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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: SUZUKI, Takashi

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. My last rank as an army officer was that of Colonel.
2. In August 1934 (9th year of Showa) I sponsored a farewell-Party at Akebonoso Restaurant for Major General Hideki TOJO, who was to be transferred to become Commanding General of the Kurume Brigade.
3. The sponsors of this party were GONDO, Masanori, a section chief of the Military Academy, AMANO, Isamu, an instructor at the Military Academy, and I, then serving in the first section of the Army General Staff.
4. The ones who gathered at this party were selected only from among those officers who were serving either in the Army General Staff, War Ministry, Department of Military Training or Military Academy and were in the good graces of Major General TOJO. I did not send out an invitation to Mr. HASHIMOTO, Kingoro, who was then attached to Mishima Regiment and who was not serving in any one of the above mentioned four groups.

Further I was not aware of any particular friendly relationship between him and Major General TOJO that would call for his being specially singled out for invitation. For these reasons he was not present at the party.

5. At no time other than at the above mentioned party did I ever act as sponsor of a party at the Akebonoso

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Restaurant.

On this 14th day of January, 1947.

At No. 45, Umemachi, Nakano-ku, Tokyo

DEPONENT: /S/ SUZUKI, Takashi (seal)

I, IWAMA, Kohei, 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 and at the same place.

WITNESS: /S/ IWAMA, Kohei (seal)

OATH

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

SUZUKI, Takashi (Signed and seal)