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DATE: 20 Oct. 1945.

Division of Origin: M. E. C.

Subject: Japanese Food Position.

Personnel interrogated and background of each.

NAMIKAWA, Yoshitake, Chief of Food Control Bureau,
Ministry of Agriculture &
Forestry.

Where Interviewed: Min. of Agriculture & Forestry Bldg.

Interrogator: Lt. W. M. Edwards.

Interpreter: Lt. McCoy

Summary:

- (a) Background of Mr. NAMIKAWA.
- (b) Statistics on Japan's Food Situation
- (c) The Food Black Market.
- (d) Evaluation.

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INTERROGATION

1. Mr. NAMIKAWA was interviewed for an hour on 20 October 1945 in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Building. Lt. McCoy acted as Interpreter.
2. Background of Mr. NAMIKAWA: Mr. NAMIKAWA has held his present situation since 5 October 1945. Prior to October he was Chief of the Economic Bureau of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government for some years.
3. Statistics on Japan's Food Situation: A request for detailed statistics covering the production, imports, stocks, consumption and bomb damage of food was presented to Mr. NAMIKAWA. Much of the data desired has been moved out of the city for safe-keeping so that it will be about 10 days before the information will be received by us.
4. The Food Black Market: According to Mr. NAMIKAWA it is impossible to assess accurately the extent to which food entered the Black Market. However, governmental control was more complete of the foods which comprised the basic ration, i.e. rice, barley, wheat, etc., than of the supplementary foods and consequently, black market transactions in the latter were much more extensive.
5. Evaluation: Mr. NAMIKAWA was very cooperative and sincere in his desire to furnish us with the statistics requested. When these data are received they will furnish the basis for the food picture. Mr. NAMIKAWA is available for further interrogation regarding the information he is to furnish.

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