

No 2631

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

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Hayashi Kaoru

I, Hayashi Kaoru, after having been duly sworn according to the Japanese formula, make the following statement of my own free will:

1. I am 39 years old and reside in Tokyo, Oota-ku, Denenchofu, 2-Chome, 808 Banchi, Tokyo.
2. I have been since August 1946 Chief of the Archives Section of the Secretariat of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, and as such have custody of documents and archives of the Foreign Office.
3. I have made a thorough search of all the archives and files of the Foreign Office for documents relating to the Chang-ku-feng Border Incident including originals, copies and drafts of telegrams, letters, messages and other communications, opinions and manuscripts.
4. I have been unable to find any of the documents referred to in paragraph 3 of this affidavit. An official record of the Foreign Office shows that all files relating to this incident were destroyed by fire, and I believe that this is so.
5. The records of the Foreign Office do not indicate that any of such documents were delivered to the International Prosecution Section, the Washington Document Center nor to any other persons.

20 May 1947, at Tokyo

K. Hayashi (seal)

Sworn to before me and  
deposed at the same date and place.

Witness:

K. Miura (seal)

Translator Certificate

I, Miura Kazuichi, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing translation is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Miura Kazuichi

Tokyo  
19 May 1947