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

Commander Schulz. Lester Robert Schulz.



Mr. Richardson. What was your assignment for duty in Washington during the first week of December?

Commander Schulz. I was under instruction in the Office of Naval Communications for communication intelligence. That was my permanent assignment. However, I was on temporary duty under verbal orders at the White House as a communications assistant to the Naval Aide, then Captain Beardall.

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

Commander Schulz. I was on duty in the White House.

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

Commander Schulz. Yes, sir; I do.

Mr. Richardson. About what time did he come?

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

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Mr. Richardson. Are you able to state now whether among the papers which were delivered to the President there were this 13 parts of what was eventually the 14-part message?

Commander Schulz. No, sir; I cannot. I did not read the message. I have only learned of its substance through information that has been divulged during this inquiry, from newspapers and so on.

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

Commander Schulz. Yes, sir; I remained in the room.

Mr. Richardson. What happened?

Commander Schulz. The President read the papers, which took perhaps 10 minutes. Then he handed them to Mr. Hopkins.

Commander Schulz. Mr. Hopkins then read the papers and handed them back to the President. The President then turned toward Mr. Hopkins and said in substance--I am not sure of the exact words, but in substance--"This means war."