

December 7, 1941.

PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS

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

The United States was at the moment at peace with that nation and was
~~still in~~ ^{still in} continuing the conversations 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~~ ^{Dahu} and the Philippines,

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 ~~of Manila, and especially of~~
 Hawaii, from Japan ~~makes~~ ^{was} it obvious that the attack ~~was~~ ^{was} deliberately
 planned many days ago. ^{or 7000 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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at the solicitation of Japan
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The attacks ^{the Hawaiian Islands} yesterday on ~~Midway 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.

~~It~~ ^{It} ~~last~~ ^{last} night Japanese forces attacked ^{Sesay.} ~~Sesay.~~ ^{This Philippines} Japan has, therefore, undertaken a "surprise offensive 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 ~~these attacks~~ ^{to very} ~~on~~ the safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have, ~~therefore~~ 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~~ ^{overcome} this ~~permitted~~ ^{permitted} 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} ^{ex} ^{ist} between the United States and the
Japanese Empire.

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