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Monday, February 11, 1946.

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Congress of the United States,
Joint Committee on the Investigation
of Pearl Harbor Attack,
Washington, D. C.

The Joint Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at
10:00 A.M., in the Caucus Room (room 318), Senate Office
Building, Senator Alben W. Barkley (chairman), presiding.

Present: Senators Barkley (chairman), George, Lucas,
Ferguson and Brewster.

Representatives Cooper (vice chairman), Clark, Murphy,
Gearhart and Keefe.

Also present: Seth W. Richardson, General Counsel;
Samuel H. Kaufman, Associate General Counsel, and John E.
Masten, of counsel, for the Joint Committee.

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1 The Vice Chairman: The committee will please be in order.
2 Does counsel have anything at this time to present?

3 Mr. Richardson: No.

4 The Vice Chairman: Captain, do you have anything you
5 desire to present before the examination is resumed?

6 Captain Kramer: No, sir, in the absence of Senator
7 Brewster, unless he wants any further statement.

8 Senator Ferguson: I will ask you some questions about that.

9 Captain Kramer: All right, sir.

10 The Vice Chairman: Senator Ferguson of Michigan will
11 inquire at this point, Captain.

12 Captain Kramer: All right, sir.

13 TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN ALWIN D. KRAMER

14 (resumed)

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16 Senator Ferguson: As I understand it, Senator Brewster
17 is not going to be here this morning and that is why I will
18 give you an opportunity to explain what he left rather up in
19 the air on Saturday.

20 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: As I recall, you told Senator Brewster
22 that you had not read all or parts of the so-called Halsey --
23 I will refer to it as that -- memorandum or the Safford let-
24 ter and Halsey memorandum.

25 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: And he indicated that it was somewhat
3 hard for him to understand that a man would have that in his
4 possession so long and show it to several people, three peo-
5 ple, and not read any part of it. If you will recall, I
6 asked you some questions about a conversation with Admiral
7 Wilkinson the last time that I examined you and I asked you
8 for the complete conversation that you had with him and as I
9 understand it you never mentioned that you saw him and showed
10 him this memorandum.

11 Now, how do you account for the fact that you did not
12 give to me at that time an indication that you had discussed
13 or shown him this memorandum?

14 Captain Kramer: Senator, I did not discuss that memo-
15 randum with Admiral Wilkinson other than the aspects, -I think
16 I have clearly indicated heretofore in my testimony, - con-
17 cerning the possible source of unwarranted publicity concern-
18 ing me; in other words, primarily concerning Safford's two
19 letters, not my memorandum for Admiral Halsey.

20 Senator Ferguson: But you showed him the Halsey memo-
21 randum?

22 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Well, why didn't you disclose that
24 when I tried to get the full information on your conversa-
25 tion with Wilkinson, why didn't you tell me that you had

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shown him a memorandum? Was it that, as you say, you were not going to disclose that unless you were asked a direct question in relation to it?

Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir, and in view of your line of questioning, Senator, I feel that I should read this statement I have prepared over the week end in compliance with the request of Senator Brewster that I ponder that question.

Senator Ferguson: Well, now, do I understand then that what you do in your testimony on any of these hearings is that you give only those things that are directly asked for and if the examiner does not happen to know that there is in existence a particular paper that it is not disclosed? I am trying to find out why I did not get the information when I tried to get from you everything that was said between you and Wilkinson.

Captain Kramer: I think that point is fully covered in my statement, sir, if I may be permitted to read it.

Senator Ferguson: Well, in just a moment you can. Did you discuss anything with Wilkinson in the last six months? On how many occasions did you see Wilkinson to discuss things?

Captain Kramer: On two occasions, sir, other than a simple greeting in this hearing room when he was testifying.

Senator Ferguson: On two occasions?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: You gave me the other day the one oc-
4 casion and then you gave Senator Brewster on Saturday the one?

5 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: That made the two?

7 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, why did you keep from the
9 committee when I examined you about all your conversations
10 with Wilkinson the fact that you had had one about this Halsey
11 memorandum?

12 Captain Kramer: The first occasion with Admiral Wilkin-
13 son did not bring up this question at all, sir. It was a
14 discussion on our experiences in ONI in general in which Ad-
15 miral Kirk participated for at least half of the time. The
16 other half we discussed primarily, - in fact, almost solely, -
17 the introductory remarks with which I presented those papers
18 to Admiral Wilkinson, namely, what I considered the likely
19 source of publicity attending my name in connection with this
20 Pearl Harbor affair.

21 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, Captain, you gave to this
22 committee two of those papers and only two of those, isn't
23 that true?

24 Captain Kramer: Three, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Three. But you did not give them the

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memorandum, the Halsey memorandum?

Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, how do you account for dividing them up and giving the two of them --

Captain Kramer: Three.

Senator Ferguson: Three of them, - pardon me, three letters, two letters from Safford to you and one reply, - but there was also a reply to one of Safford's which did exactly or almost exactly what Safford wanted you to do, to discuss it with Halsey?

Captain Kramer: Senator, how those --

Mr. Richardson: Just answer his question, Captain.

Captain Kramer: (Continuing) -- letters first came up was in reply to a direct question to me on the part of Senator Lucas whether I had in my possession letters addressed to me by Captain Safford. I stood up in this room, in the back of this room and I said I did. At that time, Senator, I not only produced the two letters but my reply to Captain Safford's letter, which was not asked for precisely by Senator Lucas' question.

Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, when you gave these three letters, two of the Safford's and your reply, to Commander Baecher did you at the same time give him the Halsey memorandum?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: And then when he delivered the three letters to the committee did you have to authorize that? Was that an understanding?

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Captain Kramer: I did not, sir. He had it in hand in case that question of necessity came into my testimony.

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Senator Ferguson: In other words, he was holding in his possession four instruments, is that correct?

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Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: And if it became necessary for him to deliver he would deliver only those that he thought were necessary at the time and hold back from the committee the others?

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Captain Kramer: I should like to point out, sir, that he also mentioned the existence of that fourth letter to counsel for this committee, Mr. Richardson.

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Senator Ferguson: When was that?

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Captain Kramer: I am not certain, sir. Baecher, I think, can supply that information.

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Senator Ferguson: Well, did you have a conversation about that?

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Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Well, how do you know that?

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Captain Kramer: I think I heard Mr. Richardson say that

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2 in this committee while I was testifying last Friday or Sa-
3 turday.

4 Senator Ferguson: You understood that from --

5 Captain Kramer: From Mr. Richardson's statement.

6 Senator Ferguson: From what was said here?

7 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Then as I understand it you personal-
9 ly did not want to disclose to this committee any of these
10 four instruments unless a direct question was asked and the
11 committee somehow out of the magic would uncover the fact,
12 or out of the blue, let us say, would uncover the fact that
13 there was this Halsey memorandum, is that correct?

14 Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir, and I
15 think I gave at some length on Saturday my reasons for that
16 position.

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

18 Captain Kramer: I also cover that in this statement.

19 Senator Ferguson: So you were of the opinion at that
20 time that this committee should only get those things that
21 it could find out from some other source and not from you?
22 How could the committee ascertain if --

23 Captain Kramer: They found out from me --

24 Senator Ferguson: How could the committee members ever
25 ask you about this Halsey letter? You and Baecher and Wil-

Witness Kramer

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2 kinson and a few others were the only people that ever knew
3 about it.

4 Captain Kramer: The man who found out for this committee
5 from me was Mr. Keefe, who asked me the direct question whether
6 I had ever discussed these letters with anyone up to this mo-
7 ment. Your questions to me, sir, were not so phrased.

8 Senator Ferguson: You think that they are not direct
9 enough when I ask you about the Wilkinson question?

10 Captain Kramer: I do, Senator.

11 Senator Ferguson: And, therefore, you did not give it?

12 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, will you explain to me how
14 it came by chance that you would have this Halsey letter in
15 your possession down in the Navy Department the day that you
16 met Wilkinson by chance?

17 Captain Kramer: I brought it with me from Miami in this
18 case in which it has remained, incidentally, sealed, from the
19 time I left the South Pacific on about 10 September 1944 until
20 my arrival in this city on 6 December 1945 from Miami.

21 Senator Ferguson: So it was sealed all this time?

22 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: And how was it sealed?

24 Captain Kramer: It was sealed in a package referred to
25 in the authorization to me from Commander South Pacific area

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Mr. Richardson: Tell him how it was sealed. That is all he wants to know.

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Senator Ferguson: Yes, that is all I want to know.

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Mr. Richardson: What kind of a lock it had on it.

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Captain Kramer: It was sealed in a package No. 47,102 by the flag secretary to Commander South Pacific under date of 10 September and described on this authorization for me to carry classified papers from this (brown wrapping paper) originated by Com. South Pacific addressed to Commander A. D. Kramer by CINC South Pacific, signed by I. M. Mayfield, Chief of Staff.

Senator Ferguson: Well, now, did you tell him when you got this memorandum that you had in there a memorandum that you had shown Admiral Halsey?

Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Well, how did he know what he was sealing? Did he seal among the official papers your personal memorandum to Halsey?

Captain Kramer: Among those, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: So, then, this personal paper was sealed among or along with the official documents?

Captain Kramer: With official documents that were purely for my own use. I carried no official Com. South Pacific

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mail. It was for use in connection with my work.

I repeat again, Senator, that I should like at this point to read my memorandum which covers those points you have explicitly and fully.

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Senator Ferguson: You go ahead and read it and then I will ask you some questions later on, because I apparently am not going to get direct answers from you, so you go ahead and read it.

The Vice Chairman: Read it, Captain.

Captain Kramer: Mr. Chairman, I prepared a statement, in compliance with Senator Brewster's request on Saturday afternoon, which was put to me in the following terms, according to yesterday's Washington Star:

"That would put a strain on anyone's credulity. I wish you would ponder over this question further over the week-end. I am sure you will appreciate that it is difficult to believe your answer."

I believe I understand correctly that the Senator's credulity applied only to my assertions that I have not read, since mid-May 1944, certain papers, principally and specifically a memorandum answering, in expanded form, the question set forth in Captain Safford's two letters that I prepared for Admiral Halsey's perusal, but it probably also included Captain Safford's two letters and my reply to his first.

I have pondered this request, with the following result, which has become, I am afraid, rather lengthy in text. I have attempted to keep it short, but a question of credulity did not warrant, I felt, leaving out of this summary any

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2 matter I have included.

3 I have thought that it would not be necessary to bring
4 these papers into the record of this hearing at all. I had
5 no intention of doing so, unless directly asked for them.
6 Such a direct request was addressed to me in this room by
7 Senator Lucas last Monday when Captain Safford was on the
8 witness stand. At that time I considered that furnishing
9 the Captain Safford's two letters and my reply to his first
10 letter was complying fully with Senator Lucas' request.

11 My memorandum answering, in expanded form, the questions
12 set forth in Captain Safford's two letters would not have
13 been introduced if Mr. Keefe's or other inquiries on behalf
14 of this committee had not been phrased in a form requiring
15 its introduction. Mr. Keefe's question asking, in substance,
16 whether I had ever discussed Captain Safford's letters with
17 anyone required, I felt, the mention at that time of my
18 discussion with Admiral Halsey, the only person who has
19 seen these papers, except Captain Safford and myself, prior
20 to the opening of this hearing.

21 In the interest of the truth, the whole truth and nothing
22 but the truth, when Mr. Keefe asked his next question as to
23 why such discussion was held, I considered it incumbent on
24 me to produce Admiral Kimmel's letter and my memorandum to
25 explain the discussion.

Witness Kramer

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2 I am of the complete conviction that no question pro-
3 pounded by Senator Ferguson to me required such mention of
4 Admiral Halsey or Admiral Kimmel, or this memorandum.

5 The reasons for my position on this matter, as outlined
6 above, are that I felt the only end that could possibly be
(2) 7 served by their introduction was a picture of the events
8 preceding Pearl Harbor as I saw them at the time the memorandum
9 was drafted. That is a year and a half to two years ago.
10 Since both persons involved, namely Captain Safford and myself,
11 were to be witnesses before this hearing, I felt that first-
12 hand, direct testimony would be developed by counsel and
13 the committee and be preferred to any letters or memoranda
14 which may have been written at a time when, at least in my
15 case, initial attempts were made to recall those events
16 without benefit of any files or pertinent documents to re-
17 fresh the memory.

18 To cover the question of credulity to be given my
19 testimony concerning these papers, I therefore felt it nec-
20 essary to explain the history of their custody by me in
21 full.

22 When I received Captain Safford's first letter at the
23 end of 1943 I considered it a straight-forward and proper
24 request for information on matters of which both he and I
25 were cognizant. It will be noted that his letter of 22

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December 1943 is on the official letterhead of the Office
of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, and uses
the official classification stamp "Confidential".

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The letter states that he is preparing a secret paper
covering events on early December 1941 with the aid of
officers and records in the Navy Department.

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Three questions arose in my mind at that time. One
concerning the classification he had used, namely, "Confidential".
I thought it should have been "Secret".

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Second, concerning his cautions regarding "unauthorized
hands seeing it"; and, third, concerning why such a request
for information had not come through official channels and
the safeguards thus afforded.

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Since the letter had arrived safely, the first question
was no longer pertinent. Concerning the second and third,
I felt he used this means to keep from disclosing to un-
authorized officers and enlisted men in the office where I
was stationed at Pearl Harbor matters which had always been
and still were restricted to only those people working with
it and certain senior officers.

Furthermore, the practice of discussing and reporting
official matters in personal correspondence, although
abolished in the Division of Naval Intelligence in 1940,
continued, I knew, in other Divisions and Bureaus of the

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1 Navy Department. I, therefore, prepared a reply, couching
2 it in such language, by means of reference to the original
3 letter, that no compromise to unauthorized persons could,
4 I believed, possibly result from the letter going astray,
5 or from examination by censors at Pearl Harbor, or elsewhere.

6 The letter thus censored by myself, was unclassified
7 and was submitted to the officer in my section who was
8 censoring for my section. It was forwarded under his
9 censorship seal after cursory examination, and assurance
10 from me that it contained nothing likely to compromise
11 security. I was fully prepared to answer and assume respon-
12 sibility for any future questions that might be raised by
13 other censors or the Navy Department regarding this letter.

14 Captain Safford's first letter and my reply were
15 carried by me to the South Pacific with other classified
16 papers used by myself in my work under an official courier
17 letter of the officer in charge, Joint Intelligence Center,
18 Pacific Ocean areas, dated 10 January, 1944, the original
19 of which I have before me for presentation, if so desired.

20 Captain Safford's second letter arrived shortly after
21 I reached the South Pacific. I never answered him for
22 reasons I have set forth at some length in several parts
23 of my previous testimony.

24 I did not read more than the first few paragraphs
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Witness Kramer

1 of this second letter until mid-May 1944, on the occasion
2 of the arrival of Admiral Kimmel's letter to Admiral Halsey
3 and my first conference with Admiral Halsey resulted in
4 my preparation of the expanded memorandum reply. This
5 also I have covered at some length in previous testimony.

6 In the second interview with Admiral Halsey, in
7 which he read all these papers, there was not only no
8 question raised by Admiral Halsey as to the propriety of
9 my retaining Captain Safford's letters and as to the pro-
10 priety of my reply to Captain Safford's first letter, but
11 he expressed satisfaction with my promise to prepare an
12 affidavit or deposition covering essentially the subject
13 matter of the above-mentioned papers, and then informing
14 Admiral Kimmel, either directly or through Admiral Halsey,
15 regarding where such affidavit could be found in the event
16 of my death.

17 The only instance when a security point arose
18 during our conversation was when I expressed myself on and
19 Admiral Halsey expressed agreement with the view that
20 Captain Safford was rash in having sent a letter of the
21 character of his second.

22 I, therefore, felt fully justified in the steps I
23 had followed to date in this matter.

24 As I have earlier stated in testifying before this com-
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1 committee, the safe handling and eventual disposition of
2 these papers gave me some concern during the summer of
3 1944, after Admiral Halsey left the South Pacific, about
4 15 June, 1944.

5 I never prepared the deposition or the affidavit
6 for Admiral Kimmel that I had promised Admiral Halsey I
7 would. I did, however, continue to hold these papers,
8 more particularly the expanded memorandum reply to all
9 Captain Safford's questions as in the nature of the
10 affidavit requested.

11 As long as I was in the South Pacific force and area
12 headquarters, which was distant from the combat zone, I
13 felt that the papers were safe in my custody at headquarters.

14 I left the South Pacific on 10 September, 1944,
15 carrying these papers, and other classified papers used
16 in my work in two packages, sealed by the Flag Secretary
17 to Com So Pac, and carried under the courier designation
18 dated 10 September 1944, signed by the Chief of Staff,
19 Captain (now Admiral) Mayfield. The original is now before
20 me for submission, if so desired.

21 Since 10 September, 1944, these letters have remained
22 sealed in Com So Pac package No. 47102, mentioned in the
23 above courier designation, until the afternoon of 6 December,
24 1945.

Witness Kramer

1 Subsequent to my testimony given before the Naval Court
2 of Inquiry at Pearl Harbor, I gave consideration, and in fact
3 almost did destroy all of these letters and memoranda. The
4 only reason, as I have already outlined why I retained them
5 to that point was in compliance with Admiral Kimmel's request.

6 After testifying, however, before the Court of Inquiry
7 held by Admiral Murfin at Pearl Harbor that reason no longer
8 held, in view of the fact that my story was now a matter of
9 record in the transcript of the proceedings of the Court of
10 Inquiry.

11 However, I continued to hold these papers more in the
12 nature of mementos of that occasion, and partly with a view
13 to having documentary evidence of what my reply to Captain
14 Safford's first letter had been.

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1 I have previously gone into the circumstances sur-
2 rounding my arrival from the South Pacific at Pearl Harbor
3 around midnight 12-13 September, 1944, and the fact that
4 I was not aware I had been called north to testify, before
5 a Naval Inquiry on Pearl Harbor. I have further testified
6 previously that it was not until a few minutes prior to
7 my appearance before this hearing that I was aware that I
8 would be permitted to testify on matters involving radio
9 intelligence.

10 In support of this testimony I can only call on Captain
11 E. T. Layton, U.S.N., at that time and still the Intelligence
12 Officer of Commander in Chief Pacific Ocean Area, Admiral
13 Nimitz, the said Captain Layton being my informant in each
14 case.

15 Until the Senator from Maine asked me the direct
16 question "Who has seen these memoranda and letters since
17 this hearing opened in mid-November," or words to that
18 effect, there was not only no necessity, but not even any
19 occasion for dragging into my testimony the names of three
20 close and long-time friends of mine.

21 In support of my previous testimony regarding my not
22 reading the letters and the memorandum answering Captain
23 Safford's questions in full when I presented them for
24 perusal to three of my friends since this hearing opened,
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Witness Kramer

1 I can only call on Admiral Wilkinson, Captain Rochefort,
2 and Colonel Bales, who are the aforementioned three friends.

3 I have not seen any of these three individuals since
4 some days prior to my appearance in this witness chair,
5 and have not communicated with any of these three indivi-
6 duals directly or indirectly for several weeks past.

7 At this point, in the interest of precision and ac-
8 curacy of my testimony in the record, I should like to
9 modify somewhat the testimony I gave Saturday, as to the
10 exact dates I saw and showed these letters to the above-
11 mentioned three friends.

12 I find that in some notes I kept during December last,
13 an entry for the day I arrived in Washington from Miami
14 was as follows:

15 "December 6, Thursday, p.m.: Bull session with
16 Wilkinson and later Kirk and Wilkinson. Kirk is with
17 General Board. Saw Joe Rochefort briefly in office.
18 McCollum and Layton were here for some days but left yester-
19 day.

20 "December 13, Thursday, 0830: Up and to Department.

21 "1000 (about), showed Wilkinson Safford's letters and
22 what had been done with replies (shown only to Halsey in
23 case of No. 2). This was my explanation to him of all
24 this unwarranted publicity I have been getting.
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1 "1230: Lunch and bull session with Rochefort.

2 "1430: Bales' office and discussed Saffo letters
3 a little. Will show him these dates.

4 "December 14, Friday, 1430: Had brief session with
5 Safford in his office looking over some of his files of
6 papers. Stated I would look at others tomorrow or Monday.

7 "December 16, Sunday, 0900: Up, bathed, etc. Got
8 to Bales' at 10:15. Cold as hell. Ten degrees last night.
9 Had breakfast and bull session 'til after 1400. Showed him
10 Saffo's two letters and memo.

11 "December 18, Tuesday, 1200: Recessed. To Navy
12 Department and had long bull session with Joe Rochefort
13 and showed him Saffo's letters. This makes three people
14 who have seen them: Halsey; Wilkinson; and Rochefort.
15 Bull session continued 'til about 1530."

16 This, Senator, ends my quotation from the afore-
17 mentioned notes. In the event Senator Brewster's or others
18 credulity is strained as to why I have had such notes in
19 my possession and as to their authenticity, I can only
20 assert the following, which is the sole explanation:

21 In November last year --

22 Mr. Richardson (interposing): Captain, just a minute.

23 Is there any need of carrying this on? The only question,
24 as I understand it, that was asked you by Senator Ferguson
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was the question of keeping this memorandum in your possession without reading it.

Captain Kramer: I understood the question, Mr. Counsel, to apply to the credulity to be applied to my testimony regarding the showing of these memoranda, and not reading them while they were being shown.

Mr. Richardson: Go ahead. Get through with it.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, in fairness to the witness, the Senator from Maine did ask him to ponder.

The Vice Chairman: Go ahead, Captain.

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1 In November last year my wife came to Washington from
 2 Miami and remained with me until our departure on 14 November
 3 for Miami. On my return alone to Washington in early
 4 December to await the pleasure of this committee I determined
 5 to keep notes in some detail of my activities, people I met,
 6 old acquaintances seen again, and so forth, so that on my
 7 expected return to Miami for the Christmas holidays she
 8 could read them over and I would thus be able to acquaint
 9 her of the above in some detail without depending on memory
 10 along.

11 Such a set of notes or diary I have never kept since
 12 some years prior to Pearl Harbor. The sole reason for keep-
 13 ing it in this instance was because of the deep interest
 14 with which my wife was following these hearings and any
 15 connection I might have therewith. They cover the period
 16 from 5 December 1945 when I left Miami for Washington to
 17 20 December 1945 when I left Washington for Miami. They
 18 were prepared by me on my return to the Bethesda Naval
 19 Hospital each evening before I turned in. No such notes
 20 were undertaken by me during my present stay in Washington
 21 for the past months because my wife was with me here most
 22 of this time. They consist of about eight and one-half pages
 23 and are rather meticulous and complete and mention the
 24 names of nearly every acquaintance I saw or conversed with.
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Witness Kramer.

1 I am confident that Admiral Wilkinson, Captain Rochefort
2 and Colonel Bales will substantiate my testimony previously
3 given regarding my presentation of Safford's letters to them,
4 as well as all details of which they are aware with regard
5 to the accuracy of the above-quoted notes and my testimony.

6 The Senator from Maine and others may have received
7 and may now receive with some degree of incredulity the
8 assertions I have made in the previous testimony regarding
9 my relations with Captain Safford to the effect that up
10 until last week at least they have continued on a friendly
11 basis and so continue unless his attitude toward me has
12 changed in the past week. I have inserted above the
13 quotation from my notes in support of this assertion. I am
14 sure that Captain Safford's secretary, as well as certain
15 officer subordinates of his can support my assertion that
16 during my four or five visits to his office last year there
17 continued to be friendly relations between us despite dis-
18 agreement on many points. Captain Safford himself can also
19 support this.

20 The full set of these notes I would be glad to submit
21 to Senator Brewster, or others, for examination if so desired.

22 In support of my previous testimony that I have not
23 shown this memorandum to other than Admiral Halsey, Admiral
24 Wilkinson, Captain Rochefort, and Colonel Bales, prior to
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 2 showing it to Lieutenant Commander Baecher a few days ago,
 3 I can only call on all persons with whom I could possibly
 4 have had contact since mid-May, 1944. I am confident no
 5 such peruser of these papers can be found or could ever
 6 have been found.

7 In support of my previous testimony that I have not
 8 read these papers, other than to glance at the headings
 9 or first paragraphs of each, from mid-May 1944 to this
 10 moment, except for certain days and times last December
 11 as given above, and a few days ago to Lieutenant Commander
 12 Baecher, I can only give my word that this is a meticulously
 13 truthful statement of fact.

14 I hope these comments comply with the wish of the
 15 Senator from Maine that I ponder this question further
 16 during the week-end, namely, the question of assertions of
 17 mine with respect to these papers, assertions which may
 18 possibly have resulted in straining the credulity to be
 19 afforded my previous testimony before this committee on
 20 this and other matters.

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 The Vice Chairman: Does that complete your statement,
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3 Captain?

4 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, that completes my statement.

5 The Vice Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

6 Senator Ferguson: I think I will leave that subject
7 for awhile now and go to another one.

8 Will you take Exhibit 2 and turn to page 22.

9 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: When is the first that you saw that
11 message either in code or the rough translation?

12 Captain Safford: The first I recollect having seen this
13 message was in the form of a rough translation attached to
14 the decoded Japanese text on Monday morning 8 December 1941.
15 However, I have been informed --

16 Mr. Richardson: He just asked you when you first saw it.

17 Captain Kramer: All right.

18 Senator Ferguson: That is the first you saw it?

19 Captain Kramer: That is the first I recollect seeing
20 it, yes, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: You had a Mrs. Edgar in your Department?

22 Captain Kramer: It was she I was about to refer to, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Well, did you see her on Saturday,
24 was she working?

25 Captain Kramer: She was, yes, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: And did you know that she translated
2 that in the rough on Saturday?

3 Captain Kramer: I did not know she did. She has stated
4 to me she did and --

5 Mr. Richardson: That answers the question.

6 Captain Kramer: -- and I believe her in that respect.

7 Senator Ferguson: These messages in Exhibit 2 were very
8 important, were they not?

9 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, they were.

10 Senator Ferguson: Now, turn to page 27. That message
11 came in on the 6th and it has this at the bottom:

12 "I imagine that in all probability there is considerable
13 opportunity left to take advantage for a surprise attack
14 against these places."

15 It was from Honolulu to Tokyo. That was a very vital
16 message, was it not?

17 Captain Kramer: It certainly became one when we knew
18 of the attack on Pearl Harbor, yes, sir. It would have
19 been if we had seen it prior to the attack.

20 Senator Ferguson: Do you know why no particular effort
21 was being made to translate these messages as to where the
22 attack would be -- or the same effort that was being exerted
23 to ascertain whether there would be a breach of relations?

24 Captain Kramer: Senator, my answer to that will fall in
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 two parts. In the first place, there is no clue to the
2 subject or importance of a message until a translator has
3 completed a translation. In the second place, this message
4 is dated 6 December, a date of Army responsibility, and I
5 know nothing of their handling of this particular message.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, turn to page 29. The last
7 sentence of that message, from Honolulu to Tokyo reads:

8 "It appears that no air reconnaissance is being conducted
9 by the Fleet Air Arm."

10 Captain Kramer: Precisely the same remarks apply to
11 this message, which was translated, according to the notation
12 at the bottom, and my recollection, too, incidentally, on
13 8 December 1941.

14 Senator Ferguson: So as I understand it, your reply
15 is that these were in the Army?

16 Captain Kramer: These were Army dates of responsibility
17 to translate, yes, sir, process and translate.

18 Senator Ferguson: And not the Navy?

19 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you know that part of the Army,
21 at least part of the Army translators, went home at noon on
22 Saturday?

23 Captain Kramer: Normally ours would have too.

24 Senator Ferguson: Well, was it true that some of your
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 translators were on their Christmas holidays as early as this?

2 Captain Kramer: They were not, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Were there any on furloughs or holidays?

4 Captain Kramer: No, sir; all six of my translators were
5 on duty.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, notwithstanding the fact that
7 these messages were in and you anticipated a reply to the
8 memorandum of the 26th to the Tokyo Government, certain Army
9 translators went home for the afternoon on Saturday and they
10 had to be called back later in the afternoon to help on the
11 13th part?

12 Captain Kramer: I do not know precisely what trans-
13 lators were or were not on duty Saturday afternoon, sir.
14 Furthermore, as regards any possible connection I might have
15 had with these messages on Saturday afternoon, these messages
16 were undoubtedly, unquestionably, in my mind, sent to Army
17 as soon as received.

18 In fact, I will modify that statement because there
19 is a notation in the lower right hand corner, a parenthetical
20 note to the effect that the station monitoring this message
21 was Station 2, received by teletype. Station 3 was an
22 Army monitoring station. In the light of that, it would
23 appear that this message was seen by Army and detained en-
24 tirely at all times in the Army Signal Intelligence Section
25 until processed and translated.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Senator Ferguson: Were any men in your department on Christmas leave as early as December 7?

Captain Kramer: I do not recall having given Christmas leave, except possibly Christmas day to any of my translators, sir.

Senator Ferguson: To anyone in your department, whether translators, or otherwise?

Captain Kramer: No, sir. My department consisted of six translators, one officer besides myself, and two yeomen.

Senator Ferguson: Then you were responsible for the translations?

Captain Kramer: Translation and dissemination, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, the one on page 27, No. 253. That would indicate that it came from the Army and therefore the Navy was not responsible?

Captain Kramer: At the bottom, the lower right-hand corner of page 28, is the same notation as appears on the other one, namely, that station 2, an Army station, monitored this message.

Senator Ferguson: Is that true of No. 245 on page 22?

Captain Kramer: That is true insofar as the figure 7 in the lower right hand corner indicates that an Army station monitored this message. Since it is dated the 3rd,

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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an odd date, it would indicate that they sent it over to Navy, to the GY section, to be processed when or shortly after received by Army Signal Intelligence Section.

Senator Ferguson: Do I understand that the Army or Navy at that time could shift responsibility for translation by merely transferring it over to the other departments?

Captain Kramer: They could and did, sir, based on the allocation of responsibility for attack on various Japanese systems and ciphers, which allocation consisted briefly of odd days being taken care of by the Navy, even days by Army.

Senator Ferguson: Have you read Mrs. Edgar's testimony?

Captain Kramer: No, sir, I have not.

Senator Ferguson: Did you ever hear that this was translated in the rough on Saturday afternoon?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, I did.

Senator Ferguson: Well, translation in the rough would indicate the contents of the message, would it not, show its importance?

Captain Kramer: Not necessarily, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Were you responsible to supervise these translators?

Captain Kramer: I was, sir.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 Senator Ferguson: Reading from page 5412 of the
2 Hewitt testimony, the testimony of Mrs. Edgars:

3 "Well, at the time it was my work to roughly translate
4 any message which was put on my desk, and this was among
5 the messages that were put on my desk on December 6, Satur-
6 day morning, and at the time I had only been working in
7 this section for about a little over two weeks, so at first
8 glance this seemed to be more interesting than some of the
9 other messages I had in my basket."

10 I am talking about the one about the lights in the
11 windows, on page 22 of Exhibit 2; you understand?

12 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson (reading): "And so I selected it
14 and asked one of the other men who were also translators
15 working on other messages, whether or not this shouldn't
16 be done immediately, and was told that I should , and I
17 then started to translate it."

18 Well, now, is that the way that the importance of the
19 messages was determined? If it was interesting to one
20 they would go to somebody else and ask whether they were
21 to translate it? Weren't you in charge that morning and
22 didn't you know that there was a 13-part message coming in
23 in reply to the message that Mr. Hull had given to the
24 Japanese on the 26th that may or may not mean a break in
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Captain Kramer: Your question, I believe, is a double question, Senator.

I was in charge of that section that morning. I was not aware until about 3 p. m. or shortly after about the arrival of the message you referred to, the note.

Senator Ferguson: Do I understand then, that you didn't know until 3 o'clock in the afternoon that there was a reply coming in to the message of the 26th?

Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Then, it was not an unusual day in the Navy Translation Department until 3 o'clock on the 6th?

Captain Kramer: It was no more unusual at 3 o'clock than it was all that day, and for some days prior to that time.

Senator Ferguson: Wasn't it usual that you would leave at noon on Saturday?

Captain Kramer: About a quarter of one, yes, sir. That was the closing of working hours.

Senator Ferguson: How does it come that you didn't leave on that Saturday then?

Captain Kramer: I would venture the guess that probably three-quarters of the days for several months prior to Pearl

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Harbor I did not leave at the close of working hours but
2 remained in the section either alone or with one or more
3 translators for period varying from a few minutes to many
4 hours after the close of working hours.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, you never saw the Winant note
6 which came in at 10:40 to the State Department indicating
7 that there was going to be an attack on the Kra Peninsula
8 on Sunday?

9 Captain Kramer: I did not, sir. However, I knew about
10 that contemplated attack, at least insofar as it was dis-
11 closed in this traffic; and, further, I drafted a message,
12 which I referred to a few days ago here, outlining the high
13 points of that attack, a dispatch sent to the Commander in
14 Chief Pacific Fleet and Asiatic Fleet.

15 Senator Ferguson: Then up until 3:00 o'clock on
16 Saturday there was no re-alerting of your Department?

17 Captain Kramer: Re- what?

18 Senator Ferguson: Re-alerting or change, that you were
19 working harder or any different than you were in the normal
20 day, because you hadn't received the Winant message and you
21 had no other informati n which would indicate that there was
22 any unusual message coming through on that day?

23 Captain Kramer: On that point, Senator, the alerting
24 you refer to could not possibly have altered the situation in
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 my office since not only that day but for many days during
2 that fall we were working at full capacity and over, if I
3 may so state, in my section.

4 Senator Ferguson: Now, I go on. Mr. Sonnett is examin-
5 ing Mrs. Edgars. He says:

6 "About what time on that day did you complete your
7 translation, Mrs. Edgars?"

8 Now referring to this light message on page 22 of
9 Exhibit 2. She says:

10 "Well, it so happened that there was some mistakes
11 that had to be corrected and so that took some time. That
12 was at 12:30 or perhaps it was a little before or after 12:30.
13 Whatever time it was we were to go home, it being Saturday.
14 We worked until noon. I hadn't completed it so I worked
15 over-time and finished it, and I would say that between 1:30
16 and 2:00 was when I finished my rough draft translation."

17 She was asked:

18 "That is on the afternoon of December 6?"

19 And Mrs. Edgars says:

20 "On the 6th, yes, sir."

21 "Mr. Sonnett: For the sake of the record will you
22 describe briefly what that message is?"

23 And the reply:

24 "Mrs. Edgars: Well, without reading it over again now,
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 just because of the fact that the message did keep in mind --
2 I would say that it was a message saying how they were going
3 to communicate from Honolulu to the parties interested the
4 information of our fleet movements from Honolulu, and apparently
5 it was something which they had had previous arrangements
6 but they had changed some of the minor details of how to
7 go about it. I think there was something to do with lights,
8 a window of a certain house, and there was also something
9 about newspaper advertising."

10 Now, here is a girl that is remembering this until 1945
11 without seeing the message, showing that she understood what
12 it was from the rough.

13 Captain Kramer: I think, Senator, on the point of
14 remembering that, I have not particularly read or studied
15 this since I did on 8 December 1941, but I believe I could
16 quote the whole message almost verbatim from memory.

17 Senator Ferguson: And you hadn't read it since the
18 8th of December?

19 Captain Kramer: Not in full, no, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: But you are having a great amount
21 of difficulty remembering what was in the winds execute
22 message which was only about two lines in length?

23 Captain Kramer: And, incidentally, seen by me for a
24 period varying from 10 to 15 seconds and containing information
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 that was not materially different than information we had
2 already.

3 In the case of this message here, Senator, I spent
4 several days clearing garbles and working with this message
5 before it was completed in the form you now see it.

6 Senator Ferguson: When did you spend that time on it?

7 Captain Kramer: 8-9-10 December 1941, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: But there was sufficient even in
9 the rough to impress Mrs. Edgars with the facts that she
10 has related in that answer, which would have tipped you off,
11 would it not, that Pearl Harbor was in danger that day if
12 there was going to be an attack?

13 Captain Kramer: That attention was not invited to
14 me that I have any recollection of, sir. In that connection
15 I would like to remark that Mrs. Edgars was still unfamiliar
16 with the practices and procedures in my office, that it
17 was the usual if not invariable practice of the three highly
18 skilled and experienced translators in my office to always
19 immediately invite my attention to important traffic they
20 were working on or had completed.

21 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, would you consider that
22 or would you not consider that important traffic?

23 Captain Kramer: This particular message?

24 Senator Ferguson: Yes.
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Captain Kramer: If I had seen it Saturday afternoon
2 I most certainly think I would have, yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: How do you account for the person
4 Mrs. Edgars showed it to not coming to the same conclusion?

5 Captain Kramer: I cannot account for that, sir. He
6 probably did.

7 Senator Ferguson: Then, the next question: (Reading)

8 "Do you know whether that translation which you com-
9 pleted in the early afternoon of December 6, 1941 was brought
10 to the attention of now Captain Kramer?

11 "Mrs. Edgars: It was brought to his attention naturally
12 because it was -- well -- well, in any case, he knew that I
13 was working on it and I left it, as a matter of fact, in
14 the hands of the Chief, whose job it was to edit messages
15 and write them up, or one that was more complicated and more
16 important, like this, the officer in charge looked it over
17 and edited it."

18 Who would he be?

19 Captain Kramer: That would be myself, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you so edit it?

21 Captain Kramer: Not Saturday, no sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: Well, then, the Chief would be you?

23 Captain Kramer: The Chief would refer to Chief Yeoman
24 Bryant, now Chief Ship's Clerk, U. S. Navy.
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Senator Ferguson: The first part of the answer would apply to Bryant and the last part of the answer to you, that you would edit it? Bryant would not edit it?

Captain Kramer: He would edit it as far as putting it in our usual form. The text and contents would be edited by myself so far as the translation was concerned.

Senator Ferguson: Do I understand now that your Department was alerted to the fact that you were trying to get Intelligence to ascertain if the Japanese attacked where they would attack?

Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Had you ever talked to Mr. Bryant, Ship's Clerk Bryant, covering that, so that if a message came on the 6th indicating a transmission of information from Honolulu or Hawaii about our Fleet by using lights in the window, that he would immediately sense that that was a very vital and important message and would take it up with his superior?

Captain Kramer: Most certainly did not, sir. I knew nothing about lights until I studied that message.

Senator Ferguson: Did you take up with him the fact that you wanted him to take up with you any messages indicating where an attack might take place?

Captain Kramer: I at no time was aware or believed that

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1 the Japanese would attack the United States, sir, until
2 they actually did.

3 Senator Ferguson: Then we come to this point. On
4 Saturday morning your Department was not even alerted to the
5 fact that the Japs might attack the United States?
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7 Captain Kramer: I am afraid, Senator, that your con-
8 struction of the word "alert" differs from mine.

9 Senator Ferguson: All right. Let's take out the word
10 "alert" and say "aroused to that fact"?

11 Captain Kramer: We were aroused to the imminent diplo-
12 matic crisis, yes, sir, and were working to full capacity.

13 Senator Ferguson: Now, were you familiar with the fact
14 that there was a movement south which might involve the
15 United States?

16 Captain Kramer: I had no knowledge whatsoever that
17 such movement south, of which we had a great deal of informa-
18 tion, would involve the United States, no, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, if you had had information
20 of our policy --

21 Captain Kramer: About what, sir?

22 Senator Ferguson: About our policy, of what it meant
23 to the United States, a movement south into Malaya, would
24 that have helped you on these messages to determine their
25 importance?

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Captain Kramer: I believe it would, sir, in that I
3 would have paid far more attention to the details or elicited
4 from Captain McCollum details about our Fleet.

5 Senator Ferguson: Did you know our Fleet was in Hawaii?

6 Captain Kramer: I knew it was in the Hawaiian area,
7 but whether in port or hundreds of miles away I had no knowledge
8 of at any time for months prior to Pearl Harbor or in fact
9 for months after Pearl Harbor.

10 Senator Ferguson: So you didn't know whether we were
11 out at sea or whether we were in port?

12 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: You didn't know what our policy was,
14 if there was an attack on the British that we might expect
15 an attack on our Fleet which was on the flank, you had no
16 knowledge of that?

17 Captain Kramer: I had no knowledge of that policy, no, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: Therefore a message such as this
19 Fleet movement, this message on page 22, of the lights in
20 the window to indicate when our ships were in the harbor,
21 wouldn't have really meant much to you?

22 Captain Kramer: I think --

23 Senator Ferguson: Because you didn't know the Fleet
24 was there?

25 Captain Kramer: I think the message would have meant

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 much to me if it were in legible form when I first perused
2 it, yes, sir. However, I have already remarked on the fact
3 that to get it into its present form required several days'
4 work, to make much sense of it.

5 Senator Ferguson: Did you treat this message in the
6 same way as you treated the 14th part message?

7 Captain Kramer: As soon as I saw it I did, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Did your Department treat or was it
9 instructed to treat all messages alike on this morning, or
10 were they put to work on the 13th part of the 14-part
11 message?

12 Captain Kramer: I repeat again, Senator, the so-called
13 14-part message did not start coming in until the afternoon.
14 There were no specific instructions, except general in-
15 structions about certain circuits being pushed through first,
16 but it was the practice of my more experienced translators
17 to glance through hastily the general tenor of all messages
18 put on their desks and then give priority to those that
19 appeared most important. Oftentimes consulting with me on
20 that point.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, as I understand it, Bryant had
22 instructions when he saw the rough of this message so that
23 he should have called it to your attention?

24 Captain Kramer: Not specific instructions on this message,
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2 no, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Any message.

4 Captain Kramer: Any message which normally such attention
5 would have been drawn to me in the first instance by the
6 translator so translating it, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: But you had never taken up with
8 Bryant or your staff that matter?

9 Captain Kramer: Normally, Senator, Bryant did not get
10 this material until I edited it.

11 Senator Ferguson: How do you account --

12 Captain Kramer: Unless a message was of simple form
13 or was perfectly plain as to sense and meaning to the
14 translator, in which case the translator, if it were not
15 something that because of its content and importance should
16 be at once brought to my attention, the translator would
17 feel it should be typed up before bringing it to my attention.

18 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever take up with Bryant
19 or your staff the importance of ship movements as well as
20 diplomatic matters?

21 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: What was your instruction to them?
23 I am talking about these messages on ship movements in Exhibit
24 2, where we find three or four not translated, at least on
25 the smooth copy, until after the attack, and if translated

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 before would have given you definite information that
2 there was going to be an attack on Pearl Harbor.

3 Captain Kramer: Every message bearing on ship movements,
4 either of our Navy, our Merchant Marine, or foreign Navies,
5 specifically England, was given high priority in my section
6 and all were translated and disseminated by my section.

7 Senator Ferguson: You knew that some of these messages
8 were 22 days being translated. How do you account for that?
9 And I find no diplomatic messages held up that long.

10 Captain Kramer: I would like to have a specific one
11 pointed out, sir, before commenting on that.

12 Senator Ferguson: Well, I wish you would look over
13 them.

14 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

15 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

16 Mr. Murphy: I wonder if the Senator knows that that
17 particular message was also in Honolulu on the 5th. I mean
18 as to this signal. They had it there. The lights in the
19 window message was handed over to them on the 5th at Honolulu.
20 It was in Pearl Harbor at G-2 and they did translate it off
21 the 7th but they didn't before.

22 Senator Ferguson: Well, I am trying to find out what
23 this gentleman knew about it.

24 Did you know what code machines they had at Pearl Harbor?
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Captain Kramer: I knew that they had what we call
3 a RIP, meaning Radio Intelligence Publication, in fact,
4 a number of them, which included all systems being currently
5 read. I was not aware about the status of the unit at
6 Pearl Harbor with respect to a machine. In other words, the
7 purple machine.

8 Senator Ferguson: You didn't know whether they had
9 one or did not have one?

10 Captain Kramer: I did not know until after Pearl Harbor,
11 no, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: But you weren't relying upon Pearl
13 Harbor getting these messages. You were relying upon the
14 fact that you had to get them and give them to these high
15 officials from the President down?

16 Captain Kramer: That was my prime responsibility, yes,
17 sir. The Asiatic Fleet, in other words, our unit at
18 Corregidor, I knew did have the purple machine.

19 Senator Ferguson: But your job was not to know or to
20 understand what Pearl Harbor had, your job was to get the
21 translations and give them to the President and from him on
22 down in the Navy as you have described?

23 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. The allocation of effort
24 to be carried on by the Pearl Harbor unit was done by
25 Captain Safford and his subordinates other than myself.

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Senator Ferguson: You were not concerned with what they had at Pearl Harbor?

Captain Kramer: I had nothing to do with what they had or what they worked on, no, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And the fact that they may have had these messages was no concern of yours because your position was to get them translated, give them to the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Turner, Admiral Stark and the President?

Captain Kramer: That was my prime responsibility, yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: That was your prime responsibility and that is what you were trying to do?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, the State Department didn't call you or get in touch with you and tell you that they had a message at 10:40 indicating that there was going to be an attack on the Kra Peninsula and therefore you were to be alerted to get any message that might come in and get immediate translation so that they could ascertain what might happen other than in the Kra Peninsula where they saw the Japanese were going?

Captain Kramer: I knew nothing about that State Department message, no, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And you had no word from the State

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Department?

2 Captain Kramer: I did not, no, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: How long has Commander Baecher been
4 with the Department? Do you know him?

5 Captain Kramer: I first had contact that I recollect
6 only after I returned to Washington from Miami on 6 December
7 last year. I understand, however, that he was one of the
8 assistants to Admiral Hewitt, though I do not recollect his
9 being in those hearings.

10 Senator Ferguson: He was an assistant in the hearings
11 to Admiral Hewitt and helped to conduct those hearings?

12 Captain Kramer: That is what I now understand.

13 Senator Ferguson: Now, he hadn't been in your department?

14 Captain Kramer: No, sir, at no time.

15 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether he is a Reserve
16 Officer or a regular?

17 Captain Kramer: My understanding is that he is a
18 Reserve Officer with legal background, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: This message, Extension No. 2027,
20 the one released by Admiral Noyes in relation to the Japanese
21 movement in Thailand, are you familiar with that message?

22 Captain Kramer: The one dated 1 December 1941?

23 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

24 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Did you draft that message?

2 Captain Kramer: I believe I did, sir; yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Well, why did you draft that message?

4 Wouldn't that be out of your line entirely?

5 Captain Kramer: Not necessarily, sir. I drafted that
6 message, as well as the one on Japanese diplomatic post
7 destruction of codes, which was similarly forwarded to
8 Captain Safford and Admiral Noyes' office.

9 Senator Ferguson: Well, if you thought that Cincap
10 and Cincpac were getting the messages, why did you draft
11 this one for Admiral Noyes to send out on December 1st?

12 Captain Kramer: I felt that we should insure that they
13 got that picture, sir, even though they may have received
14 it and read it on the Asiatic station, the British also at
15 Singapore, and the unit at Honolulu.

16 Senator Ferguson: If you knew nothing about our policy
17 in case of an attack by the Japanese on the British, I am
18 trying to find out then, from this message, why you would
19 take special interest to send this message, not only to
20 Cincap but for Cincpac, when it has nothing to do with an
21 attack upon America. Thousands of miles away from any
22 possession of America, was it not?

23 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

24 Senator Lucas: Will the senator yield?

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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

2 Senator Lucas: Will the Senator tell me what that
3 policy is?

4 Senator Ferguson: I am trying to find out.

5 Senator Lucas: The Senator has been assuming with this
6 witness that we had a definite policy, that he didn't know
7 anything about, in the event the Japanese attacked the
8 British and the Dutch.

9 Senator Ferguson: Well, I am trying to find out from
10 this witness. If he knew nothing about any policy why, I
11 would like to know, would he be sending a special message
12 such as this.

13 Will you read the message now. Let's see what is in it.
14 Then I can cover it and find out whether or not you knew
15 anything about policy.

16 Captain Kramer: (Reading)

17 "AMBASSADOR TSUBOKAMI IN BANGKOK ON 29TH SENT TO
18 TOKYO AS NUMBER 872 THE FOLLOWING: "CONFERENCES NOW IN
19 PROGRESS IN BANGKOK CONSIDERING PLANS AIMED AT FORCING
20 BRITISH TO ATTACK THAI AT PADANG BESSA NEAR SINGORA AS
21 COUNTERMOVE TO JAPANESE LANDING AT KOTA BHARU. SINCE THAI
22 INTENDS TO CONSIDER FIRST INVADER AS HER ENEMY, ORANGE --"
23 which means Japan --"BELIEVES THIS LANDING IN MALAY WOULD
24 FORCE BRITISH TO INVADE THAI AT PADANG BESSA. THAI WOULD
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THEN DECLARE WAR AND REQUEST ORANGE HELP. THIS PLAN APPEARS TO HAVE APPROVAL OF THAI CHIEF OF STAFF BIJTTO. THAI GOVERNMENT CIRCLES HAVE BEEN SHARPLY DIVIDED BETWEEN PRO-BRITISH AND PRO-ORANGE UNTIL 25 NOVEMBER BUT NOW WANITTO AND SHIN WHO FAVOR JOINT MILITARY ACTION WITH ORANGE, HAVE SILENCED ANTI-ORANGE GROUP AND INTEND TO FORCE PREMIER PIBUL TO MAKE A DECISION. EARLY AND FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS ARE POSSIBLE."

Senator Ferguson: Now, if you knew of no policy that we had -- how far was this from American possessions?

Captain Kramer: Senator, the prime reason for ever having set up a crypt analytical unit at Corregidor and at other times in certain places in China, was to keep the Commander in Chief Asiatic Fleet, at that time Admiral Hart, as fully apprised as possible of political, military and other developments of like nature in his sphere.

Senator Ferguson: How far was this from the Philippines? You didn't answer my question.

Captain Kramer: My guess is probably 800 to a thousand miles, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, look at the message in Exhibit 2, the message of September 24, page 12.

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Where it sets up Pearl Harbor and tells exactly what areas are to be covered in the future.

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 It asks Honolulu to tell what ships are tied up at wharves,
3 buoys and in docks. Are you familiar with that message?

4 Captain Kramer: I am, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: Can you tell me why you would send
6 a message that involved the British and the Japanese a
7 thousand miles from any of our possessions directly to the
8 information of Cincpac, which was Admiral Kimmel, and yet
9 this message, which set up a plan of Pearl Harbor, indicating
10 what they wanted it for was an attack later, you didn't send
11 that out to either the Pacific or to the Asiatic Fleet,
12 and here you were sending one that involved a country a
13 thousand miles from our possessions.

14 Captain Kramer: I would like to invite the Senator's
15 attention to a piece of paper which I believe is an exhibit
16 before this hearing, namely, a gist of the traffic disseminated
17 in early October 1941 to all recipients in the Navy Department.
18 That gist was prepared by my section and was asterisked as
19 being an item, a gist of this message, an item of special
20 interest, sir.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Senator Ferguson: I would like --

2 Captain Kramer: I was not directed, and I do not
3 know whether any briefs of this message were ever to be
4 sent to Pearl Harbor. Your interpretation, Senator, that
5 this was a bombing map, I do not believe, from conversa-
6 tions I had at the time in showing and going over days'
7 traffic with various recipients; I do not believe it was
8 interpreted by any of those persons as being materially
9 different than other messages concerning ship movements
10 being reported by the Japanese diplomatic service.

11 I recollect that this was interpreted. I am uncer-
12 tain of the precise wording of the interpretation. This
13 was considered, and I believe it was, approximately, my
14 consideration at the time as being an attempt on the part
15 of the Japanese diplomatic service to simplify communica-
16 tions.

17 That view is substantiated by many factors.

18 One is that the Japanese were repeatedly and con-
19 tinually directing their diplomatic service to cut down
20 traffic. They were repeatedly preparing and sending out
21 abbreviations to be used with codes already in existence.
22 Diplomatic codes were frequently asking for additional
23 funds for quarterly allotments, and so forth, to cover
24 telegraphic expenses. Those expenses were usually paid,
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1 and furnished in part when so requested by Tokyo. Those
2 and other considerations I think explain probably the
3 handling of this particular message, sir.

4 Senator Ferguson: Did you know that later they used
5 this map, this bombing map, in code messages? Say the
6 one on page 14 of November 18?

7 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. They used it for all
8 ship movements subsequently to setting up of this abbreviated
9 system of reporting ships in Pearl Harbor.

10 Senator Ferguson: You brought up a question about an
11 exhibit in this case that indicated that they had given
12 information on this message on page 12, the bombing map
13 message. Will you get it for me? I think that is very
14 important.

15 Commander Baecher: I might say, Senator, that that
16 was exhibited to a witness in the early stages of these
17 hearings but was not introduced as an exhibit. I have a
18 copy here on which I would like to write a short note to
19 counsel, and hand it to him.

20 Senator Ferguson: Then it is not in evidence here,
21 that this was ever briefed and sent out?

22 Commander Baecher: That is correct.

23 Senator Ferguson: And the witness is wrong, and the
24 record in that respect should be corrected.

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Commander Baecher: At one time this document was shown to another witness. I think Admiral Wilkinson. This witness saw it also and he assumed it had gone into evidence, and I think not improperly because it was passed around.

Senator Ferguson: But it is not in evidence now, so there is no evidence before us that the contents of this bombing plot map had ever been sent out; is that right?

Commander Baecher: That is right. Here is a copy of it.

Senator Ferguson: Now, Captain, will you turn to page 15, the message which was translated on the 5th of December:

"Please report on the following areas as to vessels anchored therein: --"

You notice they want to know what ships are in the harbor. Not what ones are going out and coming in.

"Please report on the following areas as to vessels anchored therein: Area 'N' Pearl Harbor; Manila Bay, and the areas adjacent thereto. Make your investigation with great secrecy."

Then the next message:

"Please investigate comprehensively the fleet - - - -"

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bases in the neighborhood of the Hawaiian Military Reservation."

Next, translated on the 5th:

"We have been receiving reports from you on ship movements, but in future, will you also report even when there are no movements."

Wasn't that a very significant message, that the Japanese were trying to ascertain what was in the harbor and where they were located; whether there were any movements or not?

Didn't your Department or section evaluate those to mean that they were trying to ascertain what was in the harbor and therefore when you received this one o'clock delivery message and as you say you charted the globe time on it, wasn't it significant that it was 7:30 in the morning at Pearl Harbor?

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2 Captain Kramer: I have two comments to make on your
3 statement, Senator.

4 Senator Ferguson: That is not a statement. It is a
5 question.

6 Captain Kramer: The little message which you read, I
7 believe that the original Japanese version in ungarbled form
8 if it were available would read: "Please investigate compre-
9 hensively" is probably "the fleet air bases."

10 In other words, that blank refers to or represents a
11 garbled code group and was left blank by the Army translator.
12 It undoubtedly refers to air or other types of bases than
13 fleet bases in the neighborhood of the Hawaiian military re-
14 servation. On your other point, Senator --

15 Senator Ferguson: Just a moment.

16 Captain Kramer: On your point, Senator, regarding evalu-
17 ation, that was never at any time a function of my section,
18 sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, if they were to investigate
20 comprehensively the fleet air bases didn't it even make the
21 message more important that they were concerned not with alone
22 the Fleet, where it was moving, but they were concerned with
23 the protection of the Fleet in the harbor?

24 Captain Kramer: Not in the slightest, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Not in the slightest?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

2 Captain Kramer: No, sir. I would like to tell you why
3 I make that reply.

4 Senator Ferguson: I wish you would.

5 Captain Kramer: Back in 1940, during the course of ne-
6 gotiations with the Dutch in Java the Japanese shoehorn, if I
7 may use that term, was the delegation conducting those nego-
8 tiations and Ambassador or special envoy, as I recall it, was
9 named Yoshizawa.

10 Negotiations were conducted for a six or eight month
11 period. During the period of those negotiations the Japanese
12 conducted rather rigorous reconnaissance of all military
13 establishments not only in Java but in other islands of the
14 Dutch East Indies.

15 I mentioned that in some detail, but the same thing ap-
16 plies to military establishments, air bases, fleet facilities,
17 in Panama and in part of the Western hemisphere under United
18 States jurisdiction. The Japanese diplomatic service, as
19 well as their military and naval attaches abroad, were very
20 conscientious people and reported in meticulous detail all
21 facts that they could learn of.

22 Senator Ferguson: Now, how do you account for the fact
23 that these ship movements, these locations were being called
24 for in the latter part of November as things were getting
25 more critical between the two countries? You told us about a

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2 long range program.

3 Captain Kramer: Senator, it would have been a most weird
4 phenomena for the Japanese military to not have paid close
5 attention not only during this week but during previous per-
6 iods of crisis during 1941 and 1940 and earlier to every de-
7 tail they could learn concerning the United States Fleet.
8 They reported in similar detail every ship movement into and
9 out of all ports on the West Coast of the United States and
10 Panama, sir.

11 Senator Ferguson: Why were they wanting, though, to get
12 the fleet and air bases that you now tell us this message
13 means?

14 Captain Kramer: They likewise reported in great detail
15 the air bases in the vicinity of Seattle and Bremerton Navy
16 yard, sir, similarly on the San Francisco area.

17 Senator Ferguson: Show me any such messages in the lat-
18 ter part of November or December in relation to San Francisco
19 and Seattle.

20 Captain Kramer: I offhand do not know of any such mes-
21 sage. Such may possibly be elicited by a study of the files.
22 It may well be, however, that no further reports in such de-
23 tail were called for from the West Coast of the United States
24 because they already knew everything they wanted to.

25 Senator Ferguson: Will you refer now to page 248 of

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2 exhibit 1? The message is No. 25,850. It is at the top of
3 the page. It is the one o'clock message. I want to read
4 you from page 167 of Top Secret of the Pearl Harbor Board in
5 the Navy. Captain Safford is testifying. He says:

6 "Kramer took the message around, possibly the other
7 message which said, 'Submit our reply to the U.S. Gov-
8 ernment at one P.M. on the 7th your time' and reached
9 the Chief of Naval Operations around 10:30 and then
10 next the White House, where he again gave a copy to
11 Admiral Beardall for the President and finally reached
12 the State Department about 11 o'clock with it. There
13 is another matter" -- and this is what I want to call
14 your attention to, but I wanted to read it in detail so
15 that you would know what he was talking about.

16 "There is another matter which I would like to
17 add, that at the time Kramer submitted SIS 25,850" --
18 which is the one o'clock message-- "to Secretary Knox
19 he sent a note in with it saying, in effect, that this
20 means a sunrise attack on Pearl Harbor today and pos-
21 sibly a midnight attack on Manila."

22 Now, what do you have to say to that?

23 Senator Lucas: Who said it?

24 Senator Ferguson: Safford. Do you want to see the
25 original of this record?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir, I do not. What I am looking for is an item in my reply to Captain Safford's first letter, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Do I understand that you have a memorandum there that you made of your conversations with Safford, or is that the reply?

Captain Kramer: No, sir. I am merely looking at a copy which I retained of my reply to Captain Safford's first letter.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Captain Kramer: I refer, Senator, in answer to your last question to my reply, item 10-c to Captain Safford, to the expanded version of that reply which appears in the memorandum I prepared for Admiral Halsey, which I will now read.

Senator Ferguson: Now, is this to be an answer to my question?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Captain Kramer: A specific answer to your question.

(Reading)

"10-c: On returning about 10:20 from Mr. Hull's office the remainder of No. 02-10 were arriving, including the one setting the 1300 meeting time and the 'Weather Report'. These were delivered to all hands,

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including Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson, at Mr. Hull's office, with my comments to Mr. Knox on how the hour tied with the sun and moves in progress elsewhere."

All I can say, Senator, concerning Captain Safford's testimony is that he apparently got all his information for that reply from his interpretation of the wording of this reply I just read, or the abbreviated version of it, rather.

Senator Ferguson: Now, will you just read that again?

Captain Kramer: The last part is the pertinent part.

I will read that again, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Just read that again.

Captain Kramer: (Reading)

"These" -- referring to the messages -- "were delivered to all hands, including Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson, at Mr. Hull's office with my comments to Mr. Knox on how the hour tied with the sun and movements in progress elsewhere."

Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, with your comments to Mr. Knox, that is what you are reading there?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, how did you make those comments to Mr. Knox?

Captain Kramer: Via his personal aide, a foreign service officer. I would like to point out, Senator, that --

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Sanator Ferguson: Nothing in writing?

Captain Kramer : Nothing whatsoever in writing, no, sir.

Senator Ferguson: But you told him this?

Captain Kramer: The word got to him via his foreign service officer, who when I was speaking to him was about ten or fifteen feet away, just outside the closed door of the room, Mr. Hull's office, where the three Secretaries were conferring.

Senator Ferguson: Who was Mr. Knox' foreign service officer?

Captain Kramer: There were four, Senator, who were indoctrinated and rotated --

Mr. Richardson: Who was the one that you gave the message to?

Senator Ferguson: Who was the one that you gave the message to?

Captain Kramer: I do not know which one of the four it was. I believe two of those were present that morning. As to their names, I recollect three names of the four, - Gray, Stone and Brown, because they associated with each other.

Senator Ferguson: You expected that service officer to tell Mr. Knox everything? You would expect that service officer to tell Mr. Knox everything that you said to him?

Captain Kramer: That is what my intention was, yes, sir.

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2 Senator Ferguson: And everything that you said to the
3 foreign service officer for Mr. Knox, that there was some-
4 thing about the men being at breakfast or at mess who were
5 at Pearl Harbor at that time, he would convey that to Mr.
6 Knox then?

7 Captain Kramer: Not all those details, no, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Now, wait a minute.

9 Captain Kramer: I have previously specifically covered
10 that point, Senator, by stating that the reference to Pearl
11 Harbor was purely a passing reference for the benefit of
12 non-naval personnel, namely, these foreign service officers
13 and the Army officer present.

14 Senator Ferguson: But you just told me in your last
15 answer that you expected this foreign service officer to
16 convey to Mr. Knox every word that you said.

17 Captain Kramer: I did not expect him to convey every
18 word but the essential points of my explanation to him, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Did you tell him not to convey to
20 Mr. Knox the idea that it was sunrise and these men would be
21 off duty at 7:30 in the morning?

22 Captain Kramer: Of course not, sir. My only reason for
23 the explanation was to have the gist or summary of my explana-
24 tion to convey to Mr. Knox.

25 Senator Ferguson: Did you tell him to only convey the

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2 summary of your explanation?

3 Captain Kramer: I did not tell him which words to
4 specifically convey, no, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, didn't you anticipate that he
6 would convey the entire message to Mr. Knox?

7 Captain Kramer: The essential points of it, yes, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: Why not all of it and let Mr. Knox
9 be the judge as to what was essential or not essential?

10 Captain Kramer: In the first place, Senator, I indicated
11 that I was not an evaluator of this material. I felt, how-
12 ever, that the essential points which I covered in that con-
13 versation should be pointed out to the foreign service offi-
14 cer, who in the same manner that I did for the Navy Department
15 high officials handled those documents in the State Department,
16 passing it to the people who were permitted to see it.

17 Senator Ferguson: Captain Kramer, on many occasions
18 Secretary Knox had asked for your opinion because you were
19 familiar with the messages, isn't that true?

20 Captain Kramer: Rarely my opinion, sir. My comments in
21 the presence of Secretary Knox almost solely and entirely
22 concerned an explanation on my part, often volunteered, oc-
23 casionally asked for, regarding particular names appearing in
24 the text, regarding references appearing therein and back-
25 ground concerning obscure points in the traffic.

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2 Senator Ferguson: Now, as I understand it you did have
3 this conversation with this foreign service officer and it
4 was your intention for him to convey it to Mr. Knox?

5 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, I am going to ask you this
7 question, I am going to read this again:

8 "That at the time Kramer submitted SIS 25,850 to
9 Secretary Knox he sent a note in with it saying, in ef-
10 feet" -- now, that note, as you say, would be a message
11 through the foreign service officer?

12 Captain Kramer: That word "note" is apparently Captain
13 Safford's own construction of my sentence.

14 Senator Ferguson: So instead of it being in writing you
15 sent it in verbally?

16 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: (Reading)

18 "In effect that" -- this is "in effect" -- "that
19 this means a sunrise attack on Pearl Harbor today and
20 possibly a midnight attack on Manila."

21 Now, do I understand that you swear now that that is not
22 a fact, that last one?

23 Captain Kramer: I swear to it, Senator, and have always
24 sworn that I never intended in the least to imply that those
25 remarks I made indicated an attack on Pearl Harbor or, in

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2 fact, any overt intention on the part of the Japanese directed
3 toward the United States.

4 Senator Ferguson: I am not asking you what you intended.
5 I am asking you whether that is a fair substance of what you
6 said to the foreign service officer?

7 Captain Kramer: It is not, Senator.

8 Senator Ferguson: All right. Then General Russell
9 asked this question of Safford:

10 "How do you know that?" Reading from this tran-
11 script.

12 "Captain Safford: Kramer told me.

13 "General Russell: When did he tell you?

14 "Captain Safford: Kramer told me that just before
15 he left Washington to go to Honolulu for duty. He had
16 not dared" --

17 "General Frank: Which was when?

18 "Captain Safford: Which was the spring of 1943.

19 " -- he had not dared to let anybody know that
20 at that time.

21 "General Russell: Are there any further matters
22 about these messages now before we go to December the 7th
23 and the other messages?"

24 Indicating that they had covered that subject. So you
25 see that Safford again has testified that in 1943 that is

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2 what you told him.

3 Captain Kramer: That is not what I told him at any time,
4 Senator.

5 Senator Ferguson: But you told here when Mr. Richardson
6 examined you what you told this foreign service officer. Your
7 answer to Mr. Richardson was the substance of what you told
8 the foreign service officer to convey to Mr. Knox, is that
9 correct?

10 Captain Kramer: I was referring specifically in my last
11 reply to the word "dared". I don't know where Captain Safford
12 got that part of it.

13 Mr. Richardson: He is talking about what you told me.

14 Captain Kramer: I did convey to Captain Safford, I be-
15 lieve -- I do not recall specifically, but to many of my con-
16 tacts, probably eight or ten or a dozen in the Navy Depart-
17 ment, chiefly subordinates, the substance of what I told
18 Secretary Hull's foreign service officer, yes, sir. I also
19 mentioned it to McCollum that morning.

20 Senator Ferguson: Did you tell them when you testified
21 here in reply to Mr. Richardson's question, - did you tell
22 him what you said?

23 Mr. Richardson: Did you testify here about it to me in
24 answer to my questions?

25 Captain Kramer: About what question, sir?

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2 Senator Ferguson: About what you had told the foreign
3 service officer to tell Mr. Knox.

4 Captain Kramer: I did, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: All right.

6 Mr. Richardson: That answers his question.

7 Senator Ferguson: How many deliveries did you make of
8 messages on the sixth? You made one at nine at night?

9 Captain Kramer: Two that I recall, sir; it may have been
10 three. I could determine that, I believe, by a study of the
11 files similar to the one I undertook previously for you, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: Yes. I am going to take that up
13 some with you later. So you made two or three deliveries on
14 Saturday?

15 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

16 Senator Ferguson: What was the name of the secretary to
17 Mr. Knox that was at the apartment at the Wardman? What was
18 the name of that secretary? You said there was a secretary.

19 Captain Kramer: He had been a secretary.

20 Mr. Richardson: What was his name?

21 Captain Kramer: I believe it was Mr. Keefe, sir. I am
22 not certain of that.

23 Mr. Richardson: All right.

24 Captain Kramer: In any case he can be identified as
25 at that time being, I believe, the manager of the Chicago

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2 Daily News.

3 The Chairman: John O'Keefe.

4 Senator Ferguson: John O'Keefe, the Senator tells me.

5 Now, have you named all of the officers of the Army, the
6 Navy or the Marines that you have talked your testimony over
7 with in relation to Pearl Harbor since the time that you
8 testified before the Navy Board?

9 Captain Kramer: As to details, yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: Well, are there any other officers that
11 you have discussed it with not as to detail?

12 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, there are.

13 Senator Ferguson: And will you name them?

14 Captain Kramer: Colonel Laswell, Commander Renniok,
15 Commander Benedict, Commander Hudson. In any case officers
16 attached to the Fleet radio unit at Pearl Harbor who were
17 long-standing friends of mine and working in this kind of work.

18 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever discuss it with Bratton?

19 Captain Kramer: Not that I have any recollection of,
20 sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: You have had no conversations what-
22 ever with Bratton about the testimony or about the Pearl
23 Harbor matter?

24 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: Since the Navy Board?

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Captain Kramer: Either before or after the Navy Board, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Did you discuss it with Baecher?

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Captain Kramer: There was some discussion concerning the availability of records to which I for the first time had access in December last year and chiefly my discussion with Baecher was concerning appointments with counsel for this committee and Mr. Baecher. Details concerning the content of my prior testimony or of testimony I would give I did not discuss with Mr. Baecher.

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Senator Ferguson: And he asked you nothing about any of the points that you have covered?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: Can you tell me just what the occasion was that you took these letters to him and the Halsey memorandum? Had he asked you or did you just volunteer that?

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Captain Kramer: I volunteered that, sir.

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Senator Ferguson: There wasn't any request?

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Captain Kramer: No, sir, it was not.

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Senator Ferguson: Well, you were greatly worried, were you not, some time in September and October, you were worried?

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Captain Kramer: Of what year, sir?

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Senator Ferguson: This last year, 1945.

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Captain Kramer: About what, sir?

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 Senator Ferguson: Well, I am just asking you whether you
3 were worried?

4 Captain Kramer: Not that I have any recollection of,
5 no, sir.

6 Senator Lucas: Unless it is about Pearl Harbor I think
7 it is an improper question to ask him.

8 Senator Ferguson: This is in relation to Pearl Harbor
9 or I would not have asked him.

10 Senator Lucas: You said "about anything".

11 Captain Kramer: I had some concern about my health. I
12 don't think I recall any worry, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: There was nothing worrying you at that
14 time that you went to the hospital?

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

16 Senator Ferguson: Did you know that a letter had been
17 written to your wife requesting her to come up on account of
18 you worrying about something?

19 Captain Kramer: With respect to my health, yes, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Well, no worrying about Pearl Harbor,-
21 or not Pearl Harbor but having something on your mind that
22 you were greatly concerned with?

23 Senator Lucas: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a highly
24 improper question to ask this witness.

25 Senator Ferguson: It only relates to Pearl Harbor.

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9 Captain Kramer: I am willing to answer that question.

Senator Lucas: Well, I know, but there is a limit to everything. The Senator from Michigan now is asking this question about whether the witness was worrying about anything.

Senator Ferguson: No, about Pearl Harbor.

Senator Lucas: But you don't go back to Pearl Harbor. If you confine it to Pearl Harbor, all right.

Captain Kramer: I would like, Senator Lucas, to answer that question.

The Chairman: The chair thinks the witness is willing to answer that question and probably can do so satisfactorily.

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Captain Kramer: At no time while I was in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, either for the check-up during August or for my subsequent stay in the hospital in September or October, did I have any worries or concern about what I knew about Pearl Harbor, or any discussions with anyone about either my prior testimony, or what I knew about Pearl Harbor.

I did have a brief discussion, which I have previously indicated in my testimony, with a classmate of mine, namely, Commander Powell, to the effect -- and this bears particularly on your question, sir -- that I might be called as a witness before the contemplated Congressional hearing.

Senator Ferguson: That is what I am talking about, Pearl Harbor.

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: I am not talking about anything else.

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Now you had some concern as to whether or not you would be called as a witness?

Captain Kramer: No concern whatsoever, sir. It was simply a conversation in which Halsey mentioned, I believe, as I now recollect it, something to the effect that I was working on things connected with Pearl Harbor in Washington

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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at that time.

2 Senator Ferguson: Did you appreciate at that time
3 that your testimony, that is, your so-called affidavit
4 which you say now you did not swear to, but you considered
5 it as such, that if you died, it was to be taken as your
6 evidence in any case in which it might arise, and what you
7 said at the Pearl Harbor Board, that there may be a conflict
8 in those two statements?

9 Captain Kramer: I was unaware of any such conflict, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: And therefore, there was no concern
11 over the fact that you had a memorandum, and you had also
12 testified in relation to the matter before the Pearl Harbor
13 Board?

14 Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir.

15 Senator Ferguson: You had also testified before the
16 Hewitt committee. Now, was there any concern over the fact
17 that there may be a conflict between your testimony, that
18 is, your memorandum and your testimony before the Pearl
19 Harbor Board, and your testimony before the Hewitt committee?

20 Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir. I at no time
21 had concern about the few facts with which I was familiar
22 concerning Pearl Harbor.

23 Senator Ferguson: And, as I understand it, as far
24 as you were concerned, there were no conflicts between those
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Were you concerned over your testi-
4 mony before this Board, that it might conflict with one or
5 more of the testimonies that you had given?

6 Captain Kramer: None whatsoever, sir. In fact, it
7 was not until I began studying these documents in December
8 last, that I was aware of such conflicts.

9 Senator Ferguson: When did you discover that there
10 were some conflicts?

11 Captain Kramer: I learned of certain minor discrep-
12 ancies. such as the fact that I had previously testified
13 that Commander Wellborn was in Admiral Stark's office on
14 Sunday morning, but it appeared to be not true, inasmuch
15 as Commander Wellborn was not in the Navy Department on
16 Sunday, or at least Sunday morning at all, during the lunch-
17 eon engagement which I previously testified to at Admiral
18 Stark's home in talking with Captain McCollum.

19 Senator Ferguson: I do not want any more detail on
20 that, because you have already covered that; isn't that
21 true?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: Now, will you present here to the
24 committee the papers and the documents that you say you
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 have examined, and which have caused you to make some
2 alteration or some change from your previous testimony,
3 or statements?

4 Captain Kramer: I can refer in that respect, sir,
5 only to the Navy Narrative, all of which I have not read,
6 and part of my testimony as set forth in the transcript
7 of the Naval Court of Inquiry. Nothing else whatsoever,
8 aside from the JD files, which I studied a few days ago,
9 which I saw a week ago Saturday.

10 Senator Ferguson: That brings us to the JD files,
11 and I would like to get them now.

12 Mr. Richardson: Where are they?

13 Senator Ferguson: Is he in the phone booth again?

14 Commander Baecher: Which ones, Captain Kramer?

15 Senator Ferguson: 7001, and the ones he refreshed
16 his memory from. I want to see what he used to refresh his
17 memory.

18 Commander Baecher: The JD files go back a long way,
19 Senator. They are a vast volume.

20 Senator Ferguson: I want to see the files that this
21 witness examined, from which he has made certain alterations.

22 Captain Kramer: The 7000 file.

23 Senator Ferguson: Are they here?

24 Commander Baecher: I will go on the phone booth sir.
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Witness Kramer

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

1 Captain Kramer: Probably from 6500 on.

2 The Chairman: Maybe the files are in the booth.

3 Senator Ferguson: I notice in this testimony I read
4 here this morning that Safford says you told him that on
5 Sunday morning you delivered these copies to Admiral Beardall
6 for the President.

7 Does that refresh your memory that he was in charge
8 of the White House map room?

9 Captain Kramer: It does not, sir.

10 Any implications of that kind may have been gained
11 from the fact that I indicated it had gone to Admiral
12 Beardall's situation room for the President in the White
13 House.

14 Senator Ferguson: Have you got Exhibit 142 before you?

15 Captain Kramer: The material relating to the winds
16 code, sir?

17 Senator Ferguson: Yes, it is relating to the winds
18 code. Just a few questions on the winds code.

19 What did you hand counsel?

20 Captain Kramer: A brief on that study I showed you
21 a couple of days ago, sir. It is rather not a brief, but
22 a smooth form of it.

23 Senator Ferguson: Look at this page, at the 7,023.
24 Will you refer to the 7,024, 7,025, the date of message
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 2nd October 1941, date of translation 12/4/41.

2 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Do you have that page with those
4 messages on?

5 Captain Kramer: I have, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: How do you account for the long
7 delay in the translations? Were they purple?

8 Captain Kramer: They were not sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: That would account for them not
10 being translated?

11 Captain Kramer: The 7,023, 7,024, and 7,025 that you
12 just read were all in the system known as JIG 19, which
13 required delay in the recovery of keys.

14 Senator Ferguson: And that is what accounted for the
15 delay?

16 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. Many keys, in fact, we
17 never recovered.

18 Senator Ferguson: All right. Let me have Exhibit 2,
19 again.

20 Those messages I show you, do you have the ones from
21 12 on?

22 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: What were they in?

24 Captain Kramer: It is not apparent from Exhibit 2,
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 what system they were in, sir. That could be determined
2 by further study of this JD file, however.

3 Senator Ferguson: Well, would you not say that the
4 delay in those was due to the fact that you did not have
5 the keys?

6 Captain Kramer: I cannot tell without knowing the
7 system, sir.

8 Senator Ferguson: But you can specifically state that
9 on 7,023, 7,024, 7,025, and so forth, that is true?

10 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, because I have on my
11 copy of Exhibit 142, a brief notation of the system. I
12 do not know from Exhibit 2 which JD file number these Army
13 translations were, except the last one.

14 Senator Ferguson: Does anyone from the Army here have
15 the data that they were to get me on 900 and 901, the time
16 of the translation and the other things from the work sheet?

17 Colonel Duncombe: Mr. Richardson gave you a memo-
18 randum on that.

19 Senator Ferguson: This only covers 900. I will read
20 this into the record:

21 "11 February 1946.

22 "Memorandum for Mr. Richardson:

23 "Examination of the Signal Intelligence files discloses
24 that Tokyo to Washington message #900, dated 6 December, 1941,

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

was intercepted by Army station No. 7 (Fort Hunt, Virginia)

at 1212 GMT" --

That is Greenwich Mean Time, is it?

Captain Kramer: Greenwich Mean Time.

Senator Ferguson (continuing): " -- on 6 December (7:12 a.m. Washington time). The message was delivered to SIS by courier and was decoded by SIS at 11:07" -

And they have then got "m" and at the bottom they have got a star and they say: "Time stamp indistinct - not clear whether 'a.m.' or 'p.m.'"

(Continuing); - " 6 December."

So it would be either at 11:07 in the morning, or 11:07 in the evening.

"The following summary of the message was written on the decode sheet, 'Domei chief praises Kato for good reportage'. The message was not further disseminated."

Now, that came in immediately. Well, it came in with, as I am informed with 901, at least it has a number before 901, so it would be very significant as to whether or not that was translated in the morning or in the evening, and if it was translated at the same time that 901 was translated. 901 bears the date of translation on December 6.

Now, I come back to the point: How does it come about that this very, very important pilot message, which

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1 is translated on the 6th, was not delivered on the 6th,
2 or early on the morning of the 7th, with the first de-
3 livery?

4 Captain Kramer: I cannot account, Senator, for the
5 handling of the message by the Army. From the study I
6 made for you a few days ago, my best knowledge and present
7 conviction is that my section in the Navy Department did
8 not receive it until approximately 10:25 or 10:30 Sunday
9 morning, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: And when I get the file we are
11 going to go over it so you can tell me what is in the
12 file to refresh your memory. So that you have changed
13 your testimony, as I understand it, that you delivered it
14 on the night of the 6th, your first testimony?

15 Captain Kramer: I don't believe I have changed that
16 testimony materially, sir, inasmuch as any testimony on
17 this point previously, including in this hearing, in any
18 such testimony I have indicated my doubt of when that
19 thing was delivered.

20 Senator Ferguson: Do you have doubt now?

21 Captain Kramer: Not after a study of this file, no,
22 sir.

23 Senator Ferguson: All right. That is why I want the
24 file here.

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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 I am reading from page 17 of the Clark report,
2 Bratton's testimony:

3 "When we received the Japanese message concerning
4 the code to be used in weather broadcasts, I discussed the
5 matter with my opposite number in the Navy, Commander
6 McCollum, and his assistant, Lieutenant Commander Kramer.
7 They informed me that the matter was with their man in
8 Hawaii, that he had all the information that we had and
9 the same intercepts. They stated that he could explain
10 in detail to the Commanding General, or his G-2 the
11 significance of the code, and suggested that our G-2 in
12 Hawaii get in touch with Commander Rochefort immediately
13 as a means of saving time. In other words, we could get
14 the desired information to the Commanding General in
15 Hawaii or his G-2, much faster and in much greater detail
16 and with far greater security than by means of a long in-
17 volved explanatory message that we would have been forced
18 to send through the Army communications system."

19 Do you remember that conversation with Bratton?

20 Captain Kramer: I have no recollection of that con-
21 versation, nor do I have any recollection of such a message
22 being sent.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did you see General Marshall on
24 the 6th or the 7th?
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Captain Kramer: I did not, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Not to deliver to him anything, but just see him?

Captain Kramer: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: You know you did not see him?

Captain Kramer: I know that, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now, I will come to one message, and I will try to be short on it.

If you just tried to keep to answers as short as you can, we will get through sooner.

Captain Kramer: I will try, Senator.

Senator Ferguson: Did you ever know that the Army had set up a similar system to yours, not using cards, but using sheets of paper?

Captain Kramer: No, sir, this is my first knowledge of that, sir.

Senator Ferguson: You did not know that that was set up the same way in the Army?

Captain Kramer: No, sir, not in the least.

Senator Ferguson: But you did know that the system being used in the Navy was by means of these cards, and telephone conversations?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Had you ever on any other occasion

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1 set up a system whereby you were to deliver messages by
2 means of a card system like this, and telephone conversa-
3 tion?

4 Captain Kramer: That was the first and only instance
5 of which I am aware, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: Now, was Admiral Noyes able to
7 translate Japanese?

8 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: When did you first hear that the
10 winds message that you saw on the 5th -- you place it as
11 the 5th?

12 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: The winds execute message, when
14 did you first hear that that was phoney?

15 Captain Kramer: I never heard that, sir. I reached
16 that conclusion myself, commencing sometime in early
17 December of last year, after I commenced a study of these
18 documents, including those interrogations conducted in
19 Japan last fall.

20 Senator Ferguson: Now wait. Do I understand that you
21 have drawn this conclusion that it was a phoney from the
22 Japanese messages, that they never sent it out?

23 Captain Kramer: I have, sir. I thought I had
24 clearly indicated that in previous testimony.
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Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 Senator Ferguson: In the same message that the
2 Japanese claim they never saw the winds execute message,
3 they deny ever having set up the means of sending it
4 out, and do you now claim --

5 Captain Kramer (interposing): I am unfamiliar with
6 that, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Will you show me what you draw that
8 conclusion from?

9 Captain Kramer: I believe it is in interrogation
10 No. 11, or it may be No. 10, conducted by part of General
11 MacArthur's staff.

12 Senator Ferguson: I wish you would get me that file,
13 because they deny having sent either 2353 or 2354.

14 Mr. Richardson: What difference does it make? He
15 said he read it and based his conclusion on it. You have
16 a right to bring that in, of course, but it does not do any
17 good to call his attention to that question, except to
18 have it go into the record.

19 I agree they say they never did send it.

20 Senator Ferguson: You now say you did not see the
21 Japanese deny sending out the original two code messages,
22 that they would set it up in that manner?

23 Captain Kramer: That did not impress me at the time,
24 if it is included in that interrogation, sir, because I
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1 know that they did.

2 Senator Ferguson: And therefore when the Japanese
3 say they did not send out the execute message, you came
4 to the conclusion that it was phoney? The one that you
5 saw?

6 Captain Kramer: It was not solely on that, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Well, what else was it based on?

8 Captain Kramer: On many other aspects of this so-called
9 winds system, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: What aspects, solely on this ques-
11 tion that this was a phoney that you saw on the teletype?

12 Captain Kramer: I have clearly indicated, I think,
13 Senator, that I was thoroughly convinced at the time I saw
14 that teletype that it was an authentic winds message.

15 Senator Ferguson: I do not think there is any doubt
16 but what that is your testimony.

17 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

18 Senator Ferguson: You thought it was authentic?

19 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: And up until you saw the Japanese
21 messages from Japan to MacArthur, you felt all the time
22 that it was authentic, and then you came to the conclusion
23 that it was a phoney?

24 Captain Kramer: That was very likely it, sir. I do
25 not know still whether it was or not.

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Senator Ferguson: All right.

Now, we have diluted it so it very likely was, and you do not know whether it was or was not.

Captain Kramer: That is correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Now have you any other evidence that weakened it, and brought you down to the conclusion that it may have been a phoney? I would like to see it, if you have any other evidence.

Captain Kramer: No other specific evidence that I can recall now, sir.

Senator Ferguson: All right.

Captain Kramer: It was just a general conclusion I came to.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether or not there were any other winds execute messages, other than the one you saw, that ever came in on the teletype?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir, there were a number, which proved to be false alarms in each case.

Senator Ferguson: And on those occasions, you demonstrated they were false alarms?

Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: But no undertaking was ever made to determine that the one you saw was not a legitimate execute message?

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Captain Kramer: My understanding was that such a study was undertaken.

I should like to be more specific on that Senator, in case it does not appear clear to you.

Senator Ferguson: I do not want hearsay at this particular time.

Captain Kramer: No, sir, I am talking from first hand knowledge now, sir.

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1 Senator Ferguson: I am only talking about the tele-
2 typed weather reports.

3 Captain Kramer: That is what I am talking about, sir.

4 Senator Ferguson: Let us keep to that.

5 Captain Kramer: Over and above that there were the
6 FCC voice broadcasts.

7 Senator Ferguson: I am not talking about that, only
8 about the teletype.

9 Captain Kramer: I will leave that out. Those which
10 I examined, which consisted of two or three during night
11 hours and probably a half-dozen during daylight hours, on
12 each occasion I saw the full sheet of teletype, including
13 the whole of the Japanese news broadcasts, and examined
14 the weather report contained therein as to the character-
15 istics called for by the Japanese weather code system.
16 The piece of teletype I saw on 5 December was a short piece
17 of teletype. All these other weather reports I have re-
18 ferred to, several hundred in number, were examined by the GY
19 watch officer and determination made as to authenticity.

20 In this particular case I was shown a piece of teletype
21 paper torn off of the long strip, and my presumption was
22 that the GY watch officer had made the determination I have
23 just outlined. I remember his showing it to me and
24 accompanying him, and my only check was as to the wording.
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1 Senator Ferguson: You have gone over that before.

2 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: Now what I want to know is whether
4 or not in the Department, prior to the attack, there had
5 been any survey, which you have personal knowledge of, that
6 the winds execute message that you saw was a false one?
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8 Captain Kramer: No, sir, not that I am aware of, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: That is all I want to get at.

10 You have handed me this sheet. As soon as I can get
11 the original file 7001 and the others I want you to point
12 out on the files themselves what there is that caused you
13 to want to make certain statements in relation to a change
14 in your testimony.

15 Now can I ask Commander Baecher whether we will have
16 this?

17 Commander Baecher: That will be here at 1:30.

18 Captain Kramer: I have a photostat of that sheet, if
19 you would like to see it, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Is this an original?

21 Captain Kramer: I prepared that.

22 Senator Ferguson: I want the whole file, I want to
23 go through it with you. I have no other questions at the
24 present time, except this last final one --

25 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, may I make a correction?

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The Chairman: Just a minute.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know of any other statements now, or any other information that you feel in any way will help or aid this committee in ascertaining the facts in relation to the Pearl Harbor catastrophe?

Captain Kramer: I have not, Senator. Those papers which have been introduced in the last few days are the only thing, in my best knowledge and belief, that might, by any construction, be considered as bearing on this issue.

Senator Ferguson: And there are no other papers or memoranda written by you, up until the time you took the witness stand, that are outstanding at the present time?

Captain Kramer: That is precisely correct, sir.

Senator Ferguson: So we are not quibbling on that word "memorandum", or anything else?

Captain Kramer: No, sir, there are not.

Senator Ferguson: And as soon as I can get that file I will close.

Mr. Murphy: May I make one correction in the record?

The Chairman: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: On page 10,927 there is reference on two occasions to a letter. The letter I was referring to was the letter written by Admiral Kimmel. The record shows Admiral Wilkinson. I ask that "Wilkinson" be changed to

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"Kimmel" on page 10,927.

The Chairman: Very well. It is now 12:30, and we will recess to 1:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., the committee recessed until 1:30 o'clock p.m. of the same day.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P.M.

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

4 TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN ALWIN D. KRAMER

5 (resumed)

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7 Senator Ferguson: Captain Kramer, I spoke to you this
8 morning about the message of the 24th of September 1941 and
9 we left it hang in the balance because you said it had been
10 pointed out in some way where the gist of it was determined
11 and then I left it because I did not know what you were re-
12 ferring to, I had not seen what you were referring to.

13 Now, at the noon hour I have received three pages and
14 one is a copy of page 12 in exhibit 2, if I might come near
15 there and refer to this exhibit and we will straighten this
16 matter ou.

17 Now, page 12 is the so-called bomb plot of Pearl Harbor.

18 The Vice Chairman: Is that page 12 of exhibit 2?

19 Senator Ferguson: Of exhibit 2.

20 Now I shew you what is a photostatic copy of that mes-
21 sage with the exception of "Original copy" in longhand writ-
22 ing at the top. Is that correct?

23 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: And the word "Secret" was in black
25 and then there is "Top Secret-Ultra" in red. Is that cor-

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3 Captain Kramer: Sir, at the time that message was dis-
4 seminated the only thing that appeared was the "Secret" at
5 the top and I believe at the bottom. The "Top Secret-Ultra"
6 was not on it.

7 Senator Ferguson: Do you know when the words "Top Sec-
8 ret-Ultra" was put on top?

9 Captain Kramer: That has presumably been done at some
10 time subsequent to Pearl Harbor, sir, by a new custodian of
11 the files.

12 Senator Ferguson: "Top Secret-Ultra." What is the
13 "Ultra"? Is that the purple code?

14 Captain Kramer: No, sir, that was a code developed in
15 1942, I believe, applying to this crypt-analytical work.

16 Senator Ferguson: Now, at the bottom is a stamp and it
17 has 1012-I, 2-OP-G, MIG, BE, B" what is that?

18 Captain Kramer: Pound sign, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: Pound sign. "AF, XY, MONO." Is
20 that correct?

21 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: What is that stamp on the bottom of
23 that message?

24 Captain Kramer: That was a stamp we commenced using
25 in the fall of 1941 to indicate interesting and important

Witness Kramer

Questions by: Sen. Ferguson

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2 messages. It was stamped on by the yeoman at the same time
3 when he was applying the JD file number to it, but was not
4 always done; there were some days we skipped it for lack of
5 time. When it was on there, and again if I had time to
6 do so, I would circle those symbols to insure that items of
7 interest to the people or organs represented by those sym-
8 bols were apprised.

9 Senator Ferguson: All right. Now on the original page
10 12 of exhibit 2 that stamp does not appear?

11 Captain Kramer: No, sir.

12 Senator Ferguson: This photostatic copy is a photostatic
13 copy of what now appears in the Navy Department as far as
14 page 12 of exhibit 2 is concerned?

15 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir. That was only used by Navy.

16 Senator Ferguson: Yes. Now, did you circle anything on
17 any of those numbers indicating that they should be of spec-
18 ial interest to them?

19 Captain Kramer: There is nothing circled on this piece
20 of paper, no, sir.

21 Senator Ferguson: Now, the next page that was in this
22 exhibit is "Top Secret-Ultra" both in black print and red
23 stamp. Is that correct?

24 Captain Kramer: Yes, sir.

25 Senator Ferguson: "GZ routing system." That would in-