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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

ITO was Minister without Portfolio at SHANGHAI
Sep 37 to March 38, and received reports from foreign
diplomats on Japanese troops' atrocities at NANKING.
Reported same to Foreign Ministry Jan-Feb 1938. Was
recalled in March and no official reason given for
recall.

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A F F I D A V I T

Mr. ITO, Nobufumi, does depose and state as follows:

I was sent to Shanghai as Minister without Portfolio and stayed there from the end of September to March 1938. My duties consisted principally of contacting foreign diplomats and reporting their opinions and rumors as to our policy towards China.

Sometime after the entry of our troops into Nanking, I was told by several foreign diplomats that some atrocities had been committed in Nanking by Japanese troops. Thereon I reported the matter to the Foreign Ministry at Tokyo. I am not sure of the date, nor the form I used in reporting these matters, but it must have been between January and the beginning of February 1938.

I was recalled to Tokyo in March and no official reason was given for my recall.

H. Ito

ITO, Nobufumi

The above statement was dictated by me and signed by me on the 19th day of June 1946, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

H. Ito

ITO, Nobufumi

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自分は昭和十一年九月下旬より翌年三月まで無任所
公使として上海に派遣され滞在せり。自分の任務は
は主として津和国外交官と接觸し我が邦を政
治的に開すの事を見。流説等を報告する事になせり。

我が軍の南京入城後向もあつて南京方面に於て
我が軍の隊が暴動がやく行爲を行はせられたる
事を知りし。外外交官あり談話ありたり。但し
右に由し外務省の省令を以て報告しさせし。但し
如何なる形式により報告せしめられたりかの事
正確なる時は尙ほ定かたせず。多々命十三年
一月より同二月初め迄なる事。

三月軍事少佐に命ぜらるる事。此の間に
日本は何れを以てして其の理由を問はせ
所らぬといふ事なり。

昭和十一年九月