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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent ; -- Ōno, Ryokuichiro

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

Deposition of ŌNO, Ryokuichiro

1. I, ONO, Ryokuichiro, was born on the 1st of October, 1887 (the 20th year of MEIJI) at MUTSUJI-mura, KITTA-ADACHI-gun, SAITAMA, Pref. I am presently living at No. 2831, KICHIJOJI, MUSASHINO-machi, TOKYO-to.

2. On August 5, 1936 (11th year of Showa), I was appointed to the post of Director-General for Political Affairs of the Government-General of Korea which I held until May 29, 1942. During my tenure of office, the Governor-General of Korea was MINAMI, Jiro.

3. The Governor-General of Korea was merely a civilian and was not entitled to deal with military affairs. Military affairs in

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Korea were within the competence of the Commander of the Korea Army who was directly under the control of the Emperor and did not come under the jurisdiction of the Governor-General.

4. Matters relating to prisoners of war was under the jurisdiction of the Army, so while MINAMI and I were in office, the Government-General never concerned itself with such matters. According to Exhibit #1973 (dated March 1st, 1942), there are words to the effect that the Government-General and the Army were both strongly desirous of interning prisoners of war in Korea, but there was no such case on the part of the Government-General. As a matter of fact, all I remember is that the Korean Army requested us to find some accommodation for prisoners of war, if they were brought to Korea. The Government-General had no concern with the purpose why prisoners of war would be brought to Korea. Soon after, in May, 1942, MINAMI and I resigned and both returned to Tokyo. Hence, I do not know whether prisoners of war were interned in Korea or how was the condition of their treatment.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1947, at Tokyo.

Deponent: /S/ ŌNO, Ryokuichiro(seal)

OATH

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

/S/ ONO, Ryokuichiro (seal)

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I, MITSUZAWA, Tatsuo, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in my presence on the same day and at the same place as above written.

Witness: /S/ MITSUZAWA, Tatsuo(seal)