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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al. :

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Affidavit of
TSUBOGAMI, Teiji

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Sworn to before an officer whose signature appears below, I, TSUBOGAMI, Teiji, make oath and say as follows:

I now reside at 14 Oyamacho, Shibuyaku, Tokyo and am Chairman of the Board of Directors of Okurayama Institute for Cultural Research.

In December 1935, I became president of the Manchuria Takushoku K.K. (Manchurian Colonization Co.). The Company was organized as a private concern but the Manchurian Government was a partner. After reorganization in August 1937 in accordance with the decision reached by the Japanese Government and the Manchukuoan Government, the Japanese Government acquired shares in the Company too. The objects of the Company were to encourage and effect immigration of Japanese nationals from Japan to Manchuria and to provide facilities to them. The Company planned to send five million Japanese nationals to Manchuria in twenty years. The plan began operating in 1937. It was intended to send over one hundred thousand families to Manchuria in the first five years, two hundred thousand families in the second five years, three hundred thousand families in the third five years and four hundred thousand families for the last five years. Calculated on basis on five members in each family, there would be about five million Japanese nationals going over to Manchuria in twenty years. During my stay in Manchuria, approximately fifty thousand Japanese nationals were immigrated from Japan.

Only married persons with families were allowed to be immigrated to Manchuria because the object was to have them settle there. The Company extended loans and allotted land to the immigrants. On the average, each family could have ten Cho of land plus another five Cho for their live stocks and for storing their firewood which was to be used as fuel. The ^{Tei}Kangyo¹¹ Kabushiki Kaisha, a subsidiary company of the South Manchuria Railway Co. which was amalgamated with the Manchurian Takushoku K.K., acquired by purchase about a million hectares of land from

Manchurian farmers. My Company also acquired some land after details were decided by the committee which was composed of representatives of the Kwantung Army, the Manchurian Government, the Manchuria Takushoku K.K. and the chief of the province where the land was situated. The acquired land was allotted to the immigrants who were to repay to the Company the value of the land in twenty-year instalments. I resigned my position in 1940 at a time when the Kwantung Army decided an amalgamation between my Company and the Manchurian Korean Colonization Co. which was engaged in the work concerning immigration from Korea. I did not favor the amalgamation but could not avoid it and so I resigned.

I joined the State Council of the Manchukuoan Government in 1940. It was a legislative body which also served the Government in an advisory capacity. There were about twelve members in the State Council and about one third of them Japanese nationals. Before introduction of bills in the Council, the Ministries concerned had to seek approval from the Kwantung Army in regard to the attempted legislation. If the bill was passed with amendments in the Council, the ministries must again obtain the sanction of the Army. This obligation to obtain approval from the military was not mandatory but existed in practice. The Kwantung Army had a strong influence in the Manchukuoan Government and their interference with its administration was apparent.

Subscribed and sworn to by
TSUBAGAMI, Teiji before me
this third day of July 1946

Tsubagami Teiji

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Captain, JAGD

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

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Affidavit of KOMAI, Tokuzo, former chief of MANCHUKUOAN Gov't, General Affairs Board. Tells of KWANTUNG Army domination and control, with view to setting up settlers and economic monopolies for Japanese. KWANTUNG Army wanted MANCHUKUO as Puppet.

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Affidavit of ENDO, Ryosuke, appointed head of MANCHUKUOAN General Affairs Board, on recommendation of Japanese War Ministry. Further details KWANTUNG Army control of income and personnel in MANCHUKUOAN Gov't, especially virtual seizure of MANCHURLAN citizens' lands.

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Affidavit of TSUBOGAMI, Teiji, on MANCHURIAN
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Affidavit of TAJIRI, Akiyoshi, on role of KOAIN (Asia
Development Board) in imperialistic policy, and domination
of SUZUKI, Teiichi in forcing that policy.

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