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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

MATSUDAIRA YASUMASA

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

1. I was the private secretary to the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal from June 1936 to November 1945.

2. I received a telephone call from Mr. Kase, an official of the Foreign Ministry, in the morning of 7 December 1941 at the Imperial Household Ministry. He told me that the Foreign Ministry had received a telegram from Washington reporting that a personal telegram had been dispatched from the American President to the Emperor, and asked me if the telegram had been delivered directly to the Imperial Household Ministry. I told him, however, that the Imperial Household Ministry had not received such a telegram.

On the same day about 8:30 P.M., when I was at my private residence, Mr. Kase telephoned and asked me again about the above-mentioned private telegram from American President. Thereupon, I immediately inquired of the office of the Chamberlain (Jijūshoku) and of the officer on duty in the Ministry about the matter, and informed him (Mr. Kase) that the Ministry had received no such telegram as yet.

Later on, after 12 o'clock of the same night Mr. Kase called me by phone and informed me that the American Ambassador in Tokyo had conveyed the telegram of the President to the Foreign Minister.

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

Matsudaira Yasumasa

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On this 13th day of August 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT Matsudaira Yasumasa (seal)

I, Katō Denjirō, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: Katō Denjirō (seal)

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Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing translation is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko

Tokyo
13 August 1947