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Certificate

I hereby certify that the greater part of the building of Navy Department was burnt down by the air-raid of the American air forces from midnight of May 25th, 1945 to early dawn of 26th of the same month, and at that time the Minister's secretariate and the office of each section of the Military Affairs Bureau were entirely burnt down and almost all the documents in the custody were reduced to ashes. The file of the documents and telegrams concerning the treatment of P.O.W. were also completely destroyed, and since the office of the Telegraphic Section was burnt down, the file of the telegrams in the same office were also reduced to ashes.

certified at Tokyo,
on this 30th day of March, 1947

/s/ IMAMURA, Ryonosuko (seal)

Chief of the Archives Section of the
Second Demobilization Bureau of the
Demobilization Board.

I hereby certify that IMAMURA was the adjutant of the Minister of the Navy at the time of May 25th and 26th, 1945 and had a responsibility to take custody of the building of the Navy Department.

at the same place,
on the same date

/s/ MAEDA, Minoru (seal)

Chief of the Second Demobilization
Bureau of the Demobilization Board

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

at the same place,
on the same date

Witness: /s/ SOMIYA, Shinji (seal)

not used

證 明 書

一九四五年五月二十五日夜半から同月二十六日未明に至る間の米空軍の空襲に依り海軍省の大部は焼かれたその際大臣官房及軍務局各課の事務室は全焼し保管文書の殆ど全部焼失した。伴取扱に關する文書電報のハアイルも全部焼失した。尙電信課の事務室も焼かれたので同事務所内にあつた電報のハアイルも焼失した

右 證 明 する

昭和二十二年三月三十日 於 東京

復員廳第二復員局文書課長 今 村 了 之 介

今村は一九四五年五月二十五日及二十六日當時に於て海軍省副官で海軍省建築物の保管の責任者であつた

同 日 於 同 所

復員廳第二復員局長 前 田 稔

右署名捺印は何れも當立會人の面前に於て爲された

同 日 於 同 所

立 會 人 宗 宮 信 次