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(Umezu)

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

IINUMA MAMORU

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

I am Iinuma Mamoru, former lieutenant-general of the Japanese army. In August and September 1939 I was chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry, in which capacity it was my duty to make recommendations to my superiors for appointments and in general to be responsible for personnel matters of the army.

In August 1939 the Nomonhan Incident was in progress and the army authorities considered it necessary to replace the commander-in-chief of the Kwantung Army. In making the selection of a man for this place the following points were considered. In general a high-ranking general of strong personality, high moral principles and intelligence was to be selected. Moreover, since his immediate task was to be the settlement of the Nomonhan Incident, he required several other attributes. He was to possess influence and popularity which would give him control over the military forces and enable him to prevent any disorder or disturbances. He was of course not to irritate the USSR, whether Moscow or the troops at the front lines, therefore he was to be of a careful, mild nature, a man who would pay attention even to small matters, thus avoiding any irritation of the Soviet--and of course a man whose personality and personal background should not be offensive to the Soviet. Since the fundamental policy of Japan, as well as of the high command, was to avoid difficulties with the USSR, it was felt that the commander-in-chief should be a man experienced in military administration (with experience in the Ministry of War) rather than in operations (General Staff matters), so that he should be able to see to the efficient administration and control of affairs in Manchoukuo.

These being the requirements, I recommended Lieutenant-General Umezu. Despite the fact that it was customary to appoint a senior general to this position, he was in my opinion the only possible man for the place. The recommendation originated with me and was discussed with Major General Kasahara Yukio, Chief of the General Affairs Department, and Major General Nakajima Tetsuzō, Vice-Chief, of the General Staff, among others. Everyone without exception agreed to the appointment and it was therefore recommended by the Ministry of War to the Emperor and the appointment was thus made.

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O A T H

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

Iinuma Mamoru (seal)

On this 4th day of March, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent, Iinuma Mamoru (seal)

I, Ikeda Sumihisa, 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: Ikeda Sumihisa (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko

Tokyo

4 March 1947

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亞米利加合衆國 其他

對

荒木貞夫 其他

宣稱供述書

供述者 飯沼守

自分機密に於て行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ツ別紙ノ通り宣稱ヲ爲シタル上テノ如ク供述致シマス

私ハ日本陸軍ノ元中將飯沼守デアリマス。一九三九年ノ八月並ビニ九月ニハ私ハ陸軍省人事局長デアリマシタ。同局長トシテノ私ノ職責ハ人事移動ノ原案ヲ作製シ上司ニ提供スルコト及ビ一般的ニ部内人事ニ關スル責任デアリマシタ。一九三九年八月一ノモンハン一事件ノ結果陸軍ノ爲ニ東京司令部官ノ交送ヲ必要トスルト考ヘマシタ。此ノ人事ニ關ツテハ次ノ如キ證據

ガ考慮サレマシタ。全体的ニ此カラ考サレ又張イ性留ヲ持チ、徳謀識見
 共ニ優レタル高位ノ官タルベキコト、眞ニ彼ノ官面ノ任事ハ一ノモンハ
 ン一事件ノ詳亭ニアルガ爲他ノ疑ツカノ裏付ラ備ヘテキルベキデアリ、シ
 タ。即チ全軍ヲ統制スベキ人望ト感徳トラ備ヘルベキデアリ、ソレニヨツ
 テ初メテ無秩序ト感擾トヲ避ケルコトガ由來ルデアリマス。勿論中央部
 デアルト前線部隊タルトヲ問ハズ、ソノ刺戟ヲ刺戟セザル人物タルベキデア
 ツテソレ故ニ細心温和ナ性格ヲ持チ堅細ナ專柄ニ備シテモ亦注意ヲ拂ツテ
 ソノ刺戟スルコトヲ避ケル人物——從ツテ勿論ソノ性格及ビ個人的
 背景ガソ聯ニ對シテ侵略的デナイ人物デナケレバナラナラツタデアリマ
 ス。日本政府及ビ軍部ノ根本方針ガソ聯トノ紛争ヲ避ケルト云フコトデア
 ツタ爲ニ東軍司令官タルベキ人物ハ作戰方面（參謀本部作戰部）ヨリモ
 軍政方面（陸軍省）ニ於ケル經驗ニ經驗アル人物デナケレバナラヌト考ヘ
 ラレマシマ。而シテ初メテ此ノニ於ケル諸問題ヲ效果的ニ處理統制スル
 コトガデキルデアリマス。

之等ガ私が梅津中將ヲ内定上申控屬シタ必要條件デアリマシタ。通例此ノ
 地位ニハ古参ノ大將ガ任命セラルベキデアツタニモ拘ラズ私ハ梅津中將ガ
 此ノ地位ニ適スル唯一ノ人物ト考ヘタデアリマシタ。此ノ人選ハ私が實
 際ニ參謀本部參謀部長原幸雄少將。參謀次長中島今朝吾少將其ノ他ノ人々

ト相談シマシタ。例外ナシニ此ノ人事ニハ誰モガ賛成ヲシ反對ガナコツタノ
デ、陸軍大臣カラ奉サレ、カクシテ任命ガ行ハレタノデアリマス

宣誓書

良心ニ從ヒ眞實ヲ述ベ何事ヲモ黙秘セズ又何事ヲモ隠川セザルコトヲ誓フ

飯沼守

昭和二十二年一月九日 於東京

供述者 飯沼守

右ハ當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 於東京

立會人 池田純久