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(Affidavit of Capt. David W. Parsons.)

I certify that I, David W. Parsons, Captain, Infantry, Investigating Officer for the Defense of Major War Criminals was on 27 May, 1947, in Rangoon, Burma, interviewing and interrogating several Japanese prisoners who are in the custody of the British War Crimes Commission. Among those interviewed were Generals HONDA, TANAKA, and Captain TAZUMI.

In the course of the interrogation, explicit inquiry was made as to the possible whereabouts of a pamphlet entitled "The Attitude To Take Towards the Burmese People", which pamphlet had been published by General KIMURA.

Both General HONDA and TANAKA were familiar with this document having been published but neither of them had copies in their possession.

It was suggested by General TANAKA that Dr. Ba Maw, war-time Premier of Burma, might have a copy of the pamphlet. Direct inquiry of Dr. Ba Maw was made and he stated he did not have any such papers in his possession.

Inquiry was made of Captain TAZUMI pertaining to several letters of thanks which TAZUMI had received from former allied prisoners of war whom had been under TAZUMI's supervision while TAZUMI was commandant of Rangoon Prison. Captain TAZUMI advised me that all of his papers, personal and official, had been confiscated by the British at Singapore, and he had none of these papers in his possession at the time. Captain TAZUMI emphatically stated that he had received letters of thanks from P. O. W. S. When I returned to Singapore, I inquired of the British War Crimes people if they had any record of such letters. The Major in charge of the records made a search but was unable to find any such letters referred to hereinbefore.

(signed) David W. Parsons  
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