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PLACE: TOKYO  
DATE: 20 October 1945

Division of Origin Shipping and Rail Transportation

Subject: NORTH CHINA RAILWAY COMPANY, LTD.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

MR. MASUYAMA, Assistant Manager, Tokio Branch,  
North China Railway Company, Ltd.

Where interviewed: General Office, Imperial Government Railway

Interrogator: Mr. Ralph P. Russell

Interpreter: Lt. (jg) Val Nolan

Allied Officers Present: Capt. R. A. Lightburn  
Capt. H.W. D'Eath  
Capt. Ralph Aye

Summary:

The North China Railway Co. founded 17 April 1939, is an amalgamation of a number of former Chinese Railroads, in which Japan became interested after the Chinese Incident. They repaired and rebuilt the lines until at the present time there are 5,906 kilometers, of which 360 kilometers are double tracked, all steam operated.

The railroad has four ports, Shinnoto and Tankoo on the Gulf of Chili; Tingtao and Renun on the Yellow Sea. Coal was exported from Tankoo, Tingtao, and Renun until the submarine blockade, when some was diverted via rail to Korea and exported to Japan via Mukden and Fusan.

The Headquarters of the Railroad is located in Peking, under President Kanja Usami, operating since April under direct Army control.

The Railroad was damaged by air attack, beginning in May 1944, causing a shortage in locomotives and cars.

There are no operating records or statistics maintained in Tokio but believed to be available in Peking.