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Defense Language Branch

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: YAMAZAKI, Iwao

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

I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao make oath and say as follows:

1) I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao served from January 1940 to July 1940 as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry.

2) As Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, it was my responsibility to preserve law and order throughout Japan and it was part of my duties to try and prevent anticipated incidents from arising and in the event that they did occur



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(3) Mr. NACHI, leader of the Minseitō Party and four other as representatives of the political parties. The would be assassins were only tried, convicted and sentenced to prison terms. Additional police protection for the above mentioned proposed victims was provided for a period of time after this event.

On this 2nd day of Feb. 1948

At Tokyo

DEFONENT: /S/ YAMAZAKI, Iwao (seal)



to take necessary steps to subdue them. In order to accomplish this effectively, it was necessary that I keep myself well informed of various movements among the civilian populations and to ascertain the opinions and purposes of various groups. I constantly received information from my subordinates in connection with these matters. While I was serving as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, the so-called July 5th incident occurred in July, 1940. From information I received I ascertained that the July 5th incident was plotted by more than 30 members of a rightist reformist group, led by MAYEDA, Torao and KAGEYAMA, Masaharu in attempts to assassinate those whom they regarded as pro-American and pro-British advocates of the status quo or liberalists. This group believed these proposed victims were obstructing its projected national reform. The plot was timed for before daybreak, July 5, 1940, but due to advance information we had received, the assassinations were prevented and all of the plotters were rounded up just when they were leaving their base of operation, fully armed with hand-grenades, revolvers, Japanese swords, and various other weapons. At



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供進者 山崎

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1 政府代表トシテ米内首相

2 臣代表トシテ溝邊前内府、岡田元首相、原田熊雄男、牧野元内府、木戸内府及松平宮相

3 財閥代表トシテ池田成勲外二名

4 政黨代表トシテ町田民政黨總裁外四名等ナリ

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昭和二十三年一月九日 二月二日 於

京都目黒區  
洗足一丁目六四

供 述 者 山 崎 殿

貴立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス

同日於同所

立 會 人 木 戸 孝 彦



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