

Extract from interrogation of TOGO, Shigenori - 26 March 1946

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- Q. Do you recall an alleged loan of three hundred million yen that was supposed to have been appropriated for the Nanking government some time during TOJO's service as premier.
- A. After the outbreak of war, around the spring of 1942, I recall the finance minister of the Nanking government coming to Japan regarding a loan; but I do not recall the exact amount.
- Q. Have you any information from where the money was obtained to make the loan to the Nanking government.
- A. The matter was chiefly handled by the Japanese Minister of Finance, and the loan was to be a credit from the Japanese government. From what I recall, the loan was to be made through the Japanese government by the Bank of Japan.
- Q. Do you have any knowledge that the funds might have been appropriated from opium and narcotic sources.
- A. I have not heard, nor have I any knowledge, about its relationship with narcotics or opium.
- Q. Do you know General Ryukichi TANAKA.
- A. Yes, I know TANAKA. When I was Director of the European and American Bureau of the Foreign Office, TANAKA was a staff officer of the Kwantung Army, and as Director of the Bureau I was in charge of matters relating to Soviet Russia. When TANAKA came to Tokyo and visited me, I emphasized the necessity of demarcating the boundary between Manchukuo and Soviet Russia, to which view TANAKA expressed agreement. Since then whenever TANAKA visited Tokyo he called on me at least once. Thereafter I went abroad as ambassador, and when I returned to Japan Tanaka was Director of the Soldiers Affairs Bureau. Before I became Foreign Minister and during my Foreign Ministership, as well as after my Foreign Ministership, TANAKA used to call on me off and on, and at one time in a discussion we were of the same view in that after I had resigned as Foreign Minister we were of the same view that TOJO must be ousted. And before the termination of the war, when I had already set into motion measures or steps toward that end, TANAKA came to me and said that it was necessary to bring the war to a termination. That, briefly, describes the kind of relations I have had with TANAKA.

Q. Did you have a conversation with him around September of last year concerning the September 6, 1941, Imperial Conference.

A. I recall TANAKA visiting me at this house toward the end of September last year, but as we spoke of many things I do not recall whether the decisions of the Imperial Conference of September 6 was among the topics of discussion at that time.

Q. You were not Foreign Minister in September of 1941, but I understood that you had information concerning this particular Imperial Conference which had to do with TOJO and MUTO sending a main force to occupy South Indo-China immediately after the September 6 Imperial Conference.

A. The dispatch of military forces to Southwest French Indo-China was decided on July 2, and the actual dispatch of the forces took place in the latter part of July. Since then I have not been informed of troop movements; however, although not exactly I recall TANAKA telling me about the distribution of military forces, which although he was not directly connected with it he was informed, his position being more or less related to the matter, and that is that the distribution of forces had pretty much advanced with Forrosa as a base. Although I do not now recall exactly in the conversations I had with TANAKA last September, I recall that the distribution of forces had been advanced with Forrosa as a base, at least that is the way I recall the matter.

Q. Did you get this information from TANAKA or from some one else.

A. From TANAKA.

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