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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Affidavits on Japanese Army Control and Encouragement of Opium Trade in CHINA, 1936-1941

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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Major John F. Hummel

PERSONS IMPLICATED: Col. CHO, Isamu; KUSUMOTO, Sanatake; FUJITA, Isamu

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Opium Conventions; KOA-IN (Asia Development Board)

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

NOTE: The affidavits listed below were originally listed as IPS Doc. Nos. 9563, 9564 and 9570, and were so reproduced. If they are used, therefore, it should be under the original numbers, so that the copies reproduced (and now in the vault) may be utilized.

Doc. No. 2648 - Affidavit of OETA, Shizuo on operations of Col. KUSUMOTO, and Special Service Section in opium in November 1937. (Marked "9563")

Doc. No. 2649 - Affidavit of FUJITA, Isamu, on transaction in 200,000 pounds of Persian opium ordered by Col. KUSUMOTO, and procured from NITSUI and Company. (Marked "9564")

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Doc. No. 2650 - Affidavit of SATOMI, Hajime, alias Lee Ming, on final stages in selling the 200,000 pounds of Persian Opium. Money kept in personal fund, profits went to Special Service Section, under direction of Lt. Col. KUSUMOTO. Later profits funneled through A.P.-IN and MONGOLIAN Government. (Marked "9570")

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.)
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 - AGAINST -) A F F I D A V I T.
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 ARAKI, SADA0, et al.)

I, FUGITA, Isamu do swear on my conscience that the following is true:

In the fall of 1937 I was in Shanghai in the capacity of newspaperman. In November of that year, Lt. Colonel CHO, Isamu gave me a piece of paper representing an order to Mitsui & Company, Tokyo, to purchase 200,000 English pounds of opium from Persia. This paper was signed by [redacted] Colonel KUSUMOTO.

When I arrived in Tokyo I went to the Export and Import office of Mitsui & Company and asked them to purchase on my account the 200,000 pounds of opium from Persia to be delivered at Shanghai. Mitsui & Company refused to take my order. About a month later, Mr. NAKANISHI came to see me and he mentioned the matter to me. About four days later, Mr. OHTA of Mitsui & Company informed me that they would accept the order. I had nothing more to do with the transaction than this. However, about six months later, the Foreign Office called me and inquired about this transaction from me. I told them that the Army authorities in Shanghai requested me to purchase for them this lot of opium and that Mitsui & Company were handling the whole transaction. I did not hear any more about it from the Foreign Office. [redacted] Colonel KUSUMOTO was Military Attache at Shanghai but was more active in the office of Tokumu Bu. Lt. Colonel CHO was at that time a staff officer in General MATSUI's Headquarters.

151 *I. Fujita*
FUGITA, Isamu

Sworn to and subscribed by the above-named FUGITA, Isamu before the undersigned officer at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 27th day of June, 1946.

151 *John H. ...*
Maj. J.A.G.O.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

I, 151 TAMOTSU YONEHARA, HEREBY CERTIFY That I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that I, this day, read the foregoing Affidavit to the above-named FUGITA, Isamu in Japanese, and in so doing, truly and correctly translated the contents thereof from English into Japanese; and that said FUGITA, Isamu stated to me that the contents of said Affidavit were the truth, and that he was willing to sign said Affidavit under oath; and that said FUGITA, Isamu was duly sworn in my presence and signed said Affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said Affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

151 *Tamotsu Yonehara*

極東國際軍事裁判

アメリカ合衆国其他より

荒木貞夫其他に對し

宣誓書

私藤田勇は良心にかはて左記の事が真実である事を誓ひます。

一九三一年の秋私は新聞記者として上海に居りました。その年の十月陸軍中佐長勇が東京三井物産と通じて二十万英ポントの阿片講人の委託状を私に手渡ししました。此の委託状の名義は楠本大佐にたつておりました。私は東京にかへる三井物産の輸出部に行き私名で上海駐在の陸軍のためペルシャから二十万英ポントの阿片を買ふことを頼みました。

三井物産は私の注文を拒みませんでした。一ヶ月後中西氏が私に會ひたことその事について話しました。四日後三井物産の太田氏は三井が注文を受けると申しました。私は是以上この事は関係がしまさへでいた。併し一ヶ月後外務省が私を呼んでこのことについて私の話をききました。私は上海の

陸軍当局が前記の阿片を買ふ事を頼み三井物産が凡この事務を行ふと話しました。

私はこれ以上の事については外務省から何もきかまじんでいた。楠本大佐は上海の陸軍武官だったが又持参部でも活躍してゐました。長中佐は互時松井軍司令官の幕僚でありました。

J. Fujika

藤田 勇

上記藤田勇は昭和二十年六月二十七日陸軍省ビルに於て下記將校の前に宣誓し署名せり。

Yoshitaka Fujita
Major J.A.C.P.

証明書

藤田勇にかせられた宣誓

私 米原保は此處に日英両語に通じ英語より日本語に日本語より英語に正確に翻譯し但し其の性質と目的とは該宣誓の若しより充分理解せられたり

米原保

Inspector Yamakawa