

August 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

In regard to enclosed memorandum of June thirtieth:

1. Has the local Joint Planning Committee (Hawaii) any recommendation to make?

2. One obvious thought occurs to me -- that every Japanese citizen or non-citizen on the Island of Oahu who meets these Japanese ships or has any connection with their officers or men should be secretly but definitely identified and his or her name placed on a special list of those who would be the first to be placed in a concentration camp in the event of trouble.

3. As I told you verbally today, I think a Joint Board should consider and adopt plans relating to the Japanese population of all the islands. Decision should be made as to whether the island of Hawaii could or should be defended against landing parties. From my personal observation I should say offhand that it would be extraordinarily difficult, as the Island is quite far from Oahu. The chief objective should be to prevent its occupation as a base of operations against Oahu and other islands. Its mere occupation, without the possibility of making it a base, would accomplish little for an enemy. As I remember it, there is only one small harbor -- large enough perhaps for a few destroyers and submarines -- and that other anchorages are merely open roadsteads.

Please let me have further recommendations after studies have been made.

F.D.R.