

# USA

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

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

Cigar smoke, teeth grinning in a strange ironic smile, assertive gestures and speech. John is the decisive American guy who emits a strange aura of certainty around himself. He never doubts that anything he says or does is the best for all parties involved.

He comes from a highly religious family of Mississippi landed gentry. His great-grandfather fought under Beauregard at Shiloh. He ran from tough upbringing to the military and gradually everyone there came to love him which brought him up high to top positions in the army. Apart from a few business trips to Europe, he has never been outside the U.S. He also never fought himself, but he raised many good soldiers in military training centers.

### **Initial opinions:**

On the one hand, he wants to push the atom-bomb attack through because he guesses Americans cannot finish the war in the regular way without very high casualties, and he thinks the Japanese will never surrender. On the other hand, he is afraid of what the public opinion will be on bombing of a civilian city. At the same time, he cares about lives of tens of thousands of people – faces that haunt him at night. He wants to decide before God and with cleared conscience. He does not have a definite opinion on the "Little boy" drop.

### **Other characters:**

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

ENGLAND

Lord Douglas J. Hamilton – gentleman, Anglican.

"Those who win wars rewrite the history."

POLAND

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:**

Real Power

He has two votes for the final poll.

**First scene:**

He is standing at the door, cordially welcoming all diplomats as if they were old buddies. He gives them all warm handshakes with both hands. He pats the Englishman, the Russian and the Jew on the shoulder. He offers everyone their seats and gets them acquainted with the equipment in the room. He asks whether they want coffee or tea and commands his sergeant to provide everything for the guests.