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regard to things within his province. That is what the discussion was between Captain Safford and me. He wanted to specify.

Senator Ferguson: Tell the Admiral what to do?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And you thought that that was not the way the Navy did business?

Admiral Noyes: That is right.

Senator Ferguson: Is that right?

Admiral Noyes: That is correct.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Now, did you at that time think Japan was bluffing as far as the United States was concerned?

Admiral Noyes: On what date?

Senator Ferguson: On the 6th.

Admiral Noyes: No, I don't think so, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Prior to that did you think they were bluffing?

Admiral Noyes: Sometimes I would see a message, these intercepted messages, which would have a little bit of a favorable tendency in that direction, but on the whole not.

I never had any feeling that way that lasted over one message.

Senator Ferguson: Then you came to the conclusion

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that this was really business and that Japan was not bluffing in these messages?

Admiral Noyes: I have made a list of messages that you could read that would lead you to believe that they weren't going to war.

Senator Ferguson: They were not going to war?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: They would indicate that they were bluffing. Will you give us those?

Admiral Noyes: 1180, page 181; 842, page 186; 1204, page 192; 844, page 199; 857, page 199; 1393, page 200; 985, page 204; 865, page 208; 1226, page 212; 1243, page 227; 1256, page 227.

Senator Ferguson: I will ask you the occasion for making up that list.

Admiral Noyes: Sir?

Senator Ferguson: What was the occasion of making up that list?

The Chairman: Did you finish your answer to the former question? Did you complete your answer to the former question after you read that list? The Chair thought you started to say something else.

Admiral Noyes: No, sir. I think Senator Ferguson asked me if I ever thought there wasn't going to be war. As

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Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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2 nations and Japan through some clash of arms and add that
3 the time of the breaking out of this war may come quicker
4 than anyone dreams."

5 Admiral Noyes: If you go back, I think you will find
6 that the preceding one to that shows that the Japanese told
7 Hitler that they were afraid if they went ahead with Thailand
8 that we would intervene.

9 Also at this time Hitler was trying to get Japan to
10 go to war with Russia. My general conclusion was -- I merely
11 meant to say, Senator Ferguson, that in going over all of
12 them there are times when you see some evidence of Japan
13 trying to do something to smooth things over, but the net
14 result was certainly all to the bad.

15 Senator Ferguson: Well, look at the one on page 195.
16 They are referring there to the message of the 26th:

17 "Therefore, with a report of the views of the Imperial
18 Government on this American proposal which I will send you
19 in two or three days, the negotiations will be de facto
20 ruptured. This is inevitable."

21 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir. That is one of the worst ones.

22 Senator Ferguson: That didn't leave much doubt, did
23 it?

24 Admiral Noyes: Well, look at the one, if you will, sir
25 on page 197, that follows that.

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2 Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman, what are we after
3 with this examination?

4 The Chairman: The Chair doesn't know.

5 Mr. Richardson: I don't think the witness knows any-
6 thing about these dispatches, and I don't think his opinion
7 amounts to anything, therefore.

8 The Chairman: The Chair can't pass on that question,
9 but the Chair has been unable to see just where this meticu-
10 lous inquiry about these particular messages leads.

11 It may be that the Senator from Michigan can explain
12 it.

13 Senator Ferguson: I am not going to comment upon the
14 evidence, but the witness gave me a list of messages and
15 I was inquiring about some other messages that seem to
16 contradict the ones he had.

17 Mr. Richardson: I know, but my suggestion is that the
18 list of messages is just as far out of relevance in this
19 proceeding. I want to get through with it and get through
20 with this witness.

21 The Chairman: The Chair would like to cooperate, and
22 I am sure the member at the far end of the table to the
23 left would also be glad if we could do that.

24 Mr. Richardson: I have no witness to follow this witness
25 this afternoon, so perhaps I shouldn't have interrupted.

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2 Senator Ferguson: The witness has been on the stand
3 all day, and I have only had him for a short time.

4 The Chairman: It has perhaps only been a short time,
5 but it probably just seems long.

6 Mr. Richardson: No, I don't ever make that criticism;
7 I just wondered whether we couldn't get along.

8 Senator Ferguson: Of course, I am not accustomed to
9 ask the other members of the committee what questions I
10 should ask; neither do I ask counsel.

11 Senator Brewster: Mr. Chairman, I think if the committee
12 is able to endure it, counsel ought to be able to do so, and
13 I think that the propriety of counsel raising these issues
14 is somewhat open to question.

15 Members of the committee have repeatedly raised that
16 question but I hadn't supposed that we secured counsel in
17 order for him to tell us how to cross-examine witnesses.

18 I regret that the issue has been raised in just this
19 way.

20 The Chairman: The Chair would like to say that counsel
21 were secured, not only present counsel, but all counsel, to
22 assist and guide the committee in the interrogation of wit-
23 nesses and the elucidation of facts, and the Chair sees no
24 impropriety in counsel suggesting that the witness's testi-
25 mony might be terminated. The whole thing started by counsel

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hl3 2 asking the Chair a question that he couldn't answer. From
3 there on, it went.

4 Mr. Richardson: I just want to say that I agree
5 with Senator Brewster. I have been waiting for some kick
6 in the shins when I made one of these objections, but this
7 is the first time I have received it.

8 I won't do it any more.

9 The Chairman: The Chair hopes that counsel will feel
10 free to kick any shins that need to be kicked. Maybe we
11 ought to have done more of that.

12 Will you proceed so that we can finish with the Admiral
13 today if possible?

14 Senator Ferguson: I might say that I haven't questioned
15 the Chairman's questions to the witnesses.

16 The Chairman: You haven't had much chance, because the
17 Chair has asked very few questions of any witness.

18 Go ahead.

19 Senator Ferguson: I could say many things right now
20 but for the purpose of getting through with the witness I
21 will not say them.

22 I just want to find out why you prepared this list of
23 messages that you just read.

24 Admiral Noyes: Senator, I have been waiting to testify,
25 present in this committee room, since last Monday. For two

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1 weeks before last Monday I have been standing by away
2 from the committee room.
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4 I made it purely for my own information; while study-
5 ing it over I made notes, as I read through this exhibit 1,
6 which was given to me by counsel for the committee.

7 Senator Ferguson: Did you make any list that would
8 indicate that they were going to war?

9 Admiral Noyes: That is a combination of both, sir.
10 It is a list of both. It has to do with the probability of
11 war. Negative or positive.

12 Senator Ferguson: As I understand it, then, the list
13 is on both sides?

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir, and I am very sorry that I
15 brought this up. I tried to tell you this is my personal
16 opinion and I recognize the fact that I didn't have any
17 business to express my personal opinion on this matter.

18 The Chairman: You were asked if you stated to Captain
19 Safford that you thought the Japanese were bluffing and
20 in answer to that question, I think you went into this.

21 Admiral Noyes: That is where I got into it, yes.

22 The Chairman: You were led into it. You didn't just
23 go into it.

24 Senator Ferguson: Is the Chair through?

25 The Chairman: For the moment.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Of course, other people have tried
3 to take me off the track, but I will ask more questions
4 anyway.

5 Admiral, it is your understanding that the Navy sent
6 direct communications, that is, the direct intercepts to
7 Admiral Kimmel prior to July, 1941, or up until sometime
8 in July 1941?

9 Admiral Noyes: I tried to explain that in my answer
10 this morning by saying we had a strict rule not to send
11 exact translations or direct reference to enemy intercepted
12 messages mixed up with any other Navy business. There was
13 no objection to sending from time to time an exact trans-
14 lation of any message under my cognizance for the purpose
15 of helping people who had had it as a reference in other
16 messages.

17 In other words, for the mechanics of decrypting.

18 Senator Ferguson: If you look back on the question,
19 we will get through quicker. If you will try to keep to
20 the question.

21 Admiral Noyes: I know of no reason why there were
22 less after July than before July unless it was on account
23 of the international situation.

24 Senator Ferguson: On May 26, 1941, did you know that
25 Admiral Kimmel had written a letter to Admiral Stark asking

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1 him specifically for this kind of information?

2 Admiral Noyes: I did not, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Did you know there was a circular
4 sent out through the various departments along that line?

5 Admiral Noyes: A circular, Senator?

6 Senator Ferguson: Yes, to the various departments.

7 Admiral Noyes: In regard to magic?

8 Senator Ferguson: No, about sending information direct
9 to Kimmel.

10 Admiral Noyes: I had nothing to do with that, sir.
11 That was the Director of Naval Intelligence, who sent out
12 information.

13 The messages I sent were at the request of someone
14 else.

15 Senator Ferguson: You say there may have been a change
16 from July until November because of the international situa-
17 tion. Will you explain what you mean by that answer?

18 Admiral Noyes: I understood your question, Senator
19 Ferguson, to be on the assumption that the number of mes-
20 sages sent out decreased after July.

21 Senator Ferguson: There isn't any doubt about that.
22 That is what I was asking about, and that is a fact, as I
23 take it from this record.

24 Admiral Noyes: I had nothing to do with the preparation
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1 of the record, and I supposed the record was supposed to
2 bear on subsequent events.
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4 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever get an order from
5 Admiral Stark on that?

6 Admiral Noyes: I did not, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Admiral Ingersoll?

8 Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Anyone, to your knowledge?

10 Admiral Noyes: All of the orders in regard to the
11 handling of magic came from the Chief of Naval Operations.
12 I could make no change in the orders or the general policy
13 without his approval.

14 Senator Ferguson: Then, as far as you were concerned,
15 there was no change in policy, as far as you personally
16 were concerned, you knew of no change in the policy of
17 sending messages to Admiral Kimmel?

18 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Now, Admiral Turner has indicated
20 on this record -- I want you to be specific on this -- that
21 be obtained some information from you that Admiral Kimmel
22 was getting all of the magic, and Admiral Stark to the same
23 effect.

24 What have you got to say about that?

25 Did you believe that Admiral Kimmel was getting all

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2 of the magic?

3 Admiral Noyes: I knew that he was not, sir. It
4 would not have been a possibility to do it. There was no
5 way to get the messages to him.

6 Senator Ferguson: And there was no way for him to decode
7 it?

8 Admiral Noyes: That is correct.

9 Senator Ferguson: You knew specifically that Admiral
10 Kimmel or his source there did not have any machinery or
11 equipment to decipher or decode magic, that is purple?

12 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir. Magic includes all.

13 Senator Ferguson: Yes. I changed it to purple.

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: What is your answer?

16 Admiral Noyes: Purple.

17 Senator Ferguson: You knew that?

18 Admiral Noyes: I knew that, yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did you know of anyone ever asking
20 you that question as to whether or not they were able to
21 get purple or not?

22 Admiral Noyes: No, sir, except when it was discussed
23 when the machine was sent to Cavite, when the purple
24 machine was sent to Cavite the decision had to be made
25 between Cavite and Honolulu. It was sent by the approval of

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2 Naval Operations because it was the best listening post
3 for us. It wasn't sent for the benefit of Admiral Hart.
4 That was a secondary consideration.

5 Senator Ferguson: Will you tell us when it was sent to
6 Cavite?

7 Admiral Noyes: No, sir, I cannot.

8 Senator Ferguson: What year?

9 Admiral Noyes: 1941, I think.

10 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what part of 1941?

11 Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: With whom did you discuss the question?

13 Admiral Noyes: Admiral Stark and Admiral Ingersoll.

14 Admiral Ingersoll certainly, and I think with Admiral Stark.

15 Senator Ferguson: At that time did the British have
16 their's, their machine?

17 Admiral Noyes: I think so, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: We had already sent one to the British,
19 is that correct?

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Senator Ferguson: We had already sent one to the British, is that correct?

Admiral Noyes: The Navy did not do that, so I am not sure of that.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know who did furnish the British with the deciphering machine?

Admiral Noyes: I am not familiar with the -- I cannot give you a specific answer to the question. I imagine it was the Army, sir.

Senator Ferguson: At least you don't know who did it?

Admiral Noyes: I don't recollect. I didn't have anything to do with it. I did not do it personally.

Senator Ferguson: But you did have a discussion with Admiral Stark that you only had the one machine and it could be sent to Cavite and not sent to Hawaii?

Admiral Noyes: I recommended that it be sent to Cavite because that was the best place to intercept Japanese traffic and receive information during that time and that was-- I will say that that was about the time of the message that the counsel put in the record this morning, when we sent a joint message to the Philippines, the Commanding General in the Philippines and the Commandant 16th Naval District to make a full exchange at their end of the line.

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Senator Ferguson: Do you know when --

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Admiral Noyes: I think that was March 1941.

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Senator Ferguson: You say this is in March 1941?

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Admiral Noyes: I think the message was sent in March
1941 and it would have had to be, -- the machine would have
had to be there before the message was sent.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, do you know whether you discussed
that matter with Admiral Turner?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: And would your answers be the same on
Admiral Turner about a conversation of purple being translated
at Hawaii, as it was with Admiral Stark, that you do not re-
call any such statement to Admiral Turner or Admiral Stark
on that question, that Kimmel was getting the purple?

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Admiral Noyes: In regard to Admiral Turner, his testi-
mony indicates that he was referring to traffic analyses and
I think that he got confused between the business that Com-
mander Rochefort was describing this morning in his testimony,
the analysis of traffic, radio direction finder bearings
and that kind of strictly naval work as contrasted with diplo-
matic dispatches, which was what was the primary use of the
purple code.

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Senator Ferguson: Were you at the time breaking the
Japanese navy code?

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Admiral Noyes: We were working on them. Actually we -- it is a relative matter with all codes. There is no code ever read -- there is no one code ever read a hundred per cent. We speak of it in percentage. Some codes can be read ten per cent, some ninety per cent, and I never heard of any one that could be read for any length of time a hundred per cent.

Senator Ferguson: How much of the navy code were you in 1941 able to read?

Admiral Noyes: I would have to refer you to Commander Rochefort's testimony.

Senator Ferguson: You don't know?

Admiral Noyes: Not of my own knowledge. I heard him this morning but I do not recollect his exact statement.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether we were able to read all of it, whether there was a top and a lower code?

Admiral Noyes: Whether we could read all Japanese naval codes?

Senator Ferguson: Yes.

Admiral Noyes: The naval codes have given us much more trouble than the other codes in general, that is the reason that we had -- since it was directly naval traffic, before I took over the job we had that setup, with the people in Hawaii concentrated on the naval systems and they were the hardest

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2 and they had not got as far as we had with the diplomatic
3 through more or less luck.

4 Senator Ferguson: Now, there is one message that is men-
5 tioned in Safford's testimony; that is No. 843, on November
6 the 27th, 1941, prescribing a schedule of Tokyo news broadcasts.
7 That is just a short time after -- it is not in a book. That
8 is just a short time after the setting up of the wind code.
9 I will send it to you so that you can see it. It is from
10 Tokyo to Washington, 27th of November 1941, purple 843 is the
11 number (handing document to witness).

12 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever see that before?

14 Admiral Noyes: I could not say, sir. I probably did.
15 I am familiar with what it means. It was used in connection
16 with the -- Captain Safford thought it had a connection with
17 the wind's execute. It is a list of Japanese stations and
18 their frequencies.

19 Senator Ferguson: Yes. When did Captain Safford discuss
20 that with you, or was that what you took from his testimony?

21 Admiral Noyes: Oh, we discussed, as soon as the --

22 Senator Ferguson: Oh, when it came in?

23 Admiral Noyes: When the wind's execute came in. This came
24 in actually prior to the -- well, it came in the -- they were
25 translated the same day apparently. This was the day before,

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2 this schedule message came in a day before the setup for the
3 wind's code was sent out from Tokyo or, rather, it was sent out
4 a day before, as I remember it.

5 Senator Ferguson: No.

6 Admiral Noyes: No, I am wrong on that.

7 Senator Ferguson: On the 19th.

8 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: It was sent out on the 19th.

10 Admiral Noyes: It was not translated until the 28th.

11 Senator Ferguson: That is right.

12 Admiral Noyes: We got them both translated on the same day.

13 Senator Ferguson: Do you recall a discussion with Safford
14 that the message that he has now referred to in his testimony,
15 that is not in the book, Number 843, which I have shown you,
16 had something to do with setting up a program for this wind
17 code?

18 Admiral Noyes: Well, for the reason, I should say, that
19 does not check, because the wind's code had been sent out on the
20 19th and this schedule was not set up until the 27th, so it
21 could not --

22 Senator Ferguson: I just want to know whether you had a
23 discussion with him?

24 Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, didn't you tell us that you did

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2 have a discussion with him at some time?

3 Admiral Noyes: I did have a discussion --

4 Senator Ferguson: When?

5 Admiral Noyes: (Continuing) -- in regard to the imple-
6 menting winis coin.

7 Senator Ferguson: When?

8 Admiral Noyes: At about the time that it came in.

9 Senator Ferguson: And was it on that schedule that I
10 have shown you, 843?

11 Admiral Noyes: I have no specific recollection of any
12 discussion of this particular schedule. I am perfectly
13 willing to accept his statement that he thought that this
14 schedule was received,--that this schedule was likely to be
15 one on which the winis execute might be received. He may
16 have said that; I don't know.

17 Senator Ferguson: That is all.

18 The Chairman: Mr. Keefe?

19 Mr. Keefe: In view of the fact, Admiral, that there was
20 a little discrepancy as to the time you testified before
21 the Navy Court I have checked that record and find that it
22 was in September 1944 and not December.

23 Admiral Noyes: Thank you, sir. My recollection was at
24 fault.

25 Mr. Keefe: The Navy Court had concluded its hearings on

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2 the 19th of October 1944.

3 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

4 Mr. Keefe: The Hewitt examination followed and took place
5 in December.

6 Now, I am very much mystified by certain portions of your
7 testimony and some time or other in the course of trying to
8 work out some sort of a report to come to some determination
9 on this testimony we will have to judge the witnesses that
10 testified and we have got to believe some.

11 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir, I realize that.

12 Mr. Keefe: And that is going to be a pretty difficult
13 task in view of the testimony that has been given here, as I
14 see it.

15 Admiral Noyes: I have been here this past week, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Now, I would like to refer you to the testi-
17 mony which you gave before the Navy Court of Inquiry and I
18 want to ask you whether or not this question was asked you,
19 or these questions were asked you and if you make these
20 answers? This is question 82:

21 "Q. What special circumstances or procedures were
22 set up in your office for the handling of the execution
23 signal of the winds code system if and when the execu-
24 tion signal was received?

25 "A. We had a special twenty-four hour watch for all

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2 Communication Intelligence matters.

3 "Q. Were there any special cards prepared giving
4 the Japanese words that were expected and these cards,
5 sets of them, delivered to persons in the Navy Department
6 who would be particularly interested upon the receipt
7 of the execution of that signal?

8 "A. I could not say."

9 Now, I want to stop right there.

10 Admiral Noyes: Did you say question 82, sir?

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, that is the way it appears in our re-
12 cord, questions 82 and 83. I read you the questions and read
13 you the answers..

14 Now the question is were those questions asked you and
15 did you make those answers before the Naval Board of Inquiry?

16 Admiral Noyes: Yes, Mr. Keefe.

17 Mr. Keefe: Now you come before us in this matter and you
18 say that after hearing the testimony of Captain Kramer you
19 think that you did direct the preparation of some cards. Now,
20 did you or didn't you?

21 Admiral Noyes: I stated that I had a discussion with
22 Captain Safford after my return to Washington this summer
23 which --

24 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, the question is -- pardon me. I
25 don't want to interrupt you but I would like to have this as

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2 short and as succinct and as clear as possible without a lot
3 of rapping around the bush. Did you or did you not direct
4 the preparation of these cars?

5 Admiral Noyes: I authorized the preparation of them, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: Well, is there a distinction to be made be-
7 tween authorization and direction?

8 Admiral Noyes: I think that the suggestion probably came
9 from Captain Safford or Captain Kramer and I approved of its
10 being done. They were in my division.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, can't you answer that specific ques-
12 tion? Did you yourself direct the preparation of those cars?

13 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

14 Mr. Keefe: Can you answer that yes or no?

15 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Well, then the answer is "Yes, sir". We have
17 got that much settled then. Now, the next question is were
18 those cars prepared?

19 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: And who prepared them?

21 Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect, sir.

22 Mr. Keefe: Were they delivered to you?

23 Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect, sir. They were de-
24 livered to me or to the ones who were to use them but I do not
25 know that I made the delivery or Kramer. I should think that

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Kramer would have been probably the one to deliver it.

3 Mr. Keefe: I don't care for argumentation that is not an
4 answer. I am asking you a simple questions and they can have
5 simple and direct answers. That has been the trouble with
6 this whole hearing, every answer is an argument; instead of
7 being an answer to the question we go off around the bush and
8 saying all around about what this one said and that one said
9 and everything else instead of getting a direct answer to the
10 question.

11 Now, I am going to have difficulty, in passing on the
12 character of the witnesses that testified here, to determine
13 who is telling the truth. They cannot all be telling the
14 truth, as I have listened to this testimony and I want to see
15 if we cannot pin some of these things down. We have now
16 reached the point where you have testified here that you did
17 direct the preparation of these cars.

18 Admiral Noyes: And that the cars were distributed.

19 Mr. Keefe: Distributed to whom?

20 Admiral Noyes: I should say, to the best of my recollec-
21 tion --

22 Mr. Richardson: He is asking you for your personal know-
23 ledge now.

24 Mr. Keefe: I am asking you to testify not about what
25 somebody else told you or somebody told him or what you heard

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 here in this room. I am asking you to test your recollection
3 and your knowledge of the things that you are testifying
4 about, trying to apply what are ordinary rules of evidence
5 and the construction of evidence.

6 To whom were those cards distributed?

7 Admiral Noyes: If you ask me to whom I personally de-
8 livered the cards, I do not recollect.

9 Mr. Keefe: To whom were they delivered by your direc-
10 tion?

11 Admiral Noyes: I believe that they were delivered to
12 the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations,
13 Admiral Wilkinson, the Naval Aide, probably Admiral Turner.

14 Mr. Keefe: The Naval Aide to whom?

15 Admiral Noyes: The Naval Aide to the President.

16 Mr. Keefe: Yes. Now, it is perfectly sensible, is it
17 not, Admiral Noyes, that that procedure would have been in-
18 dulged in due to the importance that had been previously at-
19 tached to this wireless code that had been set up?

20 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: And the evidence is before this committee
22 that as to no other message other than this proposed wireless
23 execute was any such arrangement made. That is true, isn't
24 it?

25 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: Yes. It is also true, is it not, that due
3 to the fact of secrecy of magic these cards would not have
4 been delivered to any persons other than those entitled to
5 receive ultra-magic, isn't that true?

6 Admiral Noyes: That is true, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: And the very purpose of delivering these
8 cards was so that when and if this wind's code execute mes-
9 sage came in it would be possible to immediately contact the
10 recipients of those cards and advise them of the receipt of
11 that message, isn't that true?

12 Admiral Noyes: At night, sir.

13 Mr. Keefe: Well, at night, yes. They could have those
14 cards at home with them, isn't that true?

15 Admiral Noyes: That was the idea of the cards.

16 Mr. Keefe: So you had a plan set up by which a telephone
17 message could be sent to the Chief of Naval Operations or to
18 the President or to this one or that one of the six that you
19 have named and they could be given language that would indi-
20 cate to them what the wind's execute message was and by turn-
21 ing to the card they could interpret it and understand it,
22 isn't that true?

23 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: Now, you devised that plan yourself, didn't
25 you?

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Admiral Noyes: I am not sure whether I devised it or whether it was suggested to me. It may have been a joint affair. It came, - Kramer and Safford and myself --

Mr. Keefe: I am trying to give you the credit.

Admiral Noyes: Sir?

Mr. Keefe: I am trying to give you the credit in this case.

Admiral Noyes: Well, Safford I see took credit for it already.

Mr. Keefe: Safford does not take credit for that. The testimony of both Captain Kramer and Captain Safford is that this whole card system was your production.

Admiral Noyes: Well, it was undoubtedly my direction.

Mr. Keefe: All right.

Admiral Noyes: I thought you asked me if I initiated the idea, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, we have got this far, that the cards were made out, they were distributed and in the hands of those entitled to receive ultra-maglo. You are sure about that, aren't you?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Before this committee now, that much you are sure of?

Admiral Noyes: Yes.

Mr. Keefe: There can be no mistake about that?

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: So that subsequent refreshment won't change your opinion later, is that right?

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Admiral Noyes: My opinion has only been changed once, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, I am not so certain about that if I go through your testimony, as I will before we get through.

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The Chairman: You mean today?

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Admiral Noyes: I mean this particular incident.

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Mr. Keefe: What is that?

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Admiral Noyes: I did not mean that there was only one discrepancy. I mean that I changed my opinion on this after talking to Captain Safford upon my return to Washington.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, what I want to be sure is what you are testifying to now a fact?

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Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: I am asking for facts.

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Admiral Noyes: To the best of my recollection it is a fact.

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Mr. Keefe: Not rumors, suspicions and not conjectures and not composite ideas resulting from conversations where you worked out something to say, but I am asking for simple facts. You realize that, do you not?

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Admiral Noyes: I understand that, Mr. Keefe.

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Mr. Keefe: And the reason I am asking it is because
3 this question was asked you. Question 84:

4 "As a possible refreshing of your memory, there has
5 been testimony given before this court that prior to the
6 receipt of the execution signal you had prepared a series
7 of six cards and each had been delivered to officials in
8 the Navy Department who would be particularly anxious to
9 know of this execute signal at the earliest moment it was
10 received. Do you now recall if any such system was
11 established?

12 "No, I could not say."

13 That is what you told the Court of Inquiry?

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: But since that time, after talking with other
16 individuals you now are prepared to come here under oath and
17 tell this committee as a fact what you have stated to us this
18 afternoon in respect to those cards, is that right?

19 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir. One other individual, not in-
20 dividuals.

21 Mr. Keefe: Yes. Now, was this question asked you before
22 the Naval Court of Inquiry at that time:

23 "Q. Then at no time did you learn from anyone
24 the execution of the win's message in any form and at no
25 time did you tell anyone of the execution in any form of

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 the win's message, is that the way you want to leave your
3 testimony on this subject?

4 "A. That is right, yes."

5 Now, you want that changed before this committee, do you
6 not?

7 Admiral Noyes: I do not, sir. I have stated before this
8 committee that there was no authentic execute on the win's
9 message.

10 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Admiral, I don't want to split
11 hairs.

12 Admiral Noyes: I am not trying to split hairs, Mr. Keefe.

13 Mr. Keefe: I think you are.

14 Admiral Noyes: I am sorry.

15 Mr. Keefe: Now, listen to this question that was asked
16 you:

17 "Then at no time did you learn from anyone of the
18 execution of the win's message in any form."

19 Admiral Noyes: I did not take that question to be an
20 execute, a false execute at the time. That is the reason I
21 answered as I did.

22 Mr. Keefe: All right. Question 136. Was this question
23 asked you and did you make this answer:

24 "Q. Referring to this win's message and the execute
25 of the win's message, have you any recollection whether Lieu-

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 tenant Commander Kramer came in with an execute of the
3 wind's message and said, 'Here it is'?

4 "A. As I remember it we received some outside in-
5 formation which afterwards turned out not to be correct."

6 What information was taken to mean that an execute of
7 this wind's message had been received which turned out not to
8 be correct? Did you make that answer?

9 Admiral Noyes: That it turned out not to be correct?

10 Mr. Keefe: Now I am not asking you that. I am asking
11 you the simple question --

12 Admiral Noyes: Well, I haven't been able to find it.

13 Mr. Keefe: Well, I assumed that you made it because I
14 am reading it from the record.

15 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Admiral Noyes, Captain Kramer has
17 testified that the watch officer on duty, as he says, on the
18 5th of December came to his door and handed him a message
19 that had just been taken off the teletype. Captain Kramer
20 looked at it and told this committee that he believed at that
21 time that it was an authentic wind's execute message; that
22 he walked down with the watch officer to Captain Safford's
23 office and said to Captain Safford, "Here it is".

24 Kramer says that Safford then carried the ball from there
25 on and indicated that he had gone to your office. Captain

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 Safford said that he sent one of his subordinates to your
3 office with that message.

4 Now, my question is did a message, true or false, good or
5 bad, of the character described by Captain Safford and Cap-
6 tain Kramer reach your office either on the 4th or 5th of
7 December?

8 Admiral Noyes: I could not give you a specific answer
9 to that question, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: Why not?

11 Admiral Noyes: Because to say that a false message writ-
12 ten on yellow teletype paper, - I cannot say that a message
13 written on yellow teletype paper was not delivered to me in
14 my office on the 4th or the 5th.

15 Mr. Keefe: Well, was it ever delivered to you?

16 Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: Then we are to understand that your memory
18 fails on that subject, is that right? You have no recollec-
19 tion of receiving this message, regardless of whether you con-
20 sidered it to be a true win's execute or a false win's ex-
21 ecute, you cannot tell this committee whether you received
22 such a message?

23 Admiral Noyes: With the exception that I have a partial
24 recollection of receiving a message with a Russian slant,
25 which caused a dispute and that would fit in with a win's

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 message except for some parts of Captain Safford's testimony.
3 I testified to that this morning, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: Now, the difficulty that I have with this
5 testimony of yours is that Colonel Sattler, who has apparent-
6 ly told the same story all through all these hearings, comes
7 before this committee and says that he received a telephone
8 message from you on the 5th, in which you told him that the
9 win's execute message was in.

10 Now, he testified meticulously that he talked to Colonel
11 Bratton; that Colonel Bratton took a piece of paper out of
12 his pocket with some words on it, looked at them and said to
13 Colonel Sattler, "What were the words on this?" And Sattler
14 did not get them. They then talked to General Miles and
15 General Miles told him to call you on the telephone and ascer-
16 tain the exact words on the message and Colonel Sattler says
17 he did call you on the telephone and that you told him that
18 you were busy, that you were just going to a meeting and did
19 not have time to talk to him.

20 Now, your testimony is, if I understand it, that your
21 mind is a blank as to all of that, you have no recollection
22 of anything of that kind taking place. Is that right?

23 Admiral Noyes: I testified that I had talked to Colonel
24 Sattler numerous times during that week. I have no recollec-
25 tion of a conversation such as he describes. I believe from

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 listening to his testimony yesterday that he said it was a
3 message regarding only severance of relations with the Brit-
4 ish that he refers to.

5 Mr. Keefe: Well, my dear sir, Colonel Saitler never saw
6 the message. The only thing that Colonel Saitler knows about
7 it is what you told him and he told us that you told him that
8 over the telephone.

9 Admiral Noyes: He said in his testimony yesterday I told
10 him there was a message in that looked like severance of re-
11 lations with the British.

12 Mr. Keefe: Exactly, that is what Colonel Saitler said
13 that you told him over the phone.

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

15 Mr. Keefe: And when he reported that to Colonel Bratton,
16 Colonel Bratton wanted him to tell him what was the Japanese
17 word upon it and Saitler could not tell Bratton that and Gen-
18 eral Miles directed him to call you back and get the exact
19 words that were in the message and you said you were busy and
20 going to attend a meeting.

21 Now, you wouldn't think Colonel Saitler could possibly
22 be mistaken and make up a story that was not absolutely true
23 in that respect, do you?

24 Admiral Noyes: I should be very sorry to think that any
25 of these witnesses were intentionally mistaken, sir.

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: Well, do you think that took place exactly as Colonel Sattler stated?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Then do you deny that it did take place?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not, sir. I deny that it took place exactly as he said.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, then you tell us what did take place?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not know, sir. I would not have said that the message is in just the way I have been quoted. I might very well have called him and told him that we had a questionable message that we were considering and that is the most that I would have done, or that could have resulted in the train of circumstances that occurred.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, now, that is an argument. That is not a statement of facts, Admiral.

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Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect that I made any such remarks over the telephone as Colonel Sattler states that I made.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, you do not want to testify under oath that you did not, do you?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not, sir. I stated that I hadn't a recollection.

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Mr. Keefe: Then the nature of your story is you do not remember what was said?

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Or you don't remember that there was even a telephone conversation?

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Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, then, why then build up something and argue and say that if I had a telephone conversation I may have said so and so when your recollection is a perfect blank and you don't know whether you telephoned him at all or not, and you certainly don't remember what you did say if you did telephone. Now, that is a fair assumption, isn't it?

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Admiral Noyes: You are right, Mr. Keefe.

Mr. Keefe: All right. Then let us get down to some facts. Now, did you talk to anyone else about this winis code execute that you do remember about?

Admiral Noyes: I have no recollection of specific conversations with anyone else in regard to false executes on the winis message.

Mr. Keefe: I did not ask you for your recollection as to specific conversations. I asked you the simple question did you talk to anyone else? We will go to the question as to what the conversation was in a minute.

Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did you talk to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Stark?

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Or you don't remember that there was even a telephone conversation?

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Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

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Admiral Noyes: You are right, Mr. Keefe.

Mr. Keefe: All right. Then let us get down to some facts. Now, did you talk to anyone else about this wind's code execute that you do remember about?

Admiral Noyes: I have no recollection of specific conversations with anyone else in regard to false executes on the wind message.

Mr. Keefe: I did not ask you for your recollection as to specific conversations. I asked you the simple question did you talk to anyone else? We will go to the question as to what the conversation was in a minute.

Admiral Noyes: I do not recollect, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Did you talk to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Stark?

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Admiral Noyes: In regard to the execute you mean?

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Mr. Keefe: In regard to this message that had been brought
3 to your office.
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Admiral Noyes: I have no recollection of discussing it
6 with him personally. You mean in regard to the setup, I as-
7 sume, and not the execution.

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Mr. Keefe: I am talking about the execute message.

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Admiral Noyes: The execution I did not ever discuss with
the Chief of Naval Operations.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, I want to ask you if these questions were
put to you and did you make these answers before the Naval
Court of Inquiry? Question No. 141.

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"In my previous examination I asked you" --

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The Chairman: May I ask whether there is a chance to
finish with the Admiral today?

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Mr. Keefe: Yes, in just a few minutes I can get through.

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The Chairman: Let us go ahead then.

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Mr. Keefe: (Reading)

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"In my previous examination I asked you, at no time
did you learn from anyone of the execution on the winds
message in any form and at no time did you tell anyone of
the execution in any form? I ask you if that is the way
you wish to leave your testimony on that subject? I now
invite your attention to the fact that you have just testi-

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 filed that you did receive some information. From where
3 did this information come?

4 "A. I beg your pardon. I said to the best of my
5 recollection there was a false alarm about it.

6 "Q. But that was information about the win's mes-
7 sage, was it not? The mere fact that it turned out to be
8 false afterwards did not take it away from that subject,
9 did it?

10 "A. I would be very glad to give you a better answer
11 if I could."

12 "Q. Then you did hear from some source about the
13 execution of the win's message, is that right?

14 "A. I can only say that to the best of my remembrance
15 no execution of the so-called win's message was finally
16 received.

17 "Q. Did you ever discuss this win's message" -- and
18 they are referring to the win's executed message, the one
19 you have just been talking about -- "did you ever discuss
20 this win's message or the receipt of it with the Chief of
21 Naval Operations?

22 "A. When the message came in, as I remember it we
23 considered it more important than a later study of it in-
24 dicated. The message only said that relations were
25 strained.

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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"Q. I asked you whether you discussed it?

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"A. With the Chief of Naval Operations personally?

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"Q. Yes.

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"A. No.

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"Q. Did you give him any information?

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"A. He got a copy of it."

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Were those questions asked you and did you make those answers? You can answer that yes or no if you remember.

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Admiral Noyes: I don't think the record is correct, but I have no objection to accepting those. It does not sound, - it sounds as if something is misplaced in the record to me. I never had a chance to go over my testimony, but I see nothing that is contrary to what might have been said, with the exception of --

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Mr. Keefe: Well, I haven't time --

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Senator Brewster: What exception?

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The Chairman: Let the witness finish.

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Mr. Keefe: I thought he had finished.

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The Chairman: He started to say, "With the exception of" something.

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Admiral Noyes: I noticed in reading this over that it looks as if the question did not belong with the, - the answer did not belong with the question, but I don't know that it makes any particular difference so far as the facts go.

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Mr. Keefe: I will read it to you again.

3 Admiral Noyes: I am perfectly willing to accept the facts
4 as stated, having in mind what you just read.

5 Mr. Keefe: Question 145:

6 "I asked you whether you discussed it?

7 "A. With the Chief of Naval Operations personally?

8 "Q. Yes.

9 "A. No.

10 "Q. Did you give him any information?

11 "A. He got a copy of it."

12 That is perfectly clear and logical, isn't it, and follows
13 in sequence, doesn't it?

14 Admiral Noyes: All right, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: Now, you made those answers, didn't you?

16 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

17 Mr. Keefe: Well, was that answer true that the Chief of
18 Naval Operations did get a copy of this message?

19 Admiral Noyes: He got a copy of the message setting up
20 the wind's code, that is what I said. I don't think it is
21 correctly written up from the notes. He did not get a copy
22 of the execute. They said they wanted to know if he had any
23 information on the setup or the execute, as I followed you in
24 your reading, and he did get a copy -

25 Mr. Keefe: Evidently you did not follow me in the reading

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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because I will read it to you again and demonstrate to you

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that your interpretation could not possibly be a fact. This

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receipt of it with the Chief of Naval Operations?"

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"The message only said that relations were strained."

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There wasn't anything in the original code that talked

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about the relations being strained, was there? That was what

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was alleged to have been in the win's execute message.

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Admiral Noyes: Oh, I beg your pardon, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: All right.

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Admiral Noyes: The win's execute message contained no-

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thing but a weater report, an apparent weather report. The

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description as to what it meant finally you will find on page

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Mr. Keefe: Yes, I am very familiar with it. I have got

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 it right in front of me.

3 Admiral Noyes: That is the only place where any words
4 in regard to severing diplomatic relations occurs. When the
5 execute came it was merely to have the words in Japanese,
6 "East wind, rain; North wind, cloudy; or west wind, clear."
7 That was all the Japanese would mean.

8 Mr. Keefe: Then I understand your present statement to
9 be that you did not discuss this wind code execute message
10 with the Chief of Naval Operations?

11 Admiral Noyes: I did not discuss an execute message with
12 the Chief of Naval Operations, that is correct, sir.

13 Mr. Keefe: Did you discuss it with anyone else, the mes-
14 sage which was delivered to you either by Captain Safford or
15 one of his assistants?

16 Admiral Noyes: I think I very probably did.

17 Mr. Keefe: With whom did you discuss it?

18 Admiral Noyes: Admiral Wilkinson, Admiral Turner, Ad-
19 miral Ingersoll would have been the most probable ones, out-
20 side of my own division.

21 Mr. Keefe: I am not dealing in probabilities. I cannot
22 arrive at a decision in this matter based upon probability.
23 Did you talk to Admiral Wilkinson or didn't you?

24 Admiral Noyes: I have no recollection of a conversation
25 in regard to any specific false execute message with any

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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individuals.

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Mr. Keefe: Where are the cards now that were made out by
4 Captain Kramer?

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Admiral Noyes: I have no idea, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Did you have one of them in your office?

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Admiral Noyes: I had one in my possession, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Where is it now?

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Admiral Noyes: I do not know, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Have you made any search among any of those
11 other people who had those cards to determine what has become
12 of them?

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Admiral Noyes: I have not, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, you had one of these cards in your pos-
15 session?

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Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Do you recall what was stated on the card?

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Admiral Noyes: "East wind, rain- U.S.; north wind,
19 cloudy - USSR; west wind, clear - British."

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Expressions to that effect. I wouldn't be sure of the ex-
21 act way of expressing it but to that sense.

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Mr. Keefe: Were the Japanese words on there?

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Admiral Noyes: No, sir. The Japanese words would have
24 been of no value because nobody could, - the code was
25 intended purely for telephoning to people at their homes and

Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 the idea was that over the telephone there would merely be
3 said that a weather report had been received "East wind, rain"
4 which to the recipient of this card would remind him which
5 country was involved.

6 Mr. Keefe: Now, I want to get this one thing straight,
7 Admiral. You had this pick-up station or intercept station
8 over here at Cheltenham?

9 Admiral Noyes: Cheltenham was the receiving station for
10 the Navy Department. It was not a pick-up station. It was
11 the main traffic station of the Navy.

12 Mr. Keefe: Well, the testimony here up to date is quite
13 undisputed, it seems to me, that a message was taken off the
14 teletype. We haven't heard yet from the Lieutenant who took
15 it off, Lieutenant Murray. Some of them were identified by
16 Lieutenant Murray. Now, if a message came over the tele-
17 type, that message would have to be written down at the sta-
18 tion that received it, isn't that true?

19 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir. It had to be typed at the sta-
20 tion.

21 Mr. Keefe: It had to be typed at the station that received
22 it, isn't that right?

23 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: And typing it at the station sends it over the
teletype here to the Navy Department where it is teletyped on
the teletype machine?

25 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

26 Mr. Keefe: That is the way it is received?

27 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: Now the only way you could identify the
2 winds execute message was by finding the words that were
3 set up in the original code set-up, isn't that true?
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5 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

6 Mr. Keefe: So when the testimony is, as testified by
7 Captain Safford before the Naval Court of Inquiry, that
8 the watch officer saw the identification words on this
9 teletype and tore off this page, the Japanese word must
10 have been there to identify it, isn't that true?

11 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: Without that nobody would have even thought
13 of it being a winds execute, isn't that true?

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Keefe: And the Japanese word that was there would
16 indicate with whom relations were strained or broken off?

17 Admiral Noyes: It may, after the other requirements
18 of the code were met.

19 Mr. Keefe: Of course I understand that. Now you found
20 a message taken off the teletype which Kramer, with all the
21 other inconsistencies in his testimony but I think he was
22 clear finally before this committee that he then believed
23 that that was an original, authentic winds code execute
24 message, and Safford believed it to be such, two of the
25 high men handling that sort of traffic in this Division, and

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 that message found its way into your office and from there
3 on the matter becomes blank. Now with all this refreshing
4 of your mind you are still unable to tell us what became of
5 the message that was actually delivered to you from Captain
6 Safford? I do not care whether it was on the 4th or the 5th.
7 That is immaterial. Dates do not make any difference.

8 Admiral Noyes: It is quite material to me, sir. When
9 you ask me to identify a specific piece of paper and to line
10 it up with the testimony of three different people, it puts
11 me in a very difficult position.

12 Mr. Keefe: Admiral Noyes, I am not asking you to do
13 any such thing. Here is a message that the testimony is
14 clear and convincing on that both the Army and Navy had gone
15 to great lengths to receive it, and the evidence is clear
16 on that score, and you have gone to the extent of setting
17 up an absolutely clear system that would apply only to this
18 one message when it came in, so that this message could be
19 identified out of all the other messages, it was the only
20 one that was to be handled and brought directly to your
21 office and the only one for which these cards were made out.

22 Now that takes it completely out of the ordinary traffic,
23 doesn't it?

24 Admiral Noyes: It was out of the ordinary traffic,
25 there is no question of that, sir.

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: Mr. Keefe
The Chairman

2 Mr. Keefe: Still you do not remember this message,
3 or anything about it?

4 Admiral Noyes: You ask me to bring together a 200-word
5 message, which is a message that long (indicating) at least,
6 on the 4th, which Safford testified to, a small strip of
7 paper on the 5th, which Kramer testified to, and a different
8 message on the 5th, about an entirely different set-up,
9 where the British and Russia were both brought in, and they
10 are not the same thing.

11 I am not able to identify the disposition of any one
12 of those three supposed messages.

13 Mr. Keefe: Well, I would think, Admiral, there might
14 be some justification for this last statement of yours were
15 it not for the testimony of Colonel Sadtler that you actually
16 telephoned him. He did not telephone you, you telephoned
17 him and told him the message was in, clearly demonstrating
18 the extreme interest that was applied to this one particular
19 message, and you do not deny that you telephoned that to
20 Colonel Sadtler. That is all.

21 The Chairman: Admiral, I want to ask you a question or
22 two.

23 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

24 The Chairman: I understood in regard to this telephone
25 message that your testimony here before us is to the effect

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: The Chairman

2 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir, they were identical.

3 The Chairman: (Continuing) -- to four or five people.

4 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

5 The Chairman: So if they happened to be at home at
6 night and what you were looking for, that is the execute
7 message came in, you could call these people and say, "The
8 weather report is here." Nobody could understand that
9 except the two people at each end of the telephone, is that
10 correct?

11 Admiral Noyes: That is correct.

12 The Chairman: The general public would not understand it?

13 Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

14 The Chairman: They would not know what you were talking
15 about. They would not know you were talking about a Japanese
16 secret code message, would they?

17 Admiral Noyes: That was the purpose of the cards.

18 The Chairman: You would call up and say, "The weather
19 report is in", and the other man would say, "Well, what
20 is it?" You would say, "It is East Wind Rain", and he knew
21 what that meant. You did not have to go into details, or
22 to give a blueprint. That card was for that purpose, is
23 that true?

24 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

25 The Chairman: So it does not make a lot of difference

1 Witness Noyes Questions by: The Chairman
2 who initiated it, or who actually wrote that out, if there
3 was such a card system and it was distributed to these
4 four or five topnotchers who were entitled to this secret
5 information.

6 Admiral Noyes: I might say the original question
7 which I was asked before the Navy Court of Inquiry indicated
8 they were cards for use in the office, and having been away
9 for a year in the Pacific, away from Washington, I did not
10 recall them in that sense.

11 The Chairman: The first impression I got in reference
12 to these cards was that they were cards that were distributed
13 among the high officers in the offices and kept there. I
14 evidently was mistaken. They were supposed to take them
15 home with them?

16 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

17 The Chairman: They could keep them in the office
18 if anybody called them there, and they would understand the
19 meaning?

20 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

21 The Chairman: This teletype business, you had both
22 white and yellow teletype paper, didn't you, or pink and
23 yellow?

24 Admiral Noyes: I could not say, sir.

25 The Chairman: Did you have more than one color?

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: The Chairman

2 Admiral Noyes: I do not know, sir. I thought the
3 general run of teletype rolls was yellow.

4 The Chairman: A lot of it is white. I have seen white
5 teletype paper, although I do not know what the Navy uses.

6 Admiral Noyes: I think we would use white, if we did
7 not have yellow. In other words, I do not know of any color
8 code distinction in a teletype message.

9 The Chairman: If you were using both yellow and pink,
10 or white and pink, or any other color, would you be able
11 now to identify which color any particular message was in
12 that was handed to you?

13 Admiral Noyes: The only way I could identify a message
14 now, unless it recalls something to my memory, would be
15 my initials on the message.

16 The Chairman: Now about the execute message which has
17 been referred to here. When you referred to the message
18 shown to you on either the 4th or 5th you were talking about
19 the message that you call the false execute message?

20 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

21 The Chairman: Now in the code set-up, the weather
22 set-up, the Japanese from Tokyo sent a message to their
23 Ambassador here that in the event of a breaking off of
24 relations or interfering with communications, if they
25 heard a weather report containing these words this is what

1 Witness Noyes Questions by: The Chairman

2 it meant: "East Wind Rain: Trouble with the United States",
3 or a break in relations?

4 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

5 The Chairman: "North Wind Cloudy: With Russia; West
6 Wind clear: With England."

7 Admiral Noyes: It would indicate on account of the
8 probable severance of relations with the country indicated,
9 upon receipt of the message codes and papers were to be
10 destroyed.

11 The Chairman: In other words, if other means of
12 communication became impossible and they heard a weather
13 broadcast of that sort and heard these words they would
14 know what they meant?

15 Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir. I believe the
16 reason the Japanese sent the British message on the 7th
17 was that some one of their stations had not checked in with
18 the word "Haruna", indicating that the papers had been
19 destroyed, and they may have found out, or have suspected
20 that they never had gotten the message, and they sent that
21 out to try to get that set destroyed.

22 The Chairman: Now prior to the 7th the conditions
23 under which this weather report were to be broadcast had
24 not taken place, that is, there had been no break in
25 diplomatic relations nor communications, had there?

1 Witness Noyes

Questions by: The Chairman

2 now, if that was to be regarded as an execute message based
3 upon the weather signals that had been previously given
4 to the Japanese diplomatic representatives, would there have
5 been any need or any occasion for sending an execute message
6 either on the 4th or 5th, and if they sent one on the 4th
7 or 5th would they necessarily have repeated it on the 7th?

8 Admiral Noyes: I should think it is very unlikely, sir.

9 The Chairman: So if the message that was received
10 here was really an execute message and was so intended to
11 be regarded by the Japanese to their representatives, would
12 there have been any need to send another one on the 7th?

13 Admiral Noyes: No, sir, except I think this one on
14 the 7th was just intended to clean up some things in some
15 British point.

16 The Chairman: That related to the British?

17 Admiral Noyes: They had not got an answer back from
18 some British station and they were afraid they were going
19 to lose their codes at that place, or for some reason the
20 British had held them up.

21 The Chairman: Now with reference to Admiral Phillips,
22 he was an acquaintance of yours?

23 Admiral Noyes: No, sir, I did not know him personally.
24 I knew who he was.

25 The Chairman: Do you know whether he came there

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Questions by: The Chairman

2 specifically to see you that Sunday morning, or just came
3 to see somebody?

4 Admiral Noyes: Admiral Phillips was at an Asiatic
5 station, I think sir.

6 The Chairman: I am talking about the man who came in
7 to see you on Sunday morning the 7th.

8 Admiral Noyes: I think that was Admiral Little, sir.

9 The Chairman: He was referred to here as Phillips.

10 Admiral Noyes: I beg your pardon, sir. He was talking
11 about Manila.

12 The Chairman: I am talking about the man who came into
13 your office on Sunday morning and wanted you to make an
14 appointment with Secretary Hull.

15 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

16 The Chairman: Who was that?

17 Admiral Noyes: I think it was Admiral Little. I do
18 not know whether Admiral Phillips was in Washington at that
19 time or not.

20 The Chairman: Was there anything unusual about that?

21 Admiral Noyes: No, sir.

22 The Chairman: You say he gave you some information
23 that he had from British sources and then you gave him some
24 idea about this Fleet going down through the South China Sea.

25 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

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Questions by: The Chairman

2 The Chairman: Then you called up to see if you could
3 make an appointment with Secretary Hull, and you talked to
4 one of his subordinates.

5 Admiral Noyes: Normally a foreigner is supposed to go
6 through the Office of Naval Intelligence, and he wanted to
7 cut a corner and asked me if I would be willing to call the
8 Secretary of State's office. I knew one of the Secretary
9 of State's people and I just called him up.

10 The Chairman: Was this man an acquaintance of yours?

11 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

12 The Chairman: He was?

13 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

14 The Chairman: So he knew you and you knew him?

15 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

16 The Chairman: It being Sunday and most of the officers
17 probably not being there, he chose you as a sort of agent
18 through whom he could seek an appointment with the Secretary
19 of State?

20 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

21 The Chairman: You performed that function and he left?

22 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

23 The Chairman: That is all.

24 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Chairman.

25 The Chairman: Mr. Cooper.

1 Witness Noyés Questions by: The Vice Chairman

2 The Vice Chairman: Admiral, you stated that you had
3 a conversation with Captain Safford, I believe, about four
4 months ago.

5 Admiral Noyés: During the summer. I could not give
6 you the exact month, sir.

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

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3 Harbor, he thought, and he didn't tell me anything about
4 this business about the Russian slant, the negative Russian
5 business. That wasn't mentioned.

6 The Vice Chairman: When he talked to you that summer,
7 he said the message came in at Winter Harbor, Maine?

8 Admiral Noyes: Yes.

9 I don't think he was positive.

10 The Vice Chairman: When he testified here, I think he
11 said it came in over the Cheltenham station, didn't he?

12 Admiral Noyes: That is right.

13 The Vice Chairman: That is, two different places?

14 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

15 The Vice Chairman: Now then, whatever description he
16 gave you last summer about a winds execute message, your
17 impression of that it was different to the description he
18 gave here. Is that correct?

19 Admiral Noyes: Specifically to the extent of station
20 and in the fact he did not mention any, he mentioned very
21 little of what was contained in his present statement.

22 The Vice Chairman: And he told you that he was going
23 to prepare a statement, and would show it to you?

24 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

25 The Vice Chairman: And he never did do that?

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

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Admiral Noyes: That is correct, sir.

The Vice Chairman: All right.

Admiral Noyes: But he stated that he didn't think it was proper after this inquiry was ordered by Congress; that was his reason, and I agreed with him on that.

The Vice Chairman: Admiral, I would like to ask you this question:

You were present during the appearance of Admiral Ingersoll here?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: Before this committee?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: You heard his testimony about the so-called winds execute message?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: In which he said, in substance, that he thought it had been magnified beyond all reasonable proportion of importance?

Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

The Vice Chairman: Do you agree in that statement?

Admiral Noyes: I do, sir.

The Vice Chairman: It is your opinion then that if such a message had been received as Captain Safford contends, it would have been very little importance in the light of

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Questions by: The Vice Chairman

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2 other information you had?

3 Admiral Noyes: I should have recommended no action
4 whatever in regard to such a message.

5 The Vice Chairman: Even if a correct execute winds
6 message, just as Captain Safford contends, had been received
7 on either the 4th or the 5th of December and brought to you,
8 you would not have recommended that any action be taken on
9 it?

10 Admiral Noyes: I would not have recommended that
11 any action be taken, Mr. Cooper.

12 The Vice Chairman: Because you didn't consider it of
13 any importance then?

14 Admiral Noyes: We had already informed our people in
15 the field everything that the message would have told.

16 The Vice Chairman: All right.

17 That is all.

18 The Chairman: I overlooked one question.

19 In regard to these cards, in your former testimony,
20 I believe, before the Neval Inquiry, you either said that
21 you did not know about the cards, or didn't remember them?

22 Admiral Noyes: I said I didn't remember.

23 The Chairman: After you came back here, you testified,
24 I believe, on the Pacific Coast, after having been in the
25 Pacific since 1942, you testified from memory and after you

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Questions by: The Chairman
Senator Ferguson

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2 got back to Washington, you talked it over with Captain
3 Safford, and you concluded that he was correct, and that
4 you were mistaken in the first instance, and that there
5 was a system of cards? is that true?

6 Admiral Noyes: That is correct.

7 The Chairman: That is all.

8 Senator Ferguson.

9 Senator Ferguson: Admiral, on the 6-7 of December,
10 were you in civilian clothes?

11 Admiral Noyes: Yes, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Was Admiral Hart in civilian
13 clothes?

14 Admiral Noyes: Admiral Hart?

15 Senator Ferguson: Admiral Stark.

16 Admiral Noyes: Admiral Stark?

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

18 Admiral Noyes: I said right away, "yes." I may be
19 wrong. I didn't think we put on uniforms until after the
20 attack at Pearl Harbor.

21 Senator Ferguson: You were all in civilian clothes?

22 Admiral Noyes: All the same way.

23 Senator Ferguson: Admiral Stark, Admiral Ingersoll.

24 Now, Admiral Biddle, was he in civilian clothes or
25 in British uniform?

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Admiral Noyes: Well, I think if we were, he was.
3 I think the Attache people in foreign stations wear the
4 same rig we do.

5 The Chairman: Inasmuch as Britain was at war, he
6 might well have been in uniform, and our Naval officers in
7 civilian clothes?

8 Admiral Noyes: That is true. Yes, you are probably
9 correct, Senator.

10 Senator Ferguson: That is all.

11 The Chairman: If there are no further questions, thank
12 you very much for your presence here. You are excused.

13 (Witness excused)

14 The Chairman: The committee will recess until ten
15 o'clock Monday morning.

16 (Whereupon, at 5:35 o'clock p. m., the committee
17 adjourned, to reconvene at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on
18 Monday morning, February 18, 1945.)
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