

Witness Safford

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2 Now, on the key for the 6th there had been apparently  
3 some mistake in transcription. Two of the letters got  
4 mixed up in the order. That caused trouble. Both were  
5 garbled and the officer who came in took time out to cor-  
6 rect that before we made the delivery.

7 Senator Ferguson: I don't think you are quite answer-  
8 ing my question. What I am trying to get at is this --  
9 I will put it in a little different way:

10 How far was the Army translation department from your  
11 office?

12 Captain Safford: It was about five-minutes walk.

13 Senator Ferguson: Five minutes walk? What I am  
14 getting at is why didn't you have a runner outside. You  
15 were anticipating, you were alerted fully to war, why  
16 didn't you have a runner standing by for that matter so  
17 that he could go immediately at 5 o'clock, or whatever time  
18 it was, when that message was delivered in your department  
19 or in the Intelligence Section -- or wasn't the Army  
20 office open?

21 Captain Safford: I do not know whether the Army office  
22 was open or not. We had a runner available. We had an  
23 officer and an enlisted man on watch at the time. We had  
24 two men at all times on watch which always gave us a courier  
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1 available for any immediate trips.

2 Senator Ferguson: So you had the men, then?

3 Captain Safford: I had the men, but we didn't have  
4 the translators.

5 Senator Ferguson: Whose duty was it to send this  
6 message when it came in there at 5 o'clock over to the Army  
7 translators? Let's get down to who is responsible for  
8 these delays.

9 Captain Safford: It was the responsibility of the  
10 officer on watch.

11 Senator Ferguson: Who would that be that morning?

12 Captain Safford: That was Lieutenant Commander  
13 Brotherhood.

14 Senator Ferguson: Well, we can ask him about that.

15 The Vice Chairman: It is now 12:30. Would it be  
16 convenient for you to suspend now?

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

18 The Vice Chairman: We will take a recess until 1:30.

19 (Whereupon, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., the committee  
20 recessed to reconvene at 1:30 o'clock p. m., the same day.)  
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## AFTERNOON SESSION

(The hearing reconvened at 1:30 p.m.)

The Vice Chairman: The committee will please be  
in order.

Does counsel have anything at this time?

Mr. Masten: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The Vice Chairman: Counsel may proceed.

Mr. Masten: Mr. Chairman, we would like to read  
into the record at this time two short memoranda, which  
deal generally with this winds message problem.

One is a memorandum for Mr. Richardson from Lieutenant  
Colonel Harmon Duncombe, dated January 26, 1946, which  
reads as follows:

"Pursuant to the request of former counsel to the Com-  
mittee, a comparison was made of the intercepted messages  
in the Army Signal Intelligence Service file which had been  
translated on 2, 3, and 4 December 1941 and those in the  
Navy file translated on the same dates. The purpose of  
the comparison was to ascertain whether the Army file con-  
tained a message not in the Navy file. The comparison,  
which was jointly made by the Army and the Navy, showed  
that each message in the Army file was also in the Navy  
file.

"The results of the comparison were reported orally

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1 to the former counsel to the Committee at the time the com-  
2 parison was completed.

3 /s/ Harmon Duncombe.

4 Lieut. Colonel, GSC."

5 The second memorandum has to do with item 1(e) of  
6 Exhibit 142, and is from Lieutenant Commander Baecher,  
7 to Mr. Richardson, under date of February 1, 1946.

8 It reads as follows:

9 "With reference to ALUSNA Batavia dispatch 031030  
10 December 1941, please be advised that the time of receipt  
11 of this dispatch in the Navy Department was 0621 GCT 4  
12 December 1941, which corresponds to 1:21 am 4 December  
13 1941, Eastern Standard Time. This message was transmitted  
14 from Radio Honolulu as deferred precedence.

15 /s/ John Ford Baecher

16 JOHN FORD BAECHER

17 Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R."

18 We would also like to add, as another letter number  
19 to Exhibit 142, the photostat which has just been distributed,  
20 and which consists of a photostat of a letter dated November  
21 7, 1945, to Mr. George E. Sterling, Chief of Radio Intelli-  
22 gence Division, Federal Communications Commission, and  
23 certain enclosures, all of which had to do with the true  
24 winds execute which was received by the Federal Communicat-  
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1 ions Commission on the afternoon of December 7, 1941. We  
2 would like to offer that as Exhibit 142-D, I think.

3 The Vice Chairman: It will be received as Exhibit 142-D,  
4 and all the memoranda read by counsel will be transcribed  
5 on the record.

6 (The document referred to was  
7 marked Exhibit No. 142-D.)

8 Senator Ferguson: May I inquire, what is meant by  
9 the "true"? You have used the expression "the true winds  
10 execute." What do you mean by that?

11 Mr. Masten: Senator, I was referring to the voice  
12 broadcast, which is included as item 4 in the Federal  
13 Communications material included in Exhibit 142.

14 Senator Ferguson: Why did counsel describe it as  
15 "true"?

16 Mr. Richardson: It is an actual message in the winds  
17 code. All other messages are in dispute here. That is  
18 the reason, Senator.

19 The Vice Chairman: Did you have something else?

20 Mr. Masten: Mr. Richardson would like to have this  
21 memorandum read into the record at this time. It is a  
22 memorandum dated December 6, 1941, which reads as follows:

23 "MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL HOLBROOK:

24 "Word has just been received from O.N.I. by telephone  
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1 to the effect that the Japanese Embassy, in Washington,  
2 D. C., was reliably reported to have burned its Code Book  
3 and Ciphers last night.

4 /s/ James F. Perry

5 JAMES F. PERRY,

6 1st Lt., Military Intelligence

7 Evaluation Subsection."

8 The memorandum is on the stationery of the War  
9 Department General Staff, Military Intelligence Division  
10 G-2, Washington.

11 The Vice Chairman: Does that complete the exhibits?

12 Mr. Masten: That is all, yes.

13 Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman.

14 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Richardson.

15 Mr. Richardson: I had intended to inject a couple  
16 of short witnesses here who had to leave town, but I  
17 think in my error, I told them to come at 2 o'clock, so  
18 I think we can proceed with the Captain until 2 o'clock,  
19 and when they come, we can pause and take their testimony.

20 The Vice Chairman: Without objection, that will be  
21 done. Senator Ferguson will examine you, Captain.

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TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN LAURANCE FRY SAFFORD

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Senator Ferguson: This last exhibit that was read into the record, the memorandum for Colonel Holbrook, do you know a Colonel Holbrook? Did you ever have any dealings with him?

Captain Safford: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: It says, "Word has just been received from O.N.I." -- what is the O.N.I.?

Captain Safford: The Office of Naval Intelligence.

Senator Ferguson: That was the office over you?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: --"by telephone to the effect that the Japanese Embassy, in Washington, D. C., was reliably reported to have burned its Code Book and Ciphers last night."

This is dated December 6, 1941.

Have you ever heard of that before?

Captain Safford: I had not heard of that before.

Senator Ferguson: And this is signed "James F. Perry, First Lieutenant, Military Intelligence, Evaluation Subsection."

This is in the War Department.

Did you know Perry?

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Captain Safford: No sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, if that kind of a message had come in, should not Communications have received it first? Or did Intelligence get things from Communications by telephone, that did not go through your department?

Captain Safford: That apparently by-passed me entirely.

Senator Ferguson: How is that?

Captain Safford: Apparently that one by-passed me. I do not remember it.

Senator Ferguson: That is a rather significant message, is it not?

Captain Safford: It is.

Senator Ferguson: Now, who would know whether that was distributed to the White House, the Secretary of War the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of State, and the various others? Would you have anything to do with the distribution?

Captain Safford: It is not in my knowledge, and I had nothing to do with it.

Senator Ferguson: Was it ever distributed out of Washington? This information? Was it ever sent to Kimmel or Short, or to the Philippines?

Captain Safford: Not to my knowledge.



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Senator Ferguson: You had charge of a department that not only received messages, but sent messages, did you not? Communications?

Captain Safford: The Communications Center.

Senator Ferguson: Did you also send messages, as well as receive them in your Department?

Captain Safford: My department only sent technical messages pertaining to the work and methods of the work. Intelligence was handled by the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Information such as you describe would be the function of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Senator Ferguson: What I am getting at, what department would send the message of November 24 to Admiral Kimmel?

Captain Safford: That was actually handled by Naval Communications.

Senator Ferguson: That is your department, is it not?

Captain Safford: I was not in charge of it. I was only a subordinate officer.

Senator Ferguson: Well, Noyes was in charge of it?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Did the top of the section handle all messages being sent out as so-called not information but direction orders?

Captain Safford: That is correct. I did.

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Senator Ferguson: You handled those, or did Noyes handle them personally?

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Captain Safford: I prepared the messages and the Admiral released them when available.

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Senator Ferguson: Then you never heard of this information in O.N.I., that "last night" which would be on the 5th "it was reliably reported to have burned its code books and ciphers last night"? That is the Japanese Embassy. You never heard of that before today?

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Captain Safford: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: You knew that there had been instructions to the Embassy here, that is, through intercepted codes, that they were to burn their ciphers and so forth, and their codes?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Is that correct?

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Captain Safford: That is correct.

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Senator Ferguson: I think that is shown on page 215 of Exhibit 1, from Tokyo (Togo) to Washington, December 2, 1941. Will you look at that to see whether or not that is what we are talking about, Exhibit 1, page 215?

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Captain Safford: That is the one.

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Senator Ferguson: That is the one?

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Captain Safford: Yes.

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1           Senator Ferguson: Now, were you familiar with the  
2 fact that our Embassy in Tokyo was advised to destroy its  
3 codes?

4           Captain Safford: I had no information about that.

5           Senator Ferguson: Pardon me?

6           Captain Safford: I had no information about the Embassy.

7           Senator Ferguson: The Military Attache or the Naval  
8 Attache?

9           Captain Safford: The Naval Attache, yes; the Military  
10 Attache, no.

11           Senator Ferguson: You had it as far as the Naval  
12 Attache was concerned?

13           Captain Safford: Yes.

14           Senator Ferguson: On what date was that message sent?  
15 It was sent, I believe, on the 5th, was it not?

16           Captain Safford: I believe that was on the 3rd.

17           Senator Ferguson: Would you check that? It is impor-  
18 tant after we get this message of the 6th.

19           Captain Safford: That message appears on page 42  
20 of Exhibit No. 37. It was sent on the 4th, Greenwich  
21 time, but on the 3rd Washington time.

22           Senator Ferguson: So the instrument that we have just  
23 now read into the record would not be the foundation of  
24 sending that?  
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Captain Safford: No.

Senator Ferguson: What was the foundation, if you know, for sending that?

Captain Safford: The foundation for that was the message on page 215 of Exhibit 1, which you have just referred to, plus another message on page 209 of Exhibit 1, which may be identified as JD-1: 6984.

Senator Ferguson: Page 209? Can you help me again?

Captain Safford: Page 209. It is the first complete message.

Senator Ferguson: "Please discontinue the use of your code machine and dispose of it immediately"? That is a London message.

Captain Safford: This was to Washington, No. 2444, just above it.

Senator Ferguson: The one above it, "The four offices in London, Hongkong, Singapore, and Manila have been instructed to abandon the use of the code machines and to dispose of them. The machine in Batavia has been returned to Japan. Regardless of the contents of my circular message No. 2447, the U.S.(office) retains the machines and the machine codes.

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

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1 from Washington."

2 Captain Safford: That is the one.

3 Senator Ferguson: That is the one?

4 Captain Safford: Yes. The other one was not trans-  
5 lated until the 5th. We did not have it at the time.

6 Senator Ferguson: Will you go to page 245 of Exhibit  
7 No. 1, the message from Tokyo to Washington, December 6,  
8 1941, No. 904, "Re my #902," -- 902 was the 14-parts  
9 message was it not?

10 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: "There is really no need to tell  
12 you this, but in the preparation of the aide memoire  
13 be absolutely sure not to use a typist or any other person.

14 "Be most extremely cautious in preserving secrecy."

15 Now that is the end of that message. Did you know  
16 that message came in?

17 Captain Safford: I did not know that message came  
18 in until Monday morning.

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1           Senator Ferguson: Now here is what you have: You  
2 have, first, the pilot message saying there is going to be  
3 a time of delivery and "we are going to send 901", which is  
4 the pilot message, and that told us, "the Government has  
5 deliberated deeply on the American proposal of the 26th of  
6 November and as a result we have drawn up a memorandum for  
7 the United States contained in my separate message #902  
8 (in English)."

9           So that tells us the number of the message and it tells  
10 us it is going to be in English, so in intercepting it we  
11 would know immediately by the number 902 that we are getting  
12 a part of the 14-part message, would we not?

13           Captain Safford: Yes.

14           Senator Ferguson: So if we wanted to make haste we  
15 would have the information all in advance, as soon as we  
16 received the message? That is one of the first things that  
17 came in?

18           Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

19           Senator Ferguson: And it would not be a difficult  
20 thing to decipher and decode that number 902, would it?

21           Captain Safford: Except that was in Japanese and the  
22 Army translated it, not the Navy.

23           Senator Ferguson: Was the Army as good or not as good  
24 in translating? Do you make a distinction there by saying  
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1 that the Army had it instead of the Navy? Do I understand  
2 now if one word in this message, for instance, this part  
3 about 901, or 902, happened to be in Japanese and the other  
4 part of the message was in English that you would have to  
5 send it over to the Army to have translated #902?

6 Captain Safford: 904, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: No. The long 14-parts message was  
8 902.

9 Captain Safford: I am sorry, sir, I did not understand.

10 Senator Ferguson: You do not understand?

11 Captain Safford: No.

12 Senator Ferguson: I did not understand you, then.  
13 You said that if this part 901 and 902, or whatever the number  
14 of the message was, was in Japanese it, therefore, had to  
15 be sent over to the Army. Is that right?

16 Captain Safford: This particular message we are talking  
17 about, which is #904 --

18 Senator Ferguson: No, I am back now to the pilot message.

19 Captain Safford: The pilot message was in English.

20 Senator Ferguson: The pilot message gave you the number  
21 of the 14-part message, didn't it?

22 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, #902.

23 Senator Ferguson: So if you knew that number you would  
24 know immediately that that was what you wanted to work on  
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1 at once, is that true?

2 Captain Safford: Yes.

3 Senator Ferguson: You knew the number of the pilot  
4 message and the number of the 14-part message?

5 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Is not that what you were looking  
7 for that day?

8 Captain Safford: We were giving precedence to #902.

(5) 9 Senator Ferguson: Now, then, they not only told you  
10 that they are going to describe the time of delivery of the  
11 message and give you the number of parts, they say, "I will  
12 send it in 14 parts", and they tell you they will give a  
13 time of delivery on it, but they sent another message,  
14 which you intercept on the same day, telling them not even  
15 to use a typist on it. What would that indicate to you?

16 Captain Safford: That that message was most important  
17 to the Japanese Government to keep secret until the #902  
18 had been delivered to the United States Government.

19 Senator Ferguson: So that was further evidence that  
20 this 14-parts message was a very, very important message,  
21 and they wanted it secret until it was delivered, they did  
22 not want even any Japanese typists working on it?

23 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: That was known to us here in Washington?  
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1 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

2 Senator Ferguson: Now there has been considerable said  
3 or questions asked about your absence on Sunday, and you  
4 told me it was your day off.

5 Captain Safford: That is correct, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Were there sufficient personnel in  
7 that office to intercept these messages and deliver them  
8 to the proper translation people?

9 Captain Safford: There were.

10 Senator Ferguson: Now coming back to this delay again,  
11 did you know of any other delays in delivery of these 14 parts  
12 of the message, or that #904 that said "Don't use a typist"?

13 Captain Safford: No, sir.

14 Senator Ferguson: Or the 1:00 o'clock message?

15 Captain Safford: No, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: How do you account for those messages  
17 not being translated and delivered to the proper parties?

18 Captain Safford: We did not have enough translators  
19 to maintain a 24-hour watch with them.

20 Senator Ferguson: How many translators had they in  
21 the Army and Navy?

22 Captain Safford: I cannot give you those exact figures.  
23 We had very few.

24 Senator Ferguson: Well, you did not have to translate  
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Captain Safford: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now the only one that you had to translate was the short one that I just read, and the one about the delivery, isn't that true?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: How many translators would it take to translate those, and in how long a time? They are very short, aren't they?

Captain Safford: They are very short.

Senator Ferguson: You said you had found the key so you knew how to do it that day.

Captain Safford: We knew how to do it that day.

Senator Ferguson: Now take that message I just read to you, #904, how long should it take to translate that? It is on page 245.

Captain Safford: That should take five to ten minutes.

Senator Ferguson: Five to ten minutes. By how many translators?

Captain Safford: One.

Senator Ferguson: Now let us go to the 1:00 o'clock message. Have you got the number of it there?

Captain Safford: Yes.

Senator Ferguson: What is the page number?

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1 Captain Safford: Page 248.

2 Senator Ferguson: That is another three-line message,  
3 and it starts out "Re my #902", which is the 14 part, so  
4 there would be another tip at least that it belonged to that  
5 series of messages, is that right?

6 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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7 Senator Ferguson: And how long would it take to trans-  
8 late that message?

9 Captain Safford: Five to ten minutes.

10 Senator Ferguson: Five to ten minutes, so at the most  
11 we have 20 minutes to translate those two messages?

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Now let us go to the 14th part  
14 of the message. You will note at the top of it it has got  
15 the note, "In the forwarding instructions to the radio  
16 station handling this part, appeared the plain English phrase  
17 'VERY IMPORTANT'."

18 So you have standing out on the 14th part of the 14-parts  
19 message in plain English to the broadcasting station so  
20 that anyone receiving it in Communications, or anyone else,  
21 would not have to use Japanese translation or anything else,  
22 they could see "very important", and it was #902?

23 Captain Safford: There was no delay on any of those  
24 messages, on any of the processes for which I was responsible.

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1 They were intercepted promptly, correctly, they were forwarded  
2 almost immediately by teletype from the West Coast, and were  
3 decoded promptly.  
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5 Senator Ferguson: Now I direct you to page 245, at the  
6 top of the page, to the plain English phrase "very important",  
7 and that was to the radio station. That would not be in  
8 Japanese, would it?

9 Captain Safford: No, sir, that was in English.

10 Senator Ferguson: That was in English and it did not  
11 have to be decoded?

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: So whoever received that message  
14 would have the flag "very important" right at the top of it?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: In English?

17 Captain Safford: In English.

18 Senator Ferguson: Have you any idea how long it would  
19 take to translate that 14th part? You told us they had the  
20 key.

21 Captain Safford: That would be roughly a half-hour.

22 Senator Ferguson: A half-hour?

23 Captain Safford: A half-hour, and possibly a few  
24 minutes longer.

25 Senator Ferguson: Now we are going to another subject.

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1 Among these papers that you read from the other day --

2 It has been suggested by counsel that he had other  
3 witnesses here at 2:00 o'clock, so I would suggest that we  
4 take those other two witnesses and stop here, because I was  
5 going to another subject.

6 The Chairman: Captain, you may stand aside for a few  
7 minutes, until a couple of other witnesses are examined who  
8 must leave the city.

9 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Chairman, I assume you want to  
10 direct the reporter to place the testimony of these two  
11 witnesses following the completion of Captain Safford?

12 The Chairman: Yes. The testimony of the two witnesses  
13 that will come on now will be placed after the conclusion  
14 of Captain Safford's testimony.

15 (The testimony of witnesses Beatty and Dillon, taken  
16 at this point, will be found following the testimony of  
17 Captain Safford.)

18 The Chairman: Go ahead, Senator Ferguson.

19 Senator Ferguson: Captain, you had in your possession  
20 and gave to the committee a certain exhibit, dated May 14,  
21 1945. It was attached to a memorandum that you read into  
22 the record that you said you made up in 1945. On that  
23 exhibit I see that on May 18, 1945 you have got in pen  
24 "delivered to Lieutenant Commander Sonnett by Lieutenant  
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Commander Linn about ten hundred May 15, 1945".

Will you explain that?

Captain Safford: I was asked for that and I sent over by Commander Linn and he made a note at the time and delivered it.

Senator Ferguson: On the end of this instrument you have this:

"9. There is one final place where written confirmation of the winds 'execute' message may exist -- the record of proceedings of the Roberts Commission. I cannot believe that they could cover up so completely that some mention of the winds 'execute' did not slip into the record. First they said I didn't know what was going on around me; now they claim I am suffering from hallucinations. Under the circumstances it is only fair that I be permitted to search through the record for such evidence in order to prove my sanity, as well as my intelligence and my veracity."

(10) You delivered this message to Sonnett?

Captain Safford: One of my officers did.

Senator Ferguson: Yes, but that was in it at the time that you delivered it to Sonnett?

Captain Safford: That was in it at the time I mailed it to Sonnett.

Senator Ferguson: Was that because of what Sonnett

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had said to you or did anybody else question your sanity or your intelligence or your veracity?

Captain Safford: No. He had repeatedly told me that he thought my memory was playing me tricks and maybe I was suffering from hallucinations.

Senator Ferguson: So then you put it in writing and delivered it to him with this part that I have read to you?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, that was in it.

Senator Ferguson: Then you have -- this is in red pencil "see testimony of Colonel Fielder and Colonel Bicknell December 24, 1941." Was that on at the time it was delivered?

Captain Safford: That was put on afterwards, in December 1945, shortly before Christmas, after I had been permitted at length to read the testimony given before the Roberts Commission.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, did Sennett ever call you up or question that part of the memo that you had delivered to him, number 9?

Captain Safford: He never discussed that specifically with me after that. The next time I came over he made some remark that he didnot want to give that to Admiral Hewitt, though he would if I insisted. I told him I was only trying to assist and I was not trying to run that investigation. He gave it back to me and I made a notation as soon as I got back to the office of the date at which it was returned. Admiral Hewitt never did see that memorandum.

Senator Ferguson: Well, then, you have written across the face of it: "Withdrawn on May 18, 1945 at the suggestion of Lieutenant Commander Sonnett. Returned for possible use at the next (?) investigation Pearl Harbor, L. F. Safford."

Captain Safford: That was "retained", sir.

Senator Ferguson: Pardon?

Captain Safford: That was "retained".

Senator Ferguson: Now, then, do I understand then that this did not reach the possession of Sonnett or did he have it to read it?

Captain Safford: He did have that about three days and read it and then suggested that I withdraw it, though if I insisted he would give it to Admiral Hewitt. I withdrew it.



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2 He had read it.

3 Senator Ferguson: So he had it from the 15th to the 18th?

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: And the only conversation you had about  
6 it was what you relate now? 1

7 Captain Safford: And the other conversation was that I  
8 would not be permitted to inspect the records of the Roberts  
9 investigation; that was out.

10 Senator Ferguson: Will you read that, please?

11 (Answer read.)

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, did you have any conversation  
13 with Sonnett about inspecting the records of the Roberts in-  
14 vestigation?

15 Captain Safford: None other than that.

16 Senator Ferguson: Just that part?

17 Captain Safford: I had requested it in writing and he  
18 said it could not be done.

19 Senator Ferguson: When did you request it in writing?

20 Captain Safford: In my last paragraph.

21 Senator Ferguson: Oh, in this instrument?

22 Captain Safford: Yes, sir. That was the only time.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did he say anything to you in any  
24 of the conversations about the wind execute message?

25 Captain Safford: We would discuss other matters and

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2 always get around to that question.

3 Senator Ferguson: What do you mean "get around to it"?

4 Captain Safford: Well, I believe he would lead up to it  
5 or something. It kept cropping up in the conversation.

6 Senator Ferguson: Did he tell you why the Navy were  
7 making the Hewitt investigation?

8 Captain Safford: To see if they could reconcile conflict-  
9 ing testimony and to examine witnesses who had not been avail-  
10 able before, particularly Captain McCollum and Admiral Wil-  
11 kinson.

12 Senator Ferguson: Did you discuss what the reconciling  
13 testimony was that you did want to reconcile?

14 Captain Safford: It was largely in regard to the winds  
15 message. There were other matters which did not particularly  
16 concern me. All of these things on which I presented memo-  
17 randums were not clear in his mind, at least, what the signi-  
18 ficance was, and I spent a lot of time preparing those to do  
19 my best to straighten them out from my point of view and from  
20 what I knew.

21 Senator Ferguson: Did he mention to you who had testi-  
22 fied that there was no wind message?

23 Captain Safford: I believe that he told me that I was  
24 the only person who had any recollection of the winds message.

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, that was on May 18, 1945.

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2 Did he tell you or mention to you that on the 6th of June  
3 1944 that Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, United States Navy, an  
4 Admiral, had been asked this question:

5 "68. Q. During November or December, 1941, were  
6 you cognizant of a special code which the Japanese had  
7 arranged under which they were to inform their nationals  
8 concerning against what nations they would make aggres-  
9 sive movements, by means of a partial weather report?

10 "A. Yes, I do recall such messages.

11 "Q. 69. Do you recall having seen, on or about 4  
12 December, the broadcast directive, thus given, indicating  
13 that the Japanese were about to attack both Britain and  
14 the United States?

15 "A. Yes.

16 "70. Q. Do you know why that particular informa-  
17 tion was not sent to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific?

18 "A. I do not know except it was probably supposed  
19 that the intercept stations in the Hawaiian Islands had  
20 also received this broadcast. However, it may have been  
21 because of a message sent in regard to the destruction  
22 of Japanese codes which had been sent to London and  
23 Washington which indicated that war with the United  
24 States and with Great Britain is imminent."

25 Did Sonnett ever call that to your attention, that

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2 Admiral Ingersoll had said that?

3 Captain Safford: He did not.

4 Senator Ferguson: I am reading that which is in the Hart  
5 report. Now, were you told that by Mr. Sonnett?

6 Captain Safford: I was not.

7 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what Admiral Ingersoll  
8 could be talking about there other than the wind code inter-  
9 cept execute?

10 Captain Safford: Nothing else at all.

11 Senator Ferguson: Now I am going to read you Admiral  
12 Ingersoll's testimony from another hearing, not the Hart hear-  
13 ing at all, and I would like to have the original so that we  
14 can get the date. This is the Navy. I want to find out the  
15 date he testified. I cannot find it but I will put it in the  
16 re cord later, when he is testifying before the Pearl Harbor  
17 Navy Board of Inquiry. It is a different investigation. The  
18 one I read from to you was the Hart investigation and this is  
19 in the first Navy. It is after Hart.

20 "Q. Can you remember under those circumstances

21 what this doubt was" --

22 I think I will go back far enough to clear up that ques-  
23 tion.

24 "Can you state whether or not this information was  
25 discussed by you and the Chief of Naval Operations, Ad-

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2 Admiral Stark?"

3 Going back to 35.

4 "A I don't remember whether it was discussed with  
5 Admiral Stark or not."

6 "36. Q. Did you take any action yourself as a  
7 result of the information that was contained in this  
8 document 15?

9 "A. As far as I recall, we took no action on this  
10 dispatch at that time, because, as I have stated before,  
11 I believe there was some doubt in the minds of the  
12 translators as to just what the translation should be.

13 "37. Q. Can you remember in substance what this  
14 doubt was?

15 "A. No, I do not recall, except that there was  
16 some doubt as to whether they had an exact translation--  
17 a difference of opinion among the translators as to what  
18 the Japanese words meant.

19 "38. Q. Can you recall whether this difference  
20 of opinion related to the subject of a declaration of  
21 war or whether it related to severance of negotiations,  
22 or what the discussion was about -- can you remember  
23 that?

24 "A. No, I don't remember that point now.

25 "39. Q. On or prior to 7 December 1941 did you

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2 receive any information as to whether or not code words  
3 had been received in the Navy Department which would put  
4 in effect the action contemplated by the so-called 'winis'  
5 message?

6 "A. Yes.

7 "40. Q. Will you state the circumstances?

8 "A. I recall that some time I did see the messages  
9 which were supposed to put this 'winis' message, trans-  
10 lated on the 28th, into effect. I do not recall whether  
11 I saw them prior to December 7 or afterward. If I saw  
12 them prior to December 7 I am quite sure that would have  
13 been considered confirmation of the information which  
14 had previously been received and which had been sent to  
15 the Fleet on December 3 or December 4 regarding the de-  
16 struction of codes at London, Washington, Manila and else-  
17 where, which indicated definitely that war was imminent.

18 "41. Q. Can you recall whether or not on or before  
19 7 December 1941 any action was taken in the office of  
20 Chief of Naval Operations as a result of the information  
21 contained in this execution of the 'winis' code which you  
22 state you saw?

23 "A. As I stated before, I do not recall when I saw  
24 the answer, whether it was on or prior to December 7, or  
25 whether it was after December 7. If it was after December

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2 7 there was no purpose in sending it out. If it was be-  
3 fore December 7, I think it was not sent out because we  
4 considered that the dispatch sent to all fleets regarding  
5 the destruction of codes was ample warning that war was  
6 imminent, or that diplomatic negotiations were going to  
7 be broken off, and that this dispatch was only confirma-  
8 tory.

9 "42. Q. Did you have any knowledge of the location  
10 of the dispatch or of the information which conveyed to  
11 you the execution of the 'winis' code?

12 "A. I have no knowledge regarding the location or  
13 disposition of any of these dispatches, as I have seen  
14 none of them since December 1941."  
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2 Now, that was the testimony given on August the 31st,  
3 1944. Did Mr. Sonnett call that to your attention?

4 Captain Safford: He did not.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, he said he did not see any of  
6 these messages after December 1941. Now, let us take the mes-  
7 sage in exhibit 1, the so-called regular message of the weath-  
8 er. Do you know what I am talking about? The one that they  
9 had some trouble about translating.

10 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: That is on page --

12 Captain Safford: 154 and 155.

13 Senator Ferguson: No, that is Circular 2353.

14 Captain Safford: Isn't that what you have reference to?

15 Senator Ferguson: I am talking about the one that came  
16 in on the 7th or 8th. They thought it was a wind execute.  
17 It is on page 251, the top of the page. It is dated the 7th  
18 of December 1941. (Reading)

19 "(Plain Japanese language using code names)

20 "Circular #2494

21 "Relations between Japan and England are not in  
22 accordance with expectation."

23 Captain Safford: That was not the winds message. That  
24 was in the hidden word code.

25 Senator Ferguson: Yes, but didn't some people think that



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that was a wind message?

Captain Safford: There has been some confusion over that.

Senator Ferguson: Pardon?

Captain Safford: There has been some confusion over that.

Senator Ferguson: Over that. Well, now, when did that come into the Navy Department?

Captain Safford: That was received a little after 10 A.M. and had been distributed to everybody in the Navy at least and to the White House and State Department by 11 A.M. on Sunday, December 7, 1941.

Senator Ferguson: What was wrong with that translation? Wasn't there some trouble over the translation?

Captain Safford: The translation was hurriedly made and the word "United States" or "U.S." should have been included in it.

Senator Ferguson: When did they make a correction of that?

Captain Safford: I do not know.

Senator Ferguson: Well, is the language "not in accordance with expectations", is that not a correct interpretation?

Captain Safford: That was the translation given by the Navy for the so-called hidden word code, which was the vehicle for sending this information. At a later date it was

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2 pointed out to me -- this is 1944 -- that the Army transla-  
3 tion of that was somewhat stronger, but that stronger transla-  
4 tion was never distributed.

5 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did you know of this mes-  
6 sage, Circular No. 2494?

7 Captain Safford: I had known about that since the 8th  
8 of December 1941.

9 Senator Ferguson: And where was it kept?

10 Captain Safford: That was kept in the file along with  
11 the other translations of intercepted diplomatic messages  
12 which came in code.

13 Senator Ferguson: Well, you made a statement yesterday  
14 or the day before that they could not have been talking about  
15 this message because it was not in the Navy Department. What  
16 message were you talking about? I thought you were talking  
17 about this message that I am now showing you on page 251.

18 Captain Safford: I was not talking about this message  
19 at all.

20 Senator Ferguson: What message were you talking about?  
21 You made an answer that indicated that the message was not  
22 in the file, it was not in the Navy Department until 1944.  
23 What message were you talking about?

24 Captain Safford: I am talking about a translation or  
25 a possible translation which somebody in the Army pointed out

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2 to me in 1944. It was not an official translation because  
3 it had never been distributed.

4 Senator Ferguson: What message is that that was never  
5 distributed?

6 Captain Safford: This same message. It was simply an  
7 independent translation made at some later date.

8 Senator Ferguson: So Admiral Ingersoll could not have  
9 seen a code, a winds code execute message with the "United  
10 States" on in the Navy Department in December 1941?

11 Captain Safford: That is correct, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Because they never had one that con-  
13 tained the "United States" until 1944 as far as Circular No.  
14 2494, December the 7th, 1941 was concerned?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: So that is clear.

17 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: Now, you have been asked many ques-  
19 tions on the subject of whether or not you saw this execute  
20 message. Now, at this late time in your examination are you  
21 positive that you did see such a message?

22 Captain Safford: I am positive, Senator.

23 Senator Ferguson: Is there anything that you want to add  
24 to any of your testimony or subtract from in relation to the  
25 fact that you positively and without any doubt in your mind

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2 saw the execute message on or about the 4th of December 1941  
3 and prior to the time of the fourteen part message and the  
4 attack?

5 Captain Safford: That is exactly correct as you have  
6 stated it, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: There is no doubt then in your mind?

8 Captain Safford: There is no doubt.

9 Senator Ferguson: Are you familiar with a man by the  
10 name of Pettigrew, Colonel Moses W. Pettigrew?

11 Captain Safford: I do not know him personally.

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, I want to read you something  
13 from an affidavit of his, and he made this affidavit on  
14 the 13th day of February 1945. (Reading)

15 "That someone whom affiant does not now recall  
16 showed affiant on or about the 5th of December 1941 an  
17 implementation intercept which had been received from  
18 the Navy and which indicated that Japan-U.S. relations  
19 were in danger. That in view of the prior intercepts  
20 which had been read by affiant he took the implementation  
21 message to mean that anything could happen and, conse-  
22 quently, he had prepared that dispatch to the Assistant  
23 Chief of Staff, Headquarters G-2, Hawaiian Department,  
24 Honolulu at the request of someone whom he does not now  
25 recall, a secret cablegram a copy of which is attached."

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2 Now, what could Colonel Moses W. Pettigrew, M. I. S. be  
3 talking about there if it was not the intercept message that  
4 you claim you saw?

5 Captain Safford: It was the same intercept wire mes-  
6 sage.

7 Senator Ferguson: And attached to that is this: The  
8 exhibit attached is the Rochefort message:

9 "This is sent on No. 519 12-5

10 December 5, 1941

11 "Assistant Chief of Staff, Headquarters G-"  
12 Hawaiian Department, Honolulu, Territory Hawaii.

13 "Contact Commander Rochefort immediately through  
14 Commandant 14th Naval District regarding broadcasts from  
15 Tokyo reference weather. Miles."

16 Now, that is what he attaches to his affidavit and that  
17 is in the Army. Now, could they have been talking about the  
18 message on page 251 of exhibit 1 that came in on the 7th,  
19 because the Rochefort message is going out on the 5th?

20 Captain Safford: They could not possibly.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, do you know of any other message  
22 that Pettigrew could be talking about in that affidavit?

23 Captain Safford: I have never heard of any other mes-  
24 sages that Colonel Pettigrew could have been talking about.

25 Senator Ferguson: And I want to read you "Top Secret

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2 "Navy", of Admiral Turner, question 86:

3 "Q. Referring to this so-called 'Win's' message,  
4 are we correct in understanding that you had no know-  
5 ledge of any execute of that message designating the  
6 objective of Japan?

7 "A. I will correct my previous answer on that.  
8 Admiral Noyes called me up on the telephone. What day  
9 or time of day I don't recall. I think it was on De-  
10 cember 6. He said something like this: 'The Win's mes-  
11 sage came in,' or something of that sort.

12 "87. Q. Did he report to you what the 'Win's' mes-  
13 sage meant and what it was interpreted as?

14 "A. Yes.

15 "88. Q. Was the Chief of Naval Operations aware  
16 of that, either from information from you or otherwise?

17 "A. Not from me. I believe Admiral Noyes informed  
18 him.

19 "89. Q. Was any discussion had as to the import-  
20 ance of sending that reply to the Commander-in-Chief,  
21 Pacific?

22 "A. Not so far as I know. I did not parti-  
23 cipate in any such discussion. I assumed that the Com-  
24 mander-in-Chief had that."

25 Now I want to read a couple more answers.

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"Cross examined by the interested party, Admiral Harold R. Stark, U.S. Navy:

" 93 Q. Admiral, referring again to document 15 of Exhibit 63, which is the message which set up the so-called Winis code, do you recall whether or not you had any feeling that the execute of the Winis code meant that war would necessarily follow between the United States and Japan or whether the execute of the Winis message merely meant a break in diplomatic relations or a strain in diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan?

"My impression was that it was at least a break in diplomatic relations and probably war.

"Reexamined by the court:

"94. Q. When you heard the news from Admiral Noyes that an execute of the message had been received, did you consider that it was of such high significance that action should be taken immediately to transmit that information to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific?

"A. No, I assured that he had it. On Friday there was a discussion between Admiral Stark and Admiral Ingersoll and me on the general situation.

"95. Q. Friday, December 5?

"A. There was a discussion among the three of us,

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2 and we all felt all necessary orders had been issued to  
3 all echelons of command preparatory to war and that noth-  
4 ing further was necessary."

5 Then this is: "Recross-examined by the interested  
6 party, Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

7 "96. Q. In this information which you received from  
8 Admiral Noyes as to the receipt of the execution signal  
9 of the Win's code system, was it your understanding that  
10 it referred to United States-Japanese relations?

11 "A. Yes.

12 " 97. Q.. Was it at any time before the 7th of De-  
13 cember that you received information that the Commander-  
14 in-Chief was not receiving this decrypted, intercepted  
15 Japanese diplomatic traffic, or was it after December 7,  
16 1941, that you received that information?

17 "A. I have never received such information. I have  
18 never been informed that the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific  
19 Fleet was not decrypting the diplomatic dispatches."

20 And then he is re-examined by the court.

21 Now, did Mr. Sonnett ever tell you or relate that kind of  
22 testimony to you?

23 Captain Safford: I was never told that at all.

24 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever know of that testimony  
25 before I read it to you?



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2       Captain Safford: After this investigation commenced the  
3 15th of December 1945 or later and also in January of this  
4 year I was permitted to examine the records of those previous  
5 Pearl Harbor investigations. That was the first time I knew  
6 what other witnesses said and was the first time that I did  
7 not know that I was standing alone against the world in my  
8 testimony.

9       Senator Ferguson: Well, now, Admiral Turner appeared  
10 before this committee and on page 5384 he testified:

11       "Admiral Turner" -- I have to go back a question so  
12 that we get the run of this. This is on the bottom of page  
13 5383. (Reading)

14       "Senator Brewster: On the Win's message, I wanted  
15 to clear up a little of your testimony from your former  
16 statement.

17       "At that time you said in your examination, Admiral  
18 Turner, if I may quote from the questions which were asked  
19 you on page 1006:

20       " "In this information which you received from Ad-  
21 miral Noyes as to the receipt of the scout's signal  
22 of the Win's code system, was it your understanding  
23 it referred to United States-Japanese relations?"

24       "Your answer at that time was, 'Yes'.

25       "As I understand now, you feel you got it somewhat

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clearer?

"Admiral Turner: Was that before the Navy Court of Inquiry, Senator?"

"Senator Brewster: Yes."

"Admiral Turner: That is correct, because up until the time I returned to San Francisco about two months ago I thought the entire thing in that Wind message was authentic and that they had merely made a mistake about that 'North Wind so and so'."

"On talking to some of the officers who had gone into it in San Francisco, why, they said it had been found out later that that was a false broadcast picked out of the ordinary news, but it was news to me at that time."

"Senator Brewster: That is all."

Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?"

Senator Ferguson: Yes."

Mr. Murphy: The question was asked of the witness whether or not Mr. Sonnett had informed him about the Admiral Turner testimony. The fact is that on page 96 of the Appendix, which is the Hewitt report, they cited the Turner testimony but nevertheless found there was no wind's execute."

Senator Ferguson: Now, we have Admiral Turner's testimony here as well. I want to give you that in relation

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2 to the other.

3 Now, did you or did you not read the Admiral Turner tes-  
4 timony?

5 Captain Safford: I do not recall reading any of the tes-  
6 timony before this committee except what appeared in the  
7 newspapers.

8 Senator Ferguson: Were you here when Justice Roberts was  
9 on the witness stand?

10 Captain Safford: I was, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: You heard the two questions read to  
12 him in relation to this code message, did you?

13 Captain Safford: I heard them but I do not recall what  
14 they were.

15 Senator Ferguson: You do not recall them?

16 Captain Safford: Well, I --

17 Senator Ferguson: What do you want to say? Do you want  
18 to answer it?

19 Captain Safford: No, sir, I cannot answer it.

20 Senator Ferguson: You just did not hear?

21 Captain Safford: I do not recall specifically what they  
22 were. There were questions asked and he answered them.

23 Senator Ferguson: Well, I will get this clear, so that  
24 there can be no mistake on what code message you were talking  
25 about or what the people were talking about in it. (Reading)

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2 "The Chairman: It has been reported to me that about  
3 ten days before the attack a code was intercepted which  
4 could not be broken but it was forwarded to Washington to  
5 the War Department to be broken and the War Department  
6 found out it could be broken and did break it and found  
7 out it contained three important signal words which would  
8 direct the attack on Pearl Harbor and that the War De-  
9 partment subsequently intercepted over the radio those  
10 three signal words and forwarded them to the military  
11 forces here as an indication that the code had been fol-  
12 lowed and that the attack was planned."

13 Now, do you know of any other three words prior to the  
14 7th, - not including this one of the 7th -- but prior to the  
15 7th, of any three word message other than the wind code mes-  
16 sage?

17 Captain Safford: No, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: You know of none?

19 Captain Safford: I know of none.

20 Mr. Murphy: Now will the Senator yield?

21 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

22 Mr. Murphy: What about the hattori and minami and the  
23 other one? Weren't those three words? "Nimami" was the  
24 United States and "Hattori" and one other one.

25 Senator Ferguson: Congressman, are you asking him a

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2 question?

3 Mr. Murphy: No, no. I was just suggesting the three  
4 words. There was one, "Ninami" --

5 Senator Ferguson: I mean do you still want the answer to  
6 it?

7 Mr. Murphy: No, I am not asking the witness. I am just  
8 suggesting it to you.

9 The Vice Chairman: Go ahead.

10 Mr. Murphy: Go ahead, Senator.

11 Captain Safford: Excuse me, Senator. I thought I was  
12 asked the question.

13 Senator Ferguson: You thought there was a question pen-  
14 ding?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, and I was looking up the  
16 answer.

17 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, Congressman, have you got  
18 a question?

19 Mr. Murphy: I will hold it.

20 Senator Ferguson: Oh, you will pursue it later?

21 Mr. Murphy: Yes.

22 Senator Ferguson: He will get to it later and present  
23 it and clear the thing up.

24 How many times since Pearl Harbor have you contacted  
25 General Short?

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2 Captain Safford: I have never seen General Short except  
3 in this room. I have never talked to him and have never writ-  
4 ten to him.

5 Senator Ferguson: Had you been in contact with Admiral  
6 Kimmel?

7 Captain Safford: I have seen Admiral Kimmel, as I pre-  
8 viously testified, on the 21st of February 1944. Then I saw  
9 him next when I went in and took the witness stand as a wit-  
10 ness before the Navy Court of Inquiry.

11 Senator Ferguson: Had that been the first time after Pearl  
12 Harbor that you saw him?

13 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

14 Senator Ferguson: And how many times since that have  
15 you seen him?

16 Captain Safford: I have probably seen him half a dozen  
17 times in Washington.

18 Senator Ferguson: Had you had any conversations with  
19 him about this trial?

20 Captain Safford: In a general way.

21 Senator Ferguson: As to what your testimony would be?

22 Captain Safford: As to the fact that my testimony was  
23 just what I had given before; I was not making any changes.

24 Senator Ferguson: Is that the substance of your conver-  
25 sations?

Witness Safford

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Captain Safford: That was the substance of our con versa-  
3 tions.

4 Senator Ferguson: Now, you mentioned a long -- you de-  
5 scribed it as long, or it has been described as a long message  
6 drawn up by McCollum.

7 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Did you read that message?

9 Captain Safford: I read it page by page.

10 Senator Ferguson: Can you tell me what was said which  
11 would indicate why somebody in the Intelligence Department like  
12 McCollum was wanting to get other than information out, want-  
13 int to get an order out to the Fleet?

14 Captain Safford: This was information of developments  
15 running back at least a month, probably more. It was very  
16 complete and very well thought out. After all this time I  
17 cannot give many of the details except the very last end,  
18 which is the part that interested me most, because the very  
19 last, you might call it, paragraph, there was a sentence  
20 there, was what appeared to me the same information that  
21 had been put on as the translation of the wind's code. That  
22 is, we were to have -- Japan was about to declare war on the  
23 United States, about to declare war on England, including the  
24 Netherlands East Indies, and so forth, and would maintain  
25 peace with Russia, and the last sentence, as I recall it,

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2 after the forecast or evaluation "war is imminent". Every-  
3 thing up to that last sentence had been pure information. The  
4 only piece of evaluation was the very last sentence, "War is  
5 imminent." There was no order or directive to do anything.

6 Senator Ferguson: It was information then?

7 Captain Safford: Information, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, can you give us the sub-  
9 stance of the other part of the message, what was he convey-  
10 ing?

11 Captain Safford: Information showing the progressive de-  
12 terioration of relations between the United States and Japan  
13 and of the sure indications, such as the withdrawal of mer-  
14 chant ships. I believe Captain McCollum has testified about  
15 other things. I cannot go into detail, Senator; it is too  
16 long ago.

17 Senator Ferguson: I just asked you the substance. Will  
18 you look at page 204 of exhibit 1? There is a message there  
19 from Tokyo to Berlin dated November the 30th in three parts.  
20 It shows that you only intercepted two parts, 1 and 3. The  
21 third part indicates that there was something in between and  
22 was missed by someone. (Reading)

23 "If, when you tell them this, the Germans and Ital-  
24 ians question you about our attitude toward the Soviet,  
25 say that we have already clarified our attitude toward the



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Russians in our statement of last July. Say that by our present moves southward we do not mean to relax our pressure against the Soviet and that if Russia joins hands tighter with England and the United States and resists us with hostilities, we are ready to turn upon her with all our might; however, right now, it is to our advantage to stress the south," and so forth.

Doesn't that indicate that you are going to have war with the United States and not with Russia unless Russia comes in?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir. That puts Russia out of the war with Japan.

Senator Ferguson: Well, now, that being true -- that was translated the 1st of December. That was received on the 30th of November. Hain't you all the knowledge that came in the so-called execute wire message? Why did you want to wait and if you had that information and which is set up in the first part: (Reading)

"Say very secretly to them that there is extreme danger that war may suddenly break out between the Anglo-Saxon nations and Japan through some clash of arms and all that the time of the breaking out of this war may come quicker than anyone dreams."

Didn't that give you warning that there was going to be war between the United States and Japan and Britain and Japan

Witness Safford

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 and not Russia unless Russia came in?

3 Captain Safford: That is a warning also.

4 Mr. Richardson: What was that last answer?

5 (Answer read.)

6 Senator Ferguson: But didn't it give you everything that  
7 you got in the code? Now, I am not saying anything about  
8 what the embassies were going to get, other embassies, but  
9 didn't they give to the United States here in Washington the  
10 whole answer?

11 Captain Safford: It gave a complete verification or  
12 proof of the wireless message -- of its evaluation I mean.

13 Senator Ferguson: Now, what happened to part 2 there?  
14 That would be a very important message, would it not? And  
15 what did you do to try to find it?

16 Captain Safford: We received parts 1 and 3 from Corregi-  
17 dor for forwarding. While we were working on them we re-  
18 ceived a message from London which said, "We are forwarding  
19 parts 1 and 3 of Tokyo to Berlin, Serial No. 985. Have you  
20 got part 2?" And the answer was sent back to the effect  
21 that we were sorry, that we did not have part 2. That was  
22 our lack of --

23 Senator Ferguson: What message did you read me there?  
24 What page is it on? Did you read a message there?

25 Captain Safford: I am telling you the substance of a

Witness Safford

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

1  
2 message that was received from London.

3 Senator Ferguson: Oh.

4 Captain Safford: It was relative to this Tokyo to Berlin  
5 No. 985.

6 Senator Ferguson: You were looking at a paper and I  
7 thought you were reading it out of a book.

8 Captain Safford: I was checking the number to see that  
9 I did not make a mistake.

10 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did you inquire from Eng-  
11 land again to see about that, as to whether or not they got  
12 that part 2?

13 Captain Safford: England had already asked us for it  
14 and we told them we did not have it. If they had had part 2  
15 they would have sent it along with parts 1 and 3. We made a  
16 very careful check of the incoming traffic from all our sta-  
17 tions and part 2 simply, - we had failed to get it, the same  
18 as England had.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did that happen often, Captain?

20 Captain Safford: It happened often enough to be very  
21 distressing. It was not at all uncommon to have a hole in  
22 messages, incomplete parts, sometimes the it was the first  
23 part missing, sometimes it was the last. It was usually at  
24 one end or the other rather than the middle.

25 Senator Ferguson: How do you account for that? Was it

Witness Safford

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 radio reception?

3 Captain Safford: Radio reception, interference and some-  
4 times they were allowed to send one part of a message over  
5 one circuit and another part of a message would go over an-  
6 other circuit and due to some combination we could get the  
7 one and not the other.

8 Senator Ferguson: Then in effect you did not purport to  
9 be absolutely certain that you were getting all of the Jap  
10 messages?

11 Captain Safford: We could not, sir, and we kept on  
12 telling our stations to that effect. We were endeavoring to  
13 get as much as we could but we could not guarantee a hundred  
14 per cent performance.

15 Senator Ferguson: And when you would deliver these raw  
16 messages to the various offices you were only trying to de-  
17 liver those that seemed important to you?

18 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: You did not deliver all that you  
20 intercepted but you delivered all that seemed important?

21 Captain Safford: And particularly those that seemed im-  
22 portant to the White House and to the State Department.

23 Senator Ferguson: And is there any doubt but some of  
24 these messages in Number 1, diplomatic, and also in Number  
25 2, the ship movements, is there any doubt that all those

Witness Safford

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 messages were translated, as translated were sent to the White  
3 House and State Department? Do you know what exhibit 1 is?

4 Captain Safford: I have exhibit 1 here.

5 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

6 Captain Safford: I feel certain that everything in  
7 exhibit 1 was sent to the White House and the State Department.

8 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what exhibit --

9 Captain Safford: Wait a minute. What is exhibit 2?

10 Senator Ferguson: Exhibit 2 is the large yellow one.

11 It is ship movements. It is Japanese messages concerning mili-  
12 tary installations, ship movements, and so forth.

13 Captain Safford: A large part of exhibit 2 probably was  
14 not sent to the White House or the State Department as they  
15 were not interested. They were sent up to Naval Intelligence  
16 and they determined the subsequent distribution of them.

17 Senator Ferguson: All right. I will show you some and  
18 see whether or not they were sent. On page 12. Can you an-  
19 swer that?

20 Captain Safford: I do not know.

21 Senator Ferguson: Wasn't the State Department and the  
22 White House concerned with where war would come as well as  
23 when war would come?

24 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, but I cannot tell you this  
25 from memory.

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2       Senator Ferguson: I see. And you know of no records in  
3 your department which would indicate or any department, to  
4 your knowledge, - and I only want your knowledge on this, -  
5 that would indicate which one of these messages did go or did  
6 not go?

7       Captain Safford: There may have been or there should  
8 have been a record in Naval Intelligence or in Captain Kramer-  
9 er's portion of the Far Eastern section of Naval Intelligence  
10 but I do not have any personal knowledge, or did not have.

11       Senator Ferguson: How far away from your desk was Cap-  
12 tain Kramer's desk?

13       Captain Safford: At that time he was about half way down  
14 the corridor from me, in the Navy Building.

15       Senator Ferguson: Will you look on page 22? That is a  
16 message from Honolulu to Tokyo December the 3rd, 1941. I  
17 believe that was picked up by the Army at some station here  
18 in Virginia, but was sent to the Navy for translation. Did  
19 you ever see that?

20       Captain Safford: I had seen that before. Kramer called  
21 it to my attention on Monday, December 8, 1941.

22       Senator Ferguson: He called it to your attention on the  
23 8th?

24       Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

25       Senator Ferguson: And you had seen it prior to that?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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Captain Safford: I had not seen it prior to that.

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Senator Ferguson: You had not seen it prior to that?

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Captain Safford: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Did you have any conversation as to whether or not that was translated in the rough by Mrs.

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Edgars and put on his desk on Saturday, the 6th?

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Captain Safford: Just what we said about that at the time I do not recall. That question of Mrs. Edgars came up about two years later, when I checked up on it, but he did say, "Here is this thing, it is too late. What should I do with it?" He said, "It is in a bad shape, we cannot handle it now." And I said, "Well, you finish it anyhow and turn it into the file for purposes of record, it might be important." Then after it was smoothed up it did appear to be very important.

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Senator Ferguson: Is that about all that you remember that he said in relation to that particular message?

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Captain Safford: He asked me furthermore, - he told me that he had received it in imperfect form on Saturday afternoon around three o'clock and that it was a question of working on that or working on the highly important fourteen parter and, therefore, he let this thing go to be finished when time was available.

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Senator Ferguson: Were all of the interpreters in the

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Army and Navy sections busy on Saturday translating?

3 Captain Safford: Not in the Army, sir. I believe they  
4 all went home at about one o'clock.

5 Senator Ferguson: They all went home in the Army?

6 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Well, couldn't Kramer have gotten  
8 someone in the Army or somewhere in the Navy to translate  
9 this message on page 22 of exhibit 2? I understood you were  
10 alerted for war.

11 Captain Safford: Mr. Ferguson, it was my understanding  
12 that this was much more than a mere translation. This is a  
13 very badly garbled message, which had to be thought out and I  
14 believe this has been in the testimony of other witnesses  
15 before other investigations. All I know about it is quite  
16 second-hand and I would rather not discuss it.

17 Senator Ferguson: You know it second-hand. You mean  
18 you got it by hearsay from Kramer.

19 Captain Safford: Kramer said it was not a question of  
20 translating it. It was a question of taking away people off  
21 the purple system onto this.

22 Senator Ferguson: And that was given as the reason for  
23 not decoding this message other than in the rough as indi-  
24 cated?

25 Captain Safford: Taking it back. I would rather let



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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Kramer describe that message than myself.

3 Senator Ferguson: All right.

4 Captain Safford: And possibly Captain Rochefort if he is  
5 to be called as a witness can also describe it.

6 Senator Ferguson: I would like to ask counsel or the  
7 naval attache here if you know whether or not they are going  
8 to produce file 7001?

9 Commander Baecher: We have it here, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: You have it?

11 Commander Baecher: Yes.

12 Senator Ferguson: Could I see it?

13 Commander Baecher: It is not in a file, sir. It is in  
14 a book.

15 Senator Ferguson: I think the committee would be inter-  
16 ested in knowing what is meant by a file.

17 Mr. Richardson: We made the name "file". The Navy does  
18 not.

19 Senator Ferguson: In other words, the Navy does not  
20 make the name "file"?

21 Mr. Richardson: No.

22 Senator Ferguson: Let us get it straightened out. Is  
23 this officer the custodian?

24 Commander Baecher: He is the present custodian.

25 Senator Ferguson: Maybe he can help us.

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2       Commodore Baecher: "Captain Kramer can explain it better  
3 than anyone else.

4       Senator Ferguson: Well, then I will wait until Kramer  
5 comes on. I don't want to waste any time.

6       Now, there has just been placed on my table here a mes-  
7 sage. Will you show the witness this message? It is one  
8 you described the other day, that it went to CINCALF Urgent  
9 and CINCPAC, which is Kimmel, priority, but it went to Hart  
10 urgent. How do you account for that? How do you account  
11 for the change? It was all marked "Urgent" you said.

12       Captain Safford: The action addressees were "urgent"  
13 out in the Asiatic station. The information addressees,  
14 that is CINCAP and COM 14 were only priority, but it was all  
15 in one message blank.

16       Senator Ferguson: One is marked "urgent" at the top and  
17 the other one is marked "priority".

18       Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

19       Senator Ferguson: But the one for information was only  
20 marked "priority".

21       Captain Safford: Priority.

22       Senator Ferguson: Now, that message was an intercepted  
23 Japanese message, was it not?

24       Captain Safford: That was, sir.

25       Senator Ferguson: And then it was sent out on December

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2 the 1st, 1941 in this form to both Admiral Hart and Admiral  
3 Kimmel, is that correct?

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: So that if you could send this kind  
6 of an intercepted message do you know any reason as the head  
7 or one of the officers in the Communications section that  
8 you would be risking any more to send that kind of a message  
9 out over the wires than you would to alert Hawaii on the  
10 morning of the 7th?

11 Captain Safford: None at all, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Now, I am asking you as a Communica-  
13 tions officer.

14 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, and I am speaking as a cipher  
15 expert with years of experience behind it. There was no  
16 danger whatsoever in using our top grade ciphers for any  
17 kind of information.

18 Senator Ferguson: And there was no more danger of send-  
19 ing out that particular dispatch by McCollum and released by  
20 Admiral L. Noyes on December the 1st, 1941? You understood  
21 my question?

22 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: And your answer is as an expert in  
24 this field?

25 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 Senator Ferguson: Now, so that there is no mistake on  
3 this record, when you were referring to a false weather re-  
4 port, an executed message, you are talking about the method  
5 that it was to translate or execute these three words relat-  
6 ing to America, England, and so forth; the message would be  
7 a false weather report, not a correct weather report but a  
8 false one?

9 Captain Safford: A false weather report, correct, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: So that when in any of your state-  
11 ments or your language you are talking about a false weather  
12 report, that does not indicate, does it, that you never saw  
13 the report, or does it indicate that?

14 Captain Safford: That indicates to what I have called  
15 the wind's message in other testimony, to what I will see.

16 Senator Ferguson: And it is the execute part of the  
17 wind's message?

18 Captain Safford: That is it, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: But it is false as far as the weather  
20 is concerned in Japan, is that correct?

21 Captain Safford: Or anywhere else, because the actual  
22 language that came over said, "North wind, south wind and  
23 west wind" -- I mean "North wind, east wind, west wind", all  
24 in the same manner and no places or direct name. It was ob-  
25 viously a false weather report which no one could mistake.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Now, that is what is known as a word-  
3 cipher-word, is it not?

4 Captain Safford: It is often --

5 Senator Ferguson: A code word?

6 Captain Safford: This is in hidden word, yes, sir, or  
7 hidden word.

8 Senator Ferguson: Hidden words?

9 Captain Safford: Or open code it is sometimes called  
10 because it appears disguised in an apparently innocent mes-  
11 sage.

12 Senator Ferguson: But a hidden word can be sent in  
13 Morse code, Japanese Morse code or international code or by  
14 voice, is that right?

15 Captain Safford: Any way they want. There was no re-  
16 striction. The message which set it up simply said "Japan-  
17 ese language broadcast," and that could have been in the form  
18 of Japanese, written, yes, sir, as well as voice, but it  
19 could not have been in English or any other foreign language.

20 Senator Ferguson: It had to be in Japanese?

21 Captain Safford: It had to be in Japanese.

22 Senator Ferguson: Now, do you know of any other mes-  
23 sages in the same way that were transmitted and known as  
24 code word messages? Was that a customary way to send mes-  
25 sages?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Captain Safford: That was only done in an emergency.

3 Senator Ferguson: Now, was it your understanding that  
4 the various Japanese embassies had short wave radio and  
5 picked these messages up, or how did the Japanese embassies  
6 get these messages?

7 Captain Safford: Japan sent a series of broadcasts on  
8 short wave to their embassies overseas. They were mostly in  
9 Japanese and I think some of the broadcasts were in voice,  
10 but the important ones were in Morse code and they had radio  
11 receiving apparatus at each embassy and they had an operator  
12 who could take them in and they would change their schedules  
13 from time to time, discuss it in plain language. There was  
14 nothing secret about this arrangement. It was done openly  
15 and aboveboard.

16 Senator Ferguson: But did the Japanese embassies receive  
17 it on their own receiving sets?

18 Captain Safford: The Japanese embassies received it on  
19 their own receiving sets, yes, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: And not on some commercial set?

21 Captain Safford: And not on some commercial set.

22 Senator Ferguson: So that it was going directly to the  
23 various embassies?

24 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: And that was short wave radio?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 Captain Safford: Short wave receiving sets. If they  
3 wanted to send anything back they could not.

4 Senator Ferguson: And did we have short wave receivers  
5 at Tokyo so far as the Navy was concerned?

6 Captain Safford: I cannot say for Tokyo but we did in  
7 most of the capitals of the world. We had to get diplomatic  
8 clearance in every case.

9 Senator Ferguson: Now, how would an embassy, - let us  
10 assume that this kind of a message was received here on  
11 Massachusetts Avenue, where their embassy was, and they  
12 would decode back a message that they had received. How  
13 would they send their message back?

14 Captain Safford: This was normally used just for send-  
15 ing out press, for just information as it calls it, the  
16 general intelligence broadcasts and the news broadcasts.

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes, but how would the Japanese em-  
18 bassy get back a message to Tokyo?

19 Captain Safford: Through commercial radio.

20 Senator Ferguson: Through commercial radio?

21 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: And that is when you were able to  
23 pick up that commercial radio, because they did use the com-  
24 mercial radio?

25 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Senator Ferguson: It was not cable; it was radio?

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Captain Safford: It was practically one hundred per cent  
4 radio.

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Senator Ferguson: That is all.

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The Chairman: Mr. Keefe.

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Mr. Keefe: Captain, where were you born?

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Captain Safford: I was born in Massachusetts.

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Mr. Keefe: I believe you have testified that you have  
10 had 32 years of service in the Navy?

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Captain Safford: Going on 34.

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Mr. Keefe: The statement has been made quite repeatedly,  
13 especially by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, who cross ex-  
14 amined you at length, that you stand alone in your testimony  
15 with respect to this wind's message.

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, regardless of that, Captain Safford, is  
18 the testimony which you have given to this committee what you  
19 believe to be the truth?

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Captain Safford: It is.

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Mr. Keefe: You testified that you have thought that your  
22 testimony would be supported by certain witnesses whom you  
23 named. I take it the four in number were the names you gave  
24 us yesterday?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.



Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: Men who are expected to be witnesses before this committee following your testimony?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You were intimate with Captain Kramer, were you not?

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Captain Safford: I served with him for two years and saw him every day.

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Mr. Keefe: Did you hear Captain Kramer's testimony before the Naval Court of Inquiry?

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Captain Safford: No, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Have you read it since this hearing began?

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Captain Safford: I have read it since this hearing began.

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Mr. Keefe: From that testimony did you obtain the impression that Captain Kramer would support the testimony which you have given here?

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Captain Safford: I did from that testimony.

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Mr. Keefe: And from statements which he had previously made to you?

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Captain Safford: And from statements he had previously made to me.

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Mr. Keefe: Reference has been made by the Senator from Michigan, Mr. Ferguson, to the testimony that has heretofore been given by Admiral Ingersoll, that has been read into the record.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Also some testimony previously given by Admiral Turner with respect to his knowledge of the existence of the win's execute message.

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You have referred to your belief that Captain Sattler also has knowledge of the existence of this win's execute message on or about the 4th of December 1941?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Captain Sattler has also testified --

The Vice Chairman: Colonel Sattler.

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Mr. Keefe: Colonel Sattler I believe it is, yes.

Captain Safford: Yes.

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Mr. Keefe: I don't want to remote him.

You were familiar with the testimony that Colonel Sattler had given before the Army Board?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir, I read that within the two months, - within the past two months also.

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Mr. Keefe: Yes. Now, from the reading of the testimony of these witnesses and from your knowledge of the facts as you have testified to them yourself, was that the basis of the statement which you made in response to Mr. Murphy's questions yesterday that you expected some of these witnesses to justify the position which you have assumed before this inquiry?

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Captain Safford: That is correct. It was not from their own mouths.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, in order that the record may be clear at this time, in view of your previous cross-examination, I call your attention to the testimony of Captain Alwin D. Kramer before the Naval Court of Inquiry, Volume 5, pages 956 and 957, where he was asked question No. 30:

"Q. Commander, I am going to show you some documents and ask you if you saw them on or before the 7th of December, 1941. The first one I shall show you is Document 15 from Exhibit 63."

Now Document 15 was the original set-up of the winds message, was it not?

Captain Safford: I am sorry, I cannot answer that.

Mr. Keefe: I think it will appear later on.

"A. Yes, sir, I did. This was written up by my section.

"Q. Can you recall about when you first saw it?

"A. The fact that the date '28 November' is on here would indicate that I saw it and confirmed it for writing up on that date for the first time. Also, there is an indication at the bottom that it was received by teletype, which would indicate it was handled promptly after received.

"Q. Do you know what action was taken with reference to intercepting any communications which would have executed the phrases of this code?"

Obviously he was referring to this Document 15 being

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1 the original set-up of the winds message.

2 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

3 Mr. Keefe: That is clear, is it not?

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: Then Captain Kramer answers:

6 "On receipt of this particular message, on instructions  
7 of the Director of Naval Communications, Admiral Noyes, I  
8 prepared some cards, about 6 as I recall it, which I turned  
9 over to Admiral Noyes."

10 Now stopping his answer right there, I want to ask  
11 you did you have knowledge of the fact that Captain Kramer  
12 had prepared these cards on the instructions of Admiral  
13 Noyes?

14 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, he did.

15 Mr. Keefe: And those cards were turned over to Admiral  
16 Noyes?

17 Captain Safford: They were turned over.

18 Mr. Keefe: Going on with the quote from Kramer's  
19 testimony:

20 "He indicated that his purpose in getting these cards  
21 was to leave them with certain senior officers of the Navy  
22 Department and I do know that he arranged with Captain  
23 Safford, the head of Op-20-G, the section of Communications  
24 that handled this material, to have any message in this  
25 phraseology handled promptly by watch officers, not only

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1 in Op-20-G but through the regular watch officers of the  
2 Communications section of the Navy Department, to those  
3 people who had the cards. These cards had on them the  
4 expressions contained in this exhibit," - referring to  
5 Exhibit 15 - "and the meaning. Because of that special  
6 arrangement for this particular plain language message,  
7 when such a message came through, I believe either the  
8 third or fourth of December," - I repeat that quote -  
9 "Because of that special arrangement for this particular  
10 plain language message, when such a message came through,  
11 I believe either the third or fourth of December, I was shown  
12 such a message by the GY watch officer, recognized it as  
13 being of this nature, walked with him to Captain Safford's  
14 office, and from that point Captain Safford took the ball.  
15 I believe Captain Safford went directly to Admiral Noyes'  
16 office at that time. Again, because of the fact that this  
17 was a plain language message, and because of the fact  
18 that special arrangements had been made to handle this  
19 Japanese plain language message which had special meaning,  
20 I did not handle the distribution of this particular message,  
21 the one of the third or fourth.

22 "Q. You say it is your recollection that you received  
23 some Japanese plain language words which corresponded  
24 with the language set out in Document 15; is that correct?  
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Witness Safford

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1 "A. My statement was, not that I received it, but  
2 I was shown it.

3 "Q. Can you recall from looking at Document 15 which  
4 Japanese language words you received?

5 "A. Higashi No Kazeame, I am quite certain. The  
6 literal meaning of Higashi No Kazeame is East Wind, Rain.  
7 That is plain Japanese language. The sense of that, however,  
8 meant strained relations or a break in relations, possibly  
9 even implying war with a nation to the eastward, the United  
10 States.

11 "Q. Do you remember in what form this communication  
12 was that you saw which contained the words about which you  
13 have testified, Higashi No Kazeame?

14 "A. I am almost certain it was typewritten. I believe  
15 it was on teletype paper.

16 "Q. Can you recall who had this paper in his possession  
17 when you saw it?

18 "A. I don't recall the name of the officer who had it.  
19 It was, however, the GY watch officer, the man who had the  
20 watch breaking down current systems that were being read.

21 "Q. Can you indicate or state the source of the informa-  
22 tion that was contained in this communication?

23 "A. No, sir, I cannot positively, but the fact that  
24 my recollection is that it came in on teletype would indicate  
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 that it was a U.S. Navy intercept station."

2 Do you remember discussing, in your discussions with  
3 Kramer, that he had given you that information as to what  
4 his knowledge was on this situation prior to the time that  
5 you testified before either the Army Board or Naval Court  
6 or Hewitt examination?

7 Captain Safford: I discussed that with Kramer before  
8 he left Washington to go to Honolulu. I believe it was  
9 late in 1942 or early in 1943. I have not discussed it  
10 with him since.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Captain Safford, I want to get  
12 perfectly clear, in my mind at least, this set-up on the  
13 operation of this teletype device. That hasn't anything  
14 to do with cryptology?

15 Captain Safford: No, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Or anything secret at all. Teletypes are  
17 used all over the country.

18 Captain Safford: Yes.

19 Mr. Keefe: Now, as I understand it, you had direct  
20 wires to your intercept stations on the East Coast and the  
21 West Coast; is that right?

22 Captain Safford: It was just like a long-distance  
23 telephone circuit. It went through switchboards. You rang  
24 the numbers and got your connections, but instead of talking  
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 the messages are typed and automatically printed at the  
2 other end.

3 Mr. Keefe: That is the way all these messages came in?

4 Captain Safford: At that time, yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: At that time?

6 Captain Safford: Yes, sir. We did not have leased lines  
7 at that time.

8 Mr. Keefe: So you had the regular teletype machine  
9 such as they have in a newspaper office or any other offices?

10 Captain Safford: Yes.

11 Mr. Keefe: There is a double roll, as I understand it,  
12 of the receiving paper.

13 Captain Safford: That is correct.

14 Mr. Keefe: On which the words are printed?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: So you would have an original and a copy?

17 Captain Safford: Yes.

18 Mr. Keefe: And it was a regular yellow sheet, was it not?

19 Captain Safford: Yes, a standard copy.

20 Mr. Keefe: A standard yellow sheet copy, the first  
21 sheet and then a carbon for the copy, is that right?

22 Captain Safford: That is correct.

23 Mr. Keefe: And these messages would come in and the  
24 watch officer would take them off the teletype as they would  
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1 come in, and I suppose they would be handed over to the  
2 translators as to anything that might be considered to be  
3 important?

4 Captain Safford: They would have to be decoded first  
5 generally, and then the translator got them.

6 Mr. Keefe: Yes. Now Kramer, in his testimony before  
7 the Navy Court which I have indicated, states with positive-  
8 ness that the watch officer on the 4th of December took a  
9 message off the teletype embodying three of these words,  
10 "Higashi No Kazeame".

11 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: And he states positively that the watch  
13 officer brought that before him and he walked down with  
14 the watch officer. Do you recall that incident?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, I recall that incident.

16 Mr. Keefe: Now let us read on further:

17 "Q. And I believe you have testified that you have no  
18 knowledge of what disposition was made of the communication  
19 after you saw it; is that correct?

20 "A. No first-hand or direct knowledge. It would  
21 simply be inference.

22 "Q. Have you seen that communication since?

23 "A. I have had no occasion to; no, sir.

24 "Q. The question was, have you seen it since?  
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1 "A. I have not, no, sir. I have not because I have  
2 had no occasion to.

3 "Q. Now, referring to the winds message, you were  
4 familiar with the original winds message, wherein they  
5 designated at some future date in a weather report, if they  
6 gave execute and used certain words, it meant certain things?

7 "A. Yes, sir.

8 "Q. Were you standing by for an answer to that message?  
9 Did you consider it important enough that when that message  
10 was received it would be a most important message in reply.  
11 In other words, were you on the lookout for that answer?

12 "A. I am not sure what you mean by 'answer'.

13 "Q. Well, the execute of the message.

14 "A. Yes, sir, not only myself but all that Op-20-G  
15 organization were much much on the qui vive looking for that.  
16 I prefer to refer to that as a warning.

17 "Q. When this execute came in, did you receive it?

18 "A. I did not receive it myself but was shown it by  
19 the watch officer who receives the information coming off  
20 the teletype.

21 "Q. Were you the officer who went to the communications  
22 officer and said, 'Here it is'.

23 "A. I believe I used that expression when I accompanied  
24 the watch officer to Commander Safford's office.  
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"Q. You had that information then?

"A. We had, as I recall it, this typewritten piece of paper with the meaning well in mind.

"Q. About what was the time and date when you got that?

"A. I am not certain. I believe it was about the 4th of December. It may have been the 3rd.

"Q. What did you do with it?

"A. As I indicated before, I did not handle it from there on at all.

"Q. Who handled it?

"A. I left Commander Safford's office as soon as I knew he had the picture and knew what the message was, and I believe he at once went to Admiral Noyes' office. I knew that Admiral Noyes was highly interested in that particularly plain language code because of his previous instruction to me to make out these cards so that he could leave it with certain high officers and the Secretary, all with the view of getting the word to those people promptly, whether it was any time of the day or night.

"Q. When the original winds message was received, was that to your knowledge sent to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations?

"A. I am sure it was, yes, sir.

"Q. When you took the execute of the winds message in

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1 to Captain Safford, and, I believe said, 'Here it is',  
2 did you mean by that exclamation, 'Here it is', that this  
3 was the execution of the Japanese War Plan, or did you have  
4 any further discussion with Captain Safford which would  
5 indicate he thought that this was the message which executed  
6 the Japanese War Plan?  
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8 "A. Nothing of that nature whatsoever. I did not  
9 deliver the message myself. I accompanied the GY watch  
10 officer on the way to Commander Safford's office, and the  
11 expression, 'Here it is', simply meant that finally a  
12 message in this plain language code had come through -- a  
13 message which we had been looking for many days and that we  
14 had made special provisions to handle for many days.

15 "Q. To your mind that was of no more significance than  
16 'here is the message which indicates a break in negotiations  
17 between Japan and the United States'?

18 "A. It meant more than that. This plain language  
19 code did not refer specifically to the United States-Japanese  
20 negotiations. It referred to the general diplomatic rela-  
21 tions between the nations concerned and therefore meant a  
22 critical stage in the negotiations or relations which  
23 could very well involve a break. "

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1           Now, thus Captain Kramer testified before the Navy  
2 Court of Inquiry?

3           Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

4           Mr. Keefe: As I have indicated?

5           Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

6           Mr. Keefe: From that testimony, and from the other  
7 testimony, is that the reason why you testified yesterday  
8 that you had reason to believe that these witnesses would  
9 substantiate the story which you have told to this committee?

10          Captain Safford: It was.

11          Mr. Keefe: And you had reason to believe that you  
12 would not be coming before this committee standing alone,  
13 did you not?

14          Captain Safford: That is right, sir.

15          Mr. Keefe: I shall not take the time to read at  
16 this time the testimony of Colonel Bratton or Colonel  
17 Sadtler. Those witnesses will be here to testify. But  
18 from the whole picture as you had it from the testimony  
19 that these people gave under oath and from the information  
20 which they gave you in the tops you had with them subse-  
21 quently, were you of the opinion that your position would  
22 be corroborated by these witnesses when they came here to  
23 testify?

24          Captain Safford: I believed that they would support  
25 me in general.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, the thing that has puzzled me, and I assume that it must be puzzling to other members of this committee, and I speak with utter and complete frankness, Captain Safford, I am unable to understand any possible interest, personal interest, that you might have in this controversy, and if you have any such personal interest, I would like to have you state it.

Captain Safford: I have no personal interest, except I started it and I have got to see it through.

The Chairman: The guests of the committee will be in order.

Mr. Keefe: You realize, of course, that in view of the implications that have been stated in the cross-examination of you, especially by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, that you have made some rather strong charges?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: That way well militate against your career as a Naval officer. Did you realize that when you came here as a witness?

Captain Safford: I realized that every time I have testified.

Mr. Keefe: And despite the fact that you have nothing personally to gain, and everything to lose, you have persisted in this story every time you have testified?

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Captain Safford: I have.

Mr. Keefe: Now, you have testified that from information which you subsequently obtained, Lieutenant Commander Brotherhood who was standing watch at 5 a.m. on the morning of the 7th had this final 14th part of the 14-part message plus the short message of instructions for its delivery to Secretary Hull at one o'clock?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: I take it that that testimony means, and you will correct me if I am in error, that the message was received, but not yet decoded or translated?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, I am a little confused about the character in which this 14th part message and the short message came in? Did it come in in Japanese or English or what?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, after decoding, after taking it out of the purple machine, one of the messages, the 14th part was in what you might call a modified sort of English, and the other was in a modified form of Japanese.

There were a great many conventional symbols used also in combination which had to be broken down into numbers, capitals, punctuation points, all manner of things like that. So then the message had to be completely retyped

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1 from that and in the case of the Japanese, of course, it  
2 had to be translated into English. So it was not quite  
3 as rapid a job to process them as would be in our own  
4 systems where it comes out straight.

5 Mr. Keefe: Now, you have no knowledge, personal  
6 knowledge, because you weren't there, as to what Brotherhood  
7 did with this message, have you?

8 Captain Safford: Brotherhood told me that --

9 Mr. Keefe: I don't care what he told you.

10 Captain Safford: I have no personal knowledge, no, sir.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, we will get that from Brotherhood  
12 at the proper time. I don't want you to testify to a lot  
13 of hearsay evidence. I want your own knowledge. You know  
14 nothing about what transpired as to the decoding or trans-  
15 lating, or writing of the 14th part message, and the short  
16 message because you were not there?

17 Captain Safford: That is correct, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: Any knowledge which you might have on that  
19 has been gained as a result of conversations with those who  
20 were there?

21 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: Now, you were rather bitterly assailed  
23 yesterday because you were home eating your breakfast in  
24 your pajamas on a Sunday, something which I personally do  
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1 almost every Sunday, but you were assailed as though you  
2 had a direct responsibility to do something about this  
3 situation on Sunday, and failed to do it, although you are  
4 not here on trial. No charge has ever been made by anyone  
5 against you.

6 Now, when you were at home on Sunday, was there any-  
7 thing that you could have done had you been in your office  
8 to have accomplished more than what was done in your absence?

9 Captain Safford: Not one thing, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: You are not a translator, are you?

11 Captain Safford: No, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: You had to rely upon other Army or Navy  
13 translators?

14 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: And on this particular Sunday there weren't  
16 any Navy translators there?

17 Captain Safford: No, sir.

18 Mr. Keefe: You had an arrangement, as I understand  
19 it, that the Army was to do translations on that Sunday?

20 Captain Safford: Kramer had made that arrangement  
21 himself.

22 Mr. Keefe: Previously entered into?

23 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: Although it was the Navy's day to do it,  
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You had done it, as I understood, for the Army on Saturday, and the Army was taking over your duties in Sunday; is that correct?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: So that if you had been there at five o'clock or six o'clock or any other time, you wouldn't have known any more about what was in that message than Brotherhood, would you?

Captain Safford: Less.

Mr. Keefe: Less.

Now, when you left your office at 4:30 or thereabouts, on Saturday, were you violating any order or directive, or regulation of the Navy in so doing?

Captain Safford: On the contrary, sir, I believe the official closing hours were 1 o'clock, but military personnel were supposed to stay on until 4:30. All the civil service employees went home at one o'clock that day in the Navy as well as the War Department.

Mr. Keefe: We had gone on a 40-hour week?

Captain Safford: I believe it was a 40-hour week then, I am not certain.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, counsel has asked you for your beliefs, asked you for conclusions repeatedly as to certain things. You expressed some hesitancy from time to time in

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expressing those conclusions.

In the cross-examination it developed that you at least had a suspicion that there was some attempt in high places, in Opnav and the General Staff, to cover up and to make Kimmel and Short the goats in this transaction.

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Senator Lucas: May I have that last question read?

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(The question referred to, as recorded above, was read by the reporter.)

Mr. Keefe: I didn't mean counsel. I meant Mr. Murphy.

You meant that did you?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Was that suspicion supported, as I believe you testified by the fact of the change in front in certain quarters with respect to this so-called winds execute message?

Captain Safford: It was increased and strengthened by that.

Mr. Keefe: And the disappearance, as you have related of the files relating to the so-called winds execute and certain other intercepts relating to it; is that the way I am to understand your testimony?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, that is correct.

Mr. Keefe: Now, you have testified and Kramer testi-

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1 fied before the Naval Court of Inquiry that this winds  
2 execute message that was received on the 4th was sent  
3 right up to Admiral Noyes?

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: After Admiral Noyes got that message and  
6 the same afternoon were messages prepared and sent out to  
7 Guam and our outlying possessions to destroy their codes  
8 and confidential papers?

9 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, they were.

10 Mr. Keefe: Who drew those messages?

11 Captain Safford: I did myself personally.

12 Mr. Keefe: And were they sent out?

13 Captain Safford: They were all sent out.

14 Mr. Keefe: And did those messages follow in immediate  
15 sequence to the receipt of this so-called winds execute  
16 message?

17 Captain Safford: I began working on them, checking  
18 up to see what we had to do, immediately after the receipt  
19 of the message.

20 Mr. Keefe: And were those messages prompted en-  
21 tirely by the receipt of this winds execute message, so far  
22 as you were concerned?

23 Captain Safford: So far as I was concerned, they were.

24 Mr. Keefe: And did Admiral Noyes approve the sending  
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of those messages for the destruction of codes and confidential papers?

Captain Safford: Admiral Noyes did.

Mr. Keefe: Now, there is something a little peculiar.

As I have been reading this testimony, I am impressed that some of these messages did not get out.

For instance, the message to Guam, didn't get out.

No, I think that message did get out.

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, Guam destroyed everything before they were captured.

Mr. Keefe: Oh, yes. That message got out. I think I was referring, perhaps to the McCollum situation.

When was the McCollum message drawn? I want to get that clear in my mind. In relation to the winds message, if it had any relation to it at all.

Captain Safford: It had apparently been drawn that day. McCollum had sent a message the day before, which Admiral Wilkinson had approved, had released, in fact, and the winds message came in quite early in the morning, about nine o'clock, and I saw the message all typed smooth on the pages, no changes or inter-lining, or anything like that, requiring only a signature, and depositing in the Naval Communications office to be on its way. I saw that message approximately 3 p. m. on Thursday, December 4, 1941.

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Mr. Keefe: You drew a message?

Captain Safford: The messages which I had drawn were up in Admiral Noyes' for discussion with him and his approval at the same time that I saw McCollum's message.

Mr. Keefe: Did the drafting of the McCollum message follow as a result of the receipt of this winds execute message?

Captain Safford: It did.

Mr. Keefe: The messages which you drew to send out after the receipt of the winds execute message to destroy codes, were sent?

Captain Safford: They were.

Mr. Keefe: Now, what happened to the McCollum message?

Captain Safford: I do not know.

Mr. Keefe: Well, now, did you talk with McCollum about drafting this message and getting this warning out?

Captain Safford: I did not talk to McCollum about that message and I did not talk to him about the messages that I was preparing myself that I have any recollection of. We simply got the same signal, and we proceeded to carry out our duties.

Mr. Keefe: You saw the McCollum message that afternoon in Admiral Noyes' office?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: When it was discussed with Admiral

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Captain Safford: No, it was discussed between Admiral

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Noyes, and Admiral Wilkinson.

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Mr. Keefe: Oh, yes, Wilkinson, and they let you read

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Captain Safford: And they let me read it.

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Mr. Keefe: And you are of the opinion that that long

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message which you read which had been drawn by McCollum

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in the last few sentences contained specific reference to

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the winds message - - the winds execute message?

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Captain Safford: Or the same information so that I

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took for granted it was a quotation of the winds message

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or a paraphrase of the winds message.

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Mr. Keefe: You never testified before the Roberts

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Commission, did you?

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Captain Safford: No, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You mean by that, you were not asked to?

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Captain Safford: I was not requested to; I did not

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refuse.

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The Chairman: I didn't understand.

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Captain Safford: I said I was not requested.

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Mr. Keefe: That is all.

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Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman --

The Chairman: Captain, let me ask you a question.

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Questions by: The Chairman.

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2 The Chairman: Captain McCollum testified before  
3 this committee that he never saw the winds execute and  
4 that the message he did prepare was in no way related to  
5 it or based upon it. Notwithstanding that, you insist  
6 on saying that he did see it and that the message he prepared  
7 was based on it.

8 Captain Safford: That his Section had prepared it  
9 and I took for granted that he had prepared it personally  
10 or had O.K.'d it.

11 The Chairman: But a little while ago you said that  
12 both he and you based the messages that you wrote on the  
13 winds execute. Do you modify that now by saying that you  
14 took it for granted?

15 Captain Safford: I took it for granted that McCollum  
16 initialled and approved all the messages released from  
17 the Far Eastern Section.

18 The Chairman: He testified that he never saw any  
19 winds execute message, that his message, the message he  
20 prepared, which was never sent, was not in any related  
21 to or based upon it. If he testified to that, would you  
22 accept his statement on it?

23 Captain Safford: I would think that there must be  
24 two messages, not one. That shorter message which he  
25 described, which I heard him describe, and the longer message,



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Questions by: The Chairman

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2 which I saw myself, and which I saw Admiral Wilkinson leave  
3 Admiral Noyes shortly after three, a few minutes after three,  
4 with in his hand, and he turned around and made the statement  
5 "I am going to send this message if I can get the front  
6 office to release it."

7 The Chairman: Well, you are talking now about the  
8 message that he said he wrote out which was never sent?

9 Captain Safford: I am talking about the long message  
10 which was never sent. When Admiral Wilkinson took it around.

11 The Chairman: These messages that you say you prepared,  
12 under whose name were they sent?

13 Captain Safford: There were five altogether. One I  
14 released myself during the noon hour, because it was a rush  
15 job, and not particularly important. One of them Admiral  
16 Noyes released. The other three involved more than the  
17 destruction of codes, but also destruction of other confi-  
18 dential papers and Admiral Noyes started to release them  
19 himself and then he made some remark to the effect, "Well,  
20 this goes a little bit beyond the cognizance of Naval  
21 Communications and I guess I better take it around and have  
22 Admiral Ingersoll release it." That was done. They were  
23 all released.

24 The Chairman: You didn't sign any of them yourself?

25 Captain Safford: Only one.

Witness Safford

Questions by: The Chairman

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The Chairman: Which one was that?

Captain Safford: I have a copy for the record. I can identify it.

The Chairman: To whom was it sent?

I believe you say that was not particularly important?

Captain Safford: No, sir.

The Chairman: We won't pursue it.

Captain Safford: I only released it to save time.

The Chairman: All right. I waive that.

Now, awhile ago in response to a question by Mr. Keefe you stated that you started out with this story, about which he was asking, and you had to stick to it, go through with it or stick to it, which ever expression you used.

Are you testifying now before this committee because you started out that way --

Captain Safford: No, sir, not on the story.

The Chairman: Well, he was talking about, I think he used the word "story", maybe not, but that is the impression I got, that your version of this thing, you were still sticking to it. I am wondering whether you mean to create the impression that because you started out with it you are going to stick to it?

Captain Safford: No, sir. If the Chairman will give me the opportunity -- I thought that he referred to what might

Witness Safford

Questions by: The Chairman

1 he termed my unsolicited support for Admiral Kimmel.

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3 The Chairman: Well, when you were asked if you had  
4 any personal interest in this matter you said you had not.  
5 Did you disassociate any personal interest you might have  
6 in it with your interest in vindicating Admiral Kimmel to  
7 which you testified yesterday or the day before?

8 Captain Safford: I have no personal interest. I  
9 have never considered myself as anything except distantly  
10 acquainted with Admiral Kimmel. He knew who I was, that  
11 was about all.

12 The Chairman: That is all.

13 Senator Lucas.

14 Senator Lucas: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask one or  
15 two questions along that particular line.

16 Captain, you say you were only slightly acquainted  
17 with Admiral Kimmel before the Pearl Harbor disaster?

18 Captain Kramer: In a personal manner. Officially I  
19 had served under him but not directly under him on several  
20 occasions.

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Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Lucas

1           Senator Lucas: Did you have an intimate acquaintance-  
2 ship with him, or was it a mere passing one?  
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4           Captain Safford: Not at all, sir. It was quite  
5 distant.

6           Senator Lucas: Quite a distant relationship?

7           Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

8           Senator Lucas: Well, now, when you wrote the letter  
9 to Captain Kramer back in 1943 -- is that right?

10          Captain Safford; There was one in December, 1943.

11          Senator Lucas: No one at that time had --

12          The Chairman: The Chair would like to ask the members  
13 of the committee if there is any chance of finishing with  
14 the Captain today. If not, we might as well suspend here.

15          Mr. Murphy: I would like to say that there was a  
16 request made that the Captain produce the letters he had  
17 written to other people. They have not yet been produced.

18          Captain Safford: I will get those at the first oppor-  
19 tunity.

20          Mr. Murphy: A request was made that the Captain produce  
21 the material which he said was denied to him for four  
22 years, and which he only got two weeks ago. That has not  
23 been produced. There are certain other questions still  
24 open and not answered.

25                I am sorry that I am the one to ask these questions;

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1 somebody, if they want the truth, will have to ask them,  
2 and I propose to get the whole truth.

3 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that we  
4 go over until morning.

5 The Chairman: Obviously, we can't finish with the  
6 Captain, and we will suspend until 10:00 o'clock in  
7 the morning.

8 (At the direction of the Chairman, the testi-  
9 mony of Witnesses Beatty and Dillon, previously  
10 taken, is inserted at this point:)

Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Mr. Richardson: I would like to present, Mr. Chairman,  
Admiral Beatty.

The Chairman: Will Admiral Beatty come around?

Admiral, you will be sworn, please.

TESTIMONY OF REAR ADMIRAL FRANK E. BEATTY,

UNITED STATES NAVY

(Admiral Beatty was duly sworn by the Chairman.)

Mr. Richardson: Admiral, will you state your full  
name?

Admiral Beatty: Frank Edmund Beatty, Rear Admiral,  
United States Navy.

Mr. Richardson: How long have you been in the Navy?

Admiral Beatty: Since June, 1912.

Mr. Richardson: Where are you stationed now?

Admiral Beatty: I am now Commander Destroyers Atlantic  
Fleet, with my flagship at Portland, Maine.

Mr. Richardson: What was your engagement in the  
Navy during the year 1941?

Admiral Beatty: I became Aide to Secretary Knox early  
in 1941.

Mr. Richardson: How long did that position continue?

Admiral Beatty: Until March, 1943.

Mr. Richardson: It is a fact, is it not, Admiral, that  
you accompanied Secretary Knox on his trip to Honolulu following

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Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 the Pearl Harbor attack?

2 Admiral Beatty: It is.

3 Mr. Richardson: Where your relations with Knox close  
4 and intimate?

5 Admiral Beatty: Extremely so.

6 Mr. Richardson: How were you connected with his office  
7 in the Navy Department?

8 Admiral Beatty: I was his Naval Aide.

9 Mr. Richardson: Was your office in connection with his?

10 Admiral Beatty: Very close to it; one room removed.

11 Mr. Richardson: When he was on duty in the Navy De-  
12 partment, were you required to be on duty also?

13 Admiral Beatty: I would not say I was required, but  
14 I was normally there whenever he was in the office.

15 Mr. Richardson: Did your connection with Secretary Knox  
16 put you in the position where you had definite knowledge of  
17 specific documents of importance with which he was concerned  
18 in the war effort?

19 Admiral Beatty: I would say most of them, but not  
20 necessarily all of them.

21 Mr. Richardson: When he went to Hawaii with you did  
22 you travel on the same plane?

23 Admiral Beatty: We did.

24 Mr. Richardson: Had frequent conversations with him?  
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Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Admiral Beatty: Many conversations.

2 Mr. Richardson: Were you present at some of his  
3 conferences in Honolulu with Admiral Kimmel?

4 Admiral Beatty: I was present at, I would say, most  
5 of them, yes, sir.

6 Mr. Richardson: Admiral, there has appeared in the  
7 testimony here a report, I think coming from Admiral Kimmel,  
8 that upon meeting Secretary Knox in Honolulu, upon the  
9 Secretary's visit there, Secretary Knox asked Admiral Kimmel  
10 whether Kimmel had received his message, which apparently  
11 had been sent by Knox to Kimmel Saturday night before Pearl  
12 Harbor, and that Kimmel replied, "No, I never received the  
13 message."

14 Now keeping that incident in your mind, I want to ask  
15 you whether you have any information or knowledge or re-  
16 collection or memory of any message that Secretary Knox sent,  
17 or said that he sent, or announced that he thought he sent  
18 to Admiral Kimmel on the Saturday before Pearl Harbor, and  
19 particularly in connection with the receipt of the 13 or  
20 14 parts message that came in on the night of the 6th and  
21 morning of the 7th?

22 Admiral Beatty: I believe I understand the entire  
23 question. I have definitely no knowledge of any message  
24 being sent by Secretary Knox at that time.  
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Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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2 Mr. Richardson: Have you any recollection of his ever  
3 having mentioned such a message to you?

4 Admiral Beatty: I have not.

5 Mr. Richardson: Was any such message, or copy of any  
6 such message returned to his office file, so far as you know?

7 Admiral Beatty: No, not so far as I know.

8 Mr. Richardson: Did Secretary Knox at any time mention  
9 to you any inference on his part that he had either prepared  
10 or authorized such a message?

11 Admiral Beatty: Not to the best of my recollection.

12 Mr. Richardson: In the ordinary routine of messages  
13 would a message from the Secretary of the Navy proceed  
14 directly to a field officer?

15 Admiral Beatty: I would say normally no. Before send-  
16 ing any message which would have been as vital as such a  
17 message would have been he would have taken it up with  
18 the Chief of Naval Operations.

19 Mr. Richardson: So you have any other information,  
20 Admiral, on this point, which would throw any light upon  
21 that transaction?

22 Admiral Beatty: Only this: At the time -- I better  
23 amplify this -- when I speak of the message now I speak of  
24 the message sent by General Marshall and agreed upon by  
25 Admiral Stark, sent over Army circuits or other circuits

Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 to Pearl Harbor as a final warning, and addressed, I believe,  
2 to General Short, to be delivered by him to Admiral Kimmel.  
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4 At the time the message was sent I did not know it  
5 was going out. It was a matter directly, apparently, between  
6 the Secretary and Admiral Stark. When I left Washington  
7 with the Secretary several days later I knew about the  
8 message, but I had apparently the misconceived idea that  
9 the message was sent on Saturday.

10 I came back from Pearl Harbor with that same idea, and  
11 endeavored out there to try to pick up at that end what  
12 became of the message at that end.  
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14 As I remember, we talked to General Short and Admiral  
15 Kimmel about it and found out the time of the receipt of  
16 the message in the Hawaiian Islands, the time it was decoded  
17 and the time it was delivered to those commanders. But there  
18 is nothing now that I can tie to that shows me that my  
19 recollection that the message was sent on Saturday is at  
20 all correct.

21 Mr. Richardson: There was only one message in any case?

22 Admiral Beatty: Only one message, yes.

23 Mr. Richardson: And the message which you thought went  
24 on Saturday was the Marshall message?

25 Admiral Beatty: Was the Marshall-Stark message, yes.

Mr. Richardson: And is the message which is referred to

Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Richardson  
Mr. Murphy

1 in Secretary Knox' report to the President?  
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3 Admiral Beatty: It must have been, yes, sir. I presume  
4 it was. I saw his report to the President and I do not  
5 recollect the reference, but I presume it was the same  
6 message.

7 Mr. Richardson: I have no further questions.

8 Mr. Murphy: I would like to ask a question.

9 The Chairman: Any questions, Congressman Cooper?

10 The Vice Chairman: No questions.

11 The Chairman: Senator George?

12 (No response)

13 The Chairman: Congressman Clark?

14 (No response)

15 The Chairman: Senator Lucas?

16 Senator Lucas: No questions.

17 The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

18 Mr. Murphy: Admiral Beatty, I understand Captain  
19 Safford said that he thought that Lieutenant Commander Kramer  
20 was acting as counsel for the defense for Secretary Knox.  
21 Do you know of anything that Secretary Knox did in regard  
22 to the war effort that needed any defense?

23 Admiral Beatty: Absolutely nothing.

24 Mr. Murphy: Do you know, or did you ever hear of any  
25 such thing as a winds intercept having arrived in Washington

Witness Beatty

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

1 on December 4?

2 Mr. Keefe: Now, Mr. Chairman --

3 Mr. Murphy: (Continuing) Did you ever hear or do you  
4 know of it being brought to the attention of the Secretary  
5 of the Navy, which would show that the Japanese had announced  
6 that there would be war with England and war with the United  
7 States?

8 Mr. Keefe: Just a moment, Mr. Chairman. I do not know  
9 whether we have any rules at all here governing the admission  
10 of evidence, but I understood that Admiral Beatty was being  
11 called here for just one specific thing.

12 If we are going to open up this cross-examination into  
13 a general cross-examination of Admiral Beatty on all things  
14 connected with this I assure you he will not be here for just  
15 a few minutes. I did not understand that that is what he  
16 was being called here for, and under any ordinary rules of  
17 cross-examination, nothing has been asked about the winds  
18 message, and he was not brought here to testify on that  
19 subject.

20 If we are going into it, then let it be understood  
21 that each member of the committee will be privileged to  
22 cross-examine the witness on any subject relating to this  
23 whole controversy.  
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