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OIL CHEMICAL AND RUBBER DIVISION
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PLACE: Tokyo
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Division of Origin: Oil and Chemical

Subject: Cooperation between Military and War Industrialists

Personnel interrogated and background of each: TERANISHI, (Kyodo News Agency).
Born 1910, attended Osaka Foreign Language School and graduated 1931.
Entered Rengo News Agency in the foreign economic service. Rengo became Domei in 1935 and is now Kyodo.
1938-1942 - Spent in the U. S., where he reported economic news.

Where Interviewed: Room 810, Meiji Building

Interrogator: Mr. L. S. Galstaun

Interpreter: None

Allied Officers Present: Mr. W. Bayles (Oil and chemical)

Summary: TERANISHI divided Zaibatsu into two groups.

A. INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISTS

Advocated and actively supported war from the earliest stages. (1931).
Leader was GO, Seinosuke; later IKEDA, Seihin.
AIKAWA, Gisuke (Nissan Kagaku Kogyo K. K.) - obtained sole control of Manchuria from military (chemical field).
NOGUCHI, Susumo (Nitchitsu Kagaku Kogyo K. K.) (now dead) controlled Korea and South-East Asia (chemical field).
KANEBO, Tsuda (spinning industry) North China and South-East Asia.
ISHIHARA (Ishihara Industries, which include general trade, oil refining, and transport) . South-East Asia.
NAKAJIMA - aircraft
KAWANISHI - aircraft

B. FINANCIAL CAPITALISTS.

The four well-known Zaibatsu houses, Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Yasuda, and Sumitomo, represent this group.

This group did not support the war in the initial stages. Later, they did, and Mr. TERANISHI believes that their support was voluntary.

The leadership of the "A" group was really a liaison role. None of these people worked in the open, so that their part is not generally known. Direct liaison was by Chiefs of the Military Affairs Bureau of the Army Ministry (main characters were MUTO, Akira, and SATO, Kenryo).

Details of Military-Industrialist cooperation probably best known by GUNJU KANRIKAN, a group of men - mostly Army quartermaster chiefs - who acted as Production Expeditors representing the Army in the civilian industrial plants.

