

No. 3384

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

-- Against --

ARAKI, Sadao, et al.

AFFIDAVIT

I, TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika, do swear on my conscience that the following is true.

I signed an affidavit, Exhibit 158, Court Record page 1440, in the English language, this affidavit in English was the original and it was never read and explained to me in Japanese, and a Japanese copy was not given to me or compared by me with the English original copy.

I read only the English original copy which I signed and which I thought I had understood. However after reading the Japanese translation and after having the English affidavit explained to me in Japanese I find that some of the statement therein are not exact and true.

For instance General KOISO did not tell me that he (KOISO) was in a bad situation at the General Staff. Also KOISO did not say that he (KOISO) had procured some three hundred bombs for use in the abortive March Coup-de-Etat, or that these bombs had been delivered to the house of SHIMIZU, Konosuke, etc.

I thought I had made this clear to the prosecutor and wish to state that as far as I know, KOISO had no part in this incident, or in delivering of any bombs, as the only way KOISO was troubled by this matter was that in his official capacity with the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry, it became KOISO's duty to pre-

vent and stop such political activity on the part of Army personnel, and KOISO therefore had investigated this incident and was asking my assistance to help put a stop to it because of my influence and acquaintance with OKAWA.

KOISO told me that some young officers in the General Staff were in a bad situation since these young officers had furnished some 300 Army false bombs, or fireworks to OKAWA and that these young officers had been actively taking part in OKAWA's plan. KOISO had been investigating this situation and had asked my assistance in persuading OKAWA to put a stop to this activity as it would injure Army prestige through its injury to the young officers taking part therein unless it were abandoned.

It was not General KOISO but it was the young officers in the General Staff Department that were in a bad situation and in difficulty because these young officers had procured 300 false bombs to be used in the March Coup-de-Etat.

The said false bombs were in the custody in the house of a person by the name of SHIMIZU, Konosuke at that time and General KOISO had nothing to do with their delivery or procurement as I wish to make clear.

I have had this statement read and explained to me in both English and Japanese and have read the Japanese translation thereof and state that this affidavit is true and correct.

/S/ Yoshichika TOKUGAWA

TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above named TOKUGAWA, Yoshichika, in Tokyo, Japan this 8th day of August, 1947.

/S/ David W. PARSONS
Capt. Inf.