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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent: KISHI, Michizo

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I, KISHI Michizo, served Prince KONOYE, Prime Minister of the first KONOYE Cabinet as his secretary from June, 1937 to January, 1939.
2. At the request of Prime Minister KONOYE towards the evening of December 16, 1937, I called up the private residence of Marquis KIDO, Minister of Education to seek an interview with him and ask his convenience. I was told that the Education Minister had been at the Koyokan, a restaurant, so I went to the Koyokan at about 7:30 p.m. and had an interview with the Education Minister.

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3. Prime Minister KONOYE told me to convey the following message to Marquis KIDO, Minister of Education:

"The terms of peace with China, to be concluded through the intermediary of German Ambassador Trautman has been decided by the Liaison Conference. I, as Prime Minister, am anxious to make peace with China under those terms by all means, but the Army's attitude is not definitely known.

When those peace terms are submitted to tomorrow's Cabinet meeting, will you be good enough to ask General SUGIYAMA, War Minister, about that point and sound the Army's real intentions for the Prime Minister?"

I conveyed the Prime Minister's message to the Minister of Education as it was.

4. I recall that Marquis KIDO, Minister of Education said that it was a very troublesome question, but he would think it over, as the China Affair must be settled at that juncture.
5. I immediately left the Koyokan and reported my interview with Prime Minister KONOYE.
6. I remember hearing from Prime Minister KONOYE that Marquis KIDO, Minister of Education, at the Cabinet meeting of December 17 spoke as requested by Prime Minister KONOYE.

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On this 23 day of July, 1947

At Shinbashi 1-2, Shiba-Ku, Tokyo

Deponent: /S/ KISHI, Michizo (seal)

I, KIDO, Takahiko hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At same place

Witness: /S/ KIDO, Takahiko (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ KISHI, Michizo (seal)