

EXHIBIT No. 3203

(8)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ET AL

vs.

ARAKI, SADAO ET AL

AFFIDAVIT OF

NAKIJORU INUMA

Personal History

1. I was born on November 25, 1888, in the city of Nagoya, and am living at 2 # 3 Chome Kasaimachi, Higashi-ku, Nagoya City.

2. The gist of my personal history is as follows:

- a. 1909 - Graduated Military Academy
- b. August 1937 - Promoted Maj. Gen.; Director of Junior Military Academy
- c. November 1938 - Chief of Personnel Affairs, War Ministry
- d. October 1939 - Promoted Lt. Gen.
- e. November 1939 - Appointed Commander of 110th Div. stationed in North China.
- f. August 1942 - Discharged

3. I was Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau in the War Ministry from November 1938 to October 1939. In September 1939, I recommended Major General Muto as Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau to General Hata who was then the War Minister, as the proper person to be appointed to that position. I made this recommendation in accordance with my duties as Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau. It is the duty of the Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau to make recommendations to the War Minister for the appointment of officers to the various positions in the army.

I made this recommendation after Lt. General Machijiri, the out-going Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau had recommended General Muto as his successor and after I myself had fully considered the opinions of the Military Affairs Bureau and the Personnel Affairs Bureau. In accordance with the regular military procedure in such matters, War Minister Hata then submitted the name of Major General Muto to the Three Chiefs Council. Major General Muto was then designated to the position as Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau by the Three Chiefs Council.

General Hata always followed the regular military procedure in all matters affecting the War Ministry and he accepted my recommendation of General Muto without question and did his duty and submitted his name to the Three Chiefs Conference. My recommendation of Major General Muto, General Hata's acceptance of that recommendation, and his presentation of General Muto to the Three Chiefs Conference and the acceptance by the Three Chiefs Conference of the recommendation of General Muto were all in accordance with regular procedure in such matters in the War Ministry.

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OATH

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

INUMA, Mamoru (Seal)

On this 15th day of July, 1947, at Tokyo

Deponent: INUMA, Mamoru (Seal)

I, INAMARI, Taitaro, 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: INAMARI, Taitaro (Seal)