

## EXHIBIT NO. 171

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*280 Bronxville Road, Bronxville 8, N. Y., 8 September 1945.*

From: Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy (Retired)  
To: The Secretary of the Navy.  
Subject: General Court Martial in my case.

1. In view of the agitation for a Congressional Investigation before Congress reconvened and the action of the Senate in ordering a joint Congressional Investigation of Pearl Harbor, I wish to defer my reply to your letter of 28 August 1945 until that investigation is completed.

(S) H. E. KIMMEL.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

22 August 1945

To: Rear Admiral Harold E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret.

Subject: General Court Martial in your case.

1. In your letter of September 7th, 1943, to the Secretary of the Navy, you stated "It is my personal desire to be brought to trial by General Court Martial in open court at the earliest practicable date."

2. In his letter to you the Secretary of the Navy gave you his assurance that a trial before General Court Martial would be had at the earliest practicable date that the public interest and safety would permit. In view of the present state of the war and in view of this assurance of the Secretary of the Navy I am disposed to order your trial by General Court Martial in open court in the event that you still desire to be so tried.

3. It is requested that you advise me promptly whether or not you desire to be tried by General Court Martial.

/s/ James Forrestal

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MPM NR 2734  
FROM: CINCPAG 180328 CR 879 18 DEC 1941 DLH

ACTION: PACFLT

INFO: COM 14; SECNAV; BUNAV; CINCAF; CINCLANT ROUTINE

ADMIRAL HUSBAND E KIMMEL HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG THIS DATE AND VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM S FYE USN ASSUMED TEMPORARY COMMAND OF THE US PACIFIC FLEET IN ADDITION TO HIS PRESENT DUTIES

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KIMMEL, Husband E.  
Rear Admiral, USN  
(2207- )A-Kn)

January 20, 1942

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N.  
To: The Secretary of the Navy  
Subject: Request for Retirement under the Provisions  
of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. After forty one years and eight months service in the United States Navy, I hereby request that I be placed upon the retired list in accordance with the provisions of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

2. I hold myself in readiness to perform any duty to which I may be assigned.

HUSBAND E. KIMMEL

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1st Endorsement

January 27, 1942

From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District and Naval Operating  
Base, San Francisco, California  
To: The Secretary of the Navy  
Subject: Request for Retirement Under the Provisions of  
Section 1443 Revised Statutes

1. Forwarded.

J. W. WHITSLADE

## NAVY DEPARTMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
PRESS AND RADIO

APRIL 14, 1944

## PEARL HARBOR WITNESSES UNAVAILABLE DUE TO WAR ASSIGNMENTS

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has received a memorandum from Admiral Ernest J. King, U.S.N., Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet, in which Admiral King officially informed the Secretary that certain officers of the Navy now serving on battle fronts in various parts of the world, could not be withdrawn from their military duties in order to participate as members or witnesses in court martial proceedings in connection with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

In his consideration of the case of Rear Admiral Husband Kimmel, U.S.N. (Retired), and of the procuring of members and witnesses for a court martial, the Secretary had requested Admiral King to advise him as to the availability of certain officers should a court martial be convened.

Admiral King, answering the Secretary, said: "About half the officers listed are on duty at sea in command of forces engaged with the enemy and in accordance with planned operations. Others at sea are performing duties on the staffs of those commanders."

At his press conference on April 11, 1944, Secretary Knox was questioned in connection with Congress' extension of the time for trial of those involved in the Pearl Harbor catastrophe to June 7, 1944, and the Secretary said he would obtain the opinion of his legal advisers.

"I have discussed this matter with Rear Admiral Gatch, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy" said Secretary Knox, "and I have been advised by him that, inasmuch as Admiral Kimmel has long since signed an agreement not to interpose the statute of limitations as a bar to his trial, there is now no necessity to construe any acts of Congress on this subject."

The Secretary further explained that Admiral Thomas C. Hart, U.S.N., (Retired), is now in Hawaii pursuing his investigation into matters relating to the attack upon Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941.

"I would certainly feel derelict in my duty if I took from the Fleet and the fighting fronts the officers whom Admiral King has placed in those positions," concluded the Secretary.

FOR COURT MARTIAL ~~DUTY~~ PROCEEDINGS

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IF REPLY ADDRESS  
THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
AND REFER TO NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

13 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL KING

There has been a great deal of agitation in the press recently regarding the Pearl Harbor matter, with especial reference to the delay in the trial of Admiral Kimmel.

Particular attention is directed to the statements of Secretary Knox at his press conference on April 11, in which the Secretary is supposed to have said that he would refer the matter to the Attorney General for a legal opinion as he (the Secretary) "was confused".

It is submitted that inasmuch as Admiral Kimmel has signed a valid waiver of his right to plead the statute of limitations in bar of trial, there is now no need to "interpret" any Acts of Congress upon this subject - especially the one extending the time within which trial must take place.

Even though the Navy's case were complete in every respect, no action can now be taken for reasons you have already given, namely the non-availability of officers on duty at sea.

I have drafted a suggested press release which, I believe will do much toward settling this matter - for the duration of the war at least.

OK

→ *[Signature]*  
J. L. GIBSON  
Judge Advocate General

57-1-31



T. L. Gath

10 September 1943

To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret.,  
230 Bronxville Road,  
Bronxville, New York.

Subject: Agreement not to plead the Statute of  
Limitations in bar of trial by General  
Court Martial.

Reference (a) Your letter of Sept. 7, 1943 and  
enclosure therewith.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, above referenced, with which you enclosed an agreement of the same date, bearing your signature, in the following language:

"I, HUSBAND E. KIMMEL, Rear Admiral, United States Navy, Retired, hereby agree on my honor as an officer and a gentleman that I will not plead, nor permit any attorney or other person on my behalf to plead, the statute of limitations in bar of my trial by General Court Martial in open court for any alleged offenses with which I may be charged relating to the period on or before December 7th, 1941, should my trial be held during the present war or within six (6) months thereafter.

"I take this action voluntarily, believing it to be in the public interest."

2. The Secretary of the Navy understands and fully sympathizes with your personal desire to be brought to trial by general court martial in open court at the earliest practicable date for any alleged offenses with which you may be charged relating to your performance of duty on or before December 7th, 1941. He therefore appreciates and commends the patriotic spirit in which you have voluntarily assumed the above obligation. This action on your part is in keeping with the best naval traditions.

s/ FRANK KNOX  
FRANK KNOX

CONFIDENTIAL

280 BRONXVILLE ROAD  
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

September 7th, 1943.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret.,  
280 Bronxville Road,  
Bronxville, New York.

To: The Honorable Frank Knox,  
Secretary of the Navy,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Reference  
(a) Letter from Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, to Rear Admiral  
Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret., proposing a Waiver of the  
Statute of Limitations.

Enclosure  
A Agreement not to plead the Statute of Limitations in bar of  
trial by General Court Martial.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter, Reference (a),  
delivered to me by hand August 27th, 1943, concerning a General Court  
Martial in my case, in which letter you state that the two year statute of  
limitations controlling Naval Courts Martial will have run on my case on  
December 7th, 1943, and you propose that I should now agree not to plead  
the statute of limitations in bar of trial and you enclose a proposed form  
of waiver.

You state in Reference (a) that you think that the public  
interest and safety would now permit proceeding with my trial, but that you  
further believe that so long as the war continues it will be manifestly  
impracticable to have a number of important witnesses appear before the  
court on account of their war duties. For this reason, among others, you  
feel that it would be in the best interests of all concerned if I should  
now agree not to plead the statute of limitations in bar of trial and you  
give me your assurance that the trial will be held at the earliest practic-  
able date.



September 7th, 1943.

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret.  
To: The Secretary of the Navy

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It is my personal desire to be brought to trial by General Court Martial in open court at the earliest practicable date. Delay in the matter is opposed to my personal interests, since the passage of time and the circumstances and casualties of war and of the period following may make it difficult, perhaps impossible, to assemble and produce the evidence and the witnesses required. I have at all times been anxious to subordinate my own interests to the national welfare, which appears to require that my trial be delayed. I am therefore forwarding to you herewith a waiver, Enclosure A, executed by me which I hope will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

*Husband E. Kimmel*

Encl. (1)

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September 7th, 1943

Enclosure A - to letter dated September 7th, 1943, from  
Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Ret.,  
to the Secretary of the Navy.

I, HUSBAND E. KIMMEL, Rear Admiral, United States Navy,  
Retired, hereby agree on my honor as an officer and a gentleman that I  
will not plead, nor permit any attorney or other person on my behalf to  
plead, the statute of limitations in bar of my trial by General Court  
Martial in open court for any alleged offenses with which I may be  
charged relating to the period on or before Dember 7th, 1941, should my  
trial be held during the present war or within six (6) months thereafter.

I take this action voluntarily, believing it to be in the  
public interest.

*Husband E. Kimmel*

To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N. Ret.

Subject: GCM in your case.

Enclosure: Form of agreement.

1. The report of the so-called Roberts Commission alleged certain derelictions of duty on your part. Your application for retirement was approved, and it was stated therein that the action "will be no bar to your requesting a general court martial, or to the Navy Department's ordering you for trial should it be so determined." On February 28, 1942 I stated to the press that trial upon these charges would not be held until such time as the public interest and safety would permit.

2. The two year statute of limitations controlling naval courts martial will have run in your case on December 7, 1943, subject to the exception therein relating to cases in which there exists a "manifest impediment" to the trial of the accused. Therefore, if orders for your trial are not issued prior to the date stated, you could plead the statute of limitations in bar of trial, and its application to your case would have to be determined in the manner provided by law.

3. I think that the public interest and safety would now permit proceeding with your trial, but I further believe that so long as the war continues it will be <sup>manifestly</sup> impracticable to have a number of important witnesses appear before the court on account of their war duties. For this reason among others I feel that it would be to the best interests of all concerned if you should now agree not to plead the statute of limitations in bar of trial upon my assurance that the trial will be had at the earliest practicable date ~~subsequent to the expiration of the two-year period.~~

4. If you agree with the foregoing your prompt return of enclosure is requested.

Frank Knox

Received August 27, 1945.  
 H. H. [unclear]



I, HUSBAND E. KIMMEL, Rear Admiral, United States Navy, Retired, hereby agree on my honor as an officer and a gentleman that I will not plead the statute of limitations in bar of my trial by general court martial for any alleged offenses I may have committed on or before December 7, 1941, should my trial be held during the present war or within six months thereafter, and that I will not permit any attorney or other person on my behalf to make such plea.

I make this agreement voluntarily, in recognition of the fact that during the present war and for ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> stated period thereafter it will be impracticable to obtain the attendance before a general court martial of witnesses who would be important for my defense, as well as witnesses required by the prosecution.

Received August 27, 1943  
H. E. Kimmel



In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*See Larsen*

17 August 1943.

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Memorandum for

The Secretary of the Navy.

The attached memorandum brings up the question of the trial of Rear Admiral Kimmel, based on the findings of the Roberts Board.

In order to be sure that he be brought to trial, if such is desired, it is necessary that specifications and charges be preferred prior to 7 December, 1943.

If such charges are preferred, I am of the opinion that Admiral Kimmel will demand immediate trial.

I do not think it is in the national interest to permit this case to come to trial at present.

I have discussed this case with Admiral King, and he agrees with me that the final decision in the case must be made by the President.

*Randall Jacobs*  
RANDALL JACOBS.

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IN REPLY ADDRESS  
 THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
 AND REFER TO NO.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
 OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

4 August 1943

Memorandum for Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs

Major General Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General of the Army, came into my office this afternoon and stated that he had reported to General Marshall that if any action is going to be taken relative to the trial by general court martial of General Short a determination should be arrived at because the Statute of Limitations expires on December 7, 1943. General Marshall stated that the matter would have to be taken up with Secretary Stimson and then asked General Cramer to make inquiry as to what action the Navy Department was taking with respect to Admiral Kimmel for the reason that it would be advisable that the War Department and the Navy Department be in accord with the action that is to be taken.

General Cramer was informed that Captain Gatch had been selected as the relief of Admiral Woodson as Judge Advocate General and in view of the importance of the matter I would immediately take the matter up with him. Likewise I advised General Cramer that in view of the fact that the subject was one affecting personnel presumably Captain Gatch would want to take the matter up with Admiral Jacobs, the Chief of Naval Personnel. Furthermore, I expressed the view to General Cramer that the ultimate decision as to the action to be taken in the case of General Short and Admiral Kimmel would be for the decision of the President of the United States, that the respective Secretaries would very likely be the ones to present the matter for the decision of the President and that the respective Secretaries might express their views as to the policy governing the action to be taken but that the President would render the decision to the Secretaries who in turn would then take such action as was determined upon.

It so happened that upon the arrival of Captain Gatch you came in to my office and the above subject matter was discussed. You requested that a memorandum be prepared with respect thereto and that you in turn would take the matter up with Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations.

JAG:AJ:rld

This memorandum consequently is being forwarded for your information and such instructions in the premises as are determined upon.



L. E. Bratton

Acting Judge Advocate General of the Navy

EXHIBITS



N A V Y D E P A R T M E N T

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FEBRUARY 28, 1942

NAVY DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE NO. 47

The Navy Department issued the following communique:

The Secretary of the Navy announced today the acceptance, effective March 1, 1942, of the application for retirement of Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel, U.S. Navy, "without condonation of any offense or prejudice to any future disciplinary action."

The Secretary of the Navy announced at the same time that, based upon the findings of the report of the Roberts Commission, he had directed the preparation of charges for the trial by court-martial of Rear Admiral Kimmel, alleging dereliction of duty. The Secretary of the Navy made it clear, however, that the trial upon these charges would not be held until such time as the public interest and safety would permit.

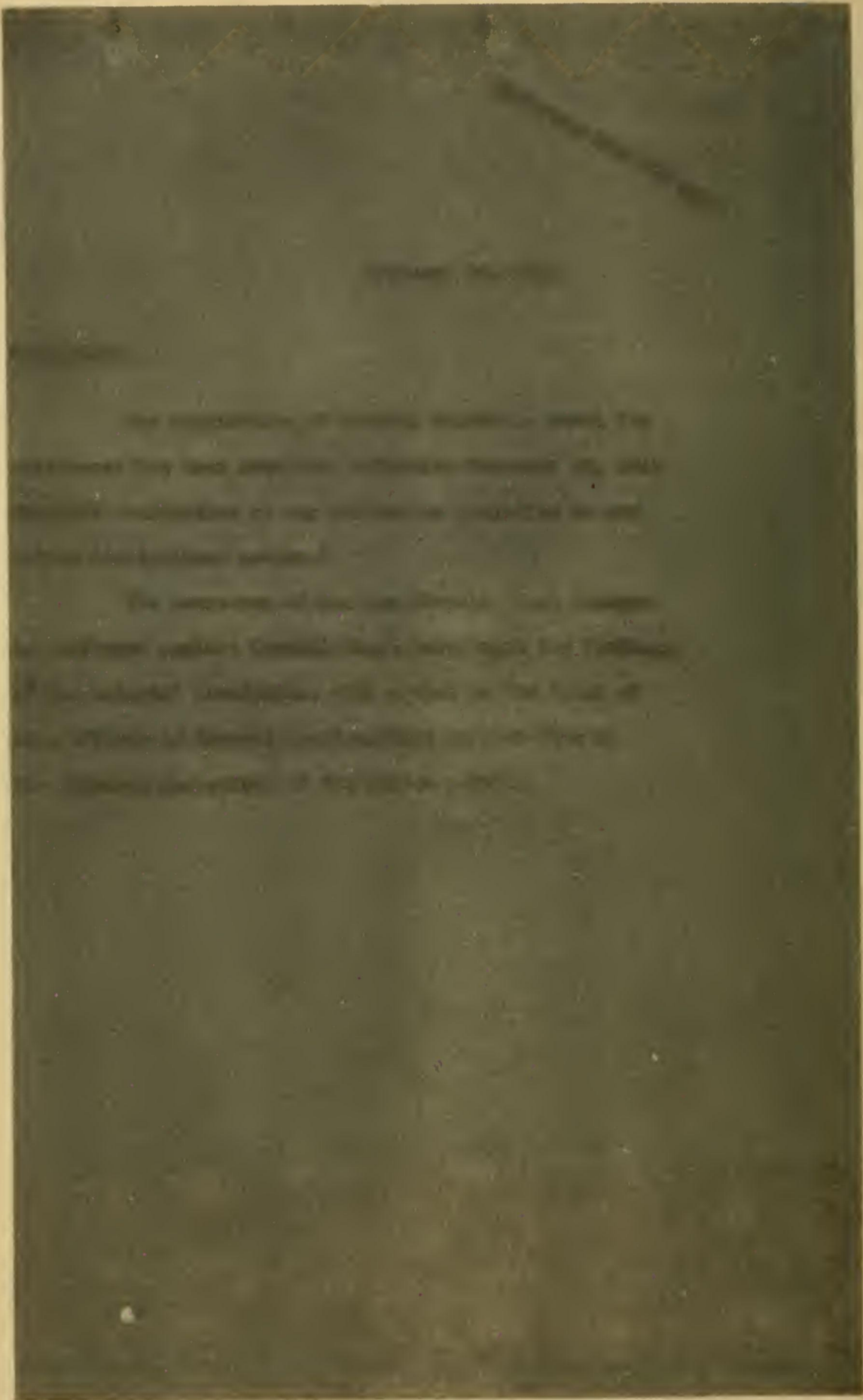
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
MEMORANDUM

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announcement - But I  
am going to have it  
or its substance given to  
Gen. Short before it appears  
in the press. This I

think is required by decency &  
let me know if you  
approve & will follow a  
similar course. HCS

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First Endorsement

February 17, 1942

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.  
To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy,  
Twelfth Naval District.

Via: The Commandant.

Subject: Transfer to the Retired List after forty (40)  
years' service.

1. Forwarded.

February 16, 1942

From: The Secretary of the Navy  
To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy.  
Subject: Transfer to the retired list after forty (40) years' service.  
References: (a) Your request for retirement, dated January 26, 1942.

1. Your request to be transferred to the retired list after the completion of forty (40) years' service in accordance with the provisions of U. S. Code, Title 34, Section 3411, by direction of the President, approved. You will be transferred to the retired list of officers of the United States Navy as of March 1, 1942.

2. This approval of your request for retirement is without condonation of any offense or prejudice to future disciplinary action.

3. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

*/s/ Frank Knox*





ATTORNEYS APPLY TO  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 11, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AS TO THE PROPOSED RETIREMENT OF ADMIRAL HUBERT B. KINSEL, U.S.N.

Pursuant to our telephone conversation I enclose a copy of the Attorney General's memorandum to the Secretary of Defense in respect to the proposed use by the President of the proposed acceptance of the retirement requests of Admiral Hubert B. Kinsel, U.S.N.

The three alternative reasons on which had been submitted to the Attorney General are contained in a short memorandum attached to the Attorney General's decision. The Attorney General's recommendation will cover the suggestion of a route through the Secretary of the Navy to hear Admiral Hubert B. Kinsel, U.S.N.

Your file is returned herewith.

For the Acting Assistant  
Solicitor General

*James C. [unclear]*  
Special Assistant to the  
Attorney General

COPY

February 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

I have given consideration to the suggestion contained in your memorandum to my concern of language to be used in connection with the advancement of the requests for retirement which have been made by Admiral Kimmel and General Short. In this connection I have read the opinions and other documents which accompany the memorandum.

It seems to me that the objection which may be raised as to the objection (using the words "disregard court martial proceedings") may be found with respect to the word in question "without condemnation of any offense". It has been felt that the reference to court martial would indicate to the officers concerned that their action was definitely, if not their future acts, and to have one word of that kind that would certainly be an immediate. Similarly, the reference to an offense may suggest to those officers that they felt that an offense had been committed, and thus might lead them to an inference as to the question of whether or not they were guilty of an offense to be held responsible in appropriate proceedings.

Suggestion 1, which would be readily perceptible to the average officer, leaves the question of the future action in the hands of the reviewing authority and the officer's course is planned on that basis. I believe it would be preferable to use the language suggested in paragraph 1 with, in effect, to be that the Secretary of War General Short's report and so forth.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General





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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

RE: [Illegible]

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N. J. A. S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

## MEMORANDUM

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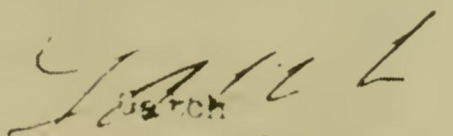
Asst. Solicitor General

I understand the Army is putting before you similar papers in the case of General Short.

The Secretary of the Navy says that the President wants the opinion of the Attorney General whether or not the Secretary's letter attached will properly protect the interests of the country.

He would like this opinion Monday.

Respectfully,



J. M. L. Gatch  
ASST. JAG, Navy



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

From: The Secretary of the Navy.  
 To: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U. S. Navy.  
 Subject: Transfer to the retired list after forty (40) years' service.  
 Reference: (a) Your request for retirement.

1. Your request to be transferred to the retired list after the completion of forty (40) years' service in accordance with the provisions of U. S. Code, Title 34, Section 381 is, by direction of the President, approved. You will be transferred to the retired list of officers of the United States Navy as of March 1, 1942.

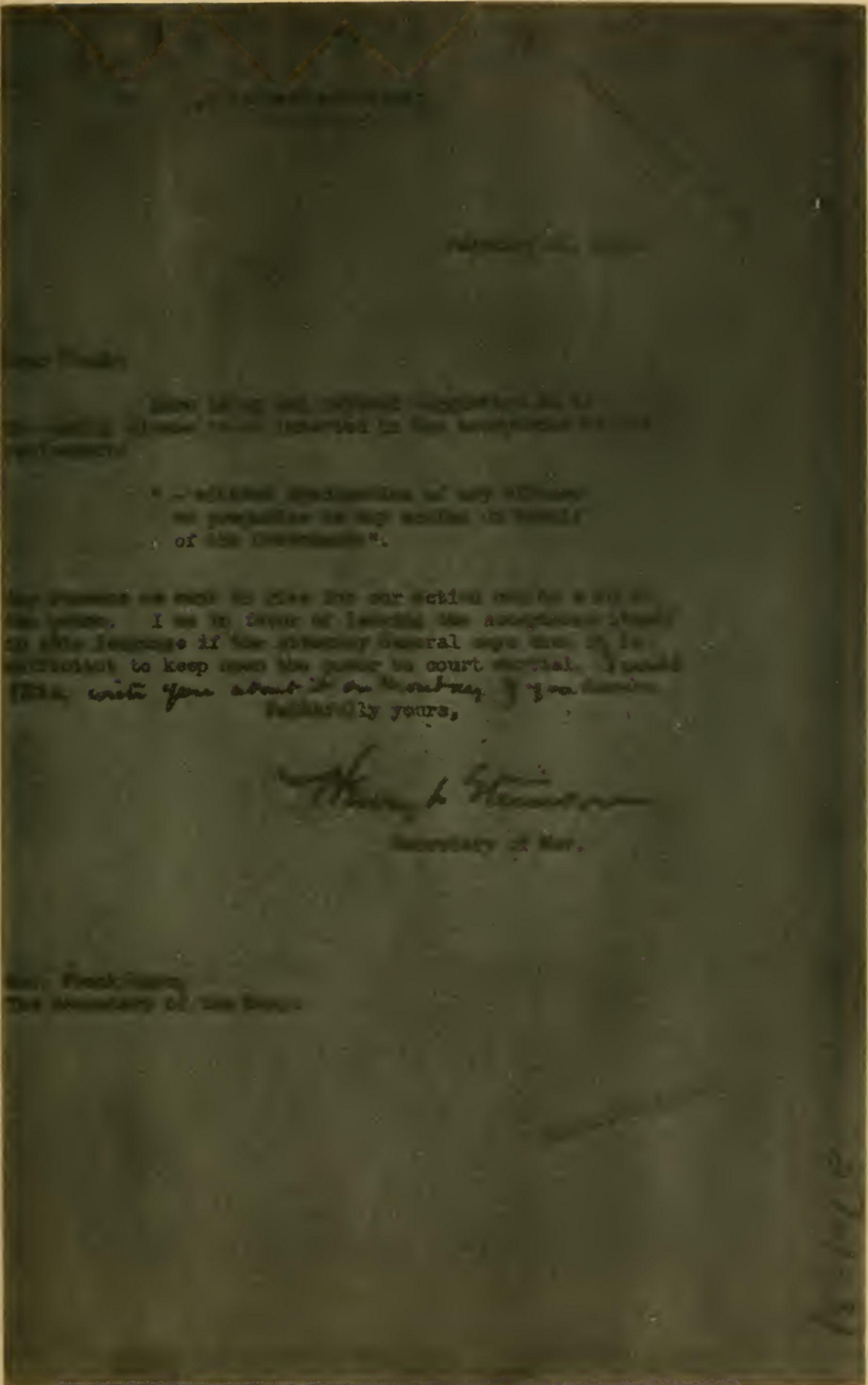
2. This ~~action in approving~~ your request for retirement will be no bar to your requesting a general court martial, or to the Navy Department's ordering you for trial should it be so determined.

3. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

*as without prejudice to any  
 action in the interest of the  
 government.*

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February 11, 1918

Dear Mr. [Name]

Some things are being suggested as to  
the [unclear] of the [unclear] of the  
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"...without consideration of any [unclear]  
or prejudice to any [unclear] in [unclear]  
of the [unclear]".

The [unclear] we want to [unclear] the [unclear] [unclear] to [unclear] in  
the [unclear]. I am in favor of [unclear] the [unclear] [unclear]  
in [unclear] [unclear] if the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] to keep open the [unclear] to court [unclear]. I would  
like to [unclear] you about it on [unclear] if you have  
[unclear] yours,

*Henry L. Stewart*  
Secretary of War

Very truly yours,  
The Secretary of War

*12/11/18*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

February 7, 1942

SECRET

ADMIRAL FORT ADRIAN JACOBS

I am attaching herewith a confidential memorandum dealing with treatment of Admiral Kimmel and the program outlined in Secretary Stimson's memorandum. Is the one which is being followed.

I wish you would hold this memorandum in confidence and be sure to remind me to carry it out in the sequence indicated.

ATTACHMENT

CP-10-11

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
 WASHINGTON

31 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
FROM: [REDACTED]

and that I have been over it in memo and recommendations:-  
 Omit (a) in last part of paragraph 1.

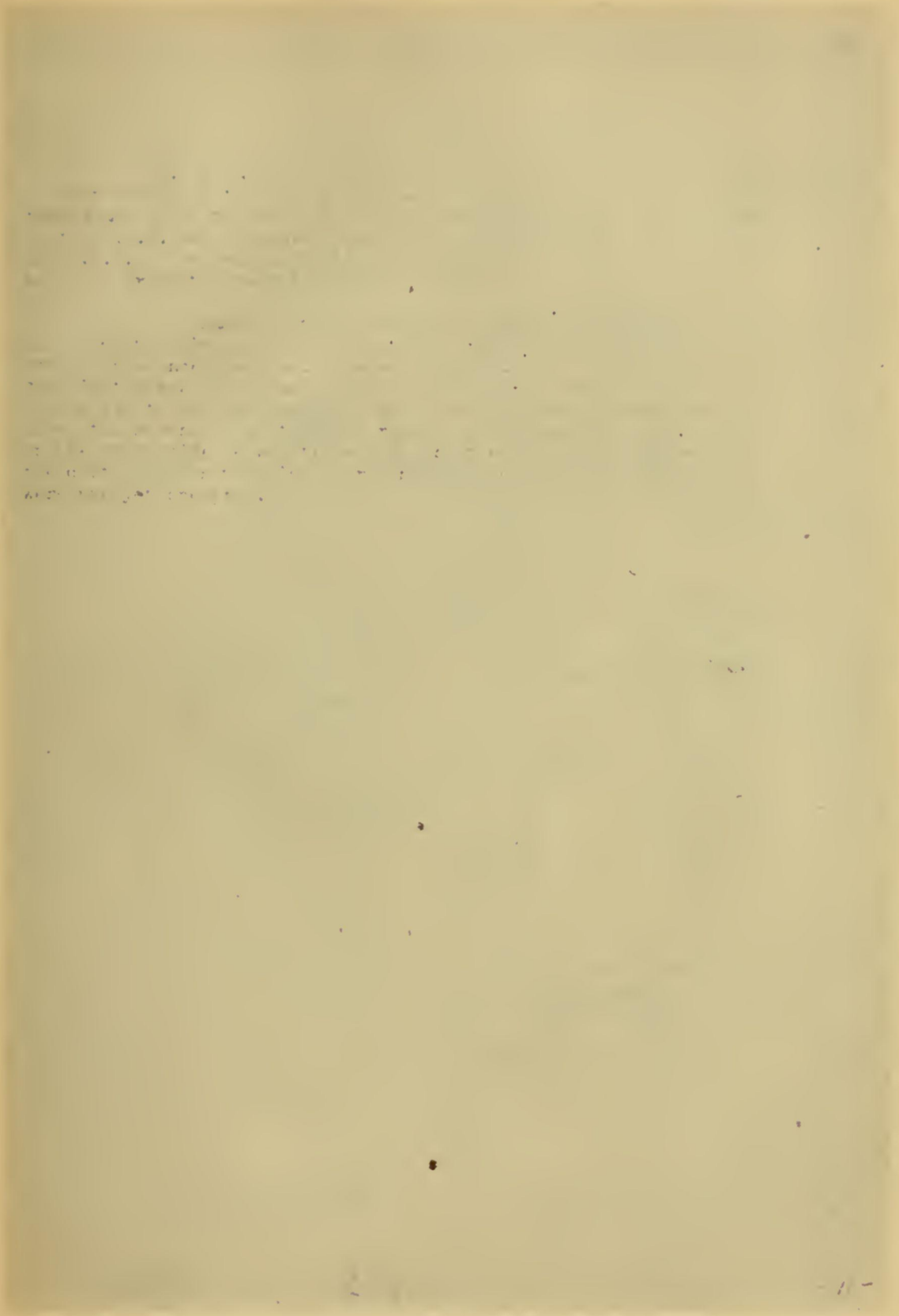
Sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 1 to be placed in line  
 with the following:-

About a week ago I announced that the  
 application had been screened with the  
 distinct commitment (the limitation) which is  
 ratified by the respective service (private  
 affairs) that the acceptance of their requests  
 for retirement is not in any way our subsequent  
 trial by court martial, ~~either~~ by action of the  
 Government or by request of the individual con-  
 cerned. It is stated that neither officer has  
 so far as I know or suggested court martial. In  
 any case a court martial is a practical impossi-  
 bility at this time because it would almost cer-  
 tainly disclose military secrets which must be  
 kept from the enemy."

WRS







DISTRICT STAFF HEADQUARTERS  
**TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT**

**KIMMEL, Husband E.**  
 Rear Admiral, USN  
 (2208-00-Kn)

FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING CIVIC CENTER  
 SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS ONLY TO  
 COMMANDANT  
 TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT

January 28, 1942

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N.  
 To: The Secretary of the Navy  
 Subject: My Request for Retirement

Reference: (A) My ltr. to the Secretary of the Navy of 26  
 January 1942 requesting retirement under the  
 provisions of Article 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. Reference (A) was submitted after I had been  
 officially informed by the Navy Department that General Short had  
 requested retirement.

2. I was officially informed today by the Navy Depart-  
 ment that my notification of General Short's request was not intended  
 to influence my decision to submit a similar request.

3. I desire my request for retirement to stand, subject  
 only to determination by the Department as to what course of action  
 will best serve the interests of the country and the good of the  
 service.

*Husband E. Kimmel*  
 HUSBAND E. KIMMEL

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 1st endorsement

January 28, 1942

From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District and Naval Operating  
 Base, San Francisco, California  
 To: The Secretary of the Navy  
 Subject: My Request for Retirement

1. Forwarded.

*W. W. Greenslade*  
 W. W. GREENSLADE

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TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT

KIMMEL, Husband E.  
Rear Admiral, USN  
(2207-00-Kn)

SAN FRANCISCO - CALIFORNIA

January 26, 1942

From: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, U.S.N.  
To: The Secretary of the Navy  
Subject: Request for Retirement under the Provisions  
of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

1. After forty-one years and eight months service in the United States Navy, I hereby request that I be placed upon the retired list in accordance with the provisions of Section 1443 Revised Statutes.

2. I hold myself in readiness to perform any duty to which I may be assigned.

*Husband E. Kimmel*  
HUSBAND E. KIMMEL

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1st Endorsement

January 27, 1942

From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District and Naval Operating  
Base, San Francisco, California  
To: The Secretary of the Navy

JAN 29 42 AM Subject: Request for Retirement under the Provisions of  
Section 1443 Revised Statutes

1. Forwarded.

*J. W. Greenslade*  
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