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Q. During these Liaison Conferences in which the above matters were mentioned subsequent to the Hull Note, could you give me the names of those individuals at the Liaison Conference that supported the view that Japan must wage war with the United States and those members who were against the waging of war with the United States?

A. I cannot point out who were for war and the were not at that time, but after the message was received from the United States, the majority of the Liaison Conference members became very pessimistic for a peaceful outcome, but still I remember well that at that conference the decision was that Japan should take further steps to try to negotiate peace without going to war.

Q. What was the name of the individual who made that proposal?

A. The two I remember well, besides others, were TCGO, the FOREIGN MINISTER and KAYA, the Finance Minister, who were strong to continue negotiations.

Mr. Morgan: Do you solemnly swear, by the Almighty God, that you will truly and accurately interpret and translate from English into Japanese and from Japanese into English, as may be required of you in this proceeding?

Lt. Comdr. Hugging: I do.

Voluntary statement by General Muto: When you asked me this morning about who was particularly interested in carrying on peaceful negotiations with the United States,

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I gave you the names of Togo and Kaya; and I believe that they felt this way around the time that the note from the United States was handed to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington. However, as I think about it, the dates are wrong, and these men were particularly interested in negotiations around the end of October or the beginning of November and not later, as I said this morning.