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Extract from Interrogation of MUTO, Akira
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- Q. General, you agreed with TOJO on all his policies since the time that TOJO became Premier in October 1941 and up to the time you resigned as Director of the Military Affairs Bureau, did you not?
- A. The Cabinet was unanimous. I only recollect matters up to April 1942. After this date I know nothing because I was sent to the Front.
- Q. Then your answer is that you did agree completely with TOJO?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And that is particularly with reference to the relations with the United States and Great Britain?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Going back to the Imperial Rescript which you said you had a hand in its preparation, can you tell us who were the others who helped prepare the Imperial Rescript declaring war against the United States?
- A. OKA, HOSHINO and myself prepared the draft of the Imperial Rescript to be handed to the Liaison Conference for approval. This was altered considerably by the Liaison Conference.
- Q. OKA, HOSHINO and yourself were the Committee created to make the draft?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Admiral OKA represented the Navy, Mr. HOSHINO represented the Liaison Conference, and yourself represented the War Ministry?
- A. I remember that there was a representative from the Foreign Office who also participated. I think his name was YAMAMOTO.

Q. But you represented the Army, Mr. OKA represented the Navy, and Mr. HOSHINO as Chief Secretary of the Liaison Conference represented the Liaison Conference.

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A. Yes

Q. The Committee of which you were a member prepared a draft and submitted the draft to the Liaison Conference.

A. Yes, this was submitted to the Liaison Conference.

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武蔵章 訊問抜萃

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問 將軍、貴方、東條が一九四一年十月總理大臣ニテ、時カラ貴方が軍務局長ヲ辞スルニ至ル予東條ト其ノ凡テノ政策ニツイテ一致シテキリ。サウデアリマセンカ。

答 閣議ハ満場一致デシヨ。私ハ唯一九四三年四月迄ノコトヲ覚エテキル大デス。此、時以後私ハ前線ニ派遣サレシタノデ何モ知りマセン。

問 デハ、貴方答ハ貴方が完全ニ東條ト一致シテキリト云フノデスカ。

第二頁

答 サウデス。

問 サウニテ、特ニ米國及ビ英國トノ關係ニツイテサウゲツクノデスカ。

答 サウデス。

第四頁

問 貴方が作成ニ関与シタト云ツテキル詔書ノコトニ、度ツテ、貴方ハ米國ニ対スル宣戰、詔書、作成ヲ手助ケシリ。他人ガ誰デアツタカ私達ニ告ゲルコトが出来マスカ。

答 岡、星野、及ビ私自身が連絡會議、賛成ヲ求ムル為提出スベキ詔書、草案ヲ作成シタ。コレハ連絡會議ニ依リ、相当修正サレリ。

問 岡、星野、及ビ貴方自身が草案作成ノ為設ケラレタ委員タツテス。答 サウデス。

問 岡提督ハ海軍ヲ代表シ、星野氏ハ連絡會議ヲ代表シ、貴方自身

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が陸軍省ヲ代表シタリテスカ。

答 外務省カラ参加シテ代表ガ居リト憶エテキマス。

彼ノ名前ハ山本デアツタト思ヒマス。

問 だが、貴方、陸軍ヲ代表シ、岡氏ハ海軍ヲ代表シ、連絡会議ノ

書記官長トシテ星野氏が連絡会議ヲ代表シタリテスネ。

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答 サウデス。

問 貴方ガソノ員デアツタ委員会ハ草案ヲ作成シ、ソレヲ連絡会議ニ

提出シタリテスネ。

答 サウデス。ソレハ連絡会議ニ提出サレマシ。

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