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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-VS-

ARAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: HASHIMOTO Gun.

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.

I, Hashimoto, Gun, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address in No. 456, 4 chome, Kitazawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.
2. I was Chief of the Operational Division of the General Staff from January 1938 until September 1939. My rank at that time was, first, Major General, and, later, Lieutenant General.
3. As Chief of the operational division I saw of course all the telegrams dispatched or received by the General Staff, or exchanged between the General Staff and Militar

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- Attachés or others stationed in foreign countries.
4. In Japan the Foreign Office, the War Ministry and the Navy Ministry were using different telegraphic codes each other. Therefore, it was impossible to make direct exchange of telegrams between the General Staff and the Japanese Ambassador in Germany, keeping such exchange secret from the Foreign Office.
 5. In about January or February 1939 no telegram was dispatched from the General Staff to Ambassador Oshima stating that the prerogative of diplomacy belonged to the Emperor etc., as mentioned in the Exhibit No. 3795 A.
 6. In about January or February 1939 the General Staff did not dispatch any telegram to Ambassador Oshima concerning the question of strengthening the Anti-Comintern Pact, nor was no telegram received by the General Staff from Ambassador Oshima.
 7. Military Attachés stationed in foreign countries belonged directly to the General Staff. Concerning the negotiations for a treaty between Japan, Germany and Italy the General Staff never sent in 1939 a draft of such a treaty by telegram to the Japanese Military Attaché in Germany.

/S/ HASHIMOTO, Gun (seal)
26 January 1948, in Tokyo.

Witness: /S/ SHIMANOUCHI, Tatsuki

DEF. DOL. #3021

On this 26 day of Jan. 1948

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: HASHIMOTO Gun (seal)

I, SHIMANOUCHI 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: /S/ SHIMANOUCHI Tatsuki (seal)

OATH

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

/S/ HASHIMOTO Gun (seal)

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極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國其他

對

荒木貞夫 其他

宣誓供述書

供述者

橋

本

群

- 一、私、橋本群は宣誓の上次の通り供述する。
- 二、私の現住所は東京都世田谷區北澤四丁目四百五十六番地である。私は一九三八年一月より一九三九年九月迄參謀本部作戰部長であつた。當時の私の階級は初、陸軍少將、後に陸軍中將であつた。
- 三、私は作戰部長として參謀本部の發受する重要電報、參謀本部と陸軍武官其他外國駐在者との間の電報には、勿論、全部目を通して居た。
- 四、日本では外務省、陸軍省並に海軍省は夫々違つた電報暗號を使用してゐた。従て外務省に内密で參謀本部と駐獨大使との間に直接電報の往復をすることは出来なかつた。
- 五、一九三九年一月乃至二月頃、參謀本部から大島大使に對して法廷證第三七九五號Aに記載されてゐる所の、外交の大權は陛下にある云々といふやうな電報を發したとけない。

六、一九三九年一、二月頃、防共協定強化の問題について、参謀本部が大島大使に對して電報を發したこともなく、又大島大使より参謀本部に對して電報を送つて來たこともない。

七、外國駐在の陸軍武官は参謀本部に直屬してゐたが、日獨伊條約の交渉に關し、一九三九年参謀本部が條約案を獨逸駐在の日本陸軍武官に電報したことはない。

昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月二十六日 於東京

供述者 橋本 群

右へ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマ

同日於同所

立會人 島内龍起

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