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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

YOKOI, Tadao

I, YOKOI Tadao, state under oath as follows:

My present address is No. 2327, Mideri-ga-oka, Meguro-ku, Tokyo.

1. I was appointed in September 1940, Naval Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Germany and went to Berlin via Siberia; at that time I was a captain in the navy. I was promoted in November 1940 to rear-admiral and stayed in Berlin until October 1943, when I left for Japan.

2. In or about February or March, 1943, Vice-Admiral Nomura and I learned from Ambassador OSHIMA of an offer of Hitler to transfer two submarines to Japan for the purpose of a study by the Japanese navy. Ambassador OSHIMA told us that no conditions were attached to this offer. Thereafter, a telegraphic instruction was received by Vice-Admiral Nomura from the central naval authorities in Tokyo to the effect that the Japanese navy was very much pleased to accept this offer. Ambassador OSHIMA, upon our request, saw Foreign Minister Ribbentrop and conveyed this acceptance by the Japanese navy, and we understood that no special conditions were attached by the German side also on this occasion. The practical procedure of transfer was thereafter completed between the Japanese and the German navies, and during these negotiations also no strings were attached to the matter.

3. In connection with this transfer of submarines I never heard from Ambassador OSHIMA, nor from the German side or anybody else about attacking or annihilating crews of torpedoed merchant ships.

I might add that I never heard from Ambassador OSHIMA, nor from anybody else, that Germany adopted the policy of attacking or annihilating crews of merchant ships torpedoed by submarines.



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

YOKOI Tadao (seal)

On this 17th day of September, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT YOKOI Tadao (Seal)

I, SHIMANOUCI Tatsuki, 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 Tokyo

Witness: SHIMANOUCI Tatsuki (Seal)