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I M T F E

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: Major General F. S. PIGGOTT

*no comment of court  
but broader object would  
have been entertained*



I, Major General Francis Steward Gilderoy Piggott, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant, Royal Engineers, of Rapeley, Wokingham, in the County of Surrey, England, having been first duly sworn, make oath and say:

I first met General MUJO (Akira) in Shanghai in 1938, where I had been sent from Tokyo at the request of the British Ambassador to China and with the concurrence of the British and Japanese Governments, to settle certain questions which had arisen to the prejudice of good relations between the British and Japanese authorities in Shanghai. He was then serving on the staff of General HATA, the Commander-in-Chief, and was instrumental, under General HATA's orders, in effecting a noticeable improvement in Anglo-Japanese relations in that area.

Later, in the summer of 1939, he was head of the Japanese Army Delegation from North China, which came to Tokyo to take part in the Conference assembled to discuss, and settle if possible, the Tientsin crisis. Although the Military authorities had been overruled as regards the site of the Conference, -- they wished it to be held in Tientsin, but the Prime Minister (Mr. SONOJIRU) had insisted on Tokyo -- they accepted the situation and did their best to make the Conference a success. General MUJO frequently explained to me the Army's point of view, namely that their business was with the security of their troops, and that the economic questions at the Conference concerned this security; he was anxious to get back to his military duties as soon as possible, and for this reason desired to see a speedy and successful outcome. I reported his attitude to the British Ambassador, and an account of my farewell interview with General MUJO, in which he expressed his "good wishes for the success of the Conference" appeared in the London Times about August 14, 1939.

As one soldier speaking of another I admired and trusted General MUJO.

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me (   
 at Cranleigh in the County of Surrey, (   
 England, this 24th day of July, 1947. (

/s/ F. S. Piggott

/s/ Basil C. W. Hart

A Commissioner for Oaths



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*ask Mr Comyns Carr about this!*



INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

- Against -

A F F I D A V I T

ARAKI, Sadao, et al.

*W + Green*

I, F.S.G. PIGGOTT, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

I was Military Attache to the British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan, from 1921 to 1926 and from 1936 to 1939.

*object  
union*

I met General KOISO, Kuniaki in Tokyo in 1939. He had just retired from the army in a huff, it is believed, on account of not having been offered a governor-generalship on termination of his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in Korea.

*speculative  
conjecture*

It was on account of a possibility that he might be a "dark horse" for the premiership that I sought his acquaintance, with the concurrence of the British Ambassador.

I found General KOISO receptive to the idea of improving Anglo-Japanese relations, which, he stated, was important for his country. He stated that the idea of solving disagreements between Japan and Great Britain, and between Japan and the United States by war was repugnant to him, and he said it was essential to probe to the bottom and find a peaceful solution. He said he would continue to study the outstanding problems between our countries, and was certain the old friendship could be restored to our mutual advantage.

*don't*

General KOISO struck me as broadminded, with liberal ideas, and was obviously interested in a possible future as a statesman; and a statesman not necessarily reflecting the views of the army, with whom he had recently had a difference of opinion.

Our conversation were carried on in the Japanese language.

/s/  
F.S.G. PIGGOTT, Major General

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Granleigh Surrey this 8th day of August, 1947.

Basil C.W. Hart  
A Commissioner of Oaths

*After negotiation  
expected araki case*

*R 28,564 - 28,571*



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October 29, 1947

Re: PIGGOTT, F. S. G.  
Defense Doc. #2213 - Objections

The Prosecution objects to the second sentence in the second paragraph of this affidavit which purports to give the belief of the witness as to why KOISO retired from the Army and is opinion evidence.

The Prosecution also objects to the next to the last paragraph of the affidavit as purely character evidence.

D. N. Sutton

*Araki Phase*

*Interrogations reported R 2856-78,571*