Memorandum für US-Präsident Franklin D. Roosevelt, vom 26. Febr. 1942, von Stabchef, General George C. Marshall bezüglich des Luftalarms und der feindlichen Flugobjekte über Los Angeles, Kalifornien. Das Memorandum, mit zwei SEKRET-Stempeln versehen, unterlag der 30-jährigen Geheimhaltung, Freigabestempel 3. Mai 1972. Kopie des Originals aus dem Militär-Archiv. (Von DIN-A-4 auf DIN-A-5 verkleinert.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following is the information we have from GHQ at this moment regarding the air alarm over Los Angeles of yesterday mornings

From details available at this hours

- Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles, and were fired on by elements of the 37th CA Brigade (AA) between 3:12 and 4:15 AM. These units expended 1430 rounds of amunition.
- "2. As many as fifteen sirplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 MPH and at elevations from 9000 to 18000 feet.
 - No bombs were dropped.
 - No casualties among our troops.
 - "5. No planes were shot down.
- "6. No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

"Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of antisircraft positions, and slowing production through blackout. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

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Chief, of Staff.

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