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*Original of Interrogation of
Capt Shigem Fujii, IJA.*

26 November 1945

INTERROGATION OF CAPTAIN SHIGERU FUJII, I.J.N.

Time : 26 November 1945, 1400 to 1815 hours.
Place: Room 334, NYK Building, Tokyo, Japan.

Present: Maj. L. H. Barnard, Inf., O-191597.
2nd Lt. Douglas L. Waldorf, Inf., O-1337248.
2nd Lt. Joe B. Alexander, Inf., O-1332219.

Interpreter: Tech 4 Rickey Yamaguchi, ASN 30107575.

- Q. What is your present assignment?
A. I am on the active list of the Navy, assigned to the Administrative Bureau of the Navy Second Demobilization Organization.
- Q. How long have you been on that assignment?
A. About one month. Prior to that time I had been hospitalized because of sickness.
- Q. What was your assignment when you were in China?
A. I was Special Envoy to Occupied China from April 1940 till October 1940.
- Q. After that?
A. I was ordered to duty with the General Staff of the combined fleet.
- Q. Your duties?
A. I was Staff Aide to the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet, but had nothing to do with operations.
- Q. Who was commander-in-chief at that time?
A. Admiral Yamamoto.
- Q. At that time what plans were being made to attack America?
A. I do not know. The plans were complete at that time.
- Q. They were complete when you went to your post as aide to Admiral Yamamoto?
A. Yes.
- Q. Were you cognizent of the existence of Operational Order No. One?
A. Not at that time. I first heard of it on December 2, 1941.
- Q. Did all the Naval officers believe the attack should be started before war was declared?
A. No. All the Naval officers felt that war should be declared first.
- Q. Why was the attack made first if you believed a war declaration should have preceded it?
A. Something must have gone wrong at the Foreign Office.

- Q. What?
 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did the Emperor know of the plan to attack without a declaration of war?
 A. No. He was not in Tokyo.
- Q. How do you account for the fact that he signed the Imperial Rescript announcing the declaration of war and same was read over the radio by Premier Tojo on 8 December 1941 Tokyo time if he was not in Tokyo as you have stated.
 A. I meant I was not in Tokyo.
- Q. When joint Army-Navy discussions for the attack were discussed, who was your counterpart on the same level in the Army?
 A. Major AKIHO ISHII.
- Q. Did the Army feel that they were prepared for the attack equally as well as the Navy?
 A. They felt they were.
- Q. Who do you believe had intimate knowledge of the full plan to attack?
 A. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet and the Chiefs of Staff of both the Army and the Navy and the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Operations.
- Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to what you have told us?
 A. I am a Naval officer.

 I, Tech 4 Rickey Yamaguchi, ASN 30107575, certify that I acted as interpreter at the interview set out above, that I truly translated the English questions into Japanese and the replies thereto from Japanese into English, and that the English translations of the answers set out above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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