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INTERROGATION NO. 27
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PLACE: Tokyo
DATE: 15 Oct.
TIME: 0900

Division Of Origin: Capital Equipment & Construction.

Subject: Production Statistics, Electrical
Equipment.

Personnel interviewed and background of each:

Mr. SAKURA -- Director, Mitsubishi Economic Research Bureau.
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Where interviewed (office) Office of Mitsubishi Economic
Research Bureau

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Interpreter: Lt. Charles Love

Allied Officers Present: None.

Summary:

1. Price indices (official and black market) for 1936, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944.
2. Production, employment, exports, imports, producers of electrical equipment, from 1936 to 1941 inclusive.
3. Wage scales, number of machines used per type of product.

1. The Bureau was requested to furnish national production statistics for electrical equipment, employment statistics, and general statistical information about important electrical equipment manufacturers.

2. A list of important producers of electrical equipment and their financial standing has been supplied.

3. Price indices for wholesale manufactured goods have been supplied through 1944, with 1936 taken as 100.

4. Production, use of machinery, use of power, labor, and wages paid per product have been furnished for 1936 and 1941.

5. Production by types of products, exports and imports have been furnished for the years 1936-1941 inclusive.

6. In general discussion it was ascertained that production in yen is no true index of actual production. Furthermore, the official price index was far below the black market index. Comparison of the two is as follows:

Wholesale Price Index for all Industry

<u>Year</u>	<u>Official Price Index</u>	<u>Unofficial Index</u>
1936	100	100
1941	167.2	184.2
1942	179.7	230.9
1943	190.6	266.5
1944	213.8	340

7. A general decline in production occurred in Japan in the latter half of 1944. Reasons for this are stated to be difficulty in obtaining raw materials as well as bomb damage: an actual shortage, plus transportation difficulties. Coal and steel were the chief bottlenecks, with lack of supplies from Hainan and the Asiatic mainland the crucial factor.