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Saturday, February 9, 1946

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Congress of the United States,
Joint Committee on the Investigation
of Pearl Harbor Attack,
Washington, D. C.

The Joint Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at
10:00 a.m., in the Caucus Room (room 318), Senate Office
Building, Senator Alben W. Barkley (chairman), presiding.

Present: Senators Barkley (chairman), George, Lucas,
Ferguson and Brewster.

Representatives Cooper (vice chairman), Clark, Murphy,
Gearhart and Keefe.

Also present: Seth W. Richardson, General Counsel;
Samuel H. Kaufman, Associate General Counsel, and John E.
Masten, of counsel, for the Joint Committee.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 The Chairman: The committee will come to order.

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3 Congressman Keefe will proceed.

4 TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN ALWIN DALTON KRAMER

5 (Resumed)

6 Mr. Keefe: Captain Kramer, yesterday afternoon just
7 before we recessed, you stated facts with reference to a
8 conversation which you had with Admiral Halsey at his head-
9 quarters in early 1944 in the South Pacific?

10 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: And just where were his headquarters at that
12 time?

13 Captain Kramer: In the center of the City of Noumea,
14 New Caledonia.

15 Mr. Keefe: And do you recall the date?

16 Captain Kramer: Not the exact date but within a few
17 days of the middle of May 1944.

18 Mr. Keefe: You further testified that at that time
19 he discussed with you a letter which he had received from
20 Admiral Kimmel?

21 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: And gave that letter to you so that you
23 could go over it with the possibility that you might prepare
24 an answer?

25 Captain Kramer: An affidavit, yes, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: You did not prepare a specific answer or
3 a specific affidavit in response to Admiral Kimmel's request
4 made to Admiral Halsey?

5 Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: But you stated that you did prepare a
7 memoranda in answer to the questions that had been asked of
8 you by Captain Safford in his letter of December 28, 1943?

9 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: And you felt that the answers to the questions
11 propounded to you by Captain Safford would likewise be answers
12 to the questions asked by Admiral Kimmel in his letter to
13 Admiral Halsey?

14 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: After preparing that memoranda you showed it
16 to Admiral Halsey?

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: Then you retained it with the intention of
19 preserving it for some future reference in the event you
20 were killed or lost your life in the Pacific and wouldn't
21 be available as a witness at some future time?

22 Captain Kramer: That was my purpose, yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: And the memoranda which you gave to me
24 yesterday is that original memoranda?

25 Captain Kramer: It is, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: I believe you further testified that when
2 you were called to testify before the Naval Court of Inquiry
3 at Pearl Harbor you had this memorandum with you at that
4 time?

5 Captain Kramer: I had it with my papers, but not at
6 that hearing.

7 Mr. Keefe: So am I to understand that prior to your
8 testimony before the Naval Court at Pearl Harbor you had given
9 considerable thought to all of the questions propounded to
10 you by Captain Safford in his letter of December 28, 1943?

11 Captain Kramer: At the time I prepared that memorandum,
12 yes, sir, but not subsequent to that. My only thought and
13 consideration on that subject was the handling and disposition
14 of that memorandum I had prepared.

15 Mr. Keefe: Yes. Well, I understood you to say yesterday
16 that from the time you prepared it, and I assume put it in
17 a file or envelope, you never looked at it?

18 Captain Kramer: That is correct.

19 Mr. Keefe: From that time until the present moment?

20 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: You never read it before you testified at
22 Pearl Harbor?

23 Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: Nor at any subsequent time?
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Kramer: That is correct.

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Mr. Keefe: And have never discussed it with anybody else?

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Captain Kramer: Until the commencement of this hearing,
no, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: And then you exhibited it to whom?

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Captain Kramer: Lieutenant Commander Baecher, Liaison
Officer, with this committee's counsel, was shown it, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: How did you come to show it to them?

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Captain Kramer: I felt that there was at least a likeli-
hood that I might be questioned by this committee concerning
the letters of Captain Safford and all aspects surrounding
them because of the fact that I had made reference to those
letters in testifying before Admiral Hewitt.

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Mr. Keefe: And you thought that in case somebody happened
to accidentally ask you about it you would be prepared with
the memorandum?

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Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You didn't volunteer the fact that you had
prepared such a memorandum when you testified before the
Naval Court at Pearl Harbor, did you?

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Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And you didn't volunteer that information
when you testified before the Hewitt Investigation, did you?

Captain Kramer: I did not, sir. I saw no point in

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 introducing Admiral Halsey's or Admiral Kimmel's name into
3 my testimony.

4 Mr. Keefe: You were given an opportunity to tell any
5 facts that you had in your possession, though, were you not?

6 Captain Kramer: I was, sir. However, I further felt
7 and was thoroughly convinced that all that could be elicited
8 from the showing of my memorandum was my understanding of
9 the facts at the time I prepared that memorandum. I am
10 still of that conviction, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, after reading it I am inclined to
12 agree with you.

13 Captain Kramer: Thank you, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: I never saw it until yesterday. I am frank
15 to say to the committee after studying it last night I
16 think that a lot of undue importance has been attached to it.

17 Now, I want to go through this with you because of the
18 fact that it appears to be necessary.

19 In preparing this memorandum you took the questions
20 serially that Commander Safford had asked you in his two
21 letters which are before the committee and in evidence?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: The questions are numbered from 1 to 43,
24 inclusive?

25 Captain Kramer: I believe they run to 47. However,

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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the last several I did not answer in that memorandum since they appeared redundant and covered previously in the memorandum.

Mr. Keefe: Yes, I think you are right about that.

So that the members of the committee can follow your memorandum they can observe the questions which were asked in the letter --

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, just for the convenience of the other members, I wonder if counsel has prepared copies for the members of the committee?

Mr. Keefe: Well, let me finish my statement so that it won't be a blank.

Will you read it?

(Record read)

Mr. Keefe: (Continuing) -- of Captain Safford dated December 22, 1943.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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The Vice Chairman: Do you yield there, Mr. Keefe?

Mr. Keefe: Yes.

The Vice Chairman: There were certain photostatic copies.

Mr. Kaufman: Copies of the Safford letter.

The Vice Chairman: Of the Safford letter distributed to the committee.

Mr. Kaufman: That is correct.

The Vice Chairman: But I had understood there was going to be a mimeographed copy prepared with the questions in them instead of these code numbers that were set up. Am I in error about that?

Mr. Masten: That was read into the transcript.

Mr. Richardson: That was done the other day in connection with the examination of Captain Safford, simply covered his letter and that has already been offered, it has been here and copies have been given to committee members.

Mr. Keefe: I think you will get this quite clearly as we go along.

The Vice Chairman: All right.

The Chairman: The chair would like to observe that if this memorandum is to be the basis of inquiry that it would be a little more convenient for members of the committee to have copies of it, but I do not want to interfere, I do not want to interrupt your examination, but it would be a little more

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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The Vice Chairman: Is it your intention to read the memorandum?

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Mr. Keefe: Yes, question by question, so that there will be no question about it.

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The Chairman: You mean that you are going to read the question?

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Mr. Keefe: And his answer.

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The Chairman: And his answer, so that it will be in the transcript?

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Mr. Keefe: That is right.

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The Chairman: All right.

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Mr. Keefe: That is what I understood we agreed upon yesterday.

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The Chairman: All right.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, this memorandum, the first question. You have indicated 1510 as "First indications of arrival."

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That is at the top of your memorandum.

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: What does that have reference to?

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Captain Kramer: That has reference to the first indications of arrival of the Japanese fourteen part note.

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Mr. Keefe: That is at what time?

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Captain Kramer: That is 3 P.M., -- 3:10 P.M.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: And then the next entry is:

3 "2100 Completed. Left after phoning to locate Ad-
4 miral Beardall, Admiral Turner, Colonel Bratton of
5 M.I.D., Admiral Wilkinson, etc."

6 What does that mean?

7 Captain Kramer: That 2100 is 9 P.M. That refers to the
8 time of completion in my section of the first thirteen parts
9 of the fourteen part note.

10 Mr. Keefe: Now, the first question:

11 "No. 1: What time did you see Mr. Roosevelt that
12 evening and show him the papers?"

13 "A. Did not, personally, but left with one of
14 Admiral Beardall's assistants in the situation room on
15 Pennsylvania Avenue with positive instructions re-urgency
16 (to be delivered at once). He was entertaining at the
17 time, but I learned later in the evening he had seen it."
18 When did you learn that Mr. Roosevelt had seen those first
19 thirteen parts of the fourteen part message the evening of
20 the 6th of December?

21 Captain Kramer: I cannot be precise on that, Mr. Keefe.
22 It is my distinct impression, however, that I was told that by
23 somebody. Whether Admiral Beardall that night late at Ad-
24 miral Wilkinson's home or the next morning or the following day
25 some time, I do not now recall.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: Well, you think it may have been that Admiral
3 Beardall may have communicated with the White House after you
4 delivered the papers to Wilkinson's home?

5 Captain Kramer: I think he may. I do not know on that
6 point, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: And you think that he may have told you that
8 night while you were still at Wilkinson's home making delivery
9 to him, that Beardall had telephoned the White House to find
10 out if the President had seen the message and you think he may
11 have advised you then that the President had seen the message
12 that night?

13 Captain Kramer: That is quite possible, sir. I think,
14 however --

15 Mr. Keefe: Now, I don't want to indulge, so far as I am
16 concerned, Captain Kramer, in the realm of possibilities and
17 speculation. Now, if you know that the President actually saw
18 that message that night or if you learned from anybody who had
19 reliable information and can testify to it, I would like to
20 have you do so, but if you do not know, please don't indulge,
21 so far as my examination is concerned, in the realm of specula-
22 tion. That does not help anybody to determine the issues in
23 this case.

24 Captain Kramer: In the light of your remark, sir, my
25 answer must be I do not know.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: Very well. Question 2:

"Was Mr. Hull there or was he called in, or did you see him first and go over to Mr. Roosevelt with him?"

"A. No, on all counts. Army was taking care of that and I know only that he knew of it by 2230 (see item 9) and possibly had seen it care of Colonel Bra tton by then." That is your testimony today, isn't it?

Captain Kramer: That I think is in effect my testimony today, yes, sir, my understanding now.

Mr. Keefe: Number 3:

"What time did you see Admiral Stark that evening and show him the papers?"

"A. Did not. (See items 4 and 5)."

That is your testimony today, that you did not see Admiral Stark.

Captain Kramer: That is my understanding now, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Number 4:

"If answer to 3 is negative, how and when was Admiral Stark first informed?"

"A. Believe Item 5 phoned that eve (see next). Possibly Admiral Turner did too. I know he saw it as soon as he reached office next A.M. (about 0900)."

Now, do you have any knowledge as to whether Admiral Wilkinson phoned Admiral Stark that night?

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Kramer: No positive knowledge, no, sir; simply the impression I had with me at Admiral Wilkinson's home that he left the room on one or two occasions, as I did, and that Admiral Wilkinson may well have phoned either Stark or Turner or both during that time. I do not know that he did, sir.

Mr. Keefe: You did not actually see him or hear him?

Captain Kramer: And I was not told that he did or did not.

Mr. Keefe: But you have this fact in mind, have you not, Captain Kramer, that Sunday was not usually a day for the big boys in the Navy to assemble at their offices?

Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And when you got down to your office in the Navy Department the next morning, Sunday, there were twelve or fifteen of them assembled, were there not?

Captain Kramer: There were many there, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Including Wilkinson and Turner and Stark and all of them in the higher echelon?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: Mr. Keefe, will you yield?

Mr. Keefe: Just one second.

I understand that it is your impression that the arrangements for that meeting which brought all these people together Sunday morning at Admiral Stark's office must have

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 been made the night before?

3 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: And that is the reason why you concluded that
5 Admiral Wilkinson must have telephoned Admiral Stark that
6 night?

7 Captain Kramer: That, I believe, is one of the reasons,
8 yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: Now I will yield.

10 The Vice Chairman: I may be mistaken, I just wanted to
11 be clear. Did your previous question state that "At the time
12 you arrived at your office the next day they were there?"

13 Mr. Keefe: Yes -- no, no, at nine o'clock.

14 Captain Kramer: That was my question when I prepared
15 that memorandum, yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: That is when you got to Admiral Stark's of-
17 fice.

18 Captain Kramer: As to the time, approximate time that
19 Admiral Stark arrived at the Navy Department, yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: You got to your office, as I understood it,
21 about 7:30 in the morning?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: They were not there at that time?

24 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: Now, then the next question, number 5:

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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"How and when was Admiral Wilkinson first informed?"

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"A. At 2105 by phone to his home where he was entertaining Admiral Beardall and others, told him what I planned to do. His chief concern was getting it to the President and Mr. Hull, which are covered above. Arrived at his home at 2320 where he, and Admiral Beardall also, saw it and were informed re-others, particularly the White House. I don't recall whether Admiral Beardall then phoned to the White House to check delivery or not. Believe at this time Admiral Wilkinson phoned Admiral Stark."

No. 6: Linn remembers that you stayed till after 1 A.M. What time did you leave the Navy Building and go home?

"A. Left Admiral Wilkinson's place about 0030" -- What time would that be?

Captain Kramer: That would be one-half hour after midnight, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Yes. (Continuing)

"-- stopped by, then proceeded" -- "stopped by the Navy Department to drop papers and check on anything new, then proceeded home."

That is as you have testified here before this inquiry?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: Number 7:

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"What time did you get down to the Navy Building the next morning? (Brotherhood said it was sometime after 0700.

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"A. About 0730."

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That is correct, is it?

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Captain Kramer: That is correct, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: That was your memory then and that is your memory today?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: So that your recollection when you were out in the South Pacific in your answers to question number 7 and question number 6, question number 5 and question number 4 is all exactly, ppractically, as you have testified here before this committee?

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Captain Kramer: With very few minor discrepancies I believe it is, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Question Number 8:

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"What time did you see Mr. Roosevelt that morning and show him the new papers?

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"Did not personally, but left first batch about 0945, second about 1100 at the White House care of Admiral Beardall."

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That is as you have testified here.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Question 9:

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"Was Mr. Hull there or was he called in?"

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"A. No; at his office. Mr. Knox (first one) was shown it at his home about 2200 previous night and he made a number of phone calls including Mr. Hull. Meeting was then arranged for Mr. Hull, Mr. Knox, Mr. Stimson and others at Mr. Hull's office at 10:00 A.M. where I was instructed to be with it and anything else.

Meeting held at 1000" --

Well, he has got it at one thousand as scheduled.

Captain Kramer: That is 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Keefe: I understand; it is one thousand. That is a thousand, as I remember it, not being a Navy man. I will read it again.

The Vice Chairman: It would help us to get the time so that we understand it on all dates.

Mr. Keefe: Well, I think I had better because I am all mixed up on all these things, so I will try to get it straight. (Reading)

"Meeting at 1000." That is 10 o'clock?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

"And new items (1st batch) delivered together with

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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old. Colonel Bratton was on hand there too for Mr.

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Stimson."

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Now, that is substantially as you have testified before

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this committee?

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Captain Kramer: It is essentially the same I believe,

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sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Yes. Question Number 10:

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"My check shows you had Part 14 plus another paper setting the conference at 1 P.M. Do you recall taking any other papers with you, and can you give me a hint as to their contents?"

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"A. (a) I don't recall precisely how our friend's numbers ran in the hundreds (or thousands) but in units from about 02 to 09 or 10."

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What does that mean?

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Captain Kramer: That refers to the Tokyo serial numbers, which not only refreshment indicates -- in fact, exhibit 1 indicates run from 901 to 910. 902 is the Japanese note, 901 is the so-called pilot message, 906 or 7 I think is the one P.M. message.

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Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

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"(b) The first few of these messages, not including the one setting the conference for 1300" -- That would be one o'clock, would it?"

1 Captain Kramer: About one P.M., yes, sir.

2 Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

3 "-- were on hand by 0900."

4 That is nine o'clock, isn't it?

5 Captain Kramer: Nine o'clock in the morning, yes, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

7 "And were completed and being delivered at 9:45
8 (to the White House) and at 10 o'clock to the State De-
9 partment (See Items 9 above) Admiral Stark, Wilkinson,
10 Turner and others got them about 9:30 at a meeting held
11 in Admiral Stark's office.

12 "(c) On returning about 10:20 from Mr. Hull's of-
13 fice the remainder of #02-10 were arriving, including
14 the one setting the one o'clock meeting time and the
15 'Weather Report'. These were delivered to all hands,
16 including Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson at Mr. Hull's office
17 with my comments to Mr. Knox on how the hour tied with
18 the sun, and moves in progress, elsewhere."

19 That is substantially as you have testified before this
20 committee?

21 Captain Kramer: I believe it is, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: You follow it very closely.

23 Captain Kramer: There are some discrepancies in that
24 memorandum from --

25 Mr. Keefe: Well, what is the discrepancy?

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Kramer: Well, my impression at that time was that certain ones of that batch from 902 to 910 had arrived before my ten o'clock appointment with Mr. Knox. In the light of my study the other night in compliance with Senator Ferguson's request I find my memory was faulty in that respect, that none of those additional ones were seen by me or arrived in my office until after my return from that ten o'clock appointment.

Mr. Keefe: Now, when you say "none of them" you are referring, among others, to the so-called pilot message, are you not?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, that is one of them.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, if we might digress a while while we are on that question right now for just a moment, that is one of the things that I have difficulty in understanding and I know that other members of the committee are in a similar quandary.

The pilot message, which is found in exhibit 1, page 238, Number 901, according to exhibit 41 was filed by the Japanese at 8:56 P.M. 6 December Tokyo time (A & N; that is 6:56 A.M. December 6th, Washington time.

The exhibit further shows that this was intercepted in Japanese code by Navy Station "S" -- that is Bainbridge Island, Washington -- at 12:15 to 12:20 GMT -- Greenwich

1 Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Meridian Time.

3 Captain Kramer: Greenwich Meridian Time, yes, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: December 6th - Navy, with the parentheses
5 around "S".

6 7:15 to 7:20 A.M. 6 December Washington time.

7 In other words, this was intercepted between 7:15 and
8 7:20 A.M., December 6th, Washington time. It was teletyped
9 in Japanese code to the Navy; no showing when it was received.

10 Now, then, we have this picture, that here is this
11 pilot message, which is one of the important messages in this
12 chain of messages, received by the Bainbridge Island inter-
13 cepting station between 7:15 A.M. and 7:20 A.M. on Saturday
14 morning, December 6th, 1941. Now, that would come into the
15 Navy Department, wouldn't it?

16 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 And it would be taken off the teletype almost instan-
2 taneously, the teletype tape from Bainbridge, would it
3 not?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: This Exhibit shows that it was teletyped
6 in Japanese code to the Navy. Why did not you get that
7 message that morning early?

8 Captain Kramer: 6 December was a day of Army cogni-
9 zance of Japanese ciphers. It would, therefore have
10 been automatically under the existing arrangements, have
11 been sent to the Army Signal Intelligence Section by our
12 GY watch officers receiving that.

13 Mr. Keefe: Then, if I understand it, if it came in
14 about 7:20 a.m. on December 6, it would be immediately
15 taken off the teletype by the watch officer and transferred
16 over to the Army Signal Intelligence Section?

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, not necessarily immediately.

18 Those tricks, however were quite frequent; they aver-
19 aged about two hours apart, and sometimes oftener.

20 Mr. Keefe: Now, Captain Kramer, here was a pilot
21 message, which indicated the reply was to be made to the
22 Hull note. You were all alerted to watch for that reply,
23 were you not?

24 Captain Kramer: We had been looking for it for some
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1 days, yes, sir.

2 Mr. Keefe: Would the watch officer, when this mes-
3 sage came in on the teletype, have any way of knowing what
4 its contents were?

5 Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: He would have to rely upon the translators
7 over in the Army? First the decoders, I suppose.

8 Captain Kramer: Decoders, and then the subject, of
9 course, would not be known until final translation.

10 Mr. Keefe: Have you any explanation as to why it took
11 from 7:20 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. on Saturday, December 6,
12 to get that message over to the Army Signal Intelligence
13 Service from the Navy?

14 Captain Kramer: I have no first hand knowledge on the
15 time schedules of handling those things, so I cannot
16 testify on that point, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: Well now, this exhibit indicates that this
18 message was received at 12:05 p.m. by the Army Signal
19 Intelligence Service. How long would it take, from your
20 examination and knowledge of that message, to decode it
21 and translate it, normally?

22 Captain Kramer: I cannot testify except from general
23 understanding how long it might take to decode it.

24 It might be, for example, that the cipher key for that
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day was not yet recovered in which case it might have taken a week or more to recover. It might further be --

Mr. Keefe (interposing): Pardon me just a moment. There is no need to talk about "it might take a week or more," because we know it was decoded that same day.

Captain Kramer: It might be, in a more specific answer to your question, Mr. Keefe, that a cipher key had been recovered which was in error for two or three letters, giving a quite garbled text, in which case it might require considerable reworking before a fairly smooth text were deciphered.

Mr. Keefe: In any event, so far as you know, you did not get it in your section from the Army until the next morning, Sunday, December 7?

Captain Kramer: That is my present belief, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Sometime between 9 and 10:30 that morning?

Captain Kramer: That is my present belief, from a study of the other night, sir.

Mr. Keefe: All right.

Now, Question No. 11:

"Were Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson called in that morning, or were they notified in any way?"

"Answer. Yes. See 9 and 10 above."

Question 12: "How long did you stay with Mr. Roosevelt?"

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Answer: "Did not. See 8 above."

That is as you have testified here?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Question 13: "When did you see Admiral Stark that morning?"

Answer: "About 0900 at his office with others, and left night before matters. First batch of new given" --

Well, I don't know whether this punctuation is right. I will start all over again. It appears I read it improperly.

Captain Kramer: I did not edit that thing after the first typing, sir. There might be typographical errors in it, and very likely there are.

Mr. Keefe: The answer to No. 13 is:

"About 0900 at his office with others, and left night before matters."

Captain Kramer: That means the material disseminated the evening before, Saturday evening.

Mr. Keefe: I see. It means you left with him that material which you had received the night before?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. I find now, however, that my recollection on that point is incorrect, that it was first shown to Admiral Stark the next morning by Captain McCollum.

Mr. Keefe: Well, what am I to understand the fact is?

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1 This memorandum says, "When did you see Admiral
2 Stark that morning?" The answer is "About 0900 at his
3 office with others, and left night before matters."

4 Captain Kramer: Actually I did not go to Admiral
5 Stark's office until about 9:30, sir, when I was starting
6 on my way to the State Department.

7 Mr. Keefe: Now you push the matter up from 9 o'clock
8 to 9:30.

9 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: You have been refreshed on that since you
11 got to studying this on your arrival at Washington? Is
12 that right?

13 Captain Kramer: Chiefly the other night, and since
14 my arrival in Washington, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: What do you mean by "chiefly the other
16 night"?

17 Captain Kramer: As to the time when the messages were
18 delivered, the study I made the other night for Senator
19 Ferguson.

20 Mr. Keefe: That would not help you any on the matter
21 of time, would it?

22 Captain Kramer: No, sir, I am still a little hazy
23 on precise times. In fact, during our luncheon conversa-
24 tion at Admiral Stark's home in Spring Valley, we were
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still unclear as to exact times. The chief point cleared up was the fact it was Captain McCollum and not Commander Wellborn whom I had seen that morning in Stark's office.

Mr. Keefe: Am I to understand that at this luncheon at Admiral Stark's home you were trying to figure out, and figure accurately, as to what time you did see Admiral Stark and what time you did deliver the papers to him?

Captain Kramer: That was not the purpose, sir. It was in the course of a general conversation that one or two of those points came up, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, Captain Kramer, I have not asked you as to whether that was the purpose of the luncheon or not. You volunteered the statement here, in addition to what you said yesterday to Senator Ferguson about that meeting, that this question was discussed as to the exact time that you delivered papers to Admiral Stark.

Now, either it was or was not. I was not there.

I will ask you the direct question:

At this luncheon meeting with Admiral Stark, was the question discussed as to the time at which you delivered the papers to him that morning of December 7, 1941?

Captain Kramer: Points regarding the --

Mr. Keefe (interposing): You can answer that "yes" or "no," can't you?

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Captain Kramer: I cannot answer a categorical "yes" on that point, in the light of your precise wording of your question, Mr. Keefe. No effort was made to determine exact times. In the course of a general conversation, the times of arrival of Admiral Stark and Captain McCollum, came up in our discussion. In that respect my answer would be "yes," otherwise, in answer to your question, the answer is "no," if you mean that we were trying to determine precise times.

Mr. Keefe: Well, all right.

When you prepared this memorandum out in the solitude of the South Pacific, when you were alone by yourself, preparing a sort of a message that was to be used in the event of your death, to state facts so you would leave a clear record as to events, you set down that you saw Admiral Stark at 9 o'clock at his office with others, and left with him then these papers.

Captain Kramer: That was my recollection then, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, then since you got to talking it over with people after your arrival here at Washington, your memory became refreshed as to the events, and you now say you think it was about 9:30, is that right?

Captain Kramer: That is right, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: All right.

Did Admiral Stark tell you that he thought you were mistaken in saying it was 9 o'clock, that it was nearer 9:30?

Captain Kramer: He did not, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did anyone else tell you that?

Captain Kramer: No, sir. That was purely my own presumption and deduction from the fact that I have a recollection, still rather hazy, that I did stop at Admiral Stark's office on my way to my appointment in the State Department.

Mr. Keefe: Well, did you leave any papers at Admiral Stark's office that morning?

Captain Kramer: I apparently did not, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did not you take any papers to Admiral Stark's office that morning?

Captain Kramer: I did, definitely, that I recall, after my return from Mr. Hull's office at approximately 10:30. That time I am quite precise on.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, I am getting more confused than ever by your answer. You tried to see Stark the night before, on the 6th, to deliver this 13-parts message to him along with others, did you not?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You could not find him home?

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Then you went on and made your deliveries to others, as you testified, and you think Wilkinson called Stark that night, and made an appointment to get all the crowd together the next morning. You so stated?

Captain Kramer: Yes.

Mr. Keefe: Now you had the pouch that Stark did not get, and took it back to the Navy Department that Saturday night?

Captain Kramer: Yes.

Mr. Keefe: Did not you deliver that pouch to him in the morning, so Stark would have the same papers you delivered to these other people?

Captain Kramer: I left several pouches with Captain McCollum early that morning, sir. It could well be that my stopping about 9:30 at Admiral Stark's office was to see and find out for myself whether Admiral Stark had yet seen it.

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1 Mr. Keefe: Now, then, I will read on with your answer:

2 "First batch of new given about 0940, second about 1045
3 (all this was not personal but via his senior aide because
4 of meeting in progress. They were passed in to him promptly
5 however.)"

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7 Now you say that the first batch of the new stuff that
8 came in was given to him at 9:40, and the second batch at
9 10:45, and that was delivered to his senior aide.

10 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Then you must have made three deliveries.

12 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

13 Mr. Keefe: Do I understand this --

14 Captain Kramer: (Interposing) My present recollection
15 is that I am somewhat faulty on precise times in that
16 memorandum. That 940 I now modify to the 9:30 stopping at
17 Admiral Stark's office I have just referred to.

18 Mr. Keefe: Then am I to understand that you not only
19 left the material that was in the pouch on the night before,
20 but you also left the first batch of the material that came
21 in on the morning of the 7th at 9:30, is that it?

22 Captain Kramer: The first batch, Mr. Keefe, now appears
23 to be only the 14th part of that 13-part note. That was
24 apparently the only new material, in the light of my study
25 the other night, that was left on the first trip.

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1 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, am I to understand that you left
2 the pouch with the 14th part message in it alone?

3 Captain Kramer: No, sir, that together with the other
4 material disseminated the previous night which Admiral Stark
5 had not yet seen.

6 Mr. Keefe: Now why can't we get some simple little
7 fact clear? Am I correct in the assumption that whatever
8 you did deliver, whether it was 9:30, 9:40 or at any other
9 time, the first delivery you made on the morning of the 7th,
10 according to your present refreshed testimony, included the
11 14th part, together with the first 13 parts.

12 Now did it or didn't it?

13 Captain Kramer: It did, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: All right. It is easy to say a simple
15 little thing like that if you will only listen to the question.

16 Mr. Murphy: Will the gentleman yield? I think I can
17 clear the confusion by showing you this part of the record.

18 Mr. Keefe: I do not think there is any confusion right
19 now. I think we have got it clear.

20 Now question number 14:

21 "With reference to a certain conference held that
22 morning, do you know who attended it and how long it lasted?"

23 Answer: "There were two I know of, and I believe another
24 c/o Colonel Bratton. The one in Mr. Hull's office was at
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1 least one and one-half hours. Another started about 9:00
2 o'clock with Op-10, Admiral Stark, 11 Admiral Ingersoll,
3 12 Admiral Turner, 16 Admiral Wilkinson, 20 Admiral Noyes,
4 and others there, lasting to 1130 that I know of, and probably
5 later."

6 Is that correct?

7 Captain Kramer: It now develops, Mr. Keefe, that there
8 was no formal conference, but many officers were in Admiral
9 Stark's office, and going and coming from his office. My
10 impression, at the time I prepared that memorandum and at
11 the time that Sunday morning, was there was a conference.
12 It was in a similar manner that the normal 11:00 o'clock
13 conference was held more or less daily in Admiral Stark's
14 office, similarly assembled. That was the reason for my
15 impression that there was a formal conference of that nature.
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17 However, it was no formal conference but a continuing
18 discussion that Sunday morning.

19 Mr. Keefe: All right. Question number 15:

20 "Did you ever tell Admiral Wilkinson what you told me?"

21 Your answer appears to be to 15 and 16;

22 "Reference obscure. Would you clarify? If re-general
23 security (i.e. lack) late in spring, yes."

24 What does that refer to?

25 Captain Kramer: That is rather cryptic, I will admit,

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1 Mr. Keefe. By "spring" I refer to the spring of 1942,
2 regarding a number of security questions that came up at that
3 time. Otherwise I was unaware of what Captain Safford was
4 referring to.

5 Mr. Keefe: Well, he says, "Did you ever tell Admiral
6 Wilkinson what you told me?" What was it that you told him?

7 Captain Kramer: I still do not know what he means by
8 that remark, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: Then you say, "If re-general security (i.e.
10 lack) late in spring, yes."

11 What did you mean by that?

12 Captain Kramer: I thought I covered that point just
13 now, sir. I referred to a security episode that came up late
14 in the spring of 1942.

15 Mr. Keefe: Question No. 17:

16 "When did Admiral Wilkinson first see or learn about
17 part 14 and other papers?"

18 Your answer is:

19 "See items 13 and 14 above."

20 There is no question about that, is there?

21 Captain Kramer: I do not think so, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: Your memorandum then is exactly the same
23 as you testified?

24 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: Question No. 18:

2 "We can't find the original 'weather report' (sent on
3 Dec. 5th) and its translation. What became of it?"

4 Answer: "The first weather report was not on 5 December,
5 1941, but mid-morning of 7 December 1941, as indicated in
6 10-c above. It went into Op-20-GZ file. Op-20-GL should
7 have it now unless it was among files turned over to Army."

8 Now there you are referring to the so-called weather
9 report that came in on the 7th?

10 Captain Kramer: Which I learned only before Admiral
11 Hewitt's Investigation I was mistaken in, and actually that
12 was the hidden word message.

13 Mr. Keefe: It was the hidden word message instead of
14 the weather report?

15 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Question No. 19:

17 "Can you offer any pertinent remarks?"

18 Your answer: "For the most part covered above, until
19 item 15 (16) is clarified."

20 Then your memorandum goes on and sets forth the first
21 four paragraphs of Captain Safford's letter to you under
22 date of January 22, 1944, which is already in the record, and
23 I shall not burden the record by reading it.

24 Then you put down his questions:
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2 "Please answer the following questions by item No."

3 Item 20: "Re your item #2, is Colonel B. Colonel Bratton?"

4 Answer: "Yes."

5 Item No. 21: "What or whose job in the Navy did Colonel
6 Bratton's job correspond to?"

7 Answer: "McCollum's (head of FE Section), and mine
8 in-so-far as dissemination of this material is concerned."

9 No question about that?

10 Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Item 22:

12 "Do you know what Army officers were notified or shown
13 the papers by Colonel Bratton, and when?"

14 Answer: "Other than as indicated in 2, 9 and 14 I do
15 not know, but since the Colonel was, on frequent occasions
16 of which I am aware, always prompt and conscientious in
17 handling this type of material I assume that all usual
18 recipients in the War Department were getting everything
19 promptly on 6-7 December, 1941. This assumption is further
20 substantiated the morning of the 7th by the fact that he
21 arrived at Mr. Hull's office about the same time I did on
22 both trips, despite the fact I had a few minutes start each
23 time while delivery was being made to him from my office.
24 He, as you know, was responsible for getting it to State,
25 as well as to Mr. Stimson. I believe his usual practice was

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2 to get it to the Chief of Staff and DMI prior to delivery
3 to Mr. Hull."

4 No question about that, is there?

5 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: "In amplification of my question 15-16 'Did
7 you ever tell Admiral Wilkinson what you told me? Or
8 McCollum or anyone else?' I recall your telling me that
9 you saw Admiral Stark about 0900 (EST) on 7 December 1941.

10 "He looked at the papers and exclaimed, 'My God! This
11 means war!'

12 "You said, 'Admiral, it has meant war for the past three
13 months.'

14 "Admiral Stark continued, 'I must get word to Admiral
15 Kimmel', and picked up a message blank.

16 "Then another idea entered his mind, and he said 'Does
17 General Marshall know of this?'

18 "You replied, 'Most of it was sent over to his office
19 last night. This last part (Part 14) was sent over 10
20 minutes ago and should be on the General's desk by now.'

21 "(End of your tale)."

22 Now this was what amplified Captain Safford's previous
23 question, which you asked him to amplify in your reply to
24 his first letter?

25 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, that is correct, sir.

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2 Mr. Keefe: And he is attempting to tell you what you
3 told him in amplification and asks you to verify it?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: Item 23:

6 "Can you verify or correct the foregoing?"

(8) 7 Answer: "Cannot verify. (See Item 13). I may have
8 made the last remark, because quite often during the previous
9 year, not only he, but others would ask similar questions
10 regarding who had it. I therefore frequently answered such
11 questions or volunteered such information at the time of
12 delivery, and may have as indicated in this case."

13 Now this question and the answer thus far contemplate
14 that you had had a conversation at some time with Captain
15 Safford and had told him that you had delivered these papers,
16 or these messages, to Admiral Stark at about 9:00 o'clock,
17 and that when he looked at it he said, "My God! This means
18 war!" and you said, "Admiral, it has meant war for the
19 past three months." Admiral Stark then said, "I must get
20 word to Admiral Kimmel", and picked up a message blank.

21 Now I understand you to say in your memorandum that
22 you cannot verify that as having taken place, except possibly
23 the last sentence.

24 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: Yes, sir. "Most of it was sent over to

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2 his office last night. This last part (Part 14) was sent
3 over 10 minutes ago and should be on the General's desk by
4 now."

5 What were you referring to there?

6 Captain Kramer: I was referring in the answer set
7 forth there only to the general character of conversations
8 regarding delivery, which I frequently made and talked about
9 in my answer there.

10 Mr. Keefe: You say in your memorandum, "I may have
11 made the last remark, because quite often during the previous
12 year, not only he, but others would ask similar questions
13 regarding who had it."

14 Now what I want to know is, had you at any time told
15 Captain Safford those facts that he set forth to refresh
16 your recollection?

17 Captain Kramer: I am extremely doubtful of that, sir.
18 I had probably three or four conversations, between the
19 time of Pearl Harbor and the time of my departure in the
20 late spring of 1943, with Captain Safford. During those
21 conversations I may have referred, at one time or another,
22 probably in the days just following Pearl Harbor, to what
23 deliveries I had made that morning. I kept him in general
24 apprised of important items in this traffic. I cannot,
25 however, verify that conversation which Captain Safford puts

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in mine and Admiral Stark's mouths.

Mr. Keefe: You do not deny it, do you, that you told that to Captain Safford?

Captain Kramer: I have no recollection whatsoever of having told Captain Safford of such a conversation.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Captain Kramer, it would be perfectly the most natural thing in the world for an officer like Admiral Stark to say, "My God! This means war!" when he got these messages, wouldn't it?

Captain Kramer: In that respect, sir, Admiral Stark, that I recall on three or four occasions, used rather emphatic expressions of that nature.

Mr. Keefe: It would not be unlike Admiral Stark to make a statement of that kind, would it?

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

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1 Mr. Keefe: Then as I understand your testimony with
2 respect to this particular situation, it boils down to this,
3 that you just do not verify it. It may have occurred,
4 you do not deny it categorically, but you do not have
5 any present recollection that you told Captain Safford
6 that?

7 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: But when you were recording your last
9 declaration, that was to be used in the event of your
10 death in the Pacific setting forth the facts, you did say
11 you may have made the last remark, and I want to quote
12 that, when he asked the question "Does General Marshall
13 know of this?" your reply was, "Most of it was sent over
14 to his office last night. This last part (part 14) was
15 sent over ten minutes ago, and should be on the General's
16 desk by now."

17 Captain Kramer: By stating I might have made the
18 last remark, I was referring purely and simply, Mr. Keefe,
19 to the fact that assuming I saw Admiral Stark at 9 or
20 9:30 that morning, I may have informed him of who had al-
21 ready received that material.

22 It was nothing more or less, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: All right.

24 Now, I go on with your further answer:
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"My recollections and most vivid impressions of that morning almost 2-1/2 years ago are of urgency and perspiration. The latter from dashing through the corridors of the Navy Department and two trips to the White House and State Department on foot (partly on the double), and the former from the certainty that the diplomatic haymakers exchanged since five November, 1941, and particularly since about the 26th, were reaching a climax. The immediate urgency for me was to get back to my office as quickly as possible to see if anything new had come in, and then get it pushed through the breakdown, translation, check for references, typing, arrangement of the 14 copies in folders for dissemination, phoning to see where recipients were, and then to dash out with it again.

"Hence, my usual procedure of preparing summaries of the day's traffic and of references, as well as sitting alongside the desk of recipients while they read only the summaries if pressed for time, or the full text of the more important material to which I invited their attention, and so I could clarify obscure connotations, identify names, give background, or outline references, was entirely foregone that morning.

"There was no need for any of it because the items were for the most part self-explanatory, and the background, so

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1 far as this particular set of traffic was concerned,
2 was well-known to all recipients, especially because the
3 volume of new material during the preceding ten days had
4 been small (though important) and had given opportunity
5 for review.

6 "If I appear to be hazy on some of the details you
7 ask, in particular with reference to the conversation in
8 Admiral Stark's office, the above background which I have
9 given at some length should explain it in part.

10 "More specifically, I recall making personal delivery
11 to only two principals that morning, namely, to Mr. Knox
12 and to Admiral Stark at 0900."

13 There again, after this long explanation, you say,
14 and I read, "More specifically, I recall making personal
15 delivery to only two principals that morning, namely, to
16 Mr. Knox and to Admiral Stark at 0900," or 9 o'clock.

17 I go on with your statement:

18 "In the case of Mr. Knox, I gave him the previous
19 night's material, plus part 14, and one to two less import-
20 ant things when he arrived at Mr. Hull's office about 1000.
21 My remarks then were confined to inviting attention to
22 the new material, because he had studied the previous night's
23 material from approximately 2200 to after 2300 in his
24 apartment."

25 That would be for an hour, wouldn't it?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. It was somewhat less than that.

Mr. Keefe: "Part of this time he talked to me about various phases of the matter, and made phone calls. The rest of the time I conversed with Mrs. Knox, and the Secretary's Chicago Daily News manager, who was visiting and whom I had known slightly during the period when he was acting as Mr. Knox's personal secretary at the Navy Department."

Right at that point, in this letter, which was written by you out in the Pacific, without the benefit of notes, and without the benefit of all this material, and without the benefit of refreshment from anybody, you told, in pretty meticulous detail, the same story you told before this committee; isn't that true, as to those facts?

Captain Kramer: I think so, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Yes. Now, I go on.

"Again, at about 1100 when I delivered the '1300 msg,' the 'weather report' and the final orders on destruction of cryptographic aids, I took time only to invite attention verbally to the fact 'that 1300 Eastern Daylight Time was 0730 at Pearl' -- and that means 7:30 at Pearl, doesn't it.

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: -- and 0300" -- that would be what? Three o'clock?

Captain Kramer: In the morning, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: In the morning.

" -- approximately or shortly before morning twilight at Kota Bharu, where we had been expecting confirmation of the deal with the Thai Chief of Staff for this attack for some days. The implications were so obvious in the light of what we know, that it was not necessary to state that invasion of British territory was undoubtedly scheduled for 1300 (EDT), and that at least a complete break with the U.S. was scheduled simultaneously."

That was clear wasn't it?

Captain Kramer: I think so, sir.

Mr. Keefe: "In the case of the 0900 delivery to Admiral Stark I was in very much of a hurry. I don't believe I spent as much as a minute in his office."

Now, you refer in this memorandum to the 9 o'clock delivery to Admiral Stark, do you not?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir; in that respect, Mr. Keefe --

Mr. Keefe (interposing): I have only asked for the "yes."

Mr. Murphy: I submit the witness is entitled to give an explanation. We want the facts.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Kramer: I would like to make a very short further remark, that I was hazy then, and still am hazy. I believe Captain McCollum is not precise, and that Admiral Stark too is not precise as to those exact times. I do definitely recall now, however, that the first delivery of that note to Admiral Stark was made by Captain McCollum where I left the folder for the Admiral.

I may very well, since Admiral Stark's office was up one deck and only one corridor's length away, have gone up there at 9 o'clock to check with the Flag secretary, if he were there, or to otherwise check to see whether Admiral Stark were in and had gotten that.

Mr. Keefe: Well, of course, the whole thing is only a matter of a half hour's difference.

Captain Kramer: Yes.

Mr. Keefe: The testimony is only a difference of a half an hour, which was a vital half hour that morning, was it not?

Captain Kramer: I presume all time that morning was very vital, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Yes.

Well, I will go on:

"I don't believe I spent as much as a minute in his office.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 "A number of other senior officers were standing
2 about or coming in for the meeting. I hardly glanced at
3 them, more than to note that Admiral Turner, Noyes and
4 Wilkinson, the principal other usual recipients, were
5 also there, and consequently it would not be necessary
6 to run them down in the building for separate and individual
7 delivery.

8 "I had been interrupted in finishing some of the hot
9 new material in my office to make this delivery, and was
10 literally almost jumpy to get back and get it out, and
11 to deliver to the White House as quickly as possible, and
12 also, of course to keep the 1000 appointment with Mr. Knox
13 at the State Department.

14 "I am almost positive I did not remain in the Admiral's
15 office while he read the approximately 15 pages of
16 single-spaced text. There were undoubtedly a few words
17 exchanged with the Admiral, most likely along the lines
18 of the remarks you quote as my last reply."
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 I want to stop right there. You say, "I am almost
2 positive I did not remain in the Admiral's office while he
3 read the approximately 15 pages of single-spaced text."

4 Now what were you referring to there? The whole 14
5 parts?

6 Captain Kramer: That was presuming that I delivered
7 directly to Admiral Stark the 14-part note, yes, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: Now did you or did not you deliver it to him?

9 Captain Kramer: I did not, in my present best re-
10 collection, make that delivery, no, sir. Captain McCollum
11 did.

12 Mr. Keefe: Well, when you were making that statement
13 that day you were certainly under the impression that you had
14 delivered it to him, and you were setting down in this
15 document, to be used in the event of your death, what you
16 thoroughly understood the facts to be?

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: And you say in this that you are certain
19 that you did not remain in his office while he read the
20 approximately 15 pages. "There were undoubtedly a few words
21 exchanged with the Admiral, most likely along the lines of
22 the remarks you quote as my last reply."

23 What were you referring to there?

24 Captain Kramer: The last sentence that Captain Safford
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 quotes me as saying?

2 Mr. Keefe: We will go back to it. In other words,
3 "Does General Marshall know of this?", and your reply, "Most
4 of it was sent over to his office last night. This last part
5 (Part 14) was sent over 10 minutes ago and should be on the
6 General's desk by now."

7 Is that what you referred to?

8 Captain Kramer: I referred, as I shortly before have
9 outlined, only to informing Admiral Stark, a recipient, as
10 to other recipients who may or may not have received that
11 material.

12 Mr. Keefe: Now let us get a definite answer to my
13 question.

14 Captain Kramer: That, I think, is a definite answer, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: When you wrote these words "There were
16 undoubtedly a few words exchanged with the Admiral, most
17 likely along the lines of the remarks you quote as my last
18 reply," were you then referring to the suggested words con-
19 tained in Captain Safford's letter to you?

20 Captain Kramer: I was not, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: What were you referring to?

22 Captain Kramer: Only to my general practice of informing
23 recipients who else had received that material I was delivering.

24 Mr. Keefe: Well, in this memorandum you say, "There
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 were undoubtedly a few words exchanged with the Admiral,
2 most likely along the lines of the remarks you quote as my
3 last reply."

4 What did you mean when you set that down?

5 Captain Kramer: I have already stated, a few minutes
6 ago, Mr. Keefe, that I did not edit that memorandum after
7 I wrote it. I was under some pressure to confer with Admiral
8 Halsey again, as I had indicated when he first showed me
9 Admiral Kimmel's letter. Despite that urgency, or at least
10 haste, on my part it took me approximately four or five
11 days before I had this memorandum prepared. I recall now
12 no attempt to go back, during the process of preparing that
13 memorandum, to check in detail what I had said earlier.

14 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, let us go on. The memorandum
15 further says:

16 "The other actions of the Admiral would also be not
17 unusual."

18 What are you referring to there?

19 Captain Kramer: I was referring to an emphatic comment
20 that the Admiral had made on the several previous occasions
21 when I delivered directly to him.

22 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, this portion of your memorandum,
23 Captain, refers to what took place when you delivered this
24 message to Admiral Stark at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of
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the 7th, or whatever time between 9:00 and 9:30 that you actually did deliver it.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?
Mr. Keefe: Yes, I yield.

Mr. Murphy: I think if you will refer to page 9144 you will find Captain McCollum's explanation on the delivery of the first part of the message.

Mr. Keefe: I am not interested at this time in what Captain McCollum said. I am asking this witness who is now on the stand.

Mr. Murphy: May I finish?

Mr. Keefe: No, I do not care to be interrupted for that purpose. That does not add anything to this examination.
The Chairman: Go ahead.

Mr. Murphy: I am trying to avoid confusion.

Mr. Keefe: You simply add more confusion to it.

Now what remarks, if any, did Admiral Stark make to you that morning?

Captain Kramer: Admiral Stark, in my present best recollection, made no remark directly to me, sir. It could be -- I have indicated my haziness on precise times prior to 10:00 o'clock, that is between about 8:15 and 10:00, at least -- that I was in Admiral Stark's outer office at about the time Captain McCollum arrived there to show that memorandum to Admiral Stark. I am uncertain of that, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Then your answer is that according to your present recollection after you have been refreshed, as it were, you think you did not deliver this 14th part message, together with the first 13 parts, that morning at any time, to Admiral Stark?

Captain Kramer: Directly, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: So that you now contend you did not have any conversation with him at all that morning; is that right?

Captain Kramer: That is my present belief, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Therefore Admiral Stark did not say anything to you about this message at all?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Is that your present recollection?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Is that because you discussed it with Admiral Stark and Captain McCollum?

Captain Kramer: Partly that, and partly by general study of this whole subject in the last few weeks, the last couple of months.

Mr. Keefe: Since you got back to Washington?

Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Keefe: That is what you meant when you said repeatedly throughout your testimony that you had been refreshed,

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1 so that your current recollection is so and so, is that
2 right?

3 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. A large part of my refresh-
4 ing has been due to a study of documents which I had not
5 seen until recent days.

6 Mr. Keefe: A study of documents would not help you
7 any on this, would it?

8 Captain Kramer: No.

9 Mr. Keefe: So if any refreshing at all is to be
10 done, it is because somebody talked to you about it, is
11 that true?

12 Captain Kramer: Yes.

13 Mr. Keefe: Nothing else?

14 Captain Kramer: Nothing else.

15 Mr. Keefe: There are no documents that you could
16 study which would determine whether you talked to Admiral
17 Stark or whether you did not?

18 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

19 Mr. Keefe: Now, let us go on with your statement:

20 "On a number of occasions previously he had immediately
21 phoned General Marshall, or had called the White House to
22 arrange immediate access for me to Mr. Roosevelt if the
23 material were important, and delivery had been to the
24 Admiral first. I definitely recall a certain feeling of
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1 relief that Admiral Wilkinson was there, and consequently
2 I need not be held up from getting back to my office while
3 it was read, because Admiral Wilkinson had studied it
4 thoroughly the night before and could answer any questions
5 the Admiral had."
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7 Now, there again, you say you definitely recall a
8 feeling of relief that Admiral Wilkinson was there. Now,
9 was where? In Admiral Stark's office?

10 Captain Kramer: How is that?

11 Mr. Keefe: Was Admiral Wilkinson in Admiral Stark's
12 office?

13 Captain Kramer: He was quite definitely at my 10:30
14 visit in Admiral Stark's outer office. It could very well
15 be that he was there at about 9:30 when I stopped by
16 Admiral Stark's office, together with other senior department
17 officers, standing about in his office.

18 Mr. Keefe: All right.

19 Now, let us go on.

20 Now, I want you to listen to this. You say you never
21 read this statement before since you wrote it.

22 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: So it is quite new to you, too, isn't
24 it?

25 Captain Kramer: There are some points that are new

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to me now, yes, sir. I do not recall just exactly what I put in that memorandum.

Mr. Keefe: I want you to listen to this next one carefully:

"One or more of the other remarks may have been made also. The quoted exclamation of Admiral Stark would have been typical in character, because he had used emphatic exclamation once or twice before during the fall when particularly 'hot' items were being shown him. But climax after climax had been so frequent during the previous several months that even this remark would not have impressed me specifically. I was used to it, with my mind focused on the technical and messenger boys aspects that morning, I simply do not recall the complete conversation in question."

Now, does that refresh your recollection as to whether you told Captain Safford about the exclamations that Admiral Stark had made when this message was delivered to him?

Captain Kramer: Not in the slightest, sir.

Mr. Keefe: It does not refresh you in the slightest?

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Your own words, your own language written by you?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, I ask you again, in the light of your present knowledge, did you or did you not deliver the 14th part message together with the first 13 parts that morning to Admiral Stark personally?

Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: Then all this stuff that you have written
2 down here, couldn't possible have happened, or any infer-
3 ence that it happened, couldn't possibly show that it
4 happened?

5 Captain Kramer: It is possible that I was in Admiral
6 Stark's outer office at the time Captain McCollum arrived
7 there. He may have phoned me that Admiral Stark was arriving.
8 That would not have been unusual.

9 Mr. Keefe: Do you have any present recollection
10 that Admiral Stark made any of the statements which are set
11 forth in Captain Safford's letter to you?

12 Captain Kramer: I have none, sir.

13 Mr. Keefe: Now Captain Kramer, just so that we
14 may thoroughly understand this, I understood you to say
15 that you prepared this memorandum and intended that this
16 memorandum should be your story of these events in the
17 event you should happen to be killed in your service out
18 in the South Pacific?

19 Captain Kramer: That is not quite accurate, sir. My
20 intention in preparing that memorandum was simply to give
21 Admiral Halsey a much broader picture of events preceding
22 Pearl Harbo than would be indicated by replies to Admiral
23 Kimmel's letter. That purpose only. It was only later,
24 after I had promised Admiral Halsey that I would prepare a
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1 deposition or affidavit in compliance with Admiral Wilkin-
2 son's request, that I retained this memorandum as being
3 in the nature of the affidavit which Admiral Kimmel had
4 requested. I never reviewed that as to accuracy at any
5 time. I never prepared any such affidavit.

6 Mr. Keefe: Did you intend that this should be used
7 in the event anything happened to you?

8 Captain Kramer: I, of course, hoped that it would be
9 necessary to so use it.

10 Mr. Keefe: Well, in the event it would have been
11 necessary to use it, did you intend this should be your
12 statement of fact?

13 Captain Kramer: It would have been found with my
14 papers, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: Sort of a last declaration, or dying
16 declaration or something of that kind; is that right?

17 Captain Kramer: I presume so, sir, yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: Then you knew that an investigation was
19 on at the time you prepared this, did you not?

20 Captain Kramer: I did not, no, sir. I believe I
21 had heard, I am not certain of that point, that a Navy in-
22 vestigation was contemplated.

23 Mr. Keefe: And you knew that on the possibility of
24 the findings of that Navy court, the careers and perhaps
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the entire lives of individuals depended, you knew that, didn't you?

Captain Kramer: That undoubtedly was part of my presumption, yes, sir. I did not know just the purpose of the investigation.

Mr. Keefe: So you were quite meticulous, were you not when you prepared this statement, to see to it that you recorded the truth?

Captain Kramer: I was not particularly meticulous. My only purpose and intention when I was preparing that was to give Admiral Halsey a broad picture. I took no time to rehash or attempt to refresh my memory precisely as to details in the preparation of that memorandum.

Mr. Keefe: Now, I read on. Let's see if this refreshes your recollection any. I am trying to refresh it from your own document. Not anybody else's.

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: This is your own writing.

"In later deliveries --"

Get this:

"In later deliveries to Admiral Stark that morning, I went only to his office door which remained open while his Flag secretary took the material from me and gave it to the Admiral."

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 Captain Kramer: That was referring specifically
2 to the 10:30 delivery which I quite vividly recall.

3 Mr. Keefe: That would imply to me, reading this full
4 statement, that the first delivery you made in person to
5 Admiral Stark and then you say "In later deliveries to
6 Admiral Stark that morning I went only to his office door."

7 Captain Kramer: In later trips to Admiral Stark's
8 office. Again, possibly clarifying a point to a slight de-
9 gree, it could well be that Admiral Stark's door was not
10 closed at the first trip around 9 or 9:30, whenever it
11 was, that I may have made to Admiral Stark's office. It
12 was closed, I recall quite positively, when I arrived there
13 about 10:30, because word had to be sent in to the Admiral
14 that I was outside.

15 Mr. Keefe: Well, it is quite clear from your testimony
16 given here that you never delivered any papers to Admiral
17 Stark personally that morning.

18 Captain Kramer: That is my present belief, yes, sir,
19 before 10 o'clock.

20 Mr. Keefe: So when you say "In later deliveries to
21 Admiral Stark, I went only to his office door," the fact
22 is you never went beyond his office door to make any deli-
23 veries; is that what you mean to tell us now?

24 Captain Kramer: That is what I mean to tell you now,
25 sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You have then refreshed on that point also since you got back to Washington?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did you talk about that at Admiral Stark's luncheon?

Captain Kramer: I don't believe that came up specifically, no, sir.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: Then you go on to say:

2 "I believe I also gave him additional folders on one
3 or both occasions for other recipients in the conference.
4 But in these latter deliveries I recollect conversation only
5 for Mr. Knox' benefit regarding the implications of the 1300
6 hour. I distinctly remember that the tie-up of these times
7 would be apparent to experienced naval officers, but that
8 a civilian (Mr. Knox) might overlook it. Hence the pains
9 I took to point it out at the State Department. I repeated
10 this point at least half a dozen times that morning to
11 others, chiefly subordinates, I think, but including one
12 of Mr. Hull's secretaries who handled this material for him,
13 to one or two of my office workers, and I believe also to
14 Colonel Bratton in Mr. Hull's outer office, probably to
15 Commander Wellborn, the Admiral's flag secretary, possibly
16 to McCollum, and probably to you, too. However, such
17 conversations as I had that morning were more in the nature
18 of rapid comment and abrupt departure to keep up with my
19 chief concerns, the messenger boy and technical jobs.
20 Consequently, any remarks made by others have left practically
21 no impressions or recollections with me."

22 Now, that is substantially, as to that point, what you
23 have testified before us here?

24 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: On that issue your mind is very clear, it
2 is the same today as it was when you recorded this out in
3 the Pacific in the early part of 1944?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: Now, then, questions 24 and 25:

6 "Did Admiral Stark get General Marshall on the telephone
7 and what did he say; were there any other witnesses? If so,
8 who?

9 "See 23 above; also 13 and 14."

10 You mean by that that what I have just finished reading
11 is the story so far as Admiral Stark is concerned and what
12 you know about it?

13 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: Do you know whether Admiral Stark telephoned
15 General Marshall that morning?

16 Captain Kramer: I do not, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: Question 26:

18 "Did you tell McCollum, or Admiral Wilkinson, or anyone
19 else?

20 "Since I don't recall the story, I rather doubt that
21 I could have told it to these two also, but I could not swear
22 to it."

23 Well, now comes this next question. That is the one
24 you had reference to, Mr. --
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The Vice Chairman: Who had reference to?

Mr. Keefe: Counsel had reference to it.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Keefe: You have seen this, Mr. Murphy. Can you see anything in it?

Mr. Murphy: I had the benefit of a half-minute glance at it. From what I saw I could see no reason for withholding it.

Senator Brewster: I can't understand.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Keefe asked me if I had seen it and I said that I had had the benefit of a half-minute glance at it. From what I saw I saw no reason to withhold it. I did not see all of it. Mr. Keefe had it overnight.

The Vice Chairman: Permit the Chair to inquire of counsel: Is there anything about this matter -- counsel is familiar with it?

Mr. Richardson: We see no reason for withholding it except the request of Captain Baecher.

Mr. Murphy: The first part of the question has already been read into the record.

Mr. Keefe: That is right.

Mr. Murphy: Several days ago.

Mr. Keefe: Most of the facts set forth in the next question and answer are already in the record having been referred to heretofore.

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2 Mr. Kaufman: Commander Baecher says that the Navy
3 Department requests that it be withheld and before it is made
4 public they would like to make very serious representations
5 to the committee that it should not be disclosed.

6 The Vice Chairman: Well, in view of that --

7 Senator Lucas: Does that have to do with magic?

8 Mr. Kaufman: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: If there is anything in there of that
10 character then I can't read English. I can't find it in there.

11 Senator Lucas: Does the Congressman think it is material?

12 Mr. Keefe: Well, I don't know. I don't want to be
13 quoted as saying that I think it is material except we have
14 a witness on the stand and the materiality of it, in my
15 opinion, could only relate to a search of his memory.

16 Senator Lucas: Yes.

17 Mr. Keefe: To determine the possible credibility of
18 testimony which he has given here and his ability to remember
19 details and facts and not remember other details and facts.

20 The Vice Chairman: On that point hasn't he had a
21 pretty fair test applied to him up to this point?

22 Mr. Keefe: I only raise this question, Mr. Cooper,
23 because I like to keep my word and I stated that I would
24 not refer to anything in this which might by the wildest
25 stretch of imagination be assumed to interfere with the

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1 security of the United States.

2 Senator Brewster: Mr. Chairman, I suggest, while I
3 would have no question about its materiality, in view of
4 the representation of the Navy Department I would suggest
5 we defer decision until noontime. We are nearly ready for
6 recess. We might take a little earlier recess and permit
7 the Navy to tell us in confidence why this will wreck our
8 national security.

9 I am at a loss to understand it, but I think we should
10 defer to their desire.

11 The Vice Chairman: I think in view of the request made
12 by the Navy Department certainly they are entitled to that
13 consideration.

14 Mr. Murphy: May I suggest we go to question 28 and
15 then let the gentleman from Wisconsin pass the sheet along
16 and let the committee read it. Questions from 28 to 43
17 do not violate anything.

18 The Vice Chairman: Permit the Chair to inquire of
19 Commander Baecher: Is the material upon which the Navy
20 Department request is based on this one page to which Mr.
21 Murphy has referred?

22 Commander Baecher: I think, Mr. Chairman, it goes over
23 three pages.

24 Mr. Murphy: It is one question. Question 27.
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2 Commander Baecher: Yes. It begins at the bottom of
3 the page, takes up a full second page and ends on top of
4 the third page.

5 The Vice Chairman: Is it all under one question?

6 Commander Baecher: Yes.

7 The Vice Chairman: Would that be agreeable, Mr. Keefe,
8 to skip that one question and go on with your examination?

9 Mr. Keefe: Yes.

10 The Vice Chairman: We will follow the suggestion of
11 Senator Brewster.

12 Mr. Keefe: Question 28:

13 "Do you know if any of the following were called as
14 witnesses by the Roberts Commission? Admiral Wilkinson;
15 Admiral Turner; McCollum; Kramer.

16 "I was not called. Captain McCollum was, and he told
17 me a little about it including the fact of the introduction
18 of at least some of the Jap traffic as evidence. I do
19 not know about the others, but presume they did appear."

20 Question 29:

21 "Were the JD files in GZ custody or any messages from
22 these files ever submitted to the Roberts Commission?"

23 Answer: "See 28. The files from GZ were never called
24 for, but were unnecessary for this purpose since MID had
25 numerous copies of everything, and a complete set for about

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1 a month back was normally in ONI in Op-16-FE."

2 Captain Kramer: That is Captain McCollum's section, sir.

3 Mr. Keefe: Question 30:

4 "Were Admiral Wilkinson, McCollum, or Kramer, or anyone
5 else, cautioned or warned, or instructed not to ever mention
6 the events of 6-7 December 1941, or the investigations con-
7 ducted by the Roberts Commission? In this connection, I am
8 sending you a copy of the Roberts Report by ordinary ship's
9 mail. I will comment on it in further correspondence."

10 Answer: "Not that I am aware of. I was not. However,
11 the sessions were, of course, secret, hence cautions or
12 warnings of some kind should have been in order, as in ordinary
13 courts. I cannot conceive of the crypto traffic being intro-
14 duced in evidence without at least the elementary prudence
15 of cautionary warnings regarding this material. However, I
16 have no knowledge of this, or even of the rules of procedure
17 used by the Commission."

18 Question 31:

19 "Do you know when and how General Marshall first got
20 news of Serials #901 and #902 (Parts 1-13 inc.), and what
21 action he took?

22 "I do not know, but see 2, 14 and 22. I believe he
23 got it that night. I am unaware of any action taken, but
24 presume that a meeting in War Department the following morning
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 was arranged that night. Sunday was not an all hands work
2 day at that time."

3 What did you mean by that answer?

4 Captain Kramer: I meant precisely what it says, I think,
5 sir, that Sunday was normally observed as a holiday from
6 working hours, appearance at the office on Sunday except
7 for special watches set up on a full week 24-hour basis.
8 People did not come to the Navy Department on Sunday except
9 on unusual occasions and as to the War Department I believe
10 it was the same case.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, you say that you believe General
12 Marshall got #901 and #902 Saturday night.

13 Captain Kramer: I stated definitely above that I did
14 not have any first-hand knowledge on that point, sir; it
15 was just my presumption that he might have gotten it.

16 Mr. Keefe: And was that presumption based on the fact
17 that they did have a meeting in the War Department the
18 following morning?

19 Captain Kramer: I know nothing about any meeting that
20 may or may not have taken place in the War Department Sunday
21 morning, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: So that your answer in this case is just
23 pure speculation?

24 Captain Kramer: I could have answered simply "no" to
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1 that whole question, yes, sir.

2 Mr. Murphy: Will the gentleman yield?

3 Mr. Keefe: Yes.

4 Mr. Murphy: His answer is covered in his answer above.
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6 In No. 22, about what material the Army had.

7 Mr. Keefe: Yes, I know. He refers to it in this answer.

8 Question 32:

9 "Same for Part 14 of Serial #902, and for Serial #907
10 which set up the 1300 delivery time?"

11 Your answer:

12 "See 31."

13 In other words, you don't know anything about whether
14 General Marshall got it or when he got it if at all?

15 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Question 33:

17 "Re my 14, I meant the conference between Admiral Stark
18 and General Marshall which resulted in dispatch described
19 in Part XI of Roberts Report. I did not know of the other
20 conferences and am delighted to learn of them. Can you
21 add any names to those already given by you for: -- "

22 That appears to be the end. There doesn't appear to
23 be any answer to that question. There is a little lapse
24 there and it is hard to follow. Maybe you can explain it
25 to me.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 (The witness was handed a paper and there was a dis-
2 cussion between Mr. Keefe and the witness off the record.)

3 Mr. Keefe: In any event so far as this memorandum is
4 concerned there does not appear to be any answer to question 33?

5 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: And your explanation to me just given is
7 that it is very possible that you may have gotten up to
8 that night that you were working on it and may have started in
9 again later and forgot to record any answer to that question?

10 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Now, then, question 34:

12 "Conference in Mr. Hull's office?"

13 Answer: "I am quite certain Mr. Hamilton (head of FE
14 Division of State) was there, and believe both Mr. Hornbeck
15 (political adviser on FE) and Mr. Welles were there, since
16 they were regularly seeing the traffic. Probably about 8
17 persons altogether."

18 Do you know whether Mr. Welles was there?

19 Captain Kramer: I do not, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: You say you believe that he was there --
21 when you wrote this memorandum.

22 Captain Kramer: I believed Mr. Welles was normally
23 called in to conferences between those three Secretaries
24 bearing on these Japanese-U.S. negotiations, sir.
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Mr. Keefe: You know that Mr. Welles has testified here that he was not there that morning, do you not?

Captain Kramer: No, sir; this is the first I ever heard that point.

Mr. Keefe: That was just --

Captain Kramer: Presumption.

Mr. Keefe: -- presumption on your part, too, wasn't it?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Question 35:

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"Conference in Admiral Stark's office?"

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Then your answer:

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"Cannot add my name to 14, but there were quite a number, possibly 15 or more standing around, not yet seated when first delivery was made about 0900."

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Again you refer to the fact that all of these people were in Admiral Stark's office when you made the first delivery about 9 o'clock.

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Now, you don't care to add anything to what you have already said on that question?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir, I do not.

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Mr. Keefe: Question 36:

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"Conference in General Marshall's office?"

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Answer:

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"Have you information and am not even positive there was a conference. See 14 and 31."

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Question 37:

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"The conference between Admiral Stark and General Marshall?"

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"Know nothing of this."

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Question 38:

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"How much does McCollum know?"

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"I don't know exactly. I presume a good deal. I saw

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 him on rarely after the new regime took over with delivery
2 of material by young officer 'couriers.'

3 No. 39:

4 "Will McCollum come through willingly?

5 "I do not know."

6 No. 40:

7 "What is your estimate of Admiral Wilkinson in this
8 respect?

9 "I frankly don't know. Our relations have always been
10 most cordial and friendly, and remain so on three occasions
11 I have met him in SOPAC. On two occasions when he introduced
12 me to other senior officers, he introduced me with the remark
13 that he and I had had a rather hectic night before Pearl
14 Harbor. But we have never discussed any aspects of this
15 case or subsequent developments such as the Roberts'
16 Commission."

17 What was your understand that Captain Safford was
18 inquiring about when he said "What is your estimate of
19 Admiral Wilkinson in this respect," and you answered "Frankly
20 I don't know"?

21 Captain Kramer: Mr. Keefe, one of numerous reasons why
22 I did not reply to Captain Safford's letter was the fact
23 that Captain Safford was apparently putting me on some sort
24 of a team. I proposed to be on no team. I referred in that
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1 answer there to that point.

2 Mr. Keefe: In other words, when you said "I frankly
3 don't know," you are referring to the fact that you weren't
4 going to be on anybody's team; is that it?

5 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: The question is "What is your estimate
7 of Admiral Wilkinson in this respect," and your answer is
8 "I frankly don't know." You want us to understand that
9 is to be interpreted as meaning you weren't going to play
10 on anybody's team?

11 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: Did you know that, from your previous
13 conversations with Captain Safford before you went to the
14 South Pacific, that he was organizing a team?

15 Captain Kramer: The first intimation I had of any
16 such development was Captain Safford's second letter to me.

17 Mr. Keefe: And you just didn't want to get mixed up
18 with Captain Safford?

19 Captain Kramer: That is correct.

20 Mr. Keefe: So when he asked what you thought about
21 Admiral Wilkinson, you just said, "I frankly don't know."

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: When he asked you whether McCollum would
24 come through willingly, you said, "I don't know."

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Then the next question is:

"Will he talk for Admiral Halsey?"

Your answer was:

"I have nothing on which to base an opinion in this regard."

That is the same situation isn't it?

Captain Kramer: Precisely, sir.

Mr. Keefe: 42:

"What about Admiral Turner?"

Answer:

"I have not seen him since he left Washington, and have nothing on which to base even an estimate."

Captain Kramer: The same thing, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, there appears on the next page, which appears to be comment apparently by Safford.

This is what it says:

"With regard to the quotes of my Item 18 (the Weather Report sent 5 Dec '41) and your reply in 10(c), you were describing #80 (Circular #2494, a plain language hidden code msg. sent the morning of 7 Dec 41) of which we have copies of the original and its translation in the GZ files. This was sent and received on 7 Dec 41. I was asking about the 'General Intelligence Broadcast' containing false

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1 'Weather Report' which was broadcast at 0430 (EST) on
 2 the 4th and 5th of December 1941. (Not sure of exact date).
 3 It was heard by 'M' and 'W' and sent in by teletype. It
 4 was unheard by 'S', 'H', and 'C', who listened for it.
 5 (I have this from Station 'S' files, plus statements of
 6 Wright and Mason.) This message (in Morse) included the
 7 words:

8 'Higashi no kaze ame.' --

9 Captain Kramer: Very good, Mr. Keefe.

10 Mr. Keefe: Thank you, I don't I don't fail when the
 11 next one comes.

12 "'Nishi no kaze hare.'"

13 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, just as good.

14 Mr. Keefe: (Reading):

15 "(Negative form of 'Kita no kaze Kumori.')" "

16 Captain Kramer: Kumori, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: That is what I said. Do I get a hundred
 18 on that, Professor?

19 Captain Kramer: Very close to that, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: All right. This has done something for us
 21 being on this committee. I got that much out of this hearing
 22 anyway.

23 Now, then, going on with this:

24 "The warning was not sent in the manner prescribed by
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1 Circulars #2353 and #2354, both of which listed a large
2 number of plain language message texts with corresponding
3 hidden meanings for each, but was a mixture. The GY
4 watch officer was not sure of it so he called you and you
5 came in early and verified it. Murray recalls it and so
6 do I. Either you or Brotherhood (?) were waiting in my
7 office when I came in that morning and said, "Here it is!"
8 We had been waiting a week for it and Station 'S' had been
9 forwarding reams of P/L messages by teletype.

10 "As a result of this 'General Intelligence Broadcast
11 containing false 'Weather Report' McCollum prepared the
12 message described in Paragraph 50 (page 9 - XI) of the
13 Roberts Report. It was a very long message ending up with
14 the translation and significance of the warning in the 'Gen-
15 eral Intelligence Broadcast Etc.' I read the message in
16 Admiral Noyes' office and was witness to the discussion
17 of it between Admiral Noyes and Admiral Wilkinson. I took
18 for granted that the message to Admiral Kimmel originated
19 by McCollum on 4 December 1941 (or 5 Dec) but never released
20 would be sent and did not know otherwise until 2 December
21 1943. I learned from Wright that McCollum knew this last
22 mentioned message had not been sent (Wright was informed
23 by McCollum at Pearl Harbor)."

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: Question 45.

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Mr. Murphy: 43.

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Mr. Keefe: Is it 43?

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Mr. Murphy: Yes.

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Mr. Keefe: All right, I am glad you read better than I

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"Do you recall the 'General Intelligence Broadcast containing false 'Weather Report'?"

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"Yes, but I did not handle it. Without exception everything I disseminated was written up with 14 copies (7 for Army, 7 for Navy, with two typings). One copy of Navy's went at once into JD or similar category-numerical-file of section Op-20-GZ. After routing and return of remaining 6 copies many items went into two other types of files we kept in varying degrees as needed, namely, a 'Subject' file, and a Jap msg serial file at certain times, though the latter was basically taken care of by a carding system of originator's serials.

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"I do have a hazy recollection of being called down to the office as you described, a few mornings before Pearl Harbor. I had similarly been called in by the GY watch officer who had standing orders from me to do so, at various of the night one to three times a

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Mr. Keefe: (Continuing) -- from that time to this?

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Captain Kramer: Until the last few days when I have, -- as I have previously explain, I had been making further studies, including the reading of interrogations of high Japanese officials by General MacArthur.

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Mr. Keefe: By the way, where are those interrogations of Japanese officials that you have read?

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Mr. Kaufman: That is exhibit 142, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Will you get it for me? I do not happen to have that in my files. Will you get me exhibit 142, please?

(Whereupon counsel handed exhibit 142 to Mr. Keefe)

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I would like to request, in view of the readings and interpolations on the paper read by the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin, that it be spread in its entirety, with the exception of question 27, in the record at this point so that those who read the record will be able to see it and tie up the letter with the examination, either that or made an exhibit so that we will have a composite understanding of the letter itself.

Senator Brewster: Would the gentleman be agreeable to deferring a decision until after recess, when as I understand we will discuss the whole situation?

Mr. Murphy: All right.

The Vice Chairman: The committee will now take a recess

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week since mid-summer.

"In the case of these 'Weather Reports', however, elaborate arrangements had been made some days (or weeks) previously to have the GY watch officer handle this type of message himself. The arrangements included the typing up of a small card for at least five senior officers of the Navy Dept giving the translation and meaning of these 'Weather Reports'. I prepared these cards for Admiral Noyes at his direction, but from that point he carried the ball. I believe, but do not know, that he gave these cards to Secretary Knox, Admiral Stark, and others. At least that was his intention in having them prepared. And I think also that he completed arrangements with you for handling this type of message. I think the arrangement included having the Navy Dept communication officer use his couriers at night to get the word to the senior officers in Washington who were concerned, though this arrangement may have consisted simply of phoning, with the Navy Dept communication watch officer keeping at it till he got the word through.

"The above is given at some length to explain why this item made such a small impression on my memory. I was not to handle it. Complete arrangements to handle it expeditiously were fully set up by the Director of

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1 Naval Communications. When I was replying to your
2 first letter it did not even occur to me as the msg. you
3 referred to, and I in fact had completely forgotten
4 the incident of the arrival of this msg. until your
5 second letter refreshed my memory. The only 'Weather'
6 message I handled was the one late in the morning of 7
7 Dec. The above also explains why you did not find this
8 earlier one in GZ translation files."

9 That ends your story.

10 Now, Captain Kramer, Captain Safford started his tes-
11 timony to this committee by reading a prepared statement and
12 the opening sentence of that statement was, "There was a
13 winds code message," or words to that effect.

14 Captain Kramer: I confirm that point, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: Now you have distinctly and definitely con-
16 firmed that fact.

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: There was a winds execute code message that
19 came in on either the 4th or 5th of December 1941?

20 Captain Kramer: I believe on the 5th, sir, in my pre-
21 sent conviction.

22 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, I want to be sure that your answer
23 is there was a winds execute code message that came in, you
24 think on the 5th, Captain Safford has testified on the 4th.
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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, there was a message.

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Mr. Keefe: And you were shown that message --

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: (Continuing) -- by the watch officer who brought it to you and it is your present recollection that that watch officer was Lieutenant Murray?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Do you have a present recollection that it was on yellow teletype paper?

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Captain Kramer: I am uncertain of the color. Two colors were in vogue, both yellow and pink.

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Mr. Keefe: At the time that message was receivede you believed that that was the message that these elaborate preparations had been set up to intercept and decode, were you not?

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Captain Kramer: I believed that it was an authentic message of that winds system, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Then on that most important part of this whole matter you and Captain Safford are in agreement, are you not?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And you never had any other at any time, did you --

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Captain Kramer: No, sir.

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2 (Whereupon, at 12:10 P.M., a recess was taken
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The Vice Chairman: The committee will please be in order.

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Does counsel have anything at this time?

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Mr. Richardson: No.

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The Vice Chairman: Do you have anything further before your examination is resumed, Captain?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: The chair desires to announce for the record that during executive session of the committee at noon that question number 27 and the answer thereto, appearing in the memorandum of Captain Kramer, was examined and it is the decision of the committee that it is not material or relevant to this investigation and relates to matters after Pearl Harbor attack and it will not be included in the record or released by the committee.

The chair also desires to announce that the committee will adjourn at a quarter to four as there is to be an important vote in the Senate at four o'clock and Senators will have to be present in the Senate chamber for that vote.

Mr. Keefe of Wisconsin will resume his inquiry. The committee will adjourn at a quarter to four until ten o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Keefe.

Mr. Keefe: Yes, sir, I will proceed.

1 TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN ALWIN D. KRAMER

2 (resumed)

3 Mr. Keefe: Captain Kramer, on July 24, 1944 you testi-
4 fied before the Naval Court of Inquiry then sitting at Pearl
5 Harbor?

6 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: You were duly sworn to testify to the truth
8 at that inquiry, were you not?

9 Captain Kramer: I was, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: Did you know the purpose of that inquiry at
11 the time you testified?

12 Captain Kramer: Other than as indicated in the precept
13 which was read to me I did not, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: Well, what impression did you get from the
15 reading of the precept as to the purpose of the inquiry?

16 Captain Kramer: I have forgotten the wording of the pre-
17 cept. I recall no distinct impressions left on my memory. My
18 general impression, however, was that in view of questions
19 raised since that attack a Naval inquiry had been ordered; I
20 do not recall at the moment whether it was initiated by the
21 Navy or instigated by the desires of the Congress. That they
22 were to examine, apparently, all aspects of incidents per-
23 taining to Pearl Harbor. That was my general impression and
24 still is, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: Did you understand at that time that it was

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2 the purpose of this Naval Court of Inquiry to assess respon-
3 sibility for Pearl Harbor?

4 Captain Kramer: I believe that was part of the precept,
5 yes, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: Yes, sir. So you knew when you testified
7 before this Naval Court of Inquiry that the testimony which
8 you then gave might be used by that Naval Court as the basis,
9 or at least part of the basis for their determination in as-
10 ssuming responsibility for Pearl Harbor?

11 Captain Kramer: I fully appreciated that point, yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: And you knew that the findings of this Naval
13 Court, based in part at least upon the testimony that you
14 were about to give, might affect the welfare and fortunes and
15 perhaps the future of many men?

16 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: And you were conscious of that responsibility
18 when you testified?

19 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: Now I desire to ask you, referring to page
21 956 of the transcript of testimony taken before the Naval
22 Court of Inquiry, were these questions asked you and did you
23 make these answers:

24 "Q Commander, I am going to show you some docu-
25 ments and ask you if you saw them on or before the 7th

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2 of December, 1941. The first one I shall show you is
3 document 15 from Exhibit 63?

4 "A. Yes, sir, I did. This was written up by my
5 section.

6 "Q. Can you recall about when you first saw it?

7 "A. The fact that the date '28 November' is on here
8 would indicate that I saw it and confirmed it for writing
9 up on that date for the first time. Also, there is an
10 indication at the bottom that it was received by tele-
11 type, which would indicate it was handled promptly after
12 received."

13 Were those questions asked you and did you make those
14 answers?

15 Captain Kramer: I believe that is accurate, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: And at that time document 15 from exhibit
17 63 referred to the original set-up of the Japanese winds
18 code, did it not?

19 Captain Kramer: I believe it did, yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: Was this question asked you and did you make
21 this answer:

22 "Q. Do you know what action was taken with refer-
23 ence to intercepting any communications which would have
24 executed the phrases of this code?

25 "On receipt of this particular message, on instruc-

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tions of the Director of Naval Communications, Admiral Noyes, I prepared some cards, about six as I recall it, which I turned over to Admiral Noyes. He indicated that his purpose in getting these cards was to leave them with certain senior officers of the Navy Department and I do know that he arranged with Captain Safford, the head of Op-20-G, the section of Communications that handled this material, to have any message in this phraseology handled promptly by watch officers, not only in Op-20-G but through the regular watch officers of the Communications section of the Navy Department, to those people who had the cards. These cards had on them the expressions contained in this exhibit, and the meaning. Because of that special arrangement for this particular plain language message, when such a message came through, I believe either the third or fourth of December, I was shown such a message by the GY watch officer, recognized it as being of this nature, walked with him to Captain Safford's office, and from that point Captain Safford took the ball. I believe Captain Safford went directly to Admiral Noyes' office at that time. Again, because of the fact that this was a plain language message, and because of the fact that special arrangements had been made to handle this Japanese plain language message which

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2 had special meaning, I did not handle the distribution
3 of this particular message, the one of the third or
4 fourth."

5 Was that question asked you and did you make that answer?

6 Captain Kramer: I believe I did, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: Was that answer the truth?

8 Captain Kramer: I think it is accurate in all respects
9 except that apparently my memory was faulty at that moment
10 as to what was on the cards. My present belief and convic-
11 tion is that the Japanese expressions did not appear on those
12 cards.

13 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Captain Kramer, you have so pre-
14 viously testified before this board or committee, that you
15 only wrote on these cards, as I understand it, the meaning.
16 Is that it?

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: Meaning of what?

19 Captain Kramer: The translations of those expressions
20 and the countries referred to. I think that it would have
21 been a very illogical thing to have put the Japanese expres-
22 sions on those cards since that would have involved delays
23 in teaching the Navy Communications officers, not Section G
24 watch officers, how to pronounce them and to do the same thing
25 for the recipients of such a message.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, Captain Kramer, again let's be clear about this.

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: The original winds code message referred to the use of certain Japanese words which had a specific meaning?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: And you were on the lookout for those Japanese words?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, it would seem to me to be perfectly in line with common sense to assume that when you made out these cards you would list these Japanese words on the card, together with their meaning, so that these top-flight people to whom the cards were directed when furnished with a message in Japanese language would be able to compare it with the Japanese words on the card and then know the meaning of those Japanese words and that is exactly and precisely what you testified to before the Naval Court of Inquiry. Now you say you want to change that testimony. Why?

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Captain Kramer: Mr. Keefe, I can recall no time or incident at any time while I was on duty in that section where the question of the Japanese phraseology used in encoded or plain language text was ever brought up with any of these re-

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2 recipients to whom I delivered this material. Further, the GY
3 watch officer had additional pieces of paper or a piece of pa-
4 per giving the Japanese translation, giving its translation
5 and the country referred to and the instructions that were in
6 effect regarding handling this message were to pass on to the
7 Navy Department watch officers only the English translation
8 of those phrases for phoning or sending by courier to the
9 recipients who presumed they would get it.

10 Mr. Keefe: All right. Now, Captain Kramer, what did you
11 put on these cards according to your present, current, re-
12 freshed recollection?

13 Captain Kramer: The English translation and the country
14 referred to and that was all, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: Now, then, let's get that straight.

16 Mr. Richardson: What does he mean by "the English trans-
17 lation"?

18 Mr. Keefe: That is what I want to find out. What do
19 you mean by the "English translation"?

20 Captain Kramer: "East Wind - rain -- United States;
21 west wind - clear -- England; north wind - cloudy -- Russia."

22 Mr. Keefe: Now, that is what you now claim you wrote
23 on those cards?

24 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: Have you seen one of those cards since you

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2 came back to the United States?

3 Captain Kramer: I have never seen those cards since
4 leaving them with Admiral Noyes.

5 Mr. Keefe: You now say that Admiral Noyes requested you
6 to write out such cards?

7 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: And pursuant to that direction you prepared
9 them?

10 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Did you personally deliver them to Admiral
12 Noyes?

13 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: When?

15 Captain Kramer: Within a few hours, as I recollect it,
16 of the time he gave me those instructions.

17 Mr. Keefe: When was that? That doesn't mean anything.

18 Captain Kramer: That, I should say, would have been
19 either the 28th or 29th of November 1941.

20 Mr. Keefe: All right. Have you made a search in the
21 Navy Department to try to find one of those cards?

22 Captain Kramer: I have not, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: They have likewise disappeared, have they not?

24 Captain Kramer: Apparently, yes, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: Do you know, Mr. Counsel, whether or not a

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search has been instituted in the Navy Department to try to find one of those cards?

Mr. Richardson: I do not know that there has or has not but I will inquire.

Mr. Keefe: At least they are not presently available so far as this committee is concerned.

Well, now, Captain Kramer, was this question asked you and did you make this answer?

"Q. You say it is your recollection that you received some Japanese plain language words which corresponded with the language set out in document 15; is that correct?"

"A. My statement was, not that I received it, but I was shown it."

Was that question asked you and did you make that answer?

Captain Kramer: I believe that is accurate, sir.

Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

"Q. Can you recall from looking at document 15 which Japanese language words you received?"

Now, document 15 is the original message setting up the Japanese winds code?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And setting forth the Japanese language as meaning certain things?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

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"Higashi No Kazeame" -- I am not so good this time.

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Captain Kramer: I am afraid not, Mr. Keefe.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, you pronounce it for me.

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Captain Kramer: "Higashi No Kaze Ame."

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Mr. Keefe: "Higashi No Kaze Ame." Well, that is because

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the reporters have got it all run together. Now, I will

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read your answer again:

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"Q Can you recall from looking at document 15

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which Japanese language words you received?

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"A. Higashi No Kaze Ame I am quite certain."

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Listen to this:

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"The literal meaning of Higashi No Kaze Ame is

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East Wind, Rain. That is plain Japanese language. The

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sense of that, however, meant strained relations or a

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break in relations, possibly even implying war with a

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nation to the eastward, the United States.."

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Was that question asked you and did you make that answer?

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Captain Kramer: I believe I did, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Was it the truth?

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Captain Kramer: It was not, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, then, is this committee to conclude

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from that last answer, Captain Kramer, that you testified

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2 falsely before the Naval Court of Inquiry on this very vital
3 and important question?

4 Captain Kramer: It was the truth as it came to my mind
5 at the time, Mr. Keefe. I have earlier in my testimony, I
6 think, covered that point fairly exhaustively, that that oc-
7 casion, namely, the Naval Court of Inquiry, was the first time
8 that the question of what country appeared in that piece of
9 teletype ever came up in any conversation in which I was par-
10 ticipating.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Captain Kramer, the fact that it
12 is the first time, that is an experience that we all have as
13 witnesses in a court room.

14 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: But here is a situation where you are testi-
16 fying under oath and you have already admitted that you knew
17 the purpose of this examination. You have testified that the
18 testimony which you then gave might be used by this commission
19 as the basis for affecting the lives and fortunes and the
20 future of any number of men and still you testified before us
21 this afternoon that the statement which you made, which I
22 have just read to you, was false.

23 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I object to the characteri-
24 zation of the testimony. The witness did not say it was
25 false. He said that in the light of his recollection at that