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Colonel Clausen: Well, I don't know whether it is as a result of the recommendations of the Judge Advocate General or whether he had his own independent judgment in that sustained. I remember his public statement said something to the effect that in accordance with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General he was going to conduct his own investigation. I got the impression, I don't have the exact language in mind, there was something about he was going to do something then and that the Judge Advocate General had in some way recommended this.

Mr. Keefe: I want to quote from paragraph 1 on page 48 of Exhibit 63 before this committee, from the Judge Advocate General's opinion, dated November 25, 1944, in which he says:

"In order to complete the picture and in fairness to certain personnel these leads should be explored."

Do you recall that language?

Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Now, I want to ask you who were the individuals or the personnel to whom General Cramer referred?

Colonel Clausen: I wouldn't be able to say. I would say that General Cramer should be asked, I mean, I can't tell what was in his mind. As I said before, the main subject of unexplored leads was that of magic, and I mentioned

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1 yesterday that Admiral Hart's investigation showed that
2 Captain Safford had mentioned the winds code and he gave
3 a list of people who should be interviewed, and there
4 were other leads, also, unexplored leads that should be
5 run down.

6 Mr. Keefe: I have referred to a statement which
7 appears in the Judge Advocate General's opinion and I have
8 quoted correctly from his statement in the record and it
9 states:

10 "In fairness to certain personnel certain leads -- "
11 He used the words "these leads should be explored".
12 Now, it seems inconceivable to me, Colonel Clausen,
13 that you would undertake an investigation to explore those
14 leads without discussion with the Judge Advocate General
15 under whom you served and perhaps with Secretary Stimson
16 as to the individuals who were involved.

17 Colonel Clausen: Well, the individuals involved, of
18 course, would be the persons who were concerned with the
19 additional leads.

20 Mr. Keefe: Who were the persons?

21 Colonel Clausen: Well, you had 15 people, Mr. Keefe,
22 who had, I believe, testified before the Board, who I
23 reinterviewed and got affidavits from.

24 Now, for example, I remember very distinctly Colonel
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Bratton stating before the Board something to the effect that he could not recollect, that he could not verify, that he could not prove, and then the Board pressing him to answer the questions. Well, certainly in fairness to Colonel Bratton the matter should be clarified. And all the people, including General Gerow, General Miles -- well, there were 15.

In other words, in the last week of the Board's proceedings we had just these few comments, I mean, concerning the magic, and it would be unfair to limit the inquiry, for two reasons, certainly for the reason of the persons who testified, and from the standpoint of getting all the facts.

Mr. Keefe: Now, in the statement of December 1, 1944, released through the press branch of the War Department, the Secretary says:

"I recognize the importance to any individual concerned of having a decision taken as to what, if any, action is to be instituted against him and, after weighing all the considerations, I am clear that the public interest as well as justice and fairness will best be served by a statement of my present conclusions. So far as they now may be made public, consonant with the public interest, my conclusions are as follows: --"

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2 Then he goes on and says:

3 "The Army Pearl Harbor Board, although it recommended
4 no disciplinary or other action, concluded that there were
5 several officers in the field and in the War Department who
6 did not perform their duties with the necessary skill or
7 exercise the judgment which was required under the circum-
8 stances. On the recorded evidence, I agree with some but
9 not all of the Board's conclusions.

10 "So far as the Commanding General of the Hawaiian De-
11 partment is concerned, I am of the opinion that his errors
12 of judgment were of such a nature as to demand his relief
13 from a command status. This was done on January 11, 1942,
14 and in itself is a serious result for any officer with a
15 long record of excellent service, and conscientious as I
16 believe General Short to be. In my judgment, on the evidence
17 now recorded, it is sufficient action."

18 Was that perhaps the reason that you didn't interview
19 General Short at all?

20 Colonel Clausen: No. I assumed, as I said before,
21 that what I had investigated, to the point that you have
22 seen there, Mr. Keefe, was sufficient to satisfy the Secretary,
23 that he could then make a decision.

24 Mr. Keefe: Well, he had made a decision then.

25 Colonel Clausen: No. That is tentative, isn't it?

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1 It would be, in its very nature. It says that in the
2 last paragraph, where he says he is going to continue his
3 investigation and re-examine then his decision when he had
4 completed this additional investigation.

5 Mr. Keefe: Well, he said:

6 "This was done on January 11, 1942, and in itself is
7 a serious result for any officer with a long record of
8 excellent service, and conscientious as I believe General
9 Short to be. In my judgment, on the evidence now recorded,
10 it is sufficient action.

11 "Furthermore, I am satisfied that proper steps were
12 taken to correct such inadequacies of either personnel or
13 organization as were shown to exist either in the War
14 Department or in the field at the time of the Pearl Harbor
15 disaster. My conclusion is that under all the circumstances
16 the evidence now recorded does not warrant the institution
17 of any further proceedings against any officer in the Army.

18 "In accordance with the opinion of the Judge Advocate
19 General, I have decided that my own investigation should be
20 further continued until all the facts are made as clear
21 as possible and until the testimony of every witness in
22 possession of material facts can be obtained, and I have
23 given the necessary directions to accomplish this result."

24 Now, then, I have heretofore referred to the statement
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1 in the Judge Advocate General's opinion which the Secretary
2 of War refers to in this press release from which I have
3 just read.

4 Colonel Clausen: Mr. Keefe, didn't he say in the press
5 release also that he was going to re-examine his decision
6 later in the light of the additional evidence?

7 Mr. Keefe: That is all he said.

8 "Some of the testimony may be much delayed where
9 witnesses are engaged in combat in active theaters of opera-
10 tion. My present decision will be reviewed when the in-
11 vestigation has been finally completed."

12 Colonel Clausen: That is what I thought, yes.

13 Mr. Keefe: That is what he said.

14 Colonel Clausen: Yes.

15 Mr. Keefe: I have no desire to withhold anything.

16 Colonel Clausen: No, I know that. I just seemed to
17 have remembered that point was in there.

18 Mr. Keefe: Yes. What I am getting at is this: He
19 refers to the opinion of the Judge Advocate General.

20 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Keefe: I quoted from the opinion of the Judge
22 Advocate General in which he stated that in order to complete
23 the picture and in fairness to certain personnel these leads
24 should be explored. I have now asked you whether or not
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1 you had any discussion either with your Chief, who was
2 General Cramer -- you were in the JAGD Office?

3 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Keefe: He was your Chief?

5 Colonel Clausen: Well you have a chain of command.
6 My more immediate Chief was General Thomas Green and he
7 was the Attorney for General Short.

8 Mr. Keefe: Well, you were in that office, in the
9 JAG Office, weren't you?

10 Colonel Clausen: I was in the Judge Advocate General's
11 office, yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: We call it the JAG Office.

13 Colonel Clausen: That is a good name for it.

14 Mr. Keefe: Well, I don't want to cast any reflections
15 upon the office, Colonel. I happen to have had at least
16 one of my boys serve all during this war in that office
17 and with some distinction, in the Marine end of it, and
18 I know he always referred to it to me as the JAG Office.
19 I don't think that he meant they all got on jags, or
20 anything of that kind, but that is just the short term.

21 Now, did you have any talk with General Cramer or
22 with Colonel Stimson, Secretary of War, as to who these
23 people were that you should be fair to in this investigation?

24 Colonel Clausen: Not in that way, Mr. Keefe. I have
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2 discussed with General Cramer at great length the whole
3 picture presented by the investigation, of course, and
4 just what the leads were leading to from time to time. And,
5 as I pointed out before, the best way to see exactly what
6 is the type of lead being pursued is to go to my periodic
7 reports because they were reviewed by the Judge Advocate
8 General and Mr. Harvey H. Bundy.

9 Mr. Keefe: That is just exactly what I thought the
10 situation would be. I couldn't conceive of you starting
11 out on this world tour to interview witnesses until you
12 had a pretty good idea from talking it over with General
13 Cramer as to what you were going to do and what your
14 purpose was in setting out and who you were going to see.

15 What I would like to know is did you have in your
16 mind as a result of your talks with General Cramer that it
17 was to be your purpose to investigate the leads which he
18 had pointed out in his report and do it with the spirit
19 of trying to be fair to the personnel that was involved?

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Colonel Clausen: I certainly had it in my mind to be fair, Mr. Keefe, to all people involved. In other words --

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Mr. Keefe: That does not answer my question. Were there any specific people involved?

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Colonel Clausen: The only specific people involved as I repeated before were those who were involved in these leads.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, the leads must have tended to lead somewhere. Now, we had the report of Secretary Stimson. He made up his mind that certain things should be done. He did something to Short, he relieved him of his command and he read the Army Pearl Harbor Board report that was critical of General Marshall, that was critical of General Gerow and that was critical of other people, was it not?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, now, then, when you talked with General Cramer wasn't it considered that these leads that you were to follow up were to be followed for the purpose of seeing if it could not be made easier for those people that were named by the Army Pearl Harbor Board?

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Colonel Clausen: Mr. Keefe --

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Mr. Keefe: Now, that is what I am getting at.

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Colonel Clausen: I, for one, would never be a party to such an instruction.

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Mr. Keefe: But that is not a matter of instruction at all.

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Colonel Clausen: Now, listen --

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Senator Lucas: Let him answer the question.

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Colonel Clausen: The Secretary would not be a party to it. I always had a high regard for Mr. Stimson because if we had followed his advice in 1932 you would not have had Pearl Harbor, there would not have been a war; when he wanted the Nine Power Pact enforced and the Kellogg-Briand pact enforced we would not have had a war.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, that is a nice statement and I am in complete accord with it, but that is not getting to my question, I am sorry, Colonel Clausen.

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Colonel Clausen: Certainly, you bring up a motive now.

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Mr. Keefe: No, I bring out the fact that General Cramer himself stated in his report to Secretary Stimson that in order to complete the picture and in fairness to certain personnel these leads should be explored. Now, what personnel did he have in mind when he talked with you?

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Colonel Clausen: As I said before --

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Mr. Keefe: That is clear, it is in his report.

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Colonel Clausen: As I said before, the persons involved in the leads that I had in mind when I started out were those that I have mentioned. Now, if you gave me the book I could

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3 ple who had testified before the Board at a time when I as-
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6 Mr. Keefe: You were aware when you started out, because
7 you stated on the record that you knew what the findings of
8 the Army Board were as to General Marshall and as to General
9 Gerow and as to others.

10 Colonel Clausen: Why, yes, of course.

11 Mr. Keefe: You knew that.

12 Colonel Clausen: Surely.

13 Mr. Keefe: Well, did General --

14 Colonel Clausen: I also know the findings of the Board
15 with regard to Colonel Theodore Wyman and I agree one hundred
16 per cent with those findings regarding Colonel Theodore Wyman.

17 Mr. Keefe: Well, didn't you agree as to the findings as
18 to the others?

19 Colonel Clausen: So far as the others were concerned,
20 Mr. Keefe, if you want my opinion on the findings, my opinion
21 is very much in the category of being presumptuous I think,
22 but when you come down to the Theodore Wyman case, where he
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Colonel Clausen: No. That is why it might be a good thing now for you to people to recommend the case be turned over to the Attorney General because in my opinion he lied before the Board and this Board was constituted pursuant to statute, so you might concede that there might be something to that.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, now, I don't know all the facts about Colonel Wyman but from what I have read in this record I am inclined to hazard a guess that perhaps you are not far from the truth in that respect, but I do not have Colonel Wyman specifically in mind. He was pretty thoroughly castigated by the Army Board in this report, wasn't he?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, and that, Mr. Keefe, was --

Mr. Keefe: You agreed with that?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes. I assembled a great deal of the evidence concerning that subject.

Mr. Keefe: Yes. Well, now, then, Colonel Clausen, did you have any talk with reference to the castigation, if I may call it such -- I don't want to use that term -- the report, I will say the findings of the Board with respect to the derelictions of General Marshall or General Gerow?

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Colonel Clausen: We had discussions, Mr. Keefe, concerning all the people, as I have said before, that were involved in these leads and from time to time the matter would be re-

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2 examined and what should be done and what should not be done
3 and what further progress could be made in this direction or
4 that direction and that was mainly reported, as I have said
5 several times, in my periodic reports.

6 Mr. Keefe: Well, what bothers me is the fact that Secre-
7 tary Stimson stated in his press release that he agreed with
8 some of the findings of the Board and he disagreed with oth-
9 ers and because he disagreed with the others had decided to
10 conduct further investigation and that was suggested also by
11 the Judge Advocate General, so you went out to conduct the
12 investigation.

13 Did you conduct your investigation as to those individuals
14 against whom findings were made by the Board that he may have
15 been satisfied with or that he expressed to you that he was
16 satisfied with the findings that were made by the Board against
17 any individuals?

18 Colonel Clausen: Mr. Keefe, I at no time went out with
19 any preconceived idea to slant any investigation. I would not
20 have been a party to it, Mr. Stimson would not have authorized
21 it if he had and so far as my work with the Board is con-
22 cerned, I have a letter here from General Grunert in which he
23 commends me for my work on the Board.

24 Mr. Keefe: I am not criticizing you for your work on the
25 Board.

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2 Colonel Clausen: You assumed, though, in your questions
3 that I was some kind of a stooge sent out by the War Depart-
4 ment to --

5 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, you are just jumping at conclusions.

6 Colonel Clausen: I am glad to hear you say that.

7 Mr. Keefe: I haven't assumed any such thing. I have
8 asked you a simple question as to whether or not you discussed
9 any of these individual personnel that are referred to in the
10 report. Now, either you did or you did not.

11 Colonel Clausen: I say, Mr. Keefe, we discussed all the
12 personnel involved and if I had --

13 Mr. Keefe: Did you discuss General Marshall?

14 Colonel Clausen: We discussed General Marshall in these
15 leads.

16 Mr. Keefe: Did you discuss General Gerow?

17 Colonel Clausen: General Gerow in these leads.

18 Mr. Keefe: Did you discuss General Marshall? What did
19 you discuss as to General Marshall?

20 Colonel Clausen: Marshall generally, yes. We discussed
21 all the people who are involved in these leads and whose names
22 came up from time to time.

23 Mr. Keefe: I would like to know what that discussion
24 was, that is what I am trying to get at, what was the nature
25 of the discussion?

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Colonel Clausen: The discussions, Mr. Keefe, revolved around the proceedings before the Army Pearl Harbor Board and their testimony and my assistance in finding papers and documents and as to said what about this and who interrogated so and so.

Mr. Keefe: Yes, but that was all in the report, wasn't it?

Colonel Clausen: Yes, but it is like you, Mr. Keefe, asking me to find an exhibit in there. I can find a thing if I can find it in the report.

Mr. Keefe: Well, Colonel Clausen, you and I are both lawyers and we have had some experience and I don't want to be splitting hairs nor engaging in double talk at all. I would like to get right to the point.

Now, when this investigation started on your part, General Cramer had made an exhaustive study of the findings of the Army Board and he had before him all of the evidence that had been taken before that Board, did he not?

Colonel Clausen: He read all the evidence, - I believe he read all the evidence.

Mr. Keefe: Yes. So it was not necessary to go searching around much for papers unless it was a matter of previous exhibits. He pretended to have the whole thing because he very carefully analyzed it in a long report which he made to

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2 the Secretary of War.

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4 Colonel Clausen: Mr. Keefe, you cannot just read, as a
5 matter, transcripts, long transcripts involving the number of
6 pages that represent the testimony before the Army Pearl Harbor
7 Board, the Grunert Board, and have everything in your mind.

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9 Mr. Keefe: All right. Now let us get down to --

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11 Colonel Clausen: I mean one thing dovetails into another,
12 one thing dovetails into another from that point to some place.

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14 Mr. Keefe: Let us get right down to my question and if
15 you can answer it, all right, and if you cannot, all right.
16 What did you talk with General Cramer about General Gerow?

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18 Colonel Clausen: Oh, I cannot recall, Mr. Keefe. General
19 Gerow came up in so many aspects, whether he saw the reply by
20 General Short and where it was and whether he knew of the
21 liaison with Navy, what liaison with the Navy meant and what
22 that meant from the War Plans and who got the War Plans and
23 where can we get the War Plans and how about looking into
24 this, it went into so many directions, and then there were
25 exhibits to tie in.

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27 Mr. Keefe: Was there any talk or suggestion that the Army
28 Board had dealt unfairly in its findings with General Gerow?

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30 Colonel Clausen: Well, that was a matter that he, General
31 Cramer, would decide. It would be presumptuous for me to say.

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33 Mr. Keefe: Well, in his talks with you did he indicate

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2 that?

3 Colonel Clausen: Well, so far as I was concerned, Mr.
4 Keefe, I assured that he said there in his final written de-
5 cision and opinion is the essence of what he would, perhaps,
6 in some way mention but to say that, "This is what I am going
7 to find, Clausen", I do not recall that.

8 Mr. Keefe: Well, now, Colonel, you had a talk with Gen-
9 eral Cramer?

10 Colonel Clausen: I had many talks with him, Mr. Keefe.

11 Mr. Keefe: What?

12 Colonel Clausen: I had many talks with General Cramer.

13 Mr. Keefe: Of course you did. Did you talk with Stimson,
14 too?

15 Colonel Clausen: I had about three or four conferences
16 with Colonel Stimson.

17 Mr. Keefe: Yes. Well, in those conferences did you
18 discuss General Marshall or General Gerow or any of these
19 other people that the Army Pearl Harbor Board had found
20 derelictions against?

21 Colonel Clausen: Well, as I repeated before, Mr. Keefe,
22 we discussed the persons involved in the leaks. Now, I
23 brought to the attention of the Colonel all these people who
24 had testified; that the Board had gotten the magic in the
25 last week and we mentioned some of the names; I am quite sure
I mentioned the names of people that testified when we did

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Mr. Keefe: Now, did you help prepare this report for
4 General Cramer?

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Colonel Clausen: In the way in which I said, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: Yes. It is quite a voluminous report, isn't
7 it?

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Colonel Clausen: Well, you are speaking of the one of--
9 what is the date of that?

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Mr. Keefe: I am speaking of the report under date of
11 November 25, 1944.

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Colonel Clausen: Well, you will find it documented there
13 with references to the exhibits and transcript pages. That
14 represents some of my work and we had other officers, too,
15 assisting in doing the same work, Mr. Keefe.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, as near as I have been able to understand
17 in reading this report, - you have been referring all the time
18 to the fact that there were unexplored leads. Now, this is
19 what appears at the top of page 48 of exhibit 63 under the
20 heading of "Unexplored Leads" (Reading) This is General
21 Cramer's report to Secretary Stimson.

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"In the course of my examination of the Report and
23 record certain further inquiries have suggested themselves
24 to me, which, in my opinion, might advantageously be pur-
25 sued. The answers to these inquiries would not, in all

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probability, in my opinion, affect the result; at the same time in order to complete the picture and in fairness to certain personnel these leads should be further explored. I do not mean to suggest that the Board should be reconvened for this purpose; the work could be done by an individual officer familiar with the matter.

" In the event you approve of this suggestion I will discuss these matters in detail with the officer selected by you.

" Recommendations:

"As to General Marshall I have already expressed my opinion that the conclusions of the Board are unjustified and erroneous.

"As to General Gerow I have stated my agreement with the conclusions of the Board (a) that he erred in not sending to Short more information than he did, and (b) in not checking on Short's reply to the 27 November message signed 'Marshall.' In my opinion these errors do not warrant disciplinary action against General Gerow. General Gerow admitted the error of his division in not checking Short's reply, for which he frankly took the blame. The nature of the errors and the fact that he has since demonstrated his great qualifications for field command indicate that his case is now far removed from dis-

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"As to Short I have concurred in the conclusions of the Board," and so on, about two and a half pages.

Now, those are the only ones that he referred to in his report. Now, then, I am asking you these questions because in General Cramer's own report to Secretary Stimson he says, "In the event you approve this suggestion," namely, that he send out an individual officer, "to explore leads, I will discuss these matters in detail with the officer selected by you."

That is you and you will discuss it with him.

Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir, many times.

Mr. Keefe: All right. Well, now, what were the leads that you discussed? They are not set forth in this report.

Colonel Clausen: Well, if you will let me have my volume I will be glad to.

Mr. Keefe: Let me withdraw that question for just a moment, please, Colonel Clausen. I want to ask you this question:

Now, in view of the fact that General Cramer refers specifically to General Marshall, General Gerow and General Short and agrees in part and disagrees in whole or in part with the findings of the Board as to these three individuals, is it a fair assumption on my part that these are the ones that he

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2 referred to when he said that, "In order to complete the pic-
3 ture and in all fairness to certain personnel these leads
4 should be further explored?" Is that the personnel that he
5 was referring to?

6 Colonel Clausen: Don't you see, Mr. Keefe, that is the
7 same question that Senator Ferguson asked and I said to him
8 and I will now say to you that I cannot presume to say what
9 General Craver had in mind when he put that statement down.
10 It speaks for itself. What I should think I would do in trying
11 to be fair to everybody would be particularly those people,
12 all the people who testified before the Board when they were
13 gagged with regard to magic. Now, there were fifteen of them.
14 I can give you their names if you wait a minute. Do you want
15 me to give you the names of those that had testified before
16 the Board and who I re-interviewed?

17 Mr. Keefe: No, I haven't asked you for that.

18 Colonel Clausen: All right. I thought you did.

19 Mr. Keefe: If you want to do it you can; that is not
20 what I asked you at all.

21 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir, but I mean that would be fair
22 to do because they had gone before the Board, Mr. Keefe, at a
23 time when magic was not open for discussion.

24 Mr. Keefe: Well, then, do I understand that the leads
25 that you were out on then was to go out and get these people

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to supplement their testimony before the Board and testify to what they knew and understood about magic

Colonel Clausen: No, Mr. Keefe, not in toto at all, because the whole scope and subject of magic was unexplored with regard to certain of the witnesses. I did not know, for example, that this big sheaf that General Russell had obtained called the "Top Secret B", whether General Gerow ever saw one of them, whether General Miles had seen them, whether they knew about this cutting of Pearl Harbor into sections and area and in order to be fair to a man like General Miles, for example, I thought, "Certainly you ought to ask him, 'Well, heree, did you ever see these before?'"

Mr. Keefe: Well, what specific leads were indulged in or sent out with respect to General Marshall, or did you have any specific leads?

Colonel Clausen: With General Marshall?

Mr. Keefe: Yes.

Colonel Clausen: The whole scope of the subject. He testified -- for example, if you want to take General Marshall, he testified, I think that he had in the War Department, he thought, SOP of November 5, 1941. Now, query? Did he have that? I could not find it any place and these are the things that General Cramer asked me to ask him. He would say, "Did you have the SOP of 5 November 1941" and I would say,

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"Well, General, I remember that General Marshall thought he did and I remember that General Gerow thought he did not. I will look and see." And by the time you ran a thing like that down it would take an awful lot of time. Finally it developed that the thing was mailed in from Hawaii after November 5, 1941 and after Pearl Harbor. It did not come in, I believe, until January or February of 1942. Now, that is the type of thing that we talked about from time to time.

Mr. Keefe: Well, was one of the leads that you were running down to find out whether or not Colonel Bratton actually delivered the first thirteen parts of the fourteen part message to Belle Smith on the evening of the 6th of December?

Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: And you had Bratton's testimony then, didn't you?

Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir. I did also notice --

Mr. Keefe: Now, just a minute. Now, he did testify --

Colonel Clausen: Well, just a minute. I don't mean to cut you off but don't cut me off.

Mr. Keefe: I shall not do that.

Colonel Clausen: Now, listen: Colonel Bratton testified that he was trying to recollect and I sat there across the room from the man. We were in a little room, this was a very informal sort of thing, this Grunert Board and I saw the Colonel

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2 brought back and brought back, I think he came back three
3 times, I believe he was our last witness because General
4 Grunert made the same remark, "When we have got nothing else
5 to do, Colonel, we bring you here."

6 Well, I could see the Colonel being given additional docu-
7 ments to refresh his recollection and if I had been his lawyer
8 I would have said, "You don't have to answer a question just
9 because it is put to you." In other words, I would have
10 forced him to protect himself more. He was a very cooperative
11 fellow. But for the Pearl Harbor he would be a Major General.
12 He was enroute to the --

13 Mr. Keefe: What do you mean "but for Pearl Harbor"?

14 Colonel Clausen: Because he was en route to Fort Benning
15 with other men who had been carefully selected and would have
16 gone down there in all probability and have gotten a division,
17 because he in loyalty to his chief, General Miles, stayed
18 when his General said, "Please stay here for a few days" --
19 this was before Pearl Harbor -- "I can't relieve you right
20 now", Colonel Bratton acquiesced, so don't be too harsh on
21 Colonel Bratton.

22 Mr. Keefe: What is this, a sort of a preliminary instruc-
23 tions to me?

24 Colonel Clausen: Well, you seemed to think that because
25 Colonel Bratton gave me a different story than he gave the

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2 Grunert Board that lied either one of the times. He didn't
3 do any such thing.

4 Mr. Keefe: Oh, no, no, you have just got some false
5 notion, you have just got something in the back of your head.
6 I never had that in the back of my head at all. I know
7 Colonel Bratton and I have got a different opinion of him than
8 that. Now, don't be putting that stuff in the record and
9 don't be putting into my mouth or into my head something
10 that is not true. I will take care of it when the time comes.
11 I have seen poor, old Colonel Bratton sitting around this
12 room pretty nearly since this hearing started waiting to
13 tell his story and they wouldn't let him tell it until after
14 you got on the stand. The man has been here for weeks wait-
15 ing for a chance to tell his story and I am sure he will tell
16 the truth.

17 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I want to know who the gentle-
18 man means by "They wouldn't".

19 Mr. Keefe: No.

20 Mr. Murphy: You are making accusations that they would
21 not let him tell his story. Who is the "they"?

22 Mr. Keefe: Time; lapsation of time.

23 Mr. Murphy: All right.

24 Mr. Keefe: Circumstances.

25 Mr. Murphy: All right.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe.

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Mr. Keefe: That includes you and me and everybody else that has taken up so much time in this hearing.

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Senator Lucas: You wouldn't include Senator George, would you, in that?

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Mr. Keefe: What is that?

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Senator Lucas: You wouldn't include Senator George in that?

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Mr. Keefe: No, I wouldn't include Senator George.

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Senator Lucas: I will speak for the Senator. He won't speak up for himself.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, as a matter of fact Colonel Bratton did testify, didn't he?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: And you thought it was necessary to interview him in order to clear up some discrepancies?

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Colonel Clausen: Well, he had testified to the delivery of these messages and then after I got to interviewing people also involved in this magic thing, I think one of the very first ones told me that he had delivered the messages with Colonel Bratton.

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Mr. Keefe: Who was the first one?

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Colonel Clausen: One of the first ones, Mr. Keefe. That was Colonel Dusenbury.

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Mr. Keefe: Did he say that he had delivered them that

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Colonel Clausen: Oh, not that; I am not talking about the thirteen part deliveries.

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Mr. Keefe: Now, I am talking about the thirteen parts.

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Now, let us not go all over the bush. Let us stick to that.

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Colonel Clausen: He said he delivered that the next morning; in other words, the morning of the 7th.

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Mr. Keefe: Who did?

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Colonel Clausen: This Colonel Dusenbury.

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Mr. Keefe: Did Colonel Bratton say that he delivered it the night before?

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Colonel Clausen: Well, I understand the Colonel did say in general effect that he had given one to -- a locked pouch to a Colonel Belle Smith and deliveries had been made to these other people.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, he did say it pretty clearly and plainly, didn't he, before the Army Board, that he delivered that thirteen part message in the locked pouch to General Belle Smith?

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Colonel Clausen: That is my recollection, yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: That is my recollection and it is right here in the record. I won't take time to go and read it because everybody on this Board has read it and knows that is a fact.

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Now, that was one of the things that had to be cleared up, wasn't it, that testimony?

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: And what was the reason why it had to be cleared up? What did Cramer say that had to be cleared up for?

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Colonel Clausen: Well, he didn't say that.

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Mr. Keefe: Who did?

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Colonel Clausen: Well, it was obvious, Mr. Keefe.

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Mr. Keefe: Obvious to whom?

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Colonel Clausen: It was obvious to me.

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Mr. Keefe: It was obvious to you because you sat there as recorder or assistant recorder?

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Colonel Clausen: No, it was obvious to me that the leads regarding the magic should be carefully explored as to who got what, when, and so forth, because one of the things that Captain Safford said in the Hart report was that in order to find out about the win's code message you would have to see these various officers. If I am not mistaken, he had listed down the several Army officers and I later, Mr. Keefe, did interview all those people. In other words, the whole subject as to who got what and how it was brought around and when, if you could find who had, and so forth, should be gone into.

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Mr. Keefe: Well, prior to the time that you started on your investigation was there any evidence anywhere before the Army Pearl Harbor Board that would indicate that the first

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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2 thirteen parts was not delivered in this regular routine of
3 delivery by Colonel Bratton to the people who were entitled to
4 receive it on the evening of the 6th of December? Can you
5 point to a single witness that testified before the Army Board
6 that cast any doubt upon that question?

7 Colonel Clausen: You mean before I commenced --

8 Mr. Keefe: Before you started out on your search.

9 Colonel Clausen: You mean if there was a conflict right
10 in the testimony before the Grunert Board?

11 Mr. Keefe: Exactly.

12 Colonel Clausen: Well, yes, in Colonel Bratton's own
13 testimony.

14 Mr. Keefe: What is that? Where is the conflict?

15 Colonel Clausen: Well, he said he could not verify or
16 prove it. At one place I remember he said he could not verify
17 or prove certain things and then at another place he said with
18 regard to giving it to Belle Smith that he thought that he
19 had given it to him. There was some qualification, Mr. Keefe.

20 Mr. Keefe: And you thought that was a lead, a sufficient
21 lead, Colonel Clausen, is that right? Then you went over to
22 Europe and saw Belle Smith.

23 Colonel Clausen: Oh, no, Mr. Keefe, I saw people be-
24 fore I ever went out there. The first man that I saw was--
25 I mean one of the first people that I saw was a man who had

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been a subordinate of Colonel Bratton's. That was Colonel Dusenbury; and he told me that he had had the job of delivering these things himself.

Well, Colonel Bratton had said in his testimony that he personally took it around. Now, here was Dusenbury saying this other thing. And then next I had various people who were supposed to have gotten them on the night of 6 December and various people who were supposed to have gotten other messages before.

I think the most important thing after I got into it was who got that one of September or October which cut Pearl Harbor into areas, five areas, because that --

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Keefe: You see, we are getting way off the
2 subject. It is getting late and maybe that is the reason
3 you are not sticking to the question. I am talking only
4 about the 13 part message that was alleged to have been
5 delivered to Colonel Bidell Smith, according to the testi-
6 mony of Colonel Bratton, on the evening of December 6,
7 1941.

8 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: You claim that Bidell Smith was not quite
10 conclusive in his testimony on that, and you thought that
11 was a lead that ought to be investigated?

12 The Vice Chairman: You mean Colonel Bratton?

13 Mr. Keefe: Yes, Colonel Bratton.

14 Colonel Clausen: That he had not testified to that.

15 Mr. Keefe: Then you took the testimony of Bidell Smith
16 over in Europe, didn't you?

17 Colonel Clausen: Yes, I did.

18 Mr. Keefe: You got his affidavit?

19 Colonel Clausen: That is right.

20 Mr. Keefe: Then after you got the affidavit of Bidell
21 Smith, you sent for Bratton, and had him come to Paris, I
22 believe.

23 Colonel Clausen: I went to Berlin. I was there for
24 several days, and they would not send this stuff up there.

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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 Mr. Keefe: Where did you meet Colonel Bratton?

2 Colonel Clausen: What is that?

3 Mr. Keefe: Where did you meet Colonel Bratton?

4 Colonel Clausen: I met him when I was enroute going
5 into Berlin. I happened to see him as I was traveling along
6 in a British car. A British Colonel had arranged for me
7 to meet him in Berlin.

8 Mr. Keefe: Where did you meet him? In Berlin, or on
9 the road some place?

10 Colonel Clausen: Enroute. Then he took me to his home
11 where he was living in Berlin with the Chief of Staff of
12 the Berlin Military District, General Ransome, and General
13 Matchett, and they gave me a room there.

14 It was my intention to have the memoranda sent up
15 by courier from Paris, and they would not send it up.

16 Mr. Keefe: Did you then submit these affidavits that
17 had been given to you by Bidell Smith to Colonel Bratton?

18 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir. Mr. Keefe, I have been
19 looking at this. You are asking about telling General
20 Bidell Smith about the 13 parts delivery on 6 December, 1941
21 before midnight.

22 I put down what Colonel Bratton had testified concerning
23 that, and then I put down in parentheses -- or, rather,
24 this is his affidavit, of course, but I quoted the testimony,
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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1 "I understand this testimony may possibly be qualified by
2 other testimony to the effect that instead of giving these
3 to me it 'may have been one of the others.'"

4 In other words there was a qualification, you see,
5 right in the testimony of Colonel Bratton. So that you
6 did not have to talk to other people or with other people
7 in order to see that there was some qualification.

8 Mr. Keefe: All right.

9 You think you had this affidavit from General Bidell
10 Smith?

11 Colonel Clausen: That was one.

12 Mr. Keefe: What other affidavits did you have with
13 reference to this episode?

14 Colonel Clausen: Colonel Bratton says in his affidavit
15 -- I can read it, it is in the second paragraph -- he says:

16 "Statements in affidavits of Carlisle Clyde Dusenbury,
17 Moses W. Pettigrew, Ralph C. Smith, Charles K. Gailey,
18 Thomas J. Betts, Walter E. Smith, Leonard T. Gerow, Robert
19 E. Schukraft, John F. Stone, and George W. Renchard."
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1 Mr. Keefe: What did he say about it?

2 Colonel Clausen: I showed it to him. The statement
3 says:

4 "Colonel Clausen has shown me and has asked me to
5 comment on certain testimony adduced before the Army Pearl
6 Harbor Board and on statements and affidavits of" naming
7 these people. Then it says, "which statements and affidavits
8 were given by the above-named persons to Colonel Clausen
9 in the course of the investigation mentioned."

10 Mr. Keefe: Did you let him read those affidavits?

11 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Keefe: Did he read them?

13 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir. In other words, I wanted
14 him to see what the others had said about the entire subject.

15 Mr. Keefe: Did he write out his own affidavit?

16 Colonel Clausen: No, I borrowed a typewriter from
17 the headquarters of the military there in Paris, and Colonel
18 Bratton and I sat down together in our hotel, and I typed --

19 Mr. Keefe: (Interposing) Hotel where? I thought
20 you were in Berlin.

21 Colonel Clausen: Well, when they would not send the
22 papers to us in Berlin we had to go to Paris, and we did that.

23 Mr. Keefe: Then you were in Paris?

24 Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.
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Questions by: Mr. Keefe

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Mr. Keefe: You took Colonel Bratton back to Paris?

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Colonel Clausen: No, sir, he came himself. I went one day ahead of time. He had to stay for some work. He could not come back with me.

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Mr. Keefe: It took you a long time to get back to Paris where this job took place. Now you are in Paris and you are in a hotel room, is that right?

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Colonel Clausen: That is right.

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Mr. Keefe: You finally got your papers together?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Keefe: You borrowed a typewriter from the Army?

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Colonel Clausen: Yes, s'r.

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Mr. Keefe: And you had the typewriter up there?

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Colonel Clausen: That is right.

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Mr. Keefe: And then after showing these affidavits of all these people to Colonel Bratton, letting him read them, as I understand it, you discussed the matter with him?

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Colonel Clausen: He told me what to put down and I put it down.

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Mr. Keefe: He just dictated the affidavit and you took it down in longhand?

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Colonel Clausen: No, sir. I do not know whether I took it down in longhand or not. He is here and you can ask him. I got so many of these. Maybe I did take it down in

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1 longhand. I do not remember that; I really do not recall.

2 Mr. Keefe: At any rate, either from the conversation
3 or longhand, or something else, you drew up an affidavit?

4 Colonel Clausen: I acted as the stenographer, you
5 might say, for Colonel Bratton in preparing this after he
6 had his memory refreshed.

7 Mr. Keefe: He had his memory refreshed. I have heard
8 that before.

9 That is all.

10 The Vice Chairman: All right. Any further questions
11 of Colonel Clausen?

12 Mr. Gearhart: Mr. Chairman, I would like to propound
13 some questions tomorrow.

14 Senator Lucas: I would like to ask some questions, too.

15 The Vice Chairman: The committee will now stand
16 adjourned until 10:00 o'clock in the morning, Colonel.

17 (Whereupon, at 10:20 o'clock p.m., the committee
18 recessed until 10:00 o'clock a.m., of the following day,
19 Thursday, February 14, 1946.)
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