De de No. 626 B -1 INTERROGATION TOJO Hideki 0945 - 1100 hours 2 November 1946 Time: Sugamo Prison Place: General Hideki TOJO Present: Mr. J. C. Howard Mr. T. Shiobara Mr. Akira Abe Mr. Y. Kawamoto Lt. D. W. Parsons Mr. G. F. Blewett Miss Helen J. Dogul Mr. Tameo Hongo Questions by Mr. Howard: Q. Before General TOJO became Vice Minister of War, did he and General KIMURA have any relations with each other,

- either business, social or political?
- I had no relations with KIMURA, social or political -only on business, no social or political.
- Was KIMURA Chief of the Ordnance Branch for 7 months while you were Vice Minister?
- A. Yes.
- Did KIMURA have many transactions with you during this time?
- A. Yes. On business relations.
- Q. What kind of matters did KIMURA deal with at this time?
- A. Only on ordnance technical matters.
- Was there a prefectural military clique from Saitama Q. Prefecture?
- No, there was none.
- Were there any famous military seniors from Saitama Prefecture?

- A. I had no knowledge about this military clique. I did not know KIMURA was from this Prefecture.
- Q. Did KIMURA have business and social connections with the graduates of the Staff College?
- A. KIMURA had business connections with graduates of Staff College. No social connections.
- Q. Did KIMURA at any time take any interest in politics, economics or diplomacy?
- A. KIMURA did not seem to be interested in politics, economics, or diplomacy.
- Q. When KIMURA was Vice Minister, did he formulate policies or advise in their formulation?
- A. KIMURA did everything according to my order and had nothing to do with Imperial conferences and liaison conferences. Yesterday's (November 1st) opening statement, KIMURA was mentioned in connection with Imperial conferences and that is a mistake.
- Q. In what manner did KIMURA, while he was Vice Minister, assist the War Minister?
- A. On business matters, only technically.
- Q. Why was KIMURA retained as Vice Minister in the TOJO Cabinet from the KONOYE Cabinet?
- A. Vice Minister is generally not changed because of the change of the Cabinet, because the inside matters of the army have nothing to do with the change of the Cabinet.
- Q. Why was KIMURA removed from the position of Vice War Minister?
- A. Because KIMURA was expert in ordnance technical matters and besides he had experience as Vice Minister and when the war came they established a headquarters of the ordnance so as a head of that headquarters, they needed such a person as KIMURA who was an expert of ordnance technical matters. Having general knowledge of the army, KIMURA was the most fitted to that post so they removed him from Vice War Minister to Chief of Ordnance Administration.

- Q. Why was KIMURA appointed Commander in Chief of the Army in Burma?
- A. I do not know this quite clear.
- Q. Did the Vice Minister of War have the right to hire or discharge employees, either in the army or in the ministry?
- A. No.
- Q. Did the Vice War Minister have the authority to punish those in the army or ministry who do not obey instructions from the War Ministry?
- A. The Vice Minister has not the right.
- Q. Did the War Minister have the authority to punish men in the army and in the War Ministry for disobeying of instructions?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did the chiefs of the bureaus in the War Ministry have the right to punish or dismiss anyone?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Suppose some general in the army in China disobeyed instructions from the War Ministry, who would have the authority to dismiss or punish him?
- A. The authority to dismiss is in the hands of the War Ministry but authority to punish is only in the hands of the Emperor. General officers may not be dismissed without permission of the Emperor.
- Q. Who is directly responsible to the War Minister for the management of business in each of the bureaus and departments in the War Ministry?
- A. Sometimes it comes to the War Minister directly without the Vice Minister handling it, but generally the Vice Minister must manage it. But chiefs of the bureaus and departments are responsible to the War Minister directly concerning their management of business.

what manner did the Vice Minister handle the business ween Bureau Chiefs?

age the schedule of handling various matters with the pose of eliminating friction between bureau chiefs but cometimes things came from bureau chiefs directly to the War Minister -- especially concerning personnel matters.

- Q. Was it customary for various notifications and orders be issued by the Vice Minister of War by order of the War Minister?
- A. Yes. It was customary -- officially sometimes in the name of the War Minister and sometimes in the name of the Vice Minister. This is in the regulations of handling of matters. It is a form of issuing of orders and all responsibility would come to War Minister for all these matters.
- Q. Who made the important decisions?
- A. The most important were decided by the War Minister.
- Q. Were orders or notifications by order that were issued by the Vice Minister of War concerning prisoner of war made after decisions had been made by the War Ministry other than the Vice War Minister?
- A. The order in the name of the Vice Minister was issued after the decision was made by the War Minister. Orders concerning treatment of prisoner of war were decided by the War Minister and issued in the name of the Vice Minister.
- Q. Did KIMURA take any part in planning of the attack on Pearl Harbor?
- A. No, he did not.
- Q. Was KIMURA informed that the attack was to be made?
- A. I do not remember.
- Q. Was the Chief of the prisoner of war management department responsible for the functions of that department?
- A. Yes. The Chief of the prisoner of war department, not the Vice Minister.
- Q. Were most of the prisoner of war matters decided by the War Minister and the Chief of the Bureau without the aid of the Vice War Minister?
- A. They were decided by the Chief of the prisoner of war department.

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- Q. While KIMURA was Vice War Minister, were the chiefs of the bureaus responsible to the War Minister directly?
- A. Literally speaking, chiefs of the bureaus were responsible to the War Minister directly. This is clear in the written organization.
- Q. What were the duties of the Vice War Minister?
- A. The management of the various business technical matters under the direction of the War Minister and assist War Minister and supervise business of various bureaus. This is written in the written organization of the army.
- Q. Was the Bureau of Military Affairs the center of the War Ministry and the controlling point in the War Ministry?
- A. Bureau of Military Affairs cannot be said as the center of the War Ministry because each bureau is equally subordinated to the War Minister so we cannot say Bureau of Military Affairs is the center.

 However, the Bureau of Military Affairs naturally assumed a very important position among the other bureaus because it can control the budget and other important matters but officially it cannot be said that it is a center of the War Ministry.
- Q. At the time KIMURA became Vice War Minister, were the War Minister and the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs well informed in the matters pertaining to their offices?
- A. This cannot be answered by myself, but concerning Chief of Bureau of Military Affairs, he was a very able and efficient man.
- Q. Were the chiefs of the bureaus able men and capable of handling their duties at the time KIMURA became Vice War Minister?
- A. Naturally yes.
- Q. Did KIMURA let each Bureau Chief handle the affairs of his bureau without interference on his part?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Had the War Minister, the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs and the other Chiefs of other Bureaus been in their positions for many months when KIMURA became Vice War Minister?

As a confidential answer, it has no power at all but it

not important. Socially it is important but actually

Q. Did the War Ministry plan or execute military operations?

Q. Did the War Ministry handle the administrative matters?

Q. Who made up records of the efficiency of officers in the

Q. Are there any other former vice ministers of any ministry

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- Q. In the meetings with the War Minister and Bureau Chiefs, did KIMURA take an active part?
- A. No, he was not active. The Vice Minister never could influence me.
- Q. Was it agreed between the War Minister, the Vice War Minister and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau that almost all matters of which the Military Affairs Bureau had charge, especially the matters on policy, would be decided directly between the Minister and the Chief of the Bureau directly?
- A. There was no official agreement. However, as I mentioned before the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau has direct responsibility to the War Minister, therefore he had many decisions directly with War Minister.
- Q. Did KIMURA have anything to do with the preparations or planning of matters to be presented at a council in the Imperial presence or a Liaison conference?
- A. No.
- Q. Was KIMURA always informed as to what happened at such conferences?
- A. KIMURA had nothing to do with these conferences. Whether he got a report or not, I cannot answer.

Interrogation dated 2nd November 1946, Hideki TOJO Certificate of Interpreter Tameo Hongo , being sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English respectively, and that the above transcription of such questions and answers, consisting of seven pages, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Tameo Hongo Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18. day of November 1946. David W. Parsons, 1st It. Inf. Investigating Officer for Defense of Major War Criminals Certificate of Stenographer I, Helen J. Dogul , hereby certify that I acted as stenographer at the interrogation set out above, and that I transcribed the foregoing questions and answers, and that the transcription is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Helen J. Dogul Certificate of Investigator I, David W. Parsons, 1st Lt., Inf. 0244429 , certify that on the 2nd day of November 1946, personally appeared before me Hideki TOJO and according to Tameo Hongo, Interpreter, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein. David W. Parsons, 1st Lt. Inf. 0244429 Investigating Officer for Tokyo, Japan Defense of Major War Criminals (Place)

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