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(Umezu)

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

WAKAMATSU TADAICHI

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:

At the time of the surrender, I occupied the post of Vice-Minister of war.

On 14 August 1945, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Kawabe Torashirō, gave me a suggestion that an agreement be made in written form between the senior generals of the Army so that the action of the Army might be under complete control. He added that this was the intention of Chief of the General Staff Umezu.

On that day, by chance, Field Marshal Hata, Commander-in-Chief of the 2d General Army, was in Tokyo and I thought it a good idea to have the above agreement made on the occasion of a meeting which was to be held at noon of the same day, at which Hata, Field Marshal Sugiyama, the Commander-in-Chief of the 1st General Army, and the Big Three of the Army (War Minister Anami, Chief of the General Staff Umezu and Inspector-General of Military Education Dohihara) were to attend. So I drew up the document "The Course of Action of the Army" (Defense Document No. 2906) and made a suggestion to that effect. No one objected to it, and all of them agreed and signed the paper.

At this moment, Chief of the General Staff Umezu called my attention to the necessity of getting the signature of Commander of the General Air Force, since the control of the conduct of the Air Force also was important. Therefore, after

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the meeting I went to General Kawabe Masakazu, Commander of the General Air Force, with this paper and explained the circumstances, whereupon he also signed it.

From that time this document has been in my custody.

O A T H

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

Wakamatsu Tadaichi (seal)

On this 23rd day of December, 1947

At Tōkyō

Deponent: Wakamatsu Tadaichi

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 Tōkyō

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 (seal)

26 December 1947
Tōkyō