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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: MIKI, Yoshihide

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. My name is MIKI, Yoshihide. I had formerly been a Surgeon Lieutenant General of the Japanese Army.. In 1941, I had been the Chief of the Medical Bureau of the War Ministry.
2. To the best of my recollection, at a meeting of the chiefs of bureaus on about 27 November, 1941, the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, MUTO had not read a document under the title of "The gist (plan) of appellation for making war on the United States and Britain" which comes under. Exhibit No. 1175 (I.P.S. Document No. 990).

3. So far as I remember, there ^{were} no facts as stated below:

"When the United States reply dated 25 November, 1941, arrived, MUTO, at the meeting of chiefs of bureaus on 29th of the same month, expressed his views by saying that if Japan accepted this proposal, not only the firm establishment of the East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere would come to naught, but Japan would be sagged and then would go out of existence; in order to prevent this and to firmly establish the East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, we have to fight by all means."

4. To the best of my recollection, there ^{were} no facts as stated below:

"At noon on 9 December, 1941, at a tiffin party of chiefs of bureaus of the War Ministry, all chiefs attended the party, and Mr. MUTO chatted with them about the process of the diplomatic negotiations up to that date and so forth. At that time Mr. MUTO told that, in short, the despatches of Ambassador KURUSU and S.S. 'TATSUTA-Maru' and so forth were no more than measures for camouflaging the way leading to the commencement of the hostilities."

5. There had not been such fact that the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau MUTO made his appearance at the dining room of the War Ministry everyday to take his lunch. I

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remember that, on the contrary, he did not appear there on most of those days. I also do not recollect that, at noon time on 9 December, the next day of the outbreak of war against the United States and Britain, all the chiefs of bureaus of the Ministry ever gathered at the dining room. On that day, all chiefs of bureaus of the Ministry were too busy.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 21 day of October, 1947.

/s/ MIKI, Yoshihide (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witnesses.

At the same place,

on the same date.

Witnesses: /s/ OKAMOTO, Shoichi (seals)
HARA, Seiji

OATH

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

/s/ MIKI, Yoshihide (seal)