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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Affidavits of KONOYE, Yasuko, dated 8 and 13 January 1948 Re Saionji-Harada Diary

Date: 1930 - 1940 Original () Copy (x) Language: English
and Japanese
1 Feb and 31 May 1937

Has it been translated? Yes (x) No ()

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: KONOYE, Yasuko (Exhibit No. 3750)

PERSONS IMPLICATED: Baron HARADA, Kumao; KIDO, Keichi

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: None

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Doc. No. 3357-A - Affidavit of KONOYE, Yasuko wife of KONOYE, Hidemaro, dated 8 Jan 1948, testifying that during the period of 1930 to 1940, she, as his stenographer, took in shorthand the notes of the late Baron HARADA, Kumao; and that after transcription into Japanese, the notes were taken by Baron HARADA to Prince SAIONJI for corrections and suggestions, all of which were incorporated into the completed form.

Doc. No. 3357-B - Affidavit of KONOYE, Yasuko, dated 13 January 1948, regarding the health and fitness of Baron HARADA from 1 February - 31 May 1937, during which period she took dictation from him. Also, with regard to the entry of 19 August 1940 /Saionji-Harada Diary/, marked for identification as Exhibit 3687, witness testifies that writing was dictated to her by HARADA.

Analyst: ET GARDEN

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A F F I D A V I T

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

Baron Kumeo HARADA dictated to me, Yasuko KONOYE, once or twice a week from notes and from memory the first drafts of the record.

Baron HARADA was a university graduate and was about average in methodical methods of work, being neither outstanding nor lax in the organizing of his work.

With reference to a statement made by Koichi KIDO that Baron HARADA was sick for three or four months from the time when UGAKI failed to form his Cabinet (i.e., the end of January 1937) and that KIDO took over his duties, I say as follows:

(a) From a study of the records of the period 1 February 1937 - 31 May 1937 there was only one sickness mentioned, this being on 23 February and he was active on 3 March having gone to Okitsu on that date, during the whole of the rest of the four months he was travelling between Tokyo, his own and Prince SAIONJI's country homes, and calling upon people.

(b) During such times as he was sick, either in this or any other period, he never ceased dictating the records. I took the dictation in his bedroom or sitting-room. During such a period he gathered information by telephone calls and by people visiting him. At no time did KIDO or anyone other than HARADA dictate any part of the records.

With regard to KIDO's statement that HARADA suffered from drowsiness during the latter part of his life, I say that if this refers to the five years between the death of SAIONJI (when he ceased dictating the records) and his own, I saw him very seldom and cannot express an opinion. But it is not true as to any part of the time when he was keeping the records. It is true that all the time, whatever his state of health, he occasionally appeared abstracted, as if he was thinking of something else, while someone was speaking; but I noticed that in spite of this appearance, he always knew quite well what they said. He was, at all times, while I knew him, fully competent mentally.

With regard to the entry of 19 August 1940, marked for identification during the cross-examination of the accused TOJO, as Ex. 3687, I well remember that when HARADA was dictating this to me he was reading from a document which he held in his hand.

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OATH

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

(seal)

(Japanese Signature)

Yasuko KONOYE On this 13th day of January, 1948 at Tokyo

Deponent: Yasuko KONOYE

I, Turner D. White, Capt. Inf., hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed her signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date At Tokyo

Witness: /s/ Turner D. White, Capt., Inf. TURNER D. WHITE, CAPT., INF.

With regard to KONOYE's statement that she was in the latter part of the year 1947, I say that I do not recall the date of her arrival in the United States. I see him very seldom and do not recall the date of his arrival in the United States. I do not recall the date of his arrival in the United States. I do not recall the date of his arrival in the United States.

With regard to the entry of 19 August 1948, marked for identification during the cross-examination of the accused KONOYE, I will remember that when KONOYE was testifying this to me he was reading from a document which he had in his hand.

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Exhibit No.

宣誓供述書

我國ニ行ハレル方式ニ從ヒ、別紙記載ノ如ク宣誓シタル上、私ハ次ノ通り陳述致シマス。

毎週一回乃至二回原田熊男爵ハ私、近衛素子

ニ、草稿又ハ記憶ニヨリ記録ノ西園寺、原田岡

願録ノ初稿ヲ看キ取ラセマシタ。

原田男爵ハ大學卒業者デアリマシテ、仕事ヲキ

チントスル點ニ於イテハ大体普通デアリマシタガ、

自己ノ仕事ヲ組織立テル點ニ於イテハ卓越モシテ

ホナケレバ、又怠慢デモアリマセンデシタ。

宇垣ノ組織失敗當時ヨリ三、四ヶ月間原田男爵

ガ病床ニアツタコト、並ニ本戸ガ原田男爵ノ仕事

ヲ代行シタトイフ本戸幸一ノ陳述ニ關シテハ私ハ

次ノ通り申述ベマス。即チ

(a) 一九三七年三月一日ヨリ一九三七年五月三十一

日マテハ該記録取調ホトコロニヨリマス。ト、病

氣ハ唯一回二月二十三日ニ記載サレテ居リマス。

ソシテ彼ノ原田ノハ三月三日ニハ元氣ヲ開、ソノ日

ニハ興津ヘ行ツテ居リマス。

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前述シタ四ヶ月ノ殘リノ全期間彼ハ、東京ト彼ノ別
 莊ト西園寺公爵別荘ノ間ヲ往復シ、人々ヲ訪問シテ居
 リマス。一二月二十三日ニ於ケル病氣中セ彼
 コノ期間又ハ他ノ如何ナル期間ニ於ケル病氣中セ彼
 ハ該記録ヲ替キ取ラセルコトヲ止メマセシタ。
 私ハ彼ノ病室又ハ居間デソノ替キ取リヲ行ヒマシタ
 ソノ間彼ハ電話及ビ訪客ニ依リテ情報ヲ蒐集致シマ
 シタ。如何ナル場合ニモ木戸又ハ原田以外ノ者ガ該
 記録ノ如何ナル部分ヲモ替キ取ラセタコトハアリマ
 セン。晩年原田ガボシヤリシテキタトイフ木戸ノ陳
 述ニ於イテハ、若シソレガ西園寺ノ死（彼ノ原田ノ
 ハソレ以後該記録ノ替キ取リヲ中止シマシタ。ソト
 彼ノ死ノ間ノ五ヶ年間ヲ稱スモノデアリマシタラ、
 私ハメツタニ彼ニ會ヒマセシタカラ、意見ヲ述
 ベルコトハデキマセン。

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シカシコノ事ハ、彼ガ該記録ヲ書キ綴ケテキタ如
何ナル時期ニ對シテモ、眞實テハアリマセン。彼
ガ常ニ、ソノ健康状態ノ如何ニ拘ラズ、時トシテ
誰カガ話シテキル時、マルテ他ノコトテモ考ヘテ
キルカノ様ニ、ボンヤリトシテ見ヘタコトハ本當
デアリマス。然シ私ハ、ソノナ外見ニモ拘ラズ彼
ガ常ニ彼等ノ話シタコトヲヨク知ツテキタコトヲ
認メマシタ。彼ハ、私ノ彼ヲ知ツテキタ如何ナル
時期ニ於テモ、精神的ニ十分ナ能力ヲ持ツテ居リ
マシタ。

東條被告ニ對スル反對訊問ノ際、法廷證三六八
七トシテ識別記號ヲ付サレタ、一八九四〇年八月七
九日ノ記事ニ就イテハ、私ハ、原田ガソレヲ私ニ
書キ取ラセタ時、手ニシタ書類カラ讀ミ上ゲテキ
タ事ヲヨク記憶致シテ居リマス。

一四八号一八十三日 東京

(原田)

マ、全期對テ盡クソレイテ書キマス。

原田ノ良心ニ對シ、同筆子證據マス、同筆子證據マス

宣誓書

私ハ私ノ良心ニ從ヒ、何事モ秘匿セズ、何事モ附加セズ、全眞實ヲ述ベルコトヲ誓ヒマス。

(認印)

一九四八年一月十三日 於東京

供述者 近 備 泰 子ノ署名ノ

余、歩兵大尉「D. ホワイト」ハ上記ノ供述ハ供述者ニ依ツテ宣誓セラレ、同人ニ依リ余ノ面前ニ於テ署名、捺印セラレタモノデアルコトヲ證明スル。

同日 於東京

証人 陸軍大尉「D. ホワイト」ノ署名

Handwritten text in Japanese, likely a transcript or notes, including the name 'D. ホワイト' and '署名'.

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A F F I D A V I T

Having first duly sworn on oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

I, Yasuko KONOYE, wife of Hidemaro KONOYE, am a teacher of shorthand, and during the period of 1930 to 1940, I, as his stenographer, took in shorthand the notes of the late Baron Kumao HARADA.

I have been shown by Mr. J. G. Lambert, IPS Investigator, a photostatic copy of this finished transcription which I recognize as the memoirs of Baron HARADA written by me in my own handwriting.

These notes taken by me in shorthand were transcribed in Japanese by me and given to Baron HARADA for approval.

Baron HARADA took the transcription to Prince Kimmochi SAIONJI for corrections and suggestions.

Prince SAIONJI's corrections and/or suggestions were incorporated in the completed form which I wrote in my own handwriting and which is identified as above.

OATH

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

(seal)

(Japanese Signature)
Yasuko KONOYE

On this 8th day of January, 1948
at Tokyo

Deponent: Yasuko KONOYE

I, Theodore Q. Lammers, 1st Lt., QMC, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed her signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

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On the same date
At Tokyo
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Witness: /s/ Theodore Q. Lammers
1st Lt., QMC
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THEODORE Q. LAMMERS,
1ST LT., QMC.

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檢察部文書第三三五七號

宣誓供述書

我國ニテ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ、別紙記載ノ如ク正
式ニ宣誓シタル上私ハ次ノ通り陳述シマス。
私、近衛秀磨ノ妻近衛泰子ハ速記術教師デアリマ
ス。ソシテ一九三〇年カラ一九四〇年マデ
ハ故原田熊男男爵ノ速記者トシテ同氏ノ手記ヲ速
記ニトリマシタ。

私ハ國際檢察部ノ調査官「J、G、ラムバート」
氏カラソノ完成セラレタ記録ノ寫眞複寫ヲ一通り
示サレマシタガ、ソレハ私が私自身ノ手記ニ
原田男爵ノ同意録デアルコトヲ認メマス

此等私が速記シタ文書ハ私が日本文ニ清書シ承認
ノタメ原田男爵ニ提出シタモノデアリマ
原田男爵ハソノ記録ヲ訂正シ意見ヲ求メ
西園寺公望公爵へ持参サレマシタ。

西園寺公ノ訂正及び又ハ意見ハ仕上ゲノ際ニ誓
キ込マレテアリマス、ソレハ私自身ガ手書シタモ
ノデ上記ノ通り認識シタモノデアリマス。

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宣誓書

私ノ良心ニ從ヒ何事モ秘匿セズ、何事モ附加セズ、
全眞實ヲ述ベルコトヲ誓ヒマス、
(認印)

東京ニ於テ本一九四八年一月八日

近藤 藤 泰 子 / 自署ノ

余 Q、M、O 中尉「テオドラー、Q、ラムマース」

ハ上記ノ供述者ニヨリ宣誓サレ同人ニ依リ余ノ面前

ニ於テ署名捺印サレタモノデアルコトヲ證明スル

東京ニ於テ同日

テオドラー、Q、ラムマースノ署名ノ

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