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Address: Kanagawa Prefecture

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MRS, SAWADA, Renzo

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SAWADA Renzo

- 1936 Councillor, Japanese Embassy in Manchukuo
He advocated the Japanese penetration into
Mongolia and even Chinese ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Turkestan.
- Mar 1938 Adviser to the puppet regime 'Provisional
Government' in Peiping, North China.
- Oct 1938 Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 1939 Ambassador to France.

Mrs. SAWADA is a Christian, the youngest daughter of
IWASA, the well-known Mitsui Zaibatsu. She is also a
relative of SHIDEHARA, at present State Minister in Tokyo.

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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 May 1947

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2. A rescanning of the book has revealed the following Defense witnesses as members of the society:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Operations, CIS, G-2
Compilation Branch

SUBJECT: SAWADA, Renzo

1944 Sep 9 Ambassador at large at Tokyo for the Southern Regions and advisor to Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU / he has been replaced by Itaro ISHII as Ambassador to Burma, possibly, according to source, because the thorough-going program of regimentation initiated by SAWADA is going to be abandoned.

SOURCE : OSS, ~~REA~~ FE, Washington, 9 Sept. 1944.

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SOURCE : Who's Who List, MOI, 15 May 1944.

1943 "A long time diplomat catalogued as a 'liberal' and pro-American.." Despite SAWADA's past avowals of undying love for us Burma is the site of the most violent government-sponsored policy of hatred for the white man" Raman Lavalley "Have We Any Friends in Japan?" Free World April 1944.

SOURCE : Japanese Personal Intelligence, July 10-1945, Office of War Information, OBSF.

As to the SUBJECT's activity as Ambassador to Burma after his recall to Foreign Service in July 1943, he was sent to Rangoon, Burma where he remained until August, 1944. In SUBJECT's statement to investigating officer, IPS, 18 April 1946 he states: "Actually, I went to Burma at the request of SHIGEMITSU, although legally I was the Greater East Asia Ministry (DAI TOA SHO) representative. SHIGEMITSU did not tell me but he led me to believe that if I did not go some Army man would get the post, the same as in Manchukuo. I arrived in Burma about July 26, 1943, a few days before the declaration of independence on August 1, 1943. Up until August 1st, Burma had been under

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the Japanese Military Administration with General KAWABE as Commander-in-Chief, General NAKA as Chief of Staff, and Gen. ISOMURA, as Sub-Chief of Staff. After the declaration of independence, Burma was still under Japanese Military dominance.....

".....Although I was sent as an Ambassador with full authority to represent the Japanese Government, it was actually limited to purely diplomatic matters. On the other hand, I was meant to be a conciliator between the Japanese Army on the spot and the Burmese Government."

SOURCE : Personality Section, Compilation Branch, Operation, CIS.

Suspect Japanese formerly active in the U. S. See publication.

SOURCE : Various

From : Counter Intelligence Data on Japan, Section VII, 3 Oct 45.

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Date: April 3rd 1947

Name of Witness: SAWADA, Renzo (Mrs.)

Completed as to Items Numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4

Partially completed as to Items Numbers:

If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted:

Information from Chinese Division