

I M T F E

The United States of America, et al

versus

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent : YANO, Mitsuji

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

No. I My personal history is as follows:

- (1) Appointed 2nd Lieutenant in Dec., 1920.
- (2) Served in a detachment unit in the Kanchumiao district and was engaged in guarding the border from February to December, 1936.
- (3) Appointed major in March, 1937.
- (4) Passed the entrance examination and entered the Mongolian course of the Tokyo Foreign Language as a government student in April, 1937.
- (5) With the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese Incident in July, 1937, I was ordered to serve in the Second Department of the General Staff Office, and was engaged in the investigation relating to matters concerning Mongolia.
- (6) I was excused from the status of a government student and was ordered to be attached to the General Staff Office in September, 1937.
- (7) Ordered to investigate matters relating to Inner Mongolia from November, 1937, to January, 1938.
- (8) Ordered to investigate matters relating to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia from September to November, 1938.
- (9) Proceeded to Kalgan as the Commander of the Investigation squad of the Japanese Army stationed in Mongolia in February, 1939, and remained there until July, 1941.
- (10) Ordered to investigate matters relating to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia (the North-eastern district of Kalgan) between June and July in 1939.
- (11) Ordered to investigate matters relating to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia (the Northern district of Ko-ho) in December, 1939.
- (12) Ordered to investigate matters relating to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia (the North-western district of Ko-ho) between June and July, 1940

No. II My official duty made me to be engaged in investigations of boundaries of various places in Manchuria and Mongolia.

Manchoukuo and the Mongolian People's Republic were originally under the same rule of the Ching dynasty. Among the systems adopted by the Ching dynasty to govern the Mongolian race, it is stipulated as follows: "In case where pasturage is carried on in the neighbourhood of a mountain or river, an "OBO" (T.N. a dwelling hut of the Mongolian race) shall be established to make it the boundary." The foregoing is clearly shown in the authoritative literature called "Mongolian topography." (Interpritation of the word "Obo" under item Festivals and manners in paragraph 7 of manners and customs in Section 9 of the second volume of the "Mongolian topography".) There is no "Obo" which is regarded as the boundary but the Haluha river between Haluha-miao and Handagaya (Pro.) bordering Hsingan Peisheng Province in Manchoukuo and Mongolian People's Republic.

No. III. (1) Among the literatures referring to the boundary between Hsingan Peisheng Province in Manchukuo and the Mongolian People's Republic, there is a book called the "History of nomadic life in Mongolia." This was written by a Chinese named Chang mu (1805-1849), who hailed from Shan-shi Province, China; and the one I have is a translation of this book into Japanese by SUSA Kakitsu. That the boundary is the Haluha River is clearly shown in this book in the following words:

"According to the Lung sha chilueh by Fang Shih-chi, 'the area from the southern part of Kanchumiao to the western part of the Haluha River belongs to Barkha (Pro.) and is originally a part of Haluha.'"
(Paragraph 2 Jarmito(Pro.) in Chapter one of Section one, Inner Mongolia.)
"The pasture lies to the north of Mt. Soyucherhchi(Pro.) and to the bank of the Haluha River." (Paragraph 1 Cho chen han, in chapter 4 of Section 2, Outer Mongolia.) and these are also clearly indicated in the map annexed to the book, which is an appendix to this affidavit marked "A".

(2) Then there is a book called "Kanchumiao" which is estimated to have been compiled about 17th year of the Republic of China(1928). This book also has a map annexed thereto. Under the paragraph position and area in the general outline of Kanchumiao in Chapter 1, the boundary of Kanchumiao (that part which draws a line of demarcation between Hsingan Peisheng Province and the Mongolian People's Republic) is explained, in the following words. "The boundary starts from Mt. Soyucherhchi (Pro.) in the south and runs towards north-west until it reaches the Haluha River, where it turns to north-east of Lake Peier, running across the center of the lake, and leads to South-west, etc. and the map annexed thereto has a similar description, according to which, the boundary between Hsingan peisheng Province and the Mongolian People's Republic is said to be the Haluha River. The map annexed to this book is made an appendix to this affidavit and is marked "B": However, the following addition is made in the same book: "Much doubt is still entertained as to the boundaries in due south, south-west and south-east. However, in the Kanchumiao district, the boundary is recognized as that which runs along the River, and in the Haluha district, the Pakunli region in the neighbourhood of the Haluga River within the boundary of Kanchumiao is recognized and regarded as belonging to the said district."

(3) Our General Staff office had a map of 1 scale of 500,000 Manchuria and Mongolia, but its original, I understand, was destroyed by fire. The appendix which is annexed to this affidavit and marked "C" is the map of 1 scale of East Asia continents compiled by the Land surveying Department, and is a part of the maps which I used during my tenure of office in the General Staff Office. According to this map, the boundary of Hsingan Peisheng Province and the Mongolian People's Republic is represented to be the Haluha River:

No. IV. I made a survey of this area in the past confirmed it myself on the spot. In October, 1938, I was ordered make a survey of the boundary of Manchuria and Mongolia and started from Harbin-Aershan(Pro.) to the Nomonhan detachment post, going along the Haluha River, after passing through Handagaya and camped out on the way. On the following day, I passed the detachment post and reached the junction of the Holsteiner River (Pro.), and bivouacked on the right-hand bank of the River. I witnessed, on both occasions, that two Outer Mongolian Mounted Guards went past along, the left bank of the Holuha River. Our bivouac was established, on these two occasions, at a place about one thousand meters from the Haluha River, with a blazing fire all through the night and our horses were turned out to grass. On the day following that, I went further on to Amkoro (Pro.) through Nomotsohrin(Pro.) interference from the Outer Mongolian side and I could confirm that the boundary was the Haluha River and, thus made a report to my superior officers to the above effect.

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth
withholding nothing and adding nothing.

YANO, Mitsuji (seal)

On this 12 day of April, 1947

At IMTFE

DEPONENT YANO, Mitsuji (seal)

I, YANO, Mitsuji hereby certify that the above statement
was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal
thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At IMTFE

Witness: (signed) KIYOSE, Ichiro (seal)

極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國其他

對

荒木 貞夫 其他

宣誓供述書

供述者

矢野光二



自分等我國ニ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ヅ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上次
ノ如ク供述致シマス

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第一 私ノ履歴ハ次ノ様アリマス

(一) 大正九年十二月 少尉任官

ホロンバイル

(二) 昭和十二年二月ヨリ同年十二月ニ至ル間、呼倫貝爾地方派遣

部隊ニ勤務シ國境ノ警備ニ服ス

(三) 昭和十二年三月 少佐ニ任セアル

(四) 昭和十三年四月試験ニ合格シ依托學生トシテ東京外國語

學校蒙古語科ニ入校

(五) 昭和十三年七月日支事変勃発後、參謀本部第三部

ニ勤務ラ命セラレ蒙古ニ関スル調査・任ズ

(六) 昭和十二年九月依托學生ヲ免セラレ參謀本部附ク命セ

アル

七、昭和十二年十一月ヨリ昭和十三年一月ニ至ル間、内蒙古地域、
(調査ヲ命ぜル)

八、昭和十三年九月ヨリ同年十一月ニ至ル間、外蒙古接壤地
域、調査ヲ命ぜル

日未?

九、昭和十四年二月駐蒙軍調査班長トシテ張家口赴任
昭和十六年七月ニ至ル

十、昭和十四年六月ヨリ七月ニ至ル間、外蒙古接壤地域（張家
口東北方地域）、調査ヲ命ぜル

厚子和
ニウツ

十一、昭和十四年十二月外蒙古接壤地域（張家口北方地域）、
調査ヲ命ぜル

十二、昭和十五年六月ヨリ七月ニ至ル間、外蒙古接壤地域（厚子和
西北方地域）、調査ヲ命ぜル

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第二 私の職務上、満蒙各地、境界、ツキ調査、任當ツテ店リ

マシタ

満洲國ト蒙古人民共和國トハ元未ハ同一清朝治下テ

アリマス、清朝が蒙古族統治、有ニ採用シタ制度中、其

定制、於テ、遊牧山河ニ近キモノハ山河ヲ以テ界トシ山河ナキ

ミハオホラ設ケテ恩トナスレトアリマス、コトハ權威アル文献

蒙古地誌ニ明ニ載ツテ居リマス（蒙古地誌下巻第九

編風俗、第七節祭礼節禮、項中、鄂博、解）

オホ

滿洲國興安北省ト蒙古人民共和國ト間ニ於テハルハ廟上

ハシタガヤレ、間六境界ト目サルベキ「オホーハ認メテレズコノ間ニ

ハルハ河ナルモノガアリマス、

手摺

第三滿洲國、興安北省ト蒙古人民共和國ト、境界ヲ徵スベキ

モノ、一ツニ蒙古遊牧記ト称スル書籍ガアリマス、ヨハ、中

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華民國山西省人、張穆（西曆一八〇五年ニ生レ一八四九年

ニ没ス）著述シタモノナシ、所持シテ居リマスモノハ須

佐嘉橋トエフ人か日本文ニ譯シタモノナアリマス、ユノ書籍

ニ、境界ハ、ハルハト河テアルコトニ左、如ク、明記シテアリマス

方式清，龍沙紀畧。枯輪海以南，喀爾喀河以西。

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第一章，第二節 札賣特部

牧地索岳爾清山，北當當川。
客爾客河，瀆入（第）

二編外蒙古第四章，第一節車臣汗部

尚本書、附圖モ明記サレテアリマス、コレヲ別紙Aトシマス

(二) 次ニ民國ナセ年頃ノ編纂本ト雅定セラレマス呼倫貝爾ト

ホロンバイル
チヲ書籍ガアリマス、ヨリ書籍ハ附圖モアリマス、而ニテ第

ホロンバイル
一章呼倫貝爾總論、位置及面積、項ニ呼倫貝爾

ムル
(興安北省ト蒙古人民共和國ト境ヲ接乞部分)、境界

ムル
關シテ南ハ索岳爾清山ヨリ起リ、其、边界西北ニ向

ムル
ツテ行き喀爾喀河ニ至ル、次テ貝爾湖、東北部ニ至リ即チ

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哈

Piers

該湖ヲ中央ヨリ穿過シ西南向ヒ行クエタトアリマスシ

又附圖ニモコレニ匹敵シテ記載ガアリマスコレニ依ル興安

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北省ト蒙古人民共和國トノ境界ハ、ハルハ河トナツテ居リマス

ヨ書籍ノ附圖ヲ別紙Bトシマス

一四三
挿入

(三) 我國、參謀本部ハ、滿蒙地方五十万分之一地圖トイフヲ

備ヘテアリマシテ其、原圖ハ、今日焼失シテ趣_{アス}。

別紙Cハ、陸地測量部編纂ノ二百五十万分之一東亞

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又同書ニ、正南、西南及东南各边界ニ至リテ今
多シ蓋シ呼倫貝爾方面、其、边界ヲ
係り沿ヒ認メ、喀爾喀方面ハ即チ呼倫貝爾境
喀河附近之一公里地帶ヲ認メ其、自ラノ有ニ歸

記セテアリマス

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大陸圖アリマシテ、私が參謀本部勤務中、使用シテキ

ト地圖一部アリマス、之ニ依ル、滿洲國與蒙古北省ト蒙

古人民共和國トノ境界ハ、ハルハ河トナツテ居リマス

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第四 私ハカツテコノ地域ヲ踏査シテコレヲ現認シマシタ

即チ昭和十三年十月、私ハ滿蒙境界、調査ヲ命ぜテ

レコハロンアルシキンヒラ木発シ、ハシタガヤヨリハルムト河ニ沿ヒ、

モンハシ分駐所ニ向ヒ其ノ途中ニ露營シ、其ノ翌日、分駐

所ヲ經テ、ホルステンエル合流矣、ニ至リ其ノ右岸地邑ニ露

營シマシタ、二日トモ外蒙監視兵二騎がハルハ河左岸

ヲ併進シタノラ目撃シマシタ、露營ハ二回共ハルハ河ヲ

走ル約廿里千メー地矣、ナ終夜、焚火ヲシ専

ハ放牧シマシタ

更ニ其ノ翌日、モトソーリンヲ經テ、アムコロニ至リマシタ

五字削除

6月13日

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）四月十二日

於極東支那軍事裁判所
攝内

矢野光二

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明

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供述者

明シマス

同日

於全州

立會人

唐松市

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宣 留 書

良心ニ從ヒ眞實ヲ述べ何事ヲモ狀秘セズ又何事ヲモ附加セザルコト
ヲ留フ

(捺署名)
(捺印)

矢野光二

矢野

Affidavit of YANO mitsuji

Mononkai &

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NO. I. My personal history is as follows:

(1) Appointed ^{2nd} Lieutenant ⁱⁿ, Dec., 1920.

(2) Served in a detachment unit in the ~~despatched~~ unit to

Kanchumiao district and ~~was engaged~~
in
~~for the~~ guarding ^{the} border, from February
December,
to ~~Dec. of~~ 1936.

(3) Appointed ⁱⁿ major, March, 1937.

(4) Passed the entrance examination

and entered the mongolian

course of the Tokyo Foreign Language

School
College as a government student in 2
April, 1937.

(5) With the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese
Incident in July, 1937, I was ordered to
investigate about Mongolia,

being ordered to serve in the Second

Department of the General Staff

July 1937 and was engaged in the
Office, after the outbreak of
investigation relating to matters
the Japan-China accident.
concerning Mongolia.

(6) I was excused from government

was ordered to be attached
student and appointed to a staff

attached to the General Staff

in
Office, September, 1937.

(7) Ordered to investigate ~~the~~^{matters relating to} Inner

Mongolia from November, 1937, to
January, 1938.

(8) Ordered to investigate ~~the~~^{matters relating to}

adjacent areas
~~adjoining land to the Outer~~

from September to November, 1938.

Mongolia (~~North Kaho~~) Dec.

(9) Proceeded to Kalgan as the Commander
of the Investigation Squad of the Japanese
Army stationed in Mongolia in February, 1939,
and remained there until July, 1941. ~~matters~~

(10) Ordered to investigate ~~the~~
relating to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia
(^{the} North-eastern district of Kalgan) between
~~adjoining land to the outer~~
June and July in 1939.

(11) Ordered to investigate matters relating to
adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia (the Northern
district of Ko-ho) in December, 1939.

(II) Ordered to investigate matters relating
~~Mongolia~~ (~~Northern West Ko-ho.~~)
 to adjacent areas to Outer Mongolia (the
 North-western district of Ko-ho) between
~~from June to July of 1940.~~
 June and July, 1940.

No II. My official made
~~I was on the duty of inspecting~~
 me to be engaged in investigations of
~~gating the borders of the various~~
 boundaries of various
 places in Manchuria and
 Mongolia.

Manchukuo and the Mongolian
~~Manchuria and Mongolia~~
 People's Republic).

were originally under the

same rule
~~government~~ of the Ching
^dDynasty.
 Among the systems adopted
~~there are the words~~

5.

in the systems adopted by the
Ching ~~dynasty to~~ government in governing the
Mongolian race, it is stipulated
~~Mongolia~~ as follows: ~~Nomadic~~

"In case where pasturage is carried on
~~people among the mountains and~~
~~in the neighbourhood of a~~
mountain or a river, the
said mountain or the river shall
~~serves fix their limit by the~~
be the boundary; whereas in case
there be no mountain or river, an
~~mountains and rivers, if there~~
"OBO" (T.N. a dwelling hut of the Mongolian
race) shall be established to make it
~~are no mountains and rivers~~
the boundary." The foregoing is clearly
~~they do by their 'Obo's' — these~~
shown in the authoritative literature
called
~~are the words from the~~
("Mongolian topography.")

~~authorized records~~ "Mongolian
Geography" (interpretation of the
 under item Festivals and
 word "Obo") ~~in the terms of the seventh~~
 manners in paragraph 7 of
~~part "Ceremony and Propriety" in the~~

~~ninth chapter Manners and~~
in Section 9 of the second volume of the
 customs: ~~of~~ "Mongolian ^{topography} ~~Geography~~.)

There is ~~only~~ the River Halaha
 and no "Obo" which is regarded
 boundary but the Halaha river
 as the border of (Lisingan Peisheng
 between Haleha-miao and Handagaya (Pro.) bordering
 Province in Manchoutuo)
 of Manchuria and Mongolian

Peoples
 Republic. between ~~Walaha-miao~~

~~47~~
and Nan-dagayd.

No. III. (1) Among the literatures referring to the boundary between Hsingan Peisheng Province in Manchoukuo and the Mongolian People's Republic,

(There is a book called the "History of Mongolian nomadic life in Mongolia." This was written by a Chinese named Chang mu (1805-1849), Peisheng of Manchuria and who hailed from Shan-si Province, Mongolian Republic. The author is a Chinese named who hailed from Shan-si Province, China, Chang mu (1805 - 1849). The

book which I have is a translation

of this book)

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(into Japanese by SUSA Kakiten.

This book states clearly ~~that~~ the boundary,

~~border~~ is the ~~River~~ ~~Naluha~~ ^{River} is clearly shown in this book in the following words:

~~follows~~.

~~It says in "Rynsa-Kiryaku"~~

"According to the Lung sha chilueh
by Fang Shih-chi, 'the area from
~~by Fang Shih-chi~~, on the southern

part of Kanchunias ~~and~~ the western ^(part) ~~of~~
~~belongs to~~ the [River] Naluha) is Barkha (Pro.)

is
and originally a part of Balha."

Paragraph 2 (in Chapter) (one of Section
(Part II Jarito (Pro.)

one, ~~the~~ Inner Mongolia)

9.

"The pasture ~~lies to the~~ north of
Mt. Soyueherhchi (Av.)
~~the~~ ~~Soyoraj~~ ^(and) to the bank of
the River Malika." (Paragraph 1)
~~Part 2~~ Cho-chen
in Chapter
of Chapter 4 of Section 2, the Outer
Mongolia) And ~~she attached~~
clearly indicated in the map annexed
to the book, (marked "A."
~~map which is the enclosed document~~
(an appendix to this affidavit)
~~it shows it, too.~~

(2) Then there is a book called
"Kanchumiao" which is ~~suspected~~ estimated to
have been ^{17th} compiled about ~~seventh~~ year
~~to be~~ (1928).
of the Republic of China) This book
also has a map annexed thereto.

It has a map, too. In the

paragraph about the position

and the area in the general

outline of Kanchumia, ⁱⁿ of Chapter I

boundary

the border of Kanchumia, ^{in the} (that part which draws a line of demarcation
between Hsingan Peisheng Province and the
Mongolian People's Republic) is explained in the
south, starts from the Sagougo ^{*}
following words: "It starts from Mt. Sojuekerhchi (Pro.)

in the south) (the boundary)

(and runs towards the north-west
along it until it reaches the Haluha River,
and to the River Walaka. Then
where it turns

it runs to the north-east of the

Lake Peier, running across
the lake, Lat ~~is~~ (through) the
center of the lake, the north-west,
and leads to South-west, etc."

annexed thereto ⁽¹¹⁾

~~etc.~~ And she map ~~has also~~ she
has a similar description, according to
~~concealed explanation. According~~
which,
~~To show~~ the ^{boundary} between ~~the~~
Province
Wingan Peisheng, and the Mongolian
People's ^{said to be}
Republic is ^{the} River. Salakha

The map annexed to this book is made
~~in this attached map is she enclosed~~
~~appendix to this affidavit and is~~
~~marked " "~~
~~document B.~~

However, the following addition is made in
~~But in~~ the same book: ~~it~~
"Much doubt is still entertained as to
the boundaries in due south, south-west
~~says~~ ~~It is not certain~~
and south-east. However, in the
~~the borders~~
~~even now about the south.~~
Kanchumiao district, the boundary is
~~the west south~~ and ~~the east south~~
recognized as that which runs along the

Probably the Kanchumiao District

River, and
~~fits the River Halaha, as its~~
in the Haluha district, the Pakunli region
border and ~~Wala~~ ~~Ha District~~
in the neighbourhood of the Haluha River
includes ~~Wachikori~~ region and
within the boundary of Kanchumiao is
~~the neighbourhood of the River~~
recognized and regarded as belonging to the
Halaha.* said district.'

(3) Our General Staff Office

had a map of $\frac{1}{500,000}$ scale

of Manchuria and Mongolia,

its original, I understand, was
but it was burned up now,
destroyed by fire.

which is annexed to this affidavit and
appendix) (marked (3)
The enclosed document, C is the
(of 1:250,000 scale)
the map of the East Asia continents/
(2,500,000 scale of)

compiled by the Land-surveying
and is a part of ^{the} maps
Department, which I used while
during my tenure of office in
attached to
I was on duty in the General

Staff office. According to this ^{map,}

boundary Province
the border of Ningan Peisheng and
the Mongolian Republic is the
People's represented to be

River: Balkhas

No. IV.

I myself made a survey
 confirmed it myself
 of this area ^{in the past} myself
 on the spot.

In October, 1938, I was ordered
 to make a boundary
 survey of the border of Manchuria

and Mongolia and started from
 the ~~post~~ detachment post,
~~?.~~ Harbin-Tershan (pro.) to Nomonhon ^a station

going
 passing Handagaya along the
 (after passing through Handagaya)
River (Salakha), camping out on

On the following day, I
 the way. ~~The next day~~ from
 passed the detachment post and reached
~~the station~~ to the junction of ~~two~~

?, River (Bo.), bivouacked,⁵
river Holstengol, and camped
right-hand) of the River.
out on the right bank. I witnessed,

occasions, Outer
on the both days that two Mongolian
mounted past along.
guards went side by side on the

left bank of the River. Halkha)

bivouac was established
Our camp, on these two occasions,
at a place about
were set one thousand meters

from the River Halkha, with a
blazing fire
we burned fires all through the

our horses were turned out
night and grazed the horses.
to grass.

Again On the following that, further on
the next day I went

to Amkord(Pro.) through Tomosorin,
Nomotosohin(Pro.).
During this trip, I received no
interference from the Outer
~~disturbed by the outer~~ Mongolian
side confirm that the boundary
(and, could certify the borders)
was ~~by the~~ ^{this} [River Nalha] and, reported
made a report to my superior officers
~~to the authorities~~ as above.
To the above effect.

On this 12 day of April, 1947

At IMTFE

DEPONENT YANO, Mitsuyi (seal)

I, YANO, Mitsuyi, hereby certify that the
above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed
his signature and seal thereto in the presence of
this witness.

On the same date

At IMTFE

Witness: (signed) KIYOSÉ, Ichiro (seal)

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell
the whole truth withholding nothing and adding
nothing.

YANO Mitsuyi (seal)

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U.S.A etc.

against

A RAKI Sadas

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent : YANO, Mitsuji

"Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

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