Great Britain

Lord Douglas J. Hamilton - imperialist, gentleman, Anglican

"Those who win wars rewrite the history."

Elegant clothes and refined speech and gestures were always part of the good heritage of the ancient House Hamilton. Douglas was raised in excellent Anglican tradition of young aristocrats, had fairly regular contact with the royal family and other significant personalities of the peerage islands. During his young years, he virtually skipped puberty and he does not remember a time he would not behave in a gentlemanly, stoic and sophisticated way. He is the living embodiment of both English elegance and imperial snobbery.

Perhaps that is why he quickly achieved major positions in the Intelligence. He is a great diplomat who is able to appreciate the other party; he can be pleasantly unyielding as well as unpleasantly decisive.

Initial opinions:

England is the war victor and the source of European culture; that is why it should influence the new order in the world.

Douglas is convinced neither in favor of the bomb drop nor against it. On the one hand, he does not want USA to have all the credit for defeat of Japan, but on the other hand, he does not want a lengthy inconclusive ending to the war.

Other characters:

USA

Col. John W. Barret – an American patriot, Protestant.

"In our God (and our guns) we trust" – his own quote

USSR

Gen. Alexander Volin – Stalin's right hand, atheist.

"There are no strong rivals, only our own weaknesses." – Russian proverb

GERMANY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – an academic, Lutheran.

"The highest test of our morality is what world we will leave for our children." – his own quote

JAPAN

Asakazu "Asa" Nagai – a warmonger, Zen-Buddhist.

"What is the path of the warrior? The path of the warrior is death." – Japanese proverb

Levin Rosenzweig - Jewish, Zionist.

"To rouse my wrath, to take vengeance, I have set on the bare rock the blood she has shed, that it may not be covered." - Ezekiel 24:8

Special trait:

Powerful contacts

He may choose two dispatches in the second round of selection within the diplomatic services.

First scene:

He enters first. He is smiling. His handshake is unobtrusive but firm. He engages in some witty banter with the host about where he is hiding the "little boy" (which he knows to be the bomb's name), if he's under the table, etc. The weather is fine, the flight was long, but what can you do...