

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 ~~simultaneously~~ ^{suddenly} and deliberately attacked
 by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. ~~with that warning~~

The United States was at the moment at peace with that nation and was
~~continuing the~~ ^{still in} 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 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 American} message, ~~from the~~

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

It will be recorded that the distance ~~of Hawaii~~ ^{of Manila}, ~~and especially~~ of
 Hawaii, from Japan make ^{it} obvious that the ~~attack~~ ^{was} deliberately
 planned many days ^{or seven weeks} ago. 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.

at the substitution of Japan
 to maintain the
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