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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Well, will you tell me what is
2 correct?

3 Captain Kramer: There were throughout the text of this
4 decrypted version of it frequent three-letter code groups
5 which, of course, were in the hands of the GY section, con-
6 cerning punctuation, capitalization, and so forth, quotations,
7 parentheses, spacing, indentation, and what not, that had
8 to be transcribed to a finished version. A multiple set
9 of copies of these would have had to be prepared before
10 dissemination could be made.

11 Senator Ferguson: Yes, and it is about one-third of
12 a page, isn't it?

13 Captain Kramer: The length of the message, yes, sir.

14 Senator Ferguson: Now what you told me about is done
15 by the translator or the decrypter?

16 Captain Kramer: This thing could have been done, I
17 think, by a translator. I am unfamiliar with how much
18 Japanese text there was in that thing. Probably very
19 little, except the introductory instructions I referred to.

20 Senator Ferguson: Now the first thing, the note,
21 "In the forwarding instructions to the radio station handling
22 this part, appeared the plain English phrase 'VERY IMPORTANT!'",
23 who put that in?

24 Captain Kramer: I believe I inserted that note at
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1 the time it was written up.

2 Senator Ferguson: Yes. So in English to the broadcasting
3 station were the words "VERY IMPORTANT", isn't that correct?

4 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: So there you had the flag that you
6 had the 14th part, because it said "#902 part 14 of 14" and
7 "VERY IMPORTANT".

8 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Now when did that reach you? When
10 is the first that you saw that in the rough on Sunday morning?

11 Captain Kramer: I am uncertain of the precise time.
12 Probably very shortly after I arrived at the office.

13 Senator Ferguson: At 7:30, or within the next half-hour?

14 Captain Kramer: I should say so, yes, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: All right. Was it in the rough
16 then, and how long did it take you to smoothen it out?

17 Captain Kramer: I do not believe it took as much as
18 much as a half hour, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: A half hour. So you would say
20 sometime between 8:00 and 8:30 on Sunday morning you had
21 the 14th part?

22 Captain Kramer: I believe that is correct, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Now will you tell us -- you being
24 the deliverer, as it were -- why you did not awaken these
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people if there were any of them asleep and deliver this 14th part, to show them what they had all told you they were waiting for? Now why did not you get it to them at 8:30?

Captain Kramer: As soon as this 14th part was typed up, which I believe was shortly after 8:00 o'clock, delivery was made to Captain McCollum along with the other 13 parts and the other traffic.

Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, as I understand it then, about 8:15 Captain McCollum had the full 14 parts message.

Captain Kramer: I believe that is the case, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And that is the message that Secretary Hull has described in the Foreign Relations book, and Peace and War?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now can you tell me why it was not delivered immediately? Why you did not deliver it? It was your duty, as I understand it, to deliver these messages.

Captain Kramer: It was my duty subject to modification by my two seniors, namely, Captain McCollum and Admiral Wilkinson, to make deliveries on their instructions. Captain McCollum did not direct me to deliver that at once to the White House. I indicated, I believe, at that time other

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1 messages were coming in which I was in the process of pre-
2 paring. I returned to my office to complete those other
3 messages.

4 I believe that a first delivery was made to Admiral
5 Stark's office by me about 9:30 of these supplementary
6 messages, on my way initially to the White House and then
7 to the State Department.

8 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, I understand that you
9 said you did not get to the White House with this 14th part
10 until close to 10:00 o'clock.

11 Captain Kramer: I went there first before going to
12 the State Department, sir, and I arrived at the State De-
13 partment on foot by 10 minutes of 10.

14 Senator Ferguson: And you went from the White House
15 across the street to the State Department?

16 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: So you would say you delivered it
18 to the White House at what time?

19 Captain Kramer: I should say it was between twenty
20 and a quarter of 10.

21 Senator Ferguson: Twenty and a quarter of 10. But
22 McCollum had it, and you had had it by 8:15 that morning,
23 is that right?

24 Captain Kramer: That is my recollection now, yes, sir.
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Now do you know why McCollum held
2 this 14th part message from 8:15 until 9:30, because that
3 would be about the time you left the Navy Department to go
4 to the White House?

5 Captain Kramer: I do not know, no, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Has it ever been explained to you?

7 Captain Kramer: The subject has been brought up for
8 the first time now, Senator.

9 Senator Ferguson: This is the first time you heard
10 about it?

11 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Now the only message that you had
13 then, when you went over there at 9:30, twenty minutes to
14 10 or a quarter to 10, was this 14th part?

15 Captain Kramer: No, sir, that is not the only message.

16 Senator Ferguson: All right, tell me what other messages
17 you had.

18 Captain Kramer: I have not made a study of this
19 traffic to see precisely what other ones there were.

20 Senator Ferguson: Apparently I am not going to finish
21 with you tonight and therefore you will have over the night
22 to think about it.

23 Captain Kramer: There are three or four others, however,
24 in this series, Japanese series 902 through 910.
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The Chairman: Without objection, we will recess until 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

(Whereupon, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., the committee recessed until 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day, Friday, February 8, 1946.)

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