Litchfield, Connecticut, Dec.8, 1946.

I, Eugene H. Dooman, one time Secretary and later Counselor of the American Embassy at Tokyo, Japan, certify that Mamoru Shigemitsu has been well known to me since 1922. Shortly after the Washington conference on the Limitation of Naval Armament of 1921-1922, Mr. Shigemitsu became Chief of the First Section of the Asia Bureau of the Foreign Office, and I had frequent occasion to discuss with him the various agreements and resolutions relating to China of the Conference which were to be carried out, as well as then-current problems in respect of China. I found Mr. Shigemitsu to be a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the enlightened and cooperative diplomacy of Baron Shidehara, and receptive and well-disposed toward American proposals concerning China and American representations with regard to issues and differences between the American and Japanese Governments. I found him, as to his personal character, completely frank, honest and straightforward. He frequently declared himself to be of the belief that the welfare of Japan was inseparable from the closest friendship with the United States and Britain, especially in dealing with the problem of helping to create a unified and stabilized China. Having regard, first, to his personal character, and, next, to his actions, I looked without question on Mr. Shigemitsu as a patriotic Japanese and as among the most progressive and enlightened diplomatists of his country. That belief was only strengthened by meetings with Mr. Shigemitsu in subsequent years, the last only a few weeks before Pearl Harbor, when he expressed and xiety over the trend of American-Japanese negotiations.

I can recall no instance, during my fifteen years of service in the Embassy at Tokyo, that any commentary was made by the Embassy to the Department of State on Mr. Shigemitsu that was not complimentary and favorable to him.

(Signed) Eugene H. Dooman

State of Connecticut Litchfield County Litchfield Township

SS:

I, Eugene H. Dooman, Litchfield, Connecticut, having been first duly sworn, make oath and say that the attached photostatic copy is a true copy of the statement dated 8 December 1946, given by me for use in evidence in the

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trial of major war criminals for the International Military Tribunal for the Far East now sitting in Tokyo, and that such statement is in all respects true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I do further make oath and say that the conversation with Mamoru Shigemitsu referred to in the aforesaid statement took place at the Tokyo Club took place during the latter part of October or the first half of November, 1941; that the meeting was casual and not pre-arranged and was therefore brief; and that Mr. Shigemitsu statement to me war, to the best of my recollection: "I am very anxious about the way the "ashington negotiations are now going. Please do your very best".

(Signed) Eugene H. Dooman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1947

(Signed) Katherine L. Thoms
Notary Public

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Deponent: Eingene H. Dooman

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

DEPONENT Eugene II. Mora an (seal)

I Mathrine of hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

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Witness: (signed Mathrine (seal)

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In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Engine H. Ropman