

EXHIBIT No. 2997

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al ) A F F I D A V I T

- AGAINST - )

ARAKI, Sadao, et al )

OF  
IWASAKI, Asashichi

1. My name is IWASAKI, Asashichi. I reside in Tokyo. From September 1st, 1928 until October 15th, 1945 I was employed as an assistant engineer in the Naval Construction Division of the YOKOSUKA Naval Station. My duties encompassed the supervision and planning of various blueprint maps for potential naval construction.
2. Some time around August 1940, My office received a routine order from the Naval General Staff to prepare a blueprint draft of some building constructions on Wotje Island. I supervised the making of this blueprint which was done by my assistants. It was completed in approximately three days. My reference to the making of this blueprint as a routine order was because it was quite customary for my office to receive various assignments for blueprint construction in order to give the Navy definite and accurate information on which to base their requests for the Naval Budget around April 1st of each year. We had yearly work assignment sheets which were put on the shelf after completion and never used.
3. The particular blueprint prepared by my assistants and myself pertaining to Wotje Island is the same one which is in evidence before this Court as Prosecution

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Exhibit 1253C. This blueprint is not the kind to be used in actual construction of buildings. The Execution Plan or the plan from which actual constructions would be made consists of a different kind of paper. If this blueprint had actually been the one that had been used in constructing the buildings on Wotje Island, the identification box in the lower right hand corner would show the name of the engineer actually in charge of executing the plan. I have with me the type of form that is used in making actual blueprints from which construction would be made and point out that in the lower right hand corner the form is entirely different, as I stated before. I did not undertake the plans for construction that were actually to be utilized as direct building plans. That type of work was done by special personnel handling final execution plans.

In either August or September of 1941, I recall that a staff officer came to my office and asked for this particular map which I gave to him personally. It is quite possible that this planning map would be used as the basis for the construction of an execution plan. It would take approximately three to five months of concentrated effort to construct the various buildings and projects set forth in this blueprint. It will be noted that the blueprint shows only the location of the

objectives to be achieved and not the dimensions that are actually necessary for construction. The ordinary practice involved would be to take this blueprint map to the Island of Wotje, make a spot investigation, and then return and commence the drafting of the actual execution plan.

5. From viewing the blueprint map which I prepared and the aerial photographs of Wotje Island, Prosecution Exhibit 1253A and 1253P, I note a discrepancy in the outlines of the air field itself. It is also impossible for me to tell from looking at the aerial photograph what the various constructions consist of. While I am not an expert in the matter of reading aerial photographs, I must say that I can not identify the items mentioned on the blueprint map as being those in the photograph.

On this 26 day of May, 1947

At TOKYO

DEPONENT IWASAKI Asashichi (seal)

I, ONO, Seichiro hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At TOKYO

Witness: (signed) ONO, Seichiro (seal)

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OATH

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

IWASAKI Asashichi(seal)

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