

KIHARA, Jitaro (1391)

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NAME: KIHARA, Jitaro.

PRESENT STATUS: Confined in Sugamo Prison.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT became Vice-Consul, Manila, P.I. in October 1934. In 1940 he was promoted to Consul, in which capacity he served in Davao, P.I. and later in Manila, P.I. (1942).

SUBJECT was relieved of his position in Manila in favor of an assignment to the Foreign Ministry, Tokyo. During the year of 1943 SUBJECT assumed the title of Civil Administrator, Military Government Headquarters, Philippine Islands, wherein he served until promoted to Consul-General, Manila, 24 September 1945. Left for Japan 3 November 1945.

REMARKS:

CIS/G-2, FEC, recommends release of KIHARA without preference of charges unless a basis for charges has been uncovered in Manila, P.I. It is to be noted that SUBJECT held an influential office in the Philippine Islands during the period of occupation. It is a matter of common knowledge that during SUBJECT's term of office mass atrocities were committed in the Philippines. It must also be noted that during this period of time the Japanese Government promoted a program of New Philippines. This plan had among its numerous purposes the formation of a new government for the Philippine Islands. Attention must also be given to the fact that SUBJECT rose rapidly in diplomatic ranks, and that, by virtue of the varied positions he held in the Japanese Government he exerted or failed to interrupt the influence of the Japanese war program in its course of conquest and expansion.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SUBJECT be retained in custody as a Class A war criminal suspect and tried before an International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

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A.

1. 會見者ハ昭和十六年十二月七日及昭和二十年九月二日ノ日ニハ如何ナル職務ニ携フツテイタカ

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昭和十六年十二月七日在比律賓マニラ日本總領事館勤務領事デ
當時東京外務省ヨリ一時帰國ヲ命ゼラレテ一時帰國中デアツ
タノデ隨時外務省ニ出テハイタガ別ニ共ハラレタ仕事ハ
ナカツタ。

昭和二十年九月二日在比律賓マニラ日本總領事館勤務
領事デアツタガ總領事帰國不在ノ為メ總領事代理ト
シテ比律賓駐比日本軍ノ命令ニ依リ、マニラ地方ニ在留
シテイタ日本人非戦闘員主トシテ婦女子、老人、疎開者ト
共ニ昭和二十年一月六日マニラヲ引揚ゲテ北部ルソンヤイガオ
州ノホヨトエフ山奥ニ疎開シ居リ是等非戦闘員ノ保護
及米軍ヘノ收容指導ヲニ携フハツテイタ。

2. 會見者ノ氏名

(答) 木原次太郎 (キハラジタロウ、JITARO)

3. 會見者が本名ノ外、使用シタル氏名及有名ナル氏名ヲ記入セヨ
(答) ナシ

4. 生年月日

(答) 明治二十七年一月十七日

5. 本籍地

(答) 佐賀縣藤津郡七浦村大字飯田

6. 身長

(答) 五尺三寸位

7. 体重

(答) 百二十五封度位

8. 傷痕、目印、不具ノ可否

(答) 左眼ノ上及眼尻ニ傷痕アリ

9. 現住地

(答) 東京、巢鴨拘置所

10. 住居地

(答) 佐賀縣藤津郡七浦村大字飯田

11. 身分證明ノ様式ト番号

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12. 會見者ガ捉ハレタルトキノ例、ソレト同様ニ其ノ誤、犯罪ヲ犯シタル
コトガアルカ

(答) ナシ

13. 會見者ノ現在迄ノ最高階級

(答) 昭和二十年十一月比律賓マニラヨリ帰還シタトモ、^{終戦後}領事(高等官四等)

ヨリ總領事(高等官四等)ニシタトモ、^{終戦後}聞イタガ正式ノ通知ハ
受ケテイナイ。

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14. 會見者ノ業務ノ年代記録、會見者ガ昭和六年一月一日ヨリ現在
迄ノ職務ヲ記入セヨ

前記記入ノトキ民主カ軍閥ノ役員、夫レヲ記入ノトキハ會見者ノ
地位モ忘レズニ記入セヨ

(答)

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副領事(高等官七等、六等)

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昭和十六年一月ヨリ同年十月半頃マデ在比律賓ダバオ領事館
勤務領事(高華官五等)

昭和十六年十月半頃在マニラ日本總領事館ニ領事(高華官五等)
トシテ轉勤命令セラレ同時ニ一時帰國命令セラレタガ翌十七年一月
再ビマニラニ帰任、在マニラ日本軍政部ト比律賓行政府間ノ連絡
事務ニ當ツタ、連絡事務ハ主トシテ軍政部發行政府宛ノ日本文
文書ヲ英語ニ翻譯シ又行政府發軍政部宛ノ英文文書ヲ日本文ニ
翻譯シ之ヲ轉達スルコトデアツタ

昭和十八年三月ヨリ同年十月マデ一時軍屬司政官(高華官五等)トシテ
引續キ前記ノ軍政部及比律賓行政府間ノ連絡事務ニ當ツタ
一時司政官ニ任命サレタノハ在マニラ日本總領事館が一時閉館トナツタ
カラデアル

昭和十八年十月比律賓ノ独立宣言ト共ニ同連絡事務所ハ内鎖サレ在マニラ
日本總領事館勤務領事(高華官五等)トシテ總領事館ニ歸ツタ、
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翌二十年一月六日マニラ在留邦人主トシテ婦女子、老人ト共ニ軍命令ヨリ
マニラヲ引揚ガ北部ルソン、ヌエバエシ州、バヨンホ、次ヒス、イワガオ州ノ山
奥ニ疎開中、終戦トナリ九月三日是等一般邦人ト共ニ米軍ニ収容サレ
十月三日マニラ出發帰國シタ

C. 15. 會見者が翼賛會ノ公會、及地方公會東京支部会大日本政治會
會員及創立者組織者デアツタヲ記入セヨ其外各團體支部
組合及特別ノ事務ノ編輯ヲシタコトヲ記入セヨ
(竹倉) 全然關係ナシ

16. 黨、組合、協会、兄弟商會、會、進學會、政治ノ進學會、軍ノ
進學會、愛國ノ進學會、博士ノ進學會、教養ノ進學會、名譽ノ進學會、運動
ノ進學會、等ノ會員デアツタカ記入セヨ
何事モ前記ノコトガ秘密デモ記入セヨ

(竹倉) 日本赤十字社終身社員、ニューヨーク日本人クラブ(社交)會員、
マニラ日本人クラブ(社交)會員、ガバオ、ゴルフ、クラブ會員、
マニラ、ワクワク、ゴルフ、クラブ會員、

17. 會見者ノ家族中前記ノ處及ソレニ関連シタ職務ニ携ツタリ又其地位及直接権利者又ハ間接権利者ガイタカ、イタナラバ氏名、現住所、續柄、勤務先名、役柄ヲ記入セヨ

(答) ナシ。

18. 會費ノ外寄附(金錢、土地)ヲ自發的ニカ又ハ内所ニ各関係組合ニ渡シタノヲ記入セヨ其ノ外國民カラカ上長カラカ自發的或ハ強制的ニ寄附シタカ

(答) ナシ。

19. 會見者ハ前記関係組合カラ階級、位、勲章、賞状又ハ各英會ヲ共ハラレタルコトガアルカ若シアツタラ各英會ヲ共ハラレタル理由、年月日ヲ詳細ニ記入セヨ

(答)

昭和四年頃在マニラ日本總領事館ニ書記生トシテ勤務中ニ日本赤十字社マニラ特別委員部委員トシテ赤十字社事業ニ盡力シタ理由ヲ以テ同社ヨリ特別社員章及有功章早キ共ハラレタ

D. 20. 會見者ガ B. C. ノ答ヲ例外トシテ會見者ガ昭和七年一月一日カラ軍関係、警察(巡查)、法安、公安、刑事會ニ関係シタコトガアルカ、アレバ前記ノ年月日、関係會ノ名、及関係中ノ最高階級ソレヲ受ケタ年月日、役目

(答) ナシ。

E. 21. 昭和六年一月一日カラ會見者ガ編輯(代名ト編輯者名)演説(聴耳者人員)関係會カラ頼マレテ演説及編輯ヲシタラ其會名ヲ記入セヨ

(答) ナシ。

F. 22. 會見者ハ E. ノ答ノ外ニ昭和六年一月一日ヨリ職務トシテソレガ日本国内又ハ外國テ團結、管理者及支配人、組合名、役目及年月日。

(答) ナシ。

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3. Unless a basis of charges has been uncovered in Manila by the investigation initiated by Legal Section's "Report of Investigation Division (Inv. Div. No. 1391)" dated 8 January 1947, G-2 recommends release of KIHARA without preference of charges.

TAB A - Curriculum Vitae of KIHARA Jitaro.

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- 1894 Born
- 1913 Mar Graduated from Myodo Middle School, Hiroshima
- 1913 Sep Went to Manila as employe of Philippine Sugar Development Company
- 1916 Oct Resigned from Philippine Sugar Development Company and entered Universal Institute of Manila (Business and Spanish Language Courses); was concurrently, English teacher in Japanese Department of the school.
- 1917 Oct Became concurrently interpreter-translator, Department of Communications, Government of the Philippines
- 1917 Nov Graduated, Universal Institute of Manila
- 1918 Dec Employed as accountant-clerk, Philippine Mining and Industrial Company
- 1920 Sep Junior Clerk, Japanese Consulate, Manila
- 1921 Feb Appointed interpreter in Japanese Legation, Manila
- 1928 Aug Assigned as clerk to Japanese Consulate, New York
- 1933 Dec Accompanied HORINOUCI Kensuke, consul-general in New York, on trip to South American countries
- 1934 Oct Appointed Vice-Consul, Manila
- 1940 May Appointed Administrative Secretary, Japanese Embassy, Washington
- 1940 Oct Promoted to Consul
- 1941 Feb Appointed Consul, Davao, Philippine Islands
- 1941 Nov Appointed Consul, Manila
- 1942 Oct Relieved of office as Consul, Manila and assigned temporarily to Foreign Ministry, Tokyo
- 1943 Feb Appointed Civil Administrator, Military Government Headquarters, Philippines
- 1943 Oct Appointed Consul, Manila
- 1945 Sep Promoted to Consul-General, Manila
- 1945 Nov Left Manila for Tokyo
- 1946 Jan Interned in Sugamo Prison as a war crimes suspect

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