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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
APO #234
C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO

~~ANNEX B~~

INTERROGATION NO. 141
(~~Obtain from G-2~~)

PLACE Tokyo
~~GPO Rm 361~~
DATE 27 Oct. 1945 Time 1030

Division of Origin Capital Equipment + Construction
~~GPO Division~~

Subject: Lumber Industry.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

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Where interviewed Rm # 361, Meiji Bldg

Interrogator Lt. Call

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4.
Distribution: all divisions

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