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On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 134.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

HIROTA, Koki

SOCIAL STATUS: Commoner

DOMICILE : Fukuoka Prefecture

BIRTH DATE : 14 February 1878

1905 Jul Graduated from Law Department of the Tokyo Imperial University

1905 Dec 28 Appointed a subordinate clerk to the Governor-General of Korea;
Granted 5th grade salary

1906 Oct 27 Passed examination for Consular and Diplomatic Service

1906 Nov 15 appointed as a diplomatic probationer;
Promoted to 7th grade of high official;
Granted 5th grade salary;
Ordered to be stationed in China

1907 Feb 1 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1907 Sept 14 Decorated with the 6th Grade Order Decoration

1907 Oct 23 Received from French Government a decoration of Chevalier de L'Ordre de Nationale de la Legion d'Honneur and obtained permission of the use thereof from the Imperial Household Department

- 1908 Apr 8 Granted 4th grade salary
- 1908 Jun 1 Received from the Czar of Russia the Third Class Decoration of Holy Anna and obtained permission of the use thereof from the Imperial Household Department
- 1908 Dec 22 Promoted to the 6th grade of the high official; Granted 3rd grade salary
- 1909 Mar 1 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade; Ordered to be stationed in Britain
- 1909 Jun 29 Received from Chinese Government a First Class Decoration with a pair of dragons and stars of precious stones and obtained permission of the use thereof from the Imperial Household Department
- 1909 Dec 28 Appointed Third Secretary of the Embassy; Promoted to 6th grade of high official; Granted 3rd grade salary
- 1910 Apr 1 Salary regulations for high officials of the Japanese Government were revised
- 1910 Jun 30 Granted 2nd grade salary
- 1911 Aug 24 Granted the 5th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure
- 1911 Oct 5 Received the Commemoration Medal of Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Empress of Great Britain and obtained permission of the use thereof from the Imperial Household Department
- 1911 Dec 28 Promoted to the 5th grade of high official; Granted 3rd grade salary
- 1912 Mar 11 Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1912 Aug 1 Conferred the Commemoration Medal of Annexation of Korea to Japan
- 1914 Jun 26 Appointed as a Secretary for Foreign Service (Cabinet); Promoted to the 5th grade of high official (Cabinet); Granted 5th grade salary (Foreign Office); Appointed Chief of First Section of the Bureau of Commercial Affairs (Foreign Office)

- 1914 Aug 14 Appointed as a Concurrent Secretary of Agricultural and Commercial Department;
Promoted to the 5th grade of high official (Cabinet);
Ordered to serve in the Bureau of Commerce and Industry (Dept. of Commerce and Agriculture);
- 1915 Jun 30 Granted 4th grade salary (Foreign Office)
- 1916 Jul 1 Promoted to 4th grade of high official (principal post) (Cabinet)
- 1916 Jul 31 Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1915 Jul 1 Granted 3rd grade salary (Foreign Affairs Dept.)
- 1916 Apr 1 Conferred the Decoration of Double Rays of Rising Sun and ¥600 for meritorious service in the incident between 1914 and 1915
- 1916 Dec 25 Promoted to 4th grade of high official as concurrent official (Cabinet)
- 1916 Nov 10 Conferred a Commemoration Medal of Coronation Ceremony (Cabinet)
- 1917 Sept 27 Ordered to be dispatched to China (Cabinet)
- 1918 Jun 28 Promoted to First Secretary of Embassy and promoted to 4th grade of high official (Cabinet)
- 1918 Jun 28 Granted 1st grade salary;
Ordered to be stationed in America (Cabinet)
- 1918 Aug 21 Ordered to serve temporarily in the Department of Foreign Affairs (Cabinet)
- 1918 Aug 21 Appointed as a secretary of the Temporary Siberian Economic Committee (Cabinet)
- 1918 Aug 30 Appointed as an administrative official for Foreign Affairs;
Ordered to be stationed in United States of America;
Promoted to 4th grade high official (Cabinet)
- 1918 Aug 30 Granted 2nd grade salary;
Ordered to serve in the official business of Siberia Economic Aid (Foreign Office)
- 1918 Sept 26 Conferred a decoration of the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure

1918 Dec 28 Appointed as First Secretary for the Embassy (Foreign Office)

1918 Dec 28 Promoted to 3rd grade of high official (Cabinet)

1918 Dec 28 Ordered to be stationed in the U.S.A. (Foreign Office)

1919 Feb 10 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1920 Nov 1 Decorated with Small Cordon of Rising Sun with ¥1,000 for meritorious service during the Incident between 1915 and 1916

1921 Aug 13 Appointed Secretary to the Embassy (Foreign Office)

1921 Aug 13 Promoted to 3rd grade of high official (Cabinet)

1921 Aug 13 Granted 1st grade salary; appointed Chief of Second Section of the Intelligence Bureau of the Foreign Office (Foreign Office)

1922 May 31 Appointed Acting Second Superintendent of the Intelligence Bureau in the absence of the Chief Superintendent of the Bureau (Tokichi TANAKA) (Foreign Office)

1922 Jul 1 Appointed as Councillor of the Embassy; Promoted to 2nd grade of high official; Ordered to be stationed in Britain (Cabinet); Granted 3rd grade salary (Foreign Office)

1922 Jul 20 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1922 Dec 23 Appointed Second Superintendent of the Intelligence Bureau of the Foreign Office; Promoted to the Second Grade of High Official

1923 Sept 8 appointed member of the Temporary Earthquake Sufferers' Aid Committee (Cabinet)

1923 Sept 26 Appointed Superintendent of the American and European Bureau of Foreign Office (Cabinet); Promoted to the 2nd grade of high official

1923 Oct 12 appointed member of the Committee of Investigation for Treaty Revision (Cabinet)

1923 Oct 16 Relieved of Temporary Earthquake Sufferers' Aid Committee (Cabinet)

- 1923 Oct 26 Appointed to the Relief Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1923 Dec 10 Appointed Governmental Delegate to the Diet relative to matters under jurisdiction of the Foreign Office
- 1923 Dec 25 Appointed as Governmental Delegate to the Diet relative to matters under the jurisdiction of Foreign Office
- 1924 Apr 28 Released from duty on the Relief Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1924 May 31 Conferred a decoration of the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure (for merit at Washington Conference)
- 1924 Jun 27 Appointed Governmental Delegate to the Diet relative to matters under jurisdiction of the Foreign Office (Cabinet)
- 1924 Aug 18 Appointed to the Temporary Committee for the Higher Civil Service Examination (Cabinet).
- 1924 Sept 22 Appointed to the Standing Committee for the Higher Civil Service Examination (Cabinet)
Appointed to the Standing Committee for the 2nd Dept. of the Higher Civil Service Examination (Cabinet)
- 1924 Nov 25 According to the Imperial Ordinance No. 281, the organization of Committee of Investigation for Treaty Revision was abrogated.
Relieved of Temporary Committee for the Higher Civil Service Examination (Cabinet)
- 1925 Sept 30 Promoted to the first grade of high official (Cabinet)
- 1925 Oct 15 Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1926 Feb 10 Conferred a decoration of the second order of the Sacred Treasure for merit re Japano-Russian Treaty.
- 1926 Apr 21 Appointed to the Investigation of the Relief Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1926 Aug 30 Appointed to the Secretary of the Administration Investigation Committee, no announcement thereof in the Official Gazette (Cabinet)

- 1926 Oct 27 Relieved of the Investigator of the Relief Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1926 Nov 22 Appointed as an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, promoted to the first grade of high official (Cabinet), ordered to be stationed in Netherlands (Cabinet), and granted second grade salary (Foreign Ministry)
- 1929 Aug 7 Appointed to the Imperial Japanese Delegate to the Conference held at the Hague, Netherlands, concerning the Reparation Questions, etc., of Germany (Cabinet)
- 1929 Aug 23 Appointed to the retinue of the Imperial Japanese Delegate to the 10th Assembly of the League of Nations held at Geneva, Switzerland (Cabinet)
- 1930 Oct 15 Appointed as an Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary, promoted to the first grade of high official and ordered to be stationed in U.S.S.R. (Cabinet)
- 1930 Nov 1 Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1932 Nov 19 Relieved of being stationed U.S.S.R. (Cabinet)
Granted one third of the basic salary during pending appointment (Foreign Ministry)
- 1933 Sept 14 Appointed to Minister of the Foreign Ministry (Cabinet)
- 1933 Oct 2 Conferred the 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1933 Oct 5 Conferred a decoration of the first order of the Sacred Treasure
- 1935 Oct 14 Conferred the 3rd Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1934 Apr 29 Conferred the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun for meritorious services during Showa 6-7 Incident.
- 1935 Sept 21 Got permission from the Imperial Household Dept. of the use of the commemoration medal sent by the Manchukuo Emperor for his visit to Japan

- 1936 Mar 9 Appointed to Prime Minister and concurrently to Minister of Foreign Ministry (Cabinet)
- 1936 Apr 2 Relieved of the concurrent post (Cabinet)
- 1937 Feb 2 Relieved of the Prime Minister by request (Cabinet)
- 1937 Feb 23 Conferred the 2nd Court Rank, Junior Grade, as an act of grace from the Throne.
- 1937 Apr 29 Accorded the honorable treatment of a Minister of State (Cabinet)
- 1937 May 31 Appointed to a member of the House of Peers according to No. 4, Article 1 of the Regulation for the House of Peers (Cabinet)
- 1937 Jun 4 Appointed Minister of the Foreign Ministry (Cabinet)
- 1937 Jun 10 Appointed to President of the Planning Board (Cabinet)
- 1937 Oct 25 The President of the Planning Board was abrogated by the Imperial Ordinance No. 605 of Showa 12th year.
- 1938 Apr 25 Got permission from the Imperial Household Dept. of the use of a decoration of the first order of the Ryuko Daijisho sent by the Manchukuo Emperor
- 1938 May 29 Relieved of the post of Minister of Foreign Ministry (Cabinet)
- 1938 Jun 8 Accorded the honorable treatment of a Ministry of State (Cabinet)
- 1938 Nov 2 Conferred a silver cup for meritorious service re the Japano-German Anti-Comintern Pact
- 1940 Mar 13 Appointed to Councillor of the Cabinet (Cabinet)
- 1940 Aug Relieved of Councillor of the Cabinet (Cabinet)
- 1942 Jun 20 Sent to Thailand for returning courtesies of commemoration re the Japano-Thailand Alliance (Special Envoy for returning courtesies of commemoration re the Japano-Thailand Alliance)
- 1945 Dec 13 Relieved of the member of the House of Peers by request.