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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Statement of M. EMURA on Order for
Burning Secret Documents at End of War

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English,
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Has it been photostated? Yes No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: CLO, Imperial Japanese Government

PERSONS IMPLICATED: ANAMI, Korechika

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Burning of Documents

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

EMURA confirms that the War Minister gave orders to the
entire army to burn secret documents August 14, 1945.

Analyst: W.H. Wagner

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IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE

July 22, 1946

MEMORANDUM:

To : Mr. M. K. N. Parkinson, IPS
From : Mr. S. Ohta, War Crime Section, CLO
Subject : Instructions for Burning Documents at the time of the
Termination of War.

At the request of the 1st Demobilization Bureau, I hereby transmit to you the following in reply to your enquiry regarding the subject:

"By order of the War Minister, the senior officer of the Adjutant Staff of the War Ministry issued instructions to the entire Army to burn secret documents on August 14, 1945, by telegram. To the Units stationed in the Tokyo Area however, the instructions were given verbally."

M. Ohtsuka
for S. OHTA
War Crime Section
CLO

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陸軍

一復第一七二號

終戦時に於ける書類焼却指令の件回答

昭和二十一年七月二十日

第一復員局文書課長 美山要藏

終戦連絡中央事務局戦犯事務室太田事務官 殿

國際検事團パーキンソン氏より要求のあつた首題の件調査の結果左の通り回答する

左記

陸軍省高級副官は陸軍大臣の命に依り昭和二十年八月十四日電報により全陸軍に對し機秘密書類の焼却を指令した
但し東京地區は口達指令した

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July 20, 1945.

To: War crimes Section, Central Liaison Office.

From: Chief of Correspondence Section, 1st Demobilization Bureau.

Re. Instructions for burning documents at the time of termination of war.

Referring to the request of information on the subject mentioned above by Mr. K. N. Parkinson of the International Prosecution Section, we wish to submit our reply as the result of our investigations:

By order of War Minister, senior officer of the Adjutant Staff of War Ministry issued an instruction to the entire army ^{to} burn secret documents on August 14, 1945 by telegram. To the Units stationed in the Tokyo area, however, instructions were given verbally.