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Q And who was advocating the expansion of Japan across the Great Wall into China.

A I believe the Kwantung Army.

Q Were the Chiefs of Staff in Tokyo also advocating further expansion?

A I believe that the Chief of Staff in Tokyo did not have such a view in mind.

Q Do you think they were fearful that the Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army would just keep going on and move across the Great Wall into China? Was that the problem?

A Yes.

Q Would that action be initiated by ITAGAKI and ISHIWARA?

A Yes.

Q They would have led such a movement?

A Yes.