

14 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

SOGO, Shinji

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)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN
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CURRICULUM VITAE OF SOMIYA, Shinji

Prefecture and Social Status: GIFU Prefecture; Commoner
Date of Birth: January 1, 1894

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- 1917 Dec Passed the 1st Judicial Service Examination
- Dec 28 Appointed a probationary judge (Justice Ministry)
Ordered to serve as apprentice at the NAGOYA Local Court
and its Public Prosecutor's Office as well as the
NAGOYA District Court and its Public Prosecutor's
Office.
Granted an annual stipend of three hundred Yen.
- 1918 Jul 1 Appointed Deputy Public Prosecutor of the NAGOYA District
Court.
- Jul 5 Granted an annual stipend of four hundred and twenty Yen.
(Justice Ministry)
- Nov 1 Relieved of duties as Deputy Public Prosecutor of the
NAGOYA District Court (Justice Ministry)
- Dec 20 Granted an annual stipend of five hundred and forty Yen.
(Justice Ministry)
- 1919 Jul 29 Appointed a Judge.
Raised to the 7th Rank of the Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet)
Appointed a Preliminary Judge. (Justice Ministry)
Ordered to serve at the NAGOYA Local Court and concurrently
at the NAGOYA District Court. (Justice Ministry)
- Aug 30 Conferred the Junior 7th Grade of Imperial Court Rank.
- Jul 29 Granted an annual stipend of 600 Yen.
- Sep 5 Appointed a Judge of the NAGANO Local Court and concurrently
a Judge of the NAGANO District Court (Justice Ministry)
Granted the 10th grade salary. (")
- 1920 Apr 6 Placed on the retired list. (")
- May Admitted to the bar.
- 1922 Dec 20 Ordered to study Commercial Law for three years in GERMANY
and GREAT BRITAIN (NIHON University)
- 1924 July Returned to JAPAN.

1927 Lecturer of NIHON University; took charge of Civil
 Law and ENGLISH Law. (NIHON University)

1937 Resigned from same.

1939 Apr 9 Given the degree of LLD (CHUO University)

1942 Mar 31 Name cancelled from Lawyer's Register.

1942 Apr 6 Appointed a Military Civil Administrator.
 Raised to the 3rd Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet)

1942 Apr 15 Conferred the Junior 5th Grade of the Imperial Court
 Rank.

1944 Mar 11 Relieved of main post on request. (Cabinet)

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao et al



Sworn Deposition

Deponent : -- SOGO, Shinji

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.

I live at No. 26, 2-Chome, Yumi-machi, Hongo-ku, Tokyo-to. I am serving as President of the Governmental Railway Relief Association, a charity foundation as I have had some connection with railway works for the past few decades.

I worked as a director in the South Manchuria Railway Company for full four years from July 1930 to July 1934. About May in 1931, Mr. UGHIDA, Yasuya assumed the Presidency of the company succeeding Mr. SENGOKU, Mitsugu who had retired from office on account of his illness. It was the custom then that, when a presidential change was made, the incoming President would invite separately every Minister and his staff, and, in return, every Minister would invite the

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managing staff of the company. The Asahi Newspaper report on July 1, 1931, to the effect that War Minister MINAMI invited to his official residence President UCHIDA and all the directors of the S. M. R. Company was nothing more than this customary return invitation. These conventional parties meant nothing but formalities.

On this 19 day of February, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT SOGO, Shinji (seal)

I, KONDO, Giichi, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Depoent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: (signed) KONDO, Giichi (seal)

OATH

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

/s/ SOGO, Shinji (seal)