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PERSONS IMPLICATED: MUTO, Akira

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

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- A Under the TOJO regime, MUTO 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?
- A 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 2^o 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 8 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 MUTO?
- 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 above-named TANAKA, Ryukichi, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 3rd day of January, 1946.

/s/ T. D. White Capt., AUS
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