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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I had nothing to do with
3 it.

4 Senator Ferguson: Nothing to do with that.

5 Did you know whether or not there had been a special
6 line run to Colonel Bratton's home so that he might get
7 the winds message if it came in?

8 Colonel Sadtler: I did not know of a special line.
9 I knew that the FCC had been given his telephone numbers
10 so he could be reached at any time, day or night, by tele-
11 phone, if that message came in.

12 Senator Ferguson: But you did not know of any special
13 line?

14 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: Was there any special set-up about
16 the winds code as far as you were concerned?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Except the arrangement that we made
18 with the FCC to monitor that frequency, and the special
19 arrangements that were made by both the Army and Navy to
20 attempt to catch that message.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, when you talked to Admiral
22 Noyes, did he call you, or did you call him?

23 Colonel Sadtler: He called me the first time.

24 Senator Ferguson: Did he say why he was calling you?

25 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, he said, "The message is in."

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2 Senator Ferguson: At that first conversation, did he
3 say whether it was with the British or the Dutch, or Russia?

4 Colonel Sadtler: He said it was between Japan and
5 Great Britain.

6 Senator Ferguson: All right. Did you ask him whether
7 it was between America and Japan at all?

8 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Just Japan and Great Britain?

10 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Now, what did that mean to you?
12 That there was going to be war between Great Britain and
13 Japan? How was America concerned with that message?

14 Colonel Sadtler: Senator, these intercepts are a very
15 difficult thing to obtain. You either get it or you don't
16 get it. It is very easy to get part of a message, and I
17 assumed that having gotten the British part, that they had
18 somehow missed the American part, and thought no more about
19 it.

20 I knew that those Haruna messages were being sent
21 back to Tokyo, indicating destruction of codes at various
22 consulates in the United States and Great Britain, Singapore,
23 Hongkong, and therefore that the indication was that there
24 was going to be a break between Japan and Great Britain
25 and there must necessarily be one between Japan and the

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2 United States.

3 Senator Ferguson: So you felt the British part meant
4 a break also with the United States, and that is why you
5 became so concerned?

6 Colonel Sadtler: In view of everything that had gone
7 before, yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: And you were concerned, as I under-
9 stand it, because you went to General Gerow?

10 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: And told him about it?

12 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: And told him about it. You went
14 to Miles -- or Bratton, which was it?

15 Colonel Sadtler: Both.

16 Senator Ferguson: Both. To Miles and Bratton. How
17 did you get in to see Colonel Bedell Smith, the secretary
18 to General Marshall?

19 Colonel Sadtler: Just walked in his door.

20 Senator Ferguson: Why did you want to see him on this
21 code message?

22 Colonel Sadtler: Colonel Smith was Secretary of the
23 General Staff and he had direct access to General Marshall.

24 Senator Ferguson: And you felt that this was a message
25 that should reach General Marshall?

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And did you tell Bedell Smith that, Colonel Smith?

Colonel Sadtler: Everybody in the War Department knew about that winds message as far as I know. Everybody was talking about it.

Senator Ferguson: Now, did you --

The Vice Chairman: Let him finish.

Senator Ferguson: Had you finished?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: Pardon me.

Senator Ferguson: Did you explain to them that in your opinion, that because the way the messages were received, getting the British part and what other things you knew, that that by necessity meant war with America?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did you say to Colonel Bedell Smith, "The part is in about the British"?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. I said, "The winds message is in," as I recall the wording.

Senator Ferguson: You didn't explain to him what part of the winds message was in?

Colonel Sadtler: I don't recall doing that, no sir.

Senator Ferguson: So you told him the winds message

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was in. And did you ask him to get it to General Marshall,
that word, that it was in?

Colonel Sadtler: As I remember it, he asked me what
I had done and I told him I had talked to General Miles
and General Gerow.

Senator Ferguson: And told them?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: What did he say?

Colonel Sadtler: He said he didn't care to discuss
it further.

Senator Ferguson: What did that really mean, that he
didn't care to discuss it further?

Colonel Sadtler: That I was through.

Senator Ferguson: That you had completed your job?

Colonel Sadtler: Had done as much as I could possibly
do.

Senator Ferguson: You had done all you could do?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Did he say as to whether or not he
would convey this to General Marshall?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Then, I assume, you thought your mis-
sion had been performed, when you told them that the winds
message was in?

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2 Colonel Sadtler: I think I had gone a little too far
3 in talking to either General Gerow or Colonel Bedell Smith.

4 Senator Ferguson: But at least you had gone as far
5 as you could go?

6 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: And then, I take it from what you
8 say in your previous testimony, that having done that, you
9 never tried to ascertain in detail whether this was a fake
10 message or not?

11 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I did not.

12 Senator Ferguson: You considered it was a genuine mes-
13 sage?

14 Colonel Sadtler: I did, yes, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: And that continued until after the
16 attack?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir; that is correct.

18 Senator Ferguson: So far as you were concerned, the
19 winds message was in and it meant war?

20 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, war within what length of time?

22 Colonel Sadtler: When the winds message was first
23 brought to my attention by Colonel Bratton, he emphasized
24 the destruction of codes, that it could mean one thing, and
25 that was war. Here we had practically all codes in the United

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2 States destroyed except the one left in the Embassy in
3 Washington, Japanese Embassy in Washington. That meant
4 that we were going to have war in a very short time.

5 Senator Ferguson: And at one time I think you used
6 the expression "within 48 hours"?

7 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, that is not my expression.

8 Senator Ferguson: Well, now:

9 "Just before that meeting, Mr. Gaston asked me what I
10 thought about war being declared, and I said that I thought
11 they would have war within 48 hours. He turned to Captain
12 Redman who represented Admiral Noyes at that meeting and
13 asked him what he thought and he said he agreed with Colonel
14 Sadtler."

15 You are testifying.

16 Colonel Sadtler: That is true, yes, sir, but I have
17 since verified it with Captain Redman, and Mr. Gaston,
18 member of the committee, and Assistant Secretary of the
19 Treasury, said it to Captain Redman, and Captain Redman
20 replied, "I think we will have 48 hours," and I have
21 just been reversed.

22 Senator Ferguson: You agreed with Captain Redman?

23 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: What date was that?

25 Colonel Sadtler: That was December 4.

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Senator Ferguson: December 4. Then you did feel that there would be war within 48 hours of December 4?

Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Then you were not surprised when the war came at one o'clock, one o'clock Washington time?

Colonel Sadtler: Not a bit, no, sir. I was only surprised that the attack was in Hawaii.

Senator Ferguson: I see.

You were not surprised that there was an attack?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, why were you surprised that there was an attack in Hawaii?

Colonel Sadtler: During the entire --

Senator Ferguson: That is where the Fleet was, wasn't it?

Colonel Sadtler: Where the Fleet was was no concern of mine. I didn't know where it was.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Colonel Sadtler: All the discussion that I heard in the War and Navy Departments, I never heard the word Pearl Harbor or Hawaii discussed in connection with an attack by Japan on the United States in the event of war. There was
There was a great deal of conversation about the Philippines, Indo-China and the Panama Canal.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did you know as late as
3 the 5th, General Miles had sent a message to Panama after
4 the war warning message, after the message of the 27th
5 telling them that when the break of diplomatic relations
6 became imminent they would notify them?

7 Colonel Sadtler: I did not know of that message, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Well, it is to this effect:

9 "U.S.-Japanese relations strained. Will inform you
10 if and when severance of diplomatic relations imminent."

11 Signed "Miles."

12 Do you know how such a message could be sent on the
13 5th after you had told him that the wind message was in,
14 and you had discussion about the destruction of codes?

15 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir; I don't recall that message
16 to Panama at all, nor should it have been my business to
17 have even seen it, except as officer in charge of Army
18 communications.

19 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

20 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

21 Mr. Murphy: The 48-hour incident occurred 24 hours
22 before he saw the winds message, so-called winds message.
23 That was at the meeting on Thursday. I mean the conversa-
24 tion was at the security meeting 24 hours before the call
25 from Noyes, as I understand it.

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2 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, Mr. Murphy, yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: You told us about Colonel Bratton
4 discussing it with you, that the discussion of these codes,
5 the wind code message, and so forth, meant war?

6 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever hear that there were any
8 files destroyed or lost?

9 Colonel Sadtler: I heard some gossip to that effect,
10 yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, I want to ask you, down
12 in the Army, how you determine between gossip and non-gossip,
13 the real thing. You say you heard it by gossip.

14 Colonel Sadtler: In 1923, I think --

15 Senator Ferguson: No, no.

16 Colonel Sadtler: I mean 1943, I think it was at Fort
17 Bragg, North Carolina, in a casual conversation with General
18 Isaac Spalding, he told me that nothing could be found about
19 Pearl Harbor because the records had been destroyed.

20 Senator Ferguson: Who was Spalding?

21 Colonel Sadtler: General Isaac Spalding.

22 Senator Ferguson: Did he tell you anything more?

23 Colonel Sadtler: And he told me that Colonel Bissell,
24 Jack Bissell, J. T. Bissell, had told him that he had des-
25 troyed certain evidence, certain documents.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Did he tell you what documents
3 were supposed to have been destroyed?

4 Colonel Sadtler: I don't recall that he did, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, why did you tell me that was
6 gossip? He was attempting to tell you a fact, was he not?

7 Colonel Sadtler: Well, it was a casual conversation
8 between two men who have known each other for a great many
9 years.

10 Senator Ferguson: And you hadn't any reason to discount
11 that this gentleman was speaking to you and telling you what
12 he considered to be a fact that he had heard?

13 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

14 Senator Ferguson: And was it gossip?

15 Colonel Sadtler: It turned out to be, yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: Why do you tell me it turned out
17 to be gossip, what investigation was made, to your knowledge?

18 Colonel Sadtler: By General Carter Clarke.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did you come back here and tell
20 anyone about what you had been told?

21 Colonel Sadtler: I may have, yes, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: Well, did you know how the investiga-
23 tion of Carter Clarke got started?

24 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. I was just told to appear
25 before it. I appeared before it twice, to be exact.

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Mr. Keefe

2 Senator Ferguson: Do you know why the Army Board
3 didn't investigate that gossip?

4 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: Did you tell the Army Board that?

6 Colonel Sadtler: I don't think so. I don't know, sir.

7 Mr. Murphy: It wasn't mentioned in that hearing.

8 Senator Ferguson: You don't think you told the Army
9 Board?

10 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I did not.

11 Senator Ferguson: That is the only knowledge that you
12 have concerning the missing of any files or papers in the
13 War Department?

14 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: Will the gentleman yield?

16 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

17 Mr. Keefe: I am interested in knowing whether or not
18 this thing that you refer to as gossip is that which my
19 boys have always referred to in the service as being "scuttle-
20 butt"?

21 Colonel Sadtler: That is another name for it.

22 Mr. Keefe: Isn't that the same thing?

23 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: Saying "according to scuttlebutt", so and
25 so, that is what you refer in the service as meaning gossip?

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3 didn't investigate that gossip?

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5 Senator Ferguson: Did you tell the Army Board that?

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2 Colonel Sadtler: Well, it is referred to by a lot
3 of names, Mr. Keefe.

4 Mr. Keefe: That is quite a familiar word, isn't it?

5 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, not "scuttlebutt", in the
6 Army; it is a Navy term.

7 Mr. Keefe: That is a Navy term.

8 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: One of my boys was a Marine and he was always
10 referring to "scuttlebutt".

11 Senator Ferguson: Now, I want you to explain part of
12 your testimony about this message of the 7th. It isn't clear
13 to me:

14 "The circumstances attending that message are about as
15 follows:" --

16 You are testifying.

17 "I sent the inquiry, with the approval of the General
18 Staff, inquiring as to the operation of radar on December 7.
19 Upon receipt of that message Colonel Colton, Acting Chief
20 Signal Officer, personally took a copy of it into General
21 Marshall's office. I gave a copy to General Gerow. Colonel
22 Colton, upon his return from General Marshall's office,
23 said that he wanted all copies of that message collected and
24 held intact as, inasmuch as radar and the damage done at
25 Pearl Harbor were secret at that time, the information was

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2 not to be disclosed. General Gerow kept his message and
3 I think that Colonel Handy had it and he held it."

4 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct.

5 Senator Ferguson: What were you talking about?

6 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator give the page of the
7 record and where from?

8 Senator Ferguson: That is Volume 2 of the Clarke Report.

9 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: What were you talking about? That
11 isn't clear to me.

12 Colonel Sadtler: We were trying to find out whether
13 our radar sets were working in Hawaii at the time of the
14 attack.

15 Senator Ferguson: Well, did you make an investigation
16 on that question as to whether or not the radar was working
17 just prior to the attack?

18 Colonel Sadtler: I talked to Colonel Powell in Hawaii
19 on the night of December 7 and asked him the question as
20 to the operation of his radar and he did not answer as it
21 was secret and he said he would let us know later, and the
22 next day Mr. Bundy gave me permission to send that message --
23 I think it was Bundy because he accused me of being in charge
24 of it -- to find out whether the radar was working in
25 Hawaii on the morning of December 7. We sent a telegram

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2 to make an inquiry. The reply to the effect that it was
3 working came in and was delivered to me and I gave it to
4 Colonel Colton, who took it in to General Marshall personally.

5 When he came out he said, "I want all copies collected
6 and held intact so that this information cannot get out."

7 That was merely a precautionary move to preserve secrecy as
8 to the effect of what happened in Pearl Harbor and also the
9 secrecy of radar at that time.

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10 Senator Ferguson: In other words, that radar was working
11 that morning was to be held a secret? That was to be held
12 a secret?

13 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir. Any information regarding
14 radar was to be held a secret.

15 Senator Ferguson: That is what you had in mind by that
16 testimony?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: It was to be held a secret, that radar
19 had been working?

20 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I don't think we should draw
21 inferences.

22 Senator Ferguson: You tell us what you meant again.

23 Colonel Sadtler: We were trying to find out whether
24 radar was working on December 7 and when the information
25 came in we wanted to keep it as secret as possible, any

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2 information regarding radar:

3 Senator Ferguson: Not necessarily that it had been
4 working but the fact that radar was there was to be kept a
5 secret?

6 Colonel Sadtler: All right.

7 Now, did you know what was done with those messages,
8 did you file them, or keep them?

9 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. Those messages are on file
10 today.

11 Senator Ferguson: They are on file?

12 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever keep a diary or a log
14 sheet in your office?

15 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. I have kept some notes.

16 Senator Ferguson: Do you have those notes?

17 Colonel Sadtler. No, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: Do you know where they are?

19 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you have any in a safe? Did
21 you at one time state that you may have had them in a safe?
22 In your Clausen affidavit I notice that you say -- have
23 you got the Clausen affidavit? I will get it.

24 Have you identified as much as you can who Spalding
25 was and who Bissell was?

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Colonel Sadtler: Bissell was on duty in G-2. Spalding was on duty in G-1.

Senator Ferguson: One was in G-1, Intelligence, and the other in G-2?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes.

Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

Senator Ferguson: Just a moment.

Mr. Murphy: For a correction. I think you will find Spalding wasn't in Washington but he was under a tree down in North Carolina.

Colonel Sadtler: May I explain that at the time of December 7 Colonel Spaulding was in Washington in G-1. Bissell was in G-2. In 1943 the conversation was I think at Jackson or Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Colonel Bissell was overseas at the time.

Senator Ferguson: At the time of Pearl Harbor they were both in Washington?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: One in Intelligence and the other in G-1?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, what is Bissell's first name?

Colonel Sadtler: He has three initials. J. T. Jack Bissell, we call him.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Jack Bissell?

3 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

4 Senator Ferguson: Well, who is presently the head of
5 G-2? Isn't there a Bissell there now?

6 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. General Vandenburg is head
7 of G-2. Bissell was. That is an entirely different Bissell.

8 Senator Ferguson: An entirely different Bissell.

9 Now, you said here in this affidavit:

10 "I have not collected any such material in a safe
11 deposit box although I thought I had done so."

12 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct.

13 Senator Ferguson: How would a man think that he had done
14 so if he hadn't?

15 Colonel Sadtler: I don't know, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: Why did you say this?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Because I thought I had.

18 Senator Ferguson: You thought you had.

19 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Can you account for that kind of
21 thinking, that you had collected it and put it in a safe
22 deposit box?

23 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: Now, did you put any papers in a
25 safe deposit box, collected in any way, about Pearl Harbor,

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2 memorandums or notes?

3 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, because there are none in
4 there now, and I looked to find them, so I couldn't have
5 put them there.

6 Senator Ferguson: I see. What you mean is you thought
7 you had put them in the safe deposit box but when you went
8 there to look for them you didn't find them and then you
9 considered that you were mistaken?

10 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Have you tried to think since where
12 you would have put them?

13 Colonel Sadtler: I had a little tin box I used to keep
14 in my desk and I think I kept them there.

15 Senator Ferguson: Now, they were there on the 7th, then?

16 Colonel Sadtler: Evidently not, no, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: Well, when do you consider that
18 they were removed?

19 Colonel Sadtler: I don't know, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you make any memorandums in rela-
21 tion to the winds message?

22 Colonel Sadtler: I made some notes on the whole subject,
23 yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: You made some notes on the whole
25 subject. Now, when did you make those notes?

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2 Mr. Murphy: Is he retired or is he in a military position?
3 Isn't he Military Aide to Governor Dewey?

4 Colonel Sadtler: That I don't know, Mr. Murphy. At
5 that time he was Commanding General of the Eastern Defense
6 Command.

7 Mr. Richardson: Better be careful. That is a serious
8 charge. You better be careful about it, Mr. Witness.

9 Senator Ferguson: Now, may I have the last answer
10 read?

11 (The last question and answer were read by the reporter.)

12 Senator Ferguson: Is that correct, is that all you
13 want to say on that?

14 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, that is about all.

15 Senator Ferguson: Then when you told him did you
16 at that time make this memorandum?

17 Colonel Sadtler: It was the time that I was being
18 relieved from duty at Governors Island to go to the Second
19 Army at Memphis, Tennessee, and that was around about the
20 latter part of 1943, about November.

21 Senator Ferguson: Then how did this get into your tin
22 box here in Washington?

23 Colonel Sadtler: I had this little box with me, to
24 carry with me. I am not sure that it was ever in the tin
25 box, Senator.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, was what you put on the
3 memorandum the same as you are testifying to here, do you
4 know?

5 Colonel Sadtler: Essentially, yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Do you have any other memorandum?

7 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: That was the only one and you haven't
9 any idea now where that could be or what happened to it?

10 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever make any investigation
12 of one of the cable companies in relation to any messages?

13 Colonel Sadtler: I don't think I understand the
14 question, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever make any investigation
16 in relation to any files of a cable company?

17 Colonel Sadtler: I don't recall any, no, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever go to any of the various
19 intercepting monitoring stations or did you know of anyone
20 going to inspect their files as to whether or not any wind
21 message did come in?

22 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I did not.

23 Senator Ferguson: You know nothing about that?

24 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Were you familiar with the so-called

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2 pilot message?

3 Colonel Sadtler: Only in a general way.

4 Senator Ferguson: Well, what was the general way?

5 Colonel Sadtler: That there was a long message coming
6 in on Saturday.

7 Senator Ferguson: And when did that first come to your
8 attention, that the long message was coming in and there
9 would be a time of delivery?

10 Colonel Sadtler: There was never any notice came to
11 me of any hour of delivery.

12 Senator Ferguson: No, not the specific hour, but that
13 there would be a time of delivery. Did you ever see the
14 pilot message?

15 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever hear about it?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: What did you hear about the pilot
19 message?

20 Colonel Sadtler: That there was a long message coming in.

21 Senator Ferguson: Is that about all?

22 Colonel Sadtler: Except that we would keep people on
23 at night to see that the thing was received.

24 Senator Ferguson: Well, then, sometime prior to the
25 long message coming in you had information that it was coming

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2 in and you kept your staff on at night to intercept it?

3 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I hadn't kept anybody on
4 to intercept it. It was to be covered at night until the
5 message was intercepted. And I think we can thank one
6 civilian, Mr. Rowlett, who stayed down and did that work
7 of his own accord with Colonel Schukraft. I think they are
8 better witnesses than I am on that question.

9 Senator Ferguson: You didn't make any plans in the
10 Department to have someone stay on?

11 Colonel Sadtler: I knew there would be someone on.

12 Senator Ferguson: Were you concerned at one time about
13 getting messages out to the theaters?

14 Colonel Sadtler: On what subject, sir?

15 Senator Ferguson: On the question of alerting them.

16 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, except as the Army Communica-
17 tions Service would handle those messages.

18 Senator Ferguson: Not that you were personally talking
19 with any other officers about the various services to be
20 notified?

21 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: You had no such conversations?

23 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: That is all.

25 The Chairman: Mr. Keefe.

1 Witness Sadtler Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Mr. Keefe: May I have the book of affidavits again,
3 the Clausen Report.

4 Colonel Sadtler, you gave an affidavit to Colonel
5 Clausen, did you not?

6 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: Here at Washington on the 13th day of
8 August 1945?

9 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: Now, if I understand your testimony here today,
11 it is that Admiral Noyes called you on the morning of the
12 5th of December 1941 and in substance told you that the
13 message was in, referring to the wind execute message?

14 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: And you explained to us how you definitely
16 recalled the date because of the meeting which you had had
17 the day before?

18 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

19 Mr. Keefe: If I understand your testimony here it is
20 that you immediately informed General Miles?

21 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: And he sent for Colonel Bratton?

23 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: And Colonel Bratton pulled out a slip of
25 paper from his pocket and asked what words were used on

1 Witness Sadtler Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 this message?

3 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: And you did not know and you were instructed
5 by General Miles to go back to Admiral Noyes and find out
6 the exact words and Admiral Noyes said he was going to attend
7 a meeting and you didn't get the exact words?

8 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: You then discussed the matter with General
10 Gerow?

11 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: And advised General Gerow of the receipt of
13 this winds message?

14 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: And discussed it some with him?

16 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: And you then went to the Secretary of the
18 General Staff, General Bedell Smith?

19 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: And advised him that this winds execute
21 message was in?

22 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: And advised him that you had talked to
24 General Gerow and General Miles and that upon his learning
25 that you discussed the matter with them he said he didn't

1 Witness Sadtler Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 care to discuss it further with you?

3 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: And you left?

5 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: That is the story that you tell us here today?

7 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: Now, in this affidavit which you gave to

9 Colonel Clausen you say this:

10 "I made the recommendations to General Gerow and General
11 Smith on 5 December 1941, as stated on pages 253 and 254 of
12 the transcript mentioned, without getting additional informa-
13 tion from Admiral Noyes, on my own initiative and without
14 informing any representatives of G-2."

15 That is correct, isn't it?

16 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

18 "I was alarmed by the series of Japanese diplomatic
19 and consular intercepts which I had been reading over a
20 considerable period of time -- "

21 And you have referred to these intercepts with reference
22 to the destruction of codes?

23 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

25 "-- and the mounting tension, and the information which

1 Witness Sadtler Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Admiral Noyes had just given me. Accordingly, after I had
3 conferred with General Miles and Colonel Bratton, as I
4 have testified before the Army Pearl Harbor Board, I went
5 to my office, which was also in the Munitions Building, and
6 personally typed a proposed warning which I intended to
7 recommend be sent to the overseas commanders, and which
8 warning read substantially as follows and quoted herewith
9 from memory:

10 "C. G. - P. I., Hawaii - Panama. Reliable information
11 indicates war with Japan in the very near future Stop Take
12 every precaution to prevent a repetition of Port Arthur Stop
13 Notify the Navy. Marshall."

14 Now, is that statement correct?

15 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: And you want us to understand that to
17 be your testimony here before this committee?

18 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

19 Mr. Keefe: That you did prepare such a warning message?

20 Colonel Sadtler: I did, yes, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: And you did it because of the mounting
22 tension and flow of information which you had together with
23 the winds execute message which you believed was the true
24 winds execute message at that time?

25 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: You were very apprehensive that war was
3 going to strike immediately?

4 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: And I understood your apprehension that
6 war would come to the United States was based in part at
7 least upon the fact that the Japanese code word that was
8 being sent out from the consular offices here in the United
9 States indicated the destruction of all codes and ciphers
10 and secret papers except the one code here in the Embassy
11 at Washington; is that correct?

12 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct.

13 Mr. Keefe: Your affidavit further says:

14 "I have since checked with my office staff at the time
15 and they have no recollection of the drafting of this pro-
16 posed warning message. I did not show it to anyone. I
17 do not know where the message is now, and I made no copy
18 at the time. After I had typed this message, I conferred
19 with General Gerow and General Smith as I have testified
20 before the Army Pearl Harbor Board. I did not show them
21 the warning message I had typed."

22 What became of your message?

23 Colonel Sadtler: That is what I don't know, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: Your mind doesn't reach back that far?

25 Colonel Sadtler: I know that I had it, and I thought

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 I had put it away to keep, and when I went to look for
3 it, it was gone.

4 Mr. Keefe: You knew you had put it away?

5 Colonel Sadtler: I put it away for safekeeping.

6 Mr. Keefe: Why wasn't the message sent?

7 Colonel Sadtler: General Gerow informed me that he
8 thought they had been adequately warned, and General Smith
9 refused to discuss it any further.

10 Mr. Keefe: Did you suggest to General Gerow that a
11 message of that character should go?

12 Colonel Sadtler: No. I talked to him to the effect
13 that the winds message was in and didn't he think there
14 should be some warning sent out.

15 Mr. Keefe: Did you discuss this particular message
16 that you had drafted?

17 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: Then I understand your testimony to be
19 that you asked him whether he did not think that an addi-
20 tional warning should be sent.

21 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: And he advised you that in his opinion they
23 had sufficient warning?

24 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

25 Mr. Keefe: And when you told that to General Smith --

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 I guess it was Colonel Smith at that time?

3 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, Colonel Smith.

4 Mr. Keefe: He refused to discuss the matter further
5 with you?

6 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: Now, you thought you put this message, this
8 proposed message, away some place for safe keeping?

9 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: Well, did you put it away with these memoranda
11 that you have told us about?

12 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, because the memorandum was
13 not made until later, and that was made at the time?

14 Mr. Keefe: Where did you last see this proposed message?

15 Colonel Sadtler: I don't know where it was, sir. I
16 have no idea where it is.

17 Mr. Keefe: Well, the last time you saw it you had it
18 in your hand?

19 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: That was sometime on the morning of the
21 5th of December, 1941?

22 Colonel Sadtler: That is right.

23 Mr. Keefe: Did you have it in your hand when you talked
24 to Bedell Smith?

25 Colonel Sadtler: I think I did.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: Did you have it in your hand when you
3 talked to General Gerow?

4 Colonel Sadtler: I think so, yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: You perhaps went back to your office
6 and from that point on you do not recall what became of
7 that proposed message?

8 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct.

9 Mr. Keefe: It never became an official message because
10 it never was sent?

11 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: With the approval of the proper authorities?

13 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: Well, in this affidavit that you gave to
15 Colonel Clausen, you say this:

16 "I have read the comments of General Gerow and General
17 Smith in affidavits given Colonel Clausen, dated respectfully
18 20 June 1945 and 15 June 1945, referring to my testimony
19 before the Army Pearl Harbor Board as to my conference with
20 them for the purpose stated on 5 December 1941."

21 Now, I want you to listen to this next:

22 "I believe the comments by General Gerow and General
23 Smith, contained in the affidavits mentioned are correct
24 statements of fact, wherein they set forth as follows
25 concerning this subject:

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 "General Gerow:- 'I have no such recollection and I
3 believe that Colonel Sadtler is mistaken. It was my under-
4 standing at the time that he was purely a Signal Corps
5 officer, and that he was not concerned with the dissemina-
6 tion or interpretation of magic. I would naturally expect
7 that enemy information of such grave moment would be brought
8 to my attention and to the attention of the Chief of Staff
9 by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and not by a Signal
10 Corps officer. To the best of my recollection I did not
11 receive prior to 7 December, 1941, notification from any
12 source of an implementing message to the Japanese winds
13 code. If I had received such a message or notice thereof
14 I believe I would not recall the facts, in view of its
15 importance. It is possible that Colonel Sadtler told me
16 of an unverified report, or that he had received some tenta-
17 tive information which was subject to confirmation. In
18 any event there should be written evidence available in
19 either the War or Navy Departments as to the facts, which
20 evidence would be more reliable than any person's memory
21 at this time, especially since so many major events have
22 intervened."

23 If I understand your affidavit, you state, "I believe
24 the comments by General Smith contained in his affidavit
25 are correct statements of fact."

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 In his affidavit he says he has no recollection that
3 you ever talked to him at all, and believes you are entirely
4 mistaken.

5 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct.

6 Mr. Keefe: How can you make a statement that you did
7 talk to him, before this committee, and make an affidavit
8 before Colonel Clausen that you believed that Colonel Smith
9 or rather General Gerow, is correct, when he says he doesn't
10 believe that you talked to him at all, and that you must
11 be mistaken? You seem to be taking two different positions
12 in the same affidavit.

13 Colonel Sadtler: I realized when I got through talking
14 to Miles that I had made no impression to the effect that
15 the winds message was in in view of the Haruna messages
16 going back to Tokyo and the reason I went to Gerow was
17 to arouse somebody that I thought should be aware of what
18 was happening.

19 I made no impression on Gerow at the time I was there
20 and for that reason I went to Colonel Smith, and he shut
21 it off to the effect "I don't care to discuss it further."

22 I don't believe I made any impression on any one of
23 those three men.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, I can well believe that and I think that is the absolute truth that you are telling us now, Colonel Sadtler, but the difficulty that confronts me is the affidavit which you gave to Colonel Clausen.

Colonel Sadtler: Isn't that essentially what I said just now?

Mr. Keefe: Well, General Gerow says, "I have no such recollection and I believe that Colonel Sadtler is mistaken", and you say in your affidavit that you believed the comments of General Gerow contained in his affidavit are correct statements of fact.

Colonel Sadtler: Insofar as he goes I think they are essentially absolute statements of fact.

Mr. Keefe: All right.

Colonel Sadtler: I am absolutely positive that General Gerow said that to me.

Mr. Keefe: All right. Now, we get down to this, Colonel Sadtler, that your interpretation of this affidavit and the one that you would like to have this committee understand is that when you said you believed that General Smith and General Gerow in their affidavits stated correct statements of fact that you are of the impression that they could not recall or recollect that you talked to them at all and that, perhaps, that was a correct statement of fact, is that it?

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Colonel Sadtler: Practically that, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: But you mean to tell this committee positively and without any question at all of faulty recollection is that you did talk to both of them as you have indicated here?

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Colonel Sadtler: Absolutely I talked to both of them.

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Mr. Keefe: Do you remember the circumstances under which this affidavit was given to Colonel Clausen?

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Will you state them?

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Colonel Sadtler: It was in a room in the Pentagon Building. He sent for me and asked me to come up and talk to him, as I recall it.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, tell me just what took place.

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Colonel Sadtler: He showed me the affidavits of Gerow and Smith and asked me to comment on them, which I have done. Anything further that I cared to add to the testimony or anything that I wanted to say that could help clear up anything.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, I note that you added onto this affidavit this language, in your own handwriting I assume it is.

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

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"Other than the persons mentioned, namely, General Miles, Colonel Bratton, General Gerow, Colonel Smith and whoever may have been in General Miles' office at

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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the time, to the best of my recollection up to December 7, 1941 I did not give any other person the information I received from Admiral Noyes."

Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And that is your testimony today, Colonel?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, in this statement you say, - a statement given to Clausen:

"I deny the testimony of Mr. Friedman given to General Clarke to the effect that I could not get the execute message from Admiral Noyes and reiterate that other than making the telephone call, as testified before the Army Pearl Harbor Board, I made no further efforts to obtain the execute message mentioned by Admiral Noyes."

Now, did you have a discussion with Colonel Clausen as to the testimony of everybody that had testified that seemed to contradict your statement?

Colonel Sadtler: I do not recall all the conversation with Colonel Clausen but if that is what it says, that is correct.

Mr. Keefe: Well, as a matter of fact, then, in reading your affidavit meticulously it impresses me that it is not exactly correct because you have testified to us that you

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 did go back to Admiral Noyes after you had talked with Gen-
3 eral Miles and Colonel Bratton, at the direction of General
4 Miles I assume, to get verification of the message.

5 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: That is in addition to the telephone call?

7 Colonel Sadtler: That is the telephone call.

8 Mr. Keefe: What is that?

9 Colonel Sadtler: That is the telephone call.

10 Mr. Keefe: Oh, you did not go; you just called up?

11 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: Oh, I see. Well, then, that clears it up,
13 Colonel. You did not actually go to Noyes' office then?

14 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: You simply called him on the phone and asked
16 for verification?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: And did not get it?

19 Colonel Sadtler: That is right.

20 Mr. Keefe: And you did not want to give the impression
21 that Noyes had refused to give you that message?

22 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: He said he was going to a meeting and was busy
24 and you did not press the matter thereafter?

25 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

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2 Mr. Keefe: Well, personally I want to thank you. We
3 have at least got one witness that has some clear recollec-
4 tion without refreshing. That seemed to be the case in each
5 case. Thank you.

6 The Chairman: Any further questions?

7 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a
8 few questions in connection with the questions asked you by
9 Senator Ferguson.

10 Now, this conference that you spoke of in response to
11 Senator Ferguson's question with Redmond, Gaston and whoever
12 else it was, that was on December 4, 1941?

13 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

14 The Vice Chairman: That was the time that the question
15 of forty-eight hours was discussed?

16 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

17 The Vice Chairman: That was the day before the so-called
18 winds execute message was supposed to have reached Admiral
19 Noyes?

20 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, that is correct.

21 The Vice Chairman: So that this conference in which the
22 forty-eight hour question was mentioned had nothing to do with
23 the winds execute message at all?

24 Colonel Sadtler: Nothing at all, no, sir.

25 The Vice Chairman: And whatever discussion occurred

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

2 there in which the forty-eight hour question was mentioned
3 was solely with relation to the information you had about the
4 burning of Japanese codes?

5 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, and the other information
6 that had gone before, Mr. Cooper.

7 The Vice Chairman: But it had nothing to do with any
8 winds message?

9 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, not a thing.

10 The Vice Chairman: All right. Now, your reason for
11 thinking that war with Britain would also probably mean war
12 with the United States was because the Japanese were destroying
13 their codes in both the United States and in Britain?

14 Colonel Sadtler: And in British possessions, yes, sir.

15 The Vice Chairman: Yes. And that had nothing to do with
16 any winds message at all?

17 Colonel Sadtler: Not a thing, no, sir.

18 The Vice Chairman: Now, this message written by you on
19 December 5th which is mentioned in your affidavit to Colonel
20 Clausen, I believe you state was never shown to General
21 Gerow or General Miles or Colonel Bedell Smith or Colonel
22 Bratton.

23 Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

24 The Vice Chairman: You did not show it to anybody else?

25 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

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The Vice Chairman: You simply wrote it out and kept it yourself?

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Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: And did not show it to any of these other officers.

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: Now, you never did see the so-called winds execute message and all you know about it is what Admiral Noyes told you?

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Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: You never did at any time see it?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: And as far as you know of your own knowledge there never was any winds execute message received?

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Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

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The Vice Chairman: All right, thank you.

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Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman.

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The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

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Mr. Murphy: Colonel, as I understand it then, because you had a phone call from Admiral Noyes about which there was some doubt and concerning which you could not get confirmation you, who had charge of the collection of data and not the evaluation or analysis of data, took it upon yourself to go to the Chief of War Plans and the Secretary of the Chief of

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 Staff in order to have a message sent out to Hawaii and the
3 other possessions, is that right?

4 Colonel Sadtler: That is essentially correct, yes, sir.

5 Mr. Murphy: Did you know at that time of the war warn-
6 ing message of November 27th?

7 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, I knew about that.

8 Mr. Murphy: Did you read, - you had read the Navy's
9 message?

10 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. I knew the one that General
11 Short had sent into the WarDepartment.

12 Mr. Murphy: Well, did you know about the Navy's mes-
13 sage, "This is a war warning" on the 27th?

14 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I knew nothing of that mes-
15 sage.

16 Mr. Murphy: Did you know about the message of the 24th
17 of November that hostilities might commence at any moment?

18 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

19 Mr. Murphy: Did you know about the message of the 27th
20 of November to General Short from General Marshall?

21 Colonel Sadtler: To which General Short replied that
22 he was on a sabotage alert?

23 Mr. Murphy: I am not talking about his reply. I am
24 talking about the message of Marshall to Short, did you know
25 about that?

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I don't identify it, no, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: So that you, not knowing that there had been a warning message on the 24th of November and the Army message of the 27th of November and the Navy message of the 27th of November, were feeling disturbed that no warning message had gone out, is that right?

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Colonel Sadtler: I thought that additional warning should go out, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, did you know what had gone out?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Mr. Murphy: So that you took it upon yourself, not knowing what the Chief of Staff and the other officers in charge of such functions had done and not knowing what the Navy officers in charge of such functions had done, decided that you would write the kind of a message that should go out, is that it?

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Colonel Sadtler: I intended that to be some sort of a model that if they wanted to send a message they could use that to start out with.

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Mr. Murphy: And you expected General Gerow, after you came into his office as head of Signal Corps, to discuss with you the kind of a message that should go out, is that it?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Well, you expected that he would take your

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suggestion that a message should go out?

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: And then when you didn't get any satisfaction from General Gerow you then went to the Chief of Staff's office, is that right?

Colonel Sadtler: That is correct, yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Now, did you tell the Chief of Staff at that time that you had already conferred with General Miles and you had already conferred with General Gerow? Did you ever tell that to Colonel Smith?

Colonel Sadtler: I think you mean Colonel Smith, the Secretary of the General Staff.

Mr. Murphy: Yes.

Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: You told him that you had discussed the matter with General Miles, Chief of Army Intelligence, G-2, and that you had already discussed the matter with General Gerow and that you did not get any satisfaction from them and didn't he then tell you, "Well, don't bother me about it", or something to that effect?

Colonel Sadtler: Essentially, yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Yes. Now, then, we come to your conversation with General Drum. I would like to get some more details on that. This material that you got was of a highly confi-

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 dential nature, wasn't it?

3 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Murphy: And what did you tell General Drum about
5 it? Did he have any right to know about this magic?

6 Colonel Sadtler: He had been my commanding General.

7 Mr. Murphy: I don't care what he was. You knew that he
8 did not have any right to know about magic, didn't you?

9 Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir, I knew that.

10 Mr. Murphy: Yes. And did he as your commanding General
11 presume as your General to ask you to reveal such information
12 to him?

13 Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. It was the time of my relief
14 from duty under General Drum to go to duty with the Second
15 Army.

16 Mr. Murphy: All right.

17 Colonel Sadtler: And he said -- he asked me, "Weren't
18 you on duty in the Chief's office at the time this trouble
19 occurred?"

20 Mr. Murphy: What else?

21 Colonel Sadtler: And asked me to tell him the circum-
22 stances.

23 Mr. Murphy: And did you discuss magic with him and the
24 messages?

25 Colonel Sadtler: I told him about the winds message.

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy: What else?

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Colonel Sadtler: I don't know, sir, I have forgotten exactly, but I essentially told him what was done at that time about that, what had happened.

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Mr. Murphy: Did he tell you why he wanted to know?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: And then after you talked with him you went out and made a memorandum?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir. I left for Tennessee almost immediately.

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Mr. Murphy: But you have already told us that after you talked to General Drum you made some notes. That is what you said in this record.

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Mr. Richardson: A few months later he said.

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Colonel Sadtler: I don't know whether it was the same day or a week later or a month later.

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Mr. Murphy: After you talked to General Drum you made some notes. Why did you make the notes? Did General Drum suggest it or not?

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: He suggested that you make some notes?

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Colonel Sadtler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Did he say why?

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Colonel Sadtler: He said, "You had better remember this."

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy: What is that?

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Colonel Sadtler: He said, "You had better remember this."

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Mr. Murphy: Yes. What else?

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Colonel Sadtler: That is all.

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Mr. Murphy: And was it he who suggested you make notes?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Did you tell General Drum about magic?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I don't think so.

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Mr. Murphy: You mean you just confined it to that one

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incident?

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Colonel Sadtler: I don't recall telling him anything

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else, no, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, you have already testified before the

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Board that you felt on the 4th of December 1941, twenty-four

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hours before any talk of a conversation with Admiral Noyes,

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that you felt war was coming in forty-eight hours.

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What was there about the winds intercept that you singled

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out, since you felt it was coming the day before, that you

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would talk about only that one instance to General Drum? How

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do you explain that?

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Colonel Sadtler: I can't explain it, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, have you any idea?

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Colonel Sadtler: No, sir.

Witness Sadtler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy: The gentleman from Wisconsin said your memory was clear. Now I would like to have your memory on it. Why would you discuss that one little incident when you said you felt the "haruna" messages meant war, when you knew the consuls were being told to destroy their codes, when you knew the ambassador was being told to destroy his codes, when you felt that war was coming, why would you single out this one incident to talk to General Drum about?

Colonel Sadtler: I cannot answer that question, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Who brought up the subject?

Colonel Sadtler: When I went in to say good-bye to General Drum he asked me the circumstances surrounding the events at Pearl Harbor at the time.

Mr. Murphy: You said you only told him about one little incident after he asked you about the conditions surrounding Pearl Harbor. Is that so, now? He asked you what were the conditions surrounding Pearl Harbor and out of all this important mass of detail you just singled out one little item. Is that so?

Colonel Sadtler: The winds message, Mr. Murphy, as I said before, was the most important message that I think I ever handled in my life.

Mr. Murphy: Why? Will you tell the committee?

Colonel Sadtler: The whole thing. We knew on the 29th,

Witness Sadtler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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ew knew of the disappearance of the Japanese fleet, we knew of Mr. Hull's ultimatum, we knew on December 1st these code machines were being destroyed, we knew the "haruna" messages and then this final winds message came in to cap the whole climax.

Mr. Murphy: Now, what did the winds message mean to you? You said before in your testimony that it meant a break in diplomatic relations.

Colonel Sadtler: It meant destruction of codes, papers, and so forth.

Mr. Murphy: Weren't they already destroyed?

Colonel Sadtler: That was the final word and to me that everything had happened, because that winds message was also predicated upon the fact, upon the interruption of international communications that they would certainly have.

Mr. Murphy: But, sir, didn't you already testify that there were sixteen "haruna" messages?

Colonel Sadtler: No, sir, I did not. I said after that date there have been found sixteen. I saw two or three at that time.

Mr. Murphy: But at any rate you did say -- let me get it exactly. Let me get your exact words.

The Chairman: Go ahead and answer it if you can.

Mr. Murphy: Page 250.

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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The Chairman: It seemed to be in the form of a question that required an answer.

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Mr. Murphy: You did expect a declaration of war on the 30th of November, didn't you?

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Colonel Sattler: Well, we expected something to happen.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, didn't you say before the Army Board that we were of the opinion there might be a declaration of war between Japan and the United States on Sunday, November the 30th?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: (Reading)

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"This, as you all know, proved to be a 'quid' and on Monday, December 1, if I recall the date correctly, messages that morning began coming in from Tokyo telling the consuls to destroy their codes and to reply to Tokyo with one code word when they had so complied with their directive. If I recall correctly, that word was 'Haruna'. It is the same name as that battleship that Collin Kelly was alleged to have sunk.

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"About December 3, Tokyo notified the embassy pertaining to the destruction of their codes at once."

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Now, if you had all those messages that the consuls were to destroy their codes and if you had on the 5th the message about the embassy burning their codes, what did the winds

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Colonel Sattler: It capped the climax.

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Mr. Murphy: In what way?

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Colonel Sattler: That everything is here. Now we have

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the whole thing.

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Mr. Murphy: What was here that you did not have before?

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Colonel Sattler: Nothing, not a thing. Now there was nothing but the win's message, which was a message that we had been straining every nerve to get, we had everybody listening for that message.

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Mr. Murphy: You did intercept certain messages after the 5th, did you not?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Yes. Were the codes destroyed when you were intercepting those messages?

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Colonel Sattler: Practically all the codes were destroyed except the one in the Japanese embassy.

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Mr. Murphy: Weren't you kept busy all day on the 5th and on the night of the 5th and all day on the 6th and on the evening of the 6th and on Sunday intercepting messages?

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Colonel Sattler: That is correct.

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Mr. Murphy: New messages?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, they were not destroyed then on the

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 5th, were they?

3 Colonel Sattler: What was not destroyed on the 5th?

4 Mr. Murphy: You said that it capped the climax. The
5 message to destroy the codes came on the 5th. You still re-
6 ceived intercepted messages the afternoon of the 5th and the
7 night of the 5th and the 6th and the 7th?

8 Colonel Sattler: That is true, yes, sir.

9 Mr. Murphy: Well, if that capped the climax they did not
10 destroy the codes, did they? Do you understand me?

11 Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir, I understand you perfectly,
12 but they had destroyed practically all of their codes by that
13 time except the one in the Japanese embassy.

14 Mr. Murphy: Well, you knew that there were messages to
15 different parts of the world that we intercepted, too, did
16 you not?

17 Colonel Sattler: Not at that time I did not, no, sir.

18 Mr. Murphy: Will you give me exhibit 1? Will you show
19 that to the witness?

20 Mr. Richardson: If he doesn't know why show him any-
21 thing?

22 Mr. Murphy: Do you know about the message of December 7th
23 coming in?

24 Colonel Sattler: No, sir.

25 Mr. Murphy: About relations with England?

Witness Saitler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: You don't know about that?

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: You don't know that we did intercept a message on the 7th of December about relations between Japan and England not being in accordance with expectations?

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir, I do not; that is correct.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, then, in view of all of that you still say that you only told General Drum about that one little message?

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir, I will not. I think that is about all we discussed, though, as to what happened in Washington at that time.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, what happened to your notes?

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Colonel Saitler: I don't know, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, you certainly don't want to create any inference that anybody in Washington is responsible for your notes being destroyed, do you?

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Colonel Saitler: I do not, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: How many times did you talk to Captain Safford before you were a witness?

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Colonel Saitler: I have never talked to Captain Safford but once or twice in my life and that was before December 7, 1941.

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy: Did you talk to anybody about this except

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General Drum?

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Colonel Saitler: You mean discussed what has happened?

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Mr. Murphy: About the wire intercept, yes, or your notes?

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Colonel Saitler: I remember telling General Carter Clarke

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the story.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, about Carter Clarke: That has come

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into the record three times and the Clarke exhibit is not in

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the record as yet.

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As I understand it, you were talking to General Spalting

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and General Spalting gave you some gossip about certain papers

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being destroyed, is that correct?

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Colonel Saitler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Did you learn that General Spalting learned

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it from Bissell?

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Colonel Saitler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: And did you learn that Bissell learned it

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from Friedman?

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Did you learn where Bissell got it?

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Colonel Saitler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Are you familiar with the Clarke report that

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investigated that whole incident and dismissed it?

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Colonel Saitler: I am familiar with the part of my tes-

1 Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 timony and I listened to General Spalting when he gave his
3 testimony.

4 Mr. Murphy: In other words, you had heard from General
5 Spalting certain things and then the gossip you got from
6 General Spalting, who did you give it to?

7 Colonel Sattler: It is going to get down to Mr. Friedman,
8 isn't it?

9 Mr. Murphy: It is going to get to wherever you put it.

10 Colonel Sattler: I did in conversation with Mr. Friedman
11 tell him that, yes, sir.

12 Mr. Murphy: It was you then who told Friedman?

13 Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

14 Mr. Murphy: And then Friedman told other people?

15 Colonel Sattler: That is right, yes, sir.

16 Mr. Murphy: So that you are the one responsible for
17 Friedman having this so-called information, is that right?

18 Colonel Sattler: That is correct, yes, sir.

19 Mr. Murphy: May I see the Clarke report, please? I re-
20 fer to your testimony. You testified before General Clarke
21 on the 14th of July 1945, is that right?

22 Colonel Sattler: I think that is about right, yes, sir.

23 Mr. Murphy: You were questioned by Colonel Gibson?

24 (Reading)

25 "Colonel Sattler, you realize that you are under oath

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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and you are fully aware of what your rights are?

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"Colonel Sattler: Yes.

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"Colonel Gibson: I want to ask you first if you ever saw a so-called Win's execute message?

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"Colonel Sattler: I did not.

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"Colonel Gibson: To your knowledge, was such a message ever in the War Department?

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"Colonel Sattler: It was not.

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"Colonel Gibson: And all that you know about that message and all contact that you had with it is in your former testimony?

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"Colonel Sattler: That is right. I might further add that the information came from Admiral Noyes.

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"Colonel Gibson: Mr. William F. Friedman has testified before Admiral Hewitt of the Department of the Navy recently as follows: 'Then if I remember correctly, I asked Colonel Sattler whether he had a copy, had ever gotten or seen a copy of this message, and his answer was, if I remember correctly, that he hadn't himself seen a copy but that he had been told by somebody that the copies had been ordered or directed to be destroyed by General Marshall.'"

You were the one, then, that told --

Colonel Sattler: I did not. Those words were Mr. Fried-

1 Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 man's words.

3 Mr. Murphy: Well, he said you did.

4 Colonel Sattler: Mr. Friedman tells it in his words.

5 Mr. Murphy: (Reading)

6 "Did you tell Mr. Friedman that you had been told by
7 somebody that the copies of the Win's execute message
8 had been ordered or directed to be destroyed by General
9 Marshall?

10 "Colonel Sattler: I will make an absolute flat re-
11 nial of that statement made by Mr. Friedman because, as
12 far as I know, that message was never in the War Depart-
13 ment and I never made any statement that General Marshall
14 ordered it destroyed or that anyone told me that General
15 Marshall ordered it destroyed.

16 "Colonel Gibson: When did you return to duty in
17 Washington this last time?

18 "Colonel Sattler: About March 28, 1944.

19 "Colonel Gibson: After your return during the fol-
20 lowing summer and fall on occasion did you visit with Mr.
21 Friedman?

22 "Colonel Sattler: Yes.

23 "Colonel Gibson: And did you visit about Pearl
24 Harbor, amongst other things?

25 "Colonel Sattler: Yes. We had discussed what had

Witness Saitler

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So that you did talk to more than Drum, didn't you?

You did say Friedman, did you not, before?

Colonel Saitler: Yes, I talked to a lot of people who I assumed would get this message.

Mr. Murphy: (Reading)

"Colonel Gibson: Did some of those discussions take place in Mr. Friedman's office?"

"Colonel Saitler: Well, I assume they did because I have been in his office several times. I had talked to him on occasions about what had happened, not only in his office but at his house.

"Colonel Gibson: At some time did somebody tell you that messages pertaining to the Pearl Harbor affair were being destroyed?"

"Colonel Saitler: Yes. Some time during 1943 General Isaac Spalding at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, told me something to the effect that J. T. B. Bissell had told him that everything pertaining to Pearl Harbor was being destroyed or had been destroyed."

That is what General Spalding told you, was it?

Colonel Saitler: That is correct, yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: (Reading)

"Colonel Gibson: Is it possible that you told that

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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to Mr. Friedman in one of your conversations?

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"Colonel Sattler: It is possible.

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"Colonel Gibson: You have been an old friend of
Mr. Friedman for many years?

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"Colonel Sattler: I have known him for over 25 years.

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"Colonel Gibson: This Colonel, now Brigadier J. T.
B. Bissell, that you speak of, do you know him personally?

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"Colonel Sattler: I do not.

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"Colonel Gibson: To your knowledge have you ever met
him?

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"Colonel Sattler: Yes. I have met him casually
but I doubt if I would recognize him today if I saw him."
I will try to put this down.

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Now, you typed this so-called message that you spoke to
the gentleman from Wisconsin about, you typed it yourself,
didn't you?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: You did not have your stenographer type it?

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Colonel Sattler: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, on December 1st you tried to dissuade
General Olmstead from going to Panama because you thought
that there would be war there then, did you not?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: That is December 1st?

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Colonel Sattler: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: You said:

"On December 1, when General Olmstead was making preparations to go to Panama, I attempted to dissuade him from his trip because I felt positive that war would be declared before he returned and I thought that it was his duty to be in Washington."

You did say that before General Clarke?

Colonel Sattler: That is correct, yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Now, Colonel Sattler, you were asked this question:

"Colonel Sattler, Mr. Friedman has also testified that you told him that you had heard that in addition to the Win's execute message being ordered destroyed by General Marshall, there was a second message that was ordered destroyed by General Marshall. This second message was a message which was the result of a message sent by the War Department a day or two after Pearl Harbor to the Signal Officer, Colonel Powell, asking him whether the radar installation in the Islands was in operative order at the time of the attack, and the answer came back in the affirmative. Did you tell Mr. Friedman that you had heard that the message of inquiry relative to the working of the radar installation in the Islands or the answer

Witness Saitler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

1 thereto had been destroyed?"

2 Your answer was, "I did not."

3 So that you were not responsible for that part of the
4 gossip?
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6 Colonel Saitler: Absolutely not, no, sir.

7 Mr. Murphy: And the fact is that radar message is down
8 in the files of the War Department now, is it not?
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10 Colonel Saitler: Yes, sir. That was collected for
11 secrecy at first, as I have explained before.

12 Mr. Murphy. Right. That is all, Colonel.

13 Mr. Kaufman: Mr. Chairman, counsel for General Short re-
14 quests that I ask a question of the witness.

15 The Chairman: Yes.

16 Mr. Kaufman: Counsel for General Short would like to
17 have me inquire from the witness as to whether he had seen
18 the reply of General Short to the November 27th message?

19 Colonel Saitler: That would be the sabotage?

20 Mr. Kaufman: Yes.

21 Colonel Saitler: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Kaufman: Where did you see it for the first time?

23 Colonel Saitler: In the War Department.

24 Mr. Kaufman: Around the date that it was received?

25 Colonel Saitler: I imagine so, yes, sir. I have forgot-
ten exactly when but I do recall seeing it before Pearl Harbor.

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Kaufman: That is all.

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Mr. Keefe: One question on that, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask that same question because I thought that you had attempted to say something with respect to the message from General Short to General Marshall of the War Department with respect to his being alerted only against sabotage. It impressed me that you were cut off by Mr. Murphy and did not get to say it.

Now, as a matter of fact do I understand that at the time you became so apprehensive and felt that a message should go out to Short, was that because you had seen this message which set forth that he was only alerted against sabotage?

Colonel Sattler: No, sir, I had no reason to single General Short at Hawaii out to get a warning. I thought that they all should be warned because I personally thought that if the Japs attacked it would be the Panama Canal.

Mr. Keefe: Well, then the fact that he had sent in a wire and you knew about it, that he was only alerted against sabotage did not make any particular impression on you?

Colonel Sattler: No, sir.

Mr. Keefe: All right.

Colonel Sattler: Except that I knew he had not --

Mr. Keefe: I just want to get that clear.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I want to get that clear.

Witness Sattler

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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General Short sent more than one sabotage message. Did you see both of them?

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Colonel Sattler: I don't recall but one.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, if he stated --

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Mr. Richardson: Well, if he only saw one why go into the second?

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Mr. Murphy: I want to know which one he saw.

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Colonel Sattler: The one I saw was about -- I imagine it was about a hundred words.

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Mr. Murphy: A hundred words?

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Colonel Sattler: Yes.

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Mr. Murphy: That is all.

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Colonel Sattler: It was not a long message.

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Mr. Murphy: That is all.

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The Chairman: Thank you very much, Colonel, for your cooperation. The committee appreciates your attendance here.

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(Witness excused.)

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The Chairman: Who is the next witness?

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Mr. Richardson: Commander Schulz.

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The Chairman: Commander Schulz, come around, please.

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(Witness sworn by the chairman)

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1 TESTIMONY OF COMMANDER LESTER ROBERT SCHULZ

2 (sworn by the chairman)

3 Mr. Richardson: Will you state your full name, please?

4 Commander Schulz: Lester Robert Schulz.

5 Mr. Richardson: How long have you been in the Navy, Com-
6 mander?7 Commander Schulz: Since June 1930, beginning as a ship-
8 man.9 Mr. Richardson: Were you in Washington during November
10 and December 1941?

11 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, I was.

12 Mr. Richardson: What was your assignment for duty in
13 Washington during the first week of December?14 Commander Schulz: I was under instruction in the Office
15 of Naval Communications for communication intelligence. That
16 was my permanent assignment. However, I was on temporary duty
17 under verbal orders at the White House as a communications
18 assistant to the Naval Aide, then Captain Bearhall. Also,
19 I had gone to Warm Springs in the same capacity the previous
20 week end. Thus, my return to Washington I believe was Tues-
21 day of that week.

22 Mr. Richardson: You were under Admiral Bearhall?

23 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

24 Mr. Richardson: Who others of the Navy were occupying
25 the same duty, a similar duty there under Bearhall?

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Commander Schulz: On the 6th of December, I believe the morning of the 6th there was an Ensign Carson who was sent up to assist me. Actually he performed no duties that day and was simply being instructed and informed as to what his duties would be.

Mr. Richardson: What is your present assignment now?

Commander Schulz: I am under orders at present to be executive officer of the Indiana, a battleship.

Mr. Richardson: Were you on duty at the White House in Admiral Bearlall's office there on the night of December 6, 1941?

Commander Schulz: I was on duty in the White House. Admiral Bearlall had no fixed office in the White House at that time. He conducted his business for the most part in the Navy Department in the Navy Building and I was given a small office in a corner of the mail room, a closed office, but it was not a place used by Admiral Bearlall.

Mr. Richardson: That was at the White House?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, it was.

Mr. Richardson: Do you recall Captain Kramer coming to the White House on the evening of December 6th to deliver any papers?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, I do.

Mr. Richardson: About what time did he come?

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Commander Schulz: Between 9 and 10; I should say about 9:30.

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Mr. Richardson: In the evening?

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Commander Schulz: In the evening, yes, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: Who was there besides you?

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Commander Schulz: No one else of the Navy.

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Mr. Richardson: To whom, if anyone, did Captain Kramer

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hand his papers?

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Commander Schulz: He handed them to me. They were in a

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locked pouch.

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Mr. Richardson: Was that the customary way in which

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dispatches that were being delivered there were delivered?

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Commander Schulz: Material of that category was so de-

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Mr. Richardson: What did you do with the locked pouch

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when it was handed to you?

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Commander Schulz: I took it from the mail room, which is

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in the office building, over to the White House proper and ob-

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tained permission to go up on the second floor and took it

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to the President's study.

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Mr. Richardson: Did you go alone?

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Commander Schulz: I was accompanied by someone from the

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usher's office and announced to the President. However, then I

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was alone.

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Mr. Richardson: But Captain Kramer did not go with you?

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Commander Schulz: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Richardson: How long from the time the papers were placed in your hands by Captain Kramer was it before you went to the President's study?

Commander Schulz: About five minutes I would say.

Mr. Richardson: Who did you find in the study when you arrived there?

Commander Schulz: The President was there seated at his desk and Mr. Hopkins was there.

Mr. Richardson: That is Mr. Harry Hopkins?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

Mr. Richardson: You knew him?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir. I had met him the previous day.

Mr. Richardson: And you knew the President?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Was the pouch still locked?

Commander Schulz: I had a key to the pouch. I do not recall just when I unlocked it. In all likelihood it was after I was in the study, however.

Mr. Richardson: What did you do after you entered the study?

Commander Schulz: I was announced and I informed the President that I had the material which Captain Kramer had

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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2 brought and I took it out of the pouch.

3 Mr. Richardson: Did you make any further statement at
4 the time with reference to the material, as to your having
5 been told that it was important or not?

6 Commander Schulz: That I do not recall, sir, but I be-
7 lieve that the President was expecting it. As I recall, he
8 was.

9 Mr. Richardson: Why? What makes you believe that? Was
10 there anything said, I mean, that would indicate that?

11 Commander Schulz: When Admiral Bearlall instructed me to
12 stay and meet Mr. Kramer and receive the material, he told me
13 of its important nature.

14 Mr. Richardson: Now, wait just a moment there.

15 Commander Schulz: And my recollection was also that it
16 was of such importance that the President expected to receive
17 it.

18 Mr. Richardson: Before Captain Kramer came did you have
19 a talk with Admiral Bearlall with reference to the possibility
20 of papers being delivered in the immediate future?

21 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, I did. That is why I stayed.

22 Mr. Richardson: What did Admiral Bearlall say to you?

23 Commander Schulz: He told me that during the evening
24 Captain Kramer would bring up some magic material and that I
25 was to take it and give it immediately to the President and

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

2 he gave me the key to the pouch so that I could take it out
3 and deliver it.

4 Mr. Richardson: That is the substance of your conversa-
5 tion with Admiral Bearlall?

6 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is right.

7 Mr. Richardson: Well, now, when you presented the mater-
8 ial to the President was it in the pouch?

9 Commander Schulz: To the best of my recollection I took
10 it out of the pouch and handed it to him. The papers were
11 clipped together. There were perhaps fifteen typewritten
12 pages and they were fastened together in a sheaf and I took
13 them out of the pouch and handed them to the President per-
14 sonally.

15 Mr. Richardson: You know now what we mean when we talk
16 about the first thirteen parts of the fourteen part message;
17 you know what I am talking about?

18 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir.

19 Mr. Richardson: Are you able to state now whether among
20 the papers which were delivered to the President there was
21 this thirteen parts of what was eventually the fourteen part
22 message?

23 Commander Schulz: No, sir, I cannot. I did not read
24 the message. I have only learned of its substance through
25 information that has been divulged during this inquiry, from

1 Witness Schulz-

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

2 newspapers and so on.

3 Mr. Richardson: All right. Now, what happened when you
4 delivered these papers to the President? You remained there?

5 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, I remained in the room.

6 Mr. Richardson: What happened?

7 Commander Schulz: The President read the papers, which
8 took perhaps ten minutes. Then he handed them to Mr. Hopkins.

9 Mr. Richardson: How far away from the President was Mr.
10 Hopkins sitting?

11 Commander Schulz: He was standing up pacing back and
12 forth slowly not more than ten feet away.

13 Mr. Richardson: Did the President read out loud when he
14 was reading the papers?

15 Commander Schulz: I do not recall that he did.

16 Mr. Richardson: All right. Now go ahead and give us in
17 detail just what occurred there, if you please, Commander.

18 Commander Schulz: Mr. Hopkins then read the papers and
19 handed them back to the President. The President then turned
20 towards Mr. Hopkins and said in substance -- I am not sure of
21 the exact words, but in substance, "This means war." Mr. Hop-
22 kins agreed and they discussed then for perhaps five minutes
23 the situation of the Japanese forces, that is, their deploy-
24 ment and --

25 Mr. Richardson: Can you recall what either of them said?

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Commander Schulz: In substance I can. There are only a few words that I can definitely say I am sure of, but the substance of it was that -- I believe Mr. Hopkins mentioned it first, that since war was imminent, that the Japanese intended to strike when they were ready, at a moment when all was most opportune for them --

The Chairman: When all was what?

Commander Schulz: When all was most opportune for that. That is, when their forces were most properly deployed for their advantage. Indo-China in particular was mentioned, because the Japanese forces had already landed there and there were implications of where they should move next.

The President mentioned a message that he had sent to the Japanese Emperor concerning the presence of Japanese troops in Indo-China, in effect requesting their withdrawal.

Mr. Hopkins then expressed a view that since war was undoubtedly going to come at the convenience of the Japanese it was too bad that we could not strike the first blow and prevent any sort of surprise. The President nodded and then said, in effect, "No, we can't do that. We are a democracy and a peaceful people." Then he raised his voice, and this much I remember definitely. He said, "But we have a good record."

The impression that I got was that we would have to stand

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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on that record, we could not make the first overt move. We

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would have to wait until it came.

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During this discussion there was no mention of Pearl Har-

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bor. The only geographic name I recall was Indo-China. The

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time at which war might begin was not discussed, but from the

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manner of the discussion there was no indication that tomor-

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row was necessarily the day. I carried that impression away

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because it contributed to my personal surprise when the news

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did come.

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Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said, Commander, with

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reference to the subject of notice or notification as a re-

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sult of the papers that were being read?

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Commander Schulz: There was no mention made of sending

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any further warning or alert.. However, having concluded this

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the telephone. It was then determined, - I do not recall ex-

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actly, but I believe the White House operator told the Presi-

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Mr. Richardson: Now, that was from what was said there

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that you drew the conclusion that that was what the White

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House operator reported?

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

2 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir. I did not hear what the oper-
3 ator said, but the National Theater was mentioned in my pre-
4 sence and the President went on to state, in substance, that
5 he would reach the Admiral later, that he did not want to cause
6 public alarm by having the Admiral paged or otherwise when in
7 the theater where I believe the fact that he had a box re-
8 served was mentioned and that if he had left suddenly he would
9 surely have been seen because of the position which he held
10 and undue alarm might be caused and the President did not wish
11 that to happen because he could get him within perhaps another
12 er half an hour in any case.

13 Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said about telephoning
14 anybody else except Stark?

15 Commander Schulz: No, sir, there was not.

16 Mr. Richardson: How did he refer to Admiral Stark?

17 Commander Schulz: When he first mentioned calling him he
18 referred to him as "Betty".

19 Mr. Richardson: Was there any further discussion there
20 before you left?

21 Commander Schulz: No, sir. To the best of my knowledge
22 that is all that was discussed. The President returned the
23 papers to me and I left the study.

24 Mr. Richardson: That is all you know about it?

25 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is all.

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: The Chairman

2 Mr. Richardson: I have no further questions.

3 The Chairman: What time would you say you went to the
4 President's study that night?

5 Commander Schulz: It was approximately 9:30.

6 The Chairman: How long were you there altogether?

7 Commander Schulz: I would say about one-half hour, sir.

8 The Chairman: One-half hour?

9 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir.

10 The Chairman: So you left there about ten?

11 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir.

12 The Chairman: Then where did you go?

13 Commander Schulz: Then I went back to the office which
14 I mentioned before.

15 The Chairman: Back to what you call the situation room?

16 Commander Schulz: No, sir. The situation room was a
17 later development, after the war began.

18 The Chairman: Oh, I see. You went back to the place
19 from which you departed to deliver the message?

20 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

21 The Chairman: Congressman Cooper?

22 The Vice Chairman: No questions, thank you.

23 The Chairman: Senator George?

24 Senator George: No questions.

25 The Chairman: Mr. Clark?

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Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Clark: No questions.

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The Chairman: Mr. Lucas? Mr. Murphy?

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Mr. Murphy: Commander, you just flew in from California,

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did you?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

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Mr. Murphy: You got off the plane within the last hour

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or so?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir. I arrived at the National

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Airport at about nine o'clock this morning.

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Mr. Murphy: Did you ever commit any of this material to

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writing at any time?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir, I have not.

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Mr. Murphy: You have no notes whatsoever?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, I would like to have you just relax

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yourself just a little bit; you are tense. No other questions.

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The Chairman: Mr. Brewster?

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Senator Brewster: I will pass at this time.

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The Chairman: Mr. Gearhart?

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Mr. Gearhart: Were there any other high ranking Army or

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Navy officers that called at the White House that night that

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you know of?

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Commander Schulz: Not to my knowledge, sir. However, I

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was not in that part of the White House, except during this

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

2 half hour, where I would have seen them.

3 Mr. Gearhart: Your office was in the annex near the
4 executive end of the building?

5 Commander Schulz: I believe that is what it is called,
6 sir. It is the annex over towards the State Department.

7 Mr. Gearhart: That is right. And where is that office
8 to which you have referred? In the basement?

9 Commander Schulz: It is on the basement level, yes, sir.
10 I haven't been in it now for over four years but I believe
11 it is on the street level, however, on the side on which you
12 come in on.

13 Mr. Gearhart: Yes. Your particular room was off of
14 the wall receiving room?

15 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

16 Mr. Gearhart: How long did you remain on duty that night?

17 Commander Schulz: Until about 10:30.

18 Mr. Gearhart: And when did you return to duty the next
19 day?

20 Commander Schulz: The next day after the news of the
21 attack; I called Admiral Bearlall after I had heard the news
22 and then came back to the White House.

23 Mr. Gearhart: Arriving at the White House at what time?

24 Commander Schulz: About four o'clock I would say, sir.

25 Mr. Gearhart: That is all.

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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The Chairman: Mr. Ferguson.

Senator Ferguson: I just want to take the situation after you left the President's study. You then returned, as I understand it, to the mail room?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

Senator Ferguson: And the mail room had these long tables in it?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is right.

Senator Ferguson: Now, was Captain Kramer sitting at those tables when you went back, at one of the tables?

Commander Schulz: It is my recollection that he was.

Senator Ferguson: And then did you return to Captain Kramer this pouch? Is that your recollection?

Commander Schulz: That is my recollection. The happenings during that particular period are somewhat hazy but I know that I did not have the papers the next day. Further, I hadn't too suitable a place to put them during the night because of their high secrecy classification.

Senator Ferguson: You had worked in the Naval ONI so that you knew how secret these papers were and how valuable they were?

Commander Schulz: I was in the Communications Division rather than ONI.

Senator Ferguson: All right, Communications.

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Commander Schulz: However, I knew of their nature and
3 their general source because of their importance.

4 Senator Ferguson: And, therefore, you wouldn't have
5 cared to keep them at home or where you stayed and you did not
6 leave them anywhere in the White House?

7 Commander Schulz: I would not have kept them under any
8 circumstances, no, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: So that is your reason for saying that
10 you gave them to Commander Kramer, or he was Captain at that
11 time, was he?

12 Commander Schulz: I am not sure of his rank but it is
13 the same Captain Kramer.

14 Senator Ferguson: What was your grade at that time?

15 Commander Schulz: I was a Lieutenant at that time.

16 Senator Ferguson: And you would say that you were in all
17 about one hour or one-half hour, I think you said, in the
18 President's study?

19 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

20 Senator Ferguson: Now, did you have any other conversa-
21 tion that night later with Commander Bearall?

22 Commander Schulz: I recall having talked on the tele-
23 phone to then Captain Bearall after I had shown the papers
24 to the President.

25 Senator Ferguson: Will you give us that conversation?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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Commander Schulz: I do not remember the exact words. However, the purpose of the call was to inform him that I had received the papers, the President had seen them and I had carried out my instructions; then I would be free to go home.

Senator Ferguson: And you did get home about what hour that night?

Commander Schulz: I left the White House at about 10:30.

Senator Ferguson: Did Admiral Bearlall ask you for the details of the conversation of what the President may have said?

Commander Schulz: I don't recall that he did, no, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And you do not recall telling Admiral Bearlall at any time this conversation that you have related here?

Commander Schulz: I never told anyone during the course of the war of any conversation being held that night in the President's presence.

Senator Ferguson: And to whom have you repeated this conversation?

Commander Schulz: I have repeated it since to you and to Lieutenant Commander Baecher and the gentleman who was with you at the time; I did not know his name.

Mr. Murphy: By "you" you mean who?

The Chairman: Senator Ferguson?

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 Commander Schulz: I mean --

3 Mr. Murphy: You mean you told Senator Ferguson about this
4 before today?

5 Senator Ferguson: This is Mr. Morgan.

6 Commander Schulz: No, sir, not before today. Immediately
7 preceding my coming to the chair; within ten minutes before
8 I came to the chair here.

9 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Morgan was present and Commander
10 Baecher was present?

11 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is right.

12 Senator Ferguson: Now, had you talked it over with any
13 one else prior to that?

14 Commander Schulz: No, sir, I have not.

15 Senator Ferguson: Now, can you tell us whether or not
16 that was the first week of your assignment there, so that you
17 had not been with the President prior to his Warm Springs
18 trip and this particular week in the White House?

19 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct. My first
20 association with the White House in any capacity was on the
21 Friday of the week before, when I made the trip to Warm Springs.
22 I did not go to the White House at that time. The first time
23 I was ever in the White House was on the 5th of December.

24 Senator Ferguson: Now, on the 5th of December did any
25 messages come in to your knowledge?

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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Commander Schulz: There was one message. I had that in my custody. As I recall it was given to me by Captain Bearlall and had already been shown to the President. At least it was given to me only for custody and it concerned the reported burning of Japanese consular codes. It came to me on a normal Navy Department secret message form. Its original source, I recall, was from Australia but I do not know and do not recall who actually originated the message.

Senator Ferguson: Did it say anything about the Japanese destroying a code machine in Batavia or sending it back to Tokyo do you recall?

Commander Schulz: No, sir, no machine was mentioned.

Senator Ferguson: No machine was mentioned in that particular message?

Commander Schulz: No.

Senator Ferguson: Now, outside of that message have you any information as to any messages delivered to the President?

Commander Schulz: No, sir, there were no others.

Senator Ferguson: Now, is this the only conversation or the only words that you heard from the President, that you have given us, in relation to the Pacific or the Japanese question?

Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct, the only words.

Senator Ferguson: Nothing at Warm Springs, any messages

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 there or any conversations about the Far East?

3 Commander Schulz: No, sir, I had no such material or
4 information there.

5 Senator Ferguson: And you heard no conversations by the
6 President there?

7 Commander Schulz: No, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Now, there is one thing I am not en-
9 tirely clear on and that is when the President said that he
10 did not want Admiral Stark, or "Betty", as he referred to him
11 first, called from the National Theater because it would, in
12 your language, arouse people, or what was the word?

13 Commander Schulz: It might have caused public alarm.

14 Senator Ferguson: Public alarm?

15 Commander Schulz: Or at least speculation.

16 Senator Ferguson: Yes, and there was one thing said about
17 that he didn't want that to happen for another hour?

18 Commander Schulz: He made no statement as to when it would
19 be all right that public knowledge might be all right. His
20 statement, his words were, in effect, that he would reach the
21 Admiral later. The matter of it being another hour is my
22 own observation based on the fact that the theater eventually
23 was going to close that evening.

24 Senator Ferguson: So the President did not use the
25 words "another hour"?

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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Commander Schulz: That is correct, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: And you took that to mean that he would get him after the show?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, do you have any knowledge as to whether the President will reach Admiral Stark that night or not?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir, I do not know.

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Senator Ferguson: And as I understand it then, you will not work or go to the White House on the morning of the 7th?

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Commander Schulz: That is correct, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: And will you tell us who was the President's Naval Aide on Sunday morning, if you have any knowledge on it?

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Commander Schulz: Captain Bearhall was the Naval Aide at that time, on that morning.

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Senator Ferguson: Yes. To your knowledge, this other gentleman, the other Lieutenant, - and I did not catch his name.

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Commander Schulz: The officer who was my assistant was Ensign Carson.

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Senator Ferguson: Is that C-a-r-s-o-n?

Commander Schulz: C-a-r-s-o-n. Carson was not there that morning either. He had only reported for work the pre-

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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ceiling lay and was not yet fully instructed.

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Senator Ferguson: And to your knowledge then he was really not authorized to handle this locked pouch, is that correct?

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Commander Schulz: He had never been left there alone for such an assignment before.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, there is only about one other thing and that is when did Admiral Bearlall first tell you to remain there that night to receive this special message for the President?

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Commander Schulz: It was about four o'clock. The time is not exact --

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Senator Ferguson: Near the time.

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Commander Schulz: It was late in the afternoon, before the Admiral left himself.

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Senator Ferguson: What time did Admiral Bearlall leave?

Commander Schulz: I do not recall exactly but about 5:30 I should say.

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Senator Ferguson: And you were the only one that remained on duty or did Carson stay with you?

Commander Schulz: No, sir, Carson left also and I remained.

Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, when did you first learn that you were going to be a witness here?

Commander Schulz: I learned definitely only on the 12th

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 of this month; that is about three days ago. I had previous
3 indication about the 1st of December, when I was informed by
4 Lieutenant Commander Baecher that because of my having been
5 on duty at the White House at that time that I might be called.
6 I did not receive definite word.

7 Senator Ferguson: Were you then here in Washington?

8 Commander Schulz: No, sir. I was in Bremerton, Washing-
9 ton, the Puget Sound Navy Yard at that time.

10 Senator Ferguson: Was Baecher there or did he telephone
11 you?

12 Commander Schulz: He telephoned to me.

13 Senator Ferguson: And did he ask you to hold yourself in
14 readiness for a call?

15 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, in effect.

16 Senator Ferguson: Pardon me?

17 Commander Schulz: In effect to expect to come.

18 Senator Ferguson: Yes. And did you tell him at that time
19 what you knew?

20 Commander Schulz: Not in as great detail as I have to-
21 day, but I mentioned the fact that I had received the mater-
22 ial from Captain Kramer and that I had personally delivered
23 it to the President and stayed there while he read it.

24 Senator Ferguson: Yes. And have you been called by any
25 other Board or anyone else to get your story, to get your

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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version of what happened?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir, I have not.

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Senator Ferguson: This is the first time that you have testified?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, did anyone else call you and tell you that you might be a witness?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir, no one has.

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Senator Ferguson: You were on the Indiana when you got word to come into San Francisco to get off?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, I was. The ship was at sea and we received orders from the Bureau of Personnel that I proceed here for this purpose.

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Senator Ferguson: And your ship pulled into San Francisco?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, the ship came into San Francisco yesterday morning.

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Senator Ferguson: You took a plane and landed here at nine o'clock this morning?

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

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Senator Ferguson: That is all.

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The Vice Chairman: When are you going back?

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Commander Schulz: Sunday or Monday I would think, sir.

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Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I have two questions.

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1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 son. Where was that?

3 Commander Schulz: That was in the hall just beyond the
4 large door over there.

5 Mr. Murphy: With only those two persons present before
6 you came into the presence of the committee?

7 Commander Schulz: And Lieutenant Commander Baecher.

8 Mr. Murphy: Now, then, one other question. Did you know
9 anything about the President dispatching a message to the
10 Emperor on the night of December 6th, the Emperor of Japan?

11 Commander Schulz: I knew that a message had been sent
12 since during the discussion with Mr. Hopkins the President
13 mentioned that he had sent a message to the Emperor and he
14 made a point of the fact that he had sent it to the Emperor
15 as chief of state and not to Tojo as Premier. He had sent
16 the message to the Emperor and such mention of it as was made
17 in my presence concerned only Indo-China.

18 Mr. Murphy: But that had been sent, apparently, before
19 the conversation that you heard down there?

20 Commander Schulz: Whether it had actually been sent I
21 do not know, but I know the President had drafted it.

22 Mr. Murphy: That is all.

23 Mr. Keefe: Just one question.

24 Commander, you made a statement that you believed that
25 the President was expecting this message. Did I so under-

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is what I said.

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Mr. Keefe: All right.

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Commander Schulz: And such was my impression.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, I would like to pursue that just a little bit further.

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Commander Schulz: My reason for telling that was that Admiral Bearlall, knowing its importance and knowing that it was coming out, told the President to expect it during the evening.

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Mr. Keefe: How did Admiral Bearlall know that it was coming?

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Commander Schulz: It had been -- it is my understanding that it had been received in the Navy Department and was being worked on. It, of course, takes time, some time to obtain the English text in such a message.

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Mr. Keefe: Were you aware of the fact that there was a so-called pilot message?

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Commander Schulz: No, sir, I was not.

Mr. Keefe: I would like to see if we can get that cleared up. You have no knowledge yourself as to the fact that there was a pilot message which came in some time around about noon on the 6th, which indicated that a long message was going to be sent to the Japanese ambassador?

1 Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 There is evidence before the committee that that pilot
3 message was delivered to certain people around about three
4 o'clock. Do you know whether it was delivered to the White
5 House by the Navy that afternoon?

6 Commander Schulz: I have no knowledge of that, sir. I
7 will not receive it or see it personally.

8 Mr. Keefe: At least Admiral Bearall before he left in-
9 dicated to you that they were expecting a message in reply
10 from the Japs?

11 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, a message at least. He will
12 not indicate the substance, but a message, which was a decoy.

13 Mr. Keefe: An important message?

14 Commander Schulz: And an important message.

15 Mr. Keefe: And will he indicate to you that he had advised
16 the President that there might be such a message?

17 Commander Schulz: I don't recall that he will, no, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: All right. Now, when the President got through
19 reading it, as I understood your testimony he showed it to
20 Hopkins and said, "This means war" and Hopkins concurred.

21 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir. The words may not be exact
22 but that is the substance.

23 Mr. Keefe: Then the discussion went on between Mr. Hop-
24 kins and the President as to possibly where the Japs might
25 strike and you remember discussions of Indo-China?

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Commander Schulz: That is correct, sir.

3 Mr. Keefe: But there was no mention of Pearl Harbor or
4 Hawaii?

5 Commander Schulz: That is correct, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: Or any other places that you recall?

7 Commander Schulz: No other places that I recall, none
8 that I recall.

9 Mr. Keefe: Do you recall with any degree of certainty,
10 Commander, just what the conversation was with respect to
11 the transmission of this message direct to the Emperor of
12 Japan and how that came into the conversation?

13 Commander Schulz: It came into the conversation when the
14 disposition of forces in Indo-China was mentioned and the way
15 it came in was that in this message to the Emperor it is my
16 understand that the presence of Japanese forces in Indo-China
17 was mentioned and that the -- I have never read the message,
18 if I may say, Congressman, I would like to have you understand
19 that, - but, however, I recall mention being made, the Presi-
20 dent quoting from this message that he drafted to the effect
21 that he had told Hirohito that he could not see how it could
22 be held that there was any danger to peace in the Far East as
23 far as the United States was concerned if there were no
24 Japanese forces in Indo-China.
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In other words, we were not going to attack Indo-China, nor was anyone else. Therefore, the presence of Japanese forces in Indo-China was for an aggressive purpose or for ulterior purposes on the part of the Japanese. We ourselves held no threat for Indo-China.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Mr. Keefe: Did you get the impression from that con-
3 versation that the message to the Emperor had been sent,
4 or was going to be sent?

5 Commander Schulz: I cannot recall that definitely, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: Now when the President said he wanted to
7 get in touch with "Betty", did he seem to know where "Betty"
8 Stark was that night?

9 Commander Schulz: No, sir; not initially, at least,
10 because I recall that he started to place a telephone call
11 for Admiral Stark.

12 Mr. Keefe: Then did word come back that Admiral Stark
13 was at the National Theater? Is that what I understood
14 you to say?

15 Commander Schulz: Word came back that that was where
16 he might be reached. Personally I have no knowledge that
17 he was there, but the President was informed that that was
18 where the Admiral had either left word or else someone who
19 could get in touch with him expected to find him there.

20 Mr. Keefe: And then the President indicated that he
21 would not bother calling him to the phone, that he would
22 get him later after the theater was over?

23 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

24 Mr. Keefe: That is the impression you got?

25 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir.

Witness Schulz

Questions by: Mr. Keefe
Senator Ferguson

1 Mr. Keefe: That is because he felt Admiral Stark's
2 leaving his box in the theater might cause some speculation
3 and arouse some public discussion, or alarm.

4 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that was my impression.

5 Mr. Keefe: Now when you got to the President's study
6 the only people who were there were the President and Harry
7 Hopkins?

8 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

9 Mr. Keefe: That is all.

10 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, may I just ask a
11 question?

12 The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

13 Senator Ferguson: You are a graduate of Annapolis?

14 Commander Schulz: Yes, sir, that is correct.

15 Senator Ferguson: What year?

16 Commander Schulz: 1934, sir.

17 The Chairman: Thank you again, Commander.

18 Commander Schulz: You are welcome.

19 The Chairman: You are excused.

20 Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to call
21 Admiral Rochefort.

22 The Chairman: Admiral Rochefort, come forward, please.

23 The Vice Chairman: It is Captain Rochefort.
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Witness Rochefort

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN JOSEPH JOHN ROCHEFORT,

UNITED STATES NAVY

(Captain Rochefort was duly sworn by the Chairman.)

The Chairman: What is your rank?

Captain Rochefort: I was about to thank you, Senator, for promoting me. I am actually a Captain.

The Chairman: Oh, yes. You are not averse to a real promotion if it comes your way, I suppose.

Captain Rochefort: I would appreciate it, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Captain, will you state your name?

Captain Rochefort: Joseph John Rochefort.

Mr. Richardson: How old are you, Captain?

Captain Rochefort: Forty-six years, sir.

Mr. Richardson: How long have you been in the Navy?

Captain Rochefort: Since 1918, sir.

Mr. Richardson: When were you first assigned to Hawaii?

Captain Rochefort: You mean my first trip there, sir?

Mr. Richardson: Yes.

Captain Rochefort: The first trip was in 1920 -- 1921.

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Mr. Richardson: How long were you there then?

Captain Rochefort: Approximately two months.

Mr. Richardson: When did you next go to Hawaii?

Captain Rochefort: In 1924.

Mr. Richardson: And how long did you stay that time?

Captain Rochefort: Approximately the same length of time, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Then when did you return there on regular assignment?

Captain Rochefort: In April, 1939, when the Hawaii Detachment was formed.

Mr. Richardson: And in what capacity?

Captain Rochefort: At that time on the staff of Commander Scouting Force, who was also Commander Hawaiian Detachment.

Mr. Richardson: What changes occurred in your assignments thereafter?

Captain Rochefort: In May of 1941, I received dispatch orders to report to the Commandant 14th Naval District for duty.

Mr. Richardson: That would be Admiral Blech?

Captain Rochefort: That would be Admiral Bloch, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Right.

Captain Rochefort: In personal correspondence

Witness Rochefort

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2 I was informed that my duty there would consist of Office
3 in Charge of the Communications Intelligence Unit at Pearl
4 Harbor.

5 Mr. Richardson: When did you assume those duties?

6 Captain Rochefort: In June, 1941.

7 Mr. Richardson: How long did you remain in that capacity?

8 Captain Rochefort: Until October, 1942.

9 Mr. Richardson: Who was there in your unit when you
10 took charge?

11 Captain Rochefort: Approximately 10 officers and 20
12 men at Pearl Harbor, and an additional 10 officers and
13 approximately 50 to 60 men in the outlying stations.

14 Mr. Richardson: What was the name of your unit as it
15 was known at Pearl Harbor?

16 Captain Rochefort: After I arrived there, we changed
17 the name slightly and called it the Combat Intelligence
18 Unit, 14th Naval District.

19 Mr. Richardson: What were your duties during November
20 and December, 1941?

21 Captain Rochefort: Very briefly, sir, to find out about
22 all of the Japanese Naval cryptographic systems.

23 Mr. Richardson: What experience had you had in connec-
24 tion with cryptographic work?

25 Captain Rochefort: During the period 1925 to 1927, I

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2 was in charge of all cryptographic work for the Navy De-
3 partment in Washington. I had had subsequently three
4 years in Japan as a language officer, and on various staffs
5 during various war problems had carried out cryptographic
6 research.

7 Mr. Richardson: Do you speak Japanese?

8 Captain Rochefort: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Richardson: Proceed, and give us a little detail
10 as to the scope of your duties with your assignment in
11 Hawaii.

12 Captain Rochefort: The primary duty consisted of
13 intercepting all Japanese naval traffic, and of attacking
14 all the Japanese naval systems contained in that traffic
15 with the exception of one system, which was being worked on
16 in Washington, and in Cavite.

17 Along with that, we had organized a radio intelligence
18 unit, whose duties were to obtain all information available
19 from the Japanese naval traffic by means other than crypt-
20 analysis.

21 We also had in the unit a mid-Pacific direction finding
22 unit with stations in Dutch Harbor, Samoa, Pearl Harbor
23 and Midway.

24 Mr. Richardson: What Japanese codes and ciphers were
25 in use by Japan during November and December that it was

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2 your duty to intercept?

3 Captain Rochefort: Of the regular systems, that is,
4 the systems used for any considerable period of time,
5 approximately 8 to 10, in addition to which there would be
6 several what we called minor systems, or systems used
7 for specific purposes, such as a Fleet problem.

8 Mr. Richardson: And what field was covered by those
9 codes and ciphers that you were intercepting?

10 Captain Rochefort: All Japanese naval traffic of,
11 all descriptions, including personnel matters, engineering
12 matters, operational intelligence, direction finding, in
13 short, all types of naval communication, including ship
14 movements.

15 Mr. Richardson: Ship locations?

16 Captain Rochefort: Ship locations would be incidental.
17 That is, they would be contained in the traffic.

18 Mr. Richardson: Now, were there any Japanese naval
19 codes that you could intercept, but could not translate
20 at Hawaii?

21 Captain Rochefort: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Richardson: How many?

23 Captain Rochefort: In terms of volume of traffic,
24 perhaps 90 percent.

25 Mr. Richardson: Let me see if I get it accurately.

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2 Out of all the interceptions that you had with refer-
3 ence to Japanese naval operations, you were only able to
4 decode and therefore understand at Hawaii approximately 10
5 percent of that traffic?

6 Captain Rochefort: Yes, sir.

7 Mr. Richardson: You were not able there to handle by
8 deciphering what is known as the purple code?

9 Captain Rochefort: No, sir. That was a diplomatic
10 system.

11 Mr. Richardson: Give me the designations of the other
12 codes there that you could not handle.

13 Captain Rochefort: Diplomatic or naval, sir?

14 Mr. Richardson: Well, both.

15 Captain Rochefort: I will put it this way:

16 We were not handling any of the diplomatic systems.
17 We were directed to attempt to process all naval systems
18 with the exception of one, which I previously mentioned.

19 Mr. Richardson: Was the fact as to what section you
20 were expected to handle and decode the result of a working
21 arrangement between you and Washington?

22 Captain Rochefort: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Richardson: Was it true that messages might be
24 intercepted by you that you were unable to decode?

25 Captain Rochefort: Naval, yes, sir.