

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

(*Oshima*)
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(KOJIMA, Hideo

I, KOJIMA, Hideo, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is Tatsukeshi, Kushiro-mura, Kushiro-gun, Hokkaido.

2. I was Naval Attache of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin from April 1936 until March 1939. During that period I was first Commander and later Captain of the Navy.

3. In Exhibit No. 3619 of this Tribunal, Transcript page 35,440, it is stated: "3. In March or April 1938 the Naval Attache of the Embassy sent a cable to the Navy Minister strongly urging Ambassador Togo's removal on the ground that he was on bad terms with the German Foreign Minister and that his retention in the circumstances of the time, when it was necessary to promote Japanese-German cooperation was not in the interest of the country. The cable stated also that the matter had been talked over with the Military Attache." This is contrary to the fact. I never sent such a telegram to the Ministry of Navy or to any other place. Of course I also never dispatched such a telegram after consultation with Military Attache Oshima.

4. However, there was a following fact:

The predecessor to Ambassador Togo was Mr. Mushakoji. During the time of Ambassador Mushakoji, the ambassador, the Military and Naval Attaches had been able to collaborate smoothly. But after Ambassador Togo had arrived at the end of December 1937, the relations between Ambassador Togo and some of the Embassy staff on the one hand, and Military Attache Oshima and I as the Naval Attache on the other, came to lack harmony. For instance, important telegrams from the Foreign Office which had theretofore been shown by the Embassy to the Military and Naval Attaches were shown to us only very reluctantly, if at all. Furthermore, when the press mission arrived from Japan, the Military and Naval Attaches were not invited to a reception at the Japanese Embassy, a fact which was found very strang by that mission



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As in this way an emotional estrangement was caused between the Ambassador and the both Attaches, and works did not proceed smoothly. I reported this circumstances to the Ministry of Navy. But I did absolutely not consult Oshima in dispatching this telegram.

I might add that this telegram was not at all related with the question of the Japan-Germany-Italy Alliance. At that time the question of a Japan-Germany-Italy treaty did not yet arise.

5. The people's mission led by Mr. Godo, Takuo, arrived in Germany in November 1937 and stayed there until about April 1938. I had no consultation with Military Attache Oshima or Mr. Godo with respect to the question of conditions of German trade in China, nor did I have any conversation with Foreign Minister Ribbentrop concerning this matter. I also never heard that Oshima by passed the Embassy and talked with Ribbentrop on this matter or presented to him a proposal concerning conditions of trade.

OATH

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

/S/ KOJIMA, Hideo (seal)

On this 23 day of Dec., 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: KOJIMA, Hideo (seal)

I, Shimauchi, Tatsuki, 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

the same place

witness: (signed) SHIMAUCHI, Tatsuki (seal)