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Tuesday, December 11, 1945

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

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

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

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

Also present: William D. Mitchell, General Counsel;  
Gerhard A. Gesell, Jule M. Hannaford and John E. Masten,  
of counsel, for the joint committee.

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1 The Vice Chairman: The committee will please be in  
2 order. Do counsel have anything at this point?

3 Mr. Mitchell: Just a little, Mr. Chairman.

4 A memorandum from Colonel Duncombe, our chief liaison of-  
5 ficer in the War Department, dated today contains this state-  
6 ment:

7 "At Record 3343 and 3408 request was made for  
8 drafts of the 27 November 1941 Marshall warning message  
9 and the 27 November 1941 memorandum from General Mar-  
10 shall and Admiral Stark to the President. Careful  
11 search of War Department files has disclosed no drafts  
12 of either of those documents." By that he means pre-  
13 liminary drafts. "You will be advised if further search  
14 discloses any such drafts."

15 Paragraph 2: "At Record 3311 question was raised  
16 as to whether the minutes of the Joint Board meeting  
17 of 3 November 1941 were attached to the memorandum for  
18 the President from Admiral Stark and General Marshall  
19 dated 5 November 1941. The War Department files indi-  
20 cate that the Joint Board minutes were not attached to  
21 the memorandum to the President."

22 Then another request was made with reference to  
23 the message of December 3, 1941 sent by the Chief of Naval  
24 Operations to the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic force,  
25 the Pacific force and the commanders of the 14th and 16th

1 Naval Districts which read as follows:

2 "Highly reliable information has been received  
3 that categoric and urgent instructions were sent yes-  
4 terday to Japanese diplomatic and consular posts at  
5 Hong Kong, Singapore, Batavia, Manila, Washington and  
6 London to destroy most of their codes and ciphers at  
7 once and to burn all other important confidential and  
8 secret documents."

9 Request was made that we find out the source of that  
10 highly reliable information.

11 I have been informed that the highly reliable informa-  
12 tion referred to the contents of intercepted Jap diplomatic  
13 messages contained in exhibit 1, which show those instruc-  
14 tions to their various ambassadors.

15 The Vice Chairman: Is that all, counsel?

16 Mr. Mitchell: Yes.

17 The Vice Chairman: General, do you have anything you  
18 want to offer at this time before you resume your testimony?

19 General Marshall: No, sir.

20 The Vice Chairman: Senator Ferguson of Michigan will  
21 continue to inquire.

22 TESTIMONY OF GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL

23 (Resumed)

24 Senator Ferguson: General, will you refer to page 1  
25 of exhibit 52? Will you read that message?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

General Marshall: (Reading)

"Sent June 17, 1940

Number 428. WE.

June 17, 1940.

"COMMANDING GENERAL,  
HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT,  
FORT SHAFTER, T. H.

"Immediately alert complete defensive organiza-  
tion to deal with possible trans-Pacific raid comma  
to greatest extent possible without creating public  
hysteria or provoking undue curiosity of newspapers or  
alien agents. Suggest maneuver basis. Maintain alert  
until further orders. Instructions for secret communi-  
cation direct with Chief of Staff will be furnished you  
shortly. Acknowledge.

(Signed) ADAMS."

Senator Ferguson: You mentioned yesterday that you had  
sent an alert in 1940.

General Marshall: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: Is that the alert?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, I notice that the first part of  
it is that, "Immediately alert complete defensive organiza-  
tion to deal with possible trans-Pacific raid comma."

Witness Marshall

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That is a specific alert, is it not, for a defensive deployment?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And it is specific. Do you know why such an alert was not sent on the 27th?

General Marshall: You mean similarly couched?

Senator Ferguson: Yes.

General Marshall: No, sir, except for this particular difference: Here Hawaii was being alerted because of information from some source which aroused in our minds the possibility of a raid specifically against Hawaii. Therefore, Hawaii was alerted for that reason.

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Senator Ferguson: Well, was not that the purpose of alerting them on the 27th of November?

General Marshall: Yes, sir, but the War Department alert of November 27 was directed to all Pacific stations.

Senator Ferguson: On page 8 of that same exhibit it indicates, from a message of yours, that the Navy had not been alerted.

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: At that time did --

General Marshall: Just a moment, Senator. You said it appears from a message of mine that the Navy --

Senator Ferguson: Yes.

General Marshall: Which message are you referring to?

Senator Ferguson: The message on page 8 of Exhibit 52.

General Marshall: That is a message from General Herron.

Senator Ferguson: That is a message to you instead of from you.

General Marshall: Yes, that is correct.

Senator Ferguson: Indicating that the Navy had not been alerted.

General Marshall: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: Did you know at that time that the Navy had not been alerted?

General Marshall: I have no distinct recollection in

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 regard to that matter. I was under the impression that the  
3 Navy was aware of what we were doing, and I believe I heard  
4 here a communication from Admiral Richardson which would indi-  
5 cate that the Navy Department did know about it and informed  
6 him accordingly.

7 Senator Ferguson: Was not that sometime later?

8 General Marshall: I do not recall the date, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Now I notice in this alert of June 17,  
10 1940, you suggest maneuver basis.

11 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Why was that?

13 General Marshall: We merely suggested that in relation  
14 to that portion of the alert which said, "to greatest extent  
15 possible without creating public hysteria or provoking undue  
16 curiosity of newspapers or alien agents."

17 Senator Ferguson: That was the purpose?

18 General Marshall: That was the suggestion.

19 Senator Ferguson: You, at the end of the message, said,  
20 "Acknowledge". That is an entirely different matter from  
21 "Report action taken".

22 General Marshall: I would say that was different, yes, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: One is merely to acknowledge as to  
24 whether or not the message reaches you.

25 General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Well, would this be true from an Army viewpoint, that when an overseas commander is ordered to take "such measures as he deems necessary and to report measures taken to you", is he correct in assuming that if his report is not the kind of action that you had in mind that you would thereafter inform him specifically of the difference?

General Marshall: I would assume so.

Senator Ferguson: You would assume that that is correct Army procedure?

General Marshall: I would say so.

Senator Ferguson: Now in the message that you sent on the 27th, signed by you, you have a statement in relation to the first overt act. Would you just read that, please?

General Marshall: That is November 27?

Senator Ferguson: The message of the 27th.

General Marshall: The alert message to Hawaii?

Senator Ferguson: It is on page 7 of Exhibit 32.

The Vice Chairman: Senator, are you referring to the one to Hawaii? You know several were sent that day.

Senator Ferguson: Yes, the one to Hawaii. It reads this way, "If hostilities cannot repeat cannot comma be avoided the United States desires that Japan commit the first overt act."

Can you tell us anything about why that was put in the message?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2           General Marshall: My recollection of that, sir, is that  
3 was a direct instruction from the President.

4           Senator Ferguson: You received a direct instruction  
5 from the President, did you not, on that item?

6           General Marshall: Meaning that I received it personally?

7           Senator Ferguson: Yes.

8           General Marshall: My recollection on that is not clear.  
9 I think I probably did receive it direct from the President.

10          Senator Ferguson: I will try to refresh your memory by  
11 referring to your testimony given sometime before in the Navy  
12 Board.

13          "My recollection, stimulated by this portion of the  
14 message 'If hostilities cannot be avoided the United States  
15 desires that Japan commit the first overt act' I have a clear  
16 recollection of that. It was the instruction of the President.  
17 I also have a rather clear recollection of the following  
18 sentence, 'This policy should not be construed as restricting  
19 you to a course of action that might jeopardize your defense.'  
20 My dimmer recollection is that I discussed that with General  
21 Gerow. He thinks I did not see the message. I might not  
22 have, but my recollection is quite clear in relation to the  
23 President's instructions because, as I recall that, they came  
24 to me personally, therefore I would have had to translate this  
25 into the message rather than General Gerow who would not have

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 known."

3 Now does that refresh your memory?

4 General Marshall: Yes, sir, but that does not change my  
5 statement.

6 Senator Ferguson: I want to ask you some questions now  
7 about that.

8 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Did you get the message personally  
10 from the President?

11 General Marshall: I stated, Senator, I do not recall.  
12 I assume I did.

13 Senator Ferguson: Well, would you tell us when you got it?

14 General Marshall: I do not recall that, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: How long before?

16 General Marshall: I am specific in my recollection that  
17 the President gave a direction to this effect. I think he  
18 gave it to me. I am not certain in regard to that, but I  
19 know that he gave it.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you and he discuss the purpose of  
21 that?

22 General Marshall: I do not recall that, sir, and I do  
23 not recall his giving me this. I think he did. I know that  
24 he gave that direction, I know that it had to be put in a  
25 message. It might have been that it came from some other

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 sources. It might have been it came from Admiral Stark, or  
3 it might have been that it came from Mr. Stimson, but my own  
4 dim recollection is that he, the President, stated that to me.

5 Senator Ferguson: And that is the reason then that you  
6 feel you have seen the message, or at least knew that that  
7 kind of statement was going into the message?

8 General Marshall: Yes, sir. I was trying to reconstruct  
9 in my own mind my recollection of the preparation of this  
10 message. I knew there was this discussion as to how to include  
11 that statement about the first overt act and not to discount  
12 the preparations for defense. I could not get clear in my  
13 own mind when those thoughts were going through my head, whether  
14 when I first read the complete message on the morning of the  
15 28th on my return to Washington or whether they were in a  
16 discussion with General Gerow on the 26th before my departure  
17 from Washington at about 1:00 p.m.

18 Later, after making that statement, I saw Mr. Stimson's  
19 testimony and I also was told of General Gerow's testimony,  
20 and I also was reminded still further by being shown General  
21 Gerow's memorandum.

22 Now out of those I began to get a clear picture of what  
23 had happened. At the time when I was testifying I had not  
24 remembered Gerow's memorandum to me telling me of his meeting  
25 with the Secretary of War and the events that transpired in the  
preparation of this particular message.

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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether that sentence  
3 was in the original message that was drafted?

4 General Marshall: I do not, sir. I should imagine  
5 General Gerow might be able to tell you that.

6 Senator Ferguson: He might be able to?

7 General Marshall: Yes. He was handling the papers  
8 and making the detailed arrangements.

9 Senator Ferguson: Was the original message that you  
10 drafted in relation to an alert? I am talking about the  
11 one on the 27th that was drafted sometime before you went  
12 away. Was that drafted having in mind that a modus vivendi  
13 would be sent, the one you had been discussing with Secretary  
14 Hull?

15 General Marshall: I do not recall that, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: You read sometime later the message  
17 of the 26th sent by Mr. Hull:

18 General Marshall: I either read it or was told of its  
19 contents.

20 Senator Ferguson: You were either briefed on it, or  
21 told of its contents?

22 General Marshall: I was informed regarding it.

23 Senator Ferguson: At that time was it customary for  
24 you to be briefed on matters that were going on?

25 General Marshall: It was customary for the Secretary of

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2 War to tell me what was going on in his conversations with  
3 the President and with Mr. Hull, and with Colonel Knox.  
4 It was customary, as is indicated by General Gerow's  
5 memorandum for him to brief me as to the occurrences that  
6 were important for me to know with which he was related  
7 during my absence.

8 Senator Ferguson: Was it your opinion that the modus  
9 vivendi would have given you some time to prepare?

10 General Marshall: It was my opinion, as nearly as  
11 I can reconstruct it now, that the modus vivendi, if ac-  
12 cepted by the Japanese, would have given us some time to  
13 prepare, but the general impression at that time was that  
14 the terms were too stiff and there was slight possibility  
15 of their acceptance.

16 I should have qualified that by saying I do not recall  
17 now how much of that thought has now entered my mind from  
18 reading these statements from Mr. Stimson's testimony and  
19 how much is clear recollection of today.

20 Senator Ferguson: After you became acquainted with the  
21 message of the 26th, was there discussion between the offi-  
22 cials that there was more chance of having the one of the  
23 26th accepted than there was of having the modus vivendi  
24 accepted?

25 General Marshall: I could not recall my reaction to that



Witness Marshall

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2 sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: What I am trying to get is if there  
4 would be a change in your message of alert.

5 General Marshall: I do not think there would, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Between the modus vivendi and the  
7 one of the 26th?

8 General Marshall: I do not think there would, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: You do not think there would be a  
10 change on that.

11 General, I would like to have you get Exhibit 1. I  
12 want to ask you a few questions on that.

13 Have you ever read Secretary Knox's statement to the  
14 Jap Ambassador and his special aide at the time of the de-  
15 livery of the message?

16 General Marshall: I do not recall whether I have or  
17 not. Maybe I can remind myself from this.

18 Senator Ferguson: I would like to refer you to page  
19 787 of volume II of Foreign Relations.

20 Mr. Mitchell: Just a minute. Did you mean Knox in  
21 your former question?

22 Senator Ferguson: I wanted to say Secretary Hull's  
23 statement.

24 Refer to page 787. I just want you to glance at it,  
25 because I want to ask you a question as to whether that

Witness Marshall

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2 would refresh your memory.

3 General Marshall: That is starting at the bottom of  
4 the page there, "The Japanese Ambassador asked for an  
5 appointment"?

6 Senator Ferguson: Yes. You need not read it aloud.

7 General Marshall: I just wanted to see if I had the  
8 right message.

9 Senator Ferguson: Yes. It is the one where he goes  
10 on to denounce the falsehoods in this 14-part message.

11 General Marshall: Well, I have a recollection of  
12 what Mr. Hull says there, but I believe I read it in  
13 the press.

14 Senator Ferguson: Now would that indicate to you that  
15 not only the 14th part of this message, but the whole message  
16 contained these falsehoods and he was denouncing the whole  
17 message, rather than just the mere end of it, the breaking  
18 off?

19 What I am trying to get at is the importance of this  
20 message.

21 General Marshall: Yes. He said, "In all my 50 years  
22 of public service, I have never seen a document that was  
23 so crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions." That  
24 wording would indicate he was referring to the entire message.

25 Senator Ferguson: Yes, he was referring to the entire

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2 message.

3 Did you have a reaction to the message when you first  
4 read it?

5 General Marshall: I did not have very much time, sir,  
6 because just as I got to the finish of it, I got this one  
7 o'clock message.

8 Senator Ferguson: I wondered if you had any similar  
9 reaction to that of Secretary Hull.

10 General Marshall: I do not recall that, sir. I will  
11 answer to this effect:

12 When I reached the one o'clock message then it was  
13 indicated to my mind that action was needed as quickly as  
14 it could be managed, and I proceeded on that basis.

15 The next event which followed shortly after was the  
16 announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I never read  
17 the Japanese message again. I had never read it again  
18 since then until the other day when I read it through to  
19 get some idea as to how long it must have taken me to read  
20 it for the first time.

21 I have to admit, sir, I got three-quarters of the way  
22 through, I got somewhere about China and I lost track of  
23 what my timing was, and I never got to it again.

24 Senator Ferguson: On page 100 of Exhibit 1, message  
25 No. 736, will you just read that? That is a short one

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General.

General Marshall: This is on page 100?

Senator Ferguson: Yes, page 100, the top message No. 736.

General Marshall: "(Secret).

"From: Tokyo.

"To: Washington.

"5 November, 1941.

"#736.

"(Of utmost secrecy)

"Because of various circumstances, it is absolutely necessary that all arrangements for the signing of this agreement be completed by the 25th of this month. I realize that this is a difficult order, but under the circumstances it is an unavoidable one. Please understand this thoroughly and tackle the problem of saving the Japanese-U.S. relations from falling into a chaotic condition. Do so with great determination and with unstinted effort, I beg of you.

"This information is to be kept strictly to yourself only."

Senator Ferguson: That was translated on November 5, 1941. How soon would that be delivered to you as magic?

General Marshall: I do not know, sir. It is a Navy translation. The records would show that. I guess I would

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2 get it by the next day, maybe, or that day.

3 Senator Ferguson: Once before we found in your testi-  
4 mony, or at least in your evidence now, that you felt some-  
5 thing was going to happen along about that time, or did  
6 happen that would make the situation very tense. Now,  
7 does that message refresh your memory that the placing  
8 of that deadline date on the 25th was the item you had in  
9 mind?

10 General Marshall: Well that is the item I had in mind  
11 and I think my testimony will show, and my recollection is  
12 quite clear on this, that we were endeavoring to determine  
13 what significance the date of November 25 had. That date  
14 is designated here, and the statement is made, "Please under-  
15 stand this thoroughly and tackle the problem of saving --  
16 of saving the Japanese-U.S. relations from falling into a  
17 chaotic condition."

18 I am quite certain that this was discussed with the  
19 G-2, with the head of the War Plans Division. I know there  
20 were discussions as to what the significance of November 25  
21 was. The only thing they could put their fingers on at  
22 that time as to date was the termination of the anti-comin-  
23 terne pact. That did not seem to have a significant bearing  
24 but that was the only date we could tie to.

25 There was also this in the message which I have just

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2 read, "saving the Japanese-U.S. relations from falling  
3 into a chaotic condition." So we tried to determine in  
4 our own minds what the significance was of November 25,  
5 and the only coincident date -- I will put it that way --  
6 that we could put our fingers on, our thoughts applied  
7 to, was the termination of the anti-cominterne pact.

8 Senator Ferguson: Did it expire on the 25th?

9 General Marshall: Yes, sir. That is my understanding.

10 Senator Ferguson: All right.

11 Now, go to page 165 of that same Exhibit 1, message  
12 No. 812, from Tokyo to Washington, dated November 22, 1941,  
13 and translated November 22, 1941. There is this sentence  
14 in there:

15 "There are reasons beyond your ability to guess why we  
16 wanted to settle Japanese-American relations by the 25th,  
17 but if within the next three or four days you can finish  
18 your conversations with the Americans; if the signing can  
19 be completed by the 29th (let me write it out for you) --  
20 twenty-ninth;"

21 General Marshall: I am familiar with that message.

22 Senator Ferguson: You are familiar with that message.

23 Do you know whether you received that about the 22nd, when  
24 it was translated?

25 General Marshall: Well, I should assume that I received

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Witness Marshall Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 it the 22nd or the 23rd.

3 Senator Ferguson: Now, what did that mean to you?  
4 What was the significance of that message where they ex-  
5 tended the time from the 25th, and he even wrote it out,  
6 the twenty-ninth?

7 General Marshall: The true significance of the message  
8 we did not determine, or we did not arrive at a conclusion  
9 as to what that might be. In that connection I refer back  
10 to the original message of the 25th, which related to  
11 saving the Japanese-U. S. relations from falling into a  
12 chaotic condition. That was stated in the message giving  
13 the 25th as the date, and had to be considered in trying  
14 to interpret the meaning and purpose, or intent of the mes-  
15 sage which set November 29 as the limiting date.

16 Of course, know what happened, it is quite clear what  
17 the circumstances were which they had in mind in sending  
18 this information to their representatives here in Washing-  
19 ton. Whether or not at that time they referred to the Russians,  
20 referred to the Germans, referred to the British, referred to  
21 any other things, diplomatically or otherwise, we could not  
22 tell.

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Senator Ferguson: General, did you discuss this matter of the extension of time with the War Council?

General Marshall: I don't recall that, sir. Maybe the records will show.

Senator Ferguson: I am not talking about the Joint Board or the Army Board. I am talking about the War Council. Do you know what I mean by the War Council?

General Marshall: One is a meeting with the President. One is a meeting in Mr. Hull's office. Which do you refer to?

Senator Ferguson: What did you call the one that was in the White House? It is the one that would be in the White House.

General Marshall: Frankly, I don't recall any name at the time. I was notified to be there and appeared.

Senator Ferguson: Did you hear the name used, War Council? In some of the testimony they used the expression War Council.

General Marshall: That may be. It was not a statutory arrangement.

Senator Ferguson: Oh, no, not at all.

General Marshall: It was a sort of informal procedure which had gradually evolved to the point of these almost stated meetings when Colonel Knox, Mr. Stimson, Mr. Hull and occasionally I made these visits to the White House.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not the deadline



Witness Marshall

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2 of the 25th was discussed with the President?

3 General Marshall: I don't recall that. I don't doubt  
4 that it was. It undoubtedly was.

5 Senator Ferguson: the 29th.

6 General Marshall: I would have no doubts in the matter.  
7 It must have been.

8 Senator Ferguson: These two messages were very important?  
9 Very important messages?

10 General Marshall: Very important messages, yes.

11 Senator Ferguson: Going to page 173, Exhibit No. 1, a  
12 message from Tokyo to Washington, number 823. That is a very  
13 short message:

14 "The time limit set in my message No. 812-a is in Tokyo  
15 time."

16 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: And that is "For both Ambassadors".

18 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Indicating that the 29th was Tokyo time.

20 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: And that that would be the 28th here?

22 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Now, that was a very important message,  
24 was it not?

25 General Marshall: Yes, sir. That gave greater accuracy

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2 to what the 29th really meant.

3 Senator Ferguson: Did you consider at that time that  
4 that kind of a message would indicate that they were actually  
5 planning an attack?

6 General Marshall: No, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: That a deadline was set and they were  
8 giving a time and using the right date so there could be no  
9 question about it?

10 General Marshall: No, sir. What my reactions of the day  
11 were I cannot recall. My assumption would be that they failed  
12 to state that in the first message and that they had to state  
13 it later.

14 Senator Ferguson: You didn't consider it a zero day?

15 General Marshall: We didn't know what it was, Senator,  
16 for what purpose.

17 Senator Ferguson: I notice, if you go back to page 126  
18 in Exhibit 1 there is this expression, translated the 26th of  
19 November, received November 14:

20 "Should the negotiations collapse, the international  
21 situation in which the Empire will find herself will be one  
22 of tremendous crisis. Accompanying this, the Empire's foreign  
23 policy as it has been decided by the Cabinet, insofar as it  
24 pertains to China, is:

25 "a. We will completely destroy British and American

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 power in China."

3 Now, if Japan attempted that, would that mean war in  
4 your opinion?

5 General Marshall: It did not necessarily mean war. It  
6 certainly has the implication of possible war. They were  
7 already fighting in China, they were already completely wreck-  
8 ing British and American trade possibilities in China.

9 Senator Ferguson: On the top of page 127:

10 "In realizing these steps in China, we will avoid, inso-  
11 far as possible, exhausting our veteran troops. Thus we will  
12 cope with a world war on a long-time scale."

13 Now, didn't that message indicate that they had in mind  
14 an attack on America?

15 General Marshall: "Thus we will cope with a world war  
16 on a long-time scale."

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes. "A world war".

18 General Marshall: "On a long-time scale."

19 Senator, I don't know. That might possibly mean exactly  
20 the opposite.

21 Senator Ferguson: Do you recall seeing it, General?

22 General Marshall: I don't recall specifically this  
23 message. I probably did see it, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: Does it have any significance at the  
25 present time, that language?

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General Marshall: I don't understand right now, in the light of all the events, what they mean by "long-time scale".

Senator Ferguson: The part about the world war.

General Marshall: "Thus we will cope with a world war on a long-time scale."

As I say, I don't quite understand, in the light of events, what they mean by "on a long-time scale".

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Senator Ferguson: Would you consider there could be a world war as indicated there without the United States being in it?

General Marshall: If it is confined to China that was a possibility.

Senator Ferguson: Well, they had always considered that the war in China, had they not, was merely an incident, and they weren't treating it as a declared war?

General Marshall: They were not treating it as a declared war, and I believe we were not, for convenience in supplying China.

Senator Ferguson: Going to page 195, that is a message from Tokyo to Washington, November 28, 1941, No. 844, translated on the 28th.

General Marshall: No. 844. I see the message.

Senator Ferguson: Now, the part of the message I would like to have you refer to there is the part reading:

1 "Therefore, with a report of the views of the Imperial  
2 Government on this American proposal which I will send you in  
3 two or three days, the negotiations will be de facto ruptured."

4 Do you know whether or not you saw that message?

5 General Marshall: I do not know, sir. I would assume  
6 that I did.

7 Senator Ferguson: And the fact that they were going to  
8 send a reply in two or three days -- do you know whether that  
9 reply was to the note of the 26th?

10 General Marshall: I would be guessing now, sir. I don't  
11 recall.

12 Senator Ferguson: Didn't that indicate that when they  
13 sent that reply, in two or three days, that is, from the 26th,  
14 that is the date of the message, that the negotiations would  
15 be ruptured?

16 General Marshall: "the negotiations will be de facto  
17 ruptured."

18 Senator Ferguson: Yes. That means in fact ruptured.

19 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

21 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

22 Mr. Murphy: Isn't there even stronger language back on  
23 page 90, under date of November 2nd:

24 "This will be our Government's last effort to improve  
25 diplomatic relations. The situation is very grave. When we  
resume negotiations, the situation makes it urgent that we

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 reach a decision at once."

2 That is on November 2nd, page 90.

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4 Senator Ferguson: Does that change your opinion, General,  
5 the one that was read by the Congressman, that the message  
6 here would indicate in two or three days they would break off  
7 the relations? Does that change your opinion on that language?

8 General Marshall: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: On page 209, circular message No. 2444,  
10 from Tokyo to Washington, translated the 5th of December, 1941.

11 Now, that is the message, is it not -- well, would you  
12 just read it, General?

13 General Marshall: It is dated the 1st of December 1941.

14 Senator Ferguson: Read just the message part.

15 General Marshall: (Reading)

16 "The four offices in London, Hongkong, Singapore and  
17 Manila have been instructed to abandon the use of the code  
18 machines and to dispose of them. The machine in Batavia has  
19 been returned to Japan. Regardless of the contents of my  
20 Circular message No. 2447, the United States (office) retains  
21 the machines and the machine codes.

22 "Please relay to France, Germany, Italy, and Turkey from  
23 Switzerland; and to Brazil, Argentina and Mexico from Washington."

24 Senator Ferguson: Do you remember seeing that message,  
25 where they were destroying the codes?

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General Marshall: I remember messages regarding the destruction of codes, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: What significance did that have, on the 1st of December?

General Marshall: It would certainly mean the anticipation of, at least, the rupture of diplomatic relations.

Senator Ferguson: General, doesn't the destruction of codes mean more than a break in diplomatic relations? Doesn't it mean that they anticipate war? If they only broke diplomatic relations does that necessarily mean that their equipment would be seized by the other governments?

General Marshall: Not necessarily.

Senator Ferguson: Doesn't the destruction of codes indicate that, from an Army point of view, that it means war?

General Marshall: In general that, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, on the 3rd of December 1941 were you familiar with the fact that General Miles had sent a message to destroy our code in Tokyo?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Had that been taken up with you prior to that time?

General Marshall: I presume it had.

Senator Ferguson: A matter of that importance would be, as that would be a matter of action?

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General Marshall: It certainly would be.

3) Senator Ferguson: Do you know what had happened at that particular time or prior, that a message was sent to Tokyo to destroy our code machine?

General Marshall: I don't recall the exact discussion which determined that decision, but I would say now these various messages indicate that at the least they were going to sever diplomatic relations and also there was the uncertainty of how the Japanese would react under those circumstances.

Senator Ferguson: Doesn't it also indicate that there was a tension growing and growing that came to the point where we even destroyed our code in Tokyo?

General Marshall: That is exactly correct. The tension had been growing and growing daily.

Senator Ferguson: These messages that I have asked you about this morning, do they refresh your memory that that tension was growing?

General Marshall: I didn't need for my memory to be refreshed regarding the growing tension. It grew steadily from day to day during that period.

Senator Ferguson: The next message I would like to have you refer to is on page 209, No. 2443, translated 12-5-41. That is a message telling them even how to destroy the machine.

General Marshall: Page 2443?



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Senator Ferguson: Page 209. Circular message No. 2443.

General Marshall: I have it, sir.

Senator Ferguson: It is from Tokyo to London.

General Marshall: Do you wish me to read it?

Senator Ferguson: Just to familiarize yourself with it at the present time. It is telling them how to destroy the code machine?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: That would indicate that they wanted to make sure that the actual machine was destroyed so that the people in London, the Government in London, would not get that code machine?

General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: The next message is on page 215 that I would like to have you refer to. That is a message from Tokyo --Tojo. He was Prime Minister at that time, was he not?

General Marshall: I believe so.

Senator Ferguson: And it is to Washington, December 2nd.

Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

Senator Ferguson: Yes.

Mr. Murphy: You said Tojo. It is Togo. T-o-g-o.

There were two in the Cabinet, one T-o-j-o and the other T-o-g-o.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know who this was?

Mr. Murphy: It reads T-o-g-o. One was Prime Minister,

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 I think the other War Minister. They are set out in the back  
3 of Mr. Grew's book as to which was which. Togo was War Minister  
4 and Tojo was Prime Minister. This is Togo.

5 Senator Ferguson: This is Togo.

6 Mr. Murphy: I think he was War Minister.

7 Senator Ferguson: All right.

8 Now, in that message, General, that is the first message,  
9 is it not, that speaks about destroying the code here in  
10 Washington, the machine, and it is after we had given notice  
11 to our -- at least the translation is after, it is dated the  
12 2nd but the translation is on the 4th, and it is after we  
13 gave our message from Miles to the Military Attache in Tokyo  
14 to destroy his code; is that correct?

15 General Marshall: As I understand you, this message  
16 came to our attention, that is, in the translated form, after  
17 the dispatch of General Miles' message to Tokyo.

18 Senator Ferguson: Well, the corrected form on the bottom  
19 of page 215 indicates "translated 12-4-41".

20 General Marshall: I am not quite familiar with these  
21 references but I would say that the message translated on  
22 12-3-41 might have first become available and some correction,  
23 possibly a minor correction, was made on the next day.

24 Mr. Mitchell: Senator, you said that it was the first  
25 one relating to the destruction of the code in Washington.

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Do you have another? I asked him if  
3 it was.

4 Mr. Mitchell: You said it was. You didn't ask him. On  
5 page 208 I find one of December 1st. It says:

6 "When you are faced with the necessity of destroying  
7 codes get in touch \*\*\*"

8 Senator Ferguson: Does that contradict what I said?

9 Mr. Mitchell: I am not contradicting. I just say there  
10 is an earlier message relating to the destruction of codes  
11 in Washington.

12 Senator Ferguson: The first message on page 208 -- that  
13 relates to when it is necessary to destroy codes.

14 When is the first message about the destruction of codes  
15 in Washington?

16 General Marshall: I would have to go through the papers  
17 in order to answer with any accuracy. As far as I know, it  
18 is the one we have just been talking about; that is, the  
19 first one.

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Senator Ferguson: Did you know that at the time the note was given on the 26th that the Ambassador said to Mr. Hull that it was tantamount to meaning the end, and he asked whether we were not interested in the modus vivendi? Did you ever know that?

General Marshall: I don't recall that, sir. In all probability I had left Washington, and I didn't get back until the 28th, and that had all occurred in my absence.

Senator Ferguson: On page 249, General, we get a message -- it is No. 910, from Tokyo to Washington, December 7, 1941. It is marked "Extremely Urgent:"

"After deciphering part 14 of my #902a and also #907b, #908c and #909d, please destroy at once the remaining cipher machine and all machine codes. Dispose in like manner also secret documents."

When did that first come to your attention?

General Marshall: I will have to check up here to see if -- what is the message that had the one o'clock hour in it? How do I find that?

Mr. Mitchell: That is 907.

General Marshall: I see it now.

That message must have come to my attention on the morning of the 7th of December, because in my draft in longhand from which the message was sent to the overseas theatres in the

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2 Pacific, I mentioned the fact regarding the destruction of  
3 codes.

4 Senator Ferguson: Do you know when -- put it this way:  
5 Did you know anything about the system that was kept in the  
6 decoding as far as time of decoding was concerned? Was  
7 there any way you could learn when a message was actually  
8 decoded from the system?

9 General Marshall: I don't believe I understand.

10 Senator Ferguson: Were you familiar with the system  
11 in the decoding -- was there any method of putting on the  
12 instrument the actual hour of decoding, instead of just  
13 saying "12/7" or "12/6" was there an hour stamp when the mes-  
14 sage was decoded and delivered?

15 General Marshall: I can't testify to that right here,  
16 sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: Well, in your testimony, as I recall  
18 it, in reading the Roberts report you spoke about what  
19 happened on the 7th, and didn't relate anything about these  
20 13 parts, the pilot message and the other messages coming  
21 in on the 6th. Were you familiar at that time with the  
22 fact that they did come in on the 6th, the 13 parts?

23 General Marshall: I understand what you are asking. I  
24 am just trying to think back. I don't recall just what I  
25 knew at the time I appeared before the Roberts Board for

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2 the reason that I didn't go into any of that data at  
3 all from the time of the actual attack on Pearl Harbor  
4 until my appearance before the Board, and I had no papers  
5 with me, as I recall, except the longhand message that I  
6 had used in dispatching the notification of the one o'clock  
7 and the destruction of the codes to the overseas commanders.

8 I recall, I think, testifying before one of these boards  
9 as to my recollection of the information that I was given  
10 on the morning of my arrival at the War Department, which  
11 was that this long message of 14 parts had been coming in  
12 during the night and that the Navy had been overloaded re-  
13 garding the translation from the Japanese into English and  
14 the Army had been helping out in its section in that trans-  
15 lation.

16 I don't recall that I knew anything about the actual  
17 receipt in translated form of the message on the evening  
18 of November 6, and its dispatch to the State Department  
19 other than what I have just stated. I know that up to my  
20 arrival in the War Department on the morning of the 7th,  
21 at whatever time I arrived, I knew nothing of the message  
22 whatsoever. I am rather inclined to think that I still  
23 at the time I appeared before the Roberts Board was going  
24 on the recollection that they had been occupied throughout  
25 the night in translating this message which was my impression

Witness Marshall

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at the time.

The Vice Chairman: General, I believe you said November 6. You meant December?

General Marshall: I should have said December 6.

Senator Ferguson: General, going to page 238, the message we had been referring to as a pilot message, the first paragraph, No. 844, translated --

General Marshall: That is what page?

Senator Ferguson: Page 238, the bottom of the page.

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: It is translated -- the book gives it wrong. "1-26-41." They read that to mean "12-6-41."

That message, General, read the first paragraph.

General Marshall: (Reading)

"1. The Government has deliberated deeply on the American proposal of the 26th of November and as a result we have drawn up a memorandum for the United States contained in my separate message #902b (in English)."

Senator Ferguson: That would indicate that the message is going to come in English and it is going to be coded, and also that it is an answer to the message of the 26th?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, "this separate message" will you read further?

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General Marshall: (Reading)

"This separate message is a very long one. I will send it in fourteen parts and I imagine you will receive it tomorrow. However I am not sure. The situation is extremely delicate, and when you receive it, I want you to please keep it secret for the time being."

Senator Ferguson: The date of the 6th, that is the 5th here, that is on Friday, is it not?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Read the next sentence.

General Marshall: (Reading)

"Concerning the time of presenting this memorandum to the United States, I will wire you in a separate message. However, I want you, in the meantime to put it in nicely drafted form and make every preparation to present it to the Americans just as soon as you receive instructions."

Senator Ferguson: Now, General, doesn't that message that there is going to be a zero time as far as the delivery of that message to the United States Government is concerned?

General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, that being true, and having all these other messages and all this information, how do you account for the fact that that message when translated,



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2 when decoded on the 6th, was not delivered to you? The  
3 importance of that message is clear, is it not?

4 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: How do you account for it not being  
6 delivered to you on the 6th?

7 General Marshall: The only way I can account for that,  
8 Senator, is that the first thirteen parts, as I have been  
9 told, and I read, as I say, hurriedly here, the other day,  
10 most of that portion did not have the critical phase of  
11 the message included, which showed in the 14th part, and, as  
12 I have been told, I am not the authoritative witness on  
13 this -- that 14th part didn't come in too available, work-  
14 able, or readable form, until sometime during the night,  
15 possibly was not available until the next morning.

16 The data will show that. Therefore, I presume the as-  
17 sumption was as it did not include the critical statements,  
18 that is, the first to the 13th part, it was not thought  
19 necessary to bring that to my immediate attention.

20 Senator Ferguson: General, this message is not part  
21 of the 14-part message. This is a separate, short, indepen-  
22 dent message, giving a zero hour or a zero date, or time  
23 of the delivery of a message.

24 Now, as I recall, going back through these intercepts,  
25 I find no other, and I want you to correct me if you know

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2 of any other, where a message was to be delivered at a  
3 particular time, and there was a pilot message before,  
4 indicating that there would be a zero time for delivery.

5 Mr. Murphy: Senator, you said that the message on  
6 page 238, #901, has a zero time in it?

7 Senator Ferguson: No, it doesn't have the time. It  
8 indicates a pilot, that there will be some time set.

9 Mr. Murphy: Doesn't it say "\* \* \* I imagine you  
10 will receive it tomorrow. However, I am not sure."

11 Senator Ferguson: "Concerning the time of presenting  
12 this memorandum to the United States, I will wire you in  
13 a separate message."

14 It says "I will wire you in a separate message."

15 General Marshall: That is exactly what the message  
16 said.

17 Senator Ferguson: Doesn't that make it an important  
18 message?

19 General Marshall: Yes, sir, it is an important message.

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Senator Ferguson: How do you account for the fact that that message was not delivered to you?

General Marshall: I can give you nothing further than what I have said.

Senator Ferguson: I am talking about on the day it was translated -- and we haven't yet received the work sheet so far as time is concerned, except dates.

General Marshall: On my copy the translation, in pencil, says 12-6-41.

Senator Ferguson: Yes. I mean the actual hour. You were in Washington that entire day on the 6th, were you not?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Was there anyone alerted that could have received that particular message?

General Marshall: Well, there was someone on duty in the office of the Chief of Staff, there was someone on duty in the office of the War Plans Division, there was someone on duty in the office of G-2.

Senator Ferguson: Was there anyone that could have acted?

General Marshall: Presumably so, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Who could have acted, who was there that could have acted on this message if delivery had been made?

General Marshall: The delivery of the magic messages was a personal arrangement in the main between the Office of

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2 Signal Corps and this particular section and the Office of  
3 G-2. General Miles will have to testify to that. I cannot.

4 Senator Ferguson: No. Was there anyone--

5 General Marshall: The point is I did not receive the  
6 message.

7 Senator Ferguson: But that isn't my question, General.  
8 My question is, now, was there anyone in position outside of  
9 you in Washington on the 6th that had authority to receive  
10 this particular magic message and act?

11 General Marshall: Well, there are two points to your  
12 question. One is authority to receive.

13 Senator Ferguson: First authority to receive.

14 General Marshall: That has existed all the time in G-2.

15 Senator Ferguson: Who had authority to actually receive  
16 magic as far as the Chief of Staff was concerned? It had  
17 to come to him in a locked pouch.

18 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did anyone have the key to the locked  
20 pouch other than you?

21 General Marshall: No, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: Therefore the only one in Washington  
23 so far as the Chief of Staff was concerned was the Chief of  
24 Staff himself who had the authority to receive it?

25 General Marshall: That is correct.

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2 Senator Ferguson: That is correct?

3 General Marshall: That is correct.

4 Senator Ferguson: Now, was there anyone authorized to  
5 take the pouch and deliver it to you in your office?

6 General Marshall: In my office?

7 Senator Ferguson: Yes, in your office, was there anyone  
8 actually able to receive the pouch? He didn't have the key  
9 to it, but receive the pouch?

10 General Marshall: It would be received in the office of  
11 the Secretary of the General Staff and delivered to me. Every-  
12 thing came through there unless it was brought in to me directly  
13 by the Assistant Chief of Staff.

14 Senator Ferguson: Who was the Secretary on the 6th?

15 General Marshall: General Bedell Smith was the Secretary.

16 Senator Ferguson: Was he a General at that time, wasn't  
17 he a Colonel?

18 General Marshall: He may have been a Colonel.

19 Senator Ferguson: A Colonel at that time?

20 General Marshall: Yes.

21 Senator Ferguson: He would have authority to take the  
22 actual pouch, would he not?

23 General Marshall: He would have authority, or anybody  
24 else on duty in his office, of taking the pouch in to me.

25 Senator Ferguson: Was he alerted so that if the pouch

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2 would have come to him on the day of the 6th he would have  
3 immediately got to you?

4 General Marshall: I don't know that any special in-  
5 structions were given Colonel Smith at all.

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7 Senator Ferguson: Well, did you anticipate any messages?  
8 The message before said that there would be a reply in two  
9 or three days.

10 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Now, was that of sufficient importance,  
12 and these other messages, to indicate that someone should have  
13 been alerted to receive this message and get it to you?

14 General Marshall: Senator, these were messages to the  
15 Secretary of State, these were diplomatic messages, all of  
16 which concerned important things. The delivery to Mr. Hull  
17 was the important direct requirement of the procedure. We  
18 deduced what we could out of the particular messages but the  
19 delivery to the Secretary of State of a diplomatic message  
20 from the Japanese was the issue at the moment.

21 Senator Ferguson: General, was there anyone authorized,  
22 was General Bryden authorized to act on December 6th on a  
23 message?

24 General Marshall: There was no specific instructions  
25 that I know of that were given General Bryden regarding a  
special duty of his on November 6th.

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Senator Ferguson: Had he a picture --

Mr. Murphy: Did you say November 6th?

Senator Ferguson: December 6th.

General Marshall: December 6th.

Senator Ferguson: Did he have a picture of the whole situation at that time, had he been receiving magic?

General Marshall: I do not think that General Bryden was receiving magic. I think General Bryden was undoubtedly aware of magic because he sat in on the Joint Board meetings.

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2 Senator Ferguson: But he personally was not receiving  
3 magic?

4 General Marshall: I do not think it went to his office.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, was there anybody else, under  
6 the rules, that was authorized to act if you were absent?

7 As I read Exhibit 42:

8 "Deputy Chief of Staff, general duties --

9 "a. The Deputy Chief of Staff will assist the Chief  
10 of Staff and will act for him in the War Department in his  
11 absence."

12 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Was there anyone else authorized  
14 besides Bedell Smith?

15 General Marshall: His assistant if he were on duty.  
16 I believe at that time it was Colonel Denny. He would be  
17 another one. There were other assistants.

18 Senator Ferguson: Their only province would be, because  
19 they had no key, would be to get the pouch to you?

20 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, so that we may understand what  
22 that pouch is, or was, it was a brief case with a lock on  
23 it, was it not?

24 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Now, General, are you familiar with

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the testimony of Colonel Bratton before the Army Board?

General Marshall: I have not read it.

Senator Ferguson: Page 239. Does counsel have a copy?

Mr. Gesell: No, we don't have a copy.

Senator Ferguson: I will give the General the copy I have to read.

Mr. Mitchell: What page?

Senator Ferguson: Page 239c, "Top Secret, Colonel Bratton testifying."

Mr. Gesell: Here is another copy, Senator. I did have a copy.

Senator Ferguson: Would you just read that into the record, the top of page 239.

General Marshall: (Reading)

"Colonel Toulmin. And what is the name of the Secretary of the Chief of Staff?

"Colonel Bratton. Colonel Smith, Bedell Smith, now Lieutenant General.

"Colonel Toulmin: And after this, you then went over and delivered it to the Secretary of State in the locked pouch for and on his behalf, is that right?

"Colonel Bratton. Yes, to the Watch Officer in the State Department.

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2 "Colonel Toulmin: To the Watch Officer about ten  
3 or ten-thirty, on that Saturday evening, December 6.

4 "Colonel Bratton. That is correct.

5 "Colonel Toulmin: Now, having made these deliveries,  
6 Colonel, to these four recipients, the Chief of Staff,  
7 the Chief of G-2, the Chief of the War Plans Division, and  
8 the Secretary of State, did you get any reaction to that  
9 message until the following day?

10 "Colonel Bratton: What do you mean by 'reaction'  
11 Colonel?

12 "Colonel Toulmin: Did they answer it, did they act  
13 upon it, did they mention it, did they discuss it, did  
14 they call you, did they look at it, to your knowledge?

15 Colonel Bratton: I had some discussions of the message  
16 as I remember, with General Miles, indicating to him that  
17 the final part was yet to come. It did not come in until  
18 the following morning. The reaction from General Marshall  
19 was a reading and a discussion of the entire communication."

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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Now, General, will you go to page  
3 242 starting out with: "Colonel Bratton: General Marshall's  
4 secretary."

5 General Marshall: (Reading)

6 "Colonel Bratton: General Marshall's secretary.

7 "General Russell: Well, he is the man to whom you  
8 gave General Marshall's copy, was he not?

9 "Colonel Bratton: Yes; but it was in a locked  
10 pouch, to which General Marshall had the key.

11 "General Russell: Do you know what Bedell Smith  
12 did with it?

13 "Colonel Bratton: No, sir.

14 "Colonel Toulmin: Did you tell him that it was an  
15 important document in the locked pouch?

16 "Colonel Bratton: Yes, sir.

17 "Colonel Toulmin: And that the Chief of Staff  
18 should know about it?

19 "Colonel Bratton: Should see it right away.

20 "Colonel Toulmin: What was General Smith's re-  
21 sponse -- that he would get in touch with the Chief of  
22 Staff, or would not?

23 "Colonel Bratton: It must have been, because if  
24 it had been otherwise, it would have registered on my  
25 memory.

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 "Colonel Toulmin: And about what time in the even-  
3 ing was it when General Smith was told there was an im-  
4 portant document in that locked pouch for General Mar-  
5 shall, and that his attention should be called to it?

6 "Colonel Bratton: I don't remember that, sir.

7 "Colonel Toulmin: And that was on the evening of  
8 December 6?

9 "Colonel Bratton: Yes."

10 Senator Ferguson: Now, on page 307, General, Volume  
11 D of Bratton's testimony, beginning with the question at the  
12 bottom of page 306 so as to get the continuity.

13 General Marshall: (Reading)

14 "General Russell: As I recall your testimony, you  
15 stated that you delivered it to this man Smith on Satur-  
16 day night, is that correct?

17 "Colonel Bratton: That is correct, sir, to the  
18 best of my knowledge and belief. My recollection is that  
19 I found Colonel Smith in his office. It may have been  
20 one of the other secretaries, but my recollection is that  
21 it was Colonel Smith, and that I told him that this was  
22 a very important paper, and that General Marshall should  
23 see it at once. My recollection is that he said he  
24 would send it out to the General's quarters by courier.  
25 In any event, my mind was at rest about the Chief of

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Staff, I didn't worry about him any more that night.

3 "General Grunert: Had this occurred frequently in  
4 the past?

5 "Colonel Bratton: Yes, sir.

6 "General Grunert: So it was just a normal thing to  
7 say, 'Here is a pouch that has got important stuff in  
8 it'?

9 "Colonel Bratton: No. When I thought that the  
10 Chief of Staff should see it at once, I made a point of  
11 telling Smith so, and he would say, 'All right, I will  
12 send it out by a special courier.'

13 "General Grunert: Did that happen very frequently?

14 "Colonel Bratton: It happened several times, yes,  
15 sir.

16 "General Grunert: Now, about this time, most every-  
17 thing was important?

18 "Colonel Bratton: Most everything was important;  
19 and I was further urged on by the fact that if the Chief  
20 of Naval Operations ever got one of these things before  
21 General Marshall did and called him up to discuss it  
22 on the telephone with him, and the General hadn't got-  
23 ten his copy, we all caught hell."  
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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

1  
2 Senator Ferguson: That is all, General. Do you agree  
3 to that last answer?

4 General Marshall: Well, I don't think I give anybody  
5 hell much, Senator.

6 Senator Ferguson: But at least they felt they had to  
7 perform their duty efficiently.

8 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: And that you expected them to perform  
10 it efficiently.

11 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: And the average man when he has that  
13 in mind uses the expression that the Colonel used there.

14 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: So that there was no disrespect or  
16 anything else in his remark. I think we understand that, do  
17 we?

18 General Marshall: I was not accepting it as a disre-  
19 spect.

20 The Vice Chairman: That is a rather familiar Army ex-  
21 pression, I think.

22 The Chairman: Well, it is not limited to the Army.

23 General Marshall: Well, Senator, it usually has trimmings.

24 Senator Ferguson: Now, did you ever know that the  
25 Colonel made any other statements in relation to this de-

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livery?

General Marshall: I have never read any of his testimony. I was told at the time a Major Clausen came to me just, I think, the day before the Pearl Harbor report was released to the press, - incidentally, that was the first time I had ever seen Major Clausen -- that testimony had been taken somewhere that had -- I believe he said that Colonel Bratton had revised his statement. I don't know, but I can have --

Senator Ferguson: You are not familiar with that?

General Marshall: I am not familiar with who the individuals concerned were at all.

Senator Ferguson: All right. I will ask you some questions later on Colonel Clausen.

Now, General, as we get the situation here on the sixth we have the only man authorized, or the only people authorized to get the pouch was Smith or someone under him in your office?

General Marshall: Correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: You had the key?

General Marshall: I had the key.

Senator Ferguson: Now, whose specific responsibility was it to get it to your office, that is, to Smith or to you or to your office?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

1  
2 General Marshall: That was General Miles' responsibility.  
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4 Senator Ferguson: General Miles is responsible for  
5 that?

6 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: And that same thing would be true  
8 on the day of the seventh?

9 General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: You have gone over the time element  
11 on the morning of the seventh as to what time you rode and  
12 what time you got back for breakfast and what time you got  
13 to the office.

14 General Marshall: I ate breakfast before I rode, Sen-  
15 ator.

16 Senator Ferguson: Before you rode?

17 General Marshall: I ate breakfast on Sunday morning  
18 at eight o'clock.

19 Senator Ferguson: Now, General Marshall, is there any  
20 way that you can account for the fact that this message was  
21 not delivered to you at your residence on that morning?  
22 What could cause the delay in the delivery of this message?

23 General Marshall: Senator, as I recall my testimony  
24 and as I recall the events a message came to my quarters  
25 as I was taking a shower or getting into a shower after



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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

riding that Colonel Bratton was coming out to the house to see me with an important message and I --

Senator Ferguson: Well, then --

Mr. Gesell: Let him finish, please.

Senator Ferguson: Pardon me. Please go ahead and finish your answer.

General Marshall: That Colonel Bratton was coming out to the house, wished to come out to the house with an important message and I sent word that I would be out to the Department and I completed my shower and dressed and I believe I said that would probably take me about ten minutes and then got in the car and drove down to the Department.

Senator Ferguson: Which, as I understand it, was seven or ten more minutes?

General Marshall: I imagine about seven minutes, yes.

Senator Ferguson: So that would be seventeen minutes--

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: (Continuing) -- after you knew that Bratton wanted to get in touch with you --

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: (Continuing) -- you received this message?

General Marshall: No, sir. I will say that is all, I think, that -- well, you say "this message" meaning what,

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 sir?

3 Senator Ferguson: I am talking about the fourteen  
4 parts.

5 General Marshall: That is correct.

6 Senator Ferguson: And the one o'clock.

7 General Marshall: That is correct.

8 Senator Ferguson: And the destruction of the codes.

9 General Marshall: That is correct.

10 Senator Ferguson: Is that correct?

11 General Marshall: That is correct.

12 Senator Ferguson: So that seventeen minutes after you  
13 received notice from Bratton as far as you were concerned you  
14 received these messages?

15 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: And that was on the Sunday morning?

17 General Marshall: Yes, sir, Sunday morning.

18 Senator Ferguson: And, now, have you ever made -- per-  
19 sonally, as I understand it, you conducted no examination  
20 or no inquiry as to why the parts were not delivered to you  
21 on Saturday that were completed and why the one message,  
22 the pilot message, was not delivered to you?

23 General Marshall: I had no investigation of that, no,  
24 sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: And you haven't any other knowledge

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

1 than what you have given here?

2 General Marshall: No, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Did Bedell Smith get in touch with  
4 you Saturday night?

5 General Marshall: Not to my knowledge.

6 Senator Ferguson: You were at home Saturday night?

7 General Marshall: The presumption is that I was at home.

8 Senator Ferguson: I mean you say now that you were?

9 General Marshall: I have not read my testimony through  
10 but I think I saw in a paper something that may mean my tes-  
11 timony is not as I intended to give it.

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, do you want to change it? Not  
13 that you want to change your testimony, but do you want to  
14 reiterate what you said?

15 General Marshall: I want to repeat what I said, that I  
16 found an engagement book for the family that shows I only  
17 had one evening engagement, a dinner, between the 1st of  
18 November -- the newspaper said the 1st of December -- between  
19 the 1st of November and the 7th of December and that was on  
20 the night of the 3rd of December.

21 Senator Ferguson: If you left the house, for instance,  
22 on the night of the 6th of December was there someone there  
23 to answer the telephone?

24 General Marshall: Yes, sir, there was an orderly there.  
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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: An orderly?

3 General Marshall: Yes.

4 Senator Ferguson: And he was in the Army in effect?

5 General Marshall: Yes, sir. I had three orderlies that  
6 rotated that duty and at that time and for about a year there-  
7 after they stayed until ten o'clock, until I returned if I  
8 went out to the movies. That is the only place I went to.

9 Senator Ferguson: And their rank was Sergeant?

10 General Marshall: It varied. They started with private  
11 and some were technical Sergeants, but they were men competent  
12 to answer the 'phone.

13 Senator Ferguson: Yes, they were competent to answer  
14 the 'phone.

15 General Marshall: And they knew where I was.

16 Senator Ferguson: And they would know where you were?

17 General Marshall: They would know where I was.

18 Senator Ferguson: And do I understand that when you re-  
19 turned the 'phone would not be shut off?

20 General Marshall: It would not be shut off, no, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: So that they were answering the 'phone  
22 until you came and then who would answer the 'phone? Would  
23 you answer the 'phone or Mrs. Marshall?

24 General Marshall: It depended on which 'phone rang.

25 If it was the house phone she would get it and if it was the

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 War Department 'phone, which I think was installed at that  
3 time and was beside my bed I would answer it.

4 Senator Ferguson: So that if Bedell Smith desired to  
5 get you that night there wasn't any reason why he should not  
6 have been able to get you?

7 General Marshall: I could have been obtainable.

8 Senator Ferguson: And would that same thing be true  
9 with General Miles and Colonel Bratton?

10 General Marshall: Yes, sir, I would say it would.

11 Senator Ferguson: And you have no knowledge that you  
12 were out of the city, so that --

13 General Marshall: I checked it. I never left after I  
14 returned on the 28th until some time, I don't know when, af-  
15 ter December 7th.

16 Senator Ferguson: Now, you knew of the investigation  
17 of the Roberts Commission, did you not?

18 General Marshall: I was called as a witness before that  
19 Commission.

20 Senator Ferguson: Was any part of the Roberts' report  
21 submitted to you for your approval? I might refresh your  
22 memory if this will help. On page 1793 and page 1794 the  
23 Roberts Commission submitted some of their proposed findings  
24 to you to correct; that, in terms, as I understood it.

25 Mr. Mitchell: What page is that referring to?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Page 1793. That would be the record.

3 Mr. Mitchell: On what?

4 Senator Ferguson: Of the Roberts' testimony.

5 Mr. Mitchell: The transcript.

6 Senator Lucas: Who makes the statement?

7 Senator Ferguson: I want to get the record. Does  
8 counsel have that?

9 Mr. Mitchell: We have the Roberts' report. The Rob-  
10 erts' transcript is down in the office.

11 Senator Ferguson: Well, I will ask the question later  
12 then. I want to reserve that particular question. We do  
13 not have the testimony at this time on that, General.

14 That was a Presidential Commission, was it not, or Board?

15 General Marshall: That was my understanding, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: And do you know of any reason why  
17 they should not receive all the testimony, all the evidence,  
18 all the facts, being a Presidential Board?

19 General Marshall: I cannot think of any right now, sir,  
20 unless it pertained to "Magic", but I think they received  
21 "Magic". I say "I think" because I did not sit in on their  
22 hearings.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever make any statements to  
24 General Carter Clarke?

25 General Marshall: General what?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Could I have the affidavit of Clausen  
3 of Miles, please?

4 Mr. Murphy: I am looking at it right here but I would  
5 like to get it back so that I can clear up some of the tes-  
6 timony.

7 Senator Ferguson: I have got a copy of an affidavit of  
8 Sherman Miles and I intend to read that.

9 Mr. Murphy: I would like to get it back because I  
10 want to clearup something.

11 Senator Ferguson: Do you want to keep it to see if my  
12 copy is correct?

13 Mr. Murphy: All right.

14 Senator Ferguson: Colonel Sherman Miles made an affidav-  
15 it. (Reading)

16 "Concerning the testimony I gave before the Army  
17 Pearl Harbor Board 8th of August 1944 as corrected by  
18 my letter 18th of August 1944 I wish to say that I  
19 avoided any statement concerning details of information  
20 and intelligence which I had derived from Top Secret  
21 source then called 'Magic' or any intimation that such  
22 source existed. The reason I so limited my testimony  
23 was because prior to my appearance before the Board  
24 Brigadier General Russell A. Osmun and then Colonel  
25 Carter W. Clarke of G-2, War Department, transmitted to

Witness Marshall

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2 me instructions from the Chief of Staff that I was not  
3 to disclose to the Army Pearl Harbor Board any facts  
4 concerning radio intelligence mentioned or the existence  
5 of that form of information, or intelligence in the period  
6 preceding the 7th of December 1941. Accordingly I obeyed  
7 that instruction."

8 I will ask you, General, whether or not you made  
9 any or gave any such instructions to Brigadier General Russell  
10 A. Osmun?

11 General Marshall: To my recollection I did not. May I  
12 recite what I understand of that?

13 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

14 General Marshall: I ask that because most of it is hear-  
15 say.

16 Senator Ferguson: Well, I want you to explain in any  
17 way any of these answers.

18 General Marshall: All right. I sent for Colonel Clarke  
19 I think it was three mornings ago, saw him for about five  
20 minutes and asked him what his idea was of these instructions  
21 to General Miles that I understood had been given regarding  
22 "Magic". He told me that at the time these witnesses were  
23 coming in several had reported and were preparing themselves  
24 as to their data for the investigation.

25 They wished to know in each instance whether or not they



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2 could refer to "Magic". General Clarke, then Colonel Clarke,  
3 in the absence of the then G-2, General Bissell, and in my  
4 absence from Washington saw General McNarney, the Deputy  
5 Chief of Staff, and took up the question with him.

6 General McNarney, according to Colonel Clarke, discussed  
7 the question with Admiral King. They came to an agreement  
8 that there would be no reference by the witnesses to "Magic".  
9 Therefore, the individuals, according to Colonel Clarke, who  
10 had come into G-2 to look into the data preliminary or pre-  
11 paratory to their testifying were informed that there would  
12 be no reference to "Magic."

13 Then, according to Colonel Clarke, at a later date the  
14 Naval investigation having gotten under way it was learned,  
15 in the War Department that the "Magic" messages were being  
16 introduced in the Naval Board. I do not recall that Colonel--  
17 I think the statement was made that this had resulted because  
18 of a letter from Colonel Knox to Admiral Kimmel in which he  
19 had assured him that the admission of those messages would be  
20 permitted. Therefore, instructions were then given that the  
21 "Magic" would be made available to the Army Board.

22 Now, further with relation to this, in the first hour of  
23 my testimony before the Army Board and I think I was one of  
24 the first witnesses, I asked them to go into executive ses-  
25 sion and I told them about the existence of "Magic", what it

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2 was, what its bearing on the conduct of the war was and its  
3 relationship to this particular incident. That was done in  
4 executive session with nobody present except the three mem-  
5 bers of the Board and that took place in the first hour of  
6 my testifying before that group.

7 Now, Colonel Clarke can give you the particular evidence  
8 on that, General McNarney and I presume Admiral King.

9 Senator Ferguson: So that, as I understand it then,  
10 General, you as Chief of Staff did not issue the order. The  
11 information was given out by your Deputy Chief of Staff,  
12 General McNarney, is that correct?

13 General Marshall: After a discussion with Admiral King.

14 Senator Ferguson: Yes, that is what I mean, as you have  
15 explained.

16 And that instruction was then given by Carter Clarke to  
17 General Miles?

18 General Marshall: And the other witnesses who knew  
19 about "Magic".

20 Senator Ferguson: And the other witnesses who knew about  
21 "Magic"?

22 General Marshall: Presumably Colonel Bratton and I  
23 do not know who else was concerned.

24 Senator Ferguson: And they went before the Board and  
25 gave their testimony and entirely eliminated --

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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General Marshall: Any reference to "Magio".

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Senator Ferguson: (Continuing) -- any reference to "Magio".

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General Marshall: Yes. Then at a later time "Magio" was introduced.

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Senator Ferguson: Yes. And at some time later "Magio" was introduced. Now, do you know whether Miles ever went back after they introduced "Magio" --

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General Marshall: I do not, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: (Continuing) -- to give his testimony in relation to "Magio"?

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General Marshall: I do not know that.

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Senator Ferguson: This, of course, was a Congressional ordered inquiry by the Army and by the Navy?

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General Marshall: Yes, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Do you know how it came about that the Army Board that was ordered by the statute ceased to function and then a further inquiry by Colonel Clausen began along the same or similar lines?

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Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

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General Marshall: I am not aware of that. That was handled by the Secretary of War and by the civilian side of the War Department.

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Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

1 Witness Marshall

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2 Senator Ferguson: Not at the present time.

3 And not on the military side?

4 General Marshall: No, sir. The military side did not  
5 concern itself with the various procedures in this matter.

6 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did "JAG" recommend it, do  
7 you know?

8 General Marshall: I couldn't tell you, sir. I wouldn't  
9 have recalled it and Mr. Stimson did not consult me with re-  
10 gard to it and I never knew the name of the man or heard of  
11 it until I saw the Pearl Harbor report the day before it was  
12 released and knew nothing of it until he came to get the af-  
13 fidavit from me.

14 Senator Ferguson: So that as far as that situation is  
15 concerned you had no knowledge or information concerning that  
16 investigation, the result of that investigation, until the  
17 day before the report was made public?

18 General Marshall: That is correct. Brigadier General  
19 Handy became Deputy Chief of Staff on the departure of General  
20 McNarney for Italy on the day that the Army report was received  
21 in the office of the Secretary of War and a copy of the orig-  
22 inal report went to General Handy and General McNarney who  
23 were both together at the time.

24 General Handy after a very brief survey, I imagine, of  
25 an hour or two brought the report to me, he did not hand it

1 Witness Marshall

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2 to me, held it, told me of the general nature of it, told me  
3 of the strictures against me and advised me not to see the  
4 report and he thought that because of my implication in it  
5 that the Army side of the War Department should have nothing  
6 to do with the thing whatsoever, it should be entirely  
7 handled by the Secretary of War or his civilian assistants  
8 or whatever others he desired to call into it. So that from  
9 that time on it was entirely handled in the office of the Sec-  
10 retary of War and so far as General Handy knew -- he can  
11 testify as to this -- nobody on the General Staff knew any-  
12 thing at all regarding the terms of the report or the material.

13 Senator Ferguson: And no one on the General Staff ordered  
14 Colonel Clausen to proceed?

15 General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: You had no knowledge that he did pro-  
17 ceed, as far as you were concerned, until the time you prove?

18 General Marshall: That is correct, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Now, getting back, General, to Gen-  
20 eral McNarney just one question as to all his instructions,  
21 to General Carter Clarke and General Osmun and then on down  
22 to the other witnesses. Were you consulted in relation to  
23 that?

24 General Marshall: No, sir, not to my knowledge.

25 Senator Ferguson: And you had no knowledge of it, is

1 Witness Marshall

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2 that correct?

3 General Marshall: I had no knowledge of that. My re-  
4 action would have been literally that of Admiral King and  
5 General McNarney.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, there appears to be another in-  
7 vestigation by Carter Clarke known as the Clarke investiga-  
8 tion.

9 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: Starting some time after the Clausen  
11 investigation.

12 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: When did you first learn that there  
14 was a Carter Clarke investigation?

15 General Marshall: I am not quite clear. General Bissell  
16 is the best witness on that. As nearly as I recall the thing  
17 there was nobody left in G-2 at this time who had been on duty  
18 at the time of these events in December 1941 or earlier in  
19 the fall and General Bissell recommended that in order to get  
20 the data straightened out as to what actually happened he  
21 should have an investigation made of all of the procedure and  
22 it was so directed, presumably with my acquiescence, but  
23 General Bissell can tell you directly.

24 Senator Ferguson: General Bissell --

25 General Marshall: Is the present G-2 of the War Depart-

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2 ment.

3 Senator Ferguson: I want to get the Carter Clarke in-  
4 vestigation to get the dates. The first page of the Number 1  
5 volume testimony of findings handled on certain Top Secret  
6 documents, CWC Part 1, is dated the 20th of September 1944  
7 and the second volume, the first instrument in it is dated  
8 the 17th of August 1945. It is a memorandum for the Chief of  
9 Staff. Do you recall that, General?

10 General Marshall: I am quite certain I saw it. I think  
11 I have a memorandum somewhere in it of my own.

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, did your order create the Carter  
13 Clarke investigation?

14 General Marshall: I think it did, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: Your order created that?

16 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: Now, what was the purpose? Why did  
18 you want the Carter Clarke investigation after the Clausen  
19 investigation, what was there to be investigated, and after  
20 the Army Board had made a finding under a statute which ordered  
21 them to make an investigation?

22 General Marshall: I asked General Bissell about two  
23 days ago over the telephone if he could remind me of what this  
24 was and my recollection of it is -- he can testify direct on  
25 this -- that there was so much confusion over the handling of

Witness Marshall

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 2 the records and what the records were with regard to the  
 3 times of receipt, transmission, and so forth, that he thought  
 4 it was advisable to have an investigation to reduce this  
 5 down to as exact a statement as they could get and, there-  
 6 fore, was recommended to me and I agreed to the procedure to  
 7 direct Colonel Clarke to carry it out. Now, he can tell  
 8 you direct what the conversations were.

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2 Senator Ferguson: General, what would cause confusion?  
3 Were not the Army records in shape so that they could be obtained  
4 and there would not have to be any confusion? Here we have  
5 an Army Board set up of Generals under a statute that went  
6 into this matter. Then we had Colonel Clausen making an in-  
7 vestigation, and after we get through with those two investiga-  
8 tions there is such confusion about the records that a new  
9 investigation is started.

10 How do you account for that?

11 Mr. Murphy: I wonder if the Senator will yield?

12 Senator Ferguson: Yes, I will yield.

13 Mr. Murphy: It was not a new investigation, it was a  
14 continuation, and the report discusses that. The Secretary  
15 of War states that he is continuing the investigation. It is  
16 right in the report itself.

17 Senator Ferguson: General, do you know why it took the  
18 authority of the investigation from the original Pearl Harbor  
19 Board, Army Board? Why they ceased their functions and created  
20 the Carter Clarke and Clausen investigation; why did they  
21 take it away from the Army Board if the Congressman is correct?

22 General Marshall: It is my recollection --

23 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

24 Senator Ferguson: I would like to have him answer first.

25 Mr. Murphy: All right.

Witness Marshall

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General Marshall: My recollection, Senator, is it is quite possible that the Secretary of War did not know of Colonel Clarke's investigation. I think it is probable he did, but it is quite possible he did not. The action in the Clausen affair was the Secretary of War's.

Mr. Murphy: Now will the Senator yield?

Senator Ferguson: I want to get his answer as to Carter Clarke's part of it.

The Chairman: Yes, General, answer.

General Marshall: I told you the best of my recollection regarding the Carter Clarke investigation. General Bissell, who was handling the thing, can give you a definite statement in regard to it, which is much better than mine.

Senator Ferguson: General, I understand your order, as the Chief of Staff, created the Carter Clarke part of the investigation.

General Marshall: Not the investigation, sir. I did not know that I was including that in the --

Senator Ferguson: I want to know why you went into that part of the investigation. The three members of the Board were still living, and it was a statutory Board. Why was not this deligated to them to complete their investigation? Why was a new man designated to make this investigation?

General Marshall: Well, I suggest you call General Bissell

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 and find out his recommendation to me, sir.

3 Mr. Murphy: Now will the Senator yield?

4 Senator Ferguson: Was that recommendation put in writing?

5 General Marshall: I do not think it was. It may be  
6 in writing, but I think it was oral.

7 Senator Ferguson: Will you give us your memory? Did  
8 you discuss it with him?

9 General Marshall: I gave you the best of my memory,  
10 Senator, after being jogged by a telephone message to General  
11 Bissell two or three days ago. I have not had a chance to  
12 talk to him directly. He told me for certain reasons he  
13 thought it was desirable this should be done. He can testify  
14 directly what that was, or I can go back and talk to him  
15 again and come back and relay what he has reminded me of,  
16 whichever you prefer.

17 Senator Ferguson: Do I understand, General, you did not  
18 read the Army Board?

19 General Marshall: I did not read the Army Board, and I  
20 did not read, as far as I know, the Pearl Harbor Board.

21 Senator Ferguson: You did not read the Army Board. You,  
22 by your order, created a continuation, as I understand it,  
23 of this investigation by Carter Clarke.

24 General Marshall: I did not understand that I was  
25 creating a continuation of this investigation. I understood

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 from General Bissell's recommendation that the confusion of  
3 incidents up there was such that it was better to have somebody  
4 on the magic side go into it. Now that may be held to be a  
5 part of the investigation, I don't know.

6 Mr. Murphy: Now will the Senator yield?

7 Senator Ferguson: What did he explain as to the confusion  
8 in the magic part?

9 General Marshall: I remember no more than I am telling  
10 you now, but General Bissell can testify to that directly.

11 Senator Ferguson: Was there any question raised at that  
12 time, General, about messages not being in the files?

13 General Marshall: The only question I heard -- and that  
14 did not come through General Bissell, and I do not know whether  
15 I heard it officially -- oh, I think that Admiral Hewitt, the  
16 Navy sent Admiral Hewitt into the Pacific to look into  
17 questions of this kind, or Admiral Hewitt told me he had gotten  
18 a rumor from somewhere that I had issued an order destroying  
19 the records, what was called the winds message. Then there  
20 was an investigation on that. I have not read the report  
21 of the investigation, and I believe it was found there was  
22 no basis for the statement.

23 But that, I believe, was a written investigation.

24 Senator Ferguson: And there is no basis for that state-  
25 ment?

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2       General Marshall: Are you making the statement or are  
3 you asking me?

4       Senator Ferguson: I say there is no basis for that  
5 statement?

6       General Marshall: That is a question?

7       Senator Ferguson: There is no basis for any such state-  
8 ment?

9       General Marshall: So far as I am concerned, there is not.

10      Mr. Murphy: Now will the Senator yield?

11      Senator Ferguson: So the record will be clear on that,  
12 did you know --

13      Senator Lucas: (Interposing) I submit it is not a  
14 question, it is but a declaratory sentence.

15      Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

16      The Chairman: The committee will be in order.

17      Senator Ferguson: I take it the General did not answer  
18 quite that he made any such order.

19      General Marshall: I had no knowledge of it whatsoever.

20      Senator Ferguson: But the Board also found that there  
21 was not anything in that rumor, isn't that correct?

22      General Marshall: I do not know whether it was the  
23 Board or the investigator that went into this particular thing.

24      Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield so I can throw a  
25 little light on this?

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Senator Ferguson: I will let you lighten it up a little later.

General, on this question now of Carter Clarke's investigation, was that in any way to correct the findings of the original investigation by the Board?

General Marshall: I would not say that it was. I think it was to try to determine what the actual details of the handling of the messages were.

Senator Ferguson: Well, did not the Board go into that question of the actual details of the handling of the messages?

General Marshall: I assume that they did.

Senator Ferguson: Why should there be any question about the handling of the messages? Does not the War Department and the other departments of the Government -- in the War Department do not they, as a rule, function through written orders?

General Marshall: They function according to prescribed methods.

Senator Ferguson: Yes, prescribed methods. One of the prescribed methods is the keeping of proper records?

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Isn't that correct?

General Marshall: That is correct.

Senator Ferguson: Why should there be any confusion over

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 the keeping of these records that the Army Board were trying  
3 to, or were getting on this question?

4 General Marshall: Senator, I have given you the best  
5 answer I can, and I think General Bissell can give you the  
6 correct statement on that.

7 Senator Ferguson: He would probably be able to clear up  
8 the situation.

9 Senator Lucas: I think the General ought to be asked  
10 that question one more time.

11 Senator Ferguson: How is that?

12 Senator Lucas: I think the General ought to be asked  
13 that question one more time.

14 Senator Ferguson: Just a moment.

15 Mr. Chairman --

16 The Chairman: The committee will proceed. Senator  
17 Ferguson will proceed with his inquiry.

18 Senator Ferguson: General, is there anything, any question  
19 that I have asked that you want to add anything to any answer  
20 or subtract anything from any answer? In other words, is  
21 there any change that you want to make?

22 General Marshall: Not that I recall. I have some notes  
23 in my pocket. Allow me to look at them. (Perusing notes)  
24 There is one, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: All right, will you give it to us,

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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General Marshall: You asked me yesterday regarding a statement of the Secretary of War in his diary communicating with the President when he received information regarding five divisions moving down the coast in the China Sea.

Senator Ferguson: Yes, that is the G-2 message that we were talking about.

General Marshall: I think that was based probably, most probably on a statement which appears in paragraph 14 of the estimate of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 dated November 27 which resumes the information we had, and that that particular information was probably available on the 25th, and it was to that that the Secretary referred.

Senator Ferguson: May I just see that?

General Marshall: Paragraph 14 of the estimate of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 on November 27.

Senator Ferguson: Paragraph 14?

General Marshall: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: Would you just read that into the record so we will have the record clear on that? Would there also be a message upon which this is based?

General Marshall: I have not located the message, but this is the statement from G-2. It is item 26, and is headed "Recent developments in the Far East". So it covers a period



Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

of time, it is a resume of developments, and it states in paragraph 14:

"From the foregoing it appears evident that the Japanese had completed plans for further aggressive moves in southeastern Asia. These plans will probably be put into effect soon after the armed services feel that the Kurusu mission is a definite failure. A task force of about five divisions, supported by appropriate air and naval units, has been assembled for the execution of these plans. This force is now enroute southward to an as yet undetermined rendezvous."

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 I think that was the basis of the Secretary of War's  
3 statement in his diary of his communication with the  
4 President.

5 Senator Ferguson: General, that indicates that there  
6 is a G-2 message which conveys the specific language, or  
7 similar language to what the Secretary of War used, is it  
8 not, such as the naming of towns and numbers and so forth?  
9 The Secretary of War could not take this estimate and read  
10 paragraph 14 and get into his diary the information that  
11 we read yesterday, could he?

12 General Marshall: I was assuming there was some message  
13 of some sort that recited the information which was included  
14 in this message. The message, whatever it was, we have  
15 not located.

16 Senator Ferguson: It is the message I have had in  
17 mind.

18 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Is there anything else you wanted to  
20 clear up?

21 General Marshall: I have a note here referring to  
22 page 3109 of my testimony, lines 8 and 9. Beginning at  
23 line 7 on page 3109 it reads:

24 "The messages which you have just read I had no recol-  
25 lection of whatever at the time."

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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Now, the messages we are talking about there, or I  
3 am speaking about there are the various ones that refer-  
4 red to Hawaii, to the Harbor of Pearl Harbor, the magic  
5 messages that came in prior to December 7, 1941. I ended  
6 with this statement:

7 "In fact, I first read them in the two days when I was  
8 getting ready for this hearing here."

9 It should read, "In fact, as far as I recall, I first  
10 read them."

11 Senator Ferguson: General, did you get Admiralty  
12 reports also? We have not had clearances on the Admiralty  
13 report.

14 Mr. Mitchell: They were cleared yesterday afternoon  
15 with the exception of four, which they wanted to para-  
16 phrase so it would not break the British code. And they  
17 should be in the room here this morning. We did not  
18 get them last night. We just have the ones that were  
19 cleared.

20 Senator Ferguson: I will ask the General: Did you  
21 get any information if we were getting information from  
22 the Admiralty?

23 General Marshall: My recollection is that we were  
24 getting occasional information from the Admiralty, but  
25 Admiral Stark can tell you about that specifically.

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: And would those messages come directly  
3 across your desk as magic?

4 General Marshall: The Admiralty messages would not  
5 come across my desk as magic.

6 Senator Ferguson: They would not?

7 General Marshall: No, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not General  
9 Miles delivered the messages to you?

10 General Marshall: The Admiralty messages?

11 Senator Ferguson: The Admiralty messages, whether you  
12 had seen them.

13 General Marshall: I should imagine that those might  
14 have come to me through General Miles or might have been  
15 delivered personally to me by Admiral Stark. I don't  
16 know.

17 Senator Ferguson: Do you recall any Admiralty messages?

18 General Marshall: Not specifically.

19 Senator Ferguson: Do you recall any of them in the  
20 period from the 25th of November, let us say?

21 General Marshall: No, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: Until the 7th?

23 General Marshall: I have no specific recollection of  
24 any Admiralty messages.

25 Senator Ferguson: I will ask you, General, when this

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Witness Marshall                      Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 message -- there are two of them, one a correction, and  
3 will you hand it to him, please -- first came to your  
4 attention?

5                      This is the Winant message, British Admiralty report.

6                      General Marshall: I do not know, Senator. I assume  
7 that afternoon. I recall the message and I assume that I  
8 saw it before December 7th. I have no other recollection  
9 on the matter. There may be some record there in the War  
10 Department that would show that. I do not know about that.

11                     Senator Ferguson: What did that convey to you? It  
12 reads:

13                     "British Admiralty reports that at 3 a.m. London time  
14 this morning, two parties seen off Cambodia Point, sailing  
15 slowly westward toward Kra 14 hours distant in time. First  
16 party 25 transports, 6 cruisers, 10 destroyers. Second  
17 party 10 transports, 2 carriers, 10 destroyers."

18                     What did that convey to you? What did it mean to you?  
19 How did you evaluate it?

20                     General Marshall: The message conveys a very serious  
21 item of information of a very definite move by the Japanese  
22 presumably toward the Kra Peninsula, and possibly land on  
23 the West Coast of Thailand. I would say it was a confirma-  
24 tion of our fears regarding their intentions in Malaysia.

25                     Senator Ferguson: In your opinion did that mean war?

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2           General Marshall: I am trying now to go back to what  
3 I thought at that particular time.

4           Senator Ferguson: - Yes.

5           General Marshall: I would have said that in my opinion  
6 that did mean war, certainly in that locality and presum-  
7 ably it would spread from there.

8           Senator Ferguson: And that would be a crossing of  
9 the line and therefore would involve us, so it would mean  
10 war as far as the United States was concerned?

11           General Marshall: I do not understand your use of the  
12 word "involve", Senator.

13           Senator Ferguson: What would you say?

14           General Marshall: I felt myself that if the Japanese  
15 became engaged in hostilities directed toward the Malay  
16 Peninsula that our situation demanded that we take action  
17 to defend our position. That, however, was my opinion,  
18 and that would have to be determined by governmental action.

19           Senator Ferguson: Did you ask or seek any advice on  
20 what the governmental action would be when you received  
21 this Admiralty message on the 6th?

22           General Marshall: I have no such recollection.

23           Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether any action was  
24 taken by our Government on the 6th, when the Winant message  
25 came in?

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 General Marshall: I have no such recollection.

3 Senator Ferguson: Would that mean there would be any  
4 further alert in your department, this message?

5 General Marshall: No, sir, this is a confirmation of  
6 what we had been following through the various moves.

7 Senator Ferguson: A confirmation of the previous alerts.

8 Do you know whether G-2 had that message of the 6th.

9 General Marshall: I do not know, sir.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2           Senator Ferguson: Would you get it from G-2 or would  
3 you get it directly from the State Department?

4           General Marshall: I think at that time I would have  
5 gotten it through G-2. I am getting now similar messages  
6 through the Operation Division. I do not know how it was  
7 at that time, but I think it was probably G-2.

8           Senator Ferguson: Will the reporter read that last answer?

9           (The record was read by the reporter.)

10          Senator Ferguson: You were not getting them directly  
11 from the State Department at that time?

12          General Marshall: Not to my recollection. We had a  
13 liaison with the State Department through G-2.

14          Senator Ferguson: I want to look at this record of the  
15 Roberts Report, to get the memorandum. Would you just take  
16 this and read pages 1793 and 1794 into the record?

17          Mr. Mitchell: Do you want him to read the two pages?

18          Senator Ferguson: Or look at them. I want to find out  
19 whether or not the Roberts Report, or any part of it, was  
20 submitted to him, that is, the Roberts transcript was  
21 submitted to him and whether or not he suggested any changes,  
22 whether it was submitted to him to correct in terms as he  
23 understood it.

24          General Marshall: You wish me to read these two pages?

25          Senator Ferguson: Yes, to ascertain that information.



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1 Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 General Marshall: You wish me to read them or just look  
3 at them?

4 Senator Ferguson: It will not take but a minute to read  
5 them.

6 General Marshall: (Reading)

7 "Colonel Brown. General Marshall is here.

8 "The Chairman. Have the General come in.

9 "Will you be sworn, sir?

10 "TESTIMONY OF GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL,  
11 CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY, WASH-  
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13 "(The oath was administered in due form by the Chairman.)

14 "The Chairman. General Marshall, we are particularly  
15 interested in ascertaining the exact facts with respect to  
16 the message you forwarded to the Commanding General of the  
17 Hawaiian Department on the morning of December 7, 1941. You  
18 stated those informally to us when you were with us before,  
19 but we took down nothing about it at that time.

20 "General Marshall. Yes, sir. Mr. Justice, Colonel  
21 Howe handed me the other day a draft of a statement --

22 "The Chairman. Of a finding, yes.

23 "General Marshall. -- of a finding regarding that  
24 particular matter, and asked me, as I understood it, to correct  
25 that in terms as I understood them.

1 Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 "The Chairman. That is right.

3 "General Marshall. And I have done that.

4 "The Chairman. Yes, sir.

5 "General Marshall. Unfortunately, I have not been able to  
6 go over it personally with Admiral Stark, who was concerned with  
7 me in the matter; and we are in agreement, I understand, in our  
8 main exchanges of information, and he questioned my wording,  
9 I believe, but as he is going to appear here a little later  
10 he can take that up. So if it is agreeable to you I will  
11 read a redraft of your finding, in the terms as I understand  
12 them, as to fact.

13 "The Chairman. That will be splendid.

14 "General Marshall. (Reading)

15 "At about 11:25 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, Sunday,  
16 December 7, 1941, the Chief of Staff of the Army and the  
17 Chief of Naval Operations learned --

18 "Now put this in parentheses, if you will, please, because  
19 I want to refer to it later.

20 "(Certain matter read by General Marshall is omitted  
21 from the transcript at the direction of the chairman.)

22 "General Marshall. (Continuing reading)

23 " -- that what amounted to an ultimatum would be delivered  
24 to the United States Government by the Japanese Ambassador at  
25 1 p.m. in Washington that day and that diplomatic relations

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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

between the two nations would probably be severed.

"The Chief of Staff communicated with the Chief of Naval Operations by telephone at once, expressed his apprehension of possible attack without warning in any area, and recommended sending an immediate additional warning message to the Commander of the Hawaiian Department (and to the Commanding Generals of the Forces in the Philippines, Panama, and on the Pacific Coast). He personally drafted such a message, and at 11:45 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, the Chief of Naval Operations requested that the various Army commanders to receive this message be instructed to communicate its contents to their naval opposites. The Chief of Staff added a sentence to that effect.'  
"because the message had already been finished.

"The Chairman. Yes.

"General Marshall. (Continuing reading)

"This message, in the longhand of the Chief of Staff, was personally delivered at 11:50 a.m. by a general staff officer, Colonel Bratton, to the Communications Officer stationed in the War Department."

Senator Ferguson: That covers what I had in mind.

General Marshall: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: What was the finding that had been submitted to you?

General Marshall: My understanding of the matter, in read-

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Witness Marshall

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 ing this, was that they had endeavored to write from memory  
3 what I had stated before then on the previous meeting, because  
4 it involved this question of magic, so they had written it out  
5 and they wanted to know whether it was correct as written.

6 Senator Ferguson: You corrected that statement?

7 General Marshall: I corrected it to read the way it reads  
8 here. That is my recollection of it.

9 Senator Ferguson: That statement apparently was in writing  
10 and you corrected it?

11 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: General, now in relation to the delivery  
13 of these messages --

14 The Chairman: Senator, it is now 12. We might suspend  
15 here to 2 o'clock.

16 (Whereupon, at 12 o'clock M, the committee recessed  
17 to 2 o'clock p.m., of the same day.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P.M.

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2 The Chairman: The committee will come to order. The  
3 Senator from Michigan may proceed.

4 The chair wishes to state that the President has asked  
5 General Marshall to come down to the White House at 3:15 for  
6 a conference on his mission to China. Therefore, the commit-  
7 tee will have to excuse General Marshall at three o'clock in  
8 order that he may fill that engagement. If he has not con-  
9 cluded his testimony at that time we shall have to excuse  
10 the General in order that he may fill that engagement, with  
11 the understanding, of course, that he may resume at his con-  
12 venience, but in all likelihood not today. The chair might  
13 express the hope that we may conclude with the General by  
14 the time he has to fill that engagement. Senator, will you  
15 proceed?

16 Senator Ferguson: I will try and do all I can to ac-  
17 commodate the Chairman.

18 The Chairman: Not the chair.

19 Senator Ferguson: I mean your hopes that he will be  
20 concluded as far as I am concerned.

21 Will you let the General see these paraphrases of mes-  
22 sages, please?

23 Mr. Gesell: Yes.

24 TESTIMONY OF GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL

25 (Resumed)

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Would you read them into the record,  
3 General, and then I will ask you about them?

4 General Marshall: The first message. (Reading)

5 "TOP SECRET DISPATCH from the Admiralty, dated  
6 7 December 1941.

7 "OPNAV (PERSONAL FOR C.N.O. FROM FIRST SEA LORD)  
8 REFER YOUR DISPATCH OF 1710 OCT SEVEN DECEMBER X  
9 NEGATIVE, HOWEVER IT IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY X IF YOU  
10 ARE SATISFIED ABOUT IT IN ANY EVENT ADMIRAL PHILLIPS  
11 HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN ANY AGREEMENTS HE HAS MADE X  
12 WE CAN COUNT ON OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SPOT FORCE-  
13 FULLY TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES, OF THIS I AM CONFIDENT."

14 Senator Ferguson: General, I will ask you a few ques-  
15 tions on that one. That is a paraphrase from the First Sea  
16 Lord of the Admiralty to C.N.O. here in Washington?

17 General Marshall: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: Had you ever seen that before, or  
19 did you know anything about it?

20 General Marshall: I do not recall this message at all,  
21 sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, the next one.

23 General Marshall: This is from the Commander-in-Chief  
24 China. (Reading)

25 "TOP SECRET DISPATCH 7 December 1941.

1 Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 "To CINCPAC, ACNS, GZM, NZNB, ADMIRALTY, CINCEP.

3 "Information BAD WASHINGTON

4 "Following reported 6 December at 0316 GCT 10

5 DD and 6 Cruisers escorting convoy of 25 ships in Lat"--

6 meaning latitude -- "0800N Long" -- meaning longitude

7 I presume -- "106-08 East X At 0530 GCT another convoy

8 of ten ships with 10 DD and 2 cruisers as escort in

9 Lat 07-00 North Long 106-20 East X Course of both

10 foregoing convoys 270 True X At 0442 GCT small force

11 consisting of three vessels in Lat 07-51 North Long

12 105-00 East steering 310 true X Possible indications

13 are that destination of all forces is Kohtron X Fore-

14 going all result of aircraft reconnaissance."

15 Senator Ferguson: General, that is a paraphrase of an

16 Admiralty message to the Navy here. Had you ever seen or

17 heard of that message?

18 General Marshall: I do not think I have, sir. It says

19 "From the Commander-in-Chief China."

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you have any information on that,

21 about that force moving, prior to the attack on the 7th?

22 General Marshall: I do not know whether I knew from

23 this or knew from that message from our embassy in London

24 whether or not I knew this. I do not know where these re-

25 ferences are, Senator, whether they are in the Gulf of Siam

Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 or not.

3 Senator Ferguson: Now, here is another message. It  
4 is from SPENAVO London to OPNAV. Counsel, will you let the  
5 General see that message? Would you read that? It is a very  
6 short one.

7 General Marshall: This is from SPENAVO London, 7th of  
8 December 1941, paraphrased by Shall. "Addressees OPNAV.  
9 Priority. 210" --

10 Senator Ferguson: If it is some code word or something  
11 don't read it.

12 General Marshall: (Reading)

13 "HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ADMIRALTY THAT AN ATTEMPTED  
14 LANDING IS BEING MADE AT KHORABAHRU BY A FORCE OF 3 to  
15 5 SHIPS."

16 Senator Ferguson: I understand that place is on the  
17 Kra Peninsula. Had you heard of that prior to the attack,  
18 that there was a landing by the Japs on the actual peninsu-  
19 la?

20 General Marshall: I don't recall having heard of that,  
21 sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: You have no recollection of that  
23 whatever?

24 General Marshall: No, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Or of that message?



Witness Marshall

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 General Marshall: No, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: General, has there been any action  
4 whatever or any disciplinary action against any officer for  
5 delay in the delivery of any messages to you or to any of  
6 your departments?  
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8 General Marshall: Not to my recollection and not to any  
9 of my departments to my recollection.

10 Senator Ferguson: Did you know that there was a mes-  
11 sage to, I think it is Commander Rochefort in Hawaii? It  
12 is on page 20, exhibit 32. Would you let the General see  
13 that message from General Miles?

14 General Marshall: Do you wish me to read this?

15 Senator Ferguson: It is to contact Rochefort. It  
16 is from The G-2 to G-2.

17 General Marshall: Yes, sir. (Reading)

"December 5, 1941

"ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF HEADQUARTERS

G-2 HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT

HONOLULU TERRITORY HAWAII

21 CONTACT COMMANDER ROCHEFORT IMMEDIATELY THRU  
22 COMMANDANT FOURTEEN NAVAL DISTRICT REGARDING BROADCASTS  
23 FROM TOKYO REFERENCE WEATHER

24 MILES."

25 Senator Ferguson: Did you know that that message was

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2 sent? Did you ever know of that?

3 General Marshall: I do not recall, sir.

4 Senator Ferguson: Now, General, did you know at any  
5 time that there was talk or conversation between your offi-  
6 cers down in G-2 of sending messages to Hawaii because there  
7 were certain restrictions at the top?

8 General Marshall: I don't know to what you are refer-  
9 ring, sir. I have no recollection of such a matter.

10 Senator Ferguson: I will show you page 283-D, Top  
11 Secret, Friday, October the 6th, 1944, on page 283, and ask  
12 you --

13 Mr. Mitchell: Would you identify it as a transcript of  
14 what?

15 Senator Ferguson: Transcript of the testimony before  
16 the Army Pearl Harbor Board and that answer may refresh your  
17 memory. Would you just hand him my copy? Beginning with  
18 General Russell's question and reading over to "OPD."

19 General Marshall: (Reading)

20 "General Russell: Colonel, I want to ask you why  
21 it came to pass that this message was sent from G-2 of  
22 the War Department to G-2 of the Hawaiian Department,  
23 and not from some agency of the War Department to the  
24 Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department.

25 "Colonel Bratton: Upon receipt of the translated

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2 intercept which I have read, S.I.S. No. 25640, I took  
3 copies of this intercept to General Miles and to General  
4 Gerow and discussed it at some length with both of them.  
5 I had a feeling that further warnings or alerts should  
6 be sent out to our overseas commands. General Gerow  
7 felt that sufficient warning had been sent out. General  
8 Miles felt that he couldn't go over General Gerow's  
9 decision to send no additional warning, because of a  
10 policy which was then in effect that War Department  
11 G-2 would send out no intelligence to the G-2s of tac-  
12 tical commands or overseas departments which might pro-  
13 duce an operational reaction, without the complete  
14 concurrence of the War Plans Division.

15 "I still felt uneasy about this thing and went  
16 over to the Navy where I had a conference with Com-  
17 mander McCullom, the head of the Far Eastern Section in  
18 O.N.I. He felt as I did, that further warnings should  
19 be sent out, and said that he was going to write one up  
20 and try to get the Chief of Naval Operations to dispatch  
21 it.

22 "I discovered from Commander McCullom that their  
23 S.I.S. man in Honolulu, a Commander Rochefort, knew  
24 everything that we did about this, had all the informa-  
25 tion that we had, and was listening for this Japanese

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2 winds-weather broadcast. He suggested that as a way  
3 out of our difficulty I instruct our G-2 in Hawaii to  
4 go to Rochefort at once and have a talk with him, as  
5 in a short period of time Rochefort could tell Colonel  
6 Fielder, our G-2, exactly what was going on and what we  
7 knew.

8 "I managed to get General Miles to O.K. this mes-  
9 sage to G-2 in Hawaii because he and I both thought  
10 that we could get that message out without violating any  
11 of the policies that were then in effect about getting  
12 concurrences from OPD."

13 Senator Ferguson: That is all I want you to read.

14 Now, General, did you know there was any feeling in  
15 your department there that they could not come to you to get  
16 something through that they felt should go through to Hawaii  
17 to Short so that he would get knowledge?

18 General Marshall: I was unaware of it up to this moment  
19 if that means that what it read.

20 Senator Ferguson: Well, how do you take what he said  
21 there?

22 General Marshall: Just the way it reads.

23 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

24 General Marshall: That they must not send anything that  
25 would produce an operational reaction.