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Written Report by OKAWA to Presiding

Judge KAMIGAKI [summary]

I beg you to approve the following my complaint for

the prosecution which is untrue somewhere as far as

I am concerned.

The prosecutor gave the reason that I had had a desire

to carry out the national reformation and have been doing my

for many years

utmost to realize it under the belief that the only way

to accomplish my purpose is to resort to direct action,

that is, force, for which reason he demanded I

should be punished severely. I apparently desire to

see the national reformation, but don't think at all

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that a direct action is necessary to attain the above.

My thought is expressed in my many works, which would prove that I did not make a bit of suggestions of a direct

action. What I have done for the past more than ten

years is not the so-called reformation movement, but is

the mental preparation. As my work "The Study of

' Japanese Spirit ' says, I warned the rising generation

not to be engaged in a social or reformation movements,

but made them do their best to cultivate the

Japanese spirit. However, the prosecutor, on the

ground that I took part in the March Incident and October

Incident, drew the above mentioned conclusion about my thought.

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I merely sympathized with the insurgents in their thought and my role played in the incidents was very slight.

You might ask ^{me} why I had five pistols in possession.

To this question, I will answer that these pistols were to repay his kindness, bought at an exorbitant price from a Chinese, who served

me sincerely during my stay in Manchuria. I gave them

to Koga in compliance with his request when he came

and opened his heart that he would like to do a

task at the risk of his life in order to pave the way

for national reformation in co-operation with the

farmers of Ibaragi Prefecture and several naval

officers. I neither gave any supply more than that,

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nor Koga and the naval officers did expect anything else
of me.

The prosecutor attaches great importance to this material support.

Should they have been influenced in mind so much

by this assistance, Koga must have consulted me more

in particular and frankly, and ought to have asked

me for more positive aid.

I hope I would be tried strictly in accordance with

the Japanese law merely for my giving pistols and

money to them, but not politically.

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This written explanation, addressed to KAMIGAKI, Shuroku, of the Tokyo District Court, Seventh Criminal Section is attempt by OKAWA to deny charges he plotted armed revolution.

Claims he wanted to reorganize state, "convinced of Japan's divine mission in world history," but did not advocate use of force. (Section 9, pp. 4-6)

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SUMMARY of RELEVANT POINTS:

A written report to Presiding Judge KAMIGAKI by
OKAWA. OKAWA said that even though he desired
to see a national reformation and worked for it,
he did not think that force should be exercised.
He called his means "mental preparation". On
the matter of pistols, he said he bought them

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for a Chinese friend to repay for business done
during his Manchuria stay and has given them
to KOGA upon being requested. He appealed
for judgment on the fact that he gave money
and funds but not on the ground that he had
political relations with the perpetrators.

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26 August 1947

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(Attention: Miss Mattison)

FROM: RICHARD H. LARSH,
Investigator, ID-IPS.

SUBJECT: IPS Documents 1907, 1919, and 1908.

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