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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

RAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: YAMAMOTO, Kumaichi

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, YAMAMOTO, Kumaichi, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is No. 9, 3-chome, Shimouma-machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.
2. I was appointed on 2 September 1940 the Director of the East-Asiatic Department of the Foreign Office. I held concurrently the post of the Director of the American Department since 28, October 1941, and was the Vice Foreign Minister from 18 September 1942 until 31 October of the year.
3. As I was one of the highest responsible officials of the Foreign Office during the above-mentioned period, I saw

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all important telegrams sent from Ambassador OSHIMA to the Foreign Office. It is a fact that after the outbreak of the German Russian War several reports arrived from Ambassador OSHIMA to the effect that Germany was desirous of a Japanese attack on Soviet Russia. However, I do not remember that OSHIMA ever advocated as his personal opinion such an attack positively to the Japanese Government.

On this 30 day of Jan. 1948.

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT: /s/ YAMAMOTO, Kumaichi (seal)

I, SHIMANOUCI, Tatsuki, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: /s/ SHIMANOUCI, Tatsuki (seal)

OATH

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

/s/ YAMAMOTO, Kumaichi (seal)

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宣誓供述書

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供述者 山本熊一

私、山本熊一は宣誓して次の通り供述する。

一、私の現住所は東京都世田谷区下馬町三丁目九番地である。

二、私は一九四〇年九月二日外務省東亞局長に任ぜられ、一九四一年十月二十八日亞米利加局長を兼務し、一九四二年九月十八日以降同年十月三十一日迄外務次官であつた。

三、私は石期間、外務省の幹部であつた關係上、大島大使より外務省に宛てられた電報の重要なものは閱見して居た。獨蘇開戦後、大島大使より獨逸は日本の蘇聯攻撃を希望してゐるといふ報告が何回かあつたことは事實である。然し乍ら大島氏個人の意見として斯かる攻撃を積極的に日本政府に進言して來たことは記憶しない。

昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月三十日 於東京

供述者 山本 熊一

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス。

同日於同所

立會人 島内 龍起

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