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9 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cmdr. Cole; Mr. Wiley; Brig. Quilliam; Mr. Sutton.  
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 - Shimada

The attached information has been taken from the compiled report prepared by MIS. The report was previously classified secret however this classification has been cancelled and at the present time does not carry any classification. It will be noted that much of this information has been furnished in curriculum vitae obtained from the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

NOMURA, Kichisaburo

Info from MID report

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

Incl  
(Described above)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Admiral Kichisaburo NOMURA (Retd.): Member Privy Council; former Foreign Minister.

1887 Dec.	Born Wakayama Prefecture. Third son of Kisaburo Masuda and adopted by Nomura family. Married Hideko, sister of Tetsuo Yamagishi.
1898	Graduated Naval Academy.
1908	Lt. Commander.
1911	Attached to Embassy in Germany.
1913	Commander, <del>in</del> Washington.
1916	Naval Attache, Washington
1917	Captain.
1918	Attended Peace Conference.
1921	Attended Washington Naval Conference.
1922	Rear Admiral.
1926	Vice Admiral. Vice Chief, Naval General Staff.
1932 Feb.	Commander in Chief, Third Fleet.
1932 June	Supreme War Councilor.
1932 Oct.	Commander in Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station.
1933	Supreme War Councilor.
1933 Nov.	Admiral.
1937	Retired from active service.
*	President Peers' School.
1939-40	Foreign Minister of Abe Cabinet.
1941 Jan-Dec 7	Ambassador to United States.
1943 June	President of Central Federation of Education Association.
1944 May	Appointed member of Privy Council.
1945 June 30	Named one of leaders of Home Defense League.

Address: 40, Nampo-dai, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo.

An able, intelligent, straightforward and frank officer who spent most of his naval career ashore or in semi-diplomatic posts. A good leader of men and well liked in the Navy. One of the few officers to reach Admiral's rank without graduating from Naval Staff College.

As Foreign Minister in 1940, Nomura made a sincere effort to diminish friction with America. Ambassador Grew in Ten Years in Japan speaks of Nomura as a "man of high personal character who through long personal association had my respect and esteem." He further stated that Nomura had twice refused the Washington appointment because "he did not wish to be placed in the position of giving assurances to the American Government" which might later be invalidated through cabinet changes. After his return to Japan, Radio Tokyo in May 1942 reported Nomura as saying U.S. wished to reach a successful conclusion in Japanese-American negotiations, but sought to compel Japan to accede to its wishes by threats of force.

Lost an eye in bombing incident directed by Koreans against Japanese in Shanghai following Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1932.

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SUBJECT: NOMURA, Kichisaburo

His real name is MASUDA, as he was the 3rd son of Kisaburo MASUDA, but adopted by the late Masatane NOMURA.

1943 Jul 3 Visited Sendai on a tour of northern Japan; addressed 2,000 students at Tohoku Imperial University on the subject of 'The Way to Defeat the U. S. and Britain' / visited various war industries on July 4.

SOURCE : FCC, Daily Report, July 5, 1943.

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1943 Jul 20 Declared that the curtain is just going down for the first act of the war, in which the U.S learned from Japan the effectiveness of the Air Force, which Japanese airmen demonstrated at Hawaii and off Malaya.

SOURCE : Tokyo Radio, July 20, 1943, FCC, Daily Report, July 21, 1943.

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1944 Apr 4 Former Foreign Minister / was guest at a banquet in the official residence of Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU, at which SHIGEMITSU gave a review of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the recent Japanese-Soviet agreements and a survey of the international situation.

SOURCE : FCC, Daily Report, 5 April 1944.

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1944 Sep 2 Was Japanese Ambassador to the U. S. at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack / on 2 September 1944 he announced a 'campaign of destruction against Great Britain and America; he urged an increase in production.

SOURCE : Tokyo Radio, FCC, Daily Report, 4 September 1944.

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NOMURA, Kichisaburo (cont'd)

1932

Was Commander-in-Chief of the 3rd Fleet at the time of the Shanghai Incident.

SOURCE

: Who's Who in Japan, 1939-40, p. 695. D/G/U/C/ (a),  
Washington - red BR, 30 January 1944.

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1940 Nov 20

A message was sent by Tokyo to NOMURA in Washington stating that Nov 29 was the absolute deadline for NOMURA to reach an agreement with the U. S. "After that, things are going to happen," Tokyo bluntly informed the Japanese Ambassador. On Nov 28 another communication, known as the "winds code" and his aides..... that the war tip-off.....would come soon. If the phrases "east wind rain" were broadcast on the news program from Tokyo, it would mean that war with the U. S. would come at any moment. On Dec 4/ .... the awaited announcement came on the daily Tokyo broadcast. It was heard in Hawaii at 1:00 p.m. The key words, signalling war against the U. S., Britain, and Dutch--all three--were broadcast.

SOURCE

: Washington Merry-go-Round, by Drew Pearson.

Publication: Seattle Post Intelligencer, 5 Nov 45.

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1939 Aug -  
1940 Jul

Served as Foreign Minister in the ABE Cabinet.

Admiral, former Japanese Ambassador to Washington, encouraged over-seas Japanese in article in August issue of magazine WARTIME. "America landed troops in rapid succession at Saipan, Guam and Tinian Islands, but the decisive war is not yet fought. Besides that, America must remember that Japan is blessed with territorial advantages. America, who has boasted of her richness, is now suffering from acute shortage of materials. If persevering power is compared, the Japanese Navy far exceeds the enemy. Judging from these factors, the present situation is absolutely in favor of Japan." (F.C.C. 9/4/44).

SOURCE

: Japanese Personal Intelligence, July 10-1945, Office of War Information, OBSF.

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27 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brig. R. H. Quilliam; Cmdr C. T. Cole; Mr. R. L. Wiley  
FROM : Mr. Pedro Lopez  
SUBJECT : Witness - NOMURA, Kichisaburo (SHIMADA)

1. Attached is the decoration info on the above named witness assigned to you.

PEDRO LOPEZ  
Associate Prosecutor  
for the Philippines

27 May 1947

Name NOMURA, Kichisaburo (SHIMADA) Wakayama Prefecture. Born 16 Dec 1877

<u>Date</u>	<u>Kind of Order</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Merit</u>	<u>Commanding Ministry</u>
29 Apr 1934	2nd Order of the Golden Kite	Admiral	Manchurian Incident	Naval Ministry



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Date: 4-3-47

Name of Witness: NOMURA, Kichisaburo

Completed as to Items Numbers: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Partially completed as to Items Numbers:

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

<b>Name:</b>	NOMURA, Kichisaburo (Former name: MASUDA, Kichisaburo.)
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	16 December 1877
<b>Domicile:</b>	No. 25, Minamiaoi-cho, Wakayama City, Wakayama Prefecture.
<b>Career:</b>	
5 February 1896	Entered Naval Academy.
18 December 1897	Awarded prize for excellency in scholarship.
13 December 1898:	Graduated from Naval Academy. Appointed Midshipman. Assigned to the Hiei. Granted Imperial gift for excellency in scholarship.
2 September 1899	Assigned to the Yashima from the Hiei.
12 January 1900	Appointed Ensign. Assigned to the Fashima.
20 February	Conferred Senior 8th Court Rank.
1 May 1901	Assigned to the Mikasa from the Yashima. Appointed member of committee for bringing home the Mikasa built in England. Ordered to England.
1 October 1901	Promoted to Sub-Lieutenant, junior grade.
17 December 1901	Conferred Junior 7th Court Rank.
13 March 1902	Left England for Japan on board the Mikasa; arrived at Yokosuka on 18 May.
10 September 1902	Relieved of his post on the Mikasa; appointed acting divisional officer of the Maya.
11 December 1902	Embarked the Kongo which left the harbour in order to practise gun-firing and torpedo-discharging.
26 December 1902	Granted 1st grade salary.
23 January 1903	Relieved of his post of divisional officer of the Maya; appointed acting navigating officer of the Kongo and concurrently divisional officer of the same.
27 February 1903	Appointed acting chief Gunner of the Kongo during the grand naval manoeuver.
7 July	Relieved of his post of acting navigating

officer of the Kongo, and his concurrent post of acting divisional officer of the Kongo; appointed acting divisional officer of the Tokiwa.

26 September 1903 Promoted to Lieutenant. Appointed divisional officer of the Tokiwa.

19 December Conferred Senior 7th Court Rank.

6 February 1904 Left Sasebo to fight in Russo-Japanese War.

19 October Relieved of his post; appointed navigating officer of the Seien.

13 December Relieved of his post; assigned to Sasebo Naval Station.

12 January 1905 Relieved of the above post; appointed navigating officer of the Keijo-maru. Granted 2nd grade salary.

14 June Appointed navigating officer of the Takachiho.

21 December 1905 Relieved of above post; appointed instructor in navigation at Naval Academy and concurrently proctor.

29 December 1905 Granted 1st grade salary.

1 April 1906 Decorated with 5th class Order of Golden Kite with annuity of 300 yen and 5th class Order of Rising Sun with Double Ray in recognition of his services in the Meiji 37th-38th year War. Awarded War-medal of Meiji 37th-38th year War.

25 October 1906 Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts; appointed navigating officer of the Hashidate.

26 August 1907 Relieved of above post; appointed member of Staff of Yokosuka Naval Station.

18 December 1907 Relieved of above post; appointed navigating officer of the Chitose.

10 January 1908 Concurrently appointed divisional officer of the Chitose.

3 March Relieved of his principal and concurrent y ordered to stay in Austria.

23 May Arrived at Vienna, capital of Austria.

25 September	Promoted to Lieutenant Commander.
11 December	Conferred Junior 6th Court Rank.
23 May 1910	Transferred from Austria to be stationed in Germany.
9 May 1911	Ordered home.
19 August	Returned to Japan.
13 September	Relieved of his post in Germany; appointed commander of the Otaba.
18 June 1912	Relieved of above post; appointed member of Naval Affairs Bureau, Navy Ministry.
21 November	Decorated with 4th class Order of Sacred Treasure.
28 January 1913	Concurrently appointed adjutant of Navy Ministry and secretary to Navy Minister.
23 April 1913	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts; appointed adjutant of Navy Ministry and concurrently secretary to Navy Minister.
1 November	Promoted to Commander.
30 January 1914	Conferred Senior 6th Court Rank.
11 November	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts. Assigned to Japanese Embassy in U.S.A.
25 February 1915	Appointed supervisor of Japanese diplomatic personnel stationed in U.S.A.
7 November	Decorated with 3rd class Order of Rising Sun and granted 1,500 yen in recognition of his services in Taisho 3rd-4th Year War. Awarded War-Medal of Taisho 3rd-4th Year War.
10 November 1915	Awarded Coronation Commemoration Medal in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 154.
1 April 1917	Promoted to Captain.
20 April	Conferred Junior 5th Court Rank.
1 June 1918	Ordered home.
2 September	Relieved of supervisorship of Japanese diplomatic personnel stationed in U.S.A.

18 October	Relieved of his post; appointed Captain of the Yakumo.
10 November	Relieved of his post; assigned to Naval General Staff and concurrently member of the same.
3 December 1918	Ordered to Europe.
5 February 1919	Appointed member of Peace Plenipotentiary's suite.
12 November	Relieved of above post.
1 April 1920	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts; appointed Adjutant of Navy Ministry.
8 April	Assigned to peace treaty work (Foreign Office).
7 September	Granted 3700 yen in recognition of his services in conclusion of German peace treaty and Taisho 4th-9th year War.
22 December 1920	Allowed to accept and wear Distinguished Service Medal sent from U.S.A. Government.
22 June 1921	Allowed to accept and wear 3rd class Order of Orange N - sent from Queen of Netherlands.
23 September 1921	Allowed to accept and wear "Officer de l'ordre National de la legion d'honneur" sent from Government of French Republic.
27 September 1921	Appointed member of Plenipotentiary's suite to Washington conference.
15 October	Left Yokohama.
10 March 1922	Returned to Japan.
10 May	Conferred senior 5th Court Rank.
1 June	Promoted to Rear-Admiral. Appointed member of Naval General Staff and concurrently member of technical council, Naval Shipbuilding Headquarters. Appointed chief of 3rd division.
7 September 1920	Awarded Victory Medal.
20 June 1922	Appointed official of Crown Prince's Household.
20 September 1923	Relieved of above post.

15 September	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts. Appointed commander of 1st squadron sent abroad.
31 May 1924	Granted golden cup (in recognition of his services at Washington conference).
26 July	Decorated with 2nd class Order of Sacred Treasure.
20 April 1925	Relieved of his post; assigned to Naval General Staff and concurrently to Navy Ministry.
10 September 1925	Appointed commander of 6th Flottilla during minor naval manoeuver, 1925.
18 September	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts. Appointed chief of Education Bureau, Navy Ministry.
25 December 1925	Allowed to accept and wear 2nd class grand cordon of Cha Hua sent from Government of Chinese Republic.
1 March 1925	Granted 750 yen for his services in dispatch of troops to Siberia.
26 July 1926	Relieved of his post. Appointed Vice-Chief of Naval General Staff.
10 September 1926	Appointed judge of minor naval manoeuver, 1926.
13 October	Appointed member of Railway Conference.
1 December	Promoted to Vice-Admiral.
28 December	Conferred junior 4th Court Rank.
10 July 1927	Appointed member of Resources Council.
1 September 1927	Appointed judge of special grand naval manoeuver, 1927.
15 October	Appointed chairman of Armaments Limitation Council.
1 December	Appointed official of Imperial Household Ministry.
1 September 1928	Appointed judge of minor naval manoeuver, 1928.
10 November	Awarded Coronation Commemoration Medal in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 188, 1928.
10 December	Assigned to Naval General Staff.
12 December	Relieved of membership of Resources Council.

21 December 1928	Relieved of membership of Railway Conference.
28 December	Relieved of his post in Imperial Household Ministry.
1 February 1929	Appointed Commander of Training Squadron.
15 January 1930	Assigned to Naval General Staff and concurrently to Navy Ministry.
11 June	Relieved of above posts. Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Kure Naval Station.
1 July	Conferred Senior 4th Court Rank.
8 July	Decorated with 1st class Order of Sacred Treasure.
1 December 1931	Relieved of his post. Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Yokosuka Naval Station and concurrently member of Council of Admirals.
2 February 1932	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts. Appointed Commander-in-Chief of 3rd Fleet.
29 April	Wounded in the face (right eye-sight lost) by bomb at Imperial Birthday ceremony at New Garden, Shanghai, and entered Marines Hospital.
9 June	Left hospital and returned to ship.
28 June	Owing to above-mentioned wound, entered hospital attached to Naval Medical College for 21 days. Relieved of his post. Appointed supreme naval councillor.
10 October	Relieved of his post. Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Yokosuka Naval Station, and concurrently member of Council of Admirals.
1 March 1933	Promoted to Admiral.
15	Conferred Junior 3rd Court Rank.
15 November	Relieved of his principal and concurrent posts. Appointed Supreme Naval Councillor.
7 February 1934	Decorated with Grand Cordon of Rising Sun
1 March	Allowed to accept and wear Kenkoku Distinguished Service Medal sent from Emperor of Manchukuo.
13 March	Appointed Chairman of Committee of inquiry into causes of disaster of the torpedo-boat Tomotsuru.

- 28 April 1934 Decorated with 2nd class Order of Golden Kite (with annuity of 1000 yen) in recognition of his services in Showa 6th-9th Year War. Awarded War-Medal of Showa 6th-9th Year War.
- 21 September 1935 Allowed to accept and wear Commemoration Medal of Manchurian Emperor's visit to Japan sent from Manchurian Emperor.
- 1 March Appointed Special Inspector.
- 1 October Appointed chairman of Commission of inquiry into causes of disaster of "Red" 4th Fleet.
- 15 April 1936 Conferred Senior 3rd Court Rank.
- 13 May Appointed Councillor.
- 9 June Ordered to Manchukuo.
- 15 August Appointed judge of 3rd period manoeuver of grand naval manoeuver, 1936.
- 6 April 1937 Placed on reserve list. Appointed Principal of Peers' School. Conferred 1st class Civil Service Rank. Granted 1st grade salary (5,800 yen). Specially treated as Shinnin rank official. Appointed councillor of Peerage Bureau. Appointed member of Peers' School Council.
- 26 May 1937 Appointed member of Culture and Education Council.
- 10 December Appointed member of Education Council.
- 20 June 1938 Appointed adviser to Disabled Veterans' Relief Board.
- 25 September 1939 Appointed Foreign Minister.
- 2 October Conferred Junior 2nd Court Rank.
- 19 October Allowed to make trip to Kyoto, Nara, Miye and Aichi Prefectures.
- 7 October Relieved of membership of Education Council at his own request.
- 16 January 1940 Relieved of his post at his own request.
- 27 November Appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary. Ordered to be stationed in U.S.A.



21 December 1940	Ordered to Chinese Republic and Manchukuo.
23 December	Left Tokyo
8 January 1941	Arrived at Tokyo.
23 January	Left Tokyo.
11 February	Arrived at Washington.
29 December	Left Washington.
20 July 1942	Arrived at Lourenco Marques, Portuguese territory.
26 July	Left Above.
20 August	Arrived at Tokyo.
18 September	Relieved of being stationed in U.S.A. Ordered to serve at Foreign Office temporarily. Granted full pay while awaiting orders (Par. 2 Imperial Ordinance No. 202, 1923).
15 December 1942	Relieved of his post at his own request.