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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Loose, shorthand record, "Secret Meeting on the May 15, 1932 Incident" explained by KOYAMA, Matsukichi (Minister of Justice) during the 63rd Session of the Diet.

Date: 27 August 1932 Original Copy Language: Jap.

Has it been translated? Yes No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL: IPS Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Diet

PERSONS IMPLICATED: OKAWA, Shumei; KOYAMA, Matsukichi.

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: May 15th Incident.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS:

Minister of Justice KOYAMA, Matsukichi reports on the May 15th Incident, explaining the beginning of the plot as planned among farmers and the members of the secret society, "Temple of Defense of the Fatherland" (GOKOKUDO). The "Party of Assassination" (KETSUMEIDAN) is described as having been organized for the purpose of removing corruption in political circles through assassination of prominent political figures.

OKAWA, Shumei, at that time Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Economic Investigation Bureau of East Asia, is reported to have been the leader of the May 15th Incident and to have prepared pistols, bullets, and money to be given to the defendants.

The remaining part of KOYAMA's report consists of the naming of the participants and a description of their organization into three groups under the leadership of sub-Lt. MIKAMI, sub-Lt. KOGA, and sub-Lt. NAKAMURA and a listing of the political figures these three groups were responsible for assassinating.

Detailed scanning notes are attached to the document for reference.

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