

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

9 April 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. David Sutton
FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe, Jr.
SUBJECT : Witnesses in Manchurian Phase - TAKEUCHI,
Ayayoshi

Hereto attached are data regarding the witness
TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi.

1 Incl:
Data re TAKEUCHI

SMITH N. CROWE, JR.
Assistant Counsel

MEMORANDUM RE: TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi

1. Subpoena subject of testimony. TAKEUCHI was the editor of the Mukden Branch of the Asashi Newspaper and will testify as to the civil conditions before and after the incident and will attempt to prove that the Kwantung Army did not plan the Mukden Incident.

2. All the information forwarded to me from the Investigative Division is included below in this memorandum.

3. There is no case file on TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi.

4. In file 300-109, this witness was interrogated regarding the five-year plan for Manchuria. Said interrogation revealed the following:

a. TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi was correspondent for the Tokyo Asashi Newspaper from 1917 to 1940.

b. From July 1941 to January 4, 1946, he was Secretary to the Japanese Chamber of Economics in Shanghai, China.

He stated the five-year plan for Manchuria was put into effect May 9, 1937. This plan was instigated by HOSHINO, Naoki, and KISHI, Shinsuke. The plan was sponsored by the Army and this fact was common knowledge. At the time of the interrogation, TAKEUCHI was friendly with HOSHINO and most of the Army Generals and for this reason did not want to be a witness. He stated that he was one of twenty-eight (28) Directors of the Japanese Chamber of Economics at Shanghai which had a Japanese membership of 1,000, but was not connected with the Japanese Army Government set up.

5. No investigation has yet been made through the card file by subject matter of evidentiary documents by the Document Division.

6. So far as I have been able to determine, there is no reference to this witness in evidence in this case so far. References to the general subject matter of his testimony will be forwarded shortly.

7. This witness has not yet testified; therefore, the preparation of summary of testimony already given cannot be included in this report.

(Memorandum re: TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi, (contd))

8. An examination of the information forwarded by the Investigation Department and of the memorandum prepared by Mr. Lopez dated 11 March 1947, indicates that this witness never received any decorations or citations from the Japanese or any other government.

WITNESS PROGRESS REPORT

TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi

Date: 3 APRIL 1949

Completed as to Items Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7+8.

Partially completed as to Items Numbers 6.

Item 9: ~~None~~. I interviewed GEN. RYUKICHI TANAKA to establish the identity of this witness where this was doubtful from the files.

SMITH N. CROWE, JR.
Assistant Counsel

PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING WITNESSES

You are requested to furnish a report to be filed with Mr. Sutton not later than 1600 hours, Thursday, April 3, in which you will set forth on a separate page for each witness the date of your report, the name of each witness assigned to you, and a statement as to which of the following items of investigation you have completed, together with a statement of such other investigation as you have conducted:

1. Information in the hands of the Investigation Division.
2. Statement in application for subpoena as to subject of witness's testimony.
3. Examination of case file, if any.
4. Cross-reference file on case files in office of Investigation Division.
5. Cross-reference card file by subject matter of evidentiary documents in Document Division.
6. Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony.
7. Preparation of summary of testimony already given by witness.
8. Memorandum prepared by Mr. Lopez, dated March 11, 1947, relating to decorations awarded to defendants and their witnesses.
9. Statement of any other investigation conducted by you.

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Suggested form of your report:

Name of Witness: (Capital letters)

Date:

Completed as to Items Numbers _____.

Partially completed as to Items Numbers _____.

~~If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted.~~

Takeuchi, Syuzoichi

REPORT BY: Lt. John A. Curtis
12 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi

(Under TAKEUCHI, Ayoski) File 300, ser 109: Interrogation of above, he stated that the five year plan for Manchuria was put in effect May 9, 1937, plan was sponsored by the Army. Common knowledge, above did not want to be a witness inasmuch as he was friendly with KISHI and HOSHINO and most of the Army Generals were his personal friends.

File 393, ser 12:

File 77, ser 16:

File 69, ser 94: All contain same.

No further information concerning the above is contained in the files of IPS.

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TAKEUCHI, Ayayoshi

Request by ITAGAKI, OKAWA, MINAMI, UMEZU, HOSHINO

**Address: Ogiya, Kamakura-shi,
Kanagawa-Ken, Japan**

**Facts to be proved - He was the editor of Mukden
Branch of Asahi Newspaper and will testify as to the civil
conditions before and after the incident.**

**Relevancy - The Kwantung Army did not plan the Mukden
Incident.**

2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Robinson USN Att; Cmir. Cole; Mr. Lopez;
Mr. Edwards, Mr. Crowe; Col. Woolworth;
Maj. General Vasiliev; Col. Woolworth; Lt. Col. Mornare

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT - ITAGAKI
OKAWA
MINAMI
UMEZU
HOSHINO

WITNESS

TAKEUCHI, Ayeyoshi

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Curriculum Vitae

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl
(Described above)

EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

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Name: TAKEUCHI, AYAYOSHI

Place of Register: 1-140, Inobe, Tada-mura,
Higashi Uwa-gun, Ehime-ken.

Before entering the Newspaper from April,
Taisho 7 to December, Taisho 7. /April-Dec. 1918/
Entered the Economic section of the Chugai Shogyo Shimpo-Sha.
(Worked in the ODOMARI Branch Office)

Name: TAKEUCHI, AYAYOSHI

Date of Birth: 19, December 1889 /22nd year-MEIJI/

Academic Career: Graduated the Law Department of Meiji University. June, 1915. /4th year. TAISHO/

- 1 Mar. 1920 Entered the Newspaper office Test Service in the Economic Section of OSAKA ASAHI.
- 1 Jan. 1921 Sent to study in CHINA.
- 1 Apr. 1922 End study in CHINA.
- 1 May. 1923 Entered the PEIKING Correspondence Section.
- 29 Dec. 1924 Appointed Special Correspondent in DAIREN.
- 8 Mar. 1928 Entered the Chinese Section of the TOKYO ASAHI.
- 11 Mar. 1931 Appointed Chief of the MUKDEN Correspondence Office.
- 19 Sep. 1934 Served in the Board of Investigation on East Asia problems.
- 28 Jan. 1936 Appointed Chief of the Economic Section of the OSAKA ASAHI. Additional post of Editorial Committee.
- 1 Oct. 1940 Given additional post of director of the (TOKYO) Central Board of Inquiry.
- 20 Oct. 1940 Retired from the Editorial Staff and became the "friend" of the newspaper.
- 2 Dec. 1940 Appointed part time director of the Central Board of Inquiry.
- 13 July 1942 Relieved of office of part time director. Became honorary member.

During the period from 20, Oct. 1940 to 13, July 1942, held the seat of the Chief of the Economic Section, IRAA.

Following this period, went to SHANGHAI and was appointed the Managing director of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and remained in post till the termination of War.