



a case of missing the island, running out of gas, and going into the drink - simple as that".

PEARL HARBOR ATTACK (1941)

Arguments, suppositions, and allegations are still rampant as to this ghastly incident. They started anew in 1984 with declassification by the government of over 300,000 related documents which were formerly marked SECRET. Some of these it is said "indicate" that the Japanese striking force was NOT on radio silence as claimed for over 40 years by historians, and that "certain DF tracking by us" took place for several days before the attack.* One very questionable common theory persists that Pres. Roosevelt "knew in advance of the forthcoming attack but chose to let it occur as a means of getting the US into the war against Germany, Japan and Italy". But these research efforts all seem to have a habit of ending up in a blind alley with no positive proof. There seems to be documentation however, that "Washington sent messages to Pearl Harbor" warning of the pending attack. If so, how could the originator of such vital messages of this magnitude have failed so miserably in not demanding an urgent prompt acknowledgment? There continues to lurk the feeling that something has still not been uncovered as to why such messages were not received and/or acted upon. And, what about the Army radar operator on Oahu who spotted the attacking planes enroute to Pearl Harbor? Reportedly he quickly informed his superiors of his scope-sighting of unidentified planes but they ignored his report with the comment that "Oh, it's just some of our Navy planes coming in". ^{probably}

It seems rather unlikely that, at this late date, satisfactory answers to some of the questions will come to light.

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* Dr. Stuart E. Davis, consultant to ^{secretly} Pres. F. D. Roosevelt revealed a few years ago that the US Navy in 1940 had ^{secretly} commandeered the old Commercial Pacific Co submarine telegraph cable operating from San Francisco to Honolulu, Manila and China for the secure transmission of sensitive messages. This was done because the Japanese were known to be intercepting all traffic in the Pacific sent by HF radio via the Navy and Army facilities and the commercial companies as well (RCA, Marconi, Pan Wireless and ATT public telephone). But enemy spies eventually discovered this cable use and to force all traffic back to radio the cable was severed and made inoperative by a submarine of unknown identity some time before the Pearl Harbor attack.

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