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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
Operations, CIS, G-2
Compilation Branch

APO 500
2 Aug 1947

SUBJECT : ISONO Yuzo

EDUCATION :

1928 Graduated from Tokyo Imperial University, Law Department.

CAREER :

1928 Chansellor, Foreign Ministry; sent to England.

10 Jan 1930 Member, Japanese delegation to London Naval Conference.

28 May 1930 Appointed student diplomat and sent to England.

21 Jul 1931 Member, Japanese delegation to the 12th General Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva.

18 Dec 1931 Assigned to France.

26 May 1932 Member, Japanese delegation to the Temporary Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva.

12 Aug 1932 Member, Japanese delegation to the 13th General Assembly of the League of Nations.

10 May 1933 - Member, Japanese delegation to the London International
1 Sep 1933 Economic Conference.

1 Nov 1933 Sent to Switzerland.

5 Nov 1933 - Member, Japanese delegation to the Disarmament
9 Sep 1934 Conference at Geneva.

1 Apr 1935 Official, 3rd Section, Treaty Bureau, Foreign Ministry.

21 Jun 1938 3rd Secretary and Consul at Shanghai.

28 Dec 1940 2nd Secretary, Japanese Embassy, Peiping.

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ISONO Yuzo--cont'd

CAREER (cont'd) :

2 Feb 1941- 14 Oct 1942	Consul - General.
30 Nov 1942	Chief, 1st Section, 3rd Department, Information Bureau.
1 Apr 1943	Chief, Foreign Information Section, 3rd Department.
	Chief, Research Section, 3rd Department, Information Bureau.
19 Aug 1943	Resigned as Chief of Research Section.
1 Nov 1943 - Jun 1945	Served in the 3rd Section, Information Bureau.
1944	Secretary, Foreign Ministry.
21 May 1945	Chief of 1st Section, 3rd Department, Information Bureau.
22 Jun 1945	Chief, Archives & Documents Section, Foreign Ministry Secretariat.

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Military Intelligence Section, General Staff
Civil Intelligence Section

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General Activities

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT: ISONO, Yuzo

Education: 1928 Graduated law college, Tokyo Imperial
University

Career:

1928 Appointed Chancellor Foreign Ministry. Dis-
patched to England.

10 Jan 1930 Attache to Japanese delegate to London Naval
Conference.

28 May 1930 Dispatched to England as student diplomat

21 Jul 1931 Attache to Japanese delegate to 12th General
League of Nations Assembly, Geneva.

18 Dec 1931 Transferred to France.

26 May 1932 Attache to Japanese delegate to Temporary League
of Nations Assembly, Geneva.

12 Aug 1932 Attache to Japanese delegate to 13th General
League of Nations Assembly, Geneva.

10 May 1933 Attache to Japanese delegate to London Inter-
national Economic Conference until 1 Sept 1933.

1 Nov 1933 Transferred to Switzerland.

5 Nov 1933 Attache to Japanese delegate to Geneva Dis-
armament Conference until 9 Sept 1934.

1 Apr 1935 Official of 3rd Section, Treaty Bureau, Foreign
Ministry, ~~Japanese~~

21 Jun 1938 3rd Secretary to Japanese Embassy and Consul at
Shanghai.

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28 Dec 1940 2nd Secretary to Japanese Embassy in China.
2 Feb 1941 Appointed Consul General
April 1941 Served as Consul General in Rangoon until 14
October 1942.
30 Nov 1942 Chief of 1st Section, 3rd Department, Cabinet
Bureau of Information
1 Apr 1943 Chief, Foreign Information Section, 3rd Depart-
ment, and Chief, Research Section, Cabinet Bureau
of Information.
19 Aug 1943 Resigned as Chief of Research Section.
21 May 1945 Chief of 1st Section, 3rd Department, Cabinet
Bureau of Information.
22 June 1945 Appointed as section chief of Secretariat of
Foreign Ministry.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Name: ISONO, Yuzo

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- " Ordered to serve in the United States by the War Ministry.
- Apr 10 1929 Departed from Tokyo.
- May 23 " Arrived at his post in London.
- Jan 10 1930 Attached to the plenipotentiary participating in the London Naval conference by the Foreign Ministry.
- May 28 " Appointed a student diplomatic official and given the 7th rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet. Raised to the 4th Salary Grade. Ordered to serve in England by the Foreign Ministry.
- Jun 16 1930 Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
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- Dec. 18 1931 Ordered to serve in France by the Foreign Ministry. Appointed as Attache to the Japanese delegates to the special session of the General Assembly of the League of Nations held in Geneva, Switzerland.

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- Aug 12 " Appointed as Attache to the Japanese delegates to the 13th General Meeting of the League of Nations held in Geneva, Switzerland by the Cabinet.
- May 17 1933 Appointed as Attache to the plenipotentiary participating in the International Economic Conference in London by the Cabinet.
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- Aug 16 " Promoted to the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet.
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- Sep 1 " Conferred with the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
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- Nov 25 " Appointed as Attache to the plenipotentiary participating in the Geneva General Disarmament Conference by the Foreign Ministry.
- Sep 29 1934 Relieved as Attache to the plenipotentiary participating in the Geneva General Disarmament Conference by the Cabinet.
- Apr 1 1935 Appointed Secretary of the Foreign Ministry.
Promoted to the 6th Rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet.
Raised to the 7th Salary Grade.
Ordered to serve in the 3rd Section of the Treaties Bureau by the Foreign Ministry.
- Jul 1 1936 Raised to the 6th Salary Grade by the Foreign Ministry.
- Dec 26 " Promoted to the 5th Rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet.
- Feb 1 1937 Conferred with the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
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Given the 4th Rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet.

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- Jul 24, 1945 Appointed as Information officer in the Information Bureau by the Cabinet.
- Jan 19 1946 Promoted to the 2nd Rank of the Higher Civil Service by the Cabinet.
- Feb 15 1946 Conferred with the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
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Report by
H. A. Dolan, Jr.

25 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

OTA, Saburo
ISONO, Yuzo
HAYASHI, Kaoru
YAMAMURA, Haruo
MIURA, Kazuichi

A search of the IPS files reveals no information on the
above subject.

22 May 1947

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ISONO, Yuzo

Age 44

Residence - Tokyo, Shinagawa-ku, Nishi-Nakanobu,
5 chome, 1213 banchi

At present - director of the Repatriation Division Central
Liaison Office of the Japanese Government.

Will testify that documents relating to Soviet Russia were
destroyed by fire.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ISONO, YUZO,
By Mr. Furness.

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* The witness stated that exhibit No. 2630 is his affidavit, and verified it. * The affidavit stated that the witness lived in Tokyo, and is presently director of the Repatriation Division, Central Liaison Office. From June 1945 to July, 1946, he was chief of the Archives Section of the Foreign Ministry, and had custody of all Foreign Ministry documents. The Foreign Ministry buildings were partly destroyed by fire on January 7, 1942, and many documents were destroyed. The remaining buildings were almost entirely reduced to ashes as a result of the Allied air raid on May 23-24, 1945, and all but one of the vaults * containing documents were destroyed by fire. Among the offices destroyed were those occupied by the 3rd Section of the Political Affairs Bureau, which was formerly the 1st Section of the Euro-Asiatic Bureau, having charge of all matters relating to Soviet, including the Changkufeng and Nonmanhan Incidents. It was their practice to retain all originals, copies, and drafts of telegrams, letters, memoranda of conversations, opinions, and manuscripts. The fires destroyed all such papers.

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In the last week of June in contemplation of an Allied landing and moving of the capital, it was decided to burn comparatively recent papers which were at that time of a confidential nature. All such papers were burned under the witness' supervision during the last week of June and the first week of July. * He did not remember burning documents relating to the Changkufeng and Nomonhan Incidents at that time. He believed that there were none left to burn. If there were any, they were in a class which it was decided to burn, and he was sure they were burned.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY COLONEL IVANOV.

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* The witness stated that previous to June, 1945, he had not worked in the Archives Section. He knew that a number of documents were burned in January, 1942, but only from hearsay. When it was pointed out that he didn't know what particular documents were burned in 1942, he said upon assuming his post it was only natural that the new chief should know what had taken place with regard to documents, and he heard various reports from his predecessor.

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* In 1942 considerable numbers of documents were burned, and there were records at that time as to what sort of documents were burned. With respect to the raids of May 23-24, 1945, the Foreign Office was almost totally destroyed. He actually saw the places that were burned, and since he assumed his post immediately after this fire his knowledge was more than hearsay. It was difficult, however, to ascertain just what documents were destroyed at that time. * He did not believe that the list of documents destroyed in January 1942 now existed.

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He did know that some of the documents of the Foreign Ministry were evacuated to a safe place and kept there after Japan's surrender. Generally speaking he knew what documents were removed, but at present he could not recall just what documents existed and where.

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* In removing documents, the Archives Section assumed those not necessary to which reference was not necessary. They were removed to Saitama and distributed in four places, in warehouses of the various farmers which were locked. The work was done by the Archives Section, and no personnel were stationed but the warehouse could be unlocked by a member of the Section.

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* When asked how he knew that the documents removed were not included in those relating to the three Russian Incidents, he said he believed they were not included in the documents sent out of Tokyo. Such documents were not necessary during the war. At the time they were removed he was not chief, and he did not know by what standards the documents were selected for removal.

When asked on what he based his belief that the border incident documents were destroyed and not removed, the witness stated that such documents were usually kept by the section in charge of such matters, and during the fire of May 23 the buildings which housed the 3rd Section of the Political Affairs Bureau were completely destroyed, and the files with the documents also were destroyed.

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* The removal of documents was in April, 1944, before the Foreign Office was destroyed. He did not believe that these documents had been handed over to the Archives Section, and if there were any they were only a few in number. * The documents which were removed in April 1944 were those in the custody of the Archives Section. With regard to documents in the various responsible sections, they were not included in the plan for removal. Documents relating to these two incidents, however, may have been included. The documents removed from Tokyo have now all been brought back. At the time they were removed, some people were dispatched to dispose of some of the documents which had been previously removed.

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* When the documents were brought back they were brought back by the Archives Section and are presently in its custody, but it is difficult to say just which of these documents had been removed to a certain place at the time of removal.

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* Since there were such a very large number of documents, though he glanced through them he could not say what the contents of each were. He did not know that the border documents were not included. He is not definitely able to say. As stated before, it is a rule that documents of this nature be held in the custody of the section concerned, and he therefore believed that they were not included in the documents removed.

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* When asked how he concealed the question of evacuation of documents from the defense, * the witness said it is not that he forgot to mention it, but that the documents which were removed to safety were later returned to Tokyo and are presently in the custody of the Archives Section. Therefore he did not think it necessary to refer to the temporary removal.

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* At the end of June, 1945, Japan was in a condition where Allied landing operations were expected at any minute. In view of this situation, although in normal times there are regulations for the handling of documents, due to the unprecedented crisis they did not ask for instructions of higher-ups but held two meetings participated in by chiefs of bureaus, to discuss the matter.

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22775 At that time SHIGEMITSU was not Foreign Minister; it was TOGO. * When asked whether it was to reach a decision for burning of documents when the Foreign Minister himself was in Tokyo, the witness stated it may have been an abnormal procedure, but the situation was critical and unprecedented. The exception was made and a meeting held, and it was decided that if possible some documents would be removed to safety. Due to transportation difficulties it was decided that a part of them should be disposed of.

 The Foreign Minister did not take the decision to burn the documents or to destroy them. It was not by order of SHIGEMITSU that they burned the remaining documents immediately after Japan's surrender on August 14 and 15, 1945.

22777 * The documents which were brought back and in addition were those which remained in the Archives of the Foreign Office. At the time they were burned the work was done in such a rush and done so haphazardly that there were some documents burned which should not have been done, and some not which should have been burned. * Documents which they desired were not burned in some cases. The work was done in such a rush without reviewing each of the documents burned, that he considered it a very regrettable fact.

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26 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Maj. General Vasiliev; 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.

DERENDANT

Witness General

WITNESS

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

ISONO, Yuzo

Curriculum Vitae

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

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Affidavit of Isono Yuzo

I, Isono Yuzo, after having been duly sworn according to the Japanese formula, make the following statement of my own free will

1. I am 44 years old and reside in Tokyo, Shinagawa-ku, Nishi-Nakanobu, 5 Chome, 1213 banchi.

2. I am, at present, director of the Restriction Division, Central Liaison Office of the Japanese Government.

3. I was, from June 1945 through July 1946, chief of the Archive Section of the Secretariat of the Japanese Foreign Minister and as such had custody of all documents and archives of the Japanese Foreign Office.

4. The buildings housing the Foreign Office were partly destroyed by fire on 7 January 1942 and many documents were destroyed as a result of said fire.

5. The remaining buildings housing the Foreign Office were almost entirely reduced to ashes as a result of the air raid by Allied Planes on the night of 23 - 24 May 1945 and all but one of the vaults containing documents and archives were destroyed by the fires. Among the offices which were totally destroyed were offices occupied by the 3rd Section of the Political Affairs Bureau. This section, formerly called the 1st Section of the Euro-Asiatic Bureau, had charge of all matters relating to Soviet Russia, including the Chang-ku-fang and Nonmanhan or Khalkin-Gol Border Incidents. It was the practice of that section, as well as some others, to retain all originals, copies and drafts, of telegrams, letters, messages and other communications, memoranda of conversations and opinions, and manuscripts relating to matters under its jurisdiction. The fires destroyed all such papers.

6. During the last week of June in contemplation of a landing of Allied Forces and moving the capital away from Tokyo, it was decided to burn papers of comparatively recent dates which in our opinion at that time more of a confidential character. All originals, copies and drafts of top secret, secret and coded telegrams, letters, messages and other communications, memoranda of conversations and opinions, and manuscripts were burned under my supervision during the last week of June and the first week of July which had not been destroyed by the previous fires. I do not remember burning documents relating to the Changku-Feng and Khalkin-Ghol incidents at that time. I believe that there were none left to burn. If any were there, however, they were in the class which it was decided to burn and I am sure they were burned.

/S/ ISONO YOZO

On this 19th day of May, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT ISOBE, Yuzo (seal)

I, MIURA, Waichi hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Depoent, who affixed his signature and seal therto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo.

Witness: (signed)

MIURA, waichi (seal)

OATH

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

ISONO, Yuzo (seal)