

Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Captain Safford: I never made any such statement.

3 Mr. Murphy: No, I know you did not. I say one of the
4 big papers in the country did. I am quoting now from an edi-
5 torial of Tuesday, February 5, 1946 in the Chicago Herald-
6 Tribune, but you never meant to go that far?

7 The Chairman: Not Herald. The Tribune.

8 Captain Safford: No, sir.

9 Mr. Murphy: The Chicago Tribune.

10 Captain Safford: May I state for the record again that
11 every time that I had a conference with Lieutenant Commander
12 Sonnet it was in Admiral Hewitt's absence and as I believed
13 at the time that Admiral Hewitt was on his way to Washington
14 and had not yet arrived.

15 Mr. Murphy: Well, at any rate you feel that Admiral
16 Hewitt conducted a fair investigation?

17 Captain Safford: Absolutely, and I tried to emphasize
18 that in my own words.

19 Mr. Murphy: I know you did, Captain. I am just talking
20 about the inferences that were drawn. I don't think you ever
21 meant anything like that, did you? Certainly not.

22 Captain Safford: Absolutely not.

23 Mr. Murphy: No. I want to be fair with you about this.
24 This is in one of the big papers of the country, I said.

25 Mr. Keefe: Are we going to try all the newspapers too,

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2 before we get through?

3 Mr. Murphy: I did not yield, Mr. Chairman.

4 The Chairman: Proceed, please.

5 Mr. Murphy: Now, then, I would like to take one more
6 part of your statement, Captain. You quote from the messages
7 from the Dutch. Will you get that? It is on page 19. You
8 quote the messages from the Dutch but you do not have all of
9 it in there, do you, all of that dispatch?

10 Captain Safford: I left out certain parts. I said,
11 "From which I quote."

12 Mr. Murphy: Well, let me show you what you left out.
13 You say that this message from the Dutch had a great influence
14 on you in deciding that it was war instead of rupture of rela-
15 tions, is that right?

16 Captain Safford: That is right.

17 Mr. Murphy: Right. Now I direct your attention to page
18 1-d of the winds intercept exhibit. Do you have it?

19 Captain Safford: I have got it.

20 Mr. Murphy: As I understand it you were talking to Mr.
21 Foote some time later than the date referred to in this
22 exhibit.

23 Captain Safford: I talked to him shortly before I was
24 questioned by Admiral Hewitt. He was in Washington at the
25 time. He went out to the Far East a little later.

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Mr. Murphy: You consider him a man of integrity?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Well, I notice on the bottom of his message in regard to his statement which you say influenced you greatly in deciding that they meant war rather than a rupture of relations:

"Thorpe and Slawson cabled the above to War Department. I attach little or no importance to it and view it with some suspicion. Such have been common since 1936."

That is what Foote said of that message.

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Did you take that into consideration when you were giving it its importance and that it varied the other three messages?

Captain Safford: May I make myself very clear on that?

Mr. Murphy: All right.

Captain Safford: He regarded the whole thing as possibly a fake. What we were interested in, we had one translation from the British which varied somewhat with the current translation of the United States. The Dutch translation agreed with the British translation. It was just a question of translation of messages which we knew existed, not of whether the message itself was authentic or not.

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2 Mr. Murphy: Now, I have just one other thing and then I
3 am through, Captain. Will you refer to the part of your tes-
4 timony where you say you borrowed the files of the intercepts?
5 That is not in the statement. Do you remember where you said
6 that? You did testify in one of the hearings that you bor-
7 rowed a copy of the file which had the intercepts in it. Do
8 you remember that?

9 Captain Safford: That is substantially correct. I do
10 not remember the exact words.

11 Mr. Murphy: Will you tell us the circumstances under
12 which you got this file of intercepts, why you got it and what
13 you did with it?

14 Captain Safford: I would like to have something more
15 specific about that statement I made before I try to explain it.

16 Mr. Murphy: Well, let me put it this way: It is a fact,
17 sir, that you did borrow the intercepts from their proper
18 place in the Navy Department, did you not?

19 Captain Safford: I borrowed them on custody receipt.
20 I looked through for the information I was looking for and I
21 returned it.

22 Mr. Murphy: Who did you borrow that from? That would be
23 the file that would have 7001 in it, wouldn't it, this par-
24 ticular intercept if it existed?

25 Captain Safford: It was borrowed for the specific pur-

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2 pose of looking through it. That refreshes my memory now as
3 to the information you want. So that I could look through
4 the file to see if by any chance that message had been mis-
5 placed and was in there later.

6 Mr. Murphy: I understand, Captain, you looked through
7 that one and then you looked at a file, a rather complete
8 file of intercepts, ones you examined, not the one looking
9 for a missing intercept. You looked at that one, you looked
10 at that one personally, but you also had a file of papers
11 that you borrowed, do you remember?

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Mr. Murphy: Well, now, what was that and why did you
14 have it?

15 Captain Safford: So as to refresh my memory on things
16 which I had known of about previously and particularly to
17 establish dates.

18 Mr. Murphy: Who was it that let you have that file of
19 intercepts?

20 Captain Safford: I do not recall.

21 Mr. Murphy: Are you sure?

22 Captain Safford: I am positive.

23 Mr. Murphy: When did you get the file of the intercepts?

24 Captain Safford: I believe that I got that file of
25 intercepts around October or September 1943. It was consider-

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2 ably in advance of November.

3 Mr. Murphy: It was when you were shifted from the --

4 Captain Safford: It was before. I was simply expecting
5 that I would be a key witness, that I was in Washington avail-
6 able and --

7 Mr. Murphy: Key witness for whom?

8 Captain Safford: That I would be called by the Navy
9 Department as a key witness to establish what had happened.

10 Mr. Murphy: You were borrowing the file then at the time
11 when you were going to be a prosecution witness?

12 Captain Safford: I had not been so notified, but I was
13 expecting to be.

14 Mr. Murphy: Are you sure that is the reason?

15 Captain Safford: I am positive.

16 Mr. Murphy: Well, I will get to that testimony a little
17 later. Now, then, one other question. You say that before
18 you made this change of heart you had spread rumors about
19 Admiral Kimmel. Is that true, what you said?

20 Captain Safford: No, I had not spread rumors but --

21 Mr. Murphy: What did you do?

22 Captain Safford: Because that was what everybody was
23 trying to spread.

24 Mr. Murphy: Well, what did you do that you felt guilty
25 about? You were told on December the 15th not to spread any

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1 rumors and apparently you obeyed the order; you said you did.

2 Captain Safford: That is right.

3 Mr. Murphy: And then in the fall of that year you say
4 your conscience is troubling you for what you did and you had
5 to justify yourself. Now, what did you do that was wrong, if
6 anything?
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8 Captain Safford: Well, later on whenever there was any
9 discussion about the matter I was quite condemnatory in my
10 attitude towards Admiral Kimmel.

11 Mr. Murphy: Well, do you know of any single thing you did
12 you felt was wrong up to the time you took this change of
13 heart? Why would you be blaming yourself? Did you do this
14 in order to harm him in any way?

15 Captain Safford: Well, I ran him down, if that is what
16 you mean. I did not spread any rumors about what he had done,
17 except I could not see how anybody that had the information
18 he had could be caught the way the Pacific Fleet had been.
19 That was the general gist.

20 Mr. Murphy: The one thing that changed your mind then,-
21 and this is my last question, - is the fact that we were sup-
22 posed to have got the winds intercept which said "War with
23 England, including the Kra Peninsula and the Dutch N.E.I. and
24 war with the United States", the fact that we got that and we
25 did not send a message on the 4th of December, is what changed

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2 your whole opinion, is that right?

3 Captain Safford: The fact that I had also seen the long
4 warning message going out covering very completely Japan's
5 preparations and intentions for war and coming with increasing
6 tempo, that when Admiral Wilkinson left Admiral Noyes' office
7 he made the definite statement to Admiral Noyes in my pres-
8 ence, and I heard it. He said, "I am going to send this mes-
9 sage if I can get it released by the front office."

10 Mr. Murphy: Well, you based it on two things: One
11 would be that there was a long warning going out written by
12 McCollum that should have gone out in your judgment and did
13 not; that is number 1, right?

14 Captain Safford: Right.

15 Mr. Murphy: Number 2 is that nothing was done about that
16 so-called winds intercept when it came in, is that right?

17 Captain Safford: That is Number 2.

18 Mr. Murphy: Right. Now, what could they have told Ad-
19 miral Kimmel after receiving this winds intercept, "War with
20 England, including the Dutch and the Kra Peninsula and war
21 with the United States", that he had not already been told?

22 Captain Safford: The fact that war was so close.

23 Mr. Murphy: Well, he was told on the 27th that it was
24 a war warning and then on the third there was a code message
25 sent out about destruction of codes, code information, and

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2 then on the 4th you prepared a message for him, did you not,
3 about codes at Guam?

4 Captain Safford: May I refer to this, please?

5 Mr. Murphy: Yes. I am speaking about the one to Guam
6 that you said you prepared, the message to Guam about the de-
7 struction of codes and papers. You did send that or you pre-
8 pared it, did you not?

9 Captain Safford: I prepared it.

10 Mr. Murphy: And the purpose of that was to have them de-
11 stroy the codes because you felt that war was coming on
12 Saturday or Sunday, is that right?

13 Captain Safford: That war was coming on Saturday or Sun-
14 day.

15 Mr. Murphy: Right.

16 Captain Safford: The best estimate of the time I could
17 give.

18 Mr. Murphy: And the reason for that, - the significance
19 of that you would say was that anyone who received it would
20 know that war was coming, wouldn't they, and would have time
21 then to destroy their codes?

22 Captain Safford: Not necessarily.

23 Mr. Murphy: But code destruction is pretty strong
24 evidence of war, isn't it?

25 Captain Safford: It is a very strong way of hinting

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2 that war was about to break.

3 Mr. Murphy: And Admiral Kimmel got the hint that you
4 prepared, didn't he? He received that dispatch; he said he
5 did.

6 Captain Safford: Admiral Kimmel got that hint.

7 Mr. Murphy: That is all.

8 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman.

9 The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

10 Senator Ferguson: Captain, you wrote a letter on the
11 22nd of December 1943 to Kramer, did you not?

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: And you used some code in it. You
14 used initials and things as a code?

15 Captain Safford: That was merely to disguise identities.

16 Senator Ferguson: Yes. And Captain Kramer replied in
17 code?

18 Captain Safford: He replied going even more so, because
19 he referred to the numbered paragraphs, and so forth, in the
20 first letter.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, what difference would it make,
22 as Senator Lucas was trying to bring out, whether the answer
23 was in code, whether he answered your next letter in code or
24 not? He had already answered your letter in code.

25 Captain Safford: He had already answered that. If

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2 Kramer would have answered, the reply would have meant nothing
3 to anybody.

4 Senator Ferguson: Pardon me?

5 Captain Safford: If Kramer had answered my second letter
6 and if it had gone astray, the answer would have meant
7 nothing to anybody because it was all in code.

8 Senator Ferguson: Yes. And there was the first letter
9 that he answered, he answered that in code?

10 Captain Safford: Kramer's answer to that would have
11 meant nothing to anybody.

12 Senator Ferguson: So that if they are both in code it
13 would have made no difference?

14 Captain Safford: That is correct.

15 Senator Ferguson: Now, what regulation did you have in
16 the Navy that you could not write a letter from one man to
17 another in the Navy in code?

18 Captain Safford: There is no regulation as to that, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: What was Senator Lucas talking about
20 with you about it being a crime for you to write these letters?
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22 Captain Safford: I did not know of any specific regulation
23 against it but I did not want to enter any categorical
24 denials on something that I might be found wrong on.

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, you don't know that?

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2 Captain Safford: I don't know of anything that I vio-
3 lated.

4 Senator Ferguson: But it would not make any difference
5 whether he wrote to anybody in code or one or both of them in
6 code; I don't know of any law or regulation that says you can
7 do it once.

8 Captain Safford: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Is that true?

10 Captain Safford: That is true.

11 Senator Ferguson: Now, did you get instructions from --
12 I will read you this from your answer. This is on page 1002 5
13 of the transcript:

14 "Captain Safford: That may have been an interpre-
15 tation which I received in writing from Commander Baecher,
16 who is here -- or through Commander Baecher. It was not
17 his signature."

18 Did you get instructions as to what you should testify
19 to here, that is, regulating your testimony?

20 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, I did.

21 Senator Ferguson: Do you have it?

22 Captain Safford: I believe I have. I will look.

23 Senator Ferguson: Well, will you get it so that we
24 can get it in evidence?

25 Captain Safford: If I haven't it here I can get it

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2 during the noon hour.

3 Senator Ferguson: Well, will you bring it in at 1:30
4 then?

5 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, I want to ask you another ques-
7 tion. Did you know of anyone in the Navy who questioned the
8 code message received on the 4th, - as you say the 3rd or the
9 4th, the so-called implementing code message, that it was not
10 in the proper form?

11 Captain Safford: No, sir, nobody questioned it.

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, do you know why they would not
13 keep what you saw even though it came in only repeated once
14 or twice and was not in exact regulation?

15 Captain Safford: No reason at all. They relied upon my
16 professional experience and judgment and upon Kramer's pro-
17 fessional experience and judgment and if they had had any
18 doubts they would have requested verification on the spot.

19 Senator Ferguson: Now, did anyone ever question that what
20 you saw was not in correct compliance with these two previous
21 messages?

22 Captain Safford: Never.

23 Mr. Murphy: May I have that last question and answer read?

24 (Record read.)

25 Captain Safford: May I say that -- may I change that?

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Not prior to this investigation.

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Mr. Murphy: Now, will the gentleman yield?

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Senator Ferguson: Just one moment.

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Mr. Murphy: This is extremely important.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, do you understand my question?

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Captain Safford: Please ask it again then.

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Senator Ferguson: All right, I will put it in another

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Did anyone question the fact that what you were talking

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Captain Safford: Not prior to this investigation.

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Senator Ferguson: Now, when you talk about "this inves-

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tigation" you mean this Congressional investigation?

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Captain Safford: This Congressional investigation before

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which I now appear as a witness.

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Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, is it true that the

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questionable or the doubtful message was the one in exhibit 1

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on page 251 that some time later, in 1944, someone discovered

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that there was a word left out of that message, "Relations

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tations"; that the word "United States" was left out of that

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message in some way?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, was that question raised or did you ever hear of it prior to 1944?

Captain Safford: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, one more line. On this Friedman message, this Friedman story; Did you read the Clarke report?

Captain Safford: No, sir, I did not. I would like to have that if it is going to be discussed.

The Chairman: Well, if we are going to discuss it very much we will have a recess.

Senator Ferguson: Well, I just wanted him to read it over the noon hour, I only have several questions on it, whether or not he ever denied that someone had told him that story.

Captain Safford: I would like a chance to familiarize myself with this, Senator.

Senator Ferguson: Pardon?

Captain Safford: I would like to defer this until we meet again.

Senator Ferguson: Until we meet again?

Captain Safford: All right.

Senator Ferguson: All right, I have no objection but I don't want to keep you any longer than necessary, so will you

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read it?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, I will.

The Chairman: The committee will recess until 1:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:32 P.M., a recess was taken
until 1:30 P.M. of 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.

Senator Ferguson will resume his inquiry.

TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN LAURANCE FRY SAFFORD

(Resumed)

Senator Ferguson: Captain Safford, were you able to get the memorandum that was given to you by the Navy Department?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir, I have it here.

Senator Ferguson: Will you let me see it, please?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

(A paper was handed to Senator Ferguson.)

Senator Ferguson: When was that given to you?

Captain Safford: That was given to me in January shortly before I appeared as a witness here.

Senator Ferguson: What was said when it was given to you?

Captain Safford: It was explained that this was a duplicate of an earlier paper which had been furnished me on the 15th of December, 1945, except they were adding excerpts on the flimsy copy from a memorandum by Admiral Edwards concerning the fact that our testimony could not

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1 cover crypt analytic successes after Pearl Harbor.

2 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether witnesses
3 that were not in your department were given this same
4 kind of a memorandum?

5 Captain Safford: It is my understanding that all wit-
6 nesses were given the same sort of memorandum.

7 Senator Ferguson: Whether in your department or not?

8 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: That was your understanding?

10 Captain Safford: That is my understanding.

11 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not a similar
12 paper was issued to any Army witnesses?

13 Captain Safford: No, sir, I do not.

14 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, I ask that this be put
15 in the record at this point. It explains his testimony yes-
16 terday.

17 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator describe what it is?

18 Senator Ferguson: Yes. The first part reads:

19 "Receipt of a pamphlet entitled 'Presidential Directives
20 for Witnesses Appearing Before the Joint Committee on the
21 Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack,' containing CNO
22 Memorandum Op21B/1bb Serial 226P21 dated 15 November 1945,
23 and CNO Memorandum Op216/Hbb Serial 218P21 dated 5 November
24 1945, which quote the Presidential Memoranda dated 7 November
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1 1945, 9 November 1945, 23 October 1945, and 28 August
2 1945, is acknowledged. Also of excerpts from a memorandum
3 of Admiral R. S. Edwards."

4 Mr. Richardson: Might I suggest for the record at
5 this point that with the exception of a short memorandum
6 from Edwards, all there is in this are the various announce-
7 ments made by the President with reference to witnesses,
8 so that there is nothing in this of any specific direction
9 emanating from the Navy Department itself.

10 It consists of copies of directives received from the
11 President which had been changed from time to time with
12 reference to this committee, except there is in one place
13 a memorandum from Edwards, in which he deduces for some
14 reason that witnesses shall not testify with reference to
15 cryptographic successes subsequent to Pearl Harbor.

16 Senator Ferguson: I could put those two in. I don't
17 care to put the last part in.

18 The Vice Chairman: Let me inquire. Mr. Masten can
19 probably tell us, and I am sure the other counsel are famil-
20 iar with it too, --

21 Senator Ferguson: I don't think counsel knew of it
22 before yesterday.

23 The Vice Chairman: When the hearing began, Mr. Mitchell
24 presented for the record all of these documents, didn't he?
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"Subject: Pearl Harbor Congressional Investigation.

"Refs: (a) CNO Memorandum Op21B/1bb Serial 226P21
dated 15 November 1945.

(b) CNO Memorandum Op216/Hbb Serial 218P21
dated November 6 1945.

"Encls: (A) Copy of Reference (a).

(B) Copy of Reference (b).

(C) Copy of excerpt of Memo of Admiral Edwards.

"1. Admiral Colclough wants to be sure that each witness, and each prospective witness, before the Joint Congressional Committee investigating the Pearl Harbor Attack, has a copy of the Presidential Directives concerning testimony before the Committee.

"2. In order to comply with Admiral Colclough's desire, there is enclosed herewith for your retention a pamphlet entitled "Presidential Directives for Witnesses Before the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack", containing References (a) and (b), which quote the Presidential Memoranda dated 7 November 1945, 9 November 1945, 23 October 1945, and 28 August 1945, and also of excerpts from a memorandum of Admiral R. S. Edwards.

"3. Please acknowledge receipt of this pamphlet, using the attached form, and return the receipt to Room 1083A in the enclosed envelope.

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/s/ John Ford Baecher

Lieut. Comdr., USNR."

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The Vice Chairman: Does that complete the reading?

Captain Safford: That completes the reading of the original directive.

Senator Ferguson: Now, attached is a memorandum. It mentions Admiral Edwards memorandum, does it not?

Captain Safford: That is correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Will you read that memorandum?

Captain Safford (reading):

"Excerpt from Memorandum of Admiral R. S. Edwards:

"Subject: Presidential Security Directive Regarding Cryptanalytic discussions.

"1. The Presidential Security Directive prohibits release to the public of information regarding any specific results or degree of success attained by any cryptanalytic unit.

"2. The President modified his original directive to allow any witness to testify and give information regarding cryptanalytic activities which had to do with the investigation of the Pearl Harbor Incident. This specific exception to his original security directive did not, however, authorize witnesses to intro-

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duce discussions of cryptanalytic successes, subsequent to Pearl Harbor."

The Vice Chairman: Does that complete the reading of it?

Captain Safford: That completes the reading.

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The Chairman: Permit the Chair to ask you at this point, Captain, if in your testimony you have revealed anything with respect to the crypt analytical successes since Pearl Harbor?

Captain Safford: Only in the one case where I pointed this directive out to the committee and the Chairman decided that what I had to testify to would not be in violation of the Presidential directive and I said in view of his instruction I would continue my testimony.

The Vice Chairman: And otherwise you have complied with those instructions?

Captain Safford: Otherwise I have complied with these instructions implicitly.

The Vice Chairman: Thank you.

Senator Ferguson: Who is Admiral R. S. Edwards?

Captain Safford: He was the Deputy Chief of Staff at the time that Admiral King was -- Admiral Edwards was Chief of Staff at the time Admiral King was known as Commander in Chief U.S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations. I cannot recall immediately what Admiral Edwards' present capacity is.

Senator Ferguson: Is that signed by Admiral Edwards?

Captain Safford: There is no signature on this paper.

Senator Ferguson: There is no signature?

Captain Safford: No, sir. The only signature I had to

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1 go on is that of John Ford Baecher, Lieutenant Commander,
2 U.S.N.R.

3 Senator Ferguson: You have stated that except in one
4 case you have tried to live up to that restriction?

5 Captain Safford: I did, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Were there any other restrictions
7 issued prior to this in any other hearings on your testimony?

8 Captain Safford: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: This was the only memorandum that
10 you ever had, or the only restriction that was ever placed
11 upon you?

12 Captain Safford: That is correct, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Did the various parties to these
14 hearings to your knowledge have lawyers representing them,
15 some in the Navy and some outside of the Navy?

16 Captain Safford: Only in the case of the Navy Court
17 of Inquiry in 1944.

18 Senator Ferguson: And do you know of your own knowledge
19 that the lawyers were privileged to papers and so forth, and
20 the knowledge that you had, was that the purpose of having
21 lawyers?

22 Captain Safford: They were at that investigation.

23 Senator Ferguson: In the Pearl Harbor Navy Inquiry?

24 Captain Safford: In the Navy Pearl Harbor Inquiry which
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Admiral Murfin was the senior member of or president.

2 Senator Ferguson: Now, I asked you to read the Clark
3 Report insofar as it related to the Friedman statement. I
4 just want to get this clear on the record.

5 As I understand you claim that this statement was a
6 hearsay statement, you knew it was a hearsay statement?

7 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: And it was more than one removed
9 a hearsay statement?

10 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Now, in that Clark Report does Friedman
12 deny that he repeated part of this to you?

13 Captain Safford: In the Clark Investigation Mr. Friedman
14 acknowledged this conversation with me and stated far more
15 detail than I had ever given Admiral Hewitt.

16 Senator Ferguson: Now, you say that in his testimony
17 he is more in detail than what he told you?

18 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did he state to you where he got
20 the story?

21 Captain Safford: He stated that he got the story from
22 Colonel Sadtler.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did he tell you that?

24 Captain Safford: He told me that.
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: So that he related where the hearsay
2 came from?

3 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, he did.

4 Senator Ferguson: Did he trace it back any further
5 than Sadtler?

6 Captain Safford: No, sir, Sadtler was as far as I knew
7 anything about.

8 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not Friedman
9 testified before the Hewitt Investigation somewhat the same
10 as he did before the Clark Investigation?

11 Captain Safford: I know that Friedman was called
12 because he came out of Admiral Hewitt's office just as I
13 was going in on a recall. I have read his testimony subse-
14 quently in the past two months and he told Admiral Hewitt
15 a little but not very much.

16 Senator Ferguson: Not as much as he did Clark?

17 Captain Safford: Nowhere near as much as he told
18 Colonel Clark.

19 Senator Ferguson: I assume that the Clark and Hewitt
20 Reports are going into evidence so I am not going to ask
21 you to read this report. I merely wanted to know whether
22 or not the fact was in there that he had repeated it and
23 didn't deny that he had told you part of that story.

24 Captain Safford: He admitted telling me the story.
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Senator Ferguson: When you read over that did it cause you to want to change your testimony in any way about this Friedman case, about the disappearance of the winds code and the implementing message?

Captain Safford: I consider that the information which I have read this noon in the Clark Report strongly supports my statements in regard to the disappearance of official documents pertaining to the winds code and the winds implementing message.

Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

Senator Ferguson: Yes.

Mr. Murphy: Inasmuch as the witness has been asked and has given conclusions from certain words which appear before him which are not made known to the public, I ask unanimous consent now that the Clark Report be made a matter of record at this point.

Senator Ferguson: I have no objection. I just wanted to save time. I would be glad to have him read now what he says here.

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman, I understood that all of these reports commencing with the Roberts Report are to be developed in your hearing. There would be no need for any expeditious action with reference to the Clark Report.

The Vice Chairman: That is what I would think.

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Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Mr. Murphy: Instead of spreading it in the record I
2 ask that it be made an exhibit and made available as soon
3 as possible so that the papers can have the benefit of what
4 is in the Clark Report.

5 Senator Ferguson: I have no objection to that.

6 The Vice Chairman: Does counsel have any comment on
7 that request?

8 Mr. Richardson: No. If the committee thinks that
9 these copies should be made someone else will have to make
10 them so I have no reluctance with reference to it.

11 The Vice Chairman: Without objection the request will
12 be granted.

13 Mr. Richardson: It will all be printed in a very
14 short time and then be issued to the papers, but as Congressman
15 Murphy now suggests if it could be made an exhibit expeditiously
16 and go to the press now it might get to the press when the
17 subject is a little hotter than it would be later.

18 The Vice Chairman: Without objection the request is
19 granted.

20 Senator Ferguson: I think under those circumstances
21 that the testimony of Friedman in the Hewitt Report should
22 be made an exhibit and released at the same time.

23 The Vice Chairman: Is there objection? The Chair hears
24 none.

25 The Chair would like to know the numbers to be given the

Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Ferguson
Mr. Murphy

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two exhibits.

Senator Ferguson: All of the Friedman testimony will be made an exhibit out of the Hewitt Report.

It is understood, Captain, that you were only testifying from hearsay, so that there can't be any mistake about this?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir; that was thoroughly understood.

The Vice Chairman: Just a moment, Senator. I thought we should have the numbers of these two exhibits.

Mr. Richardson: The next exhibit number would be 143.

The Vice Chairman: 143, for the first of the two exhibits here offered?

Mr. Richardson: Yes. Then you can make the Hewitt copy 143-A.

Senator Ferguson: Yes; that is better.

The Vice Chairman: Without objection that will be done.

(Exhibit No. 143 reserved for the Clark Report; Exhibit No. 143-A reserved for the Hewitt Report.)

The Vice Chairman: All right, Senator, you may proceed.

Senator Ferguson: That is all I have.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman --

The Vice Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: Captain, over the noon hour you had a conversation with Lieutenant Bryant, did you not?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

(3) WARD & PAUL WASHINGTON, D. C.

Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

1 Mr. Murphy: I asked you to produce the letters which
2 you had written to Lieutenant Bryant and his answers thereto,
3 and did I understand you to say that you destroyed his
4 answers?

5 Captain Safford: I have not got them. I destroyed
6 them when they came in and I found out that he couldn't re-
7 member anything which would help me.

8 Mr. Murphy: Which would help you?

9 Captain Safford: I mean throw light on the subject.

10 Mr. Murphy: Throw light on the subject?

11 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Murphy: Do you feel that the reply of Lieutenant
13 Bryant to you did not throw considerable light on the subject
14 of the truth as to whether or not there was a winds intercept?

15 Captain Safford: I think it indicated confusion in his
16 mind and I let it go at that.

17 Mr. Murphy: At any rate, you destroyed his answer?

18 Captain Safford: I destroyed his answer.

19 Mr. Murphy: I now show you two letters. I show you
20 first the letter dated September 10, 1945 purporting to be
21 signed by L. F. Safford. Is that your signature?

22 Captain Safford: That is my signature and I sent this
23 letter.

24 Mr. Murphy: Now, there is an envelope there attached to
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

1 the letter and I ask whether or not your signature appears
2 on the envelope.

3 Captain Safford: My signature appears on the envelope.

4 Mr. Murphy: I ask you to examine the answer of Lieutenant
5 Bryant and ask whether or not that is the answer you re-
6 ceived to your first inquiry or your first letter?

7 Captain Safford: It was.

8 Mr. Murphy: I now show you a letter dated September
9 14, 1945 purporting to be signed by L. F. Safford, and ask
10 you if that is your signature.

11 Captain Safford: I wrote the letter and signed it.

12 Mr. Murphy: I show you in addition thereto a paper
13 attached thereto and ask you if that is the answer you
14 received from Lieutenant Bryant?

15 Captain Safford: That is correct.

16 Mr. Murphy: I now show you an envelope bearing the
17 name L. F. Safford on the front and ask you if this is
18 the envelope in which you sent the letter?

19 Captain Safford: That is the envelope.

20 The Vice Chairman: Just a moment. Counsel has called
21 attention to the fact with respect to those two exhibits
22 that the committee only has one copy of one of those records
23 and two copies of the other record. Obviously the committee
24 will have to continue to use those copies during the further
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

1 hearings here. So without objection the Chair will hold
2 that these exhibits made available when released by counsel..
3 Is there objection? The Chair hears none. So ordered.

4 Mr. Murphy: Captain, I would like to read for you and
5 into the record your first letter to Lieutenant Bryant, and
6 in order to identify Lieutenant Bryant his name was Chief
7 Ship's Clerk Harold L. Bryant, U.S.N., Naval Auxiliary Air
8 Station, Chincoteague, Virginia, was it not?

9 Captain Safford: That is correct.

10 Mr. Murphy: And he in December of 1941 was the stenographer
11 or typist for Captain Kramer, was he not?

12 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

13 Mr. Murphy: And he is the one whose duty it was to
14 type the papers which were presented to Captain Kramer; is
15 that right?

16 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, he did.

17 Mr. Murphy: Now, then, on September 10, 1945 you wrote
18 on stationery carrying the letterhead of the Navy Department,
19 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington 25, D. C.:

20 "My dear Bryant:

21 "Now that the war is over and the reports of the Pearl
22 Harbor Investigations have been made public, I feel free
23 to write to you concerning events in early December, 1941.

24 "Do you recall the 'winds message', or do these words
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mean anything to you? According to my memory, it was intercepted during the night of 3-4 December 1941, and sent in by teletype.

"(1) Did you type its translation for Commander Kramer?

"(2) Or did you see this message?

"(3) Or did Commander Kramer tell you about it?

"(4) Do you recall what it said or what it meant?

"(5) Can you throw any light on the subsequent disposition of this message?

"(6) Have you any other pertinent information?

"I appreciate that nearly four years have elapsed since the event in question and that only unusual circumstances would make you remember it all this time. So I will not be too disappointed if your memory is a complete blank. However, the information is very important to me, personally, and I would appreciate an immediate reply. It goes without saying that this inquiry must be regarded as secret.

"Thanking you in advance for the favor requested,

"Sincerely,

"L. F. Safford."

And then typed, "L. F. Safford", the first one being in ink written by you, Captain, "U.S.N."

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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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1 The Chairman: What was the date of that letter?

2 Mr. Murphy: September 10, 1945.

3 Under date of September 12, 1945:

4 "Dear Captain Safford:

5 "I have just received your letter of 10 September
6 1945, and I will reply to the questions you asked as well
7 as I can with due regard to the necessity for secrecy.

8 "I do recall the message you mentioned.

9 "Your other questions I will answer by the numbers
10 you assigned them --

11 "1. I probably did."

12 Senator Ferguson: I didn't get that.

13 Mr. Murphy: I will read the question and answer.

14 Your question was:

15 "(1) Did you type its translation for Commander?"

16 And the answer is:

17 "1. I probably did."

18 "(2) Or did you see this message?"

19 Answer to No. 2.:

20 "(2) I did."

21 "(3) Or did Commander Kramer tell you about it?"

22 Answer to No. 3:

23 "(3) I probably saw it before he did."

24 Question 4:

Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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"(4) Do you recall what it said or what it meant?"

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Answer to No. 4:

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"(4) I believe I have an idea of what it said, although at the time it was a matter of conjecture as to what it meant."

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Question No. 5:

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"(5) Can you throw any light on the subsequent disposition of this message?"

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"(5) It was, I believe, filed in its proper place."

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"(6) Have you any other pertinent information?"

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"(6) None regarding this particular message."

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"Although, as you say, nearly four years have elapsed, I am still unable to forget many of the events in GZ and at times the events of the week preceding are brought back to me with considerable force.

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"Respectfully yours,

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"Harold L. Bryant,

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"Chief, Ships Clerk, U. S. N."

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Then there followed your letter of September 14, 1945:

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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

"NAVY DEPARTMENT

"Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Washington, 25 D. C.

"Dear Bryant:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 September, and thank you for your very prompt reply.

"There is just one thing more I would like from you at the present time.

"Please send me from memory what this 'winds message' said or the significant words in it. Also give me as good a description as you can in regard to length, language used, whether in Kana, International Morse, or voice, and any further particulars which would help identify this message. Also station at which intercepted if you know of have any idea, time it was intercepted, time and date it was received in Op-20-G, what officer was on watch.

"I do not want to influence your answer in any way or to attempt to prompt your memory, or to suggest the probable contents of this message to you, and therefore will not give you any further description.

"The fact that you state that you probably saw this message before Commander Kramer, led me to believe that you know more about this message than I had realized. I cer-

Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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1 tainly appreciate the information that you have given me
2 and you cannot realize how important it is to many of us.

3 "Sincerely,

4 "L. F. Safford --"

5 In ink, and typed:

6 "L. F. Safford,

7 "Captain, U. S. N."

8 I now read the answer of Lieutenant Bryant dated
9 September 16, 1945;

10 "My dear Safford:

11 "I have just received your letter of 14 September.

12 "Perhaps I have given you the wrong impression regard-
13 ing this particular message. Frankly, I had not given it
14 a thought until I received your first letter. When I said
15 I probably saw it before Commander Kramer did, that state-
16 ment would apply equally to any messages we received,
17 simply because the channels through which they passed made
18 it so. That is, they passed through me for typing and
19 thence to him for evaluation and distribution.

20 "I hesitate to elaborate on these matters because I
21 am not unmindful of the obligations placed on me by my
22 association with the unit, and I do not know to what extent
23 the security has been relaxed.

24 "I do not know any of the details of the message you
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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1 mention as to length, language, code, method of trans-
2 mission, origin, or date. It was interpreted at the time,
3 as I recall it, to provide code words for movements in
4 force in certain directions and significantly for us,
5 towards Malaya and the Dutch Indies. If there was any
6 other direction indicated, we missed it.

7 "If I can be of any further service in this or any
8 other matter, please call on me.

9 "Very respectfully,

10 "Harold L. Bryant

11 "Chief Ship's Clerk, U.S.N."

12 Now, as I understand it, Captain, when you got this
13 letter from the person who said he had typed papers for
14 Captain Kramer, and when he said if there was any other
15 direction indicated, "we missed it," having having that
16 paper from the typist you destroyed the answer, did you?

17 Captain Safford: I destroyed the papers subsequently.

18 Mr. Murphy: I have no other questions.

19 The Chairman: Are there any further questions?

20 Mr. Keefe: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask one or
21 two further questions.

22 Captain Safford, I gather that there either was or
23 there was not a winds execute message received on or about
24 the 4th day of December?
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You say there was?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir, I say there was.

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Mr. Keefe: Others claim there was not.

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: The letters just read would indicate that there was some kind of a message received that day?

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: So far as the records in the Navy Department are concerned, all the messages of that character are absent, are they not?

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Captain Safford: That is absolutely correct.

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Mr. Keefe: There isn't any message in the files showing any type of code words, is there?

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Captain Safford: No, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Whether the code words were in the middle or at the end, or whether repeated two or three times or not, there is no message of any kind or character involving those code words received on the 4th that you have been able to find?

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Captain Safford: No message whatsoever, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: So we are face to face with the determination of the question as to whether or not there was a message of some kind that was intercepted and delivered to you by Kramer that night?

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: If there was any kind of a message of any kind or character, regardless of what was in it, that message should be in the file, shouldn't it?

Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And it is not there in the files?

Captain Safford: Very definitely not.

Mr. Keefe: Did you ever have a conversation with Admiral Hart about the winds message?

Captain Safford: I had a very long conversation with Admiral Hart off the record before I gave my sworn testimony, because in the sworn testimony he wanted to keep the record just as short as he possibly could and avoid any references to our sources of information, because he hoped that he could avoid all the extra-security precautions in his report which had to be taken in some of the later reports.

After this long off-the-record conversation, he gave me a list of questions he was going to ask, allowed me about a week to prepare the answers for them, taking great care not to make frequent references to sources of material, he said all he wanted to know was what we knew and the date, and Admiral Hart himself having had access to all this intercepted top secret magic information when Commander

Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet during this period, he knew
2 exactly what I was talking about and where my information
3 was coming from.

4 After I had prepared by paper, I went back to his
5 office under the date set. He read the questions to me,
6 and I read the answers from my prepared paper, which was
7 turned over to him for use in verifying my testimony.

8 Later I was permitted to return to his office and
9 verify my testimony, all of which shows in the record of
10 the proceedings of the Hart Investigation.

11 Mr. Keefe: Well, I have, some place in my mind, in
12 connection with this testimony that there was some conver-
13 sation between you and Admiral Hart with reference to the
14 winds execute message, and that in connection with that
15 testimony Admiral Hart made certain statements to you.

16 The reason I have gone into it is because the Senator
17 from Maine wanted to inquire about it, and I didn't know
18 whether he would get here. I see he is here now.

19 Let me finish one or two questions and then you can
20 go into that Hart situation, Senator.

21 I will withdraw the last question that I asked of the
22 witness. Let the Senator from Maine inquire with reference
23 to it.

24 Now, you have been shown or read or there has been
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Witness Safford

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 read into the record by the gentleman from Pennsylvania,
2 Mr. Murphy, two letters written by you to Chief Ship's
3 Clerk Harold L. Bryant, and Bryant's answers thereto.

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Keefe: Now, these letters were written in Septem-
6 ber 1945?

7 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

8 Mr. Keefe: That was after you had testified before
9 the Naval Court of Inquiry?

10 Captain Safford: After I had testified.

11 Mr. Keefe: After you had testified before the Hewitt
12 Board?

13 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

14 Mr. Keefe: And was it after you had testified before
15 Hart?

16 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, and after I had testified
17 before the Army Board also.

18 Mr. Keefe: So you had already given your testimony
19 before all of these courts of inquiry and it expressed
20 your knowledge as to what you knew about this winds execute
21 before you even wrote these letters to Mr. Bryant?

22 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Keefe: That is all.

24 The Chairman: Might I ask you this question:
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Witness Safford

Questions by: The Chairman

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1 Did that letter, the first letter you wrote to Mr.
2 Bryant, have any relationship to the passage of the Joint
3 Resolution under which this committee is holding this in
4 quire, that Joint Resolution having been passed on the
5 6th of September, and your first letter being dated the
6 10th?

7 Captain Safford: I believe that it did, sir. That
8 and V-J Day. I had not attempted to communicate with
9 Bryant before V-J Day, but I think it was that relation-
10 ship that prompted it.

11 The Chairman: You took it for granted that, this
12 resolution having been passed, you would be called upon
13 to testify again?

14 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

15 The Chairman: I see.

16 Captain Safford: In view of my previous testimony.

17 The Chairman: And you we re seeking corroboration
18 from Mr. Bryant of your viewpoint?

19 Captain Safford: Or get what information he could
20 throw on the subject.

21 The Chairman: But you had in your mind the possibility
22 of corroboration on his part? .

23 Captain Safford: I expected that anybody who could
24 remember the incident would corroborate me.

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Witness Safford

Questions by: The Chairman
Senator Brewster

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2 The Chairman: I understand, but I am talking about
3 these letters; not somebody else.

4 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

5 The Chairman: Is your answer to that question "yes"?

6 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

7 The Chairman: All right.

8 Senator Brewster.

9 Senator Brewster: Captain, I want to speak about this
10 Hart incident, which has come to my attention, and in that
11 connection will read the testimony which you gave before the
12 Army Board at pages 172, 173 and 174:

13 "Captain Safford. There is a possibility that the
14 original distribution copy of that message is in existence
15 in the Navy Department in the hands or in the safe of some
16 high official, probably the Vice Chief of Naval Operations
17 if it is in existence, possibly the Secretary of the Navy.
18 Admiral Hart made a statement to me which implied that he
19 had sighted it and that I was not justified in the statement
20 that all copies of the 'winds' message had been destroyed,
21 or all the Navy Department copies had been destroyed.

22 "Major Clausen: In connection with the answer that you
23 just gave to General Russell you stated that Admiral Hart
24 informed you he had cited a distribution list. Do you
25 recall that?

Witness Safford

Questions by: Senator Brewster

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2 "Captain Safford: No, sir. That he had sighted the
3 actual 'winds' message.

4 "Major Clausen: That he had cited the message in a
5 written report that he rendered?

6 "Captain Safford: No, sir. He said to me, 'I have
7 just come from the front office, and I have seen your "winds"
8 message. Now, don't make statements that you can't verify.'
9 This is of the time I came in to verify my testimony, so I
10 withdrew from my testimony any statement to the effect relative
11 then to other copies having been destroyed, because I didn't
12 know where I stood then."

13 That is the end of the quotation of the testimony.

14 Now, do you recall the statement of Admiral Hart to you?

15 Captain Safford: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Brewster: That is substantially correct, as
17 you testified?

18 Captain Safford: It is substantially correct.

19 Senator Brewster: And that was at the time you were
20 going to verify your testimony before Admiral Hart when
21 he cautioned you to be careful about any statement that the
22 winds message had been destroyed because you understood him
23 to say he had seen a copy just before that?

24 Captain Safford: Yes, sir, immediately before that.

25 Senator Brewster: That is all.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Captain, will you give your name in full to the reporter?

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Captain Kramer: Captain Alwin Dalton Kramer, U. S.

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Mr. Richardson: How old are you?

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Captain Kramer: I was born 5 September 1903.

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

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Captain Kramer: I entered the Naval Academy in June of 1921; graduated in June 1925.

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Mr. Richardson: Would you detail in a general way what your assignments in the Navy have been from then until now?

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Captain Kramer: On graduation I was ordered to the U. S. Naval Rifle Team Training in Annapolis, Maryland, an organization which is primarily a small arms school for the Navy. This training culminates in matches which were held in those days annually at Camp Perry, Ohio, in which the U.S. Navy entered a team. I was similarly detailed to that team in 1929, 1930 and 1931, as a firing member of the U.S.

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After completion of that summer's training in 1925 I was ordered to the U.S.S. TENNESSEE where I remained until the end of 1946. My next assignment --

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Mr. Keefe: 1946?

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Captain Kramer: 1926, I am sorry.

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My next assignment was the U.S.S. ROCHESTER which I

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 joined in the early spring of 1927 and remained aboard
2 her operating in Central American waters, Panama Canal Zone,
3 in both the Atlantic and Caribbean, until June of 1929.

4 At that time I was again ordered to the Rifle Team on
5 completion of which assignment I was ordered to the U.S.S.
6 DETROIT, a light cruiser. I joined the DETROIT in the fall
7 of 1929, remained assigned to her as Spot One and Gunnery
8 Duties until June of 1931, with a short period, four months
9 period in the summer of 1930 detached on temporary duty to
10 the Rifle Team.

11 On completion of the Rifle Team assignment in 1931 I
12 was ordered to Tokyo, Japan as a language officer, where I
13 remained until the fall of 1934.

14 On returning to this country after leave I reported to
15 the Office of Chief of Naval Operations Far East Section of
16 the Division of Naval Intelligence through the spring of
17 1935 after which I was ordered to destroyers in the Pacific,
18 operating chiefly in San Diego in 1936 and then for the
19 subsequent two years in Hawaiian waters out of Pearl Harbor.

20 In June of 1938 I was ordered to the Navy Department,
21 Washington, and assigned to the Far East Section of the
22 Division of Intelligence. For the next approximate year and
23 a half I had the Japanese desk in the Far East Section of
24 the Division of Naval Intelligence. Part of that time I
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 was assigned to the Communications Security Group under
2 then Commander Safford.

3 In June of 1940 I was assigned to that section of
4 Commander Safford's office on a full-time basis and remained
5 on that duty until June of 1943.

6 I was the ordered to COM-14, the Joint Intelligence
7 Center at Pearl Harbor, as an activity operationally under
8 Admiral Nimitz, Cincpac.

9 I remained attached thereto through the fall of 1943
10 with the exception of one month temporary duty in the South
11 Pacific.

12 In January 1944 I was ordered to the South Pacific and
13 joined Admiral Halsey's staff. I remained there until
14 Admiral Halsey's detachment in the middle of June 1944 and
15 continued attached to the South Pacific Force and area through
16 the summer of 1944, at the end of which I again was ordered
17 north to the Hawaiian Islands.

18 My transfer at that time, I learned on arrival in
19 Hawaii, was for the purpose of testifying before the Naval
20 Court of Inquiry then meeting at Pearl Harbor. I remained
21 there attached to the Joint Intelligence Center at Pearl
22 Harbor until ordered to the United States early last year.

23 Since the spring of 1945 I have been attached to the
24 Division of Intelligence of the Office of the Chief of Naval
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Operations, until I was transferred, detached, rather,
 temporarily to the hospital for treatment, or observation
 initially in August and treatment from September. I am
 still attached by permanent Bureau of Personnel Orders to
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Mr. Richardson: Captain, you are a married man?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Richardson: From what state were you appointed?

Captain Kramer: Massachusetts.

Mr. Richardson: What family have you?

Captain Kramer: I have a wife and two children, boys.

Mr. Richardson: Do you speak Japanese?

Captain Kramer: I do, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Fluently?

Captain Kramer: I will leave that to my betters to judge.

Mr. Richardson: Were you supposed to be a fluent Japanese linguist?

Captain Kramer: I presume I was supposed to be.

Mr. Richardson: What were your duties, Captain, during the months of November and December 1941 in a detailed way, if you will describe them to us?

Captain Kramer: I was in charge of a section in the Division of Naval Communications which was a subsection under then Commander Safford, known as OP-20-GZ, OP-20 being the designation of the then Commander Safford, known as the Communications Security Group.

GZ was the subsection concerned with the translation of decrypted ciphers and the recovery of Japanese codes. My permanent assignment was to the Far East section of the Division

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3 GZ.

4 As a subordinate of the Director of Naval Intelligence
5 I was given the further duty of disseminating at the direc-
6 tion of the Director of Naval Intelligence or my immediate
7 superior, the head of the Far East section, translations pro-
8 duced in my section.

9 Mr. Richardson: What were your customary office hours
10 at that period?

11 Captain Kramer: That is a difficult question to answer,
12 counsellor. The regular working hours in those days was from
13 8 o'clock in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon, except
14 Saturday, when closing hours were, I believe, at a quarter of
15 one. However, not only myself but translators and yeomen
16 were all considered on duty, especially during the latter part
17 of 1941, on a twenty-four hour basis. There were numerous oc-
18 casions when we worked until 9:10 or 11 in the evening. There
19 are a number of occasions when I was called down to the office
20 during the course of the night and when I phoned for certain
21 translators to come down to help out.

22 Does that answer your question?

23 Mr. Richardson: If messages came into your unit by whom
24 were they received?

25 Captain Kramer: By "my unit" you refer to Section GZ,

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I take it.

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Mr. Richardson: That is right.

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Captain Kramer: Normally they went to then Chief Yeoman Bryant, who passed them to translators.

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Mr. Richardson: Right at that point, how did they come in mechanically?

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Captain Kramer: By hand from the GY watch officer.

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Mr. Richardson: And where were those watch officers located and how many were there?

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Captain Kramer: I believe there were four, with the most experienced one, a fifth one, in general charge, keeping the office hours which he saw fit or which was required by the situation at the time.

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Mr. Richardson: Well, my recollection is that at this particular time Ramsay, Linn, Pering and Brotherhood were the watch officers.

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Captain Kramer: Linn, Pering and Brotherhood I recall. I do not recollect Ramsay. There was one other whom I distinctly recall, named Murray.

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Mr. Richardson: That is right. They, as I understand it, Captain, would take the messages mechanically in the first instance. Is that correct?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: And what would they take it from?

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Captain Kramer: From whatever source it arrived in Section GY from. There were many sources.

Mr. Richardson: Illustrate the sources that would bring a message into Gy?

Captain Kramer: In 1940 and early 1941 the primary source was mail, air mail from the intercept stations. At some date during 1941, I am uncertain as to the exact date, teletype transmission of that traffic was instituted from shore stations within the United States proper. Furthermore, I know that some time during 1941 stations in outlying possessions were directed to encode in U.S. Naval systems traffic on certain channels we were intercepting. One I recall distinctly is the Tokyo-Berlin channel. We had other sources than I have given.

Mr. Richardson: Yes. When these messages would come in they would be in the precise language of the message as it was delivered to GY?

Captain Kramer: Do you mean when they came into GZ?

Mr. Richardson: Into GZ, yes.

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

Mr. Richardson: What change would occur in the message after it was received in process of handling it?

Captain Kramer: GY was a subsection of this Communications Security Group, responsible for the attack on, the breakdown and the decryption or decoding of recovered systems.

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Mr. Richardson: Including translation?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir. By "breakdown" I mean crypt-
analytical breakdown.

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Mr. Richardson: After that stage had been passed through
what was the next stage into which a message would pass?

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Captain Kramer: The text broken down into the Japanese
text which we had recovered was sent to my section from that
point. That applies primarily to ciphers, of course. In the
case of codes most of the recovery work, at least after the
initial breaks into a new code were made, were done by my
section. It was primarily a language problem.

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Mr. Richardson: And about how many people did you have
there in late November and early December assisting in the
translation of such messages?

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Captain Kramer: We had three linguists whom I would
characterize as the most highly skilled Occidentals in the
Japanese language in the world. We had three others that we
had acquired, I believe the first one in 1940 and the second
two in the fall of 1941, who were less skilled in the work of
our office. The two last ones I mentioned above were in more
or less of a training status at that time.

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Mr. Richardson: Well, now, when the message had been put
into the Japanese language was there anyone that assigned a
particular message to a particular linguist?

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2 Captain Kramer: Not a particular message, no, sir. How-
3 ever, I made general assignments of what translators would
4 handle what type of traffic. I will amplify that, if you de-
5 sire, by stating that the most important circuits, two of which
6 at that time were the Tokyo-Washington circuit and the Tokyo-
7 Berlin circuit, were for the most part in a system which was
8 the best the Japanese had, namely, the so-called purple ma-
9 chine.

10 The Berlin circuit, of course, was concerned with the
11 war in Europe and negotiations with reference to the Tri-
12 partite pact. The Washington circuit primarily was concerned
13 with the Japanese-American negotiations.

14 Certain minor circuits, for example what we termed the
15 "China net" I assigned to one of the less skilled translators
16 who did most of the work on that traffic. That was not an
17 ironclad assignment by any means. If a translator finished im-
18 portant traffic he was handling he dug into whatever remaining
19 traffic was untranslated in the section.

20 Mr. Richardson: Well, then, Captain, until someone in
21 your immediate section translated the message that came in no
22 one in the Navy Department beyond you would know what that
23 message meant?

24 Captain Kramer: In general that is correct, sir. However,
25 it should be modified to this extent. It is of some assistance

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2 to crypt-analysts to have at least a slight knowledge of the
3 language with which they are working, the language in the
4 crypts they are working with. For that reason there had been
5 periodic lecture courses given to the crypt-analysts, not only
6 the top crypt-analysts but those in training, by my predecessor
7 Captain Mason, I believe by my immediate predecessor now
8 Captain Carlson and by myself, so that the GY watch officers
9 and a number of the crypt-analytical clerks had a certain
10 familiarity with the Japanese language.

11 Mr. Richardson: But the information which they might get,
12 be it little or be it much, would not pass out for use by the
13 Navy Department except out of your section after the message
14 had been adequately interpreted?

15 Captain Kramer: With one exception which I have in mind
16 that is precisely correct.

17 Mr. Richardson: What is the one exception you mean?

18 Captain Kramer: The one exception is this winds message,
19 sir.

20 Mr. Richardson: All right. Now, were you on duty on
21 your assignment on the 6th day of December 1941?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I was.

23 Mr. Richardson: Was it essential and was it necessarily
24 a result of your handling of these various messages that you
25 were familiar with the status of the diplomatic arrangements

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2 and intercourse between this country and Japan, particularly
3 as evidenced by the dispatches which came through your office?

4 Captain Kramer: It was not essential for the activities
5 of my section that I be so familiar with the negotiations.

6 Mr. Richardson: But were you so familiar?

7 Captain Kramer: Primarily from the intercepts.

8 Mr. Richardson: That is right.

9 Captain Kramer: I saw very little extraneous to those
10 intercepts.

11 Mr. Richardson: Now, do you recall the fact of what has
12 been referred to here as the incident relating to the so-
13 called fourteen part message?

14 Captain Kramer: I am not certain what incident you re-
15 fer to, sir.

16 Mr. Richardson: I mean the entire incident of there hav-
17 ing been a fourteen part message.

18 Captain Kramer: I believe I am thoroughly familiar, yes,
19 sir.

20 Mr. Richardson: Now, when was the first thing that brought
21 into existence in your mind what later turned out to be this
22 incident that I refer to?

23 Captain Kramer: I am as certain as I can be, sir, that
24 the first knowledge I had that the Japanese note was being
25 sent to the United States was around three or shortly after

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2 three P.M. Saturday, 6 December 1941.

3 The issue of that time arose from this circumstance: Be-
4 cause of traffic on hand at noon time on Saturday, 6 December
5 I requested certain of the translators to remain on past the
6 regular working hours, about a quarter of one, to clean it
7 up. They were still there at about three P.M. Before releas-
8 ing them for the afternoon I made a final check with the tele-
9 type and the GY watch officer to see if anything were coming
10 in on the Tokyo to Washington circuit, in other words, dis-
11 patches originating in Tokyo addressed to Washington, which
12 might by any chance either be such a note in reply to Sec-
13 retary Hull's note of 26 November or which might bear on
14 these negotiations.

15 When I made that check there was something coming in
16 on the teletype so addressed. I therefore requested the
17 translators to hold on for a while longer, until we broke that
18 message coming in down.

19 Within, I recollect, one-half hour or less the first part
20 of a message which we broke down was broken to the extent of
21 reading the first few lines of the text of the message, speci-
22 fically the first part of the first line, which is an internal
23 indicator of how many parts there are to that message. That
24 was standard Japanese practice and procedure.

25 The first part we broke down I rather distinctly recol-

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2 lect was part eight of a fourteen part message. After about
3 the third line, as I recollect, it went into English text with
4 many insertions of three letter code groups, indicating state-
5 ments of various kinds.

6 Does that answer your question, sir?

7 Mr. Richardson: Proceed and carry through what happened
8 with reference to that message during the afternoon while you
9 were there.

10 Captain Kramer: Well, then --

11 Mr. Keefe: Mr. Chairman, might I ask before counsel
12 starts on this line, whether or not the 3 or 3:15 message re-
13 fers to the pilot message or the first thirteen parts?

14 Mr. Richardson: Was there, Captain, what may be called
15 a preliminary pilot message a part of this incident?

16 Captain Kramer: I believe, Mr. Counsellor, that you are
17 referring to Tokyo Serial 901 on page 238 of exhibit 1. I
18 have no recollection of seeing that message until later in the
19 afternoon, although it is possible that the Army delivered it
20 to my section earlier in the afternoon.

21 I would like to invite your attention to the fact that
22 at the foot of that message there is indicated as a file
23 number, "J.D. 7149"; that at the foot of each of the parts of
24 the fourteen part note is "File No. 7143", six numbers ear-
25 lier. I stated that I was uncertain whether that came in

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earlier in the afternoon or not. In any case it was not stamped with a file number until approximately 8:30 that evening for dissemination.

Mr. Richardson: When had the first thirteen parts finished coming in ?

Captain Kramer: My recollection is that the last of the first thirteen parts were coming in about 7:30 that evening.

Mr. Richardson: Did you make a more or less detailed examination of those thirteen parts?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Mr. Richardson: From your experience in the matter and your familiarity with other dispatches, particularly the intercepts between Tokyo and the United States, were you impressed with anything unusual about these thirteen parts as you read them?

Captain Kramer: I have stated that the first part I recollect seeing is part 8. If you will refer to that you will see that there is nothing in that part -- in fact, the last half of that part quotes the United States note, - that was materially different than the general tenor of previous notes back and forth between the United States and Japan.

When the first thirteen parts were complete I did, however, have that distinct impression, that this note was far and appreciably stronger language than earlier notes had been

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2 and that it indicated a strong probability that the Japanese
3 were concluding any further negotiations.

4 Mr. Richardson: That was the impression you had?

5 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

6 Mr. Richardson: Now, was the message translated and in
7 shape for delivery further into the Navy Department by 7:30
8 in the evening?

9 Captain Kramer: It was not, no, sir.

10 Mr. Richardson: When, as near as you can recall -- and
11 bear in mind, Captain, that everyone here recognizes that re-
12 collections are only recollections.

13 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

14 Mr. Richardson: About what time do you think this thir-
15 teen part message was ready for delivery?

16 Captain Kramer: I am quite certain regarding my times
17 that that was ready for delivery. Briefly it is as follows:

18 The folders for delivery to the usual recipients of this
19 traffic were in process of preparation about between 8:30 and
20 a quarter of 9 Saturday evening. At about a quarter of nine
21 I commenced my usual practice of phoning to the probable loca-
22 tions of these usual recipients.

23 Mr. Richardson: And who would those recipients normally
24 be?

25 Captain Kramer: The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Knox;

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2 Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Stark, or his flag sec-
3 retary, then Commander Welburn; Director of Naval Intelligence,
4 Admiral Wilkinson; the head of the Far East section of the
5 Division of Naval Intelligence, then Commander McCollum; the
6 Director of the War Plans Division, Admiral Turner; and either
7 the White House directly or the Naval Aide to the President,
8 then Captain Beardall.

9 Mr. Richardson: Would there be any distribution made to
10 the Army?

11 Captain Kramer: Distribution was automatically made to
12 the Army of all messages typed by my section. Within a matter
13 of minutes or at the most a couple of hours after they were
14 typed.

15 Mr. Richardson: And to whom would they go as represent-
16 ing the Army?

17 Captain Kramer: To the parallel section to mine in the
18 Signal Intelligence section of the Army.

19 Mr. Richardson: Who was in charge of that, if you recall?

20 Captain Kramer: I believe then Captain Doud or Major
21 Doud was in charge of that section.

22 Mr. Richardson: But you had no further duty with respect
23 to dissemination of any such message within the Army beyond
24 the delivery to the Doud section?

25 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: But it was your duty, as I understand your testimony, to arrange for the delivery of the message to the individuals connected with the naval establishment whom you have just identified in your testimony?

Captain Kramer: In general that is correct, sir. My responsibility in that regard was as a subordinate of the Director of Naval Intelligence. In carrying out those responsibilities I was acting for him. I could, and on a number of occasions did, make special deliveries on his direction.

Mr. Richardson: Did you physically make any deliveries yourself of such messages?

Captain Kramer: In most cases I physically made the deliveries myself.

Mr. Richardson: Well, when the first thirteen part section of this message we are talking about had been completed and had been translated and was in shape to be delivered did you deliver it?

Captain Kramer: I began to describe what I was doing at a quarter of nine. If I may continue I think it will answer your question.

Mr. Richardson: Go ahead.

Captain Kramer: I phoned the usual recipients I have already named at their office or homes in order to locate them. As I have indicated, that was my usual practice day or night.

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Mr. Richardson: Well, now, you will pardon me if I interrupt you as I go along because I have to get it into my head my way. When you telephoned a recipient would you give that recipient over the telephone any information as to why you were telephoning him and what you proposed to tell to him?

Captain Kramer: In cryptic language, yes. Generally it was in such terms as, "I have something important that I believe you should see at once," or something of that nature.

Mr. Richardson: Well, now, go ahead with your narration as to what occurred on Saturday night.

Captain Kramer: I phoned the quarters of Admiral Stark on Observatory Circle on Massachusetts Avenue but could not reach him. He was apparently not at home. I similarly phoned Admiral Turner's home. I phoned the situation room at the White House.

Mr. Richardson: What do you mean by the "situation room"?

Captain Kramer: It was a room on the ground floor, south side, in the center of the White House which the Naval Aide, Captain Beardall, had set up a month or two before, equipped with maps to follow the war in Europe and to assist, presumably, the President with those maps and to have a center to handle any messages or traffic of intelligence from the Navy Department.

Mr. Richardson: Who was Beardall?

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2 Captain Kramer: Naval Aide to the President.

3 Mr. Richardson: And who was under him in that work at
4 the White House?

5 Captain Kramer: When that room was set up my recollection is that there was initially one Army and one Navy junior
6 officer as assistants. Other assistants were brought in later.
7 I believe at about the time of Pearl Harbor a classmate of
8 mine at the Naval Academy, then Lieutenant Commander Leahy,
9 was put in charge of those assistants to the situation room.

10 Mr. Richardson: Now, proceed with what you did by way
11 of handling this message, the thirteen parts of this message.

12 Captain Kramer: I further phoned then Commander McCollum
13 at his home in Alexandria, indicating what had come in in
14 cryptic terms on the phone, and after completing these various
15 phone calls then phoned Admiral Wilkinson at his home in Ar-
16 lington to inform him of whom I had been able to contact.

17 First I informed him of the nature of what I had that I
18 felt should be delivered at once and further informed him what
19 I proposed to do in the way of delivery. He approved my pro-
20 posals, which consisted of delivery to the White House, to
21 Mr. Knox, - who, incidentally, I had also phoned, and then to
22 his home.

23 Mr. Richardson: Whose home?

24 Captain Kramer: Admiral Wilkinson's home.
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2 Mr. Richardson: Yes. Well, about what time did you
3 start out to make these deliveries?

4 Captain Kramer: There was one other phone call I made
5 and that was to my own home, to my wife, asking her to be my
6 chauffeur.

7 Mr. Richardson: I thought, Captain, you were going to
8 ask permission. Proceed.

9 Captain Kramer: She very graciously complied and did
10 act as my chauffeur during the evening.

11 We reached the White House I should say about 9:15 where,
12 as I recollect it, one of these junior aides to Captain Bear-
13 all was on duty. I do not recall whether it was the Army or
14 the naval aide, in fact they may both have been there. I
15 left rather categorical instructions with him to get that
16 folder to the President as quickly as possible.

17 Mr. Richardson: Would you mind telling us the exact
18 language as near as you can remember it?

19 Captain Kramer: I said in approximately these terms
20 that "there was something in this folder -- which, incidentally
21 was inside a locked pouch -- "that the President should see
22 as quickly as possible." I was given to understand that the
23 President was entertaining at the moment. I learned only
24 within the last couple of months that Mrs. Roosevelt was
25 entertaining rather than the President. I learned only the

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2 last few days who was being entertained, when Captain Bafford
3 testified -- and told him that when I had phoned Admiral
4 Wilkinson I was informed that the Naval Aide, Captain Bear-
5 all, was at dinner at Admiral Wilkinson's home. I therefore
6 told this assistant of Captain Bearall's that I would show
7 it to him, that I would show it to the aide when I reached
8 Admiral Wilkinson's home and that very likely he would get
9 in touch with him at that time to find out whether Mr.
10 Roosevelt had seen this traffic. From there --

11 Mr. Richardson: Now, you said that this message was in
12 a locked pouch. Was it customary when you delivered messages
13 that they be kept in a locked pouch?

14 Captain Kramer: Invariably, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Richardson: Who had the key to the pouch?

16 Captain Kramer: The recipients and my section only.

17 Mr. Richardson: The pouch then, as I take it, was not
18 opened until you reached the recipient who was to receive the
19 message?

20 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

21 Mr. Richardson: When a copy was delivered on such an
22 occasion did it remain with the recipient?

23 Captain Kramer: It remained for a period normally of
24 one or two or three days. In some cases, specifically the
25 State Department, where I had delivery responsibilities

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2 earlier in 1941, they at times retained them for as much as
3 one or two weeks and occasionally called for earlier ones
4 that had been returned. The only exception to that general
5 statement is that in the Far East section of the Office of
6 Naval Intelligence there was normally a back file kept
7 running for several weeks to a month.

8 Mr. Richardson: Then the file check would show whether
9 a copy had been returned by a particular recipient or not?

10 Captain Kramer: Such a file check was kept in my office,
11 yes, sir.

12 Mr. Richardson: And ultimately it was expected that that
13 file list would check out by an ultimate return of the dis-
14 patch originally delivered?

15 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

16 Mr. Richardson: Did you deliver a copy of this thirteen
17 part section to the aide in charge at the White House on
18 this evening around 9:15?

19 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

20 Mr. Richardson: And where did you go after leaving the
21 White House?

22 Captain Kramer: To the Wardman Park Hotel on Connecticut
23 Avenue.

24 Mr. Richardson: Whom did you see there?

25 Captain Kramer: Mr. Knox, the Secretary of the Navy.

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2 Mr. Richardson: Did you have any conversation with the
3 Secretary?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I did.

5 Mr. Richardson: What was the nature of it?

6 Captain Kramer: The first twenty minutes or so of my
7 presence in his apartment, where there were also, incidentally,
8 Mrs. Knox and a civilian business associate of Mr. Knox, I
9 believe acting manager of the Chicago Daily News, whom I had
10 seen on frequent occasions in his outer office in the Navy
11 Department, - Mr. Knox read the dispatches for the first
12 twenty minutes or so. During that time there was very little
13 said. During that time I sat near him in a corner of the room
14 part of the time, the rest of the time engaged in general con-
15 versation with the other two people present.

16 Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said after the Sec-
17 retary completed his examination of the document?

18 Captain Kramer: Not specifically bearing on this traffic
19 in the folder he was reading. Mr. Knox was very security-
20 minded and had been since he was indoctrinated, if I may use
21 that term, into the security features and identified in hand-
22 ling this traffic and I do not believe customarily discussed
23 this decrypted traffic with either his wife or his business
24 associates.

25 Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said by the Secretary

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with respect to taking any action on the message which he had read?

Captain Kramer: There was not, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Now, about what time do you think you left the Warman Park?

Captain Kramer: Between 9:45 and a quarter of 10 I should say.

Mr. Richardson: Whither did you go?

Captain Kramer: To Arlington, Virginia, the home of Admiral Wilkinson.

Mr. Richardson: Now, when you arrived at the home of Admiral Wilkinson who in respect to the members of the naval establishment did you find there?

Captain Kramer: Admiral Wilkinson was present, also Captain Bearall. I have had my memory refreshed only quite recently to the effect that General Miles was also present.

Mr. Richardson: Was Admiral Wilkinson there?

Captain Kramer: Admiral Wilkinson was there, yes, sir.

Mr. Richardson: To whom did you make delivery at the Wilkinson home?

Captain Kramer: To Admiral Wilkinson in the first instance. Captain Bearall also read the traffic from an extra folder I had. General Miles also perused it.

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Mr. Richardson: Was there any discussion of it while they were perusing it or following the perusal?

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Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, there was.

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Mr. Richardson: Can you give us the general nature of it?

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Captain Kramer: The general nature of it was to the effect that it certainly looked as though the Japanese were terminating negotiations with the United States. Other than that I can recall no specific phraseology used.

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Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said in that conversation by any of them with respect to sending any message or taking any action based on this traffic?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir, there was not.

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Mr. Richardson: About what time do you think you left the Wilkinson home?

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Captain Kramer: It was about 12:30; after midnight.

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Mr. Richardson: And did you attempt to make any further deliveries that night?

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Captain Kramer: I did not.

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Mr. Richardson: You went home, I presume, from the Wilkinson home?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir. I never took these folders with encrypted traffic to my home. They were returned -- speaking specifically of the copies shown Mr. Knox and Admiral Wilkinson and the extra copy I had, - to my safe in

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Witness Kramer

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Mr. Richardson: Then when you returned to your office where your safe was were all of the copies of this message that you had started out to deliver returned to your safe or did certain copies remain with certain recipients?

Captain Kramer: The only copy that remained out that I recollect was the one left in the situation room at the White House in a locked pouch.

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Mr. Richardson: How long did you remain in your office
2 upon your return there when you put these documents in your
3 safe?

4 Captain Kramer: Probably 10 or 15 minutes, checking
5 with the GY watch officer to see if anything new of interest
6 or importance had come in.

7 Mr. Richardson: Did you have reason to believe at that
8 time that there was still another part of this message to
9 come in?

10 Captain Kramer: I had positive knowledge that there
11 was another part. There were 14 parts indicated as the
12 number of parts of this message and we still had only 13
13 parts.

14 Mr. Richardson: Did you inquire from your staff there
15 as to whether the 14th part had come in?

16 Captain Kramer: That was one of the things I specifically
17 inquired about.

18 Mr. Richardson: And you ascertained what as to that
19 fact?

20 Captain Kramer: There was still no 14th part, or any-
21 thing that looked as though it might be the 14th part.

22 Mr. Richardson: Then sometime between half past twelve
23 and one you left your office and returned home?

24 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Mr. Richardson: Now how early did you go to the office
2 the next morning?

3 Captain Kramer: My recollection is it was very shortly
4 after 7:30 that I arrived at my office the following morning.

5 Mr. Richardson: What was your customary hour of arrival
6 in your office?

7 Captain Kramer: The normal office hours commenced at
8 8:00 o'clock. I customarily arrived about that time.

9 Mr. Richardson: Have you any recollection, Captain,
10 that you went to your officer earlier the next morning than
11 usual?

12 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I do.

13 Mr. Richardson: Have you any recollection of having
14 any reason for going there earlier than usual?

15 Captain Kramer: Aside from the 14th part, there were
16 other messages of a minor nature that had come in before
17 I left the office the previous night, and I further wanted
18 to be at the office earlier that morning than usual because
19 of the likelihood that I would have to make earlier dissemina-
20 tions that morning than usual.

21 By that I mean that normally the folders during the
22 course of 1941 were disseminated in the latter part of the
23 morning and another dissemination was frequently made in
24 the afternoon, and others at other odd times. I had a
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 specific appointment to be at the State Department by 10:00
2 that morning, on instructions from Secretary Knox. I gathered
3 from conversation with Admiral Wilkinson that Admiral Stark
4 would very likely be in Sunday morning, which was not a
5 usual practice.

6 Mr. Richardson: Well, now, let me get these threads
7 together.

8 Captain Kramer: Those are various reasons influencing
9 my arriving earlier that morning.

10 Mr. Richardson: And those reasons were connected with
11 the dispatch of business that was waiting for you in your
12 office?

13 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

14 Mr. Richardson: Among which would be matters that
15 might be involved in the receipt of the 14th part of this
16 message?

17 Captain Kramer: Aside from the 14th part, probably
18 my principal objective in arriving early was to make sure
19 that anything that might have come in in the early morning
20 would be in shape for delivery for Mr. Knox or for Admiral
21 Stark.

22 Mr. Richardson: Was there any arrangement, Captain,
23 in connection with your conversation at Admiral Wilkinson's
24 house on late Saturday night, with reference to having a
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 conference the next morning?

2 Captain Kramer: No, sir, there was not.

3 Mr. Richardson: They did not then speak of having a
4 conference or of arranging one, that you can recall?

5 Captain Kramer: There is not only no recollection of
6 a conference mentioned but it was an unusual thing for Admiral
7 Stark to be there on Sunday morning. On a number of occasions
8 that fall on Sunday morning I had delivered folders to his
9 home and had been received in his study on the second deck,
10 he being in pajamas and dressing gown on one occasion having
11 breakfast. I recollect that because I was offered some coffee.

12 Mr. Richardson: Well, now, having reference, Captain,
13 to Wilkinson, and Turner, and Beardall in the Wilkinson home,
14 there was nothing said there about having an early Sunday
15 morning meeting?

16 Captain Kramer: Not a conference, no, sir. My recollection
17 is that Admiral Wilkinson had indicated that Admiral Stark
18 would probably be in the office early the next morning.

19 Mr. Richardson: Now you got in your office around 7:00
20 o'clock on Sunday morning?

21 Captain Kramer: Shortly after 7:30, is my best
22 recollection.

23 Mr. Richardson: When you got there did you find that
24 the 14th part of the message had come in?
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Captain Kramer: I do not distinctly recollect in what
2 shape it was then. By that I mean whether it was still being
3 broken down or had been broken down, or was being translated,
4 but my recollection is that the 14th part was there shortly
5 after I got in that morning, or possibly when I got in that
6 morning.

7 Mr. Richardson: Was there anyone there who could
8 translate such a message from Japanese into English?

9 Captain Kramer: Not in my office, no, sir. That
10 interpretation "no one there" should be modified, I feel,
11 by stating, as I have previously indicated, that I was on
12 a 24-hour basis, and my translators were also. I had on
13 at least two-dozen occasions, during the course of 1941,
14 been called to my office at odd hours of the night, sometimes
15 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning. I had standing instructions
16 with the GY watch officer to call me any time they felt a
17 translator was required.

18 On a number of occasions that general instruction was
19 emphasized with specific instructions before I left my office
20 in the evening to call me if anything on a particular circuit
21 came in. I was the nearest translator to my office, only
22 five minutes away in Arlington, my home being near Fort
23 Myer, I therefore put myself in the status of being the
24 first one called rather than one of the translators whose homes
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were in outlying districts.

Mr. Richardson: Do you know who received the 14th part from the wire?

Captain Kramer: From first-hand knowledge I do not, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Who translated it? The 14th part, I mean now.

Captain Kramer: At the foot of the 14th part, before the expression "Navy Translation", is the parenthetical letter (M). That meant me.

Mr. Richardson: Your answer would be then that you translated the 14th part?

Captain Kramer: I have no recollection, but by looking at this part of the message on page 245 of Exhibit 1 it would indicate I was the translator.

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 Mr. Richardson: Now, when that message was trans-
2 lated, was it put in the shape of a separate dispatch by
3 itself?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, it was. That, however,
5 was contrary to the usual practice in my section. It
6 was done because the evening before one of the various
7 other parts of this note were coming in, and we called on
8 the Army at about 6 o'clock, as I recall it --

9 Mr. Richardson: P. M.?

10 Captain Kramer: Six P. M. -- for assistance, pri-
11 marily the assistance of their purple machines in breaking
12 down these parts which were beginning to pile up on our
13 machine.

14 It was almost invariably the practice in my section
15 to include all parts of a multi-part message under one
16 heading 1 and 2, to assign the same file number to all
17 those parts, but that was contrary to the Army practice
18 which assigned a separate file number to each part of
19 multi-part messages.

20 The exception to our usual practice was made in the
21 case of this code, because we proceeded to type up each
22 part as they were finished in rough form.

23 Some of those parts were finished in rough form,
24 long hand, by Army and sent over to us. They were all
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 typed in my section in finished form.

2 Mr. Richardson: Well, was a delivery made on
3 Sunday morning of the 14th part?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, it was, in its proper
5 place , accompanying the first 13 parts.

6 Mr. Richardson: When the delivery was made on Sunday
7 morning then the entire 14 part message was delivered as
8 one message.

9 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

10 Mr. Richardson: So that there would have been, in
11 effect, a duplication in delivery, so far as the first
12 13 parts were concerned?

13 Captain Kramer: That was frequently the case.

14 Mr. Richardson: Did you make delivery Sunday morning?

15 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

16 Mr. Richardson: Now, will you tell the committee
17 just what you did, whom you saw, how you made delivery and
18 what time it was?

19 Captain Kramer: Some details of delivery between
20 8 and 9 o'clock I have only in the last month or so had
21 my memory refreshed on, in conversations with other officers.

22 The first delivery, to my present best recollection,
23 was made to Commander McCollum, head of the Far Eastern
24 Section, Navy Intelligence.
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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Mr. Richardson: Where and at about what time?

Captain Kramer: It was probably about 8 or a few minutes after.

Mr. Richardson: At his office in the Navy Building?

Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Well, proceed.

Captain Kramer: Another delivery was made I believe about a quarter of nine to Captain McCollum, also, or Commander McCollum then, when I was informed that Admiral Wilkinson had arrived at his office, and I therefore automatically delivered another copy to Admiral Wilkinson. It was about that time, or shortly afterwards, that another copy was delivered to Admiral Stark's office.

Mr. Richardson: Now, at the time of delivery to Admiral Stark's office, who delivered it? Did you?

Captain Kramer: That first delivery to Admiral Stark's office, I believe was done by either Admiral Wilkinson or Captain McCollum.

Mr. Richardson: Did you see that delivery made?

Captain Kramer: My recollection is not positive in that regard. If it was made by Admiral Wilkinson or Captain McCollum, I would not have seen it.

Mr. Richardson: How early was the first time you saw Admiral Stark on Sunday morning, as nearly as you can recall?

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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 Captain Kramer: My first positive recollection of
2 seeing Admiral Stark is when I was on my way to the
3 State Department to keep my ten o'clock appointment when
4 I left a copy of some of the other traffic that had come
5 in in Amiral Stark's outer office. That was probably 9:30
6 or 9:40.

7 Mr. Richardson: Was there anything said at that time
8 by you to Admiral Stark with reference to this 14 parts
9 message?

10 Captain Kramer: There was not, sir.

11 Mr. Richardson: What was this 10 o'clock appointment
12 you had with the State Department?

13 Captain Kramer: The previous evening when I was in
14 Secretary Knox's apartment, after he had read the folder
15 of traffic, he directed me to be at the State Department
16 at 10 o'clock the following morning where there would be
17 a meeting between he, Mr. Hull, and I gathered Mr. Stimson.

18 Mr. Richardson: Did you attend such a meeting?

19 Captain Kramer: I did not attend such a meeting.

20 Mr. Richardson: Did you make any delivery to the State
21 Department on Sunday morning of the whole 14-parts message?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I was at the State Depart-
23 ment almost exactly ten minutes of 10.

24 Mr. Richardson: And to whom did you make delivery
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 actually?

2 Captain Kramer: Actually to Mr. Knox directly. He
3 came in, as I recollect, about five minutes of 10, a few
4 minutes after I got there, and went into the conference
5 room, Mr. Hull's office.

6 Mr. Richardson: Did you have any discussion on the
7 matter with Secretary Knox?

8 Captain Kramer: Only to the extent of pointing out
9 what new traffic was in the folder which he had not seen
10 the night before.

11 Mr. Richardson: But nothing with reference to the
12 details of the 14-parts message?

13 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

14 Mr. Richardson: How long were you at the State Depart-
15 ment making your delivery?

16 Captain Kramer: There was a brief discussion between
17 myself, the Army courier and Mr. Hull's private secretary
18 in Mr. Hull's outer office. It lasted probably not more
19 than three or four minutes, and then I headed back for
20 the Navy Department.

21 Mr. Richardson: What time did you return to the Navy
22 Department?

23 Captain Kramer: My best recollection is about 10:20.

24 Mr. Richardson: Have you any recollection as to what
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 you did upon your return there at 10:20?

2 Captain Kramer: On my arrival there at 10:20, the
3 most striking recollection I have is the first sighting
4 of that message from Tokyo directing delivery of this
5 note from Tokyo at one o'clock p. m., 7 December, Washington
6 time.

7 Mr. Richardson: Now, that was in a separate dispatch
8 was it not?

9 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

10 Mr. Richardson: It came in separately?

11 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Richardson: Was it in the same character of
13 code transmission that the 14th part had been?

14 Captain Kramer: The same general character, yes, sir.

15 Mr. Richardson: It had come in by the time you re-
16 turned from the State Department?

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Richardson: Now, Captain, when you came to your
19 office at 7:30 that morning, who was in your office carry-
20 ing on business there?

21 Captain Kramer: My only positive recollection is that
22 the then Chief Yeoman Bryant was there. I have a some-
23 what vaguer recollection that two of the translators
24 were also there. There may only have been one.

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Mr. Richardson: Who was at your office, if you can recall, when you returned from the State Department, and found the one o'clock section of the message?

Captain Kramer: It was probably Dr. Hoffman, one of my chief translators.

Mr. Richardson: What did you do, if anything, with this one o'clock section?

Captain Kramer: I immediately instructed my chief yeoman to prepare another set of folders so I could make immediate delivery of them.

Mr. Richardson: He did so?

Captain Kramer: In the course of five minutes or so.

Mr. Richardson: And what did you do then with respect to delivering that section?

Captain Kramer: In that folder I mentioned, there were several other short messages, some of which appear in Exhibit 1. Just as I was about to leave the office, a plane language Japanese was sent in to my office by the GY watch officer that carrier, I believe, the so-called hidden word message on page 251 of Exhibit 1. I recognize it as such from an external indicator, namely, the word "Stop" at the end, and recognized the first word as being one of the code words referring to England. In scanning the

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1 rest of the message, as I recollect, the sixth or seventh
2 word had another code word, which, incidentally, were all
3 proper names. The word was "Hattori" which, although I
4 recognized as a code word, I did not immediately recall
5 the meaning of, and hastily referred to the list of such
6 code words, which appears in this Exhibit 1, referring --
7 or rather, interpreted as "relations between Japan and
8 (blank) country," to be inserted, was not in accordance
9 with expectations.

10 I dictated to my chief yeoman of the sense of that
11 message, which now appears in Exhibit 1.

12 I took time to insert those in the folders that were
13 made up and was on my way.

14 Mr. Richardson: Where did you go?

15 Captain Kramer: I stopped off at Admiral Stark's
16 office, and then hurried first to the State Department.

17 Mr. Richardson: Did you find Stark there?

18 Captain Kramer: Admiral Stark was in his office.

19 Mr. Richardson: To whom did you make delivery?

20 Captain Kramer: The office door was closed when I
21 arrived at his outer office. Word was sent in with one
22 of the people there -- I do not recollect who it was --
23 that I had something for him.

24 My impressions earlier have been that it was his Flag
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 secretary, then Comman der Wellborn. That has only quite
2 recently been corrected on that score since I am informed
3 that Wellborn was not there that morning at all. My
4 recollections were fully refreshed in a conversation only
5 in the last few days with Captain McCollum to the effect
6 that he was the one who came to the door.

7 I distinctly recollect that now.

8 I further recollect pointing out to Captain McCollum
9 the tie-up of the time, 1 o'clock Washington, with the
10 scheme that had been developing for the past week or so
11 in the Southwest Pacific with reference to Malaya and the
12 Kra Peninsula.

13 Captain McCollum reacted instantaneously to my pointing
14 that out. His reactions, I believe were identical with mine.
15 I do not believe our conversation lasted more than ten
16 seconds or so, and then I headed for the State Department.

17 Mr. Richardson: Now, at what time do you think it
18 was that delivery was made at Stark's office, as you have
19 testified?

20 Captain Kramer: I should say it was between 10:30
21 and 10:35.

22 Mr. Richardson: Are you able to state, Captain,
23 when the one o'clock message was ready for delivery out
24 of your office?
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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1 Captain Kramer: It was ready for delivery when I
2 returned to my office about 10:20, to the extent of its
3 being completely translated.

4 Mr. Richardson: Now, what time did you arrive at the
5 State Department?

6 Captain Kramer: Within probably ten minutes after
7 I left Admiral Stark's office.

8 Mr. Richardson: to whom did you make delivery there?

9 Captain Kramer: To one of the private secretaries
10 of Mr. Hull, who was the normal recipient for Mr. Hull.

11 Mr. Richardson: Did anything else transpire there
12 after you made the delivery?

13 Captain Kramer: Before that folder was taken in
14 to Mr. Hull, there was a brief conversation of the identi-
15 cal nature that I had had with Captain McCollum at Admiral
16 Stark's door, pointing out the tie-up of the time 1 o'clock
17 Washington, with the situation in the Southwest Pacific.

18 Mr. Richardson: One o'clock Washington meant dawn
19 in Hawaii, did it not?

20 Captain Kramer: It was 7:30 in Hawaii, yes, sir.

21 Mr. Richardson: And was that fact pointed out in your
22 conversations with McCollum, and at the State Department?

23 Captain Kramer: It was mentioned in passing, yes,
24 sir.

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Mr. Richardson: Now, proceed.

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Captain Kramer: I should like to amplify that further, since such an issue has been made of that.

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I earlier indicated, in outlining my Naval career, that for about two years I was operating out of Pearl Harbor. I was Executive Officer and Navigator of a destroyer based at the submarine base at Pearl Harbor.

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I had had earlier experience as a navigator, namely in Central America, in fact navigation was a hobby of mine.

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Incidentally, in drawing that time circle, that is figuring out roughly those times, I did not take the time to check to see what the actual time zone was. The 10-1/2

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h12 time zone at Pearl Harbor was part of that time circle.

2 Furthermore, 7:30 Sunday morning at Pearl Harbor,
3 at the time I was out there, and at other times during
4 Fleet problems, was probably the quietest time of the
5 week aboard ship at Pearl Harbor.

6 I am not presuming to state what the situation was
7 in 1941. 7:30 is the normal time for the piping of
8 the crew to breakfast.

9 There would, therefore, normally be only top side
10 out of the living quarters, only those men on watch.

11 Furthermore, it was customary over week-ends when
12 I was serving out there for a larger percentage of the
13 crew to be ashore on Sunday than other days of the week
14 when ships were in port.

15 Those were all factors bearing on this idea of mine
16 that 7:30 Sunday morning was a quiet time of the week.

17 Mr. Richardson: What would be the significance of
18 that to you as a Navy man?

19 Captain Kramer: Nothing more than I have already in-
20 dicated, that it would probably be the time of the week
21 when there would be the fewest people aboard ship, when
22 there would be less ships work going on.

23 Mr. Richardson: When you got to the State Depart-
24 ment did you see Secretary Knox?
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Captain Kramer: I did not see him myself, except when the door was open to the conference room, Mr. Hull's office.

Mr. Richardson: There was no communication then between you and Secretary Knox in any way?

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Now after you made delivery at the State Department, where did you go then?

Captain Kramer: I went to the White House to deliver that same set of traffic.

Mr. Richardson: To whom did you deliver at the White House?

Captain Kramer: I do not recall the individual, but the delivery was made, to the best of my recollection -- in fact I can state rather unequivocally I cannot conceive I would have delivered to any other place than the room I had previously described.

Mr. Richardson: What time?

Captain Kramer: Within 10 minutes of the time I left the State Department.

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Mr. Richardson: Where did you go from the White House?

Captain Kramer: Back to the Navy Department.

Mr. Richardson: With whom did you come in contact when you got back to the Navy Department?

Captain Kramer: The people in my office, plus the watch officers and other people in the adjacent office, Section GY. I believe I also saw sometime before noon Captain McCollum again.

Mr. Richardson: When you were at the State Department, you said when the door opened you saw Knox. You did not send him a note, or have any intercourse with him at all that morning?

Captain Kramer: Most emphatically not.

Mr. Richardson: I have a note that rather indicated to me that there was an explanation of the 1:00 o'clock message sent by you to Knox on this theory of yours as to what was meant.

Captain Kramer: There was only the verbal explanation, which I may not have fully explained due to interruptions with the Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Hull's private secretary.

Mr. Richardson: What was that?

Captain Kramer: The identical tenor and nature that I described in the case of Captain McCollum.

Mr. Richardson: The significance of the 1:00 o'clock

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Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Richardson: Well, now, I really would like to have you , since you discussed it with McColium and you discussed it with the private secretary of the Secretary of State --

Captain Kramer: (Interposing) There was also a conversation with the Army courier who was there at the same time with the same set of traffic for Mr. Stimson.

Mr. Richardson: All right. Now then, give the committee as detailed an account as you can of just what that conversation was and what its significance was, what you were talking about, what you had in mind, and what you feared or expected or anticipated as the result of that 1:00 o'clock date.

Captain Kramer: The primary point of that was the conviction, at least in my mind, that the Japanese intended to carry out their plans against Kota Bharu, with the intention and purpose of forcing the hand of the Thai Premier Pibul, who had been maintaining, for sometime past, the position that his country was neutral, that any foreign nation that invaded his quarters would be considered an enemy, and that the moment such an invasion took place he would call on the other party for assistance. By "other party" I refer to Japan or to Britain.

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1 Mr. Richardson: Was there any discussion that the
2 1:00 o'clock date had any significance in connection with
3 any attack at Pearl Harbor?

4 Captain Kramer: Absolutely none, sir.

5 Mr. Richardson: That was not in your mind primarily
6 in connection with this 1:00 o'clock date at all?

7 Captain Kramer: No, sir, it was not. It was mentioned
8 only in passing, it was incidental to our general conversation.

9 Mr. Richardson: Now when you got back to the Navy
10 Department -- by the way, did you see General Marshall that
11 morning?

12 Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

13 Mr. Richardson: Did you have any contact with any of
14 the Army people other than the courier that morning?

15 Captain Kramer: No, sir, I did not.

16 Mr. Richardson: What was the name of the courier, do
17 you recall?

18 Captain Kramer: My recollection has been, and I am
19 still of the conviction, it was Colonel Bratton. He, however,
20 has indicated to me in private conversations that he did not
21 make those courier trips, in which case it must have been
22 one of his subordinates.

23 I might further amplify possibly my reasons for thinking
24 it was Colonel Bratton by stating it had always been Colonel
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Questions by: Mr. Richardson

1 Bratton in the past, and when I testified for the first
2 time before the Court of Inquiry of Admiral Murphy at Pearl
3 Harbor, that was my impression at the time.

4 Mr. Richardson: Did you see Admiral Stark again that
5 morning?

6 Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

7 Mr. Richardson: You knew nothing about any of the
8 contacts he might have had with Marshall in connection with
9 sending any message to Hawaii?

10 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

11 Mr. Richardson: Did you have anything whatever to do
12 with or any knowledge of the sending of the message that was
13 later sent to Hawaii?

14 Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir. I first heard
15 of it after the hearings before the Roberts Commission.

16 Mr. Richardson: Well, then, when you returned to
17 the Navy Department did your connection with the 14-part
18 message then end?

19 Captain Kramer: Except for again collecting those copies,
20 yes, sir.

21 Mr. Richardson: When did you collect them? The same day?

22 Captain Kramer: No, sir. It was in the course of the
23 next few days, I do not recollect exactly.

24 Mr. Richardson: That was simply the ministerial act
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1 of going and getting the copies and getting them back in
2 the file in the regular order?

3 Captain Kramer: Or their destruction, yes, sir.

4 Mr. Richardson: You had nothing more to do with the
5 receipt of the message, or its explanation, or its delivery?

6 Captain Kramer: That is correct.

7 Mr. Richardson: All right, now, Captain, so much for
8 the 14-parts message and your connection with it.

9 Now let me open up the interesting subject of the winds
10 message with you, Captain. I assume, Captain, that you
11 were familiar with the two original winds messages that
12 appear in Exhibit 142 here, I think, as 2353 and 2354.

13 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I am familiar with the original
14 set-up of the messages on that winds system.

15 Mr. Richardson: Was your attention called to those
16 messages when they came in?

17 Captain Kramer: I would not use the expression "called
18 to my attention". They were handled by my office, so of
19 course they got my attention.

20 Mr. Richardson: I beg your pardon. What was that answer?

21 (The answer was read by the reporter.)

22 Mr. Richardson: Did they pass through your hands?

23 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, they did.

24 Mr. Richardson: Did you have anything to do thereafter
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with monitoring the stations for an execute on either of those messages?

Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir, with the possible exception that, as was my practice, these two messages, as well as any message bearing on the technicalities of the operations of Commander Safford's section, were promptly called to his attention.

Mr. Richardson: You understood, did you not, Captain, that stations generally that we were in contact with were monitoring for an execute on those messages?

Captain Kramer: I understood that Commander Safford took such action, yes, sir.

Mr. Richardson: And you were in a position, or you were in an expectant condition in your office with respect to intercepting an execute on those messages?

Captain Kramer: Very much so, yes, sir.

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Mr. Richardson: All right.

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Do you recall, Captain, any message purporting to move under either of the winds code messages to which I have called your attention coming into your office prior to December 7?

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Captain Kramer: None came into my office, to be precise in that regard. My attention was, however, called to a message which was of this character.

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Mr. Richardson: Who called your attention to it?

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Captain Kramer: The GY watch officer.

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Mr. Richardson: Do you remember his name?

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Captain Kramer: My best recollection on that is that it was Lieutenant Murray, but I am uncertain.

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Mr. Richardson: What time of day was it, if you can recall?

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Captain Kramer: My best recollection on that is that it was shortly after normal office hours, I believe about 8:30 in the morning.

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Mr. Richardson: What day?

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Captain Kramer: That day is something that only in the past week and a half, since Exhibit 142 was prepared, I have completely refreshed my memory on. My present recollection, in the light of that refreshment, was that it was on Friday, the 5th of December.

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