

EXHIBIT No. 3357

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GENERAL KIMURA

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL  
FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Deponent: MIKI, Yoshihide

I, MIKI, Yoshihide, having first duly sworn  
as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure  
followed in my country, hereby depose as follows:



1. I served as Chief of the Medical Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry during Lieutenant General KIMURA's tenure of office as Vice Minister of War.

2. Chiefs of bureaus were not directly subordinate to the Vice Minister. However, the latter supervised the business of the bureaus.

3. Chiefs of bureaus were directly subordinate to the Minister of War. They conducted the business under their respective charge by order of the Minister to whom they were each responsible.

4. Insofar as the Medical Affairs Bureau was concerned, the business delegated to the Vice Minister was of minor importance, being related to such matters as examination of medical supplies.

5. I observed that the primary duties of the Vice Minister were to strive for harmony and smooth operation of business within the ministry and to assist the Minister as his aide.

6. Premier and War Minister TOJO carried out his duties with despatch, accuracy and decision, setting himself as an example of effective leadership.

7. The conferences of bureau chiefs were presided over by Minister TOJO. At these meetings, each bureau chief by turn reported on necessary matters under his charge, and to this the Minister gave his views and directions. Vice Minister KIMURA spoke at these conferences very rarely and in my recollection his statements were confined mostly to matters related to business within the ministry.

At the conferences of bureau chiefs I have ██████████ never heard of any report on the protests against the maltreatment of prisoners of war during Vice Minister KIMURA's tenure of office.



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8. The orders of the War Minister were generally stipulated as departmental ordinances, notifications, instructions, etc., and only when orders were issued was the Minister's name used. On other occasions the Minister's name was not used and instead, in accordance with business custom, the Vice Minister's notification by order was issued.

The Vice Ministerial notification by order was the method employed when orders approved by the Minister were transmitted in writing.

9. The power to command, appoint and dismiss, and punish chiefs of bureaus was held by the Minister. The Vice Minister had no such power. Except on the less important of the matters delegated to him, the Vice Minister had no power of decision and, of course, no power of command outside the ministry. Consequently, although it was his responsibility to assist the Minister, he was not in a position of responsibility with regard to external matters.



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On this 7th day of January, 1947

At the First Demobilization  
Bureau

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Deponent: MIKI, Yoshihide (seal)

I, SHIOBARA, Tokisaburo, hereby certify that the  
above statement was sworn, signed and sealed by the  
deponent in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

Witness: (signed) SHIOBARA, Tokisaburo (Seal)

OATH

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

Signed and sealed by  
MIKI, Yoshihide