

INO, Hiroya

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SUBJECT: Apprehension and Detention of War Criminal Suspect Hiroya INO

TO : Chief of Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP

1. The above named suspect was a member of the TOJO Cabinet to wit, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and also held the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs in the same Cabinet. Said accused took part in every Cabinet meeting from the 18th day of October, 1941 to and including the 8th day of December, 1941 in which the decisions were made to wage aggressive warfare against the United States, Great Britain, and the Netherlands. His approval was obtained in all such decisions. He was also a signatory to the Declaration of War against the United States and Great Britain and was responsible along with the other Ministers of the TOJO Cabinet for the unlawful opening of hostilities against the United States and Great Britain in violation of Hague III Convention.

2. All other Cabinet Ministers in the TOJO Cabinet have either been tried, in the case of ARAKI, et. al., or are now in Sugamo Prison awaiting trial, or are now dead. It would therefore be unthinkable to try the remaining Cabinet Ministers who are now in Sugamo Prison namely: Ken TERASHIMA, Minister of Communications; Michio IWAMURA, Minister of Justice; and Nobusuke KISHI, Minister of Commerce & Industry without including Hiroya INO. He is exactly in the same position as the above named ministers and all the evidence which will be used against KISHI, IWAMURA, AND TERASHIMA applies equally as well to the above named suspect.

3. It is therefore requested that a decision be made approving the apprehension and detention of Hiroya INO as a war criminal suspect.

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Extract from affidavit of Nobusuke KISHI, Minister of Commerce & Industry
In the TOJO Cabinet.

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Sugamo Prison, 20 August 1948

I, Nobusuke KISHI, do solemnly swear, in accordance with my conscience
and belief, to tell the truth, concealing nothing and adding nothing.

Q. Were you a Cabinet member in TOJO's Cabinet?

A. Yes.

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Q. What position did you hold in TOJO's Cabinet, and give me the exact dates you held the position?

A. I had the position of Minister of Commerce and Industry in the TOJO Cabinet from the day of the beginning of the TOJO Cabinet until October, 1943, at which time the Ministry of Commerce and Industry became the Ministry of Munitions and that was taken over by TOJO. At this time I became Minister without Portfolio and also held the position of Vice Minister of Munitions.

MEMO:

TO: Major Ashton - Language Division

FROM: J.M. Woods, Administration, W.C.T.

SUBJECT: Translation of Documents.

Request the attached Statement be
translated into English and delivered to this section as
soon as possible.

Date: 19 Nov.
Lawyer (Murray) Gray.

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