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Typewritten notes of
interrogation Capt. Masamichi Fujita, JMW
by Maj. L. S. Bernard

INTERROGATION OF
CAPTAIN MASAMUCHI FUJITA, IJN

Date and Time: 26 November 1945; 1000 to 1200 hours.
Place : Room 334 NYK Building, Tokyo, Japan.
Present : LeRoy H Barnard, Maj Inf, O-191597.
Douglas L Waldorf, 2d Lt, INF, O-
Joe B Alexander, 2d Lt, INF, O-1332219
Interpreter ; Rickey Yamaguchi, Technician 4th Grade, ASN 30107575

Q. Captain, what is your present status and assignment?

A. I am a Naval officer on the active list of the Imperial Japanese Navy, a staff member of the First Section, Bureau of Military Affairs.

Q. Your duties?

A. Organization of the Japanese Navy.

Q. How long have you been so assigned?

A. Since May, 1942.

Q. Are you a graduate of the Japanese Naval Academy?

A. Yes, I believe it was the class of 1924. It was about 21 years ago.

Q. Where were you stationed in November 1941?

A. On the heavy cruiser ATAGO.

Q. Your duties?

A. I was a staff officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, 2d Fleet.

Q. Who was the Commander-in Chief?

A. Admiral Kondo.

Q. Was the air raid on Clark Field on 8 December 1941 carrier based?

A. No. It was made by land based planes from TIWAN. These were mostly navy planes but there were some army planes among them.

Q. When was the initial attack on the United States planned?

A. It was originally planned for the 2d of December, unless something came up. This order was flexible and the date of the 2d was not a definite order. On the 2d we received an order stating it had been decided that the date of the attack was to be the 8th of December.

Q. Where did this order come from?

A. Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet.

Q. Did you take part in planning the operational actions of the 2d Fleet?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know of the war games of August 1941?

A. Yes, but not at the time.

Q. Did Admiral Kondo?

A. I don't think so. He was too much "small fry" to have been called in on it.

- Q. Were you or the Admiral present at any conferences on war against the United States, prior to the declaration of war?
- A. Yes. I think there was one about the tenth of November 1941. We both attended it.
- Q. Where was the conference held and who attended it?
- A. All the fleet commanders participated in a general conference at Tokyo about November 10, 1941, at which time the plan to attack the United States was discussed.
- Q. Was the matter of attacking the United States without a declaration of war being made discussed?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Could you expect to have a successful attack if a declaration of war was made prior to the attack?
- A. I thought there would be a declaration of war a few hours prior to the attack. I personally feel that one hour would have been sound tactics.
- Q. Was this a joint conference between the Army and Navy with both branches present?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who was the senior Army officer present?
- A. I do not know.
- Q. Who was your army counterpart on the same planning level?
- A. Lt Col Okitsugu Ase.
- Q. What were the duties of you two gentlemen?
- A. To plan the occupational schedule for all of the Southern area which was to be occupied.
- Q. Was there a written order published convening this conference and setting out the mission of both the Army and Navy?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where are these orders now?
- A. Burned during the American bombing attacks.
- Q. Do you feel that the Army was equally as well prepared to go to war as was the Navy?
- A. I feel that the Navy was better prepared.
- Q. Is there anything else you wish to tell us.
- A. No.

I, Tech 4 Rickey Yamaguchi, ASN 30107575, certify that I acted as interpreter at the interview set out above, that I truly translated the English questions into Japanese and the replies thereto from Japanese into English, and that the English translations of the answers set out above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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