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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)

INTERROGATION NO. 77
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PLACE: Capitol Equipment
Construction Room 361
DATE: 16 Oct. 45 TIME 1000

DIVISION OF ORIGIN: Capitol Equipment and Construction.

SUBJECT: Construction Industry.
General Information.

Personnel Interrogated and background of each:

Mr. KATO - President of Construction Industry control
association.

Mr. TAKESHI - Secretary of Construction Industry control
association.

Where interviewed (Office): Capitol Equipment Construction
Room 361.

Interrogator: Lieut. CALL
Interpreter: Lieut. HOLMES
Allied officers present: None.

A brief history of the control association was sketched by Mr. KETO; the Kensetsudan (control association) was composed of three formerly competing bodies, (1) the Army Construction Cooperative Ass'n. (2) the Navy Equipment Cooperative Ass'n. (3) Japan Civil Engineer and Building Control Ass'n. The Kensetsudan was disbanded 1 October 1945 and a new organization is to be formed 1 November.

There were about 20,000 contractors in Japan as of 1938, and of these 48 had an annual turnover of 10,000,000 or more. Of 12,000 or 13,000 civil engineers and other construction specialists available before the war, about one-third were taken by military conscription. Of the labor pool available during the war, about 1,000,000 were fixed and skilled laborers, and about 700,000 were temporary, of these 700,000, 350,000 were Koreans.

This contract promises to be fruitful, although statistics are only approximate, most of the associations records having been destroyed in the war.

Distribution: All Divisions.