

EXHIBIT No. 3527

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-VS-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: NINOMIYA Yoshikiyo

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, - do hereby depose and say as follows:

INTERROGATION OF
NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo

- Q. Please state your full name and address.
- A. My name is NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo. My present address is 42 Hommuracho Ichigaya, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo.
- Q. Were you formerly a member of the armed forces of Japan and if so, what rank did you hold?
- A. I was a Colonel in the Japanese Army, and held a position in the War Ministry.
- Q. Were you ever attached to the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry and if so, in what capacity?
- A. Yes, I was in the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry as a Staff Member, and became Chief of the Military Affairs Section in December, 1942, remaining in that position until July, 1944.
- Q. During the time you were Chief of the Military Affairs Section who was your immediate superior?
- A. Major General SUTO, Kenryo was my immediate superior.
- Q. Will you briefly state the functions and duties of your Section?
- A. The chief function of my section was to handle matters dealing with

other ministries and matters relating to international agreements and treaties.

Q. On January 3, 1947 (record, p. 14,287), T.N.Ka, Ryukichi testified that protests relative to the treatment of prisoners of war were sent from the Foreign Office to the War Ministry and then to the Military Affairs Section of the Military Affairs Bureau. Do you yourself recall having received such protests?

A. No.

Q. The witness T.N.Ka also testified: "Replies to be made to the authorities outside of the war office were prepared in the Military Affairs Section of the Military Affairs Bureau. Is this true?"

A. That is not so. All replies relating to prisoners of war were made by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

Q. Was the Prisoner of War Information Bureau already established when you became head of the Military Affairs Section?

A. Yes, it was already established.

Q. Who was Chief of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, if you know.

A. The Chief of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau at that time was Lt. Gen. UYEMURA, Mikio.

Q. Do you know generally what the duties of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau were?

A. The function of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau was to handle matters relating to prisoners of war.

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Q. Then the protests from allied powers received by the Foreign Office relative to treatment of prisoners of war would be forwarded to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau?

A. Yes.

Q. Colonel, if all these protests relative to the treatment of prisoners of war had passed through your section, as General TANAKA testified, you would have known it, would you not?

A. Yes.

Q. But you do not recall ever having received these protests?

A. No.

At Tokyo, Japan, this 15th day of October, 1947.

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On this 15 day of October, 1947

At _____

DEPONENT NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo (seal)

I, KUSANO, Hyoichiro, 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

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Witness: (signed) KUSANO, Hyoichiro (seal)

OATH

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

NINOMIYA, Yoshikiyo (seal)