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Extract from Interrogation of UTO, Akira
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- Q. General, you agreed with TOJO on all his policies since the time that TOJO became Premier in October 1941 and up to the time you resigned as Director of the Military Affairs Bureau, did you not?
- A. The Cabinet was unanimous. I only recollect matters up to April 1942. After this date I know nothing because I was sent to the Front.
- Q. Then your answer is that you did agree completely with TOJO?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And that is particularly with reference to the relations with the United States and Great Britain?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Going back to the Imperial Rescript which you said you had a hand in its preparation, can you tell us who were the others who helped prepare the Imperial Rescript declaring war against the United States?
- A. OKA, HOSHINO and myself prepared the draft of the Imperial Rescript to be handed to the Liaison Conference for approval. This was altered considerably by the Liaison Conference.
- Q. OKA, HOSHINO and yourself were the Committee created to make the draft?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Admiral OKA represented the Navy, Mr. HOSHINO represented the Liaison Conference, and yourself represented the War Ministry?
- A. I remember that there was a representative from the Foreign Office who also participated. I think his name was YAMAGOTO.

Q. But you represented the Army, Mr. OKA represented the Navy, and Mr. HOSHINO as Chief Secretary of the Liaison Conference represented the Liaison Conference.

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A. Yes

Q. The Committee of which you were a member prepared a draft and submitted the draft to the Liaison Conference.

A. Yes, this was submitted to the Liaison Conference.