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The United States of America, et al. - against -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al.

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: SAKAKIBARA, Kazue

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I, SAKAKIBARA, Kazne, was born in
Tokyo on April 18, 1902 (34th year of
Meiji). After I was graduated from
the Army General Staff College, I filled
various posts successively and, thereof
was appointed Chief of the Personnel
Affairs Section of the First Demobilization
Ministry in November, 1945 (20th year

of Showa) and since then I have occupied the post of the same capacity of the First Demobilization Bureau Top date.

to the present.

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quarters was scheduled to be dissolved from the end of in August, 1945, dating after the end of May of the same year, the staff officers manifely were one after another transferred to other posts as follows:

Chief of & Staff, Et. - General TANAKA,

Shinichi, May 23, 1945

4 (successor To St.-Gen. TANAKA) St.-General

SHIDEI, Tsunamasa, August,
1945

Staff Efficer, Colonel AOKI, Kazne, June 8, 1945

KADOMATSU, Masakazu, "

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On this 6 day of June, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: YOSHIDA, Hideo (seal)

I. ONO, Seighiro, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and scal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: (signed) ONO, Seichiro (seal)

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

(signed) YOSHIDA, Hideo (seal)

Staff, Colonel, SUKETSUNE, Toshitsune, Officer, Sume 8, 1945 June 8, 1945. Lt.-Colonel YAMAGUCHI, Hideharn, July 18, 1945 OKAMOTO, I was, July 13, 1945 KANATOMI, Yoshigi, n Major KAMIMURA, Taizo, " To fill up the above vacancies tempo-staff officers appointed the staff of the Headquarters on the following dates. Colonel ASHIKAWA, Harmo, July 13 Lt.-Colonel YOSHIMOTO, Mamorn, SHOJI, Nagalaka, Major

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- Q. Did KIMURA let each Bureau Chief handle the affairs of his bureau without interference on his part?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Had the War Minister, the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs and the other Chiefs of other Bureaus been in their positions for many months when KIMURA became Vice War Minister:
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau handle the external nagotiations of the War Ministry, such as dealings with the Cabinet, the General Staff and the Navy?
- A. If this means liaison business between the ministries, it was so. If it is explained as internal and international policies, this is misleading.
- Q. After the War Minister became Prime Minister, did he assign any of his duties, authorities and responsibilities to the Vice War Minister?
- A. Authorities and responsibilities of Vice Minister were not influenced at all after War Minister became Prime Minister.
- Q. Was the post of Supreme Councillor an important one?
- A. In the army it is an important one.

Actually, it has no power at all but it is an advisor to the Emperor so I cannot say it is not important. Socially it is important but actually has no power.

- Q. Did the War Ministry plan or execute military operations?
- A. No.
- Q. Did the War Ministry handle the administrative matters?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Who made up records of the efficiency of officers in the War Ministry?
- A. Clief of the Bureau in charge.

On this 4 th day of July, 1947

At Tokyo-to,
The First Demobilization Bureau,
Schigaya, Shinjuku-ku.

DEPONENT SAKAKIBARA, Kazne (soal)
Signed and seal)

above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

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Witness: (signed) KORETSUNE, Tataymin)

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SAKAKIBARA, Kazne (signed and *seal)

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- 2. Because the Burma Area Army Headquarters was scheduled to be dissolved in August, 1945, from the end of May of the same year, the staff officers were successively transferred to other posts as follows:

Chief of Staff, Lt.-General TANAKA, Shinichi, May 28, 1945

SHIDEI, Tsunamasa, August, 1945

Staff Officer, Colonel AOKI, Kazue, June 8, 1945

KADOMATSU, Masakazu,

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Staff Officer, Colonel, SUKETSUNE, Toshitsune, June 8, 1945

- Lt.-Colonel YAMAGUCHI, Hideharu, July 18, 1945
- n OKAMOTO, Iwao, July 13, 1945
- m KANATOMI, Yoshiji, d
- m Major KAMIMURA, Taizo,

To fill up the above vacancies temporarily, the following Staff Officers were appointed on the following dates.

Colonel ASHIKAWA, Haruo, July 13

Lt.-Colonel YOSHIMOTO; Mamoru; "

Major SHOJI, Nagataka,

On this 4th day of July, 1947
at Tokyo-to, The First Demobilization Bureau, Ichigaya,
Shinjuku-ku.

Deponent /S/ SAKAKIBARA, Kazus (seal)

I, KORETSUNE, Tatsumi heroby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date, at the same place.
Witness: /S/ KORETSUNE, Tatsumi (seal)

Oath

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/S/ SAKAKIBARA, Kazue (seal)