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**Subject:** MORE DANGEROUS SECTORS

Donald Goldstein,  
Skipper (copied) gave me your email address, which, hopefully,  
allows me to ask you questions that have long puzzled me.

In 1981 you wrote:

- “We agree with Forrestal ‘that [Kimmel’s] most grievous failure was his failure to conduct long-range air reconnaissance in the more dangerous sectors....
- “aircraft . . . should have been utilized on the basis of such carefully reasoned estimates as the Martin-Bellinger and Farthing reports...”
  - At Dawn We Slept, 1981, p.733.

In 1986 you sharpened your criticism of Kimmel in a chapter titled, *His [Kimmel’s] Most Grievous Failure*, as follows:

- “Carefully reasoned estimates, such as the Martin-Bellinger and Farthing reports, existed postulating that the most dangerous sectors were the north and northwest (Pearl Harbor The Verdict of History, 1986, p.441).”

In 1994 former Chief of Naval Operations Trost wrote to the Secretary of the Navy explaining that the preceding information was false—see Trost’s letter attached. I have also attached a copy of the Martin-Bellinger report.

My questions: Is your information false, and, much more importantly, if so, have you corrected it?

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Regards,  
Tom Kimmel