6-8-1 Defense Doc. 1500-L-5 oceedings of the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the earl Harbor Attack - Congress of the United States, Seventy-Ninth Jongress, First Session. Excerpt from testimony of Adm. Harold R. Stark Friday, January 4, 1946. Admiral STARK, I should say we were both making overt (6158) acts against each other. I was asked with regard to that by - I have forgotten which congressional committee, I was appearing before a. number of them regularly - and I stated and it will undoubtedly be in the record somewhere, that in my opinion it did not make much difference what we did; that Hitler had every reason, if he wanted to exercise it so far as international law was concerned, to go to war with us at any time but that he would choose his own time and it would be a cold-blooded decision with him as to when that time would be most effective. Mr. GEARHART. Now, an overt act against Germany in 1941 constituted an overt act against Jepen in law, did it not? Admiral STARK. No, sir; not in my opinion. We were not at war ith Japan. Japan was not at war with anybody except the Chinese. were endeavoring - that is, the President and Mr. Hull were, in opinion, and I was close to them - not to precipitate a war in the Pacific. Mr. GEARHART. Yes; but didn't it ever enter into your discussion: 's a member of the war council consisting of the President, the three ecretaries and the two Chiefs of Staff, didn't it ever enter into our discussions as to whether or not an overt act of a military nature against Germany might constitute or also constituted an overt act against the Japan- (6159) ese? Admiral STARK. I do not recall it. I had never thought of it until you just asked the question. Mr. GEARHART. Well, let me direct your attention to page 84 in Peace and War. I will read you a paragraph: On September 27, 1940 Germany, Italy and Japan signed a far reaching treaty of alliance. In that treaty it was provided that Japan recognized and respected the leadership of Germany and Italy in the establishment of a new order in Europe; that Germany and Italy recognized and respected the leadership of Japan in the establishment of a new order in Greater Asia; and that the three countries would assist one another with all political, economic and military means when one of the powers was attacked by a power not then involved in the European war or in the Chinese-Japanese conflict. Now, it would appear from that, would it not, that Japan became bligated to attack the United States under its agreement with rmany and Italy of September 27, 1940, upon the United States tacking Germany? Admiral STARK. Yes; I think that is correct, although I believe that the State Department might testify to the fact that Japan in the last analysis would make her own decision as to carrying out hat provision and she would or would not, (6160) according to hether or not it would be useful to her. Mr. GEARHART. Well, do you agree with this conclusion which is drawn by the writer of this book, evidently with the approval of the Secretary of State of that day: The last of these provisions obviously was aimed directly at the United States. - 1 -

Defense Doc. 1500-L-5 Admiral STARK. Yes; I think that may be correct, sir. I think that they had us in mind. Mr. GEARHART. Then it was the belief of the State Department, nd possibly of the War Council, that Germany, Italy, and Japan ad in mind belligerent action on the part of the United States the time they entered into that agreement? Admiral STARK. I think so, at least a possibility of it. I ight add that for a long period our diplomatic effort was to pry Tapan loose from that Axis set-up or Tri-Partite agreement. Mr. GEARHART. Well, you were familiar with the intercepts, in ne of which the Japanese in Washington, or rather, in Tokyo incormed Berlin of their steadfast adherence to the Tri-Partite agreements? Admiral STARK. Yes, sir. Mr. GEARHART. So far as anything that has ever been acquired along the line through any of the intercepts or through any of the discussions with the Japanese Ambassadors, no progress was made towards separating the Japanese from their Axis (6161) obligations. Admiral STARK. No, sir; we didn't get to first base on that. Mr. GEARHART. Yes. And the intercepts told you, all of the time that we were negotiating with them, that the Japanese were adhering strictly to their Axis obligations? Admiral STARK. I believed there was one intercept showing Germany's dissatisfaction with the fact that Japan was not doing more, at least one.

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