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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: NINOMIYA Yoshikiyo

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

INTERROGATION

OF

NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo

Q. Please state your full name and address.

A. My name is NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo. My present address is 42 Hommuracho Ichigaya, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo.

Q. Were you formerly a member of the armed forces of Japan and if so, what rank did you hold?

A. I was a Colonel in the Japanese Army, and held a position in the War Ministry.

Q. Were you ever attached to the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry and if so, in what capacity?

A. Yes, I was in the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry as a Staff Member, and became Chief of the Military Affairs Section in December, 1942, remaining in that position until July, 1944.

Q. During the time you were Chief of the Military Affairs Section who was your immediate superior?

A. Major General SATO, Kenryo was my immediate superior.

Q. Will you briefly state the functions and duties of your Section?

A. The chief function of my section was to handle matters dealing with

other ministries and matters relating to international agreements and treaties.

Q. On January 3, 1947 (record, p. 14,287), TANIKA, Ryukichi testified that protests relative to the treatment of prisoners of war were sent from the Foreign Office to the War Ministry and then to the Military Affairs Section of the Military Affairs Bureau. Do you yourself recall having received such protests?

A. No.

Q. The witness TANIKA also testified: "Replies to be made to the authorities outside of the war office were prepared in the Military Affairs Section of the Military Affairs Bureau. Is this true?"

A. That is not so. All replies relating to prisoners of war were made by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

Q. Was the Prisoner of War Information Bureau already established when you became head of the Military Affairs Section?

A. Yes, it was already established.

Q. Who was Chief of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, if you know.

A. The Chief of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau at that time was Lt. Gen. UYEMURA, Mikio.

Q. Do you know generally what the duties of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau were?

A. The function of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau was to handle matters relating to prisoners of war.

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Q. Then the protests from allied powers received by the Foreign Office relative to treatment of prisoners of war would be forwarded to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau?

A. Yes.

Q. Colonel, if all these protests relative to the treatment of prisoners of war had passed through your section, as General TANAKI testified, you would have known it, would you not?

A. Yes.

Q. But you do not recall ever having received these protests?

A. No.

At Tokyo, Japan, this 15th day of October, 1947.

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On this 15 day of October, 1947

At _____

DEPONENT NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo (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

A t _____

Witness: (signed) KUSANO, Hyoichiro (seal)

OATH: this 15 day of October, 1947

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

DEPONENT NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo (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

A t _____

Witness: (signed) KUSANO, Hyoichiro (seal)

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自分等我國ニ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ元ツ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上次ノ如ク供述致シマス。

樞東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國其他

對

荒木貞夫其他

宣誓供述書

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問、ドウゾ貴下ノ姓名ト住所トヲ述ベテ下サイ。

答、私ノ姓名ハ二宮義清デ現在ノ居所ハ東京都新宿區市ヶ谷本村町四十二番地デアリマス。

問、貴下ハ以前日本陸軍ノ一員デアリマシタカ若シソウナラバ階級ハ何デシタカ

答、私ハ日本陸軍ノ大佐デアリマシタ。而シテ陸軍省ニ勤メテ居マシタ。

問、貴下ハ嘗テ陸軍省軍務局ニ勤シテ居ラレマシタカ、ソウトスレバ其ノ仕事ハ

答、ハイ私ハ陸軍省ノ軍務局ニ一掃隊トシテ勤メテ居マシタ、而シテ一九四二年十二月ニ軍務課長ニ爲リ一九四四年七月迄其ノ地立ニ居リマシタ。

問、貴下ガ軍務課長デアツタ間ニ於テ貴下ノ直接ノ上官ハ誰デシタカ。

答、佐藤賢了中將ガ私ノ直接ノ上官デアリマシタ。

問、貴下ハ軍務課ノ機能ト職務トヲ簡單ニ説明シテ下サイマヒンカ。

答、軍務課ノ主タル機能ハ他ノ省ト交渉アル事項及國際的協定、條約ニ關係アル事項ヲ取扱フコトデアリマシタ。

問、一九四七年正月三日ハ英文記録一四、二八七頁一田中隆吉ハ俘虜ノ取扱

ニ關スル抗議ガ外務省カラ陸軍省ニ、ソレカラ軍務局ノ軍務課ニ送ラレタト證言シマシタ。貴下ハ左様ナ抗議ヲ受取リマシタカ。

答、イイエ

問、証人田中ハ又証言シテ居リマス。「陸軍省外ノ官寮ヘ為サルベキ回答ハ

軍務局軍務課デ起草サレタート、コレハ眞實デスカ。

答、ソウデハアリマヒン侍房ニヨリスル一切ノ回答ハ侍房情報局ニヨリテ為サ

レマシタ。

問、貴下ガ軍務課長ニナラレタ時侍房情報局ハ既ニ設置ヒラレテ居リマシタ

カ。

答、ハイ、ソレハ既ニ設置サレテ居リマシタ。

問、侍房情報局長官ハ誰レデシタカ。

答、侍房情報局長官ハ上村幹雄中將デアリマシタ。

問、侍房情報局ノ職務ハ何デアルカ總括的ニ御承知デスカ。

答、侍房情報局ノ職務ハ侍房ニ關スル事項ヲ取扱フコトニアリマシタ。

問、然ラバ侍房ノ取扱ニ關シ外務省ニヨツテ受理サレタ聯合國カラノ抗議ハ

侍房情報局ニ移送サレマシタカ。

答、ハイ。

問、大佐、田中將軍ノ証言シタ如ク侍房ノ取扱ニ關スル此等一切ノ抗議ガ貴

課ヲ通ジタトスルナラバ貴下ハソレヲ知ラレタ筈デスネ、ソウデハアリ

マヒンカ。

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答、ハイ
問、併シ貴下ハ此等ノ抗議ヲ受領サレタコトヲ想起シマヒンカ。
答、イイエ。

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）十月十五日 於

供述者 二 宮 義 清

右ハ管立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス。

同日 於 同 所

立會人 草 野 豹 一 郎

良心ニ從ヒ眞實ヲ述ベ何事ヲモ黙秘ヒズ又何事ヲモ附加ヒザルコトヲ誓フ

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