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Excerpt from the Interrogation of Shimada Hiroshi
Interrogation of 12 February 1946,

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Q. Well, General, even before the Cabinet resigned, you knew, you must have known, that the then Prime Minister was not too much in favor of the pact the way you wanted it, is not that a fact?

A. No, that is not true, I realize that there are stories to the effect that I had some sort of pact of my own in mind, but I was never concerned with anything beyond the orders from my Government. In this regard, if you are able to procure the drafts of some of the proposals ~~with~~ which Usami and Takeuchi prepared in conjunction with Gaus of the German Foreign Office, I think you will see that what I am saying is correct, and that we were simply trying to reach a middle point which would be favorable to both Governments.