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Excerpt from the Interrogation of Oshima Hiroshi
Interrogation of 14 February 1946

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Q. When were you named Ambassador to Germany the second time?

A. Around the beginning of December 1940.

Q. How long before you were named Ambassador from Japan to Germany the second time were you approached on the subject of your proposed appointment to that post?

A. Immediately prior to my appointment.

Q. One day, or one week, or one month prior?

A. About one week.

Q. Then you were in a very receptive mood for the appointment at that time?

A. No. Actually, I was not too keen on it.

Q. You made your mind up in a rather big hurry, did you not?

A. I personally did not wish to go, but the Army and Navy urged me very strongly.

Q. It is not clear to me why the Army and the Navy and the War Ministry should assume the right to select the Ambassador to Germany. It seems to me that is a prerogative of the Foreign Minister.

A. Naturally, I mean the Foreign Office was the principal sponsor; in addition, there were the Army and the Navy.

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Q. When you indicated to the Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, that you did not want to accept this appointment what understanding did you have with him when you concluded the conference?

A. He simply asked me to think it over and try and change my views.

Q. And then what happened?

A. He then asked for the Army and Navy's assistance and they came to me and urged me to take the position.

Q. Did they come to you at your home or did you go to their office?

A. I was called.

Q. What did the War Minister and the Chief of Staff say to you?

A. In substance that it was a critical period and so would I please take the post.

Q. And what did you say to them?

A. I told them I would think it over and returned home.

Q. And from there you went to the Navy Ministry?

A. The Navy Minister also stated that the Navy desired my appointment and so please reconsider.

Q. Other than the fact that they said that this was a critical time, what reasons did they advance that were sufficient to persuade you from the view

that you had at first expressed to Matsuoka when you told him you did not wish to accept the position.

A. As a former military man it becomes very difficult for me to refuse when the Army asks me to do a thing of this sort. If it were Matsuoka and the Foreign Office alone I could easily refuse, but because of my long career with the Army and because of my obligation and responsibility as a soldier it became virtually impossible for me to not accede to their request.

Q. In addition to that feeling of loyalty or of necessity to respect the wishes of the military authorities they must have said something to you that would persuade you to change your mind in the face of your refusal when the Foreign Minister asked you to accept the position. Now, tell us what it was they said to you.

A. Nothing over and beyond the fact that they were particularly desirous of having me as Ambassador.

大島浩祝詞調書抜粋 一 一九四六年三月十四日
（一〇三頁—一〇六頁）

同 貴方が二枚目、大徳の任命せらるるの、何時ぞもか
一九四〇年十一月部、
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並内題の、~~カレル~~ シマシマ

答 任命、直前。

同 一〇、一週内、或は一日前、~~シマ~~

答 約一週前。

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同 （中略）

内 貴方が松岡外相と話して大使任命の事話した事
思ひます。その際、貴方が其の旨を話した
事より、松岡外相は如何に理解し得たか。

答 松岡外相の此の意見は、變へば如何に
要する事より、

内 ソウシテ何が起つたか。

答 彼はソレから陸海軍の交接を求む。此の大使は
受諾する様にして得た。ソレトシテ、

内 陸海軍の両者が貴方より訪ふて来たか。

答 然し、呼ばれた事。

(中略)

内 陸軍大臣及び海軍大臣の貴方への何う云ひま
か。

答 現在、此等と貴方との間に大使の任命
は、ソレト云ふ事。

内 貴方への何と云ふ事か。

答 然し、貴方への此の事、
内 貴方へのソレから海軍大臣の任命は、
答 海軍大臣は、海軍の任命は、

か。貴方へのソレト云ひま。

内 唯、此の事、
内 唯、此の大使任命提議の事、
是解り、貴方への如何に理由か。

