

December 7, 1941.

PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS

Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in ~~world history~~ <sup>infamy</sup>  
 the United States of America was ~~unprovokedly~~ <sup>suddenly</sup> 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  
~~continuing~~ <sup>still in</sup> the conversation 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~~ <sup>Oahu</sup>

the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered  
 to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a ~~former~~ <sup>recent American</sup> message, ~~from the~~  
~~Secretary~~ <sup>While</sup>. This reply ~~contained a statement~~ <sup>stated</sup> that diplomatic negotiations  
~~would be considered at an end,~~ <sup>it</sup> contained no threat ~~and no~~ <sup>or</sup> hint of ~~an~~ <sup>war or</sup>  
 armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance ~~of 3,700 miles~~ <sup>of 3,700 miles</sup> especially of  
 Hawaii from Japan make <sup>it</sup> obvious that the ~~attack~~ <sup>was</sup> deliberately  
 planned many days <sup>or 7000 weeks</sup> 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 solicitation of Japan  
 to maintain the system