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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: OKABE, Eiichi

According to the usual custom of our country, I first swear as in the attached paper and then state as follows:

I was selected as managing director of the Manchurian Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd. in December 1944. This company was the only airplane manufacturing company in Manchuria, and its head office and main factory were in Mukden.

Next to the main factory there was the factory of the Manchurian Machine-Tool Manufacturing Company where machine-tools were manufactured, and several American or British prisoners of war were working there. I was told that there were some who had high technical ability among them. While no prisoners of war were working in my factory, I asked the reason of the man who was in charge of the workers. He answered "We inquired, about the employment of prisoners of war, unofficially of a staff officer of the Kwantung Army before you came here. The staff officer replied that we can't let the prisoners of war work in airplane manufacturing work according to international law. This is the reason why we don't employ them."

At this answer, I first learned of the limitation of international law and the Kwantung Army's attitude toward the treatment of prisoners of war which carefully observed the limitations of international law

WRITTEN OATH

18, February 1947

I, hereby swear that I shall state nothing but the truth according to my conscience, neither concealing nor adding anything.

/s/ OKABE, Eiichi

I hereby certify that the above was duly sworn in my presence and signed, at Tokyo, Japan this 18th day of February 1947.

/s/ IKEDA, Sumihisa