

Memo  
re transla-  
tion of  
# 94  
(Stop  
Code  
Msg.)



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SPSIS-3

15 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM for Colonel Carter W. Clarke.

Subject: Translation

1. Exhibit 1 — Original translation, by Navy, of Tokyo Circular No. 2409, 27 November 41, setting up the so-called "Stop Code", i.e., "hidden word or misleading language telegrams". The 10th code word, HATTORI, was translated as "Relations between Japan and ... (blank) ... are not in accordance with expectation". (This translation was in error; see Exhibit 5.)

2. Exhibit 2 — Photostat of original intercept of Tokyo Circular No. 2494, Tokyo file date time: 7 December 1941 at 2050 Washington date time 7 December at 0650 E.S.T. The message was intercepted by Navy station at Bainbridge Island, beginning at 0708 (E.S.T.) and finishing at 0743 because of number of addresses in circular. The message was forwarded by teletype and probably received in Washington, D. C. (OP-20-GY) about 0900 and "decoded" there about 1020 on 7 December 41.

Honolulu 012

Navy log doesn't reflect this one. Data from Safford. J

3. Exhibit 3 — A straightforward translation of Exhibit 2 as it would be made by one not party to the secret code. (This was, of course, not sent out as an SIS Bulletin)

4. Exhibit 4 — Copy of translation made by Navy (JD-1: 7148 = SIS #25856), in the light of its data in Exhibit 1. The translation of the "hidden code" word KUYANAGI was omitted; the translation of the word HATTORI was exactly as given in Exhibit 1 and was therefore erroneous in both places, Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 4. SIS Bulletin 7 Dec 41. \*

5. Exhibit 5 — The correct translation of the meaning of the word HATTORI as it should have been translated in Exhibit 1.

6. Exhibit 6 — The correct translation of Exhibit 2 as it should have been put out in Bulletin in the light of the correct data in Exhibit 3.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

\* The message was filed in Tokyo at 2050 on 7 Dec (Tokyo time). It was actually transmitted (and intercepted by Navy Station S at Bainbridge Island) at 1208 GMT

W. Preston Corderman, on 7 Dec = 0708 EST. Had Colonel, Signal Corps, it been rushed thru Chief, Signal Security Branch.

processing of correctly translated it might have changed the picture. On the analysis sheet given me by Safford (prepared by Finer) it says:

Attached:  
Exhibits 1 thru 6.

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Probably received in GY about 0900  
Decoded in GY about 1020. This latter would be 0450 Honolulu time.

Please return to 15-3 for filing

W.P.C. J.M.H. 9/15/44

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COPY

From: Tokyo  
 To : Washington  
 27 November 1941  
 (J19)

Circular #2409 (In 4 parts, complete)

Rio de Janeiro to Santiago as Circular #324.

(Washington sent to Ottawa, Mexico City, Bogota, Caracas, Havana, Panama, New York, and New Orleans as unnumbered message.)

(Part 1)

Handle as Chief of Office routing.

With international relations becoming more strained, the following emergency system of despatches, using INGO DENPO (hidden word, or misleading language telegrams) is placed in effect. Please study this carefully.

Make up a table with the left column containing the code words and the right the corresponding plain (decoded) text. Please see that there is no mistake in transcribing this.

EXAMPLE: A message meaning:

"Japan and U.S.S.R. military have clashed", will read:

"HIJIKATA and KUBOTA, clerks, have both been ordered to your embassy on 15th (begin spell) S T O P (end spell)."

In order to distinguish these cables from others, the English word S T O P will be added at the end as an indicator. (The Japanese word "OWARI" (end) will not be used.)

(Part 2)

<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
ARIMURA	Code communications prohibited.
ASAI	Communications will be by radio broadcasts.
ASAKURA	Will communicate by radio broadcast. You are directed to listen carefully.
ASIKAGA	Reception of overseas broadcast Impossible due to interference.

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*Initials  
54 jumps*

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<u>Code word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
AZUMA	: Pressure on Japan increasing : continually.
EDOGUTI	: Prepare for evacuation.
HANABUSA	: Preparations for evacuation have : been completed.
HANAZONO (?)	: Prepare to entrust Embassy property : to suitable foreign envoy (or consul) : there.
HATAKEYAMA	: Relations between Japan and ... : ... (blank) ... have been severed.
HATTORI	: Relations between Japan and ... : ... (blank) ... are not in accordance : with expectation.
(Part 3)	
HIZIKATA	: Japan's and ... (blank) ... military : forces have clashed.
HOSINO	: Japan and ... (blank) ... are entering a : full fledged general war.
IBARAGI	: Communicate to us probable date of : breaking off of relations between : Japan and the country to which you : are accredited.
INAGAKI	: Have you - - ? - the ... (blank) ... : matter?
ISHIKAWA	: I have - - ? - the ... (blank) ... matter.
KASHIWAGI	: We are commencing <u>military action</u> ? : against ... (blank) ...
KOBAYAKAWA	: Stop issuing all entrance and : transient visas to Japan, to persons : of ... (blank) ... nationality.

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<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
KODAMA	: Japan
KOMIYAMA	: China
KOYANAGI	: England
KUBOTA	: U.S.S.R.
KURIBARA	: France (?)
KUSUNOKI	: Germany
MATUTANI	: Italy
(Part 4)	:
MINAMI	: U.S.A.
MIWATA	: Canada
MIYAZAKI	: Mexico
MOROKOSI	: Brazil
MOTIZUKI	: Panama
NAGAMINE	: Argentina
NAKAZATO	: Thailand
NANGO	: French Indo-China
NEGI (?)	: Netherlands East-Indies
OGAWA	: Burma (?)
OKAMOTO	: Malaya
OKUMURA	: Australia
ONIZUKA	: Union of South Africa (?)
ONGDERA	: Enemy country
OTANI	: ? (Possibly: friendly, or allied country ?)
ONISI	: Year

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<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
SIMANAKA	Day (?)
SAKAKIBARA	Tsuki) Month
SIGENOI	(Kō) Paragraph
SANZYŌ	(Toki) Time
ITIRŌ	1
NISAKU	2
SANTARŌ	3
YOITI	4
GORŌ	5
MASAROKU	6
SIMETARŌ	7
YASOKITI	8
HISAMATU	9
ATUMI	0

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TOOK CIR # 2409

JD-1 = 6985

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"STOP" CODE

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EXHIBIT 3

Since it is a matter of convenience in organizing our work, we would like Director KOYANAGI to let us know by wire as soon as possible the amount granted as a fund for the establishment of a memorial library in honor of HATTORI MINAMI."

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From: Tokyo  
To : (Circular telegram)  
7 December 1941  
(Plain Japanese language using code names)

Circular #2494

Relations between Japan and England  
are not in accordance with expectation.

SIS 25856

JD-1? 7122

(M) Navy Trans. 7 December 1941 (STT)

Exhibit 4

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EXHIBIT 5

HATTORI: Relations between Japan and \_\_\_\_\_ are hovering on the edge of catastrophe (or, are hopeless, impossible, on the brink of ruin, at the very edge of the precipice, etc.)

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Relations between Japan and England and the United States of America are hovering on the edge of catastrophe\*.

\* This is a literal translation of KIPAI NI HIN SU. However, in the light of the translation of the word immediately preceding HATTORI in the "Stop Code", it is perhaps permissible to translate the expression as "have reached the very brink of the precipice", or "are hopeless with no chance of repair". The expression KITAI NI HIN SU is a very strong one in Japanese.

~~TOP SECRET~~

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DATE 2050

0650 EST 7 Dec 5651 = 1150 GMT 7 Dec =

S 7 DEC 41

0050 Hon 7 Dec

621 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG

KOSHI PANAMA

M=AM

URGENT 92494 KOYANAGI RIJIYORI SEIRINOTUGOO ARUNITUKI

HATTORI MINAMI KINENBUNKO SETURITU KIKINO KYOKAINGAKU

SIKYUU DENPOO ARITASS STOP -- TOGO

Station 5  
Baltimore Ds.

Signal for  
"Stop Code"

GMT 1208 S - P.M. JP  
7630  
FOREIGN MINISTER  
JAP

S 387/7 850S GR2

OBESE OVALS RPWMO RFNMO RTJMO RWFMO GNOME  
TOKYO KOSHI

M - Chellushe  
C - Coregida

before 3rd

TT: teletype

Amrad.

Radio from Amegida

73-TT-1-7 Dec S

70-Radio Amegida

RA. Mandelstam  
born 2401

SF DE JAH

S 7 DEC 41

5652

622 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG KOSHI HAVANA

623 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI HONOLULU

624 S TOKYO 19 7 850 JG RIYOJI NEWYORK

625 S TOKYO 22 7 850S JG JAPANESE CONSUL VANCOUVER

626 S TOKYO 22 7 850S JG JAPANESE MINISTER OTTAWAONT

( SAME TEXT AND SIGN AS OUR NR5651 )

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1220 JP  
7630

SF DE JAH

S 7 DEC 41

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627 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI SANFRANCISCO

628 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI PORTLANDORE

629 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI SEATTLE

630 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI NEWORLEANSLA

631 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI CHICAGOILL

632 S TOKYO 19 7 850S JG RIYOJI LOSANGELESCAL

( SAME TEXT AND SIGN AS OUR NR5651)

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