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Interrogation of
Vice Admiral YASUO INOUE, I.J.N. (Ret)

Date and Time - 28 November 1945, 093-1130 hours
Place - Room 334, NYK Building, Tokyo, Japan.
Present - Lt. Douglas L. Waldorf, Interrogator
Lt. Joe B. Alexander, Interrogator
T/4 Riekey S. Yamaguchi, Interpreter
Vice Admiral YASUO INOUE, I.J.N. (Ret).

Q. What is your present residential address?

A. Yonegawa Yamagata. Ken

Q. Where were you born?

A. Kyoto-fu, Miyazu, Japan.

Q. What is your present age?

A. 58 years.

Q. Are you a graduate of the Japanese Naval Academy, and if so, what was your year of graduation?

A. Yes. I graduated in the class of 1909, and was commissioned an Ensign.

Q. Will you present the sequence of your Naval Service in chronological order?

A. 1909-1910 Special gunnery course at
Jokosuka Naval Station.

1910-1917 General sea duty with 2nd
Fleet.

1915 Promoted to Lieutenant 1st Grade.

1917-1918 - General refresher course Naval
War College.

1918-1922 - General sea duty with 2nd Fleet.

1922 - Entered Naval War College - graduated
in 1924.

1924-1925 - General sea duty with the 2nd Fleet.

1925-1927. Attached Kure Naval Station as
general Staff Officer (no special assignment)

1927-1930 Member of Navy General Staff, Tokyo.

1930-1931 General sea duty with 2nd Fleet.

~~Promoted to Commander.~~

Was Executive Officer of the NACHI,
under Capt Nobura HIRATA.

1927 Promoted to Commander.

1931-1932 Stationed at Kure aboard the
training ship YAHAGI, as Commanding
Officer.

- 1931 Promoted to Captain.
- 1932-1934 Stationed in Formosa as Naval Liaison Officer.
- 1934-1935 Capt of the KITAKAMI, a training ship from Sasebo Naval Station.
- 1935-1937 Returned to Navy General Staff as Intelligence Officer, Dept III.
- 1937 Promoted to Rear Admiral.
- 1937-1938 Assigned as commander of shore defenses at Yokosuka Naval Station. Also was commandant of trainees.
- 1938-1940 Chief Personnel Officer at Yokosuka.
- 1940-1941 Commander of defenses on the Island of KAINAN-TO off Hong Kong for 9 months.
- Aug - Dec 1941 - Commander of shore defenses at Canton, China. Latter part of Dec. went to Hong Kong as an observer aboard the EJI. ~~During~~ Was in command of defenses at Hong Kong for 1 month.

Q. Had you heard of the Naval War Games held during the summer of 1941 at Sukumo, Saeki, Kagoshima, and Kanoya?

A. No I had never heard of such exercises.

Q. How long did you remain in command of defense forces at Hong Kong?

A. Until late Feb. or 1st of Mar 1942.

Q. As an Officer of wide experience in matters pertaining to defense, how much time prior to attack do you consider necessary for adequate defense?

A. In case of air attack, surprise would be essential to a successful operation on a shore defense position.

Q. Do you think that 1 hour time would be sufficient to prepare your forces at Hong Kong for adequate defense.

A. Yes, if conditions were ideal, ~~however~~
~~would be difficult to do~~

Q. Did you realize that diplomatic conditions between the U.S. and Japan were becoming very strained in late 1941?

A. Yes, but I had no idea that an attack against the U.S. was imminent at this time.

Q. Did you feel at that time that if diplomatic conditions broke down between the two countries, it would be advisable to attack the U.S.?

A. Yes, in the event of diplomatic failure at this time I felt it would be a good idea to attack the United States forces.

Q. What had you ever heard relative to a Declaration of War against the U.S.?

A. Until after the attack I had heard nothing.

Q. At any time during Dec 1941 did you receive any orders alerting you against probable American attack.

A. No.

Q. When did you first ^{hear} any information concerning the attack against Hawaii?

A. Early morning, 8 Dec Japanese.
Time from a Japanese Radio broadcast.

Q. When did you become a Vice Admiral

A. November 1941

Q. What ~~were~~ ^{was} your assignment after leaving Hong Kong in ~~March~~ 1942?

A. I returned to Tokyo in Jan. or Feb of 1942 and was on leave until April. From April 1942 to Jan 1943 I was commander of escort vessels on convoys operating to Singapore and Saigon. In Jan. 1943 I returned to Tokyo for another leave. From Apr 43 to Mar 45 I was in command of the shore defences at the OMINATO Naval Station. On Mar 8, 1945 I retired from the naval service.

Q - While you were attached to the Intelligence Department of the Navy General Staff, did you receive any intelligence reports from the U.S.?

A - No.

Q - In your opinion were there Japanese intelligence agents operating in the U.S. at that time?

A - I don't know - my duties were confined to the Formosa area.

Q - Did you at any time as a member of the Navy General Staff, hear of, participate in, or plan any maneuvers or exercises concerning any attack on the U.S. or any other Western Powers?

A - No.

Q - Do you have any ~~other~~ thing to add to your statement?

A - No.

Yasuo Inoue, Vice Adm. (R)
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I, Rickey S. Yamaguchi, hereby certify that I acted as interpreter at the interview set out above, that I truly interpreted and translated the English questions into Japanese and the replies there to from Japanese into English, and that the English translation of the answers set out

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above are true and accurate to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

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