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2 Navy Department since 1918, with the exception of this one  
3 which had been released by Admiral Noyes personally, he erased  
4 the "Urgent" designation, replaced it with check marks in  
5 pencil beside "Priority" and it went out in that form.

6 The result was that the people at Pearl Harbor, Captain  
7 Layton, also Rochefort, could not read between the lines and  
8 missed the warning that I was trying to get out there. Cap-  
9 tain Layton, I believe, has told me that he did discuss what  
10 was meant by the words "purple machine" with Lieutenant Cole-  
11 man, who stood watch for two months in the Navy Department  
12 and was thoroughly familiar with it and Coleman more or less  
13 decrypted "machine" as being of no particular importance.

14 Admiral Hart did get the news as he told me in his in-  
15 vestigation; and I sought, in other words, to just take --

16 The Vice Chairman: Captain, is all this you are telling  
17 us now in response to my question? I want to be highly re-  
18 spectful.

19 Captain Safford: Yes.

20 The Vice Chairman: I just want to know. Is all this you  
21 are telling us now responsive to the question I asked you?

22 Captain Safford: That is what I thought.

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1           The Vice Chairman: I want you to be the judge, of  
2 course, but I just asked you if you didnot think it was  
3 highly important that you tell McCollum about receiving  
4 this winds execute message.

5           Captain Safford: I did not at the time or I would  
6 have done it.

7           The Vice Chairman: Let me see. You say you had a  
8 conversation with Captain McCollum on December 3.

9           Captain Safford: On December 3.

10          The Vice Chairman: And you saw the winds execute  
11 message the following day, December 4.

12          Captain Safford: December 4.

13          The Vice Chairman: And you did not at any time have  
14 any conversation with him about the winds execute message?  
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16          Captain Safford: Not that I can recall.

17          The Vice Chairman: Well, I invite your attention to  
18 your testimony appearing at page 360 of the Hart investiga-  
19 tion, and I will read you this from it and ask for your  
20 comment on it:

21                "On the 4th of December, 1941, Commander McCollum  
22 drafted a long warning message to the Commander in Chief of  
23 the Asiatic and Pacific Fleets summarizing significant  
24 events up to that date, quoting the winds message."  
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Do you see that?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: You testified to that, did you?

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Captain Safford: I testified to that.

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The Vice Chairman: Now you say you do not know whether McCollum ever knew anything about the winds message. Is that right?

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Captain Safford: That is the reason I took for granted that McCollum had seen the winds message, because he used the same thought, if not the exact words, of the winds message in his closing paragraph in his message before the final statement "War is imminent".

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The Vice Chairman: I understood you to tell me just a moment ago that you did not know McCollum ever saw the winds message or knew about it.

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Captain Safford: I believed at the time, and I still believe, that McCollum did get a copy of the winds message, was shown it, and that McCollum has not remembered it, but I have no first-hand information that he ever saw it. I did not give him a copy in person and I did not discuss it with him on the telephone or in person.

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The Vice Chairman: You haven't discussed it with him at all?

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Captain Safford: No.

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The Vice Chairman: Then how did you know, in this

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2 answer you gave here, that he used the winds message in  
3 this dispatch that he drafted?

4 Captain Safford: The one thing above all I was inter-  
5 ested in that message, that long message, was to see if  
6 it did bring in the winds message, or the information con-  
7 tained in the winds message. It did, and I took for granted  
8 that McCollum had seen the winds message and was quoting from it.

9 The Vice Chairman: I understood you to say that you  
10 did not talk to McCollum about the winds message at all on  
11 December 4, that you had talked to him the day before, December  
12 3rd.

13 Captain Safford: That is correct.

14 The Vice Chairman: So then when you state here, "On  
15 the 4th of December, 1941, Commander McCollum drafted a  
16 long warning message to the Commander in Chief of the Asiatic  
17 and Pacific Fleets summarizing significant events up to  
18 that date, quoting the winds message" --

19 Captain Safford: That is correct.

20 The Vice Chairman: (Continuing) -- if you did not  
21 even see him on the 4th of December how did you know about  
22 this?

23 Captain Safford: I saw the message, I read the message,  
24 I was in Admiral Noyes' office when Captain Wilkinson brought  
25 it in, the Director of Naval Intelligence, and he gave it

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1 to Admiral Noyes to read and Admiral Noyes read it page by  
2 page, and as Admiral Noyes finished the page he gave it  
3 to me and permitted me to read it for my information, too.  
4 So I saw the message, I read the whole message.

5 The Vice Chairman: I remember Captain McCollum said  
6 the whole message was about a half-page, and he also stated  
7 that it had no reference to the winds message or winds code.

8 Captain Safford: That is correct. I heard Captain  
9 McCollum say that same thing.

10 The Vice Chairman: You heard him testify, did you not?

11 Captain Safford: That is correct.

12 The Vice Chairman: He said that, did he not?

13 Captain Safford: That is correct.

14 The Vice Chairman: There is a mistake somewhere, isn't  
15 there?

16 Captain Safford: Mr. Cooper, I can only tell you things --  
17 that is one thing I do know from my own memory and that is  
18 I saw that message myself.

19 The Vice Chairman: You have said that, Captain, repeatedly.

20 Captain Safford: And, furthermore, I described the  
21 message in detail to Admiral Hart, but he did not want the  
22 details, he wanted to keep the record just as short as he  
23 could.

24 The Vice Chairman: At least you do not remember anything  
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Senator Lucas

1 like Captain McCollum says he remembers, do you?

2 Captain Safford: No, sir, and I testified in detail  
3 on that, I believe, in some of the other investigations,  
4 as I remember.

5 The Vice Chairman: And he testified several times too,  
6 did he not?

7 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

8 Senator Lucas: Will the Congressman yield?

9 The Vice Chairman: Yes.

10 Senator Lucas: I want to clear this one question up  
11 that he is now discussing.

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Lucas: Captain McCollum was head of the  
14 Intelligence Branch, Far Eastern Division?

15 Captain Safford: He was the head of the Far Eastern  
16 Division Intelligence Branch.

17 Senator Lucas: Now wasn't it your duty to see that  
18 he got this winds message in order that he might make  
19 proper evaluations to the Chief of Naval Intelligence?  
20 Was not that the orderly way in which these messages went,  
21 as a general rule?

22 Captain Safford: The messages were given to Commander  
23 Kramer who was officially attached to McCollum's office,  
24 but looking down, in space, to my office. As soon as the  
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1 message in the decoded form was turned over to McCollum --  
2 I mean to Kramer, my responsibility ceased. It was Kramer's  
3 responsibility to complete them and to type them smooth  
4 and to make a distribution. Its distribution included  
5 McCollum.  
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7 Senator Lucas: But in this particular case you  
8 directed a man in your office to take this particular  
9 message direct to Admiral Noyes?

10 Captain Safford: That is correct.

11 Senator Lucas: Why was that done instead of giving  
12 it to McCollum?

13 Captain Safford: Admiral Noyes issued special in-  
14 structions on the matter and I carried out the instructions  
15 of my commanding officer.

16 Senator Lucas: I mean before.

17 Captain Safford: Before.

18 Senator Lucas: Before the so-called execute wind  
19 message.

20 Captain Safford: At the time they set the watches  
21 on November 28, and I presume that Admiral Noyes had dis-  
22 cussed the matter with Admiral Wilkinson and they were  
23 both in agreement on this method of doing business.

24 Senator Lucas: You had specific instructions from  
25 Admiral Noyes to deliver any so-called wind message direct

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to him?

Captain Safford: Direct to him if it came during office hours, and to telephone it to him if it came outside of office hours. That is the reason Brotherhood gave him that call on the message which Brotherhood knew were looking for.

Senator Lucas: Did McCollum know about this?

Captain Safford: McCollum knew about that; Kramer knew about that; and Admiral Wilkinson knew about that.

The Chairman: The Chair would like for the committee to give consideration over the week-end to the possibility of meeting a little earlier and sitting a little longer as our present extension runs out on the 15th. I am not asking you to make any decision now, but it is a pleasant subject for you to be thinking about over the week-end.

We will recess until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 4:25 o'clock p. m. the committee adjourned to reconvene at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Monday, February 4, 1946.)