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C E R T I F I C A T E

The undersigned CHARLES JONGENEEL, first Lieutenant R.N.I.A., head of the War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NEFIS) being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed document, entitled:

"Statement of Dr. C.O. van der Plas, Batavia, Political Adviser to the Netherlands Indies Government, dated 22 June 1946",

has been taken from the official records of the NEFIS.

/s/ Charles Jongeneel

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June 25th. 1946

Subscribed and sworn to before me K. A. de WEERD, LL.D. First Lieutenant R.N.I.A., Senior official attached to the Office of the Attorney-General N.I.I.

/s/ K. A. de Weerd

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[ S t a t e m e n t ]

of Dr. Ch. O. van der PLAS, Batavia, political adviser to the Netherlands Indies Government.

Duly sworn, Dr. Ch.O. van der PLAS states:  
I am 55 years of age, of Netherlands nationality.  
My permanent home is Batavia, where I am living at present.

On September 15, 1945, I arrived on the British cruiser "Cumberland" at Batavia, in my function of representative of the Netherlands Indies Government with C.S.5 Rear Admiral Patterson, on which day Major General YAMAMOTO came on board as Chief of General Staff, in order to receive instructions concerning the Japanese preparations for internment as prisoners of war;

A few days later, the Red Cross, I think it was the British Red Cross at KANDY, requested British Rear Admiral PATTERSON, Chief Allied Officer in Command, to inquire into the execution at SOERABAYA, after Japan's capitulation on August 15th, of a number of Dutch and Chinese for political activities against the Japanese.

On a date between September 23 and 26 a letter was received from General YAMAMOTO in reply to the British request for information, in which, while enclosing a list of names, he admitted the fact of the execution, and stated to have granted fiat (order) for the execution on a date between August 22 and 25, which letter and list were shown to me and were read by me.

I have been informed, before September 27th, that General YAMAMOTO had claimed back his letter in order to make a few changes in same;

I have not seen the new letter from General YAMAMOTO, but heard from Admiral PATTERSON's secretary that only slight alterations were made in the list of names;

This communication was made to me on one of the last days of September, in any case before October 4th;

I remember that the list of names contained for the major part Dutch names and a minority of Chinese names and that on the first list one person appeared whose offence, had not been political action, but an ordinary offence, namely rape and manslaughter. This was a Chinese. The number of people executed I do not remember with positiveness, but I seem to remember there were 19.]



I presume that the Red Cross will have more details and that British Field Quarters positively must have them, as the relative documents went over to AFNEI.

Made out according to the full and complete truth, at Batavia, June 22nd. 1946.

/s/ van der Plas

Sworn and subscribed before me, K. A. de Weerd, 1st Lieutenant R.N.I.A., Senior official attached to the Office of the Attorney General, N.E.I.

/s/ K. A. de Weerd