

messages told us that Japan was going to go to war against us but did not mention, even remotely, the planned attack on Pearl.

The Japanese Navy's operational code could have provided some warning of the attack. But we were not able to read it until the spring of 1942 — well after Dec. 7, 1941.

Ned Kimmel is right on one point. The blame for the attack should not be laid solely at his late father's feet. Hubris on the part of Congress and the leadership in Washington played a role in denying Adm. Kimmel the resources he needed to properly defend the installation. However, the claim that the powers that be intentionally withheld information from him is blatantly false.

Someday, perhaps, information will be discovered by some intrepid historian that proves that Ned Kimmel's allegations are correct. However, as of today, the facts show clearly that the post-war congressional committee's conclusions concerning his father's negligence were proper and correct.

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