

EXHIBIT NO. 3204

(8)

THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL

vs.

ARAKI, SIDAO, ET AL

Affidavit of

OIKAWA, Koshiro

I was the Navy Minister for the Second and Third Konoe Cabinets.

In or about September 1941, Lt. General Ushirogu, Chief of Staff of the China Expeditionary Forces, called upon me at the Navy Minister's Office as a messenger dispatched from General Hata, Shunroku, the Commander in Chief of the China Expeditionary Forces, with the following message from General Hata:

Recently, relations between America and Japan have been deteriorating. America is opposed to Japan's stationing her troops in China. I believe that in order to avoid a clash with America, we must withdraw all our troops from China. I heartily request you to do your utmost as Navy Minister to prevent a conflict between America and Japan.

OATH

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

OIKAWA, Koshiro (Seal)

On the 19th day of September, 1947, at Tokyo

Deponent: OIKAWA, Koshiro (Seal)

I, KANZAKI, Masayoshi, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date,
at Tokyo

Witness: KANZAKI, Masayoshi (Seal)

THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER OF PROOF

HATA, Shunroku - Individual Phase

Dr. Kanzaki, Masayoshi - Aristides G. Lazarus

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