

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

TOMIYOSHI EIJI

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

1. I am a member of the House of Representatives, belonging to the Japan Socialist Party. I have often had occasion to talk with Mr. Tōgō Shigenori, for he is a senior of mine from the same province, whom I respect as a diplomat of character.

2. Around the middle of December 1940 (I do not recall the exact date), on the occasion of Mr. Tōgō's returning to Kagoshima to visit the tomb of his family (after his return home leaving the post of Ambassador to the Soviet Union), I called on him with Mr. Samari Fumio, a newspaperman of Kagoshima, at the house of Mr. Tōgō Shigehiro (younger brother of Mr. Shigenori) in Nishida-machi, Kagoshima City, and talked with him on various matters. I am a socialist myself, and as I was opposed to the Japan-Germany-Italy Tripartite Alliance I asked Mr. Tōgō for his opinion about the matter. In response, he hinted his opposition to the Alliance, saying, "It is not desirable to conclude an alliance in accordance with the preferences of an individual without cautiously considering the true interest of the country." I refrained from pursuing the point further in view of his position, but he said, "I am opposed to the way Matsuoka runs things."

I asked, "What is the reaction of the Soviet Union to your transfer?" He said, "Foreign Minister Molotov and other high officials regretted my transfer, and wondered what was the real intention of Foreign Minister Matsuoka. There was a grand farewell party before I left the Soviet Union, and Foreign Minister Molotov even stood up twice to toast me."

3. Toward the end of October 1941 (I do not recall the exact date), very soon after Mr. Tōgō became Foreign Minister, I called on him at the Foreign Ministry. After making congratulatory remarks, I asked him, "You being a peace-lover, how can you realize your diplomatic policy by entering the Tōjō Cabinet of the military clique?" Foreign Minister Tōgō replied, "I entered the Cabinet as Tōjō had undertaken that he would endeavor to solve the situation through negotiations. I will do all I can for the success of the negotiations, so that war can be averted."

4. In the middle of November 1941 I again called on Foreign Minister Tōgō at the Foreign Ministry, and asked him, "Is not the dispatch of Ambassador Kurusu a trick?" Mr. Tōgō

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replied to my question sharply, saying, "Not at all. I sent him for the sole purpose of solving the situation through negotiations, and it is entirely wrong to say that it is a trick."

5. Some time in October 1942 (I do not recall the exact date), when Mr. Tōgō returned to Kagoshima after having resigned from the Foreign Ministership, I called on him at his brother's house in Nishida-machi and asked him about the reason of his resignation. He replied, "The reason I was opposed to the establishment of the Greater East Asia Ministry was not, as people generally said, that the scope or power of the Foreign Ministry is diminished, but that it is contradictory to the idea of treating the East Asiatic countries as fully independent states. I resigned because the military interfere with diplomacy on every matter, forcing their self-willed way through."

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

Tomiyoshi Eiji (seal)

On this 2nd day of March, 1947

At Tokyo

Deponent: Tomiyoshi Eiji

I, Nishi Haruhiko, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Tokyo  
4 March 1947