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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Treatment of Prisoners of War

1. Prior to commencing the Westward advance to Japan, all Naval personnel were directed to comply with the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929.

2. In my capacity as Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean areas from immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor until after the termination of hostilities, and since that time as Chief of Naval Operations, I can state categorically that to the best of my knowledge and belief, Japanese Prisoners of War were treated in conformity with the spirit and letter of the Geneva Convention of 1929.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. W. Nimitz".

C. W. NIMITZ
Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Affidavit of Fleet Admiral C. W. NIMITZ, UNN, on Compliance with Geneva POW Convention

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Has it been translated? Yes No

Has it been photostated? Yes No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Office of Chief of Naval Operations,
Washington, D.C.

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Geneva POW Convention

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Admiral Nimitz affirms that a) all Naval personnel were instructed to comply with the Geneva POW convention of 1929, and b) that Japanese POWs were treated in conformity with letter and spirit of the convention at all times.

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