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Public april, 1904 Entered the MITO, Middle School of IBARAKI prefecture. March, 1909 Graduated, the above mentioned school. aug., 1909 Entered the first section of the First Nigh School / TIM DAI-ICHI KOTO GAKKO/

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# GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

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## INFORMATION FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE:

### HASUMI, Yasushi

Born	- 6 April 1891
Mar 1909	- Graduated Mito Middle School, Ibaragi Prefecture
Jul 1912	- Graduated from First High School
Nov 1915	- Passed the State Examination for Higher Civil Service
May 1916	- Graduated from Tokyo Imperial University Law School
Jun 1916	- Entered Government Service
Jun 1946	- Purged from Government Service and Public Office under the terms of SCAPIN 550

# MEISSNER, Kurt

Born - 1885, Hamburg, Germany

1905 - Came to Japan

1915-1920 - Prisoner of War of the Japanese after fighting at Tsingtao

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- Joined National Socialist Party (claims he did so for business reasons only)

- President, Leybold & Co., Tokyo

- Partner, Simon Evers & Co., Hamburg

- President, German Asiatic Society

One of the most influential German businessmen in Japan.

His repatriation to Germany aboard the first repatriation vessel was deferred because of ill health.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF HASUMI, Yasushi by Mr. Logan

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Exhibit 2789 as his affidavit and verified it. The affidavit stated \* the food problem in Japan has been always one of lack of supply equal to demand. The government has made great efforts to improve agriculture, to improve and enlarge farms, to guarantee reproduction costs by maintaining the price of rice, and has on the whole obtained good results. Yet sufficient food production to feed the large population has not been successful. The shortage has been brought in from Korea and Formosa and imported every year.

25,051 portant because of \* continuous dry weather in Japan Proper and Korea in 1939.

The standard highest price of rice, controlled by the control law for cereal, has been kept at the same price as that of the preceding year according to the low price policy. The damage by draught in 1939 created a shortage and this was increased by the draught in Korea.

On August 25, 1939, to moderate the condition, the government raised the standard highest price of rice to 38 yen. However, as the condition did not improve, the government made another effort by again raising the standard highest-price of rice for 1940 to 43 yen, beginning with November 6, 1939. It was reported that the production in Korea might be 10,000,000 koku less. The consumption in Korea itself was gradually increasing, resulting in a great decrease of supply from there.

The shortage of food in Japan Proper became serious. The only way to increase food supply was to import from abroad. An import plan through the cereal fiscal year was not fixed owing to the financial condition of the import fund. It was necessary to supply cereal by importing a portion divided into several periods during the fiscal year.

There was no cross-examination of the witness.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

IBARAKI Prefecture, SAMURAI Class

HASUMI, Yasushi /T.N. Can also be read KAMI, Yasushi/

Born on April 6, 1891

Entered the MITO Public Middle School of IBARAKI Prefecture April, 1904

Graduated the above mentioned shoool. March, 1909

Entered the first section of the First High School /T.N. DAI-ICHI Aug., 1909 KOTO GAKKO/

July, 1912 Graduated the above school. Entered the English Law Branch of the Law Department of the Tokyo Imperial University.

July, 1914 Granted the sum of thirty yen from the ODERA scholarship for excellence in the English law examination. Law Department

Passed the higher civil service examination. Nov., 1915

Graduated from the English Law Branch of the Law Dept. of May, 1916 the Tokyo Imperial University.

June 9, 1916 Appointed as Clerk of YAMAGUCHI Prefecture Given the 7th Grade salary Assigned service in the Local Branch of the Domestic Affairs Section.

Assigned as inspector of prefectural assembly members' Sept., 1916 election in the KUMAGE-gun electoral district.

Awarded the sum of three yen for services in the work Dec., 1916 concerning the Emperor's visit. Awarded the sum of sixty yen for services.

Jan., 1917 Assigned as inspector of the polling station and vote counting office in the election of the members of the House of Representatives in TSUNO-gun.

March, 1917 Awarded the sum of eight yen for services.

April, 1917 Assigned as inspector of the polling station and vote counting office in theelection of the members of House of Representatives in ABU-gun. Assigned as inspector of the town and village assembly members' election in ABU-gun.

Oct., 1917 Assigned as inspector of the polling station of the prefectural assembly members' election in ESHIKI-gun.

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Governor of YAMAGUCHI Prefecture

Oct. 29, 1917	Ordered to go to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce	YAMAGUCHI Pref.
Nov. 2, 1917	Assigned to the Agriculture and Commerce Ministry. Given the sixth grade salary. Assigned to work in the Archives and Document Section of the Minister's Secretariat.	Ministry of Agriculture & Commerce
Dec. 21, 1917	Awarded the sum of fifty yen for special efforts in the work.	*
May 11, 1918	Appointed as Secretary of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	
May 30, 1918	Given the 7th Court Rank, Jr. Grade	
Dec. 21,1918	Given the 7th Grade Salary.  Hitherto had been provided as an official according  No. 1 of Imperial Ordinance No. 146, 1917, but was changed to one provided under No. 5 of the said  Ordinance since April 23rd of 1919.	Department of Agriculture & Commerce.
June 30,1919	Given the sixth grade salary	
July 1, 1920	Raised to the 6th rank of the higher civil service.  (As the result of the amendment of parts of the Agriculture and Commerce Ministry's Organization through Imperial Ordinance No. 371 on Sept. 10, 1920, the name of the office was changed to Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce).	Cabinet
July 20 1020	Raised to the 7th rank of the higher civil service.  Given the 8th grade salary.  Raised to the 7th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	Cabinet Ministry of A Agriculture &
		Commerce.
July 1, 1920	Given the fifth grade salary.	Ministry of Agriculture & Commerce.
Aug.18, 1920	Amended some parts of regulations to rank and salary of higher civil service officials. Effective from August.	
July 1,1921	Given the sixth grade salary.	Agriculture &
Apr. 12,1922	Assigned to work in the Agricultural Affairs Bureau	Commerce Ministry
July 1, 1922	Given the 5th grade salary	11
Dec. 26,1922	Raised to 5th rank of the higher civil service.	Cabinet
Jan. 30,1923	Raised to the 6th Court Rank, Jr. Grade	
Dec.26, 1923	Given the 4th Grade Salary	Agriculture & Commerce Minis.
Sep.10, 1924	Appointed concurrently as councillor of Agriculture and Commerce Ministry.	n
	Appointed to 5th rank of the higher civil service.	Cabinet

Dec.20, 1924	Abolished the concurrent office by Imperial Ordinance No. 311.	
	Appointed concurrently as Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce.	
	Appointed to 5th rank of the higher civil service.	Ministry of
	Appointed as Chief of Agricultural Affairs Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	& Commerce
1925	The concurrent position became that of Secretary of	
	Agriculture and Forestry by Imperial Ordinance No. 38 Became an Administrative official of Agriculture and Forestry Ministry by Imperial Ordinance No. 38.	
Apr.1, 1925	Relieved of this post and appointed solely as Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Ministry.	Cabinet
	Given 4th grade salary.	Agriculture &
	Appointed as the Chief of the Industrial Association Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	Forestry Minis.
Jun.30, 1925	Advanced to the 4th rank of the higher civil service.	Cabinet
	Given 3rd grade salary.	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
Jul.15, 1925	Raised to the 6th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	
Dec.25, 1926	Given 2nd Grade salary	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
Apr.5, 1927	Ordered to accompany the members of the International Economic Conference which opened at GENEVA, Switzerland	Cabinet.
May 25,1927	Appointed as the Chief of the Agricultural Administration Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
July 9,1927	Raised to 3rd rank of the higher civil service.	Cabinet.
Aug. 1,1927	Raised to the 5th Court rank, Jr. Grade	
Dec.22, 1927	Returned to Japan	
Aug. 2, 1928	Appointed as official of the Tenancy Investigation Committee.	Cabinet
Jun.30, 1928	Given 1st grade salary	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
Jun.27, 1929	Appointed as the Chief of the Accountant's Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau	rorosory minis.
Jun.29, 1929	Awarded the 6th Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Jul.13, 1929	Appointed as Chief of the Rice and Cereals Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	

Jul.30, 1929	Appointed as a member of Rice and Cereal Committee.	Cabinet
Aug.1, 1929	Appointed as an official of the Rice & Cereal Investigating Committee.	**
Dec. 9, 1929	Appointed as an official of the Tenancy Investigating Committee	
Mar.3, 1931	Appointed as member of the Governmental Committee of Matters under the charge of the Agriculture & Forestry Ministry in the 58th Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
Dec.18, 1931	Appointed to concurrent post as the Chief of the Agri- cultural Administration Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
Dec.21, 1931	Appointed to concurrent post as the Chief of the Agri- cultural Administration Section in the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	11
Jun.29, 1932	Appointed as the Chief of the Planning Section of the Rice and Cereals Section.	
Aug.15, 1932	Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	
Sep.27, 1932	Appointed Chief of the Rice & Cereal Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.  Promoted to the 2nd rank of the higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
Sep.30, 1932	Ordered to become a member of the Rice & Cereal Committee	Cabinet
Nov. 9, 1932	Appointed as official of the Rice & Cereal Control Investigation Committee Decorated with the Fifth Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	**
Jan.25, 1933	Appointed a member of Governmental Committee for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 64th session of the Imperial Diet.	11
May 10,1933	Decorated with the Fourth Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Oct.21, 1933	Rice and Cereal Committee system abolished by Imperial Order No. 282 of 1933	
Oct.23, 1933	Appointed a member of the Rice & Cereal Control Committee	**
Jan.23, 1934	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the 6th session of the Imperial Diet.	**

Apr.1, 1934	Relieved of present post through the abolition of Rice and Cereal Section by Imperial Ordinance No. 52.	
Apr. 1, 1934	Appointed Chief of the Rice and Cereal Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Promoted to the 2nd grade of the higher Civil Service.	Cabinet
Apr.24, 1934	Appointed a member of the Rice & Cereal Control Committee.  Made an unofficial member of the Investigation Committee for cost of production of Rice and Cereal.  Abolished on March 3, 1936.	
Sep. 1, 1934	Appointed an official of the Investigation Committee for counter-measures for rice and cereal.  Abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 22 of 1936.	Cabine
Nov.27, 1934	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 66th session of the Imperial Diet.	***
Jan.23, 1935	Appointed a member of the Governmental Commission for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 67th session of Imperial Diet.	"
Oct. 2, 1935	Promoted to the First Grade of the higher Civil Service.	II.
Oct.14, 1935	Raised to the 4th Court Rank, Jr. Grade	
Nov. 2, 1935	Decorated with the 3rd Class Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure.	
Jan.20, 1936	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 68th session of the Imperial	**
May 2, 1936	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 69th session of the Imperial Diet.	**
Nov.21, 1936	Appointed an official of the Rice and Cereal Self Adminis- tration.	tt
Dec.24, 1936	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 70th session of the Imperial Diet.	711
July 28,1937	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 71st session of the Imperial	11
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Jul.29,	1937	Made a member of the Preparatory Committee for the Ordinary Civil Service Limitation Committee.	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry.
Aug. 28,	1937	Appointed a member of the Central Committee for the Adjustment of Rice and Cereal Distribution.	Cabinet
Aug.30,	1937	Commissioned a member of the Committee for the General Mobilization Affairs the North China Incident. Not mentioned in the Official Gazette.	**
Sep. 3,	1937	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Agriculture and Forestry at the 72nd session of the Imperial Diet.	
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Nov.26,	1937	Ordered to be a councillor in the Cabinet Planning Board	Cabinet
Dec.24,	1937	Ordered to be a member of the Governmental Committee for Affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the 73rd session of the Imperial Diet.  Annual salary increased by 600 yen.	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
Jan. 7,	1938	Appointed Director of the Horse Bureau. Promoted to the first grade of the higher Civil Service. Given the first grade salary.	Cabinet Ministry of Agri- culture & Forestry
Jan. 8,	1938	Appointed a member of the Central Committee for Re- habilitation of Rural Economics.	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
Jan.21,	1938	Appointed a member of the Governmental Committee for Affairs under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the 73rd session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
Feb.14,	1938	Ordered to be a member of the Investigation Committee of the Horse Bureau.	**
Jul. 7,	1938	Ordered to be a councillor of the Planning Board	**
Dec.23,	1938	Ordered to be a member of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Committee.	**
Dec.24,	1938	Ordered to be a member of the Governmental Committee for affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry.	

*	in the 74th session of the Imperial Diet.	Cabinet
May 5, 1939	Appointed Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.	
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	Appointed a councillor of the Cabinet Planning Board.	
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	Section.	
	Ordered to be a member of the Central Statistic Committee.	
	Ordered to be a member of the deliberation Committee for	
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	Committee.	
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	Ordered to be a member of the Educational Council.	
	Ordered to be a member of the National General Mobilization	
	Council.	
	Ordered to be a member of the National Spirit General	
	Mobilization Committee.	~
		Cabinet
	Ordered to be a member of Establishing Committee for the	
	NIPPON Rice and Cereal Co., Limited.	11
	Ordered to be Director of the Ordinary Civil Service	
	Examination.Committee.	Ministry of
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	plinary Committee.	Agriculture
		& Forestry.
May 8, 1939	Ordered to be a temperature	
	Ordered to be a temporary member of Central Wage	
	Committee.	Cabinet
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May 12,1939	Ordered to be a temporary member of the Taxation Investi-	
	gation Committee.	**
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May 16,1939	Ordered to be a member of the Densetter	
	Ordered to be a member of the Deposits Bureau Funds	
	Utilization Committee.	17
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May 17,1939	Ordered to be a member of the National Savings Encourage-	20
	ment Committee.	**
May 22,1939	Ordered to be a member of Walter	
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	Ordered to be a member of the Preparatory Committee for the	
	Construction of Central Government Buildings.	tt
May 27,1939	Appointed a member of the Electricity Committee.	
	Appointed a member of the Electrical Power Council	
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June 2, 1939	Annointed	
ound 2, 1505	Appointed a member of the Scientific Promotion Investiga-	*
	tion Committee.	11
June 5, 1939	Appointed a member of the Central Price Committee.	
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June 15,1939	Anni what a week a second	-
10,1909	Appointed a member of the Public Works Conference. Appointed	
	a member of the Investigation Committee for Medical System.	17

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May 26,1939	for City planning of the contract committees	Cabinet	
	Appointed a member of the Yeomanry Establishment and . Maintenance Committee.	Capiner	
	Appointed a member of the Investigation Committee for the Promotion of Raw Silk Demands.	n	
	Appointed a member of the Silkworm Classification Committee Appointed a member of the Silk Price Stabilization Committee Appointed a member of the Rice and Cereal Control Committee Appointed a member of the Central Committee for Adjusting		
	Appointed a member of the Horse Administration Investigation		
	Appointed a member of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Committee.	**	
	Appointed a member of the Liquid Fuel Committee.  Appointed a member of the Deliberation Committee re: "Im- proper Bargain Sale."		
	Appointed a member of the Trade Council.	11	
May 26	Appointed a member of the Committee re: Utilization of the Post Office Life Insurance Reserve Fund.		
	Appointed a member of the Plan Consideration Meeting for the Protection of Wounded Soldiers. (Cancelled on Oct. 11, 1939 by Imperial Ordinance No. 697.)		
	Appointed a member of the Central Unemployment Counter- plan Committee.	**	
July 22,1939	Appointed as Committee member of the Investigation Board re: Medium and Minor Industries.	**	
Aug. 2, 1939	Appointed as Committee member of the Investigation Board re: Overseas Colonization.	**	
Aug. 3, 1939	Appointed a Committee member of the Extraordinary Manchuria Colonist Deliberation Board.		
Aug. 5, 1939	Relieved of the post of Member of the Organizing Committee Japan Rice Joint-Stock Company.		
Aug.12, 1939	Appointed a member of the Deliberation Committee re: Rice Dealing Enterprises.	**	
Sep. 22,1939	Appointed a reserve member of the Disciplinary Committee for higher Civil Service officials.	**	
Oct. 4, 1939	Commissioned as a committee member of the Preparatory Commission re: Establishment of the Ministry of Trade.	**	
Oct. 7, 1939	Appointed a member of the Local System Investigation Commission.	**	

Oct.27,	1939	Appointed a member of the Central Electric Power Ad- justment Commission	Cabinet
Nov.15,	1939		
Nov.27,	1939	Appointed a member of the Domestic Products Encouragement Commission.	? "
Dec. 9,	1939	Appointed a member of the Customs Tariff Investigation Commission.	**
Dec. 26,	1939	Appointed a member of the Shipbuilding Industry Commission.	
Feb.16,	1940	Appointed a member of the Farmland Investigation Commission	. 11
Apr. 1,	1940	Appointed as Secretary of the Commodity Price Counter-plan Investigation Commission.	"
Apr. 6,	1940	Appointed a member of the Central Price Fixing Commission	**
Jun. 6,	1940	Appointed an Organizing Committee member of the Japan Fertilizer Company, Ltd.	11
Jun.19,	1940	Appointed an Organizing Committee member of the Japan Export Agricultural Products Company, Ltd.	**
Jun.20,	1940	Appointed a member of the Central Seasmen's Pay Commission	**
July 1,	1940	Appointed a member of the Telecommunication Commission.	ñ.
July 17,	1940	Appointed a member of the Cabinet Celebration Commission.	ñ
Aug. 3,	1940	Relieved of the post of amember of the Organizing Committee of the Japan Fertilizer Company, Ltd.	**
		Relieved of the post of a member of the Organizing Committee of the Japan Export Agricultural Products Co., Ltd.	· m
Aug.13,	1940	Relieved of post at own request.	it
Aug.13,	1940	Appointed to the post of the President of the Central Bank of the Industrial Associations.	Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
Sep. 6,	1940	Raised to the 4th Senior Court Rank as an Act of Grace from the Throne.	
Sep. 7,	1940	Appointed amember of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Commission.	Cabinet
Sep.11,	1940	Appointed a member of the Central Price Fixing Commission.	11

Sep.13, 1940	Appointed as Councillor of the Rice Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.	Cabinet
Sep.25, 1940	Appointed a member of the Farmland Investigation Commission	"
Sep.26,1940	Appointed a member of the Temporary Fund Readjustment Commission.	"
Jan.17, 1941	Appointed a member of the Silk Yarn Price Stablization Commission.	n
Feb. 4, 1941	Appointed as Councillor of the Food Control Bureau.	ñ
Apr.21, 1941	Appointed an Organizing Committee member of the Japan Silk Yarn Control Company, Ltd.	"
Apr.23, 1941	Appointed a member of the Silk Yarm Commission.	n
May 17,1941	Relieved of post as Organizaing Committee member of the Japan Silk Yarn Control Company, Ltd.	**
Dec. 1, 1942	Appointed a member of the Farmland Investigation Commission	ñ
Dec.20, 1943	Appointed member of the silk yarn Committee.	11
29 Apr.1940	Awarded the Second Class order of the Rising Sun with Double Rays in recognition of services during the China Incident.	
May 5, 1945	Appointed Councillor of the Bank of Japan.	**
Jan.7, 1946	Appointed member of the Committee res Investigation of Agricultural Land.	***
8 Jun. 1946	Relieved of post as Adviser to the Food Control Rationing Bureau, at own request.	"
Sep. 6,1946	Designated as coming under the memorandum according to	

# INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 August 1947

# MEMORANDUM

TO

: Mr. Frank S. Tavenner

FROM : D. N. Sutton

SUBJECT: HASUMI, Yasushi Def. Doc. No. 1955

The witness from July 1929 to August 1940 was connected with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The subject of his testimony is the action taken by the Government seeking to solve the food problem of the population of Japan, especially on the subject of rice. There is included in the affidavit sundry tables and tabulations as follows:

- lands for the years 1926-38, taken from "Outline of Arable Land Enlargement-Improvement-Enterprise" published in February 1940 by the Agricultural Administrative Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 2. A table showing the amount of rice fields and of farm lands reclaimed under the Reclamation Assistance Law of 1919 for the years 1926-1946. This table is taken from the statistics of the Reclamation Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 3. A table showing the transfer and import of rice (from Korea and Formosa) for the years 1927-43, inclusive. This is taken from statistics of "Outline of Food Supply" published by the Bureau of Food Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and from the "Outline of Rice Supply" published by the Rice Bureau of the same ministry.
- price of commodities, and cost ratio of rice for the years 19271945 recited as having been made by the investigation of the
  Nippon Bank.

It recites an investigation made by the Food and Population Investigation Committee appointed by the Cabinet in 1927, which

estimated that the shortage in rice at the end of 30 years would be more than one million koku.

It recites excerpts from the Cereal Law of 1931, the Cereal Control Law of 1933 and the Food Control Law of 1942, with the explanation that the food production of the country has always been lacking and has not equaled the demand and that for this reason the Government made great efforts for the improvement of agriculture and the increase of food production. In spite of all the Government's efforts, Japan never produced sufficient food to feed its population.

Comment: Objection might be made to the affidavit on the ground that the documents from which the tables recited in 1, 2, 3 and 4 above are taken are not produced in evidence. Objection could also be taken to the attempt through this witness to prove the provisions of the cereal and food control laws of 1931, 1933 and 1942. If objections were sustained, practically the entire affidavit would be excluded.

Another approach would be to require the witness given in his affidavit.

was not generally known and there seems to be no point in cross-examining.

D. N. Sutton, Assistant Counsel.

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Deponent: HASUMI, Yasushi

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In July 1929 I, Yasushi Hasumi, was appointed Chief of the Rice and Barley Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. In 1932 I was appointed Director of the Rice Bureau and in May 1939 Vice-Minister of the same ministry. I resigned as Vice-Minister in August 1940.

The food problem of our country is how to provide food for the home population.

Initially, the supply question depends upon crops which are affected by natural forces and this is extremely important in Japan. Either good or bad harvest take place every year, and in case of continuous good harvests some surplus products may be obtained temporarily. On the contrary, if bad harvests should continue a great shortage may result. But, as a whole, in order to support a large population within a small narrow territory, it is quito necessary to do the best to provide the necessities by increasing the production as far as possible, and at the same time to import the portion of shortage from abroad.

Reflecting on past years' conditions, our government has paid great attention concerning agricultural problems as follows: improvement of qualities of seeds, the improvement of selfsupply manure, the investigation of manuring, the prevention from ill or injurious insects, the technical improvement so as to prevent damages from snow or dry weather, the protection and the encouragement for improvement or enlargement of farming plantations, the encouragement of production according to the maintenance of price of farm products and so forth.

> Area of Readjustment for arable lands since Showa 1 (1926)

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Taken from "Outline of Arable-Land-Enlargement Improvement Enterprise", published in February 1940 by the Agricultural Administrative Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

The Reclamation Assistance Law was promulgated in Taisho 8 (1919) and the government tried improvements by reclamation-by-dumping, reclamation-by-drainage, land reclamation, and so on, and by delivering subsidies in order to encourage the above enterprises. The results since Showa 1 (1926) are as follows:

Year	Reclaimed rice- field	Reclaimed	Total
Showa 1 (1926) 2 (1927) 3 (1928) 4 (1929) 5 (1930) 6 (1931) 7 (1932) 8 (1933)	9,113 cho 5,448 3,589 4,598 4,154 6,154 6,235	2,211 cho 1,968 1,085 1,299 2,186 2,802 5,182 6,846	11,324 cho 7,416 4,674 5,784 5,784 13,081
10 (1935) 11 (1936) 12 (1937) 13 (1939) 14 (1941) 15 (1941) 16 (1942) 18 (1943) 19 (1945) 20 (1946)	1,921 1,513 1,023 1,736 3,687 7,188 10,895 9,401 9,202 9,530 5,333 9,216	1,186 1,201 1,012 11,700 14,406 17,087 11,822 33,283 120,538 112,394	3,714 2,735 13,745 12,736 12,540 21,817 121,610
21 (1946)	9,216	112,394	121,610

Taken from the statistic of the Reclamation Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

In July 1927, in accordance with Imperial Order No. 222, the Cabinet appointed a Food and Population Investigation Committee and according to its investigation the shortage of food supply at that time was 4,332,400-koku of rice and 5,351,300-koku of wheat and that will probably become in 1952 (30 years after that time) 13,359,000-koku of rice and 14,253,400-koku of wheat; by this fact it is quite clear the mean shortage of food supply was enormous.

For these 30 years, though every possible effort might be paid to increase crops and a great deal of cereal might be brought in from Korea and Formosa, it was presumed to be a shortage of more than 1,000,000-koku of rice.

For instance, referring to the relation of our food supply since 1927, it will be understood that the sum of transfer and importation from outside of Japan proper every year amounted nearly 12,000,000 -- 13.000,000 koku.

Reference, Table for total of transfer and import.

Transfer and Import of Rice since Showa 2



Year	Import	fransfer from-Korea	Transfer from Formosa	Total
LOWA 2	4,128,785 kok	u,5,903,248 koku	2,637,899 koku	1 12,670,239 koku
1927)	1,753,001	7,068,709	2,430,569	11,255,519
(1928)	1,277,748	5,377,978	2,253,232	8,909,410
5	1,248,444	5,167,015	2,185,424	8,602,411
(1930)	829,640	7,992,275	2,698,701	11,521.639
(1931)	984,870	7,198,331	3,418,821	11,603,648
(1932)	998,160	7,531,891	4,216,824	12,747,707
(1933)	171,233	8,952,694	5,123,783	14,249,293
(1934)	70,789	8,434.847	4,511,390	13,018,304
(1935)	398,261	8,970,553	4,823,966	14,193,957
(1936)	287,498	6,736,185	4,855,642	11,879,325
(1937)	151,369	10,149,040	4.970,968	15,271,377
(1938)	156,494	5,690,162	3,962,495	9,809,170
(1939)	7,987,048	394,549	2,784,190	11,165,000
(1940)	9,827,288	3,305,912	1,969,677	15,102,877
(1941)	8,743,924	5,235,299	1,701,921	15,681,144
(1942) 18 (1943)	5,588,300		1,638,219	7,226,519

Any discrepancy in the total figures is due to the inclusion of amounts re-imported as surplus exported regims. Statistics of 1927-1939 was taken from "Outline of Food Supply", published by the Bureau of Food Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and "Outline of Rice Supply", published by the Rice Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Statistics from 1940-1943 was taken from Survey by Food Control Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.)

Then next, the price of rice must be considered.

Index number of the price of rice always goes higher than that of commodities, and the following table shows that the cost ratio of the price of rice is about over 10% higher. This also indicates the supply of rice is likely to be scarce.

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Index number of price of rice, commodity, and cost ratio of rice

Year	Price of	Price of commodities	Cost ratio
Showa 2 (1927) 3 (1928) 4 (1929) 5 (1930) 6 (1931) 7 (1932) 8 (1933) 10 (1935) 11 (1936) 12 (1938) 13 (1942) 14 (1942) 16 (1942) 17 (1942) 18 (1943) 19 (1945)	302.83 265.10 216.00 215.00 2155.78 209.10 209.10 209.10 209.25 209.33 2	225.15 224.39 188.73 155.68 180.17 176.98 183.74 248.81 248.81 324.38 352.68 371.68 496.52	1.345 1.179 1.102 1.226 1.004 1.125 1.005 1.185 1.373 1.327 1.148 1.179 1.159 1.206 1.155 1.072 1.037 1.000 830

(This table was made by the investigation of the Nippon Bank, according to the index number of standard wholesale prices in Tokyo in October 1900 (Meiji 33), and the cost ratio of rice deprice of commodities.)

In order to maintain the production of cereal, all the laws since the Cereal Law were passed with the purpose of guaranteeing the cost of reproduction, considering the standard of adjustment for the cost of production of agricultures.

The Cereal Law Article 5 (amended by Law 31, 31 March, Showa 6 --- 1931) is as follows:

"The lowest or the highest price, regulated by the above Article, shall be settled by the government according to the following items:

produced cost of cereal
domestic expense
calculated price, according to the tendency
of the ratio of index number of the price of
rice against that of commodities."

The Control Law for Cereal Article 2 (Law 34, 29 March, Showa 8 -- 1933) is as follows:

"The government shall settle and announce the lowest and highest price of cereal every year according to the regulation of the Imperial Order,

The above lowest and highest prices shall be settled according to produced cost of cereal, domestic expense, prices of commodities and other economic conditions."

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Food Control Law Article 3 (Law 40, 21 Feb. Showa 17 -- 1942.) is as follows:

"Producers of rice, arley, rye or wheat (afterwards from now they are called briefly rice and wheat), or those who have the right of farms and get them as farm-rents, shall have to sell to the government some amount produced rice and wheat or of that got as farm-rents, by the government order.

The buying prices of the government, regulated in the a love clause, shall be settled by the regulation of the Imperial Order, according to produced cost, prices of commodities and other economical conditions."

The above explanation tells the fact that the food production in our country has been always lack of supply equal to her demand. Addordingly, our government has made great efforts for the improvement of agriculture, the improvement and enlargement of farms, the guarantee of farmers' reproduction costs by maintaining of the price of rice, main food in 5 pan, and so forth, and the government has obtained good results.

Nevertheless, in spite of the government's great efforts for many years, the sufficient food production to feed our large population has not been successful.

Therefore the amount of shortage has been brought in from Korea and Pamosa, as well as imported from abroad every year to supply the demand.

The latest problem of food shortage has become more important under the circumstance of the continuous dry weather in Japan proper and Korea in 1939.

The standard highest price of rice, regulated by the Control Law for Cereal, in December 1938, has been kept at the same price as that of the preceding year according to the low price policy, so that the appearance of cereal in markets became worse. Then, in 1939, the damage by draught in Japan proper created a shortage of the crops of rice. In addition to this the great draught in Lorea decreased the supply more and more.

In order to moderate this condition the government raised the standard highest price of rice to 38 yen on 25 August 1939. Nevertheless, as the influence of the draught became apparent and the supply condition did not improve, then the government and an effort by raising again the standard highest price of rice on 1940 for the rice year (beginning of November of preceding year, ending of October) to 43 yen, 5 yen higher than the former price, commencing of the rice year, on 6 November 1939. But it was reported that the production in Korea might be 10,000,000 koku, less as the production in 1939 would be 14,078,842 koku and that of the preceding year was 23,484,867 koku. Furthermore, the consumption in Korea itself was gradually increasing, resulting in a great decrease of supply from there, thus the extreme shortage of food in Japan proper became serious.

Under this condition, the only way to increase food supply was to import from abroad, but as some public opinion was that Japan had to adjust food supply by saving expenses on the one hand, an import plan through the cereal fiscal year was not fixed owing to the financial condition of the import fund. On the other hand, it was necessary to supply coreal by importing some portion divided into several periods through the fiscal year.

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At the commencement of this period import was going well. We were able to buy more rice than we expected within the prepared fund, but as the government had announced the import plan officially from the viewpoint of stabilization of people's mind, it resulted in exciting the selling countries who raised the price of rice so much, and we needed more money. Moreover, the shortage of shipping increased difficulty also upon importing.

In spite of our efforts to import cereal, it had become more and more difficult as time elapsed.

On this 28th day of July, 1947
At Tokyo

DEPONENT HASUMI Yasushi /Seal)

I, Takano Tsuruo, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: /s/ Takano Tsuruo (seal)

#### OATH

In accordance with my conscience, I swear to tell the whole truth, withholding nothing and adding nothing.

HASUMI Yasushi (seal)