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PLACE: Tokyo
DATE: 12 October 1945

Division of Origin: Shipping and Rail Transportation.

Subject: General Information, Shipping Industry.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. Arita, Department of Maritime Transport, Ministry of Transportation. Does not speak English, has only been in his job six months, no shipping background.

Mr. Ariyoshi, Japanese Shipping Control Association. Speaks English, wide familiarity with Japanese shipping problems, long background with shipping operators association.

Where interviewed: Mr. Arita's office, Ministry of Transportation.

Interrogator: Mr. Albert C. Ingersoll, Jr.

Interpreter: Lt. (jg) Lyne S. Few.

Allied Officers Present: Lt. (jg) Valentine B. Deale.
Lt. Krebs.

Summary:

This interview was very unsatisfactory. Arita contributed nothing worthwhile. Ariyoshi explained that the Transport Ministry is generally only concerned with ships, and that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is concerned with cargoes. The Japanese Shipping Control Association is in charge of dispatching vessels and cargoes. The Navy had charge of all information on specific ships during the war, and burned these records 15 August. To investigate sources of information on imports of specific commodities are the government departments' concern (such as the Department of Agriculture for food imports). The Finance Ministry will have information as to the yen values of taxable imports.

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