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Chikao Yamamoto

INTERROGATION OF
REAR ADMIRAL CHIKAO YAMAMOTO, I.J.N.

Date and Time - 28 November 1945, approximately 0930 - 1200 (with an inter^urogation lasting about an hour and a half) 26
Place - Room 303, N.Y.K. Building, Tokyo, Japan.
Present - Commander Denzel R. Carr, USNR, Interrogator
(Interrogation conducted in Japanese and English)
Rear Admiral Chikao Yamamoto, I.J.N.

Name - YAMAMOTO, Chikao

- Q. Your English is quite good. Did you spend some time in England or the United States?
- A. Yes, I was Assistant Naval Attaché in America in 1924-25. Captain Kiyoshi HASEGAWA and Captain Isoroku YAMAMOTO were my two bosses.
- Q. When did you graduate from the Naval Academy?
- A. Seventh year of Taishō (1918).
- Q. What was your rank at the outbreak of war?
- A. Captain.
- Q. What was your post?
- A. I was head of the First Section (Ikkachō) of the General Affairs Division (Sōmubu) of the Bureau of Aeronautics.
- Q. What was the function of the First Section?
- A. The general administration of the Bureau of Aeronautics.
- Q. What part did the Bureau of Aeronautics have in the Pearl Harbor attack or plans for it?
- A. No part at all. We did not even hear about it [the proposed attack on Pearl Harbor].
- Q. When did you first hear of the Pearl Harbor attack?
- A. By radio news at about 0600, 8 December.
- Q. Didn't the Bureau of Aeronautics have any connection with the Naval air planning?
- A. Only so far as procurement and supply of planes and training of Naval aviators were concerned.

Q. When did you greatly expand your naval air procurement program?

A. In April 1942.

Q. But what about pre-war expansion?

A. I entered the Bureau of Aëronautics in August 1941 and do not know about prior expansion.

Q. Who in the Bureau of Aëronautics knew about the proposed opening of hostilities?

A. The Head of the General Affairs Division [Sōmubuchō] might have known.

Q. Has he ever told you whether he knew?

A. No, he never has.

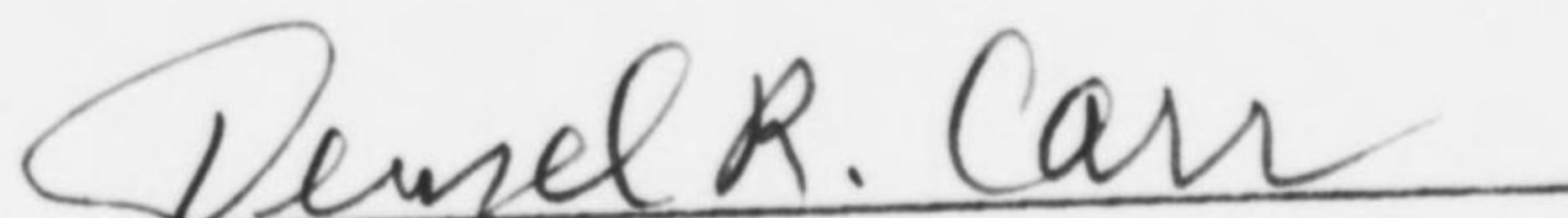
Q. Who was the head of the General Affairs Division?

A. Rear Admiral YAMAGATA. He is dead.

Q. Have you anything else you wish to state?

A. [Nothing was stated of direct bearing on our case, but the Admiral's views on international politics of pre-war and particularly of post-war days were of interest].

I, Denzel R. Carr, USNR, Commander, hereby certify that the foregoing interrogation was conducted largely in English because of Admiral Chikao Yamamoto's proficiency in the language. Those parts in Japanese or English which caused any uncertainty as to meaning were explained to the satisfaction of both Admiral Chikao Yamamoto and myself.


DENZEL R. CARR,
Commander, USNR.