

The Secret Negotiations Between Japan and the US Before Pearl Harbor



On December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack killed over 2,400 Americans and propelled the United States into World War II. In the years leading up to the attack, however, there were a number of secret negotiations between Japan and the US in an attempt to avoid war.

The negotiations began in 1940, when Japan began to expand its empire in the Pacific. The US, concerned about Japan's growing power, began to impose economic sanctions on Japan. In response, Japan began to look for ways to break the sanctions and secure its access to resources. The US, meanwhile, was trying to avoid war with Japan and was willing to negotiate a settlement to the conflict.



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negotiations between Japan and the US before Pearl Harbor are a reminder of the complex diplomatic efforts that were made to avoid war. However, these efforts ultimately failed, and the attack on Pearl Harbor remains one of the most tragic events in American history.

The Japanese Delegation



Photo # 80-G-332701 Gen. Umezu signs instrument of surrender, 2 Sept. 1945

The Japanese delegation to the Pearl Harbor negotiations was led by Saburo Kuruu, the Japanese ambassador to the US. Kuruu was a career diplomat who had served in a number of positions around the world. He

was known for his intelligence and his ability to negotiate. The other members of the Japanese delegation included:

- Takeshi Morimoto, the Japanese consul general in Honolulu
- Kichisaburo Nomura, the Japanese foreign minister
- Naokuni Nomura, the Japanese ambassador to Germany

The Japanese delegation arrived in Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1941. The delegation met with US Secretary of State Cordell Hull and other US officials over the next several weeks. The negotiations were conducted in secret, and the details of the talks have never been fully revealed.

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- Joseph Grew, the US ambassador to Japan
- Admiral Harold Stark, the Chief of Naval Operations
- General George Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff

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The US was concerned about Japan's growing power in the Pacific. Japan had already annexed Korea and Manchuria, and it was looking to expand its empire further. The US was also concerned about Japan's alliance with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. The US wanted to avoid war with Japan, but it was not willing to make any concessions that would compromise its security.

Japan was looking to break the US sanctions and secure its access to resources. Japan was also looking for a way to neutralize the US as a threat to its empire. Japan was willing to negotiate a settlement to the conflict, but it was not willing to make any concessions that would compromise its own security.

The negotiations were unsuccessful. The two sides were unable to reach an agreement on any of the key issues. Japan ultimately decided to attack Pearl Harbor in an attempt to break the US sanctions and secure its access to resources.

The Attack on Pearl Harbor



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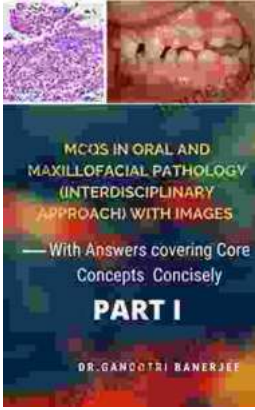
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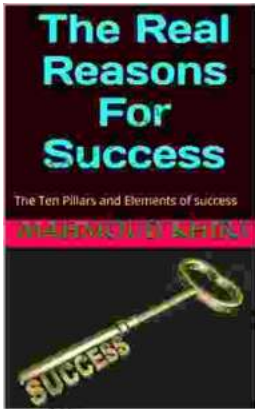
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