

Translated by J. Kondo

Checked by Teikichi YAMAMOTO

1.

Status: Commoner, Nagasaki Prefecture

Birth: 17 December 1890

Name: KONDO, Shunsuke

1904 Apr 6 | Entered the Yukokan, a <sup>public</sup> prefectural  
middle-school of Nagasaki Prefecture

1909 Mar 23 | Graduated from the above school

1909 Sep 11 | Entered the 5th High School

1911 Sep 11 | Elected an exhibitor in the  
above school

1912 Jun | Graduated from the above school

1912 Jul | Entered the Political Science Department  
of the Law College of the Tokyo Imperial

University

1915 Oct 25 | Passed the Higher Civil Service Examination

1916 May 12. Graduated from the Political Science  
 Department of the Law College of the Tokyo  
 Imperial University

1916 May 27 : Appointed a police inspector of the  
~~Tokyo~~ Metropolitan Police Board (M.P.B.)  
 ; Granted <sup>the</sup> 7th Class Salary (M.P.B.) ;  
 Assigned to the Peace Maintenance Section of  
 the Peace Maintenance Department (M.P.B.)

1917 Jan 26 | Appointed <sup>the</sup> chief of the <sup>Investigation</sup> ~~Sub~~  
 Section, of the Document Division of the  
 Police Commissioner's Secretariate (M.P.B.)

1917 Sep 1. Appointed <sup>as</sup> a clerk of the Metropolitan  
 Police Board and concurrently <sup>as</sup> a police  
 inspector (M.P.B.) ; Awarded <sup>the</sup> ~~7th~~ <sup>6th</sup>

Class Salary (M.P.B.) ; Appointed  
the chief of the Peace Maintenance Section,  
of the Peace Maintenance Department (M.P.B.)

1917 Sep 11 Concurrently ~~additionally~~ appointed a police  
superintendent ; Conferred 7th Rank  
of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials (Cabinet) ; Assigned  
to the Peace Maintenance Department  
(Home Ministry)

1917 Oct 10 Conferred <sup>the</sup> 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1918 Jun 15 Relieved of <sup>all</sup> duties except ~~that of a~~ <sup>that of</sup>  
police superintendent ; Awarded 9th  
Class Salary ; Appointed chief of  
the Nihombashi-Horidome Police Station.

1919 Jul 14 Awarded 8th Class Salary (Home Ministry)

- 1919 Aug 19 Appointed chief of the Shiba-Mita  
Police Station.
- 1919 Oct 11 Promoted to <sup>the</sup> 6th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials  
(Cabinet)
- 1919 Nov 10 Raised to ~~conferred~~ 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade  
(Cabinet)
- 1919 Dec 20 Awarded 7th Class Salary
- 1920 Mar 31 Appointed chief of the Fukagawa-Nishikirano  
Station.  
Police (Home Ministry)
- 1920 Aug 18 ~~amendment~~ <sup>amendment</sup> of the Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials' Salary Regulation  
~~to be~~ <sup>to be</sup> enforced as ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ August.  
annual salary <sup>of</sup>
- 1920 Dec 15 Awarded an ~~amount~~ <sup>amount</sup> of ¥ 1,770.00  
(Home Ministry)
- 1921 Mar 31 Awarded the 7th Class Salary (Home Ministry)

- 1921 Jul 22 Appointed commissioner of the Kochi Prefecture; Conferred 6th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials (Cabinet); Awarded 6th Class Salary
- 1921 Oct 27 Promoted to 5th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials (Cabinet)
- 1921 Nov 30 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1922 Jun 30 Awarded 5th Class Salary (Home Ministry)
- 1923 Apr 30 Appointed commissioner of the Tokyo Prefecture; Conferred 5th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials; Awarded 5th Class Salary (Home Ministry)
- 1923 May 3 Appointed a Governmental School Inspector (Home Ministry)

- 1923 Jun 30 Awarded 4th Class Salary (Home Ministry)
- 1924 Jun 30 Awarded 3rd Class Salary (Home Ministry)
- 1924 Dec 20 Relieved ~~of the~~ <sup>as</sup> commissions of the Tokyo Prefecture ~~by virtue of the~~ <sup>through the</sup> Amendment of the Local Government Organization Law (Imperial Ordinance No. 376) and; ~~was~~ appointed a local Prefectural official; Conferred 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service Officials (Cabinet); Assigned to Tokyo Prefecture (Home Ministry); Concurrently appointed as ~~governor~~ School-Inspector of <sup>the</sup> Tokyo Prefecture (Home Ministry)
- 1925 Feb 23 Promoted to 4th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials (Cabinet)

1925 Apr 15 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade Office

1925 May 5 Appointed secretary of Tokyo Prefecture's Civil Service

Conferred 4th Rank of Higher Officials (Cabinet); Conferred 6th Class Salary

(Home Ministry); Appointed a School-Inspector (Home Ministry)

1926 According to the Imperial Ordinance No. 147 the School-Inspector shall be <sup>a concurrently duty of</sup> the Chief of the Educational Department.

1926 Jul 1 Appointed <sup>the</sup> chief of the Educational Department / of ~~the~~ Tokyo Prefecture / (Home Ministry)

1926 Nov 30 Awarded 5th Class Salary (Home Ministry) Office

1927 May 21 Appointed secretary of ~~the~~ Yamaguchi Prefecture's Office



Conferred 4th Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> ~~Officials~~

(Cabinet); Appointed chief of prefectural  
 police, <sup>dept</sup> (Home Ministry); Conferred 5th  
 Class Salary (Home Ministry)

1927 Jun 29 Promoted to <sup>the</sup> 3rd Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> ~~Officials~~  
 (Cabinet)

1927 Jul 6 Appointed <sup>a</sup> member of the Yamaguchi  
 District <sup>City</sup> Town-Planning Committee (Cabinet)

1927 Jul 26 Appointed <sup>a</sup> member of the 1st Health  
 Insurance Investigation Committee of  
 Prefectural Yamaguchi, according to Art. 106, Par. 1,  
 No. 1 of the Health Insurance Law En-  
 forcement Ordinance (Home Ministry)

1927 Jul 28 Appointed chairman of the above committee  
 (Cabinet)



1927 Sep 15 Conferred <sup>the</sup> 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1928 Jul 31 Awarded <sup>the</sup> 4th Class Salary (Home Ministry)

1929 May 25 Decorated with <sup>the</sup> 6th Class Order of the  
Sacred Treasure

1929 Jul 8 Appointed a secretary of the Metro-  
politan Police Board; Conferred <sup>the</sup> 3rd  
Rank of Higher <sup>Civil Service</sup> Officials (Cabinet);  
Appointed <sup>the</sup> chief of the Sanitary Department  
(Home Ministry); Awarded <sup>the</sup> 4th Class  
Salary (Home Ministry)

1929 Aug 1 Appointed director of the Committee  
for Investigating <sup>the</sup> Transfer of Land  
within Precincts of Temples (Cabinet)

1930 Jun 30 Awarded 3rd Class Salary (Home Ministry)

- 1931 Apr 28 | Appointed chief of the Peace Maintenance  
Department
- 1931 May 5 | Appointed <sup>a</sup> member of the 1st Health  
Insurance Investigation Committee of  
Tokyo according to Art. 106, Par. 1,  
No. 1 of the Health Insurance Law  
Enforcement Ordinance (Home Ministry)
- 1931 May 21 | Relieved <sup>as</sup> ~~as~~ director of the Committee  
for Investigating the Transfer of Land  
within Precincts of Temples (Cabinet)
- 1931 May 27 | Appointed member of the Tokyo District  
<sup>City</sup> Town-Planning Committee (Cabinet)

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Translated by  
Hisako Nomura

1931 Dec 24 Appointed Secretary of the AOMORI

Prefecture office

Conferred the 3rd Rank of the

Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)

Appointed <sup>Chief of the Interpretation</sup> ~~Deputy~~ <sup>Section</sup> Deputy - Governor.

Granted the 3rd grade salary

(Home Ministry)

1932 Feb 6 Appointed member of the

AOMORI Local Committee of the  
City Planning Project (Cabinet)  
Board

1932 Nov 31 Granted the 2nd grade salary

(Home Ministry)

1933 Apr 15 Conferred the 5th Lowest Rank

~~Senior grade~~

1933 May 10 Decorated with the 5th Order of

Merit of the Sacred Treasure  
Prefectural office

1933 Jun 23 Appointed Secretary of KYOTO-~~PO~~

Conferred the 3rd Rank of Higher

Civil Service (Cabinet)

Granted the 2nd grade salary

Appointed <sup>Head of Dept.</sup> Deputy-Governor

(Home Ministry)

1934 Jan 4 Appointed member of the

Civil Service Ordinary Limitation

Committee (KYOTO Imperial

University)

~~1934 Apr 12~~ Appointed Governor of FUKUI Prefecture

Conferred the 2nd Rank of Higher

Civil Service (Cabinet)

Granted the 3rd grade salary

(Home Ministry)

1934 Apr 19 Appointed member of the First Term

Health Insurance Investigation

Board according to No. 1,

Paragraph 1, Article 106 of the

Regulations relative to the enforce-

ment of the Health Insurance

Law (Home Ministry)

1934 Apr 14 Appointed Chairman of the



- of the Regulation, relative to the  
enforcement of Health Insurance  
Law (Home Ministry)
- 1936 Apr 6 Appointed Chairman of the NAGANO  
First Term Health Insurance  
Investigation Board (Cabinet)
- 1936 May 8 Appointed Chairman of the  
NAGANO Local Employment  
Exchange Committee (Cabinet)
- 1936 Nov 30 Granted the 2nd grade salary  
(Home Ministry)
- 1937 Jan 30 Conferred the 1st Rank of  
Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)
- 1937 Feb 15 Conferred the 4th Court Rank

Junior grade

1937 Mar 5 Decorated with the 3rd Order of  
Merit of the Sacred Treasure

1938 Jan 11 Appointed Governor of

ISHIKAWA Prefecture

Conferred the 1st Rank of

Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)

Granted the 2nd grade salary  
(Home Ministry)

1938 Mar 12 Appointed member of the

ISHIKAWA First Term Health

Insurance Investigation Board

according to No. 1, Paragraph 1,



Article 105 of the Regulations  
relative to the enforcement of  
Health Insurance Law  
(Welfare Ministry)

1938 Mar 19 Appointed Chairman of the  
ISHIKAWA First Term Health  
Insurance Investigation Board  
(Cabinet)

1939 Apr 17 Appointed Governor of KUNAMOTO  
Prefecture  
Conferred the 1st Rank of  
Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)  
Granted the 2nd grade salary

1939 June 8

Appointed Chairman of the  
KUMAMOTO First Term Health  
Insurance Investigation Board  
(Cabinet)

1939 June 30

Granted the 1st grade salary  
(Home Ministry)

1940 Apr 9

Appointed <sup>chief</sup> ~~Director~~  
of the South Seas Government Office

Conferred the 1st Rank of  
Higher Civil Service (Cabinet)

Granted the 1st grade salary  
(Home Ministry)

1940 Dec 24 Appointed Government representative regarding the matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 78th Session of the Imperial Diet (Cabinet)

1941 Jun 9 Appointed temporary member of the Overseas Colonization Investigation Board (Home Ministry)

1941 Nov 17 Appointed Government representative regarding the matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 79th Session of the Imperial

Diets (Cabinet)

1942 Mar 9 Conferred the 4th Court Rank,

Senior Grade

1943 Jun 27 Appointed Government representa-

tive regarding the matters under

the jurisdiction of the Greater East

Asia Ministry at the 81st Session

of the Imperial Diet (Cabinet)

1943 Nov 25 Promoted by one <sup>grade</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>in</sup> Court

Rank as a ~~mark~~ <sup>reward</sup> of a special

favours from the Throne and

conferred the 3rd Court Rank,

Senior Grade (Imperial House hold)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Ministry)

1943

Received <sup>of</sup> the report about

<sup>own</sup> request (Cabinet)

1945 Apr 29

Recommended to the Imperial

Order of the Double Dragon of the King

in recognition of the services rendered

during the China Incident

1956 Mar 30

Appointed member of the

National Work Committee

(Cabinet)

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KONDO - Direct

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Page DIRECT EXAMINATION OF KONDO, Shunsuke  
BY MR. ROBERTS

26,495 The witness stated he lived in Tokyo. He identified Exhibit No. 2992 as his affidavit and verified it. His affidavit stated \* that he served as Chief of the South Seas Bureau from April 1940 to November 1943 with headquarters on Palau. Some years before he took over, the so-called ten year plan for developing the islands was begun envisaging construction of harbors, air facilities, lighthouses, wireless stations, roads and fisheries facilities. These were not in contemplation of war and were not considered by the Bureau \* as fortifications or military installations. They were actually necessities of great cultural and commercial value to Japan in furthering the development of the Islands.

26,496 The harbor work at Palau, Saipan and Truk consisted of opening coral reefs, building wharves, erecting lighthouses, installing navigation aids, all with the object of assisting the merchant shipping. They were begun under his predecessor and continued by him. The aviation facilities were a land airfield on Saipan and seaplane ramp on Saipan, Truk, Palau and Jaluit. All were constructed by the South Seas Bureau to establish an airline company. Although none of the projects were made at the request rendered by the Navy, some technical and procurement assistance and transportation \* was received from the Navy.

26,497 They would have been seriously handicapped or the task made impossible were it not for naval assistance. There were about a hundred foreigners living in the islands in 1940, mostly Spanish missionaries and Chinese. There was one American family on Kusai. Travel with Japan proper had been restricted from before his time, and applied to both foreigners and Japanese. There was a decided inadequacy of shipping accommodations and lack of lodging facilities, food supplies, and other accommodations needed for existence in the Islands. Travel was, therefore, restricted to the minimum. Prior to December 1941, he saw no guns or other military installations. Many Japanese were extremely uneasy as to what would happen in the event \* of war, and thought there should be some measures for security.

There was no cross-examination.

10 Sep 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton  
FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
Investigative Division, IPS  
SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT

Witness General

WITNESS

KONDO, Shunsuke

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Curriculum Vitae

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

Incl  
(Described above)

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

NAME: KONDO, Shunsuke  
 Status: Commoner, Nagasaki Prefecture.  
 Birth: 17 December 1890

1904 Apr 6	Entered the Yukokan, a public middle-school of Nagasaki Prefecture.	
1909 Mar 23	Graduated from the above school.	
1909 Sep 11	Entered the 5th High-School.	
1911 Sep 11	Elected an exhibitor in the above school.	
1912 Jun	Graduated from the above school.	
1912 Jul	Entered the Political Science Department of the Law College of the Tokyo Imperial University.	
1915 Oct 25	Passed the Higher Civil Service Examination.	
1916 May 12	Graduated from the Political Science Department of the Law College of the Tokyo Imperial University.	
1916 May 27	Appointed a police inspector of the Metropolitan Police Board. Granted the 7th Class Salary. Assigned to the Peace Maintenance Section of the Peace Maintenance Department.	M.P.B. " "
1917 Jan 26	Appointed the chief of the Investigation Section of the Document Division of the Police Commissioner's Secretariate.	"
1917 Sep 1	Appointed a clerk of the Metropolitan Police Board and concurrently a police inspector. Awarded the 6th Class Salary. Appointed the chief of the Peace Maintenance Section, of the Peace Maintenance Department.	" " "
1917 Sep 11	Concurrently appointed a police superintendent; Conferred 7th Rank of Higher Civil Service. Assigned to the Peace Maintenance Department.	Cabinet Home Ministry
1917 Oct 10	Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1918 Jun 15	Relieved of all duties except that of police superintendent; awarded 9th Class Salary; Appointed chief of the Nihonbashi-Horidome Police Station.	
1919 Jul 14	Awarded 8th Class Salary.	"
1919 Aug 19	Appointed Chief of the Shiba-Mita Police Station.	
1919 Oct 11	Promoted to the 6th Rank of Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet



1919 Nov 10	Raised to 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	Cabinet
1919 Dec 20	Awarded 7th Class Salary.	
1920 Mar 31	Appointed chief of the Fukagawa-Nishihirano Police Station.	Home Ministry.
1920 Aug 18	An amendment of the Higher Civil Service Salary Regulation enforced as of August.	
1920 Dec 15	Awarded an annual salary of ¥1,770.	Home Ministry.
1921 Mar 31	Awarded the 7th Class Salary.	"
1921 Jul 22	Appointed commissioner of the Kochi Prefecture; Conferred 6th Rank of Higher Civil Service. Awarded 6th Class Salary.	Cabinet.
1921 Oct 27	Promoted to 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service.	"
1921 Nov 30	Conferred 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1922 Jun 30	Awarded 5th Class Salary.	Home Ministry.
1923 Apr 30	Appointed commissioner of the Tokyo Prefecture; Conferred 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service, Awarded 5th Class Salary.	"
1923 May 3	Appointed a Governmental School Inspector.	"
1923 Jun 30	Awarded 4th Class Salary.	"
1924 Jun 30	Awarded 3rd Class Salary.	"
1924 Dec 20	Relieved as commissioner of the Tokyo Prefecture through the Amendment of the Local Government Organization Law (Imperial Ordinance No. 396); Appointed a Prefectural official; Conferred 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service. Assigned to Tokyo Prefecture. Concurrently appointed as School-Inspector of the Tokyo Prefecture.	Cabinet. Home Ministry "
1925 Feb 23	Promoted to 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1925 Apr 15	Conferred 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	
1925 May 5	Appointed secretary of Tokyo Prefectural Office; Conferred 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service. Conferred 6th Class Salary. Appointed a School-Inspector.	" Home Ministry "
1925	According to Imperial Ordinance No. 147 the School-Inspector shall be concurrently the duty of the Chief the Educational Department.	
1926 Jul 1	Appointed the chief of the Educational Department /of Tokyo Prefecture/.	"

1926 Nov 30	Awarded 5th Class Salary	Home Ministry
1927 May 21	Appointed secretary of Yamaguchi Prefectural Office Conferred 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service. Appointed chief of Prefectural police Dept. Conferred 5th Class Salary	Cabinet Home Ministry "
1927 Jun 29	Promoted to the 3rd Rank of Higher Civil Service	Cabinet.
1927 Jul 6	Appointed a member of the Yamaguchi District City- Planning Committee	"
1927 Jul 26	Appointed a member of the 1st Health Insurance In- vestigation Committee of Yamaguchi Prefecture according to Art. 106, Par. 1, No. 1 of the Health Insurance Law Enforcement Ordinance.	Home Ministry.
1927 Jul 28	Appointed chairman of the above committee.	Cabinet
1927 Sep 15	Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade	
1928 Jul 31	Awarded the 4th Class Salary	Home Ministry
1929 May 25	Decorated with the 6th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
1929 Jul 8	Appointed a secretary of the Metropolitan Police Board. Conferred the 3rd Rank of Higher Civil Service. Appointed the chief of the Sanitary Department of the M.P.B. Awarded the 4th Class Salary	Cabinet Home Ministry. "
1929 Aug 1	Appointed director of the Committee for Investigating the transfer of Land within Precincts of Temples.	Cabinet
1930 Jun 30	Awarded 3rd Class Salary	Home Ministry
1931 Apr 28	Appointed chief of the Peace Maintenance Department.	
1931 May 5	Appointed a member of the 1st Health Insurance Investi- gation Committee of Tokyo according to Ar. 106, Par. 1, No. 1 of the Health Insurance Law Enforcement Ordinance.	Home Ministry.
1931 May 21	Relieved as director of the Committee for Investigating the Transfer of Land within Precincts of Temples	Cabinet.
1931 May 27	Appointed member of the Tokyo District City Planning Committee.	"
1931 Dec 24	Appointed Secretary of the AOMORI Prefecture Office Conferred the 3rd Rank of the Higher Civil Service. Appointed Deputy-Governor. Granted the 3rd grade salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry
1932 Feb 6	Appointed member of the AOMORI Local Committee of the City Planning Board.	Cabinet
1932 Nov 31	Granted the 2nd grade salary.	Home Ministry

1933 Apr 15	Conferred the 5th Court Rank Senior Grade	
1933 May 10	Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.	
1933 Jun 23	Appointed Secretary of KYOTO Prefectural Office. Conferred the 3rd Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 2nd Grade Salary. Appointed Deputy-Governor.	Cabinet Home Ministry
1934 Jan 4	Appointed member of the Civil Service Ordinary Limitation Committee.	KYOTO Imperial Univ.
1934 Apr 6	Appointed Governor of FUKUI Prefecture. Conferred the 2nd Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 3rd Grade Salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry.
1934 Apr 12	Appointed member of the FUKUI First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board, according to No. 1, Par. 1, Art. 106 of the Regulations relative to the enforcement of the Health Insurance Law.	"
1934 Apr 14	Appointed Chairman of the FUKUI First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board.	Cabinet
1934 Oct 6	Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.	
1936 Mar 13	Appointed Governor of NAGANO Prefecture. Conferred the 2nd Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 3rd grade salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry.
1936 Mar 28	Appointed member of the NAGANO First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board according to No. 1, Par. 1, Art. 106 of the Regulations relative to the enforcement of Health Insurance Law.	"
1936 Apr 6	Appointed Chairman of the NAGANO First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board.	Cabinet.
1936 May 8	Appointed Chairman of the NAGANO Local Employment Exchange Committee.	"
1936 Nov 30	Granted the 2nd Grade Salary.	Home Ministry
1937 Jan 30	Conferred the 1st Rank of Higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
1937 Feb 15	Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.	
1937 Mar 5	Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure.	
1938 Jan 11	Appointed Governor of ISHIKAWA Prefecture. Conferred the 1st Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 2nd Grade Salary.	" Home Ministry
1938 Mar 12	Appointed member of the ISHIKAWA First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board according to No. 1, Par. 1 Art. 106 of the Regulations relative to the enforcement of Health Insurance Law.	Welfare Min.

1938 Mar 19	Appointed Chairman of the ISHIKAWA First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board.	Cabinet
1939 Apr 17	Appointed Governor of KUMAMOTO Prefecture. Conferred the 1st Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 2nd Grade Salary.	"
1939 Jun 8	Appointed Chairman of the KUMAMOTO First Term Health Insurance Investigation Board.	"
1939 Jun 30	Granted the 1st Grade Salary.	Home Ministry
1940 Apr 9	Appointed Chief of the South Seas Government Office. Conferred the 1st Rank of Higher Civil Service. Granted the 1st grade salary.	Cabinet Home Ministry.
1940 Dec 24	Appointed Government representative regarding the matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 76th Session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet.
1941 Jun 9	Appointed temporary member of the Overseas Colonization Investigation Board.	Home Ministry
1941 Nov 17	Appointed Government representative regarding the matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs at the 77th Session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
1942 Mar 2	Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade.	
1943 Jan 27	Appointed Government representative regarding the matters under the jurisdiction of the Greater East Asia Ministry at the 81st Session of the Imperial Diet.	"
1943 Nov 25	Promoted by one grade in Court Rank as a special favor from the Throne and conferred the 3rd Court Rank, Senior Grade.	Imperial Household Ministry.
1943	Relieved of the post at his own request.	Cabinet
1940 Apr 29	Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Double-Rays of the Rising Sun for the services rendered during the China Incident.	
1946 Mar 30	Appointed member of the Revival Work Committee.	Cabinet.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-against-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al



Sworn Deposition

Deponent: KONDO, Shunsuke

Having first duly sworn on oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows:

1. My name is KONDO, Shunsuke. I live in Tokyo. I served as Chief of the Nanyo-Cho or the South Seas Bureau from April 1940 to November 1943. My headquarters during that period were on the Island of Palau. Some years before I took over the above position a so-called 10-year plan for the development of the Mandated Islands was commenced. It envisioned the construction of harbors, aviation facilities light houses, wireless stations, meteorological stations, roads and fisheries facilities. These facilities were not in contemplation of war nor were they considered as either fortifications or military installations by the Bureau. They were actually necessities and of great cultural and commercial value to Japan in furthering the development of the Islands.
2. The harbor work at Palau, Saipan, and Truk consisted of opening up the coral reefs, construction of wharves, erection of light houses and installing navigation aids, all with the object of assisting the merchant

shipping. These works were commenced under my predecessors in office and were continued during my tenure. The aviation facilities which had been constructed consisted of an air field for land planes on Saipan and ramps for sea planes on Saipan, Truk, Palau and Jaluit, the principal ones being at Saipan and Palau. All of these facilities were constructed by the Nanyo-Cho or the south seas Bureau with the object of establishing an airline between Japan proper and the Islands together with an inter-island service between Saipan and Palau, Truk, Ponape and Jaluit. These airline services were undertaken by the Nippon Air Line Company.

Although neither the planning or execution of the above mentioned project had been made at the request or under the direction of the Navy, some assistance was received from the Navy in the way of technical advice and in the procurement of materials and labor, and in the transportation. We would have been seriously handicapped or the task made completely impossible were it not for this assistance rendered us by the Navy.

3. At the time I assumed my position there were about 100 foreigners living on the Islands, mostly Spanish missionaries and Chinese. I recall one American family on Kusai Island which had settled there from the preceding generation and were engaged in soap manufacturing. Travel between Japan proper and the Islands had actually been restricted from before my time. That restriction applied to foreigners and Japanese. There was a decided inadequacy of shipping accommodations, especially since so many merchantmen had been requisitioned after the outbreak of the China trouble. Besides there was a decided lack of lodging facilities,

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proper food supply and other accommodations which were necessary for existence on the Islands. Because of these circumstances, it is true that travels for the Islands were restricted to the minimum. Prior to December of 1941 I did not see any guns or other military installations. Actually many of the Japanese on the Islands were extremely uneasy as to what would happen to them in the event of hostilities and thought that there should be some measures taken to afford them security.

On this 23rd day of May, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent: KONDO, Shunsuke (seal)

I, ONO, Seiichiro, 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 same place

Witness: (signed) ONO, Seiichiro (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

(signed) KONDO, Shunsuke (seal)