MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sutton

FROM

: EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,

Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT

: Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

## DEFENDANT

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WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Kuramoto, Keijiro

Curriculum Vitae

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

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(Described above)

EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: KURAMOTO, Keijiro

1922 Aug 25

Date of birth: April 21, 1894

Permanent domicile: HIROSHIMA Prefecture

1913 May 29	Graduated from the Regular course of the Central Military Preparatory School.
1913 May 31	Appointed an officer candidate and assigned to the 62nd Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
1913 June 6	Entered the 62nd Infantry Regiment.
1913 June 6	Given the grade of Superior Private, Infantry. (62nd Infantry Regiment)
1913 Aug 1	Promoted to Corporal, Infantry ( " )
1913 Sept 1	Promoted to Sergeant, Infantry ( " )
1913 Dec 1	Entered the Military Academy.
1915 May 25	Graduated from the Military Academy.
1915 May 31	Returned to the original unit.
1915 May 31	Promoted to Sergeant-major, Infantry and appointed a probationary officer (62nd Infantry Regiment)
1915 Nov 15	Passed by the Officers Selection Board in accordance with Article 12 of the Army Replacement Order.
1915 Dec 25	Appointed a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry. Attached to the 62nd Infantry Regiment.
1916 Mar 20	Conferred the Senior 8th Court Rank.
1919 Apr 25	Appointed 1st Lieutenant Infantry (Cabinet)
1919 June 20	Conferred the Junior 7th Court Rank.
1919 July 25	Assigned to duty in the 11th Division Headquarters. (War Ministry)
1920 Dec 25	Awarded the 6th Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure and 400 Yen for meritorious services in the War of 1915-1920.

Relieved from duty in the 11th Division Headquarters. (War Ministry)

1924	Aug	25	Conferred the Senior 7th Court Rank.
1924	Oct	24	Relieved of the principal post and assigned to Army TOYAMA School (War Ministry)
1925	May	1	Relieved of post in the Army TOYAMA School. (War Ministry) Assigned as an instructor at the Army TOYAMA School and concurrently as a member of the Research Dept. of the same school. (War Ministry)
1925	Aug	7	Appointed Captain, Infantry (Cabinet)
1925	Nov	25	Awarded the 5th Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.
1927	Mar	15	Relieved of the principal post and the concurrent post, and attached to the 59th Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry)
1928	Dec	19	Attached to the Army Ordnance Main Depot and concurrently appointed a section member of the Personnel Bureau of the War Ministry) (War Ministry)
1929	Oct	1	Conferred the junior 6th Court Rank.
1930	Mar	25	Assigned as a section member of the Personnel Bureau of the War Ministry and attached to the Army Ordnance Main Depot. (War Ministry)
1932	Feb	8	Awarded the 4th Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.
1932	Aug	8	Appointed Major, Infantry. (Cabinet) Attached to the Army Ordnance Main Depot and concurrently assigned to the Personnel Bureau of the War Ministry (War Ministry)
1934	Nov	1	Conferred the Senior 6th Court Rank.
1934	Apr	29	Awarded the Small Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. For meritorious service in the Incident of 1931-1934.
1936	Apr	2	Appointed a judge of the TOKYO Army Court Martial. Not registered in the Official Gayette. (War Ministry)
1937	Aug	2	Attached to the 1st Infantry Regiment. (War Ministry) Not Registered in the Official Gazette.
1938	Mar	9	Awarded the 3rd Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure

1938 July 15	Attached to the Army Ordnance Main Depot and concurrently assigned to the Personnel Bureau of the War Ministry.  (War Ministry)
1939 Aug 1	Appointed Colonel, Infantry. (Cabinet)
1939 Aug 15	Conferred the Junior 5th Court Rank.
1942 May 21	Appointed a member of the Expert Committee of the Military Walfare Board. (Cabinet)
1942 June 15	Appointed a secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Policy Council (Cabinet)
1940 Apr 29	Awarded the Middle Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun For meritorious service in the China Incident.
1943 Aug 2	Appointed Major-General (Cabinet)
1943 Aug 16	Conferred the Senior 5th Court Rank.
1944 June 5	Appointed a member of the Expert Committee of the Military Welfare Board. (Cabinet)
1944 Oct 4	Relieved of post as member of the Expert Committee of the Military Welfare Board. (Cabinet)
1946 June 15	Appointed a demobilization official of the 2nd Class. (Cabinet)
1946 Oct 26	Appointed a member of the Pension Examination Committee. (Cabinet)
1946 Dec 26	Relieved as member of the Pension Examination Committee by own request. (Cabinet)

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al



SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: KURAMOTO Keijiro

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I do hereby depose and say as follows:

- My name is KURAMOTO Keijiro. My address is 494,
   4-chome, Mabashi Suginami-ku, Tokyo.
- 2. I was formerly Major-general of the Army. From December, 1928 to the end of the war, I was in War Ministry and dealt with the reward affairs in the Personal Bureau. As I made investigation of the merit for the 1st Chinese Incident, I know the reason why Kenryo Sato (Colonel at that time) was bestowed of the 3rd degree of the Order of Golden Kite.
- 3. The period of the reward of the Chinese incident ended April 29th 1940, therefore the bestowal of the order

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to Colonel Sato is due to his merit at the battle of Nanning (China) area in his capacity of Vice Chief of Staff of the China Expeditionary Forces and has no connection with the advance in Indo-China.

On this 29 day of September, 1947 At Tokyo

Deponent: /S/ KURAMOTO Keijiro (seal)

I, KUSANO Hyoichiro, 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/ KUSANO Hyoichiro (seal)

## OATH

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

/S/ KURAMOTO Keijiro (seal)