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submitted their plans to the Kwantung Army and these were passed upon by the Kwantung Army. The Commander-in-Chief of this Army conceived and authorized this, and it was necessary only to make a report to the Tokyo government in the latter part of 1931. It was not until the latter part of 1931 that if the Manchurian problem was involved, it was necessary for him to make any special report to the Tokyo government.

**Date and Time:** 21 February 1946, 0930-1145 Hours

**Place:** Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan

**Present:** Sadao Araki  
Elton M. Hyder, Interrogator  
Toshio Saiki, Interpreter

**Oath of Interpreter administered by Mr. Hyder.**

**BY MR. HYDER:** Mr. Saiki, do you solemnly swear, by Almighty God, that you will truly and accurately interpret and translate from English into Japanese and from Japanese into English, as may be required of you, in this proceeding?

**BY MR. SAIKI:** I do.

During the time I was War Minister, the largest number of troops I had over-seas were four or five divisions of ten thousand men in each division. This was in the Spring of 1933. In March and April of 1932 there were three and one-half divisions in Shanghai, or about forty thousand men. Those in combat in Shanghai were about two divisions.

The Cabinet meeting of February or March 1932 was called by the Premier to form the Administration Committee to set up the independent state of Manchukuo. A request was transmitted from the Kwantung Army to myself asking that a government be set up to govern the state. I in turn transmitted it to the Premier. The report from the Kwantung Army stated that it was advisable to set up Henry Pu-yi as head of the Manchukuo Government. The Commander in Chief (Honjo) of the Kwantung Army sent this request. I had the power to refuse or to over-rule it if I wished to be irresponsible. I would be irresponsible, because I would have to have a better substitute method if I refused the request. I do not think my suggestion of pacification of Manchuria in December 1931 tied my hands on this request. I thought the request of the Kwantung Army would settle the Manchurian matter to the interest of all parties concerned. The proposal in the Cabinet was to carry out the request of the Kwantung Army - set up Henry Pu-yi as governor of Manchukuo.

There was already an Administration Committee formed before March 30 by the Kwantung Army. The civil population was administered by various civil governors and the four provinces were placed under one administrator, most of these men being formerly the administrators of that area. This was from the latter part of 1931 to March 1932. The various provincial governors

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submitted their plans to the Kwantung Army and these were passed upon by the Kwantung Army. The Commander-in-Chief of this army conceived and authorized this, and it was necessary only to make a report to the Tokyo government in these matters. I only gave sanction to him to the effect that if the Manchurian Incident was settled peaceably, there was no need for him to make any special request on minor matters.

Various Japanese government officials were sent to help in the organization of the Manchurian government since Manchuria did not know how to set up a well functioning government, not having had experience in the past. This was discussed in the Cabinet meeting. Various problems were brought up by the Department concerned. For instance, financial matters were brought up by TAKAHASHI.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER

I, Toshio Saiki, being sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the statements from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English, and that the above statements, consisting of one and one-fourth pages are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) Toshio Saiki

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1946

(Sgd.) Elton M. Hyder, Jr.

Elton M. Hyder, A Civilian  
Duly detailed Investigating Officer  
International Prosecution Section, GHQ, SCAP

CERTIFICATE OF INTERROGATOR

I, Elton M. Hyder, certify that on the 21st day of February, 1946, personally appeared before me Sadao Araki and according to Toshio Saiki gave the foregoing statements set forth therein.

(Sgd.) Elton M. Hyder, Jr.

Elton M. Hyder, A Civilian

- 1-Mr. Eugene Williams
- 1-Sept. Sullivan
- 1-Lt. Alexander
- 1-Miss Foster
- 1-S/Sgt. Overfelt
- 1-Mr. Jackson
- 1-Mr. J. Phillips

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

26 June 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JOHN DARSEY

FROM : Calhoun W. J. Phelps, Asst. Chief,  
Document Division

SUBJECT : Re-numbering of Interrogations of ARAKI,  
Sadao.

1. Due to the necessity of presenting to the Tribunal single copies of each interrogation, in the original, the following system of numbering of such interrogations has been set up and cross-reference should be made to your document numbers (10,001 to 10,008):

<u>Doc. No.</u>	<u>Date of Interrogation</u>
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2. It is suggested that subsequent to the initial presentation of these interrogations, you refer to them by the Tribunal exhibit number.

*Calhoun W. J. Phelps*  
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1-Lt. Alexander  
1-Miss Brunner  
1-S/Sgt. Overfelt  
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