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[10 June 1955]

Dear Billy.

I hasten to answer your letter, which arrived while I was on leave in London. I had not written before, because I heard you were in hospital, and did not know whether you were well enough to pursue your Pearl Harbour enquiry further.

I have fairly complete evidence from the English records that the radio message (War against U.S. and Britain) was broadcast, but not until after the attack on Pearl Harbour. Around the end of November we knew what to expect, and [redacted] were detached by [redacted] to the War Office, which arranged their accommodation at Evesham (not far from Cheltenham), where the B.B.C. had their headquarters. From then on till 8th December either [redacted] listened in four times daily to the Japanese broadcasts.

Nothing suspicious was heard, according to [redacted]

who works with me now. ~~FREE ID: A485208~~ the last Japanese broadcast on the night of Sunday, 7th December,

[redacted] heard on the BBC news a report of the attack on Pearl Harbour. The Japanese broadcasts were all recorded, but a playback established that the Hinds signal had not been made on Sunday.

However, [redacted] listened in to the Japanese broadcast on Monday morning, 8th December, about 0800 GMT, and the Hinds signal, announcing war against U.S.A and Britain, was definitely made.

(This seems to conflict with your enquiry finding that it was never made, or perhaps it was not listened for in the States, after the attack on Pearl).

So much for the reception of the Hinds signal in England. If you want further details, I can get them from [redacted] or dig up records from [redacted]

[redacted] to establish that the Hinds signal was heard at 8 a.m. GMT on Monday morning 8th December.

[redacted] As regards Hong-Kong or Singapore, I am still trying to collect evidence as to when the Hinds message was heard, and I shall write to you again when

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I have got all the evidence collated. I have no doubt that ^{the Hindu message} it was made, and heard by [redacted] in ~~Hong Kong~~ Singapore and possibly [redacted] in Hong Kong. I have not yet established the time it was heard, and my memory that it was before Pearl Harbour may be faulty.

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Please let me know if there are any specific points which are not cleared up in this letter, and whether the real crux of the matter is whether the Hindu signal was made, or whether it was made before or after the attack on Pearl.

Mary joins me in her cordial greetings and our best wishes for your speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

(Original Handwritten)

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/s/ [redacted]