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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Loose shorthand record, "Expunged Part of the Original Shorthand Record of the 4th Branch Meeting of the Budget Committee as Requested by the Government."

Date: 7 February 1939 Original  Copy  Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes  No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL: Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Diet

PERSONS IMPLICATED: YONAI, Mitsumasa

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Conspiracy and preparation for war.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS:

Navy Minister YONAI stated in the secret Diet meeting that Japan is capable of fighting China, Russia, Britain, and America simultaneously. His statement is as follows:

State Minister YONAI: The Japanese Navy is now waging war against China as if in leisure. If Soviet Russia commences hostilities against Japan, it also will not be serious, because the Soviet Navy has fleets of no importance in Vladivostok. Her air forces in the Far East can attack Japan proper with only the slight results, even when they should make up their mind to be annihilated in the air-raid operation. The Japanese Navy has and will have, now and in the future, sufficient power to wage war at the same time not only against China and Soviet Russia but also against strong naval powers, namely, U.S. and Britain, and will be able to maintain sea and air command in the Western Pacific.

(AN: The detailed explanations of YONAI about the Soviet Navy and the situation of USA and UK were stopped by the request of the Navy authorities and cannot be found in this record.)

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