

9 June 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lopez; Capt. Robinson USN Att: Cmdr. Cole;  
 Mr. Edwards; Mr. Crowe; Col. Woolworth; Maj. General  
 Vasiliev; Col. Woolworth; Lt. Col. Mornare; Mr. Sutton

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
 Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT- ITAGAKI, OKAWA, MINAMI, UMEZU, HOSHINO

The attached information has been taken from the compiled report prepared by MIS. The report was previously classified secret however this classification has been cancelled and at the present time does not carry any classification. It will be noted that much of this information has been furnished in curriculum vitae obtained from the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

NAKAMURA, Kotaro

Info from MID report

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

General Kotaro NAKAMURA: Member Supreme Military Council.

1881 Aug.	Born Ishikawa Prefecture. Son of Yoshifusa Ishikawa and adopted by Nakamura family. Married Yuki, daughter of Tobun Senda.
1902	Graduated Military Academy.
1911	Graduated Military Staff College.
1921	Military Attache in Sweden and Denmark.
1922	Regimental Commander.
1923-26	Senior Adjutant, War Department.
1927	Major General, Commander Infantry Brigade.
1929	Chief of Staff, Chosen Garrison.
1930	Director, Personnel Bureau, War Office.
1932	Lt. General. Commander China Garrison.
1934	Commander 8th Division.
1935	Chief General Affairs Bureau, Department of Military Training.
1936	Acting Inspector General of Military Education.
1937	Member of Supreme War Council; concurrently Commander of Tokyo Garrison and Eastern Defense Command; Feb. War Minister General.
1938 June	Commander in Chief Korean Army.
1938 July-1941	Commander in Chief, Eastern District Army, Japan Proper.
1941-43	Retired from army.
1943	Appointed first President of Central Welfare Association.
1944 Nov.	President Military Affairs Protection Board.
1945 May	

When General Hayashi formed his cabinet in February 1937 General Nakamura assumed the post of War Minister, but remained in office only seven days when he was replaced because of illness. His appointment to the Chosen Army command was greeted with enthusiasm in Japan because he was one of the army's outstanding officers and had a particularly good grasp of the Korean situation and its problems. (107,108) His Korean experience led to appointment last November as President of the Central Welfare Association, a governmental organization to control the conduct welfare activities among Koreans in Japan Proper.

25 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Robinson, USN Att; Omdr. Cole; Mr. Lopez; Mr. Edwards;  
Mr. Crowe; Col. Woolworth; Maj. Gen. Vasiliev; Lt. Col. Mornane.

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief  
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

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DEFENDANT

ITAGAKI, Seishiro  
OKAWA, Shumei  
MINAMI, Jiro  
UMEZU, Yoshiziro  
HOSHINO, Naoki

WITNESS

NAKAMURA, Kotaro

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

<u>Record</u>	<u>Manchurian Summary</u>
5018-5020	page 77
2748-2750	page 72, 73
2745-2748	page 71, 72

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Name: Nakamura, Kotaro

Record  
5018-5020

Manchurian  
Summary  
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(War)

Was a member of the Japanese Cabinet on August 3, 1937. In the files of the Japanese Cabinet there appears a document dated August 3, 1937 entitled "Agreement on the Creation of the Manchuria Development Company." This was an agreement between Manchuria and Japan for joint ownership of the company to develop the lands of Manchuria. It shows the Japanese hand in Manchurian economic affairs.

Name: Nakamura, Kotaro

Record  
2748-2750

Manchurian  
Summary  
Pg 72, 73

Title: War Minister, April, 1937.

Source: "Plans for Guiding North China", issued  
April 16, 1937.

(2) This cabinet issued above document, which extends the plan for Manchukuo mentioned in the February report by the same cabinet to entire North China. It also indicates a desire to obtain the voluntary cooperation of the Nanking government in recognizing special position of North China and Sino-Japanese unit. Effort was to be made to improve conditions for the Chinese people and allay foreign fears that Japan intends to set up an independent government in North China proper.

Name: Nakamura, Kotaro

Record  
2745-  
2748

Manchurian  
Summary  
Pg 71, 72

Title: War Minister, February, 1937.

Source: "The Third Administrative Policy toward  
North China".

(1) This Cabinet issued this document which reiterated policy of making Manchukuo pro-Japanese and anti-Comintern, procuring defense material, enforcing transportation and preparing defense against USSR. Stress was laid on secretly and less openly aiding the movement in North China so as not to arouse the opposition of the other powers.

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

24 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Woolworth  
SUBJECT : ITAGAKI's Witnesses  
FROM : Mr. Lopez, Captain Robinson and Mr. Edwards

1. Hereto attached are data regarding the witness NAKAMURA, which might be of some use to you.

Pedro Lopez  
Captain Robinson  
William E. Edwards

By  
Pedro Lopez

By: R. H. Larsh  
4 March 1947

NAKAMURA, Kotaro

Subject was offered the post of War Minister by UGAKI who had been directed to form a new cabinet after the fall of the HIROTA cabinet in January 1937. UGAKI had been recommended for the premiership by Prince SAIONJI and had received an imperial command to form a cabinet. But NAKAMURA refused to accept the post because of opposition to UGAKI's policy of conciliation with China.

SOURCE: "The Brocade Banner"



NAKAMURA, Kotaro

Request by: ITAGAKI, OKAWA, MINAMI, UMEZU, HOSHINO

Address: No. 630, Aza Taira, Shimoyamaguchi,  
Hayamachi, Miuragun, Kanegawaken, Japan

Facts to be proved - He was the chief of the Personnel Bureau, War Ministry and will be able to testify the changes of military personnel during the establishment of Manchukuo.

Relevancy - The attitude of the War Ministry towards Manchukuo.

Kotaro NAKAMURA

Permanent Address: ISHIKAWA Prefecture

Descendant of SAMURAI

Born: August 28th 1881

Nov 22 1901

Graduated from Military Academy. Appointed a probationary officer

June 23 1902

Appointed 2nd Lieutenant (Cabinet). Assigned to 36th Infantry Regiment (War Ministry)

Nov 7 1902

Raised to the 8th Court Rank, senior grade

Aug 2 1904

Promoted 1st Lieutenant

Oct 24 1904

Raised to the 7th Court Rank, junior grade

Nov 8 1905

Relieved of the present appointment. Assigned to a cadet Company of the Central Military Cadet School

Nov 22 1906

Ordered to enter Military Staff College

Dec 3 1906

Relieved of the present appointment and assigned to 36th Infantry Regiment.

Apr 1 1906

Decorated with the 5th Class Order of Merit of the Golden Kite. Given the War Medal of the 1904-1905 Campaign. Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit of the Single Ray Rising Sun.

Jan 26 1908

Promoted Captain

Apr 1 1908

Raised to the 7th Court Rank, senior grade

May 7 1908

Relieved of the present appointment and appointed Company Commander of 36th Infantry Regiment

Dec 10 1909

Ordered to serve in the Headquarters of the General Staff

Mar 4 1910	Relieved of the present post and appointed a member of the General Staff
May 20 1913	Raised to the 6th Court Rank, junior grade
May 31 1913	Decorated with the 5th Class Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure
Aug 10 1915	Promoted Major (Cabinet)
Nov 7 1915	Decorated with the 4th Class Order of Merit of the Golden Kite. Given the War Medal of the 1912-1913 Campaign. Decorated with the 4th Class Order of Merit of the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun.
May 2 1916	Relieved of the present post and assigned to the Headquarters of the General Staff
Aug 18 1916	Relieved of service on General Staff. Appointed Battalion Commander of the 35th Infantry Regiment
Nov 10 1915	Awarded the Coronation Medal
May 2 1917	Relieved of the present post. Appointed a member of the General Staff
July 10 1918	Raised to the 6th Court Rank, senior grade (War Ministry)
July 25 1919	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel (Cabinet)
Aug 23 1919	Ordered to make an official tour of Europe
Dec 25 1919	Relieved of the present post. Assigned to 32nd Infantry Regiment.
Sept 27 1920	Relieved of the present post. Appointed Military Attache to both Japanese legations in Sweden and Denmark (Cabinet)
Nov 1 1920	Decorated with the 3rd Class Order of Merit with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun. Awarded 2300 yen for meritorious service in the 1915-1920 Campaign.

Apr 20 1921	Relieved as Military Attache to both Japanese legations in Sweden and in Denmark (Cabinet). Appointed a member of the General Staff (War Ministry)
Aug 15 1922	Promoted Colonel (Cabinet). Appointed Regimental Commander of 67th Infantry Regiment (War Ministry)
Sept 11 1922	Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Junior grade
Aug 6 1923	Relieved of the present post. Appointed adjutant at the War Ministry (War Ministry). Appointed a member of the higher examination committee for SHINTO priests of the State and National Shrines, Chief of the Statistics Department, a member of the disciplinary committee, and a judge of the Higher Military Tribunal (War Ministry)
July 26 1927	Promoted to Major General (Cabinet). Appointed Brigade-Commander of 39th Infantry Brigade (War Ministry)
Sept 1 1927	Raised to the 5th Court Rank, senior grade
Aug 1 1929	Appointed Chief of Staff of the Korea Army (War Ministry)
Dec 22 1930	Appointed Chief of the Personal Affairs Board of the War Ministry (War Ministry)
Dec 27 1930	Appointed a member of the Pensions Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
Jan 14 1931	Appointed a member of the Investigation Committee for those subject to military service and the treatment of disabled soldiers (Cabinet)
Apr 11 1931	Decorated with the 2nd Class Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure
Apr 13 1931	The Investigation Committee for those subject to military service and the treatment of disabled soldiers was cancelled by Imperial Order No. 56

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Feb 29 1932	Appointed Commander of the Japanese Army stationed in China (War Ministry)
Mar 5 1932	Relieved as member of the Pensions Investigation Committee (War Ministry)
Apr 11 1932	Promoted Lieutenant-General (Cabinet)
May 2 1932	Raised to the 4th Court Rank, junior grade
Mar 5 1934	Appointed Commander of the 8th Division (Cabinet)
Apr 5 1934	Decorated with the 1st Class Order of Merit of the Sacred Treasure
June 1 1934	Raised to the 4th Court Rank, senior grade
Apr 29 1934	Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun for meritorious service in the 1931-1934 Incident
Dec 4 1935	Appointed a member of the Consultation Committee for Reformation of Education (Cabinet)
Dec 2 1935	Appointed Chief of the Department of Military Training and chairman of the standing committee for the examination of military officers and cadets (War Ministry)
Dec 14 1935	Appointed a member of the Text-book Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
Feb 28 1936	Appointed acting Inspector-general of the Department of Military Training
Mar 5 1936	Relieved as acting Inspector-general of the Department of Military Training
Mar 30 1936	Appointed acting Inspector-general of the Department of Military Training during the absence of Inspector-General of the Department of Military Training, General GIICHI NISHI on account of illness (War Ministry)
Feb 2 1937	Relieved of the present and additional posts (War Ministry)

Feb 2 1937 Promoted to General and appointed President of the Manchurian Affairs Board (Cabinet)

Feb 9 1937 Relieved of the present appointment and the additional post, at his own request (Cabinet)

Feb 9 1937 Assigned to the General Staff (War Ministry)

Feb 9 1937 Raised to the 3rd Court Rank, junior grade

Mar 1 1937 Relieved of service on the General Staff (War Ministry)

Mar 1 1937 Appointed a Military Councillor (Cabinet)

Apr 16 1937 Relieved as a member of the text-book Investigation Committee (Cabinet)

Aug 2 1937 Appointed additionally Commander of Tokyo and Eastern Defenses

Dec 1 1937 The post of Commander of the Tokyo Defense Army was cancelled (by Army Order Military B No. 41)

Apr 11 1938 Appointed General Commander of the Emperor's Birthdays Review (War Ministry)

June 23 1938 Promoted to General (Cabinet)

June 23 1938 Relieved of the additional post. This was not announced in Government Gazette (War Ministry)

July 15 1938 Relieved of the present post. This was not announced in Government Gazette (War Ministry)

July 15 1938 Appointed Commander of the Korea Army (Cabinet)

Mar 1 1940 Raised to the 3rd Court Rank, senior grade

July 7 1941 Appointed a Military Councillor (Cabinet)

Dec 24 1941 Appointed Commander of the Eastern Army Command (Cabinet)

May 19 1945 Appointed President of the Military Protection Board (Cabinet)