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C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I, YOSHII, Michinori, now hold the post of Chief of the Archives and Documents Section, Second Demobilization Bureau, Demobilization Office and am in charge of the documents of the said Bureau.
2. The original of "Instructions, Navy Department, Imperial Headquarters", which were issued during the Pacific War, were in the custody of the Adjutants' Office, Navy Department, Imperial Headquarters, but was lost by fire during an air-raid by American planes which lasted from the mid-night of May 25, 1945 until the dawn of the following day.
3. Since then a set of copies of the said Instructions which were kept at the First Department of the Naval General of Staff have been used in place of the original, and are at present being kept and used by the Historical Section of the Material Preparation Department. But among these copies, those issued in 1941, i.e., the Instructions No. 1 to No. 35 were destroyed during the above-mentioned air-raid and are not in existence.
4. In November, 1945 there were inquiries from SCAP as to the said Instructions No. 1 - No. 35, and we investigated all the offices to which they were distributed. However, as none was available, we made a summary of these instructions by combining what were remembered by the people concerned and replied to the inquiries of SCAP.

I hereby confirm that the above statement is true.

On August 27, 1947  
At Tokyo

/S/ YOSHI, Michinori (seal)

The above signature and seal were affixed in the presence of this witness.

On the same date, at the same place

Witness: /S/ SOMIYA, Shinji (seal)