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INTERROGATION OF

Sadeo Araki

Date and Time: 20 February 1946, 1330-1630 Hours

Place : Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan

Present : Sadeo Araki
Elton M. Hyder, Interrogator
Tashio Saiki, Interpreter

Oath of Interpreter administered by Mr. Hyder.

BY MR. HYDER: Mr. Saiki, do you solemnly swear, by Almighty God, that you will truly and accurately interpret and translate from English into Japanese and from Japanese into English, as may be required of you, in this proceeding?

BY MR. SAIKI: I do.

After the conclusion of the battle in Shanghai, the Japanese government planned to have both armies far apart until an agreement could be worked out. We planned to push the Nineteenth Army back to the Shanghai side of a range of mountains not far from Shanghai. The Chief of Staff of the Japanese troops (General SHIREKAWA) was going to demand that Chinese troops not come closer than the foot of the mountain range. The instructions were to the divisional Chief of Staff there to push the Nineteenth Army no further than the base of this mountain range. The instructions were from myself with the approval of the Cabinet, but I do not remember the date. The plan was that the Nineteenth Army was to stay at the foot of that mountain range until an agreement was drawn up. The agreement was to be that the Japanese Army withdraw to Shanghai and the Chinese Army could come closer to the town of Shanghai, but Shanghai would be surrounded by neutral territory. We did not plan to push further north because it would mean war with the Nanking government. Fighting was only with the Nineteenth Army. The Japanese Army did not advance as rapidly as expected.

There were no army personnel connected with the February 9, 1932, Incident, so I did not investigate. It was done by the police, and I do not know the real reason for the assassination. I think the purpose was reconstruction of Japan, and to do this the feeling was that all economic and political heads should be eliminated. I do not know personally, but most likely INOUE opposed the army's demands for a larger army budget. Even Finance Minister TAKAHASHI opposed the army's demands for a larger budget, and TAKAHASHI was also killed later. There were no army personnel connected with this Incident, so I did not investigate the Incident.

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER

I, Tashio Saiki, being sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the statements from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English, and that the above statements, consisting of one page are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of February 1946.

Elton M. Hyder, A Civilian
Duly Detailed Investigating Officer
International Prosecution Section, GHQ, SCAP

CERTIFICATE OF INTERROGATOR

I, Elton M. Hyder, certify that on the 20th day of February, 1946, personally appeared before me Sadeo Araki and according to Tashio Saiki gave the foregoing statements set forth therein.

Elton M. Hyder, Civilian

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