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Certificate

I, MIYAMA, Yozo, who am Chief, Archives Section, First Demobilization Bureau, do hereby certify that the following five documents were burnt at the end of the War and are therefore at present not in the custody of the First Demobilization Bureau.

- I. The document; concerning General YAMASHITA's duty in the Philippines operation, which purports to the effect: the general "was to take charge of the defense of the Philippine Islands in accordance with the Command of Field Marshal TERAMCHI, the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern General Army; for that purpose, expecting the U.S. Army possibly to invade the Southern Philippines, to make preparations for decisive battles, for the present, with the naval and air forces; and, in Luzon Island, with the military forces; and to cooperate with the air and naval forces in the Philippine Islands in carrying out operations".
(cf. MUTO's affidavit P. 17)
- II. The order sent about October 22, 1944, from the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern General Army to General

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YAMASHITA which purports: "the 14th Area Army shall destroy the enemy invading Leyte Island in cooperation with the naval and air forces". (Cf. MUTO's affidavit P. 17)

- III. The operational plan issued by General YAMASHITA on December 15 concerning the defense of the Philippines. (cf. MUTO's affidavit P. 18)
- IV. The document showing that about December 25, 1944, General YAMASHITA decided on liberating the war prisoners and internees and that he reported to the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern General Army to that effect. (cf. MUTO's affidavit P. 21)
- V. The directive issued by the Southern General Army during the Philippines operations which purported to the effect: "War prisoners may be released in case the war situation should really necessitate it". (cf. MUTO's affidavit P. 21)

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 6th day of November, 1947.

/s/ MIYAMA, Yozo (seal)
Chief, Archives Section,
First Demobilization Bureau.

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I hereby certify that the above signature and seal
were affixed hereto in my presence.

At the same place,
on the same date.

Witness: /s/ SAEKI, Chihiro (seal)