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2 Senator Brewster: That left him with a very large
3 discretion?

4 Admiral Kimmel: That is right.

5 Senator Brewster: Now, Admiral Smith before the Hart
6 Committee said he thought there had been too much "crying
7 wolf", that such warnings had been received not only during
8 Admiral Kimmel's administration but also previously by
9 Admiral Richardson.

10 Does that express to some extent your feeling as to
11 the situation as far as apprising you of danger was concerned?

12 Admiral Kimmel: To some extent, yes, because I think
13 you will find Admiral King made a statement that was a sameness
14 to the warnings that went, a sameness, --

15 Senator Brewster: Yes.

16 Admiral Kimmel: And I noted that sameness.

17 Senator Brewster: When did you learn that Admiral Hart
18 was in receipt of the intercepts and of the ability to decode
19 them?

20 Admiral Kimmel: I learned of that after, sometime
21 after the Naval Court of Inquiry had completed its proceedings.
22 I don't know the exact date.

23 Senator Brewster: Was there ever any discussion with
24 you or by you about securing decrypting facilities for Pearl
25 Harbor covering the purple or any other code?

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Admiral Kimmel: I didn't know the purple code by that name. I knew in general of the set-up. I knew what we were capable of doing in Washington and I knew that the primary decrypting and decoding was done in Washington by a much larger force than we had at Honolulu and supplying us with the necessary code machines, or what not, whatever might have been necessary, was only a part of the problem. The remainder of it was to supply us with trained and efficient personnel in such numbers as to handle all this. And it appeared to me then that if all this was being done in Washington and they were supplying me with the information, that that was a solution to the problem.

Senator Brewster: But you did not know that Admiral Hart had these facilities for decrypting and analyzing the code?

Admiral Kimmel: No, I didn't know it at the time.

Senator Brewster: In your judgment would it have been feasible for those messages to have been sent to you by courier with practically complete security?

Admiral Kimmel: I could see no reason why there shouldn't have been complete security if they were sent by courier. That is always a thing that you have to balance everywhere, the security as against getting the information where it will do the most good, and I have always been

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2 one of the school who feels that the information should be
3 used, taking all the precautions.

4 We had a naval code which was pretty secure. I don't
5 know whether the Japs ever broke any of them or not. Or
6 anybody else. But certainly sending it by naval courier
7 would have been a very secure method, I should say.

8 Senator Brewster: And the planes were flying back and
9 forth from the Pacific Coast to Hawaii at that time?

10 Admiral Kimmel: Quite regularly.

11 Senator Brewster: So that it would have been a matter
12 of one or two days to get material through under normal
13 conditions?

14 Admiral Kimmel: Well, even in bad weather they could
15 have done it in four or five days.

16 Senator Brewster: And had there ever been any difficulty
17 as far as your office was concerned in the leakage of informa-
18 tion that was supplied you?

19 Admiral Kimmel: I don't understand.

20 Senator Brewster: Had there ever been any difficulty
21 as far as you or your office were concerned in the leaking
22 of information which had been supplied, so that they would
23 have any occasion for concern?

24 Admiral Kimmel: So far as I know there were no leaks.

25 That is something that no man can answer categorically,

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2 that there were never any leaks.

3 Senator Brewster: No. Whether there had ever been
4 any complaint.

5 Admiral Kimmel: No, there was never any complaint that
6 came to my attention.

7 Mr. Murphy: Will the gentleman yield?

8 Senator Brewster: Yes.

9 Mr. Murphy: There is some testimony about your hearing
10 a Navy wife reporting something about your operating pro-
11 cedures. My impression is that in the record there is something
12 about you putting some kind of a regulation into effect and
13 then shortly afterwards, in a public place in Honolulu, you
14 heard some Navy officer's wife repeat it.

15 I don't want to misspeak, that is an important statement,
16 but I think I can get you that in the record.

17 Admiral Kimmel: That is an entirely different type of
18 information from that which we are talking about here.
19 One of our greatest difficulties out there was the Navy
20 personnel and the Army personnel talking. And I think that
21 is a common trouble that we have everywhere.

22 As I recall it, I issued some kind of an order cautioning
23 all of them not to talk, to keep their mouths shut, and not
24 to know so much. And I even went to the extent of doing
25 this, we had a Navy directory they used to get out out there,

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and I restricted the distribution of this directory so as
 it couldn't get into the hands of unauthorized people.

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1 Witness Kimmel:

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2 Senator Brewster: If the so-called "magic" messages were
3 being sent to the British Admiralty by Washington would that
4 affect your opinion as to whether or not they might safely
5 have been entrusted to the Commander of the Pacific Fleet?

6 Admiral Kimmel: I know of no reason why they should not
7 have been supplied to the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific
8 Fleet and I think he was quite as much entitled to them as the
9 British Admiralty was.

10 Senator Brewster: On page 538 of the Roberts Commission
11 as corrected you were reported as testifying:

12 "The Secretary of Navy has stated that a special
13 warning was sent by the Department to the Commander-in-
14 Chief of the Asiatic Fleet on the day preceding the sur-
15 prise attack. The fact that such warning was not delivered
16 to me indicated that the Administration did not expect an
17 air attack on Oahu."

18 Is that correct?

19 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir, that is correct, and I would
20 like to add a little. When Mr. Knox came to Honolulu after
21 the attack one of the first things he asked me was, "Did you
22 get the dispatch that the Navy Department sent out on Saturday
23 night?"

24 Senator Brewster: December the 6th that was.

25 Admiral Kimmel: December 6th. "Did you get Saturday

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2 night the dispatch the Navy Department sent out?" I said, "No,
3 I received no such dispatch." "Well," he said, "we sent you
4 one." "Well," I said, "I am quite certain I did not receive
5 it. However, there is always a possibility that my communica-
6 tion outfit might slip up and I will check." "Well," he said,
7 "I am sure we sent one to the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic
8 station and we either sent it directly to you or for your in-
9 formation," and then he asked me if I decoded all dispatches
10 going to the Asiatic station.

11 I told him no, that that was something we did not do nor-
12 mally and that it would be highly improbable that we would try
13 to decode a dispatch addressed only to the Commander-in-Chief
14 of the Asiatic station, but that I would check up.

15 I did check up and I found that no such dispatch had ever
16 been sent to me and had never been received in my communication
17 organization and I subsequently found that no such dispatch
18 had ever been sent to the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic
19 station.

20 Senator Brewster: Did you ever take the matter up further
21 with Secretary Knox to find out what was the explanation of
22 that apparent misunderstanding?

23 Admiral Kimmel: I never did. I had not received the dis-
24 patch and at the time I did know it was something that was
25 water over the dam as far as I was concerned. I did not make

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2 any attempt to find out anything more about it at that time.
3 I assured myself that we had never received it and subsequent-
4 ly I found that it had never been received in the Asiatic
5 either, so the only conclusion that I could draw was that the
6 dispatch, if it had ever originated, had gotten bogged down
7 somewhere in the Navy Department.

8 Senator Brewster: But that matter has never been suffi-
9 ciently explored to find out the basis for the misunderstan-
10 ding, as far as you know?

11 Admiral Kimmel: As far as I know it has never been. I
12 know no more about it than I have told you right now.

13 Senator Brewster: Secretary Knox' visit was within a very
14 few days after the event, was it not?

15 Admiral Kimmel: I cannot hear you, sir.

16 Senator Brewster: Secretary Knox' visit was within a very
17 few days after December 7th?

18 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir. Secretary Knox, I think he
19 arrived out there on the 12th, it was about the 12th. I be-
20 lieve the 12th was the day.

21 Senator Brewster: And he seemed at that time to have a
22 very clear recollection that he understood a message had been
23 sent?

24 Admiral Kimmel: Oh, he was quite positive at that time.

25 Senator Brewster: Now, on page 568 of the Roberts testi-

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2 rony you are quoted as saying that the Army radar network "had
3 picked up many unknown planes at or about six A. M."

4 Was that, to you know, a discrepancy, or what is the ex-
5 planation of that as distinct from the seven o'clock report?

6 Admiral Kimmel: I do not recall now, sir. It is quite
7 possible that I had been misinformed as to the time and I
8 think that the testimony which has been subsequently developed
9 is probably better than my testimony. I was merely giving my
10 opinion as far as time goes. I had only been informed about
11 this.

12 Senator Brewster: When Secretary Knox talked with you at
13 that time regarding the Saturday night message was General
14 Short present so far as you recall?

15 Admiral Kimmel: I am not sure but I believe he was. Cap-
16 tain Smith was present.

17 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

18 Admiral Kimmel: And I believe Admiral Bloch was present
19 at the same time and Admiral Pye. I am quite sure Captain
20 Smith was there.

21 Mr. Murphy: The record shows that General Short and Ad-
22 miral Kimmel were together talking to the Secretary during the
23 conversation and that then the Secretary later talked to Gen-
24 eral Short separately and went over the line of each officer,
25 but they did talk at length together for some time.

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2 Admiral Kimmel: Well, that is quite true. General Short
3 and the Secretary, Admiral Bloch, Captain Smith and maybe two
4 or three other people were present during at least one inter-
5 view we had.

6 Senator Brewster: I have a message here labeled "Mes-
7 sage No. 042000, December 4th", I take it. I will show it to
8 you and ask you whether you can interpret it. It does not
9 mean very much to me (handing document to witness).

10 Admiral Kimmel: I am afraid you will have to get somebody
11 that knows more about this thing than I do to make sense out
12 of that.

13 Senator Brewster: Well, I will ask somebody to look it up
14 over the week end and perhaps we can get it.

15 Admiral Kimmel: I will look it up and try to find out, if
16 I can, something about it.

17 Senator Brewster: All right.

18 Admiral Kimmel: I do not recall that message at all.

19 Senator Brewster: You can take the number of it there.

20 Admiral Kimmel: See if we can find that, what that is.

21 Senator Brewster: Now, as I gather from your testimony,
22 Admiral Kimmel, you feel that the people in Washington had
23 far less reason to be surprised at the attack on Pearl Harbor
24 on the morning of December 7th than you did?

25 Admiral Kimmel: I think that is a perfectly reasonable

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2 conclusion with the information which they had and which I did
3 not have.

4 Senator Brewster: I think the testimony of most of them
5 who have spoken regarding this has indicated that they cer-
6 tainly were as much surprised as you, if not more so. The
7 attitude of mind of official Washington and in the White House,
8 one excerpt we have bearing directly on it is the New York
9 Times of October 8, 1944 purporting to quote Mrs. Franklin D.
10 Roosevelt when she stated as follows in what is marked as a
11 direct quotation:

12 "December 7th was just like any of the later D-Days
13 to us. We clustered at the radio and waited for more de-
14 tails but it was far from the shock it proved to the
15 country in general. We had expected something of the sort
16 for a long time."

17 That impression had been conveyed to you from neither of-
18 ficial or unofficial sources, I gather.

19 Admiral Kimmel: That thought you mean?

20 Senator Brewster: Yes, that you were expecting something
21 of this sort for a long time.

22 Admiral Kimmel: No, and I might add a little here. Another
23 thing that Secretary Knox said to me in the presence of these
24 officers was that they were all surprised in Washington, that
25 nobody in their estimates of what would happen in the Pacific

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2 had ever mentioned an attack on Pearl Harbor, not even Kelly
3 Turner. Those were his words.

4 Senator Brewster: Does that refer to Admiral Turner?

5 Admiral Kimmel: Yes.

6 Senator Brewster: The dispositions of the ships and the
7 alerting effect on December 7th were your best judgment as to
8 the action consistent with your various responsibilities on
9 the basis of information then available to you after careful
10 consultation with your highly competent staff and consider-
11 ation of all factors; is that statement true?

12 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir, that is absolutely true. I
13 had discussed this thing daily with my staff, not only after
14 November 27th but practically all the time I was out there.

15 Senator Brewster: Well, this was a continuing decision
16 throughout the preceding eleven months?

17 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Brewster: In the light of the diplomatic and
19 military situation and the continuing responsibilities to make
20 the Fleet ready for war, is that correct?

21 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir. It was something that we had
22 to re-appraise almost daily.

23 Senator Brewster: Whether or not the offensive function
24 of the Fleet in the event of war was the reason for its exist-
25 ence?

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2 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir. A fleet that was not trained
3 would have been useless.

4 Senator Brewster: That would be recognized by all com-
5 petent naval authorities as to the functions of a fleet?

6 Admiral Kimmel: I think so.

7 Senator Brewster: Would it be possible for anyone to ap-
8 praise the wisdom of your decisions and the disposition of the
9 Fleet without knowledge of all the offensive functions of the
10 Fleet under the war plan then governing the program of the
11 United States in the event of war?

12 Admiral Kimmel: I considered my primary responsibilities
13 out there offensive action which we expected and hoped to
14 undertake and no man can get a proper view of my responsibil-
15 ities and the problems which faced me without having the com-
16 plete text of the WPL-46 and my operating plan, WPAC-46, which
17 contains not only defensive measures but primarily offensive
18 measures.

19 Senator Brewster: I call your attention to exhibit 44,
20 "Copies of Defense Plans", which were submitted to our body,
21 extracts from Joint Army and Navy Basic War Plan Rainbow No.
22 5 and in Section 7 of that, "Tasks, The Pacific Area, Army
23 Tasks." Then we come to Sub-section 35, "Navy Tasks," in
24 which we find A, B, C, D and E missing. They go on with
25 the outlining of F, G and H, with apparently some other initial-

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2 ling subsequently thereto.

3 Now, that invited my attention at the time and I asked
4 counsel regarding it as it impressed me that if you were under
5 a responsibility for carrying out offensive action with that
6 fleet you must at least take that into account. I take it
7 that was the purpose of your orders, to be prepared to carry
8 out what your plan specifically called for and subsequently
9 when we secured A, B, C, D and E we found some very consider-
10 able responsibilities resting on you which I will read:

11 "a. Support the forces of the Associated Powers in
12 the Far East by diverting enemy strength away from the
13 Malay Barrier through the denial and capture of positions
14 in the Marshalls, and through raids on enemy sea communi-
15 cations and positions.

16 "b. Destroy Axis sea communications by capturing
17 or destroying vessels trading directly or indirectly with
18 the enemy.

19 "c. Protect the sea communications of the Associated
20 Powers within the Pacific Area.

21 "d. Support British naval forces in the area south
22 of the equator, as far west as Longitude 155° East.

23 "e. Protect the territory of the Associated Powers
24 within the Pacific area, and prevent the extension of enemy
25 military power into the Western Hemisphere, by destroying

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2 hostile expeditions and by supporting land and air forces
3 in denying the enemy the use of land positions in that
4 Hemisphere."

5 Now, those are rather large orders, are they not?

6 Admiral Kimmel: Yes, sir. And in that connection I might
7 say that prior to the commencement of these hearings we found
8 out what they were submitting to counsel and my counsel went
9 to Mr. Mitchell and pointed out to him that these defensive
10 measures divorced from the others did not give a true picture
11 of my responsibilities, of the problems that faced me; that it
12 was necessary to have these additional things brought to the
13 attention of the committee. After that and when it was distri-
14 buted to the committee my counsel again went to Mr. Gesell
15 and informed him that we felt that this was not a full presen-
16 tation of the picture which was necessary to be drawn if they
17 were to find out what my responsibilities were in the premises
18 and beyond that we went no further.

19 Senator Brewster: Do you know what reply Mr. Gesell made
20 to your counsel as reported to you regarding that matter?

21 Admiral Kimmel: What, sir?

22 Senator Brewster: What reply Mr. Gesell made to your coun-
23 sel as reported to you, regarding that request?

24 Admiral Kimmel: I do not know as he made any reply, but
25 he did not do anything about it.

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2 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

3 Senator Brewster: Well, I am quite interested because I
4 raised this very question early in the hearing as it impressed
5 me that we would be utterly unable to form a balanced judg-
6 ment on whether or not you had made a wise decision unless we
7 knew what your responsibilities were and if your primary re-
8 sponsibilities were to carry out aggressive warfare all over
9 the Pacific Ocean, out as far as the Malay Peninsula, the
10 Philippines and all that I assure that must be taken into ac-
11 count. I was unable to secure recognition of that by the coun-
12 sel at the time and I am very much interested to know that you
13 apparently had presented a similar and what seems to me a well-
14 warranted request and I think that it will be in order to find
15 out, if possible, why it was that this information was not made
16 available to us initially by whoever was responsible.

17 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

18 Senator Brewster: Yes.

19 Admiral Kimmel: Well, I don't know anything about it.

20 Senator Brewster: No, I know you do not.

21 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Mitchell made a statement to the committee
22 that the reason it was not was he thought the committee was
23 primarily concerned with defense obligations made as to Pearl
24 Harbor. Then he was pressed by the committee and he and Mr.
25 Gesell then made available to the committee the complete war

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2 plans of the Pacific and the complete plans covering the en-
3 tire situation and we have that.

4 Senator Ferguson: Were you through?

5 Mr. Murphy: Yes.

6 Senator Ferguson: Then do I understand counsel had this
7 entire matter before them and only furnished us this teletel
8 version, or did they have to go back to the Navy and get the
9 entire matter? And I would like to know whether they requested
10 the entire record at first.

11 Mr. Murphy: I am sure I cannot answer that. I can only
12 say that Mr. Mitchell said at first all they wanted to present
13 was the defense of Hawaii.

14 Senator Ferguson: Will counsel find that out?

15 Mr. Murphy: And then they gave us the whole plan and we
16 have it and have had it for some time.

17 Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Hannaford can
18 answer the question specifically.

19 The Vice Chairman: All right, we will hear from Mr. Hanna-
20 ford.

21 Mr. Hannaford: Mr. Chairman, War Plans 46 was received
22 as an exhibit in the Naval Court of Inquiry and all of those
23 exhibits have been available to counsel from the very beginning.
24 We asked the Army and Navy to make extracts from it and re-
25 produce them rather than reproduce the entire document, because

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2 it is very voluminous, and that is the document which is now
3 in evidence as exhibit 44 and it was received and distributed
4 to the committee. Thereafter, at the request of the commit-
5 tee we had the entire document duplicated and that was also
6 distributed to the committee.

7 Senator Brewster: When was the latter distribution made?

8 Mr. Hannaford: I cannot tell you that, Senator. I can
9 check that from the record. I think it was distributed about
10 the time Admiral Turner came on the stand.

11 Mr. Murphy: Several weeks ago.

12 Senator Ferguson: Can I inquire from counsel as to whether
13 or not it was counsel's request to leave out certain things,
14 the so-called deployment under 46?

15 Mr. Hannaford: I cannot tell you that, Senator, because
16 I do not believe I discussed the details of drawing that docu-
17 ment up.

18 Senator Ferguson: Could we have that topic requested?

19 Mr. Hannaford: Well, there is nothing in writing that I
20 know ofo Senator, requesting how exhibit 44 should be made up.

21 Senator Ferguson: Then how would the Navy know how to make
22 it up if it was not in writing?

23 Mr. Hannaford: I assume that it was as a result of an
24 oral conversation, Senator.

25 Senator Brewster: Were you present at this conversation

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2 with Mr. Gesell and Mr. Mitchell regarding the reproduction
3 of the war plans?

4 Mr. Hannaford: I was not, sir.

5 The Vice Chairman: Well, may I have counsel's attention?
6 The fact is it is already before the committee now.

7 Mr. Hannaford: It certainly is.

8 The Vice Chairman: And has been for several weeks.

9 Mr. Hannaford: It certainly has.

10 Senator Brewster: Well, I would like to have you locate
11 the date when that subsequent one was made available and I
12 will appreciate a statement from Mr. Gesell regarding the con-
13 versation when this was requested because when I initially re-
14 quested this report I was met with a rather firm response.
15 It was intimated that that was not at all essential. I haven't
16 located the point in the evidence where that was done but I
17 hope to.

18 Mr. Murphy: I think you will find we have had it about a
19 month.

20 Senator Brewster: Well, the first copy I received was on
21 November 17th. That was something over three months ago.

22 Mr. Murphy: That was four days after we were in the hear-
23 ing, November 17th.

24 Senator Brewster: Yes.

25 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, could I inquire as to

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2 whether or not the entire plan has been marked an exhibit?

3 Is it exhibit 114 or was it withdrawn?

4 Mr. Masten: That is the implementation of Rainbow 5.
5 WPL is 44.

6 Senator Ferguson: Is this in evidence?

7 Mr. Masten: No. WPAC.

8 Senator Brewster: What is this? This one has the "114"
9 scratched out.

10 Mr. Murphy: We have the complete Pacific war plan. I
11 think we have every page and every word of every plan for the
12 Pacific and have had for about a month.

13 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, may I inquire from coun-
14 sel whether or not this instrument is now an exhibit in the
15 case, the one that Senator Brewster read from? He read para-
16 graph 35 as I recall it.

17 Mr. Masten: It is not.

18 Senator Ferguson: Then I move that it become an exhibit,
19 with an exhibit number identifying what Senator Brewster read.

20 The Vice Chairman: Let us have counsel identify what it
21 is.

22 Senator Brewster: Well, if the counsel can describe it to
23 their own satisfaction. It is quite a document.

24 Mr. Richardson: Where did it come from?

25 Senator Brewster: It was given to us by counsel.

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2 Mr. Murphy: I think the record should also show that each
3 member of the committee has been furnished a list of the exhib-
4 its before them and we have had the list covering all of the
5 exhibits for quite some weeks.

6 Mr. Richardson: This is not an exhibit.

7 Senator Ferguson: That is what I would like to have made
8 an exhibit.

9 Mr. Richardson: Well, Mr. Chairman, there is no reason
10 in the world why this should not be made an exhibit if the
11 committee wants to have it made an exhibit. This is WPL Speci-
12 fic. It is not expurgated or changed or modified, it is all
13 here and if this instrument is to be made an exhibit, why, we
14 will send it down and have it duplicated and distribute it to
15 the members of the committee.

16 The Vice Chairman: My recollection is that it has already
17 been distributed. Every member of the committee has a copy of
18 it.

19 Mr. Murphy: I think the record will show that it was sub-
20 mitted to the members of the committee with a statement by Mr.
21 Gesell that it was not being made an exhibit, that it was
22 rather bulky to duplicate. Each member of the committee got a
23 copy. I think you will find that in the record.

24 Mr. Richardson: Then there is no reason, Mr. Chairman,
25 why this cannot be made an exhibit and given a number.

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Senator Ferguson: I so move.

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The Vice Chairman: Without objection it is so ordered, but with every member of the committee having a copy of it is there any reason for having it copied again?

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Mr. Richardson: No. The exhibit number would be 129.

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Mr. Murphy: The exhibit was distributed the day that Mr. Keefe cross examined Admiral Stark and he referred to it in his questioning when he spoke of the fortification of Guam.

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(The document above referred to

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was marked Exhibit No. 129)

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Senator Brewster: Admiral Kimmel, you were under some necessity of conserving, so far as possible, your resources on account of the emphasis on the war in the Atlantic, were you not?

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Admiral Kimmel: I did not understand quite, sir. I am sorry.

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Senator Brewster: You were under the necessity of conserving your resources on account of the emphasis on the war in the Atlantic. You had been told at various times that the war in Europe was the primary emphasis under any war plans that we might carry out, is that not true?

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Admiral Kimmel: I think that is a fair statement, yes, sir.

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Senator Brewster: In your statement of the case on page 10 you included this statement which I would like to read for

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2 purposes of re-emphasis and to invite your further comment as
3 it seems to me to have a considerable significance in connec-
4 tion with the decisions you were obliged to make. (Reading)

5 "The Joint Army-Navy War Plan primarily emphasized
6 the defeat of Germany. Admiral R. K. Turner, War Plans
7 Officer for the Chief of Naval Operations in 1941, in his
8 testimony before Admiral Hart, described the objectives of
9 the War Plan in these words:

10 "The plan contemplated a major effort on the part of
11 both the principal Associated Powers against Germany,
12 initially. It was felt in the Navy Department, that there
13 might be a possibility of war with Japan without the in-
14 volvement of Germany, but at some length and over a con-
15 siderable period this matter was discussed and it was deter-
16 mined that in such a case the United States would, if pos-
17 sible, initiate efforts to bring Germany into the war
18 against us in order that we would be enabled to give strong
19 support to the United Kingdom in Europe."

20 Was that what you understood to be the policy of the United
21 States during the year preceding the attack on Pearl Harbor?

22 Admiral Kimmel: I did not have that available to me in
23 Pearl Harbor prior to the attack. What I did have available to
24 me was the statement of principles in the Basic War Plan of
25 the Army and Navy, Rainbow No. 5, which is quoted on the fol-

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2 lowing page.

3 Senator Brewster: On page 11.

4 Admiral Kimmel: And that is not very much different. This
5 is a little franker but not very much different from the state-
6 ment of principles laid down in the Basic War Plan.

7 Senator Brewster: Now how would you interpret the signi-
8 ficance of that statement by Admiral Turner that we were going
9 to initiate efforts to bring Germany into the war against us?
10 How would we go about that?

11 Admiral Kimmel: I wouldn't know.

12 The Chairman: Permit the chair to state at this time that
13 I believe today will be the last day that Mr. Hannaford will
14 be with us as a member of our legal staff. Is that correct,
15 Mr. Richardson?

16 Mr. Richardson: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

17 The Vice Chairman: And I feel sure I voice the sentiment
18 of all members of the committee when I express deep regret
19 that we are to lose his valuable services as a member of our
20 legal staff. We appreciate the splendid efforts that he has
21 exerted. He has served with great ability and credit and dis-
22 tinction throughout the period that we have been working on
23 this matter and we regret exceedingly that he has to leave us
24 and we want him to know that he leaves with our deepest ap-
25 preciation for all that he has done and the valuable services

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2 that he has reviewed the committee.

3 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman.

4 The Vice Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

5 Senator Ferguson: Could I get the date of this Admiral
6 Turner's memorandum that is quoted on page 10 of Admiral
7 Kimmel's original statement?

8 The Vice Chairman: Are you prepared to give the Senator
9 that information, Admiral?

10 Admiral Kimmel: I cannot give you the date immediately
11 but it is in the Hart testimony. You will note the notation
12 at the bottom of the page.

13 Senator Brewster: Page 251.

14 Admiral Kimmel: (Reading)

15 "Hart Testimony, Admiral R. K. Turner, page 251,
16 252, question 10."

17 Senator Ferguson: But I wanted the record, if possible,
18 to show at this point the date that that statement was made,
19 not made as a witness but actually made by Turner.

20 Admiral Kimmel: It was made as a witness by Admiral Turn-
21 er.

22 Senator Ferguson: That is not the date I want. I want
23 the date that he made it originally, the date when it was to
24 take place.

25 Admiral Kimmel: Well, I could not give you that. I do

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2 not know.

3 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I want to make one request of
4 counsel, that they ask the Navy to supply us with a compara-
5 tive statement of the number of ships in Pearl Harbor during
6 January 1941 compared with December 7, 1941, as to whether or
7 not it is not a fact that there were more ships in the harbor
8 in January of 1941 at one time than there were on December 7,
9 1941.

10 The Vice Chairman: Counsel will please take note of that
11 request.

12 Senator Brewster: It may appear now that the complete
13 copy of War Plan 46 was made available to the committee on
14 December 20, 1945 after the original limited copy had been
15 made available to us on November 17th and had been the subject
16 of some discussion, according to the record which the counsel
17 has just furnished me.

18 May I ask the chairman about the printing of the record,
19 as to what progress is being made? That is quite a job and
20 it would seem essential.

21 The Vice Chairman: That is a matter that Senator Barkley
22 has been looking after personally and I regret I am not pre-
23 pared to give that information but I am sure he can.

24 Mr. Keefe: Mr. Chairman.

25 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Keefe.

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2 Mr. Keefe: It has been suggested that it might be a good
3 policy to continue these hearings into the night so as to com-
4 plete Admiral Kimmel. I wonder if the chair entertains such
5 views?

6 The Vice Chairman: The chair had not. We have run now
7 till past 4:30, so the committee will now stand in recess un-
8 til ten o'clock Monday morning.

9 Mr. Gearhart: Mr. Chairman, before we adjourn can I make
10 one request?

11 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Gearhart.

12 Mr. Gearhart: Before the recess I asked for photostatic
13 copies of the intercepted messages bearing date of December 6th
14 regardless of their time of translation. That was over a
15 month ago.

16 Just before the recess I was called on by Attorney Masten
17 of our counsel and the Army liaison officer. They explained
18 to me what the problem would be in developing the picture that
19 I had asked for and for the accommodation and for the purpose
20 of lightening the work I modified my request considerably.
21 As a result of that interview I was promised those photostatic
22 copies the next day. Three or four weeks have gone by and I
23 haven't received them. I was wondering if somebody has them,
24 if there is somebody on our counsel's staff that can supply
25 me with them.

1 The Vice Chairman: Is counsel prepared to give the gen-
2 tleman the information he is requesting?

3 Mr. Masten: Mr. Gearhart, it was my understanding that
4 the only thing you wanted, that you had a chance to look at
5 the document which was introduced subsequently, I have forgot-
6 ten the exact exhibit number, which covers all the intercepts
7 in volume 2, those relating to Hawaii. If there is anything
8 else you want I am sure we will be glad to get it.

9 Mr. Gearhart: Do I understand that the intercepts that
10 I have asked for have been photostated, each one of the pa-
11 pers relating to the particular intercepts that I have re-
12 quested, and that they have been introduced in evidence in
13 this case?

14 Mr. Masten: No, there have been no photostats that --

15 Mr. Gearhart: Well, I know the intercepts that have been
16 presented to this committee. That is where I got the infor-
17 mation that caused me to make the request. What I want is
18 the photostats of all of those messages which were dated De-
19 cember 6th regardless of their date of translation. I want
20 to see each paper relating to those, each individual inter-
21 cept, so that I can make a study of them.

22 Mr. Masten: As I said the other day, my understanding
23 was that you had abandoned that request and you no longer
24 wanted that; that the data which was subsequently introduced
25 as an exhibit before the committee was all that you wanted.

1 If you want to change that, we will be glad to cooperate.

2 Mr. Gearhart: No, I don't want to be understood as chang-
3 ing anything. I am limiting my request to include certain
4 definite messages appearing upon certain pages in the exhibit
5 and you told me and the Army officer assured me that they
6 would be in my hands the next day. A month has gone by and
7 I haven't seen them.

8 Mr. Masten: Well, we will endeavor to get them for you
9 Monday.

10 Mr. Gearhart: With that assurance I subscribe.

11 The Vice Chairman: The committee stands adjourned until
12 ten o'clock Monday.

13 (Whereupon, at 4:35 P.M., Saturday, January 19, 1946
14 an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock A. M.,
15 Monday, January 21, 1946.)

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