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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST  
Def. Doc. No. 2901

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
et al  
- vs -  
ARAKI, Sadao, et al,  
Defendants

AFFIDAVIT OF  
KAMEYAMA, Koichi

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:

1. I served as Director of the Third Division of the Planning Board from November, 1941, to July, 1943.

2. The Planning Board was not invested with any authority whatsoever in relation to the management of the Prisoners of War, and the Planning Board did not formulate any principles for the transfer and employment of Prisoners of War, nor was it, during my tenure of office, ever entrusted to do so.

3. I was shown Exhibit 1971 (A), an abstract from the "Foreign Affairs Monthly Report" for September, 1942, published by the Foreign Section of the Police Bureau of the Home Ministry.

The statement in the first paragraph of the above exhibit considerably deviates from the actual facts. As for the second paragraph, I have not the slightest knowledge of such facts as mentioned therein. The actual situation in relation to the conference on August 15, 1942, mentioned in the first paragraph, was as follows:

Early in August, 1942, one of my subordinates in the Planning Board received a request by the Prisoners of War Information Bureau of the War Ministry of the following tenor:

"It was decided by the War Ministry that a portion of the Prisoners of War detained in the southern region be transferred to Japan Proper to be employed in domestic industries. We want to give an explanation relative to this matter to all the Ministries concerned and we request that the Planning Board convene a

meeting of the representatives of such Ministries at a certain date so that an officer of the War Ministry may go and explain the matter."

When officials of several Ministries meet, the Planning Board had frequently lent its conference rooms for such purpose and also offered its services for convening such meetings.

One of my subordinates, therefore, consented to this request of the Prisoners of War Information Bureau and convened the meeting in behalf of the said Bureau. The five principles enumerated in the first paragraph in Exhibit 1971 (A) was presumably one which was read by the War Ministry official in charge of the said Bureau at the said meeting.

4. The said meeting was decidedly not one held under the auspices of the Planning Board. It was a meeting held under the auspices of the Prisoners of War Information Bureau for which the Planning Board merely lent its conference room, and for the convening of which it rendered its services according to the customary way in such cases. I had given my approval to the loan of the conference room, but I did not, of course, notify the President or the Vice-President of such routine matters.

5. The "Foreign Affairs Monthly Report" was not distributed to the Planning Board.

On this 27th day  
of August, 1947

DEPONENT /s/ Kameyama, Koichi (Seal)  
KAMEYAMA, Koichi

At Tokyo

I, KAINO, Michitaka, 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 the same place.

WITNESS: /s/ Kaino, Michitaka (seal)  
KAINO, Michitaka

OATH

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

/s/ Kameyama, Koichi (seal)  
KAMEYAMA, Koichi