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5 Engles TANAKA Ryukichi 1- Jagunas Page 1 Doc. No. 294P INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUTAL FOR THE FAR FAST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ot al) - AGAINST -ARAKI, SADAO, et al-I, TANAKA, Ryukichi, make oath and say as follows: Q State your name, and age. A TANAKA, Ryukichi, American age - 54 years old. Do you know the defendant, MUTO, Akira? Yes. Q Since when did you know him? Since 1910 when I met him at the officers candidate school where we studied. He was one class ahead of me. Since 1917 we became good friends as we studied together in the Army College. Q Do you know what position the defendant JUTO held from October 1939 to April 1942? A Yes. He was Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau. hat position did you hold during that time? A From December 1938 to March 1940 I was the Chief of the Discipline Section of the Military Service Bureau. From December 1940 to September 1942 I was Chief of that Military Service Bureau. Q When the defendant NUTO was Chicf of the Hilitary Affairs Bureau and you were Head of the Military Service Bureau, where did you have your offices? A First we had our offices at livakezake Building but in January 1942 the War Ministry was transferred to the present building. Here JUTO occupied a corner room on the second floor of the building which is now Room No. 262 occupied by the Japanese press photographers. My office here was on the third floor in the same room now occupied by the Chief of the Investigative Division of the International Prosecution Section. Then the defendant MUTO was Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau and you were Head of the "ilitary Service Bureau, did you have frequent opportunities to meet and discuss official matters together? A Yes, we frequently went out to lunch, we went to rarties together, and we attended bi-weekly conferences of the War Ministry together that were held every Tuesday and Friday. Then the defendant TOJO was War Linister, who was his right hand man? A TTO, while he was holding the office as Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau. MITO was more than TOJO's right hand man, he was TOJO's brain. TOJC was practically the phonograph record while MTO ran the phonograph machine. Inder the TOJO regime, which had the higher category - the Army Chief of Staff or ATTO as Chief of the lilitary Affairs Bureau?

Page 2 Doc. No. 2948 A Under the TOJO regime, LUTO was more influential than the Chief of the General Staff. TOJO was all powerful. Q Had MUTO any influence on policies laid down by the General Staff? A Yes, the General Staff could not make decisions on any important matters regarding the war without TOJO's or MUTO's consent. Q Why? A Because MUTO was in charge of the military budget. Q What has that got to do with the decision of the General Staff? The General Staff had no money and if they wanted to make war they had to ask the War Minister to let them have money. Q On or about 20 November 1941 do you recall having had any conversations with the defendant MUTO? A Yes, it was a day or two after the receipt of the note from Secretary of State Hull. MUTO told me that unless Japan goes to war with the United States, Japan would lose all position and wealth in the Far East. Q Before November 1, 1941 what were the views and attitude of MUTO towards the United States and Great Britain? A Even before that MUTO always advocated war with the United States and Great Britain. Q Do you recall when the attack on Pearl Harbor was? A Yes, it was on the 8th of December 1941. Q Do you remember if there was a meeting called by the War Minister at noon that day? A Yes, at noon of December P the War Minister summoned all the officials in the War Ministry and gave us an address of instructions in the auditorium. MUTO and I sat together and MUTO said, "At last we have made it. This made TOJO a hero". Q On the next day, December 9, did you happen to meet MTTO? A Yes, we had lunch together in the mess hall. Q Do you recall what he said to you at the time? A MUTO told me that he had known long before of the operational plan to attack Pearl Harbor on 8 December 1941. /s/ R. Tanaka TANAKA. Ryukichi Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the abovenamed TANAKA, Ryukichi, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 3rd day of January, 1946. /s/ T. D. White Capt., AUS