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EXHIBIT # _____

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: SAWADA, Shigeru

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 (SAWADA, Shigeru) was Lieutenant General at the time of the conclusion of the war and am detained now in Sugamo Prison. I held office as Vice-chief of the General Staff from October 1939 (14th year of Showa) to November 1940 (15th year of Showa).
2. -- During my tenure of office as Vice-chief of the General Staff, General Headquarters, had to take the Army for South China away from the command of the Commander-in-chief of the China Expeditionary Force (having put its military strength under the direct command of the General Headquarters).
3. -- I know the above fact quite well because I myself took

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charge of the matter as Vice-chief of the General Staff.

On this 4 day of August, 1947,

at Tokyo (22nd year of Showa)

DEPONENT SAWADA, Shigeru (seal)

I, YAMADA Hanzo 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 Tokyo.

Witness: (signed) YAMADA, Hanzo (seal)

OATH

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

SAWADA, Shigeru (seal)