

Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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1 Mr. Murphy: I understand, Mr. Chairman, that this is
2 not a cross-examination; this is an examination of the
3 Naval Aide to the Secretary of the Navy, who said he was
4 very intimate with him, after we have evidence from the
5 gentleman preceding him that he needed a defense.

6 The Chairman: Admiral Beatty was brought here as a
7 witness by counsel to discuss a certain matter, but that
8 places no limitation on the members of the committee as to
9 what questions they might ask him.

10 Go ahead.

11 Mr. Murphy: Now, I was about to ask you, and I will
12 repeat the question, Admiral, there has been testimony
13 placed before the committee to the effect that on December
14 4, 1941, there was received in the Navy Department what
15 was known as a winds intercept message, and which, in effect,
16 told us -- told the Navy and Army, the high officials, that
17 the Japs had announced to London war with England, including
18 some of the Far Eastern possessions, and war with the United
19 States, and that that copy of the magic had been delivered
20 to Secretary Knox.

21 Did you ever hear of any such thing while you were
22 Aide to Secretary Knox?

23 Admiral Beatty: I did not.

24 Mr. Murphy: Do you know of any conduct on the part
25 of Secretary Knox whereby his failure to get in touch with

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Hawaii, would be such as to have him participate in any plan for the destruction of Naval files?

Admiral Beatty: Destruction of what, sir?

Mr. Murphy: Navy files.

Admiral Beatty: Oh, definitely not.

Mr. Murphy: There has been evidenced placed before us by Captain Safford to the effect that the Navy files on this so-called very important intercept are missing.

Did you have anything to do with that?

Admiral Beatty: Absolutely not.

Mr. Murphy: And you certainly do not think the late Secretary Knox would be a party to such thing, do you?

Admiral Beatty: I do not.

Mr. Murphy: No other questions.

The Chairman: Senator Brewster being absent, Congressman Gearhart.

Mr. Gearhart: No questions.

The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

Senator Ferguson: As I understand it now, Admiral Beatty, this is where you think the confusion was: That it was your understanding that the message that was sent at noon on Sunday had been sent on Saturday night?

Admiral Beatty: That was the confusion in my mind. I do not know who else had that difficulty.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 Senator Ferguson: Now, I notice when the Secretary
2 Knox report was put in evidence it indicated the same thing,
3 that a message was sent on -- I think it used the expression
4 Sunday night before, meaning at midnight on Sunday, or on
5 Saturday night. So that wrong impression that you have was
6 carried on through even in the report?

7 Admiral Beatty: Well, I cannot --

8 Senator Ferguson: (Interposing) I will read you
9 part of it.

10 Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: On page 6223 of our record:

12 "A general warning had been sent out by the Navy
13 Department on November 27 to Admiral Kimmel. General Short
14 told me a message of warning sent from the War Department
15 on Saturday night at midnight before the attack failed
16 to reach him until 4 or 5 hours after the attack had been
17 made."

18 So you were under the impression that there had been
19 a warning message sent sometime on Saturday?

20 Admiral Beatty: No, sir I had never thought of but
21 the one message to which I referred, the one war warning
22 from General Marshall and Admiral Stark. I have never
23 thought of the existence of any other messages.

24 Senator Ferguson: I understand that.

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Admiral Beatty: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: You do not think there were two messages, one on Saturday and one on Sunday?

Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: But you thought that the message that was sent on Sunday was actually sent on Saturday?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir, I thought that for a long time.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not Secretary Knox was under the same impression?

Admiral Beatty: I have no way of knowing, sir. It would be -- well, I will not go into that.

Senator Ferguson: Did he discuss it with you?

Admiral Beatty: I do not remember discussing it with him, but, as I say, I saw that report as he wrote it out in the rough on the plane on the way back, and if his recollection had been different than mine, we might have discussed it.

Senator Ferguson: But on the way out you understood this Marshall message had been sent on Saturday?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Did you discuss that with the Secretary?

Admiral Beatty: I do not remember discussing it with

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him.

Senator Ferguson: Where did you get that impression?
What day did you leave for Hawaii?

Admiral Beatty: We left on Tuesday morning, as I recall.

Senator Ferguson: The Tuesday following?

Admiral Beatty: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: Did you discuss with anyone this message that was sent by General Marshall?

Admiral Beatty: Frankly, I do not recall discussing it, but there must have been something to tie it up in my mind at the time, Senator.

Senator Ferguson: Well, did you discuss it with anyone other than Secretary Knox?

Admiral Beatty: I do not believe so.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not your impression about this Marshall message came from Secretary Knox?

Admiral Beatty: I do not believe it did.

Senator Ferguson: Whom else did you discuss that message with besides the Secretary?

Admiral Beatty: I am trying to recall whether the message would come back in the returned messages, or the returned copies of the outgoing messages. It might have done

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that, but even so, there would have been no question of the time group on it from later evidence.

Senator Ferguson: Now, was your office alerted to war on the 6th and 7th?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: What were your hours of watch?

Admiral Beatty: My hours?

Senator Ferguson: Yes, on Saturday?

Admiral Beatty: On Saturday I stayed at the office until, as I recall, roughly, six o'clock in the evening. I went home and stayed near the phone all evening.

I was in my office at 8 o'clock, or shortly thereafter on Sunday morning.

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1 Senator Ferguson: Was the office closed when you
2 went home at 6:00 o'clock and on the next morning?
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4 Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now how could you have been reached?
6 Who would know where you were?

7 Admiral Beatty: Well, the Duty Officer in the Navy
8 Department had my phone number. I was very frequently called
9 when messages would come in. My number was always available
10 down there in the Navy Department by the Operations Duty
11 Officer.

12 Senator Ferguson: When you got there on the morning
13 of the 7th, about 8:00-something, or 8:30, was it?
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15 Admiral Beatty: I would say so, yes.

16 Senator Ferguson: Did the Secretary come in that
17 morning?
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19 Admiral Beatty: As I recall, he came in for a short
20 while and went out again.

21 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what hour he came in?

22 Admiral Beatty: My guess would be between 9:15 and
23 9:30.

24 Senator Ferguson: Was there anyone with him?

25 Admiral Beatty: I do not believe so, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know what hour he returned to
his office prior to the attack?

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2 Admiral Beatty: I would say around 11:30, but that is
3 again vague.

4 Senator Ferguson: You were his Aide, were you not?

5 Admiral Beatty: I was, yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Did he ask you to go with him that
7 morning when he left the office?

8 Admiral Beatty: No, I never went on those conferences.

9 Senator Ferguson: You never went on those conferences?

10 Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Did you hear where he had gone? To
12 what conference?

13 Admiral Beatty: I knew he was going to the State De-
14 partment.

15 Senator Ferguson: Now he had a confidential secretary,
16 did he not?

17 Admiral Beatty: Yes.

18 Senator Ferguson: And who was his confidential secretary?

19 Admiral Beatty: Mr. Dillon.

20 Senator Ferguson: He was a Commander?

21 Admiral Beatty: Captain Dillon, Marine Corps.

22 Senator Ferguson: Was he there that Sunday morning?

23 Admiral Beatty: He came in a bit later. It was an
24 agreement between us that I would come in first, and he
25 came in I think around 11:00 o'clock or so.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Do you remember of Admiral Stark
3 coming to that office that morning before the attack?

4 Admiral Beatty: I am pretty sure he was in there
5 possibly once or twice, but I would not be able to say the
6 times.

7 Senator Ferguson: I will try to refresh your memory.
8 Do you remember of the message on the attack coming in?

9 Admiral Beatty: I was not in the office at the time.

10 Senator Ferguson: You were not in the office at the
11 time?

12 Admiral Beatty: I was out at lunch at the time.

13 Senator Ferguson: But your best knowledge is now that
14 Admiral Stark visited Secretary Knox a couple of times, once
15 or twice prior to the attack on Sunday morning?

16 Admiral Beatty: That is my best recollection, Senator.

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes. As his Aide did you get magic
18 notes?

19 Admiral Beatty: I did.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you get the ones on Saturday?

21 Admiral Beatty: Not the Saturday night.

22 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what ones were delivered
23 on Saturday to you for Colonel Knox?

24 Admiral Beatty: At what time Saturday do you mean, sir?

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, up to the time you left.

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Admiral Beatty: No, sir, just the regular daily ones,
as far as I remember.

Senator Ferguson: Had you any knowledge, as indicated
here by ONI, on December 6 that on the evening of the 5th
the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D. C. had burned its
code books and ciphers?

Admiral Beatty: If I had such knowledge I do not
recollect.

Senator Ferguson: Did that come to you on Saturday?

Admiral Beatty: I really could not say, Senator.

Senator Ferguson: You do not recall any such occurrence?

Admiral Beatty: I do not recall.

Senator Ferguson: Were you surprised at the attack on
Pearl Harbor?

Admiral Beatty: Completely.

Senator Ferguson: You did not anticipate an attack
on Pearl Harbor?

Admiral Beatty: I definitely did not.

Senator Ferguson: Were you surprised at an attack on
Sunday?

Admiral Beatty: An attack on the United States?

Senator Ferguson: Yes, an attack on the United States.

Admiral Beatty: Yes, an attack on any United States
possessions, I was very much surprised.

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1 Senator Ferguson: You would not have been surprised
2 at an attack on the Kra Peninsula or the British possessions
3 or Dutch possessions on Sunday?

4 Admiral Beatty: I believe, as I recall, I would have
5 been surprised at an attack on the Dutch possessions, but
6 not definitely on the Kra Peninsula.

7 Senator Ferguson: You had knowledge then, as Aide to
8 Secretary Knox, that there would be an attack on the Kra
9 Peninsula on Saturday -- or on Sunday?

10 Admiral Beatty: I do not know how specific the
11 knowledge was, but I am sure we had knowledge that the Japs
12 would attack somewhere down in that direction on the Saturday.
13 Whether it was specifically --

14 Senator Ferguson: (Interposing) You mean on Saturday
15 or on Sunday?

16 Admiral Beatty: On Sunday. I beg your pardon.

17 Senator Ferguson: On Sunday. So that your office knew
18 or were expecting an attack on the British, or on the Kra
19 Peninsula, or that district by the Japanese on Sunday,
20 but you were completely surprised at an attack on any American
21 possessions?

22 Admiral Beatty: Yes, to this extent, that when I speak
23 for my office I speak for myself.

24 Senator Ferguson: I understand you are only speaking
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for yourself.

Admiral Beatty: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: But your knowledge was obtained while you were the Aide of the Secretary?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now did you know what the Secretary had in mind about an attack? Did you discuss with him as to whether or not he was surprised by the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Admiral Beatty: I am certain from just the reactions that he was surprised, but I do not remember personally discussing it with him. He would have talked on a higher level. He probably discussed it with Admiral Stark.

Senator Ferguson: But from his actions on that day you deduct that he was surprised at the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Admiral Beatty: I think that was definitely obvious, yes, sir.

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1 Senator Ferguson: Do you know of any conversations,
2 did you hear any conversations he might have had with Admiral
3 Stark or the President or the Secretary of War, or anyone
4 that day?

5 Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: What was your rank at that time?

7 Admiral Beatty: I was a captain.

8 Senator Ferguson: You were a captain?

9 Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: That is all.

11 The Chairman: Mr. Keefe.

12 Mr. Keefe: Where did you get the information that
13 indicated to you that the war warning message had been sent
14 at all? How did you get that information?

15 Admiral Beatty: By that, sir, do you refer to the
16 message that we sent out?

17 Mr. Keefe: I am referring to the message which you
18 have referred to, namely, the one sent by General Marshall,
19 with the concurrence, as you said, of Admiral Stark?

20 Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: When did you get the information that such
22 a message had been sent at all?

23 Admiral Beatty: As I said, I got it after it was
24 sent, and I think it developed in the afternoon after Pearl
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Harbor, that the message had gone out. That such a message had gone out.

Mr. Keefe: Then, if I understand it, the message was actually sent Sunday morning sometime shortly before noon on that day?

Admiral Beatty: I got that from the newspapers.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, I am thinking of what information you had on the 7th day of December as to that message having been sent, if any.

Admiral Beatty: My best recollection is that Sunday afternoon after Pearl Harbor I heard about the message having been sent.

Mr. Keefe: And you got the impression from the source from which you obtained that information that it had been sent the night before, on Saturday night?

Admiral Beatty: Somewhere I got that impression definitely.

Mr. Keefe: And the Secretary had that impression too, didn't he?

Admiral Beatty: I can only say "apparently."

Mr. Keefe: Just apparently?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Because when you went out to Hawaii on Tuesday following, you stated to us that you tried to

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pick up the loose ends, as I understood your testimony.

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And find out why that message wasn't received. Did I correctly interpret your statements?

Admiral Beatty: Not a question of why it wasn't received, as to the time of its receipt. Why it hadn't gotten through before the attack. That was the idea.

Mr. Keefe: In other words, you were under the impression that a message had been sent on Saturday evening to General Short from General Marshall?

Admiral Beatty: That was my impression, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: He had been given instructions to give that information to Admiral Kimmel?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: So when you went to Hawaii, you didn't understand why it was that Short hadn't received that message and given the information to Kimmel, and you were seeking to find out the facts about it?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Is that right?

Admiral Beatty: That is correct.

Mr. Keefe: Then it would be perfectly natural, would it not, for Secretary Knox, if he was similarly minded, to have asked Admiral Kimmel the question "Did you

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receive the message that was sent to you last night?"

Admiral Beatty: Perfectly, in my opinion.

Mr. Keefe: That would be a perfectly natural question for him to ask, wouldn't it?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And as Admiral Kimmel has testified, he did ask it. You don't mean to say that that question wasn't asked by Secretary Knox of Admiral Kimmel, do you?

Admiral Beatty: I don't think I have made such a statement.

Mr. Keefe: I am asking you, you do not intend to make such a statement; do you?

Admiral Beatty: Oh, no; no, sir.

Mr. Keefe: In fact, it would be the most natural thing for Secretary Knox to ask, in view of the confusion?

Admiral Beatty: If he had the confusion in his mind that I did, it would be the most natural thing.

Mr. Keefe: Did you ask that same question of anybody out there?

Admiral Beatty: I believe I did.

Mr. Keefe: How many did you ask it of?

Admiral Beatty: I think I asked among the lower echelons of the two commands, "What time did that message get here?"

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Mr. Keefe: Yes.

Then you found out afterwards that the message had not been sent until about noon; is that right?

Admiral Beatty: I didn't find that out until I read about it, sir, a few months ago.

Mr. Keefe: You were also under the impression that that message had gone out there the night before; is that right?

Admiral Beatty: Up until a few months ago, yes, sir, and then something came out that seemed to show me entirely wrong.

Mr. Keefe: Well now, you were at the office of Secretary Knox on Sunday morning, December 7, and Secretary Knox came into the office?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: You have further testified that you were usually given copies of intercept messages to appraise?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did Secretary Knox hand you that morning the first 13 parts of the 14-part message.

Admiral Beatty: As I recall he did not.

Mr. Keefe: Did he tell you that Kramer had delivered to him and permitted him to read the 13 parts of the 14-part message the night before?

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Admiral Beatty: Not that I recall.

Mr. Keefe: Evidence in previous hearings indicate that Captain Safford delivered the first 13 parts of the 14-part message to Secretary Knox at his apartment out at the Wardman Park --

The Vice Chairman: Kramer?

Mr. Keefe: I mean Kramer.

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And that Secretary Knox made some telephone calls and then instructed him to be at the State Department at 10 o'clock the following morning.

Now, at 10 o'clock the following morning, or before 10 o'clock, Secretary Knox left your office, as you understood to keep that appointment, did you not?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: But he didn't tell you anything about the 13-part message that he had seen the night before?

Admiral Beatty: Not that I recall at all, sir. I don't recall any conversation. As I remember it, he came in, was busy, went right over to the State Department.

Mr. Keefe: Did Secretary Knox write his report on the way back on the plane?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir, he did.

Mr. Keefe: Did he write two reports, or one?

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Admiral Beatty: He wrote one report. If wrote it in long-hand on the flight over the ocean. It was then revised. Just correct. He passed it around to the three of us who were with him, to read. It was typewritten on the next plane, after we departed from San Diego, and while the plane was grounded in Midlands.

The typewriting was completed by the time the plane landed in Anacostia, and it went directly by Secretary Knox to the White House.

Mr. Keefe: It appears that the report which was given to the public, and it is perfectly reasonable that it should be, I am not critical of it, was quite different than the report which was made to the President. You are aware of that now?

Admiral Beatty: I am aware of it, yes, sir. I knew it at the time.

Mr. Keefe: Did he write the report that was given to the public, or was that a press release gotten out by the Navy Department?

Admiral Beatty: No, sir. This is just as I recall it: I believe we got back Sunday night. He had a conference on Monday morning at the White House, and I think he came back with the verbatim wording of it, of that release.

I believe that release was made up at the White House.

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That is my opinion.

Mr. Keefe: The report which he actually wrote on the plane coming back and which was passed over to you, and two others on the plane who had accompanied him, which was passed over to you to look over, was delivered verbatim to the White House immediately upon your arrival back from Pearl Harbor; was it?

Admiral Beatty: I feel definitely certain that it was.

Mr. Keefe: And your impression is that the news release that went to the public came from the White House?

Admiral Beatty: That is my impression.

Mr. Keefe: Is that right?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir. May I amplify that?

Mr. Keefe: Yes.

Admiral Beatty: Came from the White House after the conference.

Mr. Keefe: After the conference with Secretary Knox?

Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir; in which I believe the Secretary of War participated, and the Secretary of State also.

Mr. Keefe: Was General Marshall there at the conference, or Admiral Stark?

Admiral Beatty: Well, I didn't think they were, but

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they may have been. I wasn't there.

Mr. Keefe: You didn't go there?

Admiral Beatty: Oh, no, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did the Secretary call you on Saturday evening?

Admiral Beatty: He did not.

Mr. Keefe: So that you had no knowledge on Sunday morning of the receipt of the first 13 parts of the 14-part message?

Admiral Beatty: As I recall, I had none, although there is a possibility that I heard before I left the office on Saturday that such a message was coming in, and that was before it was broken.

Mr. Keefe: You were at the office of the Secretary at about 8 o'clock as I understand it, on Sunday morning?

Admiral Beatty: Between 8 and 8:30.

Mr. Keefe: Was the 14-part message and the short message of instruction to the Japanese ambassador delivered to the Secretary's office that morning?

Admiral Beatty: If so, I don't believe it was through me.

Mr. Keefe: You did not see those two messages either, did you, the morning of the 7th?

Admiral Beatty: As I recall, when I went to lunch, I

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did not know of the 14th part or the time of appointment.

Mr. Keefe: What time did Secretary Knox come back to his office from the State Department that morning?

Admiral Beatty: To the best of my recollection, between 11:00 and 11:30.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe
 Mr. Murphy

1 Mr. Keefe: Do you know whether or not, can you state
 2 with certainty whether or not Admiral Stark was in the
 3 Secretary's office during the time that the Secretary was
 4 over at the Secretary of State's office?
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6 Admiral Beatty: Not with certainty.

7 Mr. Keefe: Do you have any present recollection that
 8 Admiral Stark was in the Secretary's office Sunday morning
 9 at all?

10 Admiral Beatty: I am under the impression that he was
 11 in there sometime during the morning once or twice, but it
 12 is not a definite recollection.

13 Mr. Keefe: Was it at a time when Secretary Knox was
 14 present or absent?

15 Admiral Beatty: If he was there it would be during
 16 Secretary Knox's presence. He very seldom came up during
 17 the Secretary's absence and generally inquired before he
 18 came up whether the Secretary was there or not.

19 Mr. Keefe: I see. That is all.

20 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, may I ask just one question?

21 The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

22 Mr. Murphy: I have one question in view of what was
 23 brought out by Senator Ferguson.

24 You said you expected an attack on Sunday on the Kra
 25 Peninsula. The basis of that was some other dispatch, I take

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1 it, other than some winds intercept message?

2 Admiral Beatty: Yes, sir. The winds intercept message
3 had nothing to do with it.

4 Mr. Murphy: Captain Safford said the Navy had three
5 days' notice of the attack on the United States on Sunday.
6 Did you ever hear of such a thing?

7 Admiral Beatty: I did not.

8 Mr. Murphy: That is all.

9 The Chairman: Senator Ferguson?

10 Senator Ferguson: Did you help to prepare the exhibits
11 for the Roberts Commission or did you know anything about
12 that?

13 Admiral Beatty: The only thing I had to do with the
14 Roberts Commission was I talked with Admiral Standley and
15 Admiral Reeves before the Commission was formed up. I had
16 nothing to do with the Commission itself.

17 Senator Ferguson: Did you have anything to do with
18 preparing exhibits for them?

19 Admiral Beatty: Nothing.

20 Senator Ferguson: Or did you see any exhibits?

21 Admiral Beatty: I don't know what you mean, sir, but
22 I had nothing to do with it that I know of.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did you check any papers in connection
24 with getting the file ready?
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Witness Beatty

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: After it was over do you know whether
or not a copy of the report, a copy of the testimony and a
copy of the exhibits came to the Secretary's office?

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Admiral Beatty: I remember that one came. I can't
say when and I don't believe I saw it.

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Senator Ferguson: You knew that such a thing was de-
livered back to his office after it was over?

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Admiral Beatty: That is my definite recollection.

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Senator Ferguson: Did you ever see it?

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Admiral Beatty: No, sir, I have never seen it to the
best of my knowledge.

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Senator Ferguson: You didn't do any stenographic work?

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Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: So that you weren't in any way in
charge of the files so that you would see those things?

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Admiral Beatty: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: That is all.

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The Chairman: Thank you, Admiral, for your cooperation,
and I hope that the committee hasn't inconvenienced you too
much.

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Admiral Beatty: Not at all.

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(Witness excused)

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Mr. Richardson: May I now present, Mr. Chairman,

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1 Witness Dillon

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

2 Major Dillon.

3 The Chairman: Major Dillon, will you come around, please.

4 TESTIMONY OF MAJOR JOHN H. DILLON,

5 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

6 (Major Dillon was duly sworn by the Chairman.)

7 Mr. Richardson: Major, will you state your full name
8 for the record, please.

9 Major Dillon: Major John Herman Dillon.

10 Mr. Richardson: Were you in the Naval service during
11 the war?

12 Major Dillon: Yes, sir. I came in the Marine Corps
13 Reserve on April 10, 1942.

14 Mr. Richardson: Were you connected with the office
15 of Secretary Knox, Secretary of the Navy?

16 Major Dillon: Yes, sir, I was.

17 Mr. Richardson: What was your position there?

18 Major Dillon: I was confidential assistant and later
19 Marine Aide to the Secretary.

20 Mr. Richardson: How long a period did that work last?

21 Major Dillon: From the time he took office until he
22 died.

23 Mr. Richardson: How closely were you associated with
24 him in that occupation?

25 Major Dillon: I would say very closely.

Witness Dillon

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Mr. Richardson: Were your offices adjacent?

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Major Dillon: Right next door.

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Mr. Richardson: What was the nature of the work that you performed in connection with Secretary Knox' activities?

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Major Dillon: I handled all of the Marine work dealing with the Navy Department.

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Mr. Richardson: You were not with him when he went to Hawaii?

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Major Dillon: No, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: Were you on duty on the 6th and 7th of December?

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Major Dillon: I was.

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Mr. Richardson: You heard the inquiry that I made of Admiral Beatty as to the incident concerning a message supposed to have been sent by Secretary Knox to Hawaii?

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Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: Have you any knowledge of any such message or communication on the part of Secretary Knox?

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Major Dillon: I recall that on Sunday morning there was some mention of a message. When it was sent I can't say. It could have very likely been the message referred to by Admiral Beatty.

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Mr. Richardson: Do you recall any statement by Secretary Knox on Saturday December 6 with reference to any

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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 message?

2 Major Dillon: No, sir.

3 Mr. Richardson: Do you know what message was referred to
4 in the discussion which you heard on December 7?

5 Major Dillon: I don't know which message it could have
6 been. Very likely was the Marshall message.

7 Mr. Richardson: Did you hear about more than one message?

8 Major Dillon: No, sir, I did not.

9 Mr. Richardson: Did you ever see more than one message
10 in any of Secretary Knox' papers?

11 Major Dillon: I didn't even see the Marshall message.

12 Mr. Richardson: There was no message there at all?

13 Major Dillon: No, sir.

14 Mr. Richardson: Do you know whether Secretary Knox
15 issued orders or sent messages to commanders in the field
16 direct?

17 Major Dillon: That was not the usual practice.

18 Mr. Richardson: Do you know of his having done it
19 at any time?

20 Major Dillon: No, sir.

21 Mr. Richardson: Where were you on Sunday morning?

22 Major Dillon: As I recall I got to the office about
23 9:30, somewhere around 9:30.

24 Mr. Richardson: Was the Secretary there when you arrived?
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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Major Dillon: He was there for a few minutes and
2 left practically immediately.

3 Mr. Richardson: You had nothing to do with him on
4 that morning in connection with his activities?

5 Major Dillon: No, sir.

6 Mr. Richardson: You didn't attend any of his meetings?

7 Major Dillon: No, sir. He came back from the State
8 Department, as I recall, about 11:30, possibly a little
9 later. He had a meeting in his office with Admiral Stark
10 and I think Captain Turner, now Admiral Turner. I was not
11 present. And that lasted possibly an hour. He was about
12 ready to leave the office, as I recall, about 1:30, and
13 was actually standing in my room, in the presence of Admiral
14 Stark and Captain Turner, when the message from Pearl Harbor
15 came in.

16 Mr. Richardson: About the attack?

17 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Richardson: Well, then, you can't throw any light
19 here at all from your best recollection as to any messages
20 in which Secretary Knox was interested in connection with
21 communications with Pearl Harbor prior to that attack?

22 Major Dillon: No, sir, I cannot.

23 Mr. Richardson: I have no further questions.

24 The Chairman: Mr. Cooper.
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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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The Vice Chairman: No questions.

The Chairman: Senator George.

Senator George: No questions.

The Chairman: Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark: No questions.

The Chairman: Senator Lucas.

Senator Lucas: No questions.

The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: No questions.

The Chairman: Senator Brewster is not here.

Mr. Gearhart.

Mr. Gearhart: No questions.

The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

Senator Ferguson: Major, you say that Colonel Knox, Admiral Stark, Captain Turner, were coming out of the Secretary's office when the message came in that there was an attack?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir. They were standing at my desk.

Senator Ferguson: Standing at your desk. And how long would you say they had been in Secretary Knox' office?

Major Dillon: Well, I would say possibly an hour, maybe longer. I can't say during that period whether Admiral Stark went out and came back in but I would say an hour possibly.

Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Had Admiral Stark been in to see
2 Secretary Knox prior to the time the Secretary came back from
3 the Secretary of State's office?

4 Major Dillon: I think the Secretary came back from the
5 State Department and immediately sent for Admiral Stark.

6 Senator Ferguson: And then there was the conference
7 with Admiral Stark?

8 Major Dillon: That is correct.

9 Senator Ferguson: And you were not invited in?

10 Major Dillon: I was not.

11 Senator Ferguson: Did you have the message of the
12 attack in your possession at the time they came out of the
13 office?

14 Major Dillon: No, sir. They were standing at my desk
15 when the message was brought in the door.

16 Senator Ferguson: And to whom was the message shown?

17 Major Dillon: It was handed to the Secretary.

18 Senator Ferguson: And did he make any remark?

19 Major Dillon: As I recall his remark was, "My God,
20 this can't be true, this must mean the Philippines."

21 Senator Ferguson: And what was said by Stark or Turner?

22 Major Dillon: As I recall Admiral Stark said, "No, sir,
23 this is Pearl."

24 Senator Ferguson: Did Turner say anything?
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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Major Dillon: I can't recall that he did, no, sir.

2 Senator Ferguson: Now, that was your first knowledge
3 and apparently from what you told us Secretary Knox' first
4 knowledge of the attack at Pearl Harbor?

5 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Did you help to make up any file
7 of exhibits for the Roberts Commission?

8 Major Dillon: No, sir, I did not.

9 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever see the report of the
10 Roberts Commission that was delivered to Secretary Knox,
11 the report, the testimony and any exhibits?

12 Major Dillon: Yes, sir, I did. It was turned over to
13 the Secretary and he in turn gave it to me to place in his
14 safe which was in his immediate office.

15 Senator Ferguson: And did you place it in his safe?

16 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: When was it that the Secretary died?

18 Major Dillon: He died April 28, 1944, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not that
20 report and testimony and exhibits remained in his safe until
21 after the Secretary's death?

22 Major Dillon: No, sir, it did not. It remained in the
23 safe until December 9, 1943.

24 Senator Ferguson: December 9, 1943 it was taken from his
25 safe?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

Senator Ferguson: And by whom was it taken from his safe?

Major Dillon: At his direction I turned it over to the Judge Advocate General and it was signed for by Lieutenant Commander Johnson, Commander U. S. Navy, Retired.

Senator Ferguson: He gave you a receipt for it?

Major Dillon: He gave me a receipt, which is this (indicating).

Senator Ferguson: You have the receipt. Could I just see it?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

(The receipt referred to was handed to Senator Ferguson.)

Senator Ferguson: This starts out -- it is on the stationery of the Navy Department, December 9, 1943, and it starts out:

"The following listed correspondence has this date been received from Major JOHN H. DILLON, U.S.M.C., Marine Aide to the Secretary, for use in the Office of the Judge Advocate General:

"Item No. 1. Subject:

"Report of the Secretary of the Navy to the President -- No date Re Japanese air attack on the Island of Oahu, on December 7.

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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Sixteen volumes Transcript of Testimony before Commission Investigating Attack on Hawaii, December 7, 1941, plus I Annex of Ammended Testimony."

Now, the first does not show a report of the Roberts Commission, does it? It shows a report of the Secretary of the Navy to the President?

Major Dillon: That is correct.

Senator Ferguson: And the next is the 16 volumes. That is the Roberts testimony?

Major Dillon: That is the Roberts Testimony.

Senator Ferguson: "No. 3. MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ASCERTAIN AND REPORT THE FACTS RELATING TO THE ATTACK MADE BY JAPANESE ARMED FORCES UPON THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII ON DECEMBER 7, 1941."

That also related to the Roberts Commission?

Major Dillon: Yes. I think that was the report of the reporter, after the time.

Senator Ferguson: No. 4 "A LIST SHOWING THE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY."

Now, what are those documents, a list showing the documents furnished the Secretary of the Navy?

Major Dillon: At the time the Roberts Report was turned over to the Secretary, there was a listing of the Roberts Report. That is what that is. It was listed by

Witness Dillon Questions by: Senator Ferguson
1 volumes, and so forth.

2 Senator Ferguson: Did it include the exhibits?

3 Major Dillon: I think it did, sir. I think it
4 was a complete report.

5 Senator Ferguson: A complete report of all the
6 exhibits that they had had?

7 Major Dillon: That is correct.

8 Senator Ferguson: No. 5:

9 "A LIST SHOWING THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE FURNISHED THE
10 SECRETARY OF WAR."

11 Major Dillon: That is the same thing, you see, except
12 War and Navy each got a copy.

13 Senator Ferguson: Each got a complete copy?

14 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: "PACKET NO. 1.

16 "Documents in the possession of the Commission on
17 January 24, 1942, received by it from sources
18 other than military or naval officers or their
19 agencies, and to be delivered to the Secretary
20 of the Navy."

21 Those were other exhibits?

22 Major Dillon: That is right.

23 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, there are 51 items
24 that were turned over, and I don't know as I will want to
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Witness Dillon Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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examine this witness to the extent of examining him on each one of these 51 items .

You were satisfied that you were turning over what the description called for?

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Major Dillon: Very definitely. I think you will notice some pencil checkmarks there which were made at the time.

Senator Ferguson: Yes. Each of the 51 are checked with pencil indicating that you made an examination of the documents?

Major Dillon: That is correct.

Senator Ferguson: And knew that this was a good description of the instruments that were being turned over?

Major Dillon: I think it was a description, Senator.

Senator Ferguson: You are here in the city now?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: You are not on any leave?

Major Dillon: I am on terminal leave, but I am employed in Washington.

Senator Ferguson: In the Secretary of Navy's office?

Major Dillon: In the executive office of the Secretary.

Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman: I ask that this be spread upon the minutes as showing what was turned over and then we will have time to examine this, and if it is

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Witness Dillon Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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h5 2 necessary to ask the witness to come back, that can be
3 done.

4 The Vice Chairman: This is your receipt, is it,
5 Major?

6 Major Dillon: It is my receipt for the report.

7 The Vice Chairman: And you want to keep that, I
8 assume?

9 Major Dillon: I would certainly like to, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: You haven't any objection to the
11 stenographer copying it?

12 Major Dillon: No, sir, I have none. That was titled
13 as a secret document, and it was secret at that time, but
14 there is no need of it being secret now.

15 The Chairman: You would like to have it back?

16 Major Dillon: Yes, sir, I would.

17 The Chairman: There being no objection to spreading
18 it on the minutes, it is so ordered.

19 Senator Ferguson: That is all I have.

20 (The receipt above referred to is as
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- 1 REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO THE PRESIDENT
 - No date Re Japanese air attack on the Island of
 Oahu on December 7th.
 - 2 Sixteen volumes Transcript of Testimony before
 Commission Investigating Attack on Hawaii, December
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1 on January 24, 1942, received by it from
2 sources other than military or naval officers
3 or their agencies, and to be delivered to the
4 Secretary of the Navy.

- 5 1. Two copies of letter dated December 10, 1941, from
6 A. A. Buta, Chief Inspector of Customs, and John
7 D. Williams, Inspector of Customs, to Collector
8 of Customs, Federal Building, Honolulu, T. H.,
9 giving the writers' version of the airplane attack
10 on Pearl Harbor.
- 11 2. Letter dated Dec. 30, 1941, Secretary of State to
12 the Chairman of the Commission, concerning warnings
13 of attack conveyed by the Secretary of the Depart-
14 ments of War and Navy in the period between November
15 1 and Dec. 7, 1941.
- 16 3. Letter dated Jan. 16, 1942, William L. Langer,
17 Director of Research, Coordinator of Information,
18 to General Frank McCoy, transmitting resume of
19 public opinion about the Commission, together with
20 the resume mentioned in said letter.
- 21 4. Letter dated Jan. 3, 1942, Paul B. Waterhouse,
22 President, and Chris J. Benny, Executive Secretary,
23 The Temperance League of Hawaii, to the Chairman
24 of the Commission, charging lack of sobriety on
25 the part of the army and navy personnel, and urging

1 that alcoholic liquor be barred from the service; also
2 copy of letter dated Jan. 4 '42 by the Recorder of the
3 Commission, inviting Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Benny to
4 appear before the Commission.

- 5 5. Certified copy of Executive Order appointing the Commis-
6 sion.
- 7 6. Copy of Joint Resolution authorizing the Commission to
8 compel attendance of witnesses and the production of
9 books, papers, and documents.
- 10 7. Memorandum dated Jan. 9, '42, R.L. Shivers, Special Agent
11 in Charge, FBI, Honolulu, to Mr. Rustice Roberts, con-
12 veying certain items of information pertinent to the
13 Commission's investigation.
- 14 8. Correspondence with and report by W. A. Gabrielson,
15 Chief of Police, Honolulu, concerning complaints and
16 reports received by his department of Dec. 6 '41,
17 relative to Army and Navy personnel.
- 18 9. Tabulation of population estimates of the Territory
19 of Hawaii as of July 1, 1940, and July 1, 1941.
- 20 10. Copy of "The Honolulu Advertiser" of December 16, 1941,
21 containing account of killing of Japanese pilot on
22 Island of Niiahu.
- 23 11. Outline of plan for protective measures for civilian
24 population of Oahu in case of bombardment, dated March
25 25, 1941.

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12. Letter dated December 22, 1941, from Hawaiian business and social organizations to The President, commending General Short.
 13. Precis of testimony before the Commission prior to its departure for Honolulu, given by Admiral Stark, Rear Admiral Turner, and Captain Wilkinson.
 15. FBI graphs showing racial composition of Territory of Hawaii & c.
 14. Memorandum dated 1/5/42, Myron Gurnea, Inspector FBI, to the Chairman re available radio facilities for transmitting airplane bearings.

PACKET NO. 2

Documents in the possession of the Commission on January 24, 1942, received by it from Navy Officers or agencies, and to be delivered to The Secretary of the Navy.

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1. Map of Oahu showing main military and naval establishments.
 2. Map of Hawaiian Islands.
 3. Copy of letter of 1/24/41, Sec.Navy to Sec.War, re security of U.S.Pacific Fleet while in Pearl Harbor, and of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base itself.
 4. Summary of reports and messages sent to CNO since attack on Pearl Harbor (three copies).

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5. Six copies Memorandum 2/17/41 CNO to sundry Commandants of Naval Districts - Subject: Anti-torpedo baffles for protection against torpedo plane attacks.
6. Five copies Memorandum 12/19/41, P.N.L. Bellinger, Rear Admiral U.S.N., Commander Patrol Wing Two, to Admiral H. E. Kimmel, U.S.N., re availability and disposition of patrol planes on morning of 7 December, 1941.
7. Six copies "Summary of Reports and Messages" 8 Dec. 0427 to 17 December 0928.
8. Seven copies Messages and orders from Hq. C. in C. Pacific Fleet Dec. 7, 1941.
9. Copy of Survey of Conditions in Pacific Fleet, dated 5/26/41, from C. in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet to CNO.
10. Four copies Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter No. 2CL-41 (Revised) dated Pearl Harbor T.H. 10/14/41, from C. in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet to Pacific Fleet - Subject: "Security of Fleet at Base and in Operating areas."
11. Memorandum, Edwin Thomas Layton, Lt. Comdr. U.S. Navy, Intelligence Officer, U. S. Pacific Fleet, to the Commission, dated 5 Jan. '42, summarizing frequency of occurrence of periods when information was lacking in regard to location or activity of a group, type or unit of Japanese Fleet during last six months of 1941.
12. List of Damage control officers of ships present

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7 Dec. 1941.

13. Memo. (copy) dated 12/26/41, Commander Scouting Force (Administration) to Commandant Navy Yard Pearl Harbor, subject Navy Yard Pearl Harbor Priority List.
14. Memo. (copy) dated 12/26/41, Commandant 14 Nav. Dist. to Chief Bu. Yards and Docks, subject: Construction Program on Oahu - Prosecution of, under war conditions.
15. Copy of Memo. dated 1/16/41 from Comdr. Patrol Wing Two to CNO, subject: Readiness of Patrol Wing Two.
16. Memorandum dated 1/1/42, by Admiral Halsey, subject: "Summary of Action 7 December 1941" - Planes available Enterprise Dawn Dec. 7, and losses.
17. Memo. dated 2 Jan. 1942, Admiral Halsey to Admiral Standley, subject: "Liberty - Hawaiian Area."
18. Memo. dated 1 Jan. 1942, P.N.L. Bellinger, Comdr. Patrol Wing Two to Senior Member, Board Investigating Activities of Dec. 7, 1941, transmitting 6 copies of report of Army-Navy Board of 31 Oct. 1941, and specifying dates on which Pearl Harbor Air Raid drills were held between 24 April 1941 and 12 Nov. 1941.
19. Typical operations program of Commander Task Force.
20. Three copies Memo. of 12/22/41, W.E.G. Taylor, Lt. Cdr. USNR to Aide to The Commandant 14th Navl. Dist., outlining the Commander's assignments and duties.
21. Memo. dated 1/2/42, Captain Mayfield to the Commission,

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1 subject: long coded message regarding arrangements for
 2 display of signals at Lanikai, Kalawa and on Island
 3 of Maui.

4 22. Memo. (undated) P.S.Crosley, Flag Secty. to Lieut-Comdr.
 5 Covington, forwarding copies of operation orders for
 6 combined inter task force tactical exercise held during
 7 second quarter of fiscal year (Sept. 24, 1941, to Nov.
 8 25, 1941), and specifying areas where exercises were
 9 held. Copies of the orders are attached to the memoran-
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11 23. Memo. 7 Jan. 1942, Dist.Intelligence Officer to Presi-
 12 dent's investigating committee, enclosing 5 copies
 13 excerpts from letter from CNO dated 15 March 1941 to
 14 Commandants of all Naval Districts, the Governor of
 15 Guam and the Governor of Samoa, and 5 copies of report
 16 dated 16 Dec. 1941 on subject of enemy plane that
 17 crashed on Niihau. There is attached to this memoran-
 18 dum one copy of the Niihau report.

19 24. Memo. dated 5 Jan. 1942, E. T. Layton, Lt.Comdr.U.S.N.
 20 Intelligence Officer U.S.Pac.Fleet, for the Commission,
 21 re fuze settings used by vessels at Pearl Harbor Dec.
 22 1941; with appended photographs showing bomber forma-
 23 tions and illustrating "shorts" and altitude of attack.

24 25. Letter 1 Jan. 1942, Admiral Bloch to Walter Bruce How,
 25 Recorder of the Commission, suggesting revision of

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1 of the Admiral's testimony concerning the opening of
2 anti-torpedo net.

- 3 26. Three copies of Memo. of Jan. 1, 1942, concerning
4 status of defense battalions, Fleet Marine Force, assigned
5 to 14th Naval District.
- 6 27. Three copies of History of Action occurring at Palmyra
7 Island from Dec. 7 to Dec. 31, as compiled from official
8 despatches and correspondence.
- 9 28. Three copies of History of Action occurring at Johnston
10 Island from Dec. 7 to Dec. 31, as compiled from official
11 despatches and correspondence.
- 12 29. Three copies of History of Action occurring at Wake
13 Island from Dec. 7 to Dec. 22, as compiled from official
14 despatches and correspondence.
- 15 30. Three copies of report on conditions at Wake Island,
16 from C.O. NAS Wake to Comdt. 14th N.D., dated Dec. 20,
17 1941.
- 18 31. Three copies of report of action at Palmyra Island 24
19 Dec. 1941 from C.O. U.S. Naval Air Station, Palmyra
20 Island, to C.O. 14 N.D., (undated).
- 21 32. Three copies of report dated Dec. 19 '41 concerning
22 attack on Johnston Island; from C.O. U.S. Naval Station
23 (Air), Johnston Island, to Commandant 14th Nav. District.
- 24 33. Security orders, instructions and arrangements issued
25 since Dec. 7 '41 by units of fleet and 14th Nav. Dist.,

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1 pertaining to security of Pearl Harbor and the Pacific
2 Fleet.

- 3 34. Five copies of history of action occurring at Midway
4 Island from Dec. 7 to Dec. 31, as compiled from official
5 despatches and correspondence.
- 6 35. Undated report of damage caused by action of 7 Dec. 1941
7 at Midway Island, from C.O. that Island to C. in C.
8 U. S. Pac. Fleet.
- 9 36. Report dated 12/12/41, C.O. Defense Garrison at Midway
10 Islands to Comdt. 14th Nav. Dist., concerning action on
11 7 Dec. 1941.
- 12 37. Report dated 17 Dec. 1941, from resident officer in
13 charge public works at Midway Island, containing
14 "Miscellaneous comments covering period 1 December 1941
15 to 17 December 1941" concerning work progress and
16 effects of attack thereon.
- 17 38. Report of Army-Navy Board 31 October, 1941.
- 18 39. Report of Action of 7 December 1941, dated Dec. 21, 1941,
19 from Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel USN to Sec. Navy.
- 20 40. Location of regularly assigned commanding officers of
21 ships present during Japanese attack of 7 December 1941.
- 22 41. Shore Patrol reports 6, 7, 8 Dec. (enlisted personnel).
- 23 42. List of shore patrol reports of offenses committed
24 by commissioned officer personnel of the Fleet 1 April
25 - 18 December 1941.

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43. Copies of Radar plots furnished by Admiral Bellinger.
 44. Photographs taken during attack at Kaneohe Bay and thereafter, indicating damage done at the field, etc.
 45. Copy of Naval Base Defense Officers' Operation Plan dated 7 March 1941.
 46. Copy of memorandum concerning coordination of FBI, ONI and MID.
 47. 14th Naval District Control Post Watch Officer's Log War Diary Reg. No. 2.
 48. Chart of Pearl Harbor showing location of various units of Fleet.
 49. Copy of report by the Secretary of the Navy to the President.
 50. Copy of excerpts from CNO's letter dated March 15, 1941 to Commandants of all naval districts, Governor of Guam, and Governor of Samoa, re investigation of Japanese Espionage, Counter-Espionage, Sabotage, and Subversive Activities.
 51. Letter dated Jan. 5 '42, from Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy to the Commission, recommending revision of transcript of Rear Admiral Kimmel's testimony before the Commission on December 27 and 29.

/s/ L. H. C. JOHNSON

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Witness Dillon

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The Chairman: Mr. Keefe.

Mr. Keefe: There are one or two things that I would like to get clear, Major, in my mind.

You fix the time quite definitely at approximately 1:30 when the Secretary, Admiral Stark, and others with Admiral Stark, I believe you said Admiral Turner, were going out the door when a message came in announcing the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Major Dillon: Well, if I fixed it quite definitely, I probably was in error. To the best of my memory it was around that time. It may have been earlier.

Mr. Keefe: Who was the individual that brought that message?

Major Dillon: I think it was Commander Fernald.

Mr. Keefe: Did he come from the Navy Department, "Navy Signal Corps"?

Major Dillon: Communications, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Navy Communications?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: So this message had been sent from Hawaii through Navy Communications?

Major Dillon: That is right.

Mr. Keefe: Announcing the attack at approximately one o'clock Washington time, 7:55 Hawaiian time that day?

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The Chairman: 1:30 approximately, you said, didn't you?

Major Dillon: Approximately 1:30.

Mr. Keefe: And it was received here about 1:30; is that right?

Major Dillon: I wouldn't like to say that definitely. It could have been 1:15 that Commander Fernald came into the office. I don't remember the exact time.

Mr. Keefe: The time shown on that message -- have we got that message in evidence?

Mr. Richardson: I don't know anything about the message or the time of its receipt.

Major Dillon: It should be a matter of record.

Mr. Murphy: I don't think there is a word in the record about it.

Mr. Keefe: Can we get that message and have it brought here?

The Chairman: There has been no message filed with the committee in these hearings such as the Major refers to announcing an attack on Pearl Harbor. It has been talked about, but I don't think the message was ever filed.

Major Dillon: It was a one-line message in clear language, as I recall.

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The Chairman: Who sent it?

Major Dillon: As I recall it came from Cincpac.

The Chairman: How is that?

Major Dillon: Cincpac, which, of course, would be Admiral Kimmel.

Mr. Keefe: Your recollection is that it came directly through Naval Communications?

Major Dillon: Yes, sir. It is quite possible that the message could have been an intercept on the part of Naval Communications. As I recall, the message read something like "We are being attacked. This is no drill."

That is about all it said. "We are being attacked. This is no drill."

Mr. Keefe: "We are being attacked. This is no drill"?

Major Dillon: I think that is approximately what it said.

Mr. Keefe: That is a message that went out and was caught by Admiral Halsey's fleet from Pearl Harbor.

Major Dillon: It could have been the same message.

Mr. Keefe: It might have been the same message. Is that right?

Major Dillon: It could have been, yes, sir. And it could have been intercepted here in Washington and transmitted from the Signal Corps and delivered over to the

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1 Secretary's office, sometime between 1:15 and 1:30?

2 Major Dillon: That was the first we knew about it,
3 and that was the message which told us that Pearl Harbor
4 was being attacked.

5 Mr. Keefe: That could be an intercept of a radio
6 communication issued out of Pearl Harbor?

7 Major Dillon: Very likely, yes, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: I would like to get that message to
9 settle this question, if we can, counsel.

10 The Chairman: Counsel will see if they can locate
11 it, and if so will bring it to the committee.

12 Mr. Keefe: Now, you have stated to us that as soon
13 as the Secretary saw the --

14 Well, a message has been shown to me. The message
15 which has been shown to me is quite a long message from
16 Admiral Kimmel telling about the damage and that sort of
17 thing. That is not the message that you have reference to,
18 Major, is it?

19 Major Dillon: No, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: You think that the message you saw was
21 a simple one-line message?

22 Major Dillon: As I recall, it was one line, yes, sir.
23 I saw the message at the time.

24 Mr. Keefe: That is perhaps Admiral Kimmel's first
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 report, which is shown here in the Navy report. I don't
2 think that is the message you have referred to.

3 At least, when this message came and the Secretary
4 saw it, his first exclamation was, "My God! This can't
5 be true. It must mean the Philippines."

6 Major Dillon: That is correct.

7 Mr. Keefe: Was there pretty general agreement, as
8 you understood it, in the Secretary's office, that if any
9 attack took place by the Japanese, it would take place out
10 in the Far East?

11 Major Dillon: In the Far East, yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: There was never any thought, so far as
13 you could ascertain it from your own contact in the Secre-
14 tary's office, that there would be any attack at Pearl
15 Harbor?

16 Major Dillon: None whatsoever.

17 Mr. Keefe: Now, my interest in inquiring about the
18 receipt of this message is to determine the speed with
19 which the announcement of the attack was issued out of
20 Pearl Harbor, either by radio or by direct message, and
21 its receipt here, causing me to wonder why the same speed
22 wasn't used in sending the warning message out to Pearl
23 Harbor. That is clear to you, is it not?

24 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: The purpose of my question.

Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: That is all.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask one question.

The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: On page 640 of the Navy Narrative, to which the gentleman from Wisconsin referred, I find the following: Dispatch 072244, from Admiral Kimmel, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, to the Chief of Naval Operations, advising of the Japanese attack, stated that it commenced at 0750 Pearl Harbor time, which was 2:20 Washington time.

Now, apparently that report --

Major Dillon: That is not the message.

Mr. Murphy: No, but the advice from Admiral Kimmel was that it started at 7:50 Hawaiian time or 2:20 Washington time. You say we had word here between 1:00 and 1:30 of the attack.

Major Dillon: Well, 7:50 Honolulu time would have been -- five and a half hours difference, I think, between the time --

Mr. Murphy: I am just wondering if the Naval Narrative is in error here.

Mr. Keefe: Not only in that respect but in many others.

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy
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Mr. Murphy: Please. I haven't yielded.

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Do you know whether or not it was between 1:00 and 1:30 or whether or not this is in error, whether Admiral Kimmel was in error?

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Major Dillon: Well, the message that I referred to is a message that I thought was around 1:15 to 1:30. It could have been 1:40.

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Mr. Murphy: You have no definite recollection of the exact time?

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Major Dillon: Not of the exact time.

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Mr. Murphy: No other questions.

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The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

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Senator Ferguson: Can you well us after the message was received by Secretary Knox did he go back into his office for a conference?

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Major Dillon: Yes, sir, he did.

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Senator Ferguson: Who went back with him?

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Major Dillon: As I recall Admiral Stark and Captain Turner and I think they sent for one or two others. I don't recall their names.

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Senator Ferguson: And how long did they remain in the office, roughly?

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Major Dillon: I would say 45 minutes.

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Senator Ferguson: Did you know Admiral Ingersoll?

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Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Did he come and go into the office?

2 Major Dillon: I don't remember that, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Did you know of any conversation
4 between the Secretary and the White House that morning up
5 until the time of the attack?

6 Major Dillon: Up until the time of the attack?

7 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

8 Major Dillon: No, sir, I know of none.

9 Senator Ferguson: Did you know of any immediately
10 following the attack?

11 Major Dillon: No. The minute the Secretary received
12 this message from Commander Fernald he immediately called
13 on the White House phone and spoke to the President.

14 Senator Ferguson: I assume that you didn't hear the
15 conversation?

16 Major Dillon: I heard the one end, of course.

17 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what the Secretary said?

18 Major Dillon: He simply stated what was in the message,
19 said that we had no further details but that he would be
20 kept advised.

21 Senator Ferguson: Anything else?

22 Major Dillon: No, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did you get any telephone calls
24 while the Secretary was over at the Secretary of State's office
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Witness Dillon

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 from Admiral Stark or anyone else in the Navy that you
2 recall that morning?

3 Major Dillon: As I recall I think Admiral Stark asked
4 to be informed when the Secretary returned.

5 Senator Ferguson: And did you inform him?

6 Major Dillon: I am sure I did, yes, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Did anyone else call for him?

8 Major Dillon: I don't recall.

9 Senator Ferguson: You don't recall anybody else except
10 Admiral Stark?

11 Major Dillon: That is all.

12 Senator Ferguson: Have you any knowledge as to whether
13 or not the Secretary was consulted about the so-called
14 Marshall message? You know what I am talking about?

15 Major Dillon: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: That went out at noon. Do you
17 know whether or not he was consulted about that?

18 Major Dillon: I don't know that, no, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: You have no knowledge?

20 Major Dillon: No, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: That is all.

22 The Chairman: Thank you, Major.

23 (Witness excused)

24 (Whereupon, at 5:03 o'clock p. m., the committee
25 adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, February
6, 1946.)