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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.)

- against -)

ARAKI, SADAO, et. al.)

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I, TATENO, Morio, do swear on my conscience that the following is true:

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A few minutes before 7:00 a.m. on December 8, TANAKA, Junnosuke, whose duty it was to receive the news by telephone from the Imperial Headquarters and prepare the script for broadcasting, answered the telephone in my presence. I witnessed his listening on the telephone and writing something down in his own handwriting. What he had written was handed to me as my script with instructions to broadcast it at 7:00 a.m., December 8th.

I have listened to Document 1633 and have seen Document 1657, the first of which is a phonograph record, the second of which is the official log of the news broadcast and from these documents have refreshed my memory that the actual time of my broadcast was made at 0700 hours, December 8, 1941, on the wave-length of world pick-up instead of 6:00 a.m. as announced in Document 1633. The statement in my broadcast that Imperial Headquarters had announced the outbreak of hostilities at 6 o'clock that morning is, I believe, untrue and I believe that my broadcast was the first publication of this news. The time of 6:00 a.m. was probably placed on the original draft document of which I received a copy from Mr. TANAKA via the telephone and was merely allowing an hour before the actual broadcast, the script of which was sent to Radio Tokyo a few moments before it was meant to be broadcast.

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/s/ Tateno Morio (SEAL)
TATENO, Morio

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned by the above named TATENO, Morio at the Radio Tokyo, this 24th Day of July 1946.

/s/ John F. Hummel
Major J.A.G.D.

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私館野守男ハ一九四一年(昭和十六年)十二月七日(夜)ヨリ八日ニ

カテ東京放送局ニ放送員トシテ勤務シテ申タ。ソノ夜、私ノ勤

務時間ハ十二月七日(夜)六時カラ翌八日(午前)十時マデアツタ。

ソノ夜報道部主事横山シゲトウハ勤務員全員ヲ莫檢シ何

時重大報道ガ入ルカモ知レヌ事ヲ、私達ニ告ゲタ。十二月八日(午前)

七時數分前、大本営カラ報道ヲ受取り放送ノ原稿ヲ用意

スル事ヲ任務トシテ申タ。申中、順之助ハ私ノ居ル前、テ電話ヲ

應答シタ。

彼ガ電話ヲ聽キ、自身テ何カ書キツケテ申ルノヲ見タ。彼ガ書イタモ

ノハ私ノ原稿トシテ十二月八日(午前)七時ニソレヲ放送スベシト言フ

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レタト言フ私ノ記憶ヲ新タシタ。

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 臨時ニリスヲ申上ゲマス。臨時ニリスヲ申上ゲマス。十二月八日午
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 帝國陸海軍部隊ハ今拂曉、西太平洋方面ニ於テ米英
 軍ト戦斗状態ニ入リ。以上ハ大本營陸海軍部隊發表スデアリマス。

館野 守男

Messia Jotama

タテノモリオ

上記館野 守男ニヨリ今一九四六年（昭和二十一年）七月二十四日、
 東京放送局ニ於テ署名者ノ前於テ宣折言シ署名マラレタルモノ
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陸軍少佐 J. A. G. D.

ジョン F. ファンメル

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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Statement by TATENO, Morio, on Time of Broadcast Announcing Opening of Hostilities with America and Britain, December 8, 1941

Date: 24 Jul 46 Original () Copy () Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes (x) No ()

Has it been photostated? Yes () No (x)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: TATENO, Morio

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Violation Hague 3

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

TATENO, who was an announcer at Radio Tokyo December 7th, 8th, 1941, attests that a) night of December 7th, (Tokyo time) Chief of News Section made inspection of personnel and gave them to believe important news was expected, and b) That first announcement of opening of hostilities was at 7 A.M. December 8 (Tokyo time), and not at 6:00 A.M. as noted on original draft of script.

Analyst: W.H. Wagner

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(SEAL)

151. Morio Tateno
TATENO, Morio

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned by the above named TATENO, Morio at the Radio Tokyo, this ~~15th~~ Day of July 1946.

151. John F. Hummel
Major J.A.G.D.
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