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REPORT BY: H. SHIMOJIMA  
5 Feb 47

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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REPORT BY: John A. Curtis

12 Feb 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: SAWADA, Renzo (Mrs.)

*Araki*

Address: Kanagawa Prefecture

She is the wife of former Ambassador SAWADA.

No further information concerning the above is contained in the files.

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Memorandum to: Mr. Crowe

From: Mr. Edward P. Monaghan

Date: 29 April 1947

Lt. Gen. Matsui, Takuro

a. He was in Nanking at the end of the war and it is believed he is still there, a prisoner of war of the Chinese.

Lt. Gen. Sawada, Shigeru

a. The witness is either in Shanghai or Nanking, having already been tried by the Chinese there.

Lt. Gen. Kawabe, Shozo

a. The witness is now in Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan, a prisoner of the Allies.

Lt. Gen. Harada, Kuniakichi

a. The witness is now in Java or Singapore, having been sent there from Tokyo by the Allies.

Gen. Okamura, Neiji

a. The witness is now in Peking, a prisoner of war of the Chinese.

The facts to be proved by these witnesses are the policies, utterances and actions of the accused HATA during the time in which he is charged by the indictment.

The relevance of the testimony of these witnesses, all of whom were associated with the accused HATA in various capacities at time charged in the indictment, is in its tendency to establish that the accused HATA took no part in any of the conspiracies charged to him, and was not in any wise connected with the planning, initiating or waging of wars of aggression.

Edward P. Monaghan  
Chief, Investigative Section .

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

19 May 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Edward P. Menaghan, Chief, Investigation Section  
FROM: Mr. Smith Crowe  
SUBJECT: Witness - SAWADA, Shigeru

Pursuant to request of your Division, I am submitting a written request, already orally indicated to Mr. Lambert, as to the whereabouts of the above witness. The specific request was whether the witness is now alive and if so, where and under what conditions.

SMITH CROWE  
Assistant Counsel

*advice from maj. C.A. Reinhard, C.R. Sigel Section  
that Sawada, Shigeru is now serving a 5 year  
term in Sugamo Prison given Mr. Crowe by  
telephone 19 May 1947*

*J. Y. Lambert*

6 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Smith W. Crowe

FROM : Lt. J. A. Curtis

SUBJECT : Witness - China Phase

In reference to your memorandum request of 30 April 1947, the following information is submitted:

1. A sworn statement by General Sawada has been located after a thorough search of our files in Vol. III of the Public Trial of United States of America vs. Shigeru Sawada, Yusei Wake, Ryuhei Okada, and Sotojiro Tatsu, in evidence on page 213. The statement concerning Tejo appears on page two of the second statement presented to the court. The record of this trial is IPS Document #2972.

2. As the diary referred to in paragraph two of your request was compiled from the papers sent from units all over China to the War Ministry, it is impossible to say who wrote the book. However, it may be possible to find out the author of a specific portion of the diary, or at least the Translation Section would be able to identify the unit from which that certain portion was received.

3. Upon inquiry at the First Demobilization Bureau, I am quite confident that HARADA Mitsu is not the same person as HARADA Kunakichi. It is improbable that one man would have two names and these first names are definitely two different names. Furthermore, as he was quite a prominent man, the former officers working at the First Demobilization Bureau would, in all probability, have heard of the name Mitsu or Michio.

J. A. CURTIS  
Investigator  
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International Prosecution Section  
Room 379-B

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SAWADA Shigeru (Lt. General Retired)

Career:

- 1887 - Born
- 1905 - Graduated, Military Academy
- 1906 - 2d Lt. 16th Field Artillery Regiment
- 1909 - 1st Lt.
- 1911 - Studied at Army Staff College
- 1912 - Adjutant, 22d FA Regiment
- 1915 - Member, General Staff
- 1916 - Captain
- 1919 - Ordered to Siberia and China
- 1920 - Member, General Staff
- 1921 - Instructor, Army Staff College (Strategy)
- 1922 - Major
- 1924 - Military Attache, Greece
- 1925 - Attached to 22d FA Regiment
- 1926 - Special student, Army Staff College
- 1928 - Lt. Colonel, 22d FA Regiment
- 1930 - Instructor, Army Staff College
- 1931 - Attached to Kwantung Army HQ
- 1933 - Colonel
- 1934 - Cmdr, 24th Arty Regiment
- 1935 - Instructor, Army Staff College (Strategy); Chief, Research Dept, Army Staff College; Instructor, Higher Naval College
- 1935-37 - Chief of Staff, Konoye Division
- 1938 - Major General. Cmdr, 1st FA Brigade
- 1939 - Military Attache, Poland and Rumania
- 1940 - Lt. General. Member, General Staff
- Oct 1945 - Cmdr, 4th Division
- Feb 1946 - Vice Chief, General Staff; Superintendent of Army Supply
- May 1946 - CG, 13th Army (Shanghai Area)
- 21 Sep 1946 - Put on Reserve list
- Tried as war criminal by Military Commission Convened by CG, USAF China, on charge of unlawful execution of American flyers in 1942.
- Found guilty and sentenced to five years confinement at hard labor.
- Interned in Sugamo Prison