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about 40,000 tons altogether, imported from Thailand and French Indo-China, and adding those imported from other countries, it was totalled about more than 70,000 tons. The increase thus made in the import from Thailand which was used to be 2,000/ 3,000 tons annually, was due to the financial agreement with that country, and the import of 20,000 tons from French Indo-China which had none hitherto was because of the Japan French Indo-China Treaty, concluded in May, 1941. I am aware of the fact, however, that the imports of raw rubber based on these two arrangements accompanied no small disadvantage in price and some other points, and required exertion on the part of the financial authorities in making these arrangements.

On this 4th day of August, 1947

At SHIINA's Office, Ginza 4-Chome, Tokyo.

DEPONENT: SHIINA, Etsusaburo (monogram)

I, SHIOBARA, Tokisaburo, 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

At the same place

Witness: /s/ SHIOBARA, Tokisaburo (monogram)

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

/s/ SHIINA, Etsusaburo (monogram)