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SHIOTEN ✓

YOKAYAMA ✓

26 June 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal Staff
FROM: F. S. Tavenner, Jr.
SUBJECT: Dossiers

1. The attached memorandum should be considered in preparing the discussion phase of the dossiers.

2. In view of the nature of the memorandum it is important that secrecy be maintained. On completion of the work your copy should be returned to my office.

F. S. Tavenner, Jr.

SECRET

26 June 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. F. S. Tavenner

FROM: Solis Horwitz

SUBJECT: Standards of Evaluation to be used in determining Liability of Class A War Crimes Suspects.

1. With reference to our conversation of yesterday afternoon, I desire to point out the danger of inequality and lack of uniformity that may arise in carrying out the present project by a large number of different persons with varying backgrounds and experience with respect to the work of the section due to variations in standards of evaluation used in determining the liability of Class A War Crimes Suspects. Under the broad definition of Class A Suspect in the Charter it would be a permissible interpretation to say that anyone who had anything to do with the planning, preparing and waging of an aggressive war or who entered into the conspiracy could be indicted and tried. It would cover the manufacturer who had a war contract, the laborer in the war factory, and the common soldier at the front. From this wide interpretation, to which I am sure no one would subscribe, to the strictest interpretation, there may be a wide variation in choice of points of departure. To ensure some semblance of uniformity of application and to prevent one person being cleared while another of much less culpability remains in prison awaiting trial merely because of differences in standards of evaluation used by different examiners, I suggest that the staff be made acquainted with the standards used in selecting the accused in the present trial by the Executive Committee and Associate Prosecutors. Some of these standards, as I recall, were affirmatively expressed while others were recognized and used without express definition. In suggesting these to you I have divided them in accordance with the major problems arising from the group of subjects now being reviewed.

I. Office Holders.

1. With respect to the planning and preparing phases of an aggressive war the cabinet members who held the offices of premier, foreign, war, navy or finance ministers, and the chiefs of staff, that is, the persons who must acquiesce in the formulation of any policy, should be held liable unless the evidence shows that they were openly and avowedly opposed to the aggressive war.

2. As to the other cabinet ministers, they should not be held liable unless they took a positive part in the planning and preparing

or in the conspiracy or failed to oppose it at a time when they had a duty to oppose and the ability to make their opposition effective.

3. Other high government officials will be held only if they positively entered into the plan or preparation or into the conspiracy or failed to oppose at a time when by virtue of their offices they could have opposed and made their opposition effective.

4. No government official should be held liable merely because he was in office and carried on a war already in existence when he took office unless he is also chargeable with its planning and preparation, or unless he participated in some way in enlarging the scope and purpose of the war, or failed to take steps to bring the war to a close at a time when he had the opportunity and ability to bring it to a close. (Koiso was principally charged not because he was a war-time premier, but because of his earlier activities.)

II. Propagandists.

1. Due to the strict nature of the control exercised by the Japanese government over the press and other organs of communication, strict attention must be paid to the thin line separating the ordinary patriotic and even jingoistic writings and speeches under such a regime and the propaganda which is part and parcel of the conspiracy. In this connection an important distinction should be borne in mind. A government or conspirator may use the propaganda organs as a means of carrying out a conspiracy while at the same time the propagandist may have no idea that his activities are being used to further a conspiracy. Accordingly, no propagandist should be held liable unless it can be shown affirmatively that he was one of the conspirators, or having knowledge of the conspiracy, he used his propaganda machinery to carry out the purposes of the conspiracy or aided in enabling the conspiracy to be carried out. Propaganda used during the war to build up popular morale is ordinarily not chargeable.

III. Nationalist Societies.

1. At the time the Charter was promulgated, it was decided that contrary to what was done at Neurenberg, no organizations would be charged as criminal organizations. Accordingly, membership or office holding in a nationalist society is not in itself criminal activity. Again, the distinction mentioned under propagandists is applicable here. While a conspirator may use a nationalist society for purposes of effectuating a conspiracy, at the same time a member or officer of such

society, who has no knowledge of the conspiracy, may not be guilty even though the aims and purposes of the society may ultimately be the same as those of the conspirators. Accordingly, no person should be charged merely because of membership in one or more nationalist societies unless it can be shown that he joined the conspiracy or with knowledge of it used the society to carry on the work of the conspiracy. Work done by the societies during the war would ordinarily not fall into the chargeable category.

IV. Industrialists

1. Here again there must be carefully watched the thin line of demarcation between the manufacturer who for motives of patriotism or of profit takes on government contracts for war materials either before or during an aggressive war, and the manufacturer who for purposes of profit or otherwise urges his government to increase its armaments in anticipation of an aggressive war or joins in the planning or conspiracy. Accordingly, no industrialist should be charged with Class A liability unless it can be shown that he was an active conspirator.

From statements made by the Tribunal and from its rulings in the present trial to date, I believe it is reasonably clear that these standards of evaluation are fairly reliable for determining Class A liability.

Solis Horwitz

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7 Oct 47

1. 1. The following are now confined at Sugamo Prison:

OTA, Masataka
YOKOYAMA, Yui

2. A review of their files discloses no justification for their indictment as Class A criminals.

3. It is recommended that they be immediately released.

-----J. B. K.-----
Chief of Section

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Release from Custody

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14 Oct 47

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1. The following named individual is now under House Arrest:

IKEZAKI, Chuko

2. The following named individual is now confined at Sugamo Prison:

SHIOTEN, Nobutake

3. A review of their files discloses no justification for their indictment as Class A criminals.

4. It is recommended that they be immediately released.

----- J.B.K. -----
Chief of Section

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Release from Custody

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22 Oct 47

1. 1. The following named individual is now confined at Sugamo Prisons:

GODO, Takuo

2. A review of his file discloses no justification for his indictment as a Class A criminal.

3. It is recommended that he be immediately released.

----- J. B. K. -----
Chief of Section

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~~Following~~

Following 6 documents in unaddressed envelope:

2980 a. Note of 11 June 1935 from MIYAMOTO and YOSHIKAWA, Shiro, to KAMIJO demanding he show them memo from KIDO, TAICANASHI, or OKADA on settlement of question, arrange an interview with them, or, the idly, give up half the cash they gave him.

2980 b. Memo of 26 Feb 35 to KAMIJO to YOSHIKAWA, promising action.

 c. Memo of 1 Oct 34 MIYAMOTO KAMIJO - ~~act of~~ ~~money~~ promising money.

 d. Memo of 22 June 1935, in which KAMIJO refers to memo in which YOSHIKAWA promised \$300,000 of Imperial decision made in their favor.

KAMIJO claims he interviewed HIROTA and OKADA on 27 Feb 35

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e. Memo - KAMIJO to YOSHIKAWA,
12 Oct 35.

f. Memo, KAMIJO to YOSHIKAWA

of 23 May 35 in which

KAMIJO claims he met with
TAKAHASHI and OKADA, with

KIDO as an observer, evening

of May 23rd, ~~at~~ At the

meeting they agreed to settle
the questions by 10 June.

(F. N. KIDO does not mention

the meeting in his diary ~~entries~~
of 22 and 23 May).

(A. N. The following⁶ documents were in an Unaddressed Envelope) ~~containing 6 documents~~

From MIYAMOTO Tamotsu and YOSHIKAWA Shiro
To KAMIJO Umejiro.

~~A~~ Date: - Jun 11 1935.

Type of Document: - A Bill of Request.

Pages: - ~~one leaf~~. 1.

Summary of the Content:

- This papers consists of four clauses, and the writer
- " 1. A memorandum shall be shown to us by you. The memorandum shall be written by KIDO, OKADA and TAKAHASHI, ^{jointly} or by any one of them, since the appointed date of June 10 had elapsed and still the question lies unsettled: "
- " 2. If impossible to obtain the memorandum, you must make a chance for our interview with those responsible persons in order to inquire into their real intentions. "
- " 3. If impossible, you should hand ^{over to us} half of the amount of money which you promised to give us as ~~the~~ funds. (regardless of whose money ^{it is})

We will sever ourselves from the responsible."

"4. Should you are determined to remain penniless as you were in ^{the} part as a consequence of the the defeat of the fight, and should you convince us of it clearly, we will cancel all our credit as a reparation for our being ignorant."

B.

Type of Document :- A Memorandum

From KAMIJO Umejiro

To YOSHIKAWA SHIRO

Date :- Jul 26 1935

Complete Translation.

Memorandum

Regarding the various questions pertaining to the CHANG CHU^{tsu}in assassination case, we have heard that the questions will be settled according to the propositions by Ambassador MATSUDAIRA who is due here August 2. But in case Premier OKADA hesitates to settle the question at once when the Ambassador comes home and submits his

his proposition, we cannot place confidence in Premier's words, and consequently will resort to non-quenched free actions allowing anybody to put off (the ^{N. T.} execution of the plan). To remind you of our decision, herein we inform you.

July 26 1935,
To YOSHIKAWA SHIRO,
from KAMIJO Umejro.

C. A Registered Letter.

From MIYAMOTO TAMOTSU, YOSHIKAWA SHIRO
TO KAMIJO Umejro

Type of Document: A Content-Identification
mail, registered at KUKI
Post Office, SAITAMA pref.
Registered date Oct 1 1934
No. 758.

Post Date mark: Oct 1 1934, from 0-4 p.m.

This document is devoted to demand of money which was described in the memorandum written by KAMIJO and given to the letter sender, saying "The money is to be payed down by 12 p.m."

Oct 20 1934.

d.

Type of document: - A memorandum written on two pages.

Addressee: YOSHIKAWA Shiro

Sender: KAMIJO Umejiro

Date: Jun 22 1935

Summary:

The memorandum is devoted to the answer to the memorandum handed over to KAMIJO by YOSHIKAWA dated 18 Jun 1935, saying

" 1. Immediately after the thorough solution of the questions on Jun 29 by the Council, and as soon as the Imperial Verdict was obtained in regard to the date ^{of practice} when the plan shall be carried ^{through}, we shall without fail put the decision into practice within the term."

" 2. Even after the Council passed the bill and still intends to postpone the date, we shall without hesitation pay three hundred thousand yen as soon as possible."

" 3. If the aforesaid items are not acted on, I myself will go forward to crush the plan thoroughly and show you ^{apparently} the evidence that the plan really existed."

" 4. The above mentioned three items were talked ^{over} with Premier OKADA and Foreign Minister HIROTA when I had an interview with them.

Jun 22 1935

from KAMIJO Umejiro
to YOSHIKAWA Shiro

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Type of Document: A Memorandum
From KAMIJO

To YOSHIKAWA

Date: Aug 12 1935

Rough Translation.

" KAMIJO pretends to attribute to his merit that Princes CHICHIBU and TAKAMATSU safely left for Europe notwithstanding the disquiet conspiracy. And he reassures the certainty of the solution

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of the questions centered around the CHUN CHU-RIN
Assassination Problem by dint of his own efforts.

from KAMIJO
To YOSHIKAWA

f.

Type of Document: A Memorandum
From KAMIJO Umejō
To YOSHIKAWA SHIRO

Date: May 23 1935

" Referring to the question about which you have
felt concern these days, I met TAKAHASHI and
OKADA with KIDO as an observer at night May 23.
At that time they affirmed that all the pending
questions shall be settled by June 10, and we
promised that the plans shall be carried out
in all within three days from the date when

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¥3,000,000 is delivered to me by TAKAHASHI."

(A. N. Marquis KIDO in diary entries of May 22 and 23, 1935, makes no mention of meeting any of the personalities mentioned.)

May 23 1935

To MIYAMOT Tametsu,

YOSHIKAWA SHIRO

From KAMIJO Umejro

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Bundle of 16 postcards from KAMIJO
to MIYAMOTO dated Feb - August

1941. (T.N. ~~Kamijo~~ KAMIJO died late in
1941). No items of interest

Entire bundle Doc. No. 2986.

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By T. Minowa.

(T. N. KAMISO died Sept 41)

Feb - August 1941

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 The Bundle of postcards ~~from~~ ~~to~~ ~~16 in~~
~~all~~ from ~~KAMIKO~~ to ~~MIYAMOTO~~.
 % ~~MIYAMOTO HOSPITAL, KAKIMACHI MINAMI-~~
~~SAITAMA ARAI, SAITAMA KEN.~~ No ~~items~~ of
 interest. Entire ^{bundle} document No ~~interest~~.
 a. Feb 2, 1941.

Dear Sir; I am in receipt of your letter.
 In regard to the theatre, as the head of
 the party is moving actively the opening
 day will be, if it is early, about 8th or
 9th of this month, & if it is later,
 it will be the 25th or 26th of this month
 after the close of the villagers' assembly.

at any rate, it will be decided as
 fair or cloudy in this time. If it is a
 cloudy weather the charge for admission
 will be dissatisfaction.

— b. Feb 10, 1941 —

Dear Sir; Referring to the theatre, I beg
 to inform you that as it was not solved
 until the 9th it will be carried over

until after the close of village assembly.

However, as the opinions of the head and his party are all clear, and also in accordance with the surrounding circumstances it will come to conclusion before long.

As it is indiscribable in a letter I wish^{to} tell you later. The 15th of this month will be the last day of the conference which is held on the hill of Neno. On the coming 15th I will be at Neno Station at the appointed time.

— C. Feb 27. at 3 P.M. —

Your letter dated Feb 24, at noon, was received at 2 p.m. of even date.

Their violence must be hateful.

Referring to the proposal of marriage I beg to state that the opposite party too will decide it finally. It will be solved before long. As the head, with a feigned sickness, is in bed. It seems to me

that there is some circumstances and he is awfully worried.

In accordance with the surrounding circumstances it will be solved quickly after the close of the Village assembly.

It is now impossible for a man like KOICHI, the house-steward, to settle the matter.

transmitter's note -
(may be misquoting Kido Koichi)

— d. April 4, 1941 —

Your favor of the 2nd inst., was received and read by me yesterday, the 3rd., and also the wheat-vermicelli which you kindly sent to me was received at 10 a.m. today for which I appreciate very much.

Regarding the mine I told to Kō-san yesterday about the quick settlement of the line of demarcation enforcing the agreement immediately and Kō-san accepted to press Būn-daijū today, the 4th. The things stand

with them are now clear & it seems to me that they will carry out the promise this time. Any how I have determined to sell the Mine at once, even though the price is insufficient.

— e. Apr 30. —

In regard to the sundry problems I have received a very wonderful weather report. According to this report a heavy thunder-storm will come and sweep away all dusts in the world, and after that a clear sky will appear without a speck of cloud nor a breeze.

The time of the severe thunder-storm is near at hand.

I have never had such a wonderful time as like as today, and also I am now in a safety-zone which I have never experienced, and furthermore

my name has been spread every where. It is the fruit of my constant efforts for many years. Detail will be told to you at the earliest convenience.

— f. May 2, 1941. 3 p.m. —

I am in receipt of your letter written at noon of May 1st. In regard to the problem of the mine as I wrote to you under date of April 30th, the circumstances are changed, the real state is becoming tense. In short, the problem of the Mine must be solved at this chance for which I have determined to take the strongest attitude.

— g. May 6th. 3 p.m. —

Your letter of the 4th reached to me yesterday. The severe thunder-storm will come on the 17th or 18th of this month, and this storm will be cleared in a short

time and will come into a fair weather.

Coming day of 15th I will be at
Meno station at the appointed time.

The sundry problems will not be
changed until that time. If something
occurred you will be informed at once.

At any rate, you may at ease as the
sundry problems will be solved
without fail.

— L. May 10th, 1941, —

Dear Sir; A certain person of importance
of the village sent to me a messenger last
night, so I went out with him and
saw the important person. In the interview
we made an arrangement confidentially
about the precautions and the place of
where will meet for the problems.

By the interview of last night
it is revealed that the fair weather
will appear before long. Will you
please lend me sum of ¥40. on

the 15th when you will come up to Tokyo.

I. May 16, 1941.

Dear Sir; I thank you very much for your kindness of yesterday. The medical advice which I have been receiving from the hospital of Keio will be discontinued from tomorrow.

I request ^{you} to kindly send me your prescriptions for powder medicine and a liquid medicine, and please write my age as 64. on the prescriptions.

I. June 23rd.

Dear Sir; I thank you very much for your kind visit of the other day. I have now received your letter dated 21st.

It seems to me that I am recovering from my illness, increasing appetite, recovering from fatigue, but walking out door is still hard.

According to the words of messenger

who came to my house today at 10 am. the final step for the mine will be taken before long. As the situation of inside of the Village has become serious, I am now endeavouring to sell the mine as soon as possible.

If they have no sincerity, it is the best chance to break off the relation with them. I, myself, will never miss the good chance. Especially in consideration of my illness it is very necessary to solve the problem at once.

The temperature of mine was 38 and 39 degrees on the 21st and 22nd of June.

K. July 4th 1941.

Dear Sir; I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. A messenger came to my house this morning & told that their opinions for the mine arrived at an agreement and the final decision was given. And now

only the execution is remaining. The time of execution will be between 10th and 14th of this month, and the final solution will be sure.

Please stay in my house on the 15th when you will come Tokyo, then I think I can tell you about the fair weather.

— L. July 10th. —

Dear sir; My illness has been recovering gradually since about the 6th of this month and recently I am able to walk inside of my house, and also I have not been in fever in these days.

Especially as the time for the settlement of the mine is imminent the recovery of my illness is fortunate.

— m. July 21. —

Dear sir; An unforeseen occurrence which was brought up in the village recently was a favourable turn for me.

It will be a good time to sell my mine in near future. As it is the final solution, it may take time until the end of this month. The problem, this time, will be solved at the risk of the Villagers' lives. The contents of occurrence is unable to write here, so I wish to tell you the detail when we may meet again.

— N. July 25, 1941. —

Dear Sir; your letter of 23rd reached to me yesterday.

----- writing about the state of his own illness-----

Anyhow as the solution of the problem must be first, I am endeavouring to cure my sickness.

— O. Aug 6, 1941. —

Dear Sir; In regard to the problem of mine, a messenger came yesterday at 3 p.m. Then I scolded him that

the cause of the delay of solution is insincerity of the villagers and therefore if they do not solve^{it} immediately I will break off the relation with them at once. They may change their attitude at my strong advice.

My health is getting better now, though I don't know the real fate.

— P. Aug 10th. —

I have received and read your letter of the 8th inst. I have pressed the dyer that if the goods I sent will not be dyed immediately I will take back the goods at once. Then the boss and his workmen were astonished and responded to finish the work rapidly without any further delay.

I am now recovering from my sickness day by day, hoping to see the complete recovery.

I like to ask you to kindly

come to my house and stay with me
when you come to Tokyo on the 15th
inst, I remain yours.

Kamijo.

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January - June 1940,

Bundle of Post Cards addressed to

MIYAMOTO, Tamatsu - Kiku-machi, Saitama Pref.

from

KAMISO. Post card bearing Date stamps of SHIBUYA TOKYO.

More discussion of negotiations, mention of YONAI, ABE, HATA, and KUHARA. No items of interest.

A - dated Jan. 10 Entire Bundle Doc. No

Subject - "marriage negotiations"

Persons implicated - "Uncle outside", "the mistress of waiting-house"

Key-point "The mistress is notified of no room for compromise which put them into confusion and they are casting about in all direction. So I expect a decision as to "Fine or Wet" in a day or two. When decided will wire you."

meeting appointed 10th/Jan/.

B - date Jan 24th

Subject - "marriage negotiations" reference is made to letter from MIYAMOTO dated the 22nd/Jan/.

Persons implicated. "Relatives of the Rice merchant" YONAI Master of Rice merchant - ~~name~~.

Key-point An interview was sought by the master which KAMISO turned down. Conclusion may be reached by the 26/27th.

Opinion of KAMISO I am insisting upon
quick opening of hostilities and quick conclusion.

C - date Feb 5th

Subject - "manage negotiations"

Persons implicated "the master of Rice merchant / ~~American?~~ / YONAI? /"

Mr. YOSHIKAWA -

"The conference go nowhere"

Key-point "A new activity is to begin to-morrow / Feb 6 /
The move will create a havoc by the 8th.
Will communicate about the air rightaway"

D - date Feb. 6 - Date stamp of KANDA post office

Subject not mentioned. writer seems to be
a different person. no cypher is used.

"Persons implicated "HATA" / General? / "YONAI" / Admiral

Key-point "Dissolution / of Diet / is in view in
a week"

The writer is YOSHIKAWA, NAGASAKI, TOSHIMA WARD
Tokyo.

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E - date Feb. 12th - SHIBUYA.

Subject - "marriage negotiation" reference is made to letter of 11th from /MIYAMOTO/.

Persons implicated "YONAI/Admiral/ is described as the Boat YONAI."

Key-point - "The marriage negotiations shall be settled without fail this time - - -"

"The boat Yonai may be captured soon."

F - date Feb. 19

- Subject - "Family Council" re - "marriage negotiation"

Persons or things Implicated "Houses of Representatives and Peers" and Master of Rice Merchant"

Contents in brief

Decision of the conference reported to the closed-door conference of the Houses. The master of rice merchant is reported as appearing in front about 25/26th in settlement.

G - date Feb 23

Subject - "marriage negotiations" and "Family Council"
Persons Implicate - "Master of Rice Merchant" and
Masters from generation to generation.

Key-point - "The Master of Rice merchants says
no spot answer is possible because no concrete
decision was formed at the Family Council
but may be able to do so in a week's time.
Without committing to anything I replied and
withdrew saying "I cannot predict as to the
date when the great incident will happen."

Scanning so far, some of the dark saying
or the cyphers used above manifest themselves
to be -

"Master of Rice Merchant" = Premier TANAI

"Kinomen's Conference" = Cabinet meeting

J - Mar. 11th -

Subject - marriage negotiation

Persons implicated - Master of Rice merchant.

Key-point " the master is at bay. there is a possibility of his coming to sudden death. But cannot predict as to the weather if it is fine or rain "

K March 13th -

Point - The situation came to a sudden change, according to a report to hand this morning. the weather will be thoroughly fine "

L Mar 21 -

Subject - marriage negotiations

Persons Implicated Masters of ABE KAWA / General ABE[?]

KUHARA HOUSE and "They of Waiting House"

Key-point

1 " About the marriage negotiations, the interview with ABE proved simply an introductory one.

2. The advent of the "fine-weather" to drink the toast

will be about 28/29th.

3. The waiting-house KUHARAS will be dissolved earlier than expected.

4 - When it is "fine-weather" will let you know at once.

M - March 26th.

Letter of /MIYAMOTO's/ 23rd is acknowledge.

Subject: - Marriage negotiations

Persons implicated: "The uncle outside"

"The uncle said the exchange of word alone useless, and so he is on the lookout for the chance of the explosion"

"As regards the ^{new} construction of house next-door, it is only building on sands." said also the uncle

N - April 5.

Subject - marriage negotiation

Persons implicated - The master of Rice Merchant / YONAI / the master of ABEKAWAYA / General ABE / and the uncle outside

There is little credibility of the words of YONAI and ABE, so am planning a design of my own. The "Uncle" extending me such an unusually ~~help~~ powerful assistance to me.

O April 15th

Subject: Maniige Negotiation

Key-point - The negotiations will formally be opened about 15/16th inst. / April /.

P - April 20 -

The letter of 19th addressed to him "is said to be "opened by some one".

Subject: The Mine - The TAIHEI Gold Mine.

Of the Negotiations for the disposal of mines, the TAIHEI gold mine only is hopeful. Will communicate immediately I get cash.

Q. April 30 -

Subject - Disposal of Mine.

The sale of TAIHEI gold mine is now settled.

Cash is passed on May 5th.

The price of ~~this~~ mine is "5 -"

R May 6

Subject - The Mine.

Postponement of payment proposed yesterday.

S. May 10.

Subject The Mine.

Persons implicated - KUHARA, NAKAJIMA and

YONAI / the master of Rice - merchant /.

Keypoint - The payment for the mine mine put off because of dispute between KUHARA and NAKAJIMA mines over the boundaries.

T. May 13 -

Just a notice confirming a meeting on the 15th.

U - May 22 -

Subject - The Mine.

The dispute between the two mines has not settled to date, that no money yet received. But in view of the critical situation, determined to get a private property of 5 --- upon which receipt will communicate with you at once -

V - May 30 -

Subject - The Mine.

Money not received yet

W - June 2.

"The cunning plan" hit home.

X - June 8.

Subject - The Mine -

The negotiations about the mine will be opened from the 11th. and lasting over a week.

Y - June 12 -

Subject - "The Play"

The play began with "SAMASO" last night.

Z June 22.

Subject "The play"

"The Rice-merchant" presented a plan which contains points not agreeable to me, so I indicated a consideration.

If they should delay, will finish them with a flash of sword.

AA June 30 -

Subject - the Play.

The delay in opening the play is ascribed to my insistence upon the plan I postured.

AB - June 30.

Subject The play

The opening of the play now hinges upon whether it is to be carried on according to my design or not.

The date of opening will be known by July 3 or 4.

(anno: Type parts marked please) 2984

~~Haji~~ TO.

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Bundle of ³¹ Postcards, 1938-1939, all
from KAMI/JŌ/ to MIYAMOTO Tamotsu, ~~YAMATO Dispensary, KUKIMACHI, SAITAMA Prefecture.~~

a. 23 Dec. 1938. It will be about the middle of
next spring that the conditions for the marriage
will be notified us. I think the other party will
surely notify us of the conditions, once at least.

2984 29 Dec. 1938.

b. The personal history (curriculum vitae) you sent
me ^{is at} just to hand. I'll see MATSUOKA, and conduct
negotiations so that good results may be achieved
soon. --- The matter in question is going to
be decided at the family council to-day, it seems.

c. 12 Jan. 1939. Epicenter of the recent earthquake is
I.

The brat of the ŌMI family is still hesitating. I
shocked him into stupefaction, and the family
collapsed. The details can't be told by mail.

The weather condition will be ascertained by about
18th inst. I guess, JAPAN, fine but cloudy sometimes;

Oversees, fine; no need of worry.

— d. 21 Jan. 1939. Messenger came from the other party regarding the marriage in question, at 8 p.m. on 20th, asking for postponement of 2 weeks, but I flatly declined. I am going to do as I planned.

— e. 26 Jan. 1939. Regarding the marriage in question, I am going to resort to measures that will cause great repercussions at home and abroad. The situation will become clear in 4 or 5 days.

— f. 6 Feb. 1939. Regarding the geological survey, emergency measures have been resorted to. The other party was bewildered, and is conducting geological survey to the best of ability.

But it will be about 16th or 17th of this month before the result will be known.

Anyway, this survey will surely make clear the nature of the ground.

11 Feb. 1939

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g. Will not fail to go to UENO Station by 10 a.m.
of the 15th.

h. 23 Feb. 1939. Regarding the geological survey of the
mines, to-morrow — 24th — general meeting
will be held to decide good or bad.

Even if it will be decided good, it will be one
week before action will be taken.

2984 i. 3 Mar. 1939. Geological survey regarding the mines
has been finished, but no due notification has been
received from the other party.

I understand it has certainly been decided good,
but the method of putting it in practice was
open to argument, and four secret meetings were
held on 28 Feb. If Cafe HIRANUMA will not go bankrupt
about 9th of this month, it will be put in practice about
10th.

j. 11 Mar. 1939. On 15th will go to UENO Station by 9.30 a.m.
and wait for you.

— k. 23 mar. ¹⁹³⁹ Received extraordinary news from a relative abroad, so will unsheathe my valued sword and pierce the enemy to the heart.
Life or death will become known shortly.

— l. ^{31 mar. 1939} The marriage in question has become such a grave problem, that the relatives of the ^{other} party will not come to a decision before fortnight. It is no wonder, for their fate hangs on the decision.

— m. 5 Apr. 1939. The relatives of the other party is still undecided. I have done what should be done, and am waiting for the results.

Lukewarm actions now will leave the problem unsolved for ever. So I have resolutely done what will strike awe into their hearts.

— n. 10 Apr. 1939. On 15th, will go to UENO Station by 9.30 a.m. as usual, and wait for you. That day will probably be the last on which I have a talk with you at UENO. The developments at home and abroad will decide whether it

shall be so or not.

— O. 27 Apr. 1939. Regarding the marriage, the other party is still conferring. The importance of the problem is unprecedented in the world. So it will take a long time for them to come to a decision.

— N. 10 May, 1939. Regarding the marriage, the other party is ^{still} undecided. So I have started to develop a new road single-handed. The new road is extremely unsatisfactory, but when it is opened — which will be in a few days — I will renovate everything. ^{on 15th as usual} A present, if you come up to TOKYO, I shall have nothing interesting to tell you.

— G. 23 May, 1939. Regarding the marriage, decision will be made in the family council. The decision will cover all questions, and the conditions are left ^{to} the discretion of the family head.

The folly of the relatives is now the laughing stock of the country.

— V. 29 May, 1939. Marriage will not be arranged within this month. It will probably materialize in June.

— S. 3 June, 1939. It is now 11 o'clock, 58 minutes, 30 seconds. The 30 seconds are extremely important. Their long-drawn conference has come to an end at last.

The brat will go to OKITSU, various procedures will have to be resorted to, and there will be maneuverings, so the revealing of the secret will come after the 10th inst. The fools have been driven to the last ditch. They will surely surrender this time.

(9 June, 1939)

— T. Revealing of the secret will begin on 12th. If the fools will surrender unconditionally, the solution will be immediate. But if they do so conditionally, the solution will be delayed until 15th or 16th.

Will wait for you at UENO Station as usual, from 9 to 9.30 a. m., on 15th.

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u. 13 June 1939. Talked with the proprietress of the

Restaurant ARITAYA, in the evening of 12th. There are some conditions for the marriage, so 4 or 5 days will be needed for negotiation. Anyway, the prospects for the marriage is now quite clear.

2984 V. 23 June, 1939. Regarding the marriage, talked with the proprietress of the Restaurant ARITAYA in the evening of 18th. She said she would put it in practice quickly, so I think she would do so.

— W. 12 July, 1939. Will go to UENO Station without fail, on 15th.

— X. 25 July, 1939. Regarding the marriage, formal negotiation and consultation will be held on 1 Aug. But the negotiation and consultation will take 5 or 6 days, so the all-out settlements will be arrived at about 5th or 6th of Aug.

— Y. 7 Sept. 1939. Regarding the marriage, both head clerk and junior clerks of the other party's relatives are quite

frustrated. Details cannot be told in a letter, so please wait till we meet next time.

Anyway, the development of marriage negotiation will not be before the 13th inst.

Procrastination policy of the fools has brought severe punishment on their own heads.

— Z. 18 Sept. 1939. The marriage in question will take a long time if arranged in the old way, so I will resort to the new way, which is a strict secret.

9 Oct. 1939

— a.a. Will wait for you as usual at UENO Station on 15th.

— b.b. 11 Oct. 1939. The new way about the marriage is one unprecedented in the world, and which only I can think of. Details are too important to be told in a letter.

If the new way is put into practice, the enemy castle will collapse instantly, and marriage problem will be solved in a moment.

— c.c. 1 Dec. 1939. I went to YOKOHAMA yesterday, invited by

the other uncle, and stopped for the night, so pardon me for the delay of my answer.

Regarding the marriage, the deputy of the ABE-YA came to me and told me as follows:—

In several days after the marriage of Miss MACHI-KO, definite answer shall be given and things will be settled. So the ABE-YA begs to be excused from giving definite answer before the marriage.

I declined his demands, saying that the other uncle would not agree to such a proposal.

The ABE-YA seems to be in a hurry, so things may be settled on or about the 10th, inst.

9 Dec. 1939

— dd. Received report from the other uncle. He says he is going along pre-determined lines, prepared for head-on collision. The ABE-YA (~~GETSHA~~ house) seems to be in confusion, and ^{is} consulting with various quarters. The high tide of consultation will be reached about 15th inst.

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— cc. 23 Dec. 1939. Regarding the marriage, I met with the proprietresses of ABE-YA and KIDO-YA in a preliminary conference last night, and talked with them for 3 hours. So things will be

settled in a full conference, which is to be held shortly.

(Analyst's note: A check of Marquis Kido's diaries, entries of 21, 23, and 24 December, ~~and~~ there being no entry ^{for} 22 December, ~~did not~~ showed no reference to such a meeting if indeed it did occur).

(Name: + file only from this sheet).

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Bundle of 36 postcards from KAMIFU to
MIYAMOTO, ~~FF~~ Jan - Dec 1938.

No items of sufficient clarity or value.

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Bundle of Postcards. Year: 1938. Jan 8 - Dec 12.

(All from KAMIJO
to MIYAMOTO TAMOTSU) Excepting two cards that
are found at the last.

a. Jan 8 1938

This card refers to his sickness and to a
marriage affair. (Marriage Affair seems a cipher)

b. Jan 21 1938.

The letter says that it would be better to
wait further for the chance to execute the plan.
The description is abstract

c. Jan 26 1938.

"The marriage (cord)", says the writer, "was approved
by the general meeting of the relatives (it sees a general
conference), so in a few days the plan will be
put into practice."

d. Feb 7 1938

The writer discloses that the liaison conference has
passed the decision on the marriage but the date
for carrying it out is as was written before.

e. This card reveals, " In view of the present situation, it is not advisable to hold the meeting at my home, so let us meet together at Ueno Station on the 15th inst. "

f. March 1 1938

This message is devoted to the un-reliability of the oblige of 48 or 72 among the relatives, and it says that it is preferable to make use of other relatives (^{T.N.} elements) outside their group for solving the marriage affair.

g. Apr 12 1938

The content refers to his ill-health and apology for his confining himself indoors, "The date of marriage" says he, "has been appointed on the 12th by the party." "I however complicated the circumstances may be, it will be determined to practise or not in short period."

H. April 28 1938

"The marriage, he says, "will not be accomplished unless the master comes back from KYOTO,"
(of the family)

i. May 6 1938

The postcard refers to his activities for bringing ^{about} the affair with success.

j. May 9(?) 1938

The writer hopes to meet the addressee at Ueno Station in regard to the affair at 9 a.m., 15th.

k. May 25 1938

He is indignant at the words expressed by the master of the family because it is quite uncertain of the execution date.

"When I could get money, even if scanty, in the area of Osaka and Kobe," he declared, "I will boldly break with them."

l. Jun 9 1938

The card is devoted to favourable conditions among the relatives in TOKYO and asks the receiver to meet him at Ueno Park.

m. Jun 11 1938

This message shows the other part is in confusion

(^{T.N.} due to his position to sever from the party)
YOSHIKAWA visited the sender, he says.

N. Jul 19 1938

"After several talks in the relative meeting," he says, "the plan was decided upon to be put into effect towards this month end."

O. Jul

The date of meeting between the two involved is made known 15th inst. "YOSHIKAWA was also informed of it," he says.

P. Jul 22 1938

"In a few days," he assures, "the marriage will be engaged in view of the present conditions." "KURIHASHI^A may be," he recommends, "the best locality for our conversation."

"Here is not safe," he complains.

Q. Jul 24 1938

He asks the addressee to inform the Great Teacher at KURIHASHI of our visit to there.

R. Jul 25 1938

He says, "The relative meeting hesitates when the marriage shall be held, so I am making efforts in practising the other plan." "Two weeks is too long for the carrying-out of the program, though the negotiation is now smoothly made."

S. Aug 2 1938

This postcard refers only to his illness.

T. Aug 9 1938

"Though I endeavored to get funds for exploring a mine," he writes, "it seems hard to gain more than \$100,000."

U. Aug 12 1938

Idem stated impossibility of getting funds by 15th inst, and uncertainty of the date for the practise.

"Among the two pending issues, one at the least will be solved," he added.

V. Aug 24 1938

It is devoted ^{to} his enthusiasm regarding mine funds hunting.

W, Sep 9 1938

This postcard states that sufficient amount of money for mine exploration funds cannot be financed. "The other party is a good propagandist, but I am so practical that I am disposed for practical movement disregarding their way."

X. Sept 9 1938.

This message is devoted to getting mine exploration funds. "If I," he says, "get the money before 15th inst, I shall call on you at once, but if I get it after 15th, I will tell you about it when you go up town."

Y. Oct 28 1938

"I fired the final gun; for it does not allow me to wait further."

"The camp of the relatives got into confusion. Within a week, whether they adjust their files

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and columns for the challenge at us or they
retariate in body, will be made clear."

Z. Nov 8 1938

The message reveals that the other party's ^(T.N. of the marriage)
confusion cannot be put right in ten days,
saying, "I stand on the last front with
obtainable guns." "The situation cannot be
made clear before 18th or 19th inst."

aa. Nov 11 1938

The messages only touches the appointed time
for their meeting.

bb. Nov 13 1938

The letter refers to the possibility of the plan roughly.
"When you come up town, would you lend me
y/12. (T.N. y/12 — cord)

cc. Nov. 18. 1938

"The relatives living far away sent me a letter
asking to postpone the practice ^{later} two weeks. It
is grave enough. I must consult on this matter

with those concerned."

dd. Nov 22 1938

"The proposition for two-weeks' postponement of the practice from the distant relatives has been admitted," he says.

el. Nov 22 1938

but dubious

He refers to his 'indomitable' attitude towards the relatives whose camp is still in confusion.

ff. Nov 29 1938

"The situation has become very delicate so that they (the ^{N.I.T.} relatives) seem to be much disturbed," he says.

gg. Dec 5 1938

"The marriage will become favourable toward 17 or 18.

hh. Dec 12 1938,

"I shall be at the waiting room of Venus Station 8.40, 15 inst." is the whole message.

II. The following two postcards are from
YOSHIKAWA SHIMARO to the same addressee.

A. April 15 1940

This letter looks like an ordinary communication regarding money affairs.

The first part deals the matter of paying money, and the second part is related to commercial dealing.

B. March 20 1938

The Date on this letter is similar to that of the above analyzed postcards, but the writer is not the same.

It refers to his sister, whose name is not mentioned, who made visits to his relatives and borrowed money cleverly. The writer says, "Now that she acts like this willfully, I am obliged to resort to the aforesaid programme in treating with her."

The postscript reads, "At last we are determined to materialize the plan concerning the firm."

" I ask you to give ^a favour to KAMEI, "

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A Bundle of Post-Card, to
MIYAMOTO, ~~MIYAMOTO~~
From KAMIJO.

A - dated July 30, 1935.

Subject -

Persons implicated - Count? / Ambassador
- MAKINO, and MATSUDAIRA

- Kamijo professes himself as had an interview with
MAKINO who will seek an advice from
MATSUDAIRA upon his return home.

B - dated Aug. 9, 1935.

Persons Implicated - MATSUDAIRA (T. N. Ambassador to London)
and Jap. Ambassadors in Canada and America.

Kamijo reports as having seen MATSUDAIRA
"last night" [Aug. 8] to ~~open~~ ^{find out} candid opinions
from him. Moreover, MATSUDAIRA is quoted
as having submitted the opinions agreed upon
at Paris conference together with that of
the ambassador in Canada, to the Throne.]

C - date - Feb. 25, 1936

Subject -

Persons implicated - GOTO / Baron? /

KAMISO says he had seen GOTO
to report "gist of the affair".

D - date Oct. 25, 1936.

Subject - "marriage negotiations"

Persons implicated. TOSHIKAWA, Chief of
Young Men's Association.

"The marriage negotiations is well-handled
and an engagement ceremony is to be
carried out on the 31st / October / and
TOSHIKAWA notified of the fact."

E - June 4th - 1937 -

Subject -

Persons Implicated - Miss YONE-KO - ^{Admiral} / TONAI? /

"Hand an interview with Miss YONE-KO".

"Inconvenience of ^{the} ship service detained
/ her (?) - by MIYAMOTO / to go to HIGASHIYAMA".

F - June 9, 1937.

Subject -

Persons Implicated - YOSHIKAWA

MIYAMOTO is to call at YOSHIKAWA's
on the 11th when he will tell MIYAMOTO
about the comedy.

G - Aug. 6 - 1937.

Subject - "marriage negotiations"

"The negotiations will be settled after
the 11th" reports KAMIJO.

H - Sept. 11th - 1937.

Subject - "marriage negotiations"

The negotiations to settle marriage engagement
is now put off to the 20th.

He is now hard up and seeks a loan of only
¥ 12.00!

I - Sept. 15th. 1937.

Subject -

Simply acknowledges fruits which KAMIJO
seems to have sent to MIYAMOTO.

J - Sept. 23 - 1937. (post-stamped 24th).

Subject - "The Problem"

"The problem came to a conclusion on the 22nd" and "I am to appear as publicman to come to the front."

"Details shall be reported" upon announcement in the Official Gazette."

K - Sept 25 - 1937.

Subject - "The Problem"

The writer now quibbles about the previous report saying - "the method of bringing the matter to a finish so I will come down to you personally."

L - Oct. 2nd - 1937.

Subject - "The Problem"

Persons implicated - ~~Count~~ ^{Prince} KONONOE?.

"Met Count Konoe last night / Oct 1st 1937 / who said the legislation of the matter ~~was~~ ^{had been} technically difficult that it was not in time for the 29th."

"An endeavour will be made so as to have it settled by the 6th. Oct."

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M - Oct. 7 - 1937.

Subject - "Marriage Negotiations"

KAMIJO reports as having been ill in bed that, he is to make reports on the negotiations around the 10th.

N - Oct. 10th - 1937.

KAMIJO reports as still to be in bed, but hopes to give reply to MIYAMOTO's appreciation "by the 20th at the earliest".

O - Oct. 13th - 1937.

KAMIJO appoints the place of meeting at the MATSUYA department store, ^{ASAKUSA ward,} on the 15th.

P - date Jan 18th 1939, with 2 date stamps

Subject - "Marriage Negotiations"

MIYAMOTO cancels the prearranged appointment to be made on the 20th, because the matter will not be decided upon as expected.

Q - Jan 10 - 19 - ?

Subject - "The Matter"

"I now opened the negotiation. on the 9th.
and shall probably see the principal
party around 12/13th.

Copy:

Received of Tamotsu Miyamoto letters dated from 1927 to 1947 for the International Prosecution Section; GHQ, SCAP by the undersigned officer.

Erie W. Fleisher
2nd Lt. AUSMI

Investigator. IPS

30 Jan. 47
H. Shimozima

Envelope.

the International Military Tribunal
Far East

ICHIGAYA, TOKYO-TO

To Chief Prosecutor, Keenan

Nov. 6 1947

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YOSHIKAWA Shiro

To Chief-Prosecutor, J. B. Keenan

Last autumn I wrote a letter to the effect that
more than 300 letters from the late Mr. Umejiro KAMIJO
to me were in my custody and I was willing to show you
them if you send some proper person in order to make
them be good for the international trial.

On the 30th of this January an officer called
Eric W. Fleisher visited me, and I handed him the above-

mentioned letters and all other documents concerned,
for the receipt as shown in the annexed paper (copy).

1) Did you find any significance ~~of~~ those letters
from the standpoint of a prosecutor in the International
Military Tribunal Far East?

2) Or was it a fabrication without foundation at
all? • Had Mr. Umejiro ^{KAMIJO (?)} ~~HASHIMOTO~~ deceived us from
the end of 1927 till his death on the 30th of Nov. 1941?

3) I heard from Mr. Umejiro KAMIJO that the
successive premiers, Lord Keepers, Presidents of the Privy
Council and other senior statesmen ~~of~~ knew about that

matter. So please ask them about the matter.

4) If you think that they are necessary as materials which give some grounds to the matters of the said trial, even if this case is beyond the limits of the Tokyo trial, I request you to buy them at fair price. If the letters have no significance at all, please just send them back to us.

5) If it should be found that the Imperial Household or the Japanese government deceived Mr. Umejiro KAMIJO and left the matter in abeyance with an intention of bringing about war, I ask you to tell them to

live up to the solemn promise of Mr. Umejiro KAMIJO
under the responsibility of the Imperial Household or
the Japanese government.

6) We made a considerable spiritual and material loss
on account of the problem for a long period of time.

If there is anyone responsible for it except the late
Mr. Umejiro KAMIJO, we should like to demand
reparation from him. I shall be too happy if

you give us some information about this.

7) In case of referring to the question in the Tokyo trial
we want to be present in the court by all means.

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We have firm resolution to appear in court
whenever you find it necessary for us to
bear witness.

If you give us some indication after
judging the above-mentioned matters, I shall esteem
it the highest honour.

I humbly request you.