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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Excerpt from Asahi Newspaper "Army-Navy Joint Reform Plan - OKA opposes Weakening of IRAA"

Date: 26 March 1941 Original () Copy (x) Language: Japanese

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LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Archives, Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo

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PERSONS IMPLICATED: OKA, Takasumi; MUTO, Akira; TOMITA, Kenji

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Responsibility of the Military

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Army-Navy Joint Reorganization Plan - Will be submitted by the two Military Affairs Bureau Chiefs in a few days. Resolute opposition is made to weakening of IRAA.

"Concerning the problem of the reorganization of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, MUTO and OKA, Chiefs of the Army and Navy Military Affairs Bureaux, in their interview with Cabinet Secretary General TOMITA on the 24th, were given a detailed account of the outline of government's reorganization plan and opinions from various circles concerned in the reorganization.....The Army and Navy authorities showed a great concern over the reorganization of the IRAA.....MUTO and OKA, Chiefs of the Army and Navy Military Affairs Bureaux are therefore, expected topropose an Army-Navy joint reorganization plan in order to furnish the government with powerful reference data for its carrying out of the reorganization.

"From the conviction that the sound upbringing and development of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association is an absolute essential for the perfection of a highly-g geared national defense state, the Army and the Navy, in taking an unshakable policy and attitude have been cooperating with its development since the very beginning of the movement. Such

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being the case, on the occasion of this reorganization, they are guarding against any reorganization that would actually prove to be a step backwards and are maintaining the fundamental opinion that the reorganization should be in the direction of its development.

".....Furthermore, the Army and Navy, believing that the way personnel affairs are conducted incidental to the new structure will be the only factor exercising a decisive influence upon the future progress of the IRAA, are, with the gravest resolution, demanding that the government take the proper course on this point.....

"In deciding new personnel following the reform of structure, the choice of the men for the new leadership should be carried out laying stress on the relations with the Army and Navy, from the viewpoint that the Imperial Rule Assistance Movement is a prerequisite for the perfection of a highly-g geared national defense state, and that it is absolutely necessary that it should be able to cooperate with the Army and Navy."

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