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The following witnesses are not referred to in the IRS
Investigative files.

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OKAZAKI, Ayakoto
> HASUMI, Yasushi
MEMPA, Kogoro
Meisner, Kurt

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Personal History.

Of a family of

~~Samurai rank of~~ IBARAKI prefecture
IBARAKI Prefecture, SAMURAI Class.

~~YASUSHI HASUMI~~ T.N. can also be read
HASUMI, Yasushi / T.N. Can also be read KAMI, Yasushi /
as YASUSHI KAMI.

April 6, ¹⁸⁹¹
Born on the 6th of April, 1891.
Public

April, 1904 Entered the MITO Middle School of IBARAKI
prefecture.

March, 1909 Graduated ~~from~~ ^{said} the above ~~middle~~ ^{mentioned} school.

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

- July, 1912 Graduated from the above said school.
- " " Entered the English Law Branch of ^{the} Law De-
partment of ^{the} Tokyo Imperial University.
- " 1914 Granted the sum of thirty ^{yen from the} \$ ODERA scholar-
ship for ~~the~~ excellence in the ~~examination about~~
English law examination. The Law
Department.
- Nov. 1915 Passed the ^{higher} civil service ~~higher~~
examination.
- May, 1916 Graduated from the English Law
^{the} Branch of Law Department of the
Tokyo Imperial University.

June 9, 1916 Appointed ^{to} ~~as~~ Clerk of YAMAGUCHI pre-
fecture.

YAMAGUCHI
prefecture.

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June 9, 1916 Given the 7th grade salary.

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Assigned ~~to~~ service in the Local
Branch ^{domestic}
~~Section~~ of the Prefectural Affairs Section

"

Sept., 1916 Assigned ^{as} ~~to~~ inspector of prefectural

assembly members' election in the

^{gun electoral}
KUMAGAE ~~election~~ district.

The Governor
of YAMAGU-
CHI prefecture.

Dec., 1916 Awarded the sum of three yen

for ~~to~~ services in the ^{work con-} affairs con-

cerning the Emperor's visit~~ing~~

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YAMAGUCHI
prefecture.

Dec., 1916 Awarded the sum of sixty yen for
~~the~~ services.

Jan. 1917 Assigned ^{as} ~~to~~ inspector of the poll~~ing~~
station vote
~~place~~ and counting office ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the

election of the members of the House
of Representatives in TSUNO ^{-gun. district} ~~of~~ the
The Governor
of YAMAGU-
CHI prefecture.

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

April, 1917 Assigned ^{as} ~~to~~ inspector of the poll~~ing~~
station vote
~~place~~ and counting office in the

election of the members of House of
Representatives in ABU-^{gun.}District. The Governor
of YAMAGUCHI
Prefecture.

April, 1917 Assigned ^{as} ~~to~~ inspector of the ~~election~~
~~the~~
of town and village assembly

members' election in ABU-^{gun.}District. "

Oct. 1917 Assigned ^{as} ~~to~~ inspector of the polling
station
~~place~~ of the prefectural assembly

members' election in ESHIKI-^{gun.}
district. "

Oct. 29, 1917 Ordered to go to the
~~go to your new services in the~~

YAMAGUCHI
Prefecture.Ministry
~~Department~~ of Agriculture and Commerce

Nov. 2, 1917 Assigned to
~~Appointed to Clerk of the Agriculture~~ Ministry
and Commerce ~~Department~~.

The ~~Depart-~~
ment of
Agriculture
and Commerce

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Given the sixth grade salary.

Nov. 2, 1917 Assigned to ^{work} ~~the services~~ in the
Archives and Document Section, the
Minister's Secretariat.

Dec. 21, 1917 Awarded the sum of fifty yen
for ~~the special services~~ ^{efforts in the work.}

May 11, 1918 Appointed ^{as} ~~to~~ Secretary of the
Agricultural Affairs Bureau.

(As the result of the amendment of parts of the Agriculture and Commerce Ministry's ~~Department's~~ Organization ^{through} Imperial Ordinance No. 371 on Sept. 10th, 1920, the name of the office was changed to Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce.)

Raised to the 17th rank of the higher civil service.

Given the 8th grade salary.

The Cabinet.

The ~~Department~~ Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce.

May 30, Given
~~Assigned to the Junior Grade of~~ ^{the} 7th
 Court Rank, Jr. Grade.

Dec. 21, Given the 7th grade salary.

The Department
 of Agriculture
 and Commerce

provided as, according
 hitherto had been an official ~~provided~~
~~the first~~ ^{No 1} division
 in No 7 of Imperial Ordinance No. 146,
 1917, but was changed to one provided
 under ^{No 5} ~~the fifth~~ division of the said Ordinance
 since April 23rd of 1919.

June 30, 1919 Given the sixth grade salary.

July 1, 1920 Raised to the 6th rank of the higher
 civil service.

The Cabinet

July 20, 1920 Raised to the ~~Senior~~ Grade of the
 7th Court Rank, Sr. Grade.

July 1, 1920 Given the fifth grade salary.

Ministry
 The Department
 of Agriculture
 and Commerce

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Aug. 18, 1920 } Amended ^(some parts of) regulations to rank
 and salary of higher ^{civil service} officials.
 Effective ~~applied~~ from August.

July 1, 1921 } Given ^{the sixth grade} salary of 6th degree
 Agriculture and Commerce Ministry

April 12, 1922 } Assigned to work in
 Appointed to attend ~~the~~ Board of
 Agriculture and Commerce Ministry.

Agricultural Affairs Bureau.

July 1, 1922 } Given ^{5th grade} salary of 5th degree

Dec. 26, 1922 } Raised ^{the} Advanced to 5th rank of higher
 civil service officials
 Cabinet

January 30, 1923 } Raised to the 6th Court Rank
 Conferred the junior grade of
 Jr. Grade
 6th rank

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Dec. 26, 1923

~~Given salary of 4th degree~~
the 4th grade salary

Agriculture
and Commerce
Ministry Dept.

Sep. 10, 1924

Appointed ~~additional office of~~ concurrently as

councillor of Agriculture and Commerce Dept. Ministry

Appointed to 5th rank of higher ~~officials~~ ^{the civil service}

Cabinet

Dec. 20, 1924

Abolished the ~~additional office~~ concurrent

by Imperial ^{Ordinance} edict No 311.

Dec. 20, 1924

Appointed ~~additional office~~ concurrently as
of Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce.

~~Dept.~~

Appointed to 5th rank of higher
civil service
~~officials~~

Cabinet

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Appointed as ^{Affairs} Chief of Agricultural ⁽³⁾ Section ^{Ministry}
Ordered ~~the~~ Chief of Agricultural ^{Section} of Agriculture and Commerce

Agricultural Affairs Bureau.
of the Board of Agriculture

1925.

The concurrent position ^{that of} Secretary of
The additional office became

Agriculture and Forestry Dept. ^{by} Imperial Edict ^{Ordinance}

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1925,

Became ⁱⁿ Administrative official

of Agriculture and Forestry Dept. ^{Ministry} by
Imperial Ordinance No. 38.

April 1, 1925.

Relieved of this post
Discharged from original official. Cabinet.

solely as
and appointed to Secretary of Agriculture

and Forestry ^{Ministry} Dept. in full service.

Given ^{4th grade} salary of 4th degree

Agriculture
and Forestry
Ministry Dept.

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- Appointed ^{to} ~~as~~ the chief of the section of Industrial Agriculture and Forestry ^{Ministry} ~~Dept.~~ section of the Association in Board of Agricultural Affairs Bureau.
- June 30, 1925. Advanced to ^{the} 4th rank of ^{the} Cabinet, ^{Civil Service} higher ^{officials}.
- Given ^{3rd grade} salary of ~~3rd degree~~ Agriculture and Forestry Ministry Dept.
- July 15, 1925. ~~Conferred senior grade of~~ Raised ~~to~~ ^{to the} 6th ^{Court} Rank, ~~1st~~ ^{2nd grade} grade Cabinet
- Dec. 25, 1926. Given ^{2nd grade} salary of ~~2nd degree~~ Agriculture and Forestry Ministry Dept.
- April 5, 1927. Ordered to accompany the members ~~Appointed to attendants of the~~ of the Committee to International Economic Conference which opened at ^{GENEVA,} ~~Geneva~~ in Switzerland. Cabinet.

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May 25, 1927. Appointed ^{as} ~~to~~ the Chief of the ~~the~~ Section ^{(5) Agriculture and Forestry Ministry} of Agricultural Administration ^{Section of Agricultural Affairs Bureau} in the Board of Agriculture

July 9, 1927. Raised Advanced to 3rd rank of the Cabinet. Civil Services higher officials

August 1, 1927. Raised to the ~~Conferral~~ the Junior grade of 5th rank, Jr. Grade.

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Dec 22, 1927. Returned to Japan.

Aug 2, 1928. Appointed ^{as official} ~~to secretary~~ of the ^{Tenancy} ~~Investigating Committee of tenancy~~ Cabinet.

June 30, 1928. Given ^{1st grade salary.} Salary of 1st degree ^{Agriculture and Forestry Ministry Dept.}

June 21, 1929. Appointed ^{as} ~~to~~ the Chief of ~~the~~ section of the Accountant's

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~~Section of the account and supplies in the Board of~~

→ Agricultural Affairs Bureau.

June 29, 1929. Awarded ~~conferred~~ ^{Class Imperial} the 6th Order of the Sacred Treasure

July 13, 1929. Appointed ^{as} ~~to~~ the Chief of the ^{Agriculture and Forestry Dept. Ministry.} ~~section of Rice and other Cereals~~ ^{Section} of the ~~the Board of~~ Agricultural Affairs Bureau.

July 30, 1929. Appointed ^{as} ~~to~~ a member of ^{Cabinet} Rice and Cereal Committee. ~~the committee of Rice and other cereals~~

Aug 1, 1929. Appointed ^{as an official} ~~to~~ ^{the Rice and Cereals} ~~secretary of~~ ^{Investi-} ~~Investigating Committee of Rice and other cereals~~ " "

Dec 9, 1929. Appointed ^{as an official} ~~to~~ ^{(the Tenancy} ~~secretary of~~ ^{Investi-} ~~gating Committee of Tenancy~~ " "

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March 3, 1931. Appointed ^{as member of the} Governmental ⁽⁷⁾ Cabinet
 Committee of ^{matters under the charge of the} ~~Business~~ Agriculture
 and Forestry ^{Ministry} Dept. in ^{the} 58th Imperial Dist.

Dec. ~~Nov.~~ 18, 1931. Appointed ^{to concurrent post as} additional office of
 the Chief ~~of~~ the Agricultural Administration
 Section ^{of} in the Board of Agricultural Affairs
 Bureau. Agriculture and Forestry Ministry

Dec. ~~Nov.~~ 21, 1931. Appointed ^{to concurrent post as} additional office of
 the chief ~~of~~ the Agricultural Administration
 Section in the ^{Agricultural Affairs Bureau} Board of Agriculture. "

June 29, 1932. Appointed ^{as} the Chief of the Plan-
 ing Section ^{of the} in the Board of Rice and
 other Cereals Section. "

- Aug 15 1932 - ~~Conferred~~ ^{Raised to} the ~~Senior~~ Fifth Court Rank, Sr. Grade.
- Sept 27 " - Appointed ^{and Cereal Section of} Chief of the Rice ~~Dept. of~~ the
The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- " - Promoted to the 2nd ~~class~~ ^{rank} of the Higher Civil Service
- ~~Official~~
- Sept 30 " - Ordered ^{to become} a member of the Rice ^(and Cereal) Committee.
- Nov 9 " - Appointed ^{as official} ~~Secretary~~ ^(and Cereal) of the Rice Control
Investigation Committee.
- Decorated with the ^(Class Imperial) Fifth Order of
~~Merit with Order of~~ the Sacred Treasure.
- Jan 25 1933 - Appointed ^{a member of} ~~Governmental~~ ^{Committee} Commissioner
for the affairs under the jurisdiction
of the Ministry of Agriculture and
Forestry at the 64th session of
the ~~House of Representatives~~ ^{Imperial Diet}.
- May 10 1933 - Decorated with the ^(Class Imperial) Fourth Order of
~~Merit with Order of~~ the Sacred Treasure
- Oct. 21 1933 - ~~Abolished administrative system for~~ ^{and Cereal} The Rice ^{Committee system}
~~abolished~~
by Imperial Order No. 282 of 1933 / ~~written by Red ink~~

Oct 23 1933

Appointed a member of the Rice and Cereal Control Committee. Cabinet

Jan 23 1934

Appointed ^{a member of the} Governmental Commissioner for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in ~~at~~ the 65th Session of the House of Representatives. Cabinet

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April 1 1934

Relieved of present post through ~~Abolished~~ ^{Administrative} ~~and Cereal Section~~ by the abolition of Administrative ~~System of Rice Department~~ by Imperial Ordinance No 52

~~Written in red ink~~

April 1 1934

Appointed ^{Chief} ~~Director~~ of the Rice Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Promoted to the 2nd ^{grade} ~~class~~ of a Higher ^{Civil Service} ~~official~~

Cabinet

April 24 1934

Appointed a member of the Rice and Cereal Control Committee ~~and Commissioner~~ Made an unofficial member of the Investigation

Committee for Cost of Production

of Rice and Cereal. ~~Abolished~~ Cabinet

~~Abolished on~~
March

Abolished on March 3, 1936.

by Imperial Ordinance No 22 of 1936

~~Written in red ink~~

Sept 1 1934

Appointed ^{an official} a ~~Secretary~~ of the Investigation Committee for Counter-measures for rice and cereal.

Cabinet

[Abolished by Imperial Ordinance

NO. 22 of 1936] ~~secret~~

Cabinet

Nov 27 1934

Appointed ^{member of the} a Governmental ^{Committee} Commissioner for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 66th session of the ^{Imperial} House of Diet. ~~Representative.~~

Cabinet

Jan 23 1935

Appointed ^{a member of the} a Governmental Commissioner for the affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 67th session of the ^{Imperial} House of Diet. ~~Representative.~~

Cabinet

Oct 2 1935

Promoted by the Emperor to the First Grade the Civil Service Class of a Higher official

Cabinet

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Oct 14 1935 Raised to ~~conferred~~ the junior 4th Court Rank, Jr. Grade.

Nov 2 1935 Decralated with the ^(Class Imperial) 3rd Order of

Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Jan 20, 1936

- Appointed ^(member of the) ~~Governmental Commissioner~~ ^{Committee} for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 68th session of the ~~House of~~ ^{Imperial} Diet.
Representatives. Cabinet

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May 2, 1936

- Appointed ^{members of the} ~~Governmental Commissioner~~ ^{Committee} for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 69th session of the ~~House of~~ ^{Imperial} Diet.
Representatives Cabinet

Nov 21 1936

- Appointed ^{an official} ~~Secretary~~ ^{Secretary} of the Rice and Cereals ~~Self Administration~~ ^{Autonomous Control} Committee Cabinet

Dec 24 1936

- Appointed ^(a member of the) ~~Governmental Commissioner~~ ^{Committee} for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the 70th session of the ~~House of~~ ^{Imperial} Diet.
Representative. Cabinet

July 28 1937

- Appointed ^(member of the) ~~Governmental Commissioner~~ ^{Committee} for the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at

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the ~~71st~~ ^{71st} session of the ~~House of Representatives~~ ^{Imperial Diet.} Cabinet
made ~~himself~~ a member of the Preparatory
Committee for the ~~Common~~ ^{Ordinary Civil} Limitation
Service Limitation Committee.
~~of civil officials~~

The Ministry
of Agriculture and
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
at the North China Incident Cabinet

(Not mentioned ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the Official Gazette)

Sept 3 1937

(~~a member of the~~)
Appointed ^(a member of the) Governmental ~~Commission~~ ^{Committee} for
the Affairs under the jurisdiction of the
Ministry of the Agriculture and Forestry Cabinet

at the ~~71st~~ ^{72nd} session of the ~~House of Representatives~~ ^{Imperial Diet.}

Sept 2 1937

~~Written in red ink~~

~~Commissioned~~ ^{The commission as a} a member of the Committee
for the General Mobilization Affairs ⁱⁿ
at the North China Incident, ~~and Com~~ ^{became one as}

~~Commissioned~~ a member of the Committee
for the General Mobilization Affairs
in the China Incident.

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DATE	SUBJECTS	NAME OF ISSUING OFFICE
Nov., 26, 1937	Ordered to be a councillor in Cabinet the Planning Board	Cabinet
DEC., 24, 1937	<p>(a member of)</p> <p>Ordered to be the governmental Committee for affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the 73rd</p>	Cabinet
	Session of the Imperial Diets	

Dec. 24, 1937	Increased Annual salary)	
	increased	
	↳ by 600 yen	Ministry of Agriculture
		and Forestry
Jan. 7, 1938	Appointed Director of the	
	Horse Administration Bureau.	
	and Promoted to a high official	
	with the first grade of the	Cabinet
	higher civil service.	

Given the first grade salary Ministry of Agri

culture and Forestry

Jan. 8, 1938 Appointed member of the Central Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Committee for the regeneration

Rehabilitation of Rural Farm Economics

Jan. 21, 1938 Appointed a member of the ~~Ordered to be a governmental~~

Committee ~~missiones~~ for affairs ^{under} the

jurisdiction of Ministry of Agri

culture and Forestry in the

the
73rd session of Imperial Diet Cabinet

Feb. 14, 1938 Ordered to be a member of

Investigation Committee
the Horse Administration Exam-

of the Horse Bureau.
mination Association Cabinet

July 7, 1938 Ordered to be a councillor

of the Planning Board Cabinet

Dec. 23, 1938 Ordered to be a member
 of the Agricultural and Forestry

Planning Committee. Cabinet

Dec. 24, 1938 Ordered to be a ^{member of the} governmental

~~committee~~ for affairs

under the jurisdiction of Ministry

of Agriculture and Forestry

the
in the 74th Session of Imperial

Diet

Cabinet

May 5, 1939 Appointed Vice-Minister of

Ministry of Agriculture and

Forestry, and promoted to a

Promoted to the
High Official of First Grade

of the Higher Civil Service.

(Ranking)

Cabinet

Appointed
Ordered to be a councillor of

Cabinet
the Planning Board.

Ordered to be a councillor of

the Manchurian Affairs Board.

Ordered to be a ^{committee} member of the

Cabinet Information Section
Intelligence Department attached to

the Cabinet

the
Ordered to be a member of Central

Statistic Committee.

Ordered to be a member of

the deliberation
Consultation Committee for

the celebration of the ~~2,600~~^{2,600th}

anniversary of the foundation

of Japanese Empire

Ordered to be a member of

the Essential Fertilizer
Staple Fertilizer Industry
Manufacturers

Committee

Ordered to be a member of

Extraordinary Fund Adjust-

ment Committee

Ordered to be a member of

the planning Council:

Ordered to be a member of the

Educational Council.

Ordered to be a member of

National General Mobilization

Council,

Ordered to be a member of

National
~~the People's~~ Spirit General Mobil-

ization Committee.
~~Council~~

Cabinet

Ordered to be a member of

Committee for (and cereal)
Establishing the NIPPON Rice Co.

Limited.

Cabinet

Ordered to be Director of ~~the~~
Government

Ordinary Civil Service

ment Law Officials Examination

Committee

Ordered to be Director of

Civil Service
Citizens' Ordinary Disciplinary

nary Committee

Ministry of

Agriculture

and Forestry

May 8, 1939 Ordered to be ~~Temporary~~ ^{a temporary} ~~Temporary~~

Wage
member of Central Comm-

~~ittee on wages~~

Cabinet

May 12, 1939 Ordered to be a ^{a temporary} ~~temporary~~ ^{an extraordinary}

the Taxation Invest-
member of Examination Com-
gation Committee.

~~mittee on Tax System~~

Cabinet

May 16, 1939 Ordered to be a member of

the Deposits Bureau Funds
Committee of employing fund

~~Utilization~~ Utilization Committee
in the Deposit Department

Cabinet

May 17, 1939 Ordered to be a member

of the National Savings
Committee of increasing monies
Encouragement Committee.

any deposit among the people Cabinet

May 22, 1939 Ordered to be a member of

National Property Investigation
~~inspection~~ Committee of state
Committee.

owned properties

Ordered to be a member of ^{the} Prepa-

ratory Committee for ^{the} Construction

Central government Buildings Cabinet

May 27, 1939 year	Appointed a member of the Electricity Committee.	Cabinet
May 27, 1939 year	Appointed a member of the Electrical power ^{Council} Consideration Meeting.	Cabinet
June 2, 1939 year	Appointed a member of the Scientific Science Promotion Investigation Committee. Meeting.	Cabinet
June 5, 1939 year	Appointed a member of the Central Price Committee.	Cabinet
June 15, 1939 year	Appointed a member of the	

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Appointed a member of the
Investigation Committee for
the promotion of Raw Silk ~~Demands~~
~~increasing demand of a raw~~
~~silk.~~

Cabinet

Appointed a member of the
Silkworm Classification
~~Consideration Committee of a~~
Committee.
~~variety of a silkworm.~~

Appointed a member of the
Silk Price Stabilization
~~Committee for settling silk~~
Committee.
~~price.~~

Appointed a member of the

Rice and Cereal Control Committee. 4

~~Committee for controlling rice.~~

Appointed a member of the

Central Committee for Adjusting
and cereal
rice distribution.

Appointed a member of

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the Investigation Committee.

~~(Horse Administration)~~

Appointed a member of

the Agriculture and Forestry

Planning Committee.

Cabinet

Appointed a member of

the Liquid Fuel Committee.

Appointed a member of
Deliberation
the ~~Consideration~~ Committee ^{re} ~~of~~
an ^g improper bargain sale.

Appointed a member of
Council.
the Trade ~~Consideration~~
Meeting.

Cabinet

May 26, 1939 ~~year~~

Appointed a member of
the Committee ^{re Utilization of} ~~using~~
~~reserve fund~~ ^{saved} for the Post Office
Life Insurance Reserve Fund.

Cancelled Appointed a member of

on October the Plan Consideration

11, 1939 year Meeting for the protection of

(Imperial & ^Wounded ^Asoldiers.

Ordinance

No. 697).

Appointed a member of

the Central Counter-plan

Committee for Unemployment Cabinet

July 22, 1939 year

Appointed ^{as Committee} a member of Board re

the Investigation Meeting of

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	a small scale industry.	Cabinet
August 2, 1939 year	Appointed ^{as Committee} a member of Board re the Investigation Meeting of Overseas Colonization.	Cabinet
August 3, 1939 year	Appointed ^{to Committee} a member of Extraordinary Manchuria Colonist the Consideration Committee Deliberation Board. of a person engaged temporary in developing resources of Manchuria.	Cabinet
August 5, 1939 year	Relieved of the post of Organizing Committee of the member for organizing Japan	

Rice Joint-Stock Company. Cabinet

August 12, 1939 year

Appointed a member of the
~~Deliberation~~
~~Consideration~~ Committee of
~~Rice~~ &
 rice dealing enterprises.

Cabinet

September 22, 1939 year.

Appointed a reserve
 the
 member of a Disciplinary
 Higher
 Committee for high civil
 service
 officials.

Cabinet

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Oct. 4,
1939

Commissioned as ^{member}
~~Charged with a committee~~ of the Cabinet
Preparatory Commission ^{re} of the
Establishment of the Ministry
of Trade

Oct. 7,
1939

^{a member}
Appointed to the post of a ~~com~~ Cabinet
~~mittee~~ of the Local System
Investigation Commission.

Oct. 27,
1939

^{a member}
Appointed to the post of a ~~com~~ Cabinet
~~mittee~~ of the Central Electric
Power Adjustment Commission.

Nov. 15,
1939

^{a member}
Appointed to the post of a ~~com~~ Cabinet

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Committee of the Local Horse Race

Adjustment Investigation Commission

Nov. 27,
1939.

a member
appointed to the post of a ~~com.~~ Cabinet
Products
Committee of the Domestic Industry
Encouragement
Advancement Commission

Dec. 9,
1939.

a member
appointed to the post of a ~~com.~~ Cabinet
Tariff
Committee of the Customs Duty
Investigation Commission.

Dec. 26,
1939

a member
appointed to the post of a ~~com.~~ Cabinet
Committee of the Shipbuilding

Industry Commission

Feb. 16,
1940.Appointed ^{a member} ~~to the post of a com~~ Cabinet~~mitter~~ of the Farmland Investigation

Commission.

April 1,
1940.Appointed ^{as} ~~to the post of~~ Secretary Cabinetof ^{Counter-plan} the Commodity Price ~~Policy~~ Investi-

gation Commission.

April 6,
1940.Appointed ^{a member} ~~to the post of a com~~ Cabinet~~mitter~~ of the Central Price Fixing

Commission.

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June 6,
1940...

~~an Organizing~~
~~appointed to the post of a~~ Cabinet
Committee member
~~promoter~~ of the Japan Fertilizer
Company Ltd.

June 17,
1940.

~~an Organizing Committee~~
~~appointed to the post of a~~ Cabinet
member
~~promoter~~ of the Japan Export
Agricultural Products Company Ltd.

June 20,
1940.

~~a member~~
~~appointed to the post of a~~ Cabinet
~~member~~ of the Central Seamen's
Pay Commission.

July 1,
1940

~~a member~~
~~appointed to the post of a~~
~~member~~ of the Telecommunication

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Commission.

July 19,
1940

Appointed ^{a member} to the post of a ~~com-~~ ^{missioner} ~~missioner~~ Cabinet

Committee of the Cabinet Celebration

Commission.

Aug. 3,
1940

Relieved of the post of a ~~promoter~~ ^{member} ~~member~~ ^{*} Cabinet
Organizing Committee of the
of the Japan Fertilizer Company Ltd.

Relieved of the post of a ~~promoter~~ ^{member} ~~member~~ ^{*} Cabinet
Organizing Committee of the
of the Japan Export-Agricultural
Products Company Ltd.

Aug. 13,
1940, Relieved of post at
retired at his
own request

Cabinet

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1948

Aug. 13,
1940.

Appointed to the post of the President
of the Central Bank of the Industrial
Associations

Ministry
of Agriculture
and Forestry

Sept. 6,
1940.

Raised to the ~~senior~~
^{senior}
4th class of the
Court Rank as
an Act of Grace
from the Throne.

Sept. 7,
1940

^{a member}
Appointed ~~to the post of a committee~~ Cabinet
of the Agriculture and Forestry
Planning Commission.

Sept. 11,
1940

^{a member}
Appointed ~~to the post of a committee~~ Cabinet
of the Central Price Fixing

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Commission.

Sept. 13,
1940.

appointed to the post ^{as} of a ~~Com-~~ Cabinet
ciller of the Rice Bureau of the
Ministry of Agriculture and
Forestry.

Sept. 25,
1940.

appointed to the post ^{a member} of a ~~com-~~ cabinet
mittee of the Farmland Investigation
Commission.

Sept. 26,
1940.

appointed to the post ^{a member} of a ~~com-~~ cabinet
mittee of the ^{Fund} Temporary Capital
Readjustment Commission.

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Jan. 17,
1941.

a member
 appointed to ~~the post of a~~ ^{Cabinet}
~~member~~ of the Silk Yarn Price
 Stabilization Commission.

Feb. 4,
1941.

as
 appointed to ~~the post of a~~ ^{Cabinet}
~~member~~ of the Food Control Bureau.

April 21,
1941.

an organizing committee
 appointed to ~~the post of a~~ ^{Cabinet}
~~member~~
 of the Japan Silk Yarn Control
 Company Ltd.

April 23,
1941

a member
 appointed to ~~the post of a~~ ^{Cabinet}
~~member~~ of the Silk Yarn Commission.

May 17,
1941.

Relieved of ~~the post of a promoter~~ ^{as organizing} ~~Cabinet~~
~~Committee member~~
of the Japan Silk Yarn Control
Company Ltd.

Dec. 1,
1942.

~~appointed to the post of a committee~~ ^{a member} ~~Cabinet~~
of the Farmland Investigation
Commission.

Personal History of HASUMI Yasushi

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~~Silk yarn~~

20 Dec 1943

~~Was~~ Appointed member of ~~the~~ Committee

~~for silk thread.~~

Cabinet

29 April 1940

~~Was~~ Awarded the ^{class} Second Order of

the Rising Sun with Double Rays in recognition of services during

the China Incident.

5 May 1945

Was appointed Councillor of the

Bank of Japan.

Cabinet

7 Jan 1946

~~Was~~ Appointed member of the

Committee for Investigation of Agri-

cultural Land.

Cabinet

8 June 1946

Was relieved of ^{post as} Adviser of ^{to}

the Provision ^{Food} Rationing ^{Control} Bureau

at ~~by~~ own request.

Cabinet

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

General Activities
APO 500
26 August 1947

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
- 1934 - 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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The witness stated he lived in Tokyo. He identified 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.

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The latest problem of food shortage became more important 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

April, 1904	Entered the MITO Public Middle School of IBARAKI Prefecture	
March, 1909	Graduated the above mentioned school.	
Aug., 1909	Entered the first section of the First High School /T.N. DAI-ICHI 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
Nov., 1915	Passed the higher civil service examination.	
May, 1916	Graduated from the English Law Branch of the Law Dept. of 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.	YAMAGUCHI Pref. " "
Sept., 1916	Assigned as inspector of prefectural assembly members' election in the KUMAGE-gun electoral district.	Governor of YAMAGUCHI Pref.
Dec., 1916	Awarded the sum of three yen for services in the work concerning the Emperor's visit. Awarded the sum of sixty yen for services.	YAMAGUCHI Pref.
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.	Governor of YAMAGUCHI Prefecture
March, 1917	Awarded the sum of eight yen for services.	YAMAGUCHI Pref.
April, 1917	Assigned as inspector of the polling station and vote counting office in the election of the members of House of Representatives in ABU-gun. Assigned as inspector of the town and village assembly members' election in ABU-gun.	Governor of YAMAGUCHI Prefecture
Oct., 1917	Assigned as inspector of the polling station of the prefectural assembly members' election in ESHIKI-gun.	

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 Agri- culture 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). Raised to the 7th rank of the higher civil service. Given the 8th grade salary.	Cabinet Cabinet Ministry of A Agriculture & Commerce.
July 29, 1920	Raised to the 7th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	
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 & Commerce Ministry
Apr. 12, 1922	Assigned to work in the Agricultural Affairs Bureau	"
July 1, 1922	Given the 5th grade salary	"
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. 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. Appointed as Chief of Agricultural Affairs Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	Ministry of Agriculture & 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. Given 4th grade salary. Appointed as the Chief of the Industrial Association Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	Cabinet Agriculture & Forestry Minis. "
Jun.30, 1925	Advanced to the 4th rank of the higher civil service. Given 3rd grade salary.	Cabinet 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	
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 Agricultural Administration Section of the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	Agriculture & Forestry Minis.
Dec.21, 1931	Appointed to concurrent post as the Chief of the Agricultural Administration Section in the Agricultural Affairs Bureau.	"
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.	"
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.	Cabinet "
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.	"
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 Administration.	"
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.	"
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 Diet.	"

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.	"
Sep. 2, 1937	The commission as a member of the Committee for the General Mobilization Affairs in the North China Incident, became one as a member of the Committee for the General Mobilization Affairs in the China Incident.	
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 Agriculture & Forestry
Jan. 8, 1938	Appointed a member of the Central Committee for Rehabilitation 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.	

May 26, 1939	Appointed a temporary member of the Central Committee for City-planning.	Cabinet
	Appointed a member of the Yeomanry Establishment and Maintenance Committee.	
	Appointed a member of the Investigation Committee for the Promotion of Raw Silk Demands.	"
	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 rice and Cereal distribution	
	Appointed a member of the Horse Administration Investigation Committee.	
	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: "Improper Bargain Sale."	
	Appointed a member of the Trade Council.	"
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 Adjustment Commission	Cabinet
Nov.15, 1939	Appointed a member of the Local Horse Race Adjustment Investigation Commission.	
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	"
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.	"
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 Seamen's Pay Commission	"
July 1, 1940	Appointed a member of the Telecommunication Commission.	"
July 17,1940	Appointed a member of the Cabinet Celebration Commission.	"
Aug. 3, 1940	Relieved of the post of a member 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.	" "
Aug.13, 1940	Relieved of post at own request.	"
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 a member of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Commission.	Cabinet
Sep.11, 1940	Appointed a member of the Central Price Fixing Commission.	"

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 Stabilization Commission.	"
Feb. 4, 1941	Appointed as Councillor of the Food Control Bureau.	"
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 Yarn Commission.	"
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	"
Dec.20, 1943	Appointed member of the silk yarn Committee.	"
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 re: 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 Art. 1 of Imperial Ordinance No. 109 of 1946.	"

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:

1. A table showing the area of readjustment for arable 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.
4. A table giving the index number of the price of rice, price of commodities, and cost ratio of rice for the years 1927-1945 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 to produce the source of the several tables and other statistics given in his affidavit.

The affidavit on the whole contains nothing which was not generally known and there seems to be no point in cross-examining.

D. N. Sutton,
Assistant Counsel.

Not very material & harmful

Defense Document 1955

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent : HASUMI, Yasushi

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3. Table showing transport report / Ric
4. Price of Ric - report / 4

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

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 quite 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: The 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)

Showa 1 (1926)	374,692	cho
2 (1927)	407,945	cho
3 (1928)	429,650	cho
4 (1929)	453,538	cho
5 (1930)	480,506	cho
6 (1931)	500,342	cho
7 (1932)	525,239	cho
8 (1933)	549,399	cho
9 (1934)	572,406	cho
10 (1935)	603,021	cho
11 (1936)	626,755	cho
12 (1937)	652,131	cho
13 (1938)	674,751	cho



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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 farm	Total
Showa 1 (1926)	9,113 cho	2,211 cho	11,324 cho
2 (1927)	5,448	1,968	7,416
3 (1928)	3,589	1,085	4,674
4 (1929)	4,044	1,299	5,343
5 (1930)	3,598	2,186	5,784
6 (1931)	4,421	2,802	7,223
7 (1932)	6,154	5,182	11,336
8 (1933)	6,235	6,846	13,081
9 (1934)	5,542	5,764	11,306
10 (1935)	1,921	1,186	3,107
11 (1936)	1,513	1,201	2,714
12 (1937)	1,023	1,012	2,035
13 (1938)	1,736	11,700	13,436
14 (1939)	3,687	8,853	12,540
15 (1940)	7,188	16,939	24,127
16 (1941)	10,895	14,406	25,301
17 (1942)	9,401	17,087	26,488
18 (1943)	9,202	11,822	21,024
19 (1944)	9,530	33,283	42,813
20 (1945)	5,333	120,538	126,871
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

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Year	Import	Transfer from Korea	Transfer from Formosa	Total
Showa 2 (1927)	4,128,785 koku	5,903,248 koku	2,637,899 koku	12,670,239 koku
(1928)	1,753,001	7,068,709	2,430,569	11,255,519
(1929)	1,277,748	5,377,978	2,253,232	8,909,410
(1930)	1,248,444	5,167,015	2,185,424	8,602,411
(1931)	829,640	7,992,275	2,698,701	11,521,639
(1932)	984,870	7,198,331	3,418,821	11,603,648
(1933)	998,160	7,531,891	4,216,824	12,747,707
(1934)	171,233	8,952,694	5,123,783	14,249,293
(1935)	70,789	8,434,847	4,511,390	13,018,304
(1936)	398,261	8,970,553	4,823,966	14,193,957
(1937)	287,498	6,736,185	4,855,642	11,879,325
(1938)	151,369	10,149,040	4,970,968	15,271,377
(1939)	156,494	5,690,162	3,962,495	9,809,170
(1940)	7,987,048	394,549	2,784,190	11,165,306
(1941)	9,827,288	3,305,912	1,969,677	15,102,877
(1942)	8,743,924	5,235,299	1,701,921	15,681,144
(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.)

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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.

(4) Index number of price of rice, commodity,
and cost ratio of rice

Year	Price of rice	Price of commodities	Cost ratio of rice
Showa 2 (1927)	302.83	225.15	
3 (1928)	265.17	224.97	1.345
4 (1929)	246.00	223.39	1.179
5 (1930)	230.92	188.73	1.102
6 (1931)	155.50	155.13	1.226
7 (1932)	174.75	155.68	1.004
8 (1933)	181.08	180.17	1.125
9 (1934)	209.83	176.98	1.005
10 (1935)	251.92	183.52	1.185
11 (1936)	258.50	194.74	1.373
12 (1937)	267.50	233.15	1.327
13 (1938)	293.33	248.78	1.148
14 (1939)	311.33	268.81	1.179
15 (1940)	374.42	310.45	1.159
16 (1941)	375.00	324.38	1.206
17 (1942)	378.00	352.66	1.155
18 (1943)	385.00	371.19	1.072
19 (1944)	410.08	410.68	1.037
20 (1945)	408.50	496.52	1.000 .830

Wholesale
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(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 denotes index number of price of rice divided by index number of price of commodities.)

(4a)

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.

(a) 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."

(b) 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."

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

"Producers of rice, barley, 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 above 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. Accordingly, 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 Japan, 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 Formosa, 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 Korea 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 made 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 cereal 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)

O A T H

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

HASUMI Yasushi (seal)