far as they pertain to Japan. Period Limit dissemination of this highly secret information to minimum essential officers.

MARSHALL

War Department message center: Please send same radiogram to: Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, Quarry Heights, C.Z.