

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et, al.

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao

A F F I D A V I T

I, TANAKA, Shinichi, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is Suizawa-mura, Miyo-gun, Miyo Prefecture. I was from October 1940 until 7 December 1942 the Director of the First Division of the General Staff in charge of operational matters.

2. I testified last time before this Tribunal that in the peace time operational plan of 1941 no concrete plans for attacking Hongkong, Singapore, etc. were included. Besides this peace time operational plan the Japanese Army made during the period between January and May 1941 no concrete plans or preparations for occupying Singapore, Hongkong and the Philippines or one of these places. No study worth mentioning was even made.

3. The General Staff received neither from Germany nor from Mr. Oshima directly or indirectly any suggestions or influences in drafting and deciding the operational plans or any one of them including the attacks on British Malay, Singapore, Hongkong, the Philippines, Netherlands East Indies and the Southern regions. Nor was there any case that the General

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Staff concerning these plans or any one of them asked directly or indirectly through Ambassador Oshima for opinion, suggestions or assistance from Germany. Also, Mr. Oshima never recommended to the General Staff preparations or carrying out of these operational plans or any one of them.

On this 29 day of August, 1947

at Tokyo

DEPONENT TANAKA Shinichi (seal)

I SHIMAUCHI Tatsuki 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

At the same place.

Witness: (signed) SHIMAUCHI Tatsuki
(seal)

OATH

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

TANAKA Shinichi (seal)