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INTERROGATION NO. 25
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PLACE: Tokyo
DATE: 14 Oct.
TIME: 1400

Division of Origin: Capital Equipment & Construction

SUBJECT: TOKYO - SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

T. HIRAGA -- Private Sec'y to President of Co.
T. MORIMOTO -- Chief of Sub-contracting Allocation.
H. UTSUNOMIYA -- Chief of General Affairs Section.

Where interviewed (office): Meiji Bldg. Room 361

Interrogator: Pfc. Jacobson, Major Hales

Interpreter: Lt. Love

Allied Officers Present: None.

Summary:

1. General information about the Company was furnished at the interview. It included a brief history of the Corporation, its affiliations, plants owned, production statistics in terms of yen for 1935-1945, a balance sheet for the concern, and estimated damage to each plant.

2. Further information was requested from the Company, each of its plants, and each of its affiliates. A detailed questionnaire was furnished the above officials with each item explained.

3. General questions discussed were:

a. Conversion to war production. All agreed that from about 10% of war work in 1940, the proportion of all production devoted to war contracts rose to over 90% for the entire industry. This includes heavy as well as light electrical equipment.

b. The most important concerns manufacturing electrical equipment are the Hitachi Co., Sumitomo Co., and Tokyo-Shibaura Co.

c. When questioned on the availability of overall production statistics, reference was made to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Almost all of the production of the Company was under the control of the Army, Navy, and Ministry of Munitions.

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