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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ONO, Rokuichiro,
by Mr. Brooks

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* The witness identified exhibit 3435 as his affidavit and verified it. * The affidavit stated that on 5 August 1936, he was appointed Director-General for Political Affairs of the Government-General of Korea, holding the post until 29 May 1942, and during his tenure the Governor-General was MINAMI.

The governor-general was merely a civilian, and not entitled to deal with military affairs, which were within the competence of the Commander of the Korea Army, who was directly under the Emperor's control and not under the jurisdiction of the governor-general. POW matters were under the army's jurisdiction, and the government-general never concerned itself with them.

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In exhibit 1973, there were words to the effect that the government-general and the army were both strongly desirous of interning POWs in Korea, but there was no such case on the part of the government-general. All the witness remembered was that the Korean Army requested them to find some accommodation for POWs if they were brought to Korea. The government-general had no concern with the purpose of this. * Soon after, in May 1942, MINAMI and the witness resigned and returned to Tokyo, and he did not know whether POWs were interned in Korea or the condition of their treatment.

THERE WAS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE WITNESS.

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Exhibit 3436, the affidavit of MITARAI, Tatsuo, stated * that the affiant had long been connected with various newspapers, especially as a critic of Japanese political circles. He had known MINAMI intimately for twenty years, and was called into constant consultation with him in early March 1945, when he was asked to become President of the Japan Political Society. After his appointment, the witness became his secretary.

The creation of the society was promoted by a committee of influential citizens, who pressed upon MINAMI and the witness the urgent need of its creation. They said that although the IRAA made its appearance advocating a new political structure, its character had been so frequently changed that it became a mere administrative organ of the government.

24 Nov. 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton; Col. Woolworth
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

Minami

WITNESS

ONO, Rokuichiro

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)

EPM
EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Personal History of Ōno, Rokuichirō

Commoner of SAITAMA Prefecture

Born on Oct. 1, 1887

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1907 July	Graduated from the First High School.	
1907 Sept.	Entered the Tokyo Imperial University.	
1912 July	Graduated from the Tokyo Imperial University.	
" July 18	Appointed a clerk of the AKITA Prefectural Officer.	AKITA Prefecture
	Given the 6th Class Salary.	AKITA Prefecture
	Assigned to service in the Clerical Section of the Interior Department.	AKITA Prefecture
1912 Nov.	Passed the Higher Civil Service Examination.	
1913 May 20	Assigned to additional service in the Military Training Section of the Interior Department.	AKITA Prefecture
1913 Dec. 26	Given ¥ 40 in recognition of the special efforts made in the work.	"
1914 March 31	Given ¥ 10 in recognition of the special efforts made in the work.	"
1914 July 13	Appointed a Secretary of AKITA Prefecture. Conf. Conferred the 7th Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1914 July 13	Given the 9th Class Salary.	Home Ministry
1914 July 22	Assigned a member of the Akita Prefectural Municipal Official's Disciplinary Inspection Committee according to Paragraph 2, Art. 170 of the Municipal Organization.	Home Ministry
	Assigned a member of the Akita Prefectural Town and Village Official's Disciplinary Inspection Committee according to paragraph 2, art. 150 of the Town and Village Organization.	Home Ministry

1914 Sept. 21	Given the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
1915 Dec. 21	Given the 8th Class Salary.	Home Ministry
1916 Aug. 28	Raised to the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	
" Sept. 20	Raised to the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank.	
" Nov. 7	Appointed secretary of KAGAWA Prefecture. Conferred the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Given the 8th Class Salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry
1917 June 30	Given the 7th Class Salary.	
1918 June 30	Given the 6th Class Salary.	Home Ministry
1918 Oct. 8	Promoted to the 5th rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
" Oct. 30	Conferred the 6th Court Rank of the Junior Grade.	
1919 Apr. 19	Given 5th grade salary.	Home Ministry
1920 Mar. 31	Given 4th grade salary.	Home Ministry
1921 Mar. 23	Awarded one silver cup for his great efforts relating to the First Census Project.	
1920 Aug. 18	Part of the Official Grade and Salary Regulation of the Higher Civil Service Amended. Applicable from August.	
1921 Mar. 31	Given 4th grade salary.	Home Ministry
1921 June 3	Appointed a secretary of the Home Ministry. Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Given 7th grade salary. Ordered to serve as the Chief of the 2nd section of the Social Welfare Bureau.	Cabinet Home Ministry Home Ministry
1921 July 11	Conferred with the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.	
1921 Oct. 3	Appointed a Secretary of Investigation Committee of Social Welfare Work.	Cabinet
1921 Dec. 15	Given 6th grade salary.	Home Ministry
1922 Feb. 10	Appointed acting chief of the 1st Section of the Social Welfare Bureau.	Home Ministry
1922 June 24	Relieved as Acting Chief of 1st Section of the Social Welfare Bureau.	Home Ministry

1922 Nov. 1	Appointed Secretary of the Social Welfare Bureau. Promoted to the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Given 6th grade Salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry
	Appointed as the Chief of the 1st Section and concurrently the Chief of the 2nd Section of the 2nd Department.	Home Ministry
1922 Dec. 15	Given 5th grade salary.	Home Ministry
1923 Feb. 17	Relieved from the concurrent post of Chief of the 2nd Section of the 2nd Department.	Home Ministry
1923 March 14	Ordered to serve in the 2nd Department. Relieved from the post of Chief of 1st Section of 2nd Department.	Home Ministry Home Ministry
1923 Nov. 15	Appointed the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1923 Dec. 25	Given the 4th Grade Salary.	Home Ministry
1924 Mar. 15	Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1924 Apr. 28	Ordered to become Acting Chief of the Employment Section of the 2nd Department during the Absence of Section Chief TOMITA, Aijirō who was dispatched abroad.	Home Ministry
1924 Apr. 18	Public Welfare Work Investigation Committee Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 90.	
1924 Oct. 29	Appointed Chief of the Employment Section of the 2nd Department.	Home Ministry
1924 Dec. 20	Granted the 3rd Grade Salary.	Home Ministry
1925 Jan. 17	Appointed a secretary of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee.	Home Ministry
" Feb. 14	Appointed as secretary of the Central Employment Agency Committee.	Home Ministry
1926 Apr. 21	Relieved of the duty as chief of the Employment Section of the Social Welfare Division.	Home Ministry
1926 June 30	Granted the 2nd grade salary.	Home Ministry
1926 Sept. 28	Appointed as Governor of TOKUSHIMA Prefecture. Conferred the 2nd Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Granted the 3rd grade salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry
1926 Oct. 15	Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	

1927 Mar. 22 Awarded the 4th Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.

1927 May 17 Appointed Governor of GIFU Prefecture.
Conferred the 2nd Grade of the Higher Civil Service. Cabinet
Granted the 3rd Grade Salary. Home Ministry

1928 Feb. 28 Appointed as Chief of the Social Welfare Division.
Conferred the 2nd Grade of the Higher Civil Service. Cabinet
Appointed as Chief of the Social Division. Home Ministry
Appointed as Chief of the Central Employment Agency. Home Ministry

1928 Mar. 15 Appointed member of the Central Employment Agency Committee. Cabinet

1928 Mar. 16 Appointed member of the Labour Insurance Investigation Committee. Cabinet

1928 Mar. 28 Appointed Secretary of the Population and Food Problem Investigation Committee. Cabinet

1928 Mar. 28 Appointed member of the Preparations Committee for establishing the Ministry of Oversea Affairs. (Abolished on June 8, 1929) (Not listed in the Official Gazette) Cabinet

1928 April 16 Appointed member of the Health and Hygiene Investigation Committee. Cabinet

1929 March 19 Appointed member of the Government Committee of the business under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry. Cabinet

1929 March 26 Relieved as member of the Government Committee of the business under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry. Cabinet

" July 5 Ordered to become the Acting Chief of the Labour Section, while Section Chief YUZAWA, Michio is sent abroad. Home Ministry

1929 July 19 Appointed Secretary of the Social Policy Council. Cabinet

1929 Dec. 29 Due to the Imperial Ordinance No. 398, the Organization of the Social Policy Council was abolished, and the position of secretary was also abolished.

1930 Jan. 30 Appointed a temporary member of the Council for the Treatment of those of under the obligation of military service and of disabled soldiers. Cabinet

1930 Apr. 9 Appointed member of the Central Employment Agency Committee. Cabinet

1930 Apr. 10 Due to the Imperial Ordinance No.72 the Organization of the Population and Food Problem Investigation Committee was abolished, and the post of secretary was also abolished.

1932 Jan. 29	Appointed member of the third Health Insurance Investigation Committee according to Article 106, Clause 3, No. 1 of the Health Insurance, Enforcement Law.	Cabinet
1932 Jan. 29	Appointed Superintendent-General of the Metropolitan Police. Conferred the First Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1932 Feb. 10	Appointed member of the Central Preparations Committee for the Construction of Official Buildings.	Cabinet
1932 Feb. 26	Appointed member of the International Sightseeing Committee.	Cabinet
1932 Mar. 9	Appointed President of the First Health Insurance Examination Committee of TOKYO.	Cabinet
1932 May 27	Relieved of the principal post at own request.	Cabinet
1935 Apr. 2	Entrusted unofficially with work in the War Ministry. Not Gazetted.	War Ministry
" "	Granted monthly allowance of 450 Yen. Assigned to the Headquarters of KWANTUNG Army.	War Ministry War Ministry
1935 Apr. 2	Treated as official of the CHOKUNIN Rank. Not Gazetted.	Cabinet
1935 May 11	Relieved of unofficial duty in the War Ministry at own request. Not Gazetted.	War Ministry
1935 May 11	Appointed Chief of the KWANTUNG Affairs Bureau. Conferred the First Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Granted the first class salary.	Cabinet KWANTUNG Affairs Bureau
1935 Aug. 15	Appointed Japanese delegate to the Japanese-Manchukuo Economic Commission.	Cabinet
1935 Sep. 14	Appointed member of the Opium Committee.	Cabinet
1936 Apr. 7	Relieved of the principal post at own request.	Cabinet
1936 Aug. 5	Appointed the Chief of the Civil Administration of the Korean Government General.	Cabinet
1936 Aug. 27	Appointed counsellor of the Korean Royal Family Council.	Imperial Household Ministry

1930 April 18	Ordered to become the Acting Chief of the Labour Division, while Division Chief TOMITA, Aijiro was sent abroad.	Home Ministry
1930 April 26	Appointed member of the Unemployment Prevention Committee.	Cabinet
1930 April 26	Appointed Secretary of the Unemployment Prevention Committee.	Cabinet
1930 Oct. 3	Conferred the First Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1930 Nov. 6	Decorated with the Third Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
1930 Nov. 1	Conferred the Junior Grade of the Fourth Court Rank.	
1931 March 4	Appointed member of the Government Committee of work under the jurisdiction of the Home Ministry at the 59th Session of the Imperial Diet.	Home Ministry
1931 March 18	Appointed member of government delegate to the 15th International Labour Conference held at GENEVA, Switzerland.	Cabinet
1931 Apr. 13	With the abolition of the organization of the Council for the Treatment of those under obligation of military service and of disabled soldiers in accordance with the Imperial Ordinance No.56, the post as member was also abolished.	
1931 Dec. 18	Appointed Chief of the Local Affairs Bureau of the Home Ministry. Conferred the First Rank of the Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1931 Dec. 28	Appointed temporary member for the Shrine Investigation Committee.	System Cabinet
1932 Jan.13	Appointed councillor of the Natural Resources Bureau.	Cabinet
1932 Jan. 20	Appointed temporary member of the Agriculture and Forestry Investigation Committee.	Cabinet
1932 Jan. 23	Appointed member of the Central Health Committee.	Cabinet
	Appointed member of the Health and Hygiene Investigation Committee.	Cabinet
	Appointed member for the National Park Committee.	Cabinet
	Appointed Secretary of the International Sightseeing Committee.	Cabinet

1936 Oct. 1	Conferred the Fourth Court Rank, Senior Grade.	
1936 Oct. 3	Appointed member of the Opium Committee.	Cabinet
1936 Oct. 5	Awarded the Second Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
1936 Dec. 7	Ordered to go to Manchukuo. (From Dec. 8 to Dec. 14) Not Gazetted.	Cabinet
1936 Dec. 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Overseas Affairs Ministry at the 70th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1937 July 1	Appointed temporary member of the Central Economic Conference. (This was abolished in accordance with the Imperial Ordinance No. 85 of 1938)	Cabinet
1937 July 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Overseas Affairs Ministry at the 71st Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1937 Dec. 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Overseas Affairs Ministry at the 73rd Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1938 Dec. 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Overseas Affairs Ministry at the 74th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1939 Aug. 3	Appointed member of the Temporary Council on Japanese Colonists in Manchuria.	Cabinet
1939 Dec. 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 75th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1939 Oct. 16	Conferred the 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1940 Dec. 24	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 76th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1941 Nov. 15	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 77th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1942 Jan. 20	Appointed Government Delegate for matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 79th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
" May 29	Relieved of principal post at own request.	Cabinet

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al



Sworn Deposition

Deponent ; -- Ōno, Ryokuichiro

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:

Deposition of ŌNO, Ryokuichiro

1. I, ONO, Ryokuichiro, was born on the 1st of October, 1887 (the 20th year of MEIJI) at MUTSUJI-mura, KITADA-CHI-gun, SAITAMA, Pref. I am presently living at No. 2831, KICHIJOJI, MUSASHINO-machi, TOKYO-to.
2. On August 5, 1936 (11th year of Showa), I was appointed to the post of Director-General for Political Affairs of the Government-General of Korea which I held until May 29, 1942. During my tenure of office, the Governor-General of Korea was MINAMI, Jiro.
3. The Governor-General of Korea was merely a civilian and was not entitled to deal with military affairs. Military affairs in

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Korea were within the competence of the Commander of the Korea Army who was directly under the control of the Emperor and did not come under the jurisdiction of the Governor-General.

4. Matters relating to prisoners of war was under the jurisdiction of the Army, so while MINAMI and I were in office, the Government-General never concerned itself with such matters. According to Exhibit #1973 (dated March 1st, 1942), there are words to the effect that the Government-General and the Army were both strongly desirous of interning prisoners of war in Korea, but there was no such case on the part of the Government-General. As a matter of fact, all I remember is that the Korean Army requested us to find some accommodation for prisoners of war, if they were brought to Korea. The Government-General had no concern with the purpose why prisoners of war would be brought to Korea. Soon after, in May, 1942, MINAMI and I resigned and both returned to Tokyo. Hence, I do not know whether prisoners of war were interned in Korea or how was the condition of their treatment.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1947, at Tokyo.

Deponent: /S/ ONO, Ryokuichiro(seal)

OATH

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

/S/ ONO, Ryokuichiro (seal)

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I, MATSUZAWA, Tatsuo, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in my presence on the same day and at the same place as above written.

Witness: /S/ MATSUZAWA, Tatsuo(seal)