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私ハ成年ニ達シテ居リ島根縣簸川郡大社町稻佐ニ居住シテ
居リマス。

一、私ハ一九三六年八月ヨリ一九三八年六月迄又一九三九年十二月ヨリ一九四一年十二月迄兩度倫敦日本大使館附陸軍武官デアリマシタ。第二面目ハ重光氏が駐英大使ノ時代デアリマス。

二、私ハ累次親シク重光大使ト會見シテ、同氏が豫テ三國同盟締結ヲ遺憾トシ殊ニ日本ガ樞軸側ニ立ワテ歐洲戰爭ニ介入スルガ如キコトハ絶対ニ反対デ何トカシテ此ノ形勢ヲ阻止シタイト苦慮シテ居タコトヲ知ツテ居マス。

一九四一年四月松岡外相ガ独伊訪問ノ為歐洲ニ参リマシタノニ、重光氏ハ歐洲ノ中立國ニ於テ松岡氏ト會見シ歐洲戰爭ニハイラナイヤウ外相ヲ説得スル意向デアアル旨當時私ニ話シマシタ。重光氏ノ考

ハ飛行機デ「ホルトガル」ノ「リスボン」迄行キソレカラ陸路「スイス」ニ赴イテ外
 相ト會見シヨウト云フデアリマシタ。重光氏が私ニ対シ述ベタヤウニ松
 岡氏ヲ説得スルタメニハ特ニ英佛ガ如何ナル場合ニモ敗北セザルベシトノ自
 分ノ見解ヲ述ベルガ目的デアリマシタ。私ハ事柄ガ當時ノ歐洲軍事
 狀勢ニ関スルモノデアリ、氏が私ノ意見ヲ徴シマシタノデ、コソトヲ知ツテ居
 マスシ、又私ハ英佛ガ究極ニ於テ敗北シナイデアラウト云フ氏ノ意見ニ同意デ
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 事専門家ノ意見ヲ聞カセルコトガヨイト思フト述ベ、私ヲ同伴スル意
 向デアリマシタ。然シ大ニ遺憾ナキトハ氏ハ計畫ヲ取ヤメ、不バナラチ
 カワタ、ソレハ「フランス」ガ独逸軍ノ占領下ニ在ルデ駐英大使ト

シテ氏が南フランスヲ通ツテリスボンカラスウイスニ行クノ心思ヒ
ガケヌ日子ヲ要スルニ松岡氏ハソシナニ長ク政洲ニ滞在スルコトハ出
来ナカツタノデアリマシタ。

三、重光氏ハ一九四一年五月本國政府ヨリ歸朝命令ニ接シマシタ。七
月倫敦ヲ出發スル時氏ハ歸朝ノ上日本ノ戦争介入ヲ阻止スル為、全
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昭和二十二年（一九四七年）十一月十八日 於東京

供述者

辰巳榮一 氏

右ハ當立命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

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al)
vs)
ARAKI, Sadao, et al)

A F F I D A V E T

TATSUMI, YEIICHI

I, TATSUMI, Yeiichi, after having been duly sworn according to the Japanese formula, make the following statement of my own free will:

I am 52 years of age and reside at Inasa, Taishamachi, Hikawa-gun, Shimane Prefecture.

1. I was twice the Japanese Military Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in London, from August, 1936 to June, 1938, and from December, 1939 to December, 1941. The second time was when Mr. Shigemitsu was Japanese Ambassador to The Court of St. James's.

2. I know from my frequent personal talks with Ambassador Shigemitsu that he regretted the conclusion of the Tripartite Pact, that, in particular, he was absolutely opposed to Japan's entry into the European War on the side of the Axis Powers, and that he strained every nerve in order to check such situation from arising.

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3. In May, 1941, Mr. Shigemitsu was recalled by his home Government. When he left London in July, he was full of enthusiasm, stating to me that he would make every effort, upon his return to Japan, to prevent her from entering the War, and that he hoped very much that he would be successful. I was in entire accord with his idea. So was Admiral Kondo, the Naval Attaché.

On this 18th day of Nov., 1947.
At Tokyo

DEPONENT Tatsumi, Yeichi (Seal)

I, Miura, Kazuichi, 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 the same place

Witness: (Signed) Kazuichi Miura (Seal)

OATH

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