

EXHIBIT No. 3259

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al.

S W O R N   D E P O S I T I O N

Deponent: INO, Hiroya  
Domicile: 2283, Kami-Meguro 4-chome, Meguro-ku, Tokyo.

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

(1) I was in the office of Vice-President of the Bureau of Planning (Kikaku-cho), under President HIROTA, Koki, from June 10, 1937, till August 30 of the same year. The Bureau was abolished on October 25, that year, shortly after my resignation from the above-mentioned office. With that, Mr. HIROTA also retired from his office of President.

(2) The chief business of the Bureau of Planning, while I was Vice-President there, was the preparation for the establishment of the Insurance and Sanitation Ministry, which was afterwards realized as "Kosei-Sho." I did not see, during that period, such documents as "The Gist of the Important Industries Five Year Plan, May 29, 1937, War Office (Exhibit 842)," "The Outline of the Policy Concerning the Execution of the Important Industries Five Year Plan, June 10, 1937, Drafted by the War Office (Exhibit 842)," "The Gist of the War Industries Five Year Plan, June 23, 1937, War Office (Exhibit 841)," and "The Gist of the Army Five Year Plan of June 10, 1937, Sent from Secretary AKIYAMA to President HIROTA on July 13 (Exhibit 2227)." Though I heard of the Five Year Plan of the War Office, I had not the slightest knowledge of its contents.

(3) So far as I know, there was nothing different in the business of the Bureau of Planning during the period from my resignation on August 30, 1937, to the abolition of the Bureau on October 25 of the same year, compared with that of the period when I was in office.

(4) President HIROTA attended the office once a week or so, and the whole business in general was given in my charge. Mr. HIROTA as President charged himself with the political negotiations with those Cabinet members who had an objection to the draft plan of the Bureau of Planning concerning the constitution and competency of the Insurance and Sanitation Ministry, among whom was Mr. NAGAI, Ryutaro, the then Communications Minister, and with the signing of the documents in connection with the business of the Bureau of Planning at the Cabinet Conference.

On this 17th day of September, 1947, at Tokyo.

(Signed) INO (Seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above-mentioned date and place.

(Signed) MORISHIMA, Goro (Seal)

Witness

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

(Signed) INO (Seal)