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} Was this ever sent, and the }
} following letter or was it }
} merely proposed? }

Sir:-

1. The General Board has on frequent occasions in the past five years recommended the purchase of certain materials necessary for use in the establishment of an advanced base, or for the use of an expeditionary force. In some cases the recommendation has been approved by the Department, but in a number of cases, the purchase has not been approved as the appropriation of the Bureau concerned would not allow the expenditure of the requisite amount of money in addition to the regular current expenses of that Bureau.

2. The General Board desires to again invite the attention of the Department to the great importance of preparedness for war and for emergency. It is highly probable that among the first steps ~~xxxxx~~ taken by the Navy in the event of war would be the establishment of an advanced base either in Caribbean or Asiatic waters. The General Board recommends that two complete outfits for the establishment for an advanced base be assembled at once and held in reserve for this purpose. These outfits would also be available for the use of an expeditionary force of any nature whatever, in case of an emergency such as might necessitate the departure and landing of Marines at some distant point in the shortest possible time. Such occasions do not occur with great frequency but when one does present itself, the need for prompt and effective action is imperative, and the only safeguard to ensure efficiency is preparedness for emergency.

3. Inasmuch as the purchase, and placing in reserve of the material required for advanced base purposes, requires the expenditure of money in the various Bureaus for material in excess of the amount ordinarily included in the estimates submitted by the various Bureau Chiefs, the General Board recommends that the Department direct the various Bureaus and the Commandant of the Marine Corps to include in their estimates for the fiscal year of 1906 - 1907, an item sufficient to ensure the purchase of the material required for two advanced base outfits coming under the cognizance of the Bureau concerned.

4. An approximate estimate of the amount required in each case follows:

	<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>Philippines</u>
Ordnance	\$ 261,562.00 55,010.00	\$ 363,564.00 302,524.00
Equipment	12,500.00	22,500.00
Supplies and Accounts	780.00	780.00
Medicine and Surgery (?)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Marines	108,815.00	108,815.00
Yards and Docks	50,000.00	70,000.00
	\$ 200,405.00 314,842.00	\$ 507,119.00
TOTAL		\$ 829,524.00 771,686.00

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO THE BUREAU OF YARDS & DOCKS.

Sir:-

The Department directs that you take the necessary steps to have prepared a plan for a storehouse for the storage of material held in reserve for the use of an expeditionary force, or for the establishment of an advanced base.

For particulars concerning the amount of material which it is contemplated to store in this building and other necessary details, you will please confer with the Chiefs of the Bureaus of Equipment, Ordnance and Supplies and Accounts, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Department directs that you include in your estimates for the coming fiscal year (1906-7) an item sufficient to insure the erection of two such buildings, one at a Navy Yard on the Atlantic Coast to be designated later, and one at Olongapo.

\$50,000

\$70,000

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT.

Sir:-

The Department directs that the following material in addition to that already ordered, coming under the cognizance of the Bureau of Equipment, be purchased and placed in reserve for the use of an expeditionary force, or for use in the establishment of an advanced base in time of war.

To be stored at a Navy Yard on the Atlantic Coast:

1 wireless telegraph outfit complete, for the establishment of a station on shore. $\$1,500.00$

1 Portable search light outfit, complete.

$\frac{500.00}{12,500.00}$

To be stored at Olongapo:

1 wireless telegraph outfit complete, for the establishment of a station on shore. $\$1,500.00$

3 Portable search light outfits, complete.

$\frac{15000.00}{22,500.00}$

2. In case the Bureau is unable to purchase this material with the funds available for its use during the present fiscal year, the Department directs that the Chief of Bureau include in his estimates for the coming fiscal year an amount sufficient to insure the purchase of the above enumerated material.

SECRETARY NAVY TO BUREAU OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS.

Sir:-

1. To insure the procurement of 6000 U. S. Army Emergency Rations, to be stored and held in reserve for the use of an expeditionary force, the Department directs that you include in your estimates for the coming fiscal year (1906-7) an item providing for the purchase thereof. \$156000

2. When procured one-half is to be stored at Olongapo and the remainder at a navy yard on the Atlantic coast, to be designated later by the Department.

274,500

5500.	200 common shell for each 6-pdr gun now in reserve (10);
1650	300 " " " 2 guns herein recommended;
2350	5 temporary magazines complete;
13,000	1 mile boom defense;
1850	1 transporting carriage for 5" guns;
7350	3 position range finders;
1240	Material to complete the automobile torpedo outfit now in reserve at Cavite;
30,000	100 Army mines;
7,000	5 miles multiple cable;
1,200	3 miles single cable;
5,000	Operating station, outfit complete;
1,000	Accessories, etc.;
10,000	Cable well at Olongapo;
84	Sandbags for gun emplacements, etc.;
700	2 derricks and accessories: timbers, tackles, blocks, winch, etc.
<u>362,524</u>	

2. In case the Bureau is unable to purchase this material with the funds available for its use during the present fiscal year, the Department directs that the Chief of Bureau include in his estimates for the coming fiscal year an amount sufficient to insure the purchase of the above enumerated material.