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THE "WINDS MESSAGE"

Lt. Comdr. A. V. Pering, "GY Watch Officer" in December 1941 and now serving in 20-G at the Communication Annex, furnishes the following account of the "Winds Message." Pering just returned from Pearl Harbor and discussed the matter with Brotherhood out there.

1. The "Winds Message" was intercepted by the F.C.C. during the evening of December 3 or 4, 1941. So far as known to Pering, the Navy never heard it.

2. F.C.C. Headquarters phoned over to the Navy Department, notified the GY Watch Officer (Lt. (jg) Brotherhood) that it had been intercepted by the F.C.C. Monitor Station at Portland, Oregon, and gave him the wording of the message.

3. Pering believes that Brotherhood requested written confirmation and that F.C.C. sent over a copy of the teletype message received from Portland. Pering believes the original "Winds Message" was a Voice Broadcast, although Brotherhood originally thought it was in Morse because of the printed transcript of the message which he received.

4. Pering and Brotherhood do not know whether F.C.C. did this on their own initiative or whether prior arrangements had been made.

5. Brotherhood phoned Kramer and other officers about the "Winds Message" during the evening it was received. Pering relieved Brotherhood at midnight, but the message was not turned over to him and he never saw it. Pering believes that Kramer came down that evening and took the "Winds Message" with him or else locked it in his (GZ) safe.

6. Pering knows nothing about the ultimate disposition of the GZ file copies of the "Winds Message," and Brotherhood did not tell him what he knew about it.