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present danger to the mines is removed and at the latest at the conclusion of hostilities.

Simultaneously the Government of the Netherlands has invited the Government of the United States of Brazil to participate in this defense measure. It is understood that Brazil will contribute to the common aim by exercising an especial measure of military vigilance in the frontier zone adjacent to Surinam and by sending a mission to Paramaribo to exchange information and concert all other steps on the basis indicated to assure maximum efficiency of the safety measures thus being jointly undertaken by the Brazilian, United States, and Netherlands forces.

The Government of Brazil has indicated its whole-hearted approval of the emergency measures.

At the same time, the Government of the United States has notified the Governments of the American republics of the foregoing arrangements, which have been reached in the interests of all.

XVI. ARMING OF AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSELS

(Dept. of State Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 127, Nov. 29, 1941)

American merchant vessels sailing on routes between United States ports and ports of Spain, Portugal, and their adjacent island possessions will not be armed.

American merchant vessels sailing in the inter-American trade between ports of the United States and ports in Central and South America will not be armed.

American merchant vessels sailing on routes in the Pacific Ocean will not be armed under existing circumstances.

Public announcement will be made of any change of policy affecting any of these routes.

XVII. THE JAPANESE ATTACK

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

(Dept. of State Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 129, Dec. 13, 1941)

Japan has made a treacherous and utterly unprovoked attack upon the United States.

At the very moment when representatives of the Japanese Government were discussing with representatives of this Government, at the request of the former, principles and courses of peace, the armed forces of Japan were preparing and assembling at various strategic points to launch new attacks and new aggressions upon nations and peoples with which Japan was professedly at peace including the United States.

I am now releasing for the information of the American people the statement of principles governing the policies of the Government of the United States and setting out suggestions for a comprehensive peaceful settlement covering the entire Pacific area, which I handed to the Japanese Ambassador on November 26, 1941.

I am likewise releasing the text of a Japanese reply thereto which was handed to me by the Japanese Ambassador today. Before the Japanese Ambassador delivered this final statement from his Government the treacherous attack upon the United States had taken place.