9 June 1947

MEMOGANOUM FOR: Mr. Dunigan; Mr. Sutton

FROM: EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,

Investigative Division, IPS

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Admiral Baron Kantaro SUZUKI: Premier.

1867 Dec.	Born Chiba Prefecture; eldest son of Yutetsu Suzuki; married Taka, sister of Hitoshi Adachi.
1888	Graduated Naval Academy.
1894-95	Commanded torpedo boat No. 6 during Sino-Japanese War.
*	Graduated Naval Staff College; Attache, Japanese Embassy Germany
1904-05	Commanded 4th Torpedo Boat Flotilla during Russo-Japanes War.
1906	Instructor Naval Staff College.
1907	Commanded H.I.M.S. Akashi and Saga.
1911	President Torpedo School
1913	Rear Admiral; commanded Maizuru Torpedo Division
1914	Vice Minister of Navy
1916	Chief, Personnel Bureau, Navy Ministry.
1917	Vice Admiral; commanded Training Squadron
1918-19	President Naval Academy
1920	Commander in Chief, 2nd Squadron
1922	Commander in Chief, 3rd Fleet
1922	Commander in Chief, Kure Naval Station
1923	Admiral
1924	Commander in Chief, 1st Fleet and of Combined Fleet.
1924	Member Supreme War Council.
1925	Chief of Naval General Staff
1929	Placed in reserve; appointed Grand Chamberlain to Emperor.
1933	Advisor to Privy Council on naval matters.
1936 Feb. 26	Seriously wounded by assassins in Tokyo army revolt.
1936	Retired as Grand Chamberlain, created Baron
1937	Member Privy Council
1940 .	Vice President Privy Council
1944 Aug	President Privy Council
*	President Educational Investigation Council (Kyoiku Shingikai)
1945 Apr 7	Premier

Address: 40, Maruyama-cho, Koishikawa-ku, Tokyo

A quite, amiable, energetic, clever man of high character, and good administrator, according to 1933 official report. Authority on torpedo warfare and acted as instructor on that subject at Naval Staff College. Brother of General Takao Suzuku, chief priest at Yasukuni Shrine. Long opposed to army extremists. Together with Premier Saito and Count Makino, Lord Privy Seal, Suzuki was charged by instigators of Tokyo army revolt of 1936 with having taken sides in an internal army struggle for power and with having plotted the successful conclusion of the 1930 London Naval Conference, possible only through considerable concessions on the part of Japan. Ambassador Grew in "Ten Years in Japan" states that Suzuki discussed the situation for ten minutes with his would-be assassin pointing a revolver at him. Three shots were fired which nearly took the Admiral's life.

Admiral Baron Kantaro SUZUKI: (cont'd)

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Chief of Civil administration Section, Kwantung Army.

Acting Chief of Legal Administration Section, Manchukuo.

Chief of the Secretariat, Manchukuo.

Director of the Legislation Bureau. Manchukuo.

Chief Secretary. Prevy Council.

Vice-Director of the General Affairs Bureau. Department for State Affairs, Memchukuo. (May, 1940 to Nov. 1941)

Director of the Audit Bureau.

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-VS-

ARAKI Sadao, at al

I, ADMIRAL SUZUKI KANTARO, make the following statement of facts within my knowledge:

When I received the Imperial command to form a cabinet, in April 1945, being a novice in politics, I requested advice of the Jushin (Eldar Statesmen) concerning the selection of the cabinet members. For Foreign Minister, however, I made my own choice of Togo Shigenori, for the reason that although I knew him only slightly I had the feeling that he had opposed the war from the beginning and had resigned from the Tojo cabinet as a measure of opposition to Tojo's dictatorship and high-handed policies. I had believed from the beginning that a war against America and Britain could not succeed, and when solocted as premier I understood that it was to be my duty to attempt to bring about the ending of the war; therefore I wished to select as foreign minister a man who was known to have opposed war.

At the time of the formation of the cabinet Mr. Togo was in Karuizawa, and I requested him by telegraph to accept the portfolio of foreign minister. His reply was that he would have to discuss the matter with me before giving his acceptance. He therefore came to Tokyo on 8 April, and we did discuss his acceptance of the post. In view of the conditions prevailing in Japan at the time, it was not possible for me to speak openly on the question of ending the war; but from our conversation I had the impression that Mr. Togo's views were the same as my own. Although I do not now remember clearly, he may have stated that his acceptance was conditional upon the cabinet's being one which would work to bring about the end of the war.

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I consider Mr. Togo to be a man of deep convictions, with loyalty to the real interest of his country, and a man who having formed his opinions cannot be shaken from them. He is a brave man and a straightforward one.

Kantaro Suzuki

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned authority at Sekiyado, Chiba-ken, this 28th day of July, 1946.

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2.	Statement in application for subpoena as to subject of witness's testimony.	3	
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