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INTERROGATION NO: 175

PLACE: TOKYO
DATE: 26 Oct 45

Division of Origin: Morale.

Subject: Japanese Civilian Morale.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

HAYASHI, Kimiyo - Professor of Political Economy,
Waseda University.

Where interviewed: Waseda University.

Interrogator: Dr. Frederick S. Hulse.

Interpreter: Lt. BMO, USNR.

Summary:

Prof. HAYASHI was asked to provide the names of Japanese academic personnel competent to judge the state of civilian morale during the war. He promised to do so, and to send us a list within a few days, which would include names, and if possible addresses of individuals in a number of our sample points.

He was also questioned with regard to his own judgement of morale in Japan during the war. He answered that during the war people had never been allowed to know the truth nor to speak or act freely. Consequently they had to support the government. Shortages of all sorts began to be felt by 1942, but not by the rich, who took advantage of their position. The country people were able to do the same. The major worry was concerning the future of Japan, and this became sharpened after the fall of Bataan. They were orderly and helped one another during the air-raids, and solidly united. All were astonished at the surrender, and now, having learned the truth, want to help the Americans. But they are disunited, having lost their common goal, which was to win the war. The coming months will see great suffering, but everyone has been pleasantly surprised at the American attitude.

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