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Secretary of the Navy
Washington.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the clipping enclosed is it not high time that the Administration acknowledge its complicity in the attack of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor? By this time almost every one knows that the President wanted the Japanese to attack either Manila or Pearl Harbor in order to be able to go before Congress with a valid cause for war, and that the only surprise that he had was the extent of the damage to the fleet and the large number of casualties.

The plot hatched out between Roosevelt and Churchill was entirely successful, as Churchill significantly admitted later on; it was his greatest diplomatic success, and the greatest disaster that the United States ever sustained, and may yet prove our downfall.

Kimmel and Short will never be tried, they would be able to prove that everything they did, or did not do, was ordered by Washington, by Roosevelt, Hull, you and Stimson. If there was any treachery it was committed in Washington, and not in Honolulu or Tokyo.

Be honest with the people, and do not try to deceive them any longer.

Yours truly

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Washington, D. C. - (AP) - Trial of military and naval commanders in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941, seems unlikely until after the war.

Secretary of the Navy Knox said Friday that it would be unpracticable to bring the necessary witnesses back from the fighting fronts. Knox also told a press conference that he feels that waivers of the statute of limitations signed by the commanders—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short—are "perfectly legal."

He made the comment in discussing a congressional proposal which would have required a start in the court-martial proceedings by June 7.

"Some lawyer in congress" apparently questioned the validity of the waivers, Knox said.

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