

John R. Deane

Def Doc 1627

affidavit

Maj. Gen. in U S Army

Secy to Combined Chiefs of Staff Sept 1, 1943 - Oct 43

Chief - U S Mil. Mission - Moscow Oct 1943 - Oct 1945

~~Re: [REDACTED]~~

Re: Teheran Conference

Moscow Conference

Yalta Conference

Potdam Conference

Report by: H. Shimojima  
30 April 1947

Memo for the file

Subject: DEANE, John R., Maj. Gen. U.S.A. (09759) (retired)

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Procuring of Book

Edward P. Monaghan,  
Acting Chief,  
Investigative Div.,  
IPS

Col. Goulsby,  
Executive Officer,  
IPS

1 May 47

1.
  1. An application has been filed with the Tribunal granting the Defense Counsel leave to interrogate John R. Deane, Major General, United States Army, Retired, who is to testify during the Russian phase.
  2. The Russian Division has requested that three copies of Deane's book, "Strange Alliance", be obtained as expeditiously as possible.

----- E.P.M. -----

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

3 June 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO : Files  
FROM : D. N. Sutton  
SUBJECT: Affidavit of Genl. John R. Deane  
Def. Doc. No. 1627  
Objections to the Affidavit

The witness testifies only to the purport of conferences between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. from October 1943 to July 1945 and the fact that American flyers interned in Russia were allowed to escape in 1944 and 1945. He mentions no fact which occurs prior to October 1943.

The affidavit may be objected to as irrelevant and immaterial to any issues involved in this case.

The specific counts in the indictment with regard to U.S.S.R. are No. 7, which charges that all the defendants, between 1928 and 1945 "planned and prepared" a war of aggression, etc. against the U.S.S.R. Counts No. 25, 26, 35, and 36 charge the actual waging of war, but in each instance are confined to acts alleged to have occurred in 1938 and 1939.

Section 8 of Appendix A of the indictment charges that after 1939 Japan did not stop preparations for a surprise attack against the U.S.S.R. and that Japan after 1941 increased the strength of her Army in Manchuria to one million men, requiring the U.S.S.R. to maintain considerable force in the Far East and in this manner Japan aided Germany.

The efforts of the Allies in 1943 and subsequent thereto to secure an ally neither proves nor disproves that the wars which had previously begun between Japan and the Allies were aggressive wars on the part of Japan.

There is no charge in the indictment that Russia made war on Japan. Russia's assistance to the Allies, or promise of assistance to the Allies, is in no wise pertinent evidence toward the charge against the defendants of planning and waging wars of aggression and in violation of treaties.

Even assuming that Russia was preparing for a war against Japan, evidence of those facts does not prove or disprove that Japan was not preparing for war against Russia.

The evidence in the affidavit is not pertinent to any charge in the indictment and refutes no material evidence introduced by the Prosecution.

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assuming the facts true 43 & 45 as in the indictment  
irrelevant as will not prove a deeper  
preparation & execution against the  
Soviet Union -

Count 17.

all as before 1928 - 1945

Planned & prepared a war of aggression & installment  
of treaties etc. U.S.S.R.

	Counts	
Waging War.	<u>25, 26</u> (1939)	1938, 1939
	<u>35, 36</u>	
	(1938) (1939)	

A  
Off. Sec 8      continuing preparations  
for war v. Russia.

assuming Russia prepared war v Japan this does  
not disprove that Japan was not preparing war  
v. Russia

#1677  
yes plane

There is no charge that Russia made war on Japan

~~There is no charge that~~

getting or ally after the outbreak of the  
war (all of them target) throws no light on  
the original aggressor.

→ The actual <sup>charges</sup> waging of war - Russia  
at counts 25, 26, 35, 36 confirmed

+ 38 + 1939

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the charge) Planning & Preparing a war) aggression - USSR  
(count 17)  
is not proved a disproof by efforts of the  
allies then in war with Japan to secure USSR  
as an ally.

→ Russian assistance to the allies is not pertinent  
to the charge of planning & waging aggression war  
- war in violation of treaties

*threatening retaliation of Japan and concentration of troops*  
*Appendix A see 7 page 17 near bottom*  
*Counts 17 25-35*  
*summary 38*  
*July Aug 38*

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al (

-v.-

ARAKI SADAQ, et al.,  
Defendants

No. 1

51 - (1939)

52 (1938)

*Appendix A sec 8 - very important*  
A F F I D A V I T

JOHN R. DEANE, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1. As Major-General in the United States Army I was United States Secretary of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington from September 1, 1943 to October 1943. Thereafter I served as chief of the United States Military Mission in Moscow from 18 October 1943 to October 1945, during which time my duties were responsibility for military liaison between the United States and the U.S.S.R. In my official capacity I attended the Moscow Conference of October 1943, the Cairo and Teheran Conferences in November 1943, the Yalta Conference in February 1945 and the Potsdam Conference of July 1945.

2. The question of Soviet participation in the war against Japan was raised as early as the Teheran Conference in November 1943. At the Teheran Conference Marshal Stalin stated his regret that the U.S.S.R. had been unable to help in the Pacific War, the requirements of the European War precluding Russian participation against Japan at that time, and he went on to say that while the Russian forces then in Siberia were sufficient for defensive operations they would have to be increased threefold before an offensive could be undertaken, which increase could not be accomplished until after the defeat of Germany. "Then," he said, "by our common front we shall win." I was present on this occasion.

On 2 February 1944, I was informed by Ambassador Harriman that Marshal Stalin had told him, in response to the request made by President Roosevelt at Teheran, that the United States air forces would be allowed to operate American aircraft from Siberia after the Soviet Union should have declared war on Japan, and at the same time stated that high-ranking officers would be summoned from the Far East to discuss with me plans for the establishment of an American strategic air force in Siberia. These conversation did not, however, take place. A meeting with representatives of the Soviet Far Eastern Air Forces did not materialize.

At a meeting in Moscow in October 1944, among Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin, Ambassador Harriman, and their staffs, at which I was present, Marshal Stalin stated that the U.S.S.R. would take the offensive against Japan three months after the defeat of Germany, provided that the United States would assist in building up the necessary reserve supplies and that agreement with China could be reached concerning Russian interests, at the same time he agreed that air bases in Maritime Province would be made available as a naval base. At a meeting on the following night at which Ambassador Harriman, Marshal Stalin, Mr. Molotov, and I were present the operations which the Red Army would undertake in the war against Japan were discussed. At this meeting Marshal Stalin personally illustrated on a map the strategy proposed, which was to exert pressure on the Japanese along the northern and eastern borders of Manchuria while making the main effort with a highly mobile force sweeping down from the area of

1 May 1947

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FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Acting Chief  
Investigative Division, IFS

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DEFENDANT - General

WITNESS

Maj. Gen. John R. Deane  
(USA Retired)

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

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Incl.  
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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

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