Tokio, Feb. 12th, 1948.

Mr. Tetsu Katayama
The Prime Minister,
Tokio.

Sir,

Our petition for the extention of the term of Presi'ency of Daito Boshoku Kabushiki Kaisha in favour of Mr. Hatsujiro Yoshi'a

The un'ersigne', having complete confi'ence in the high integrity an' fine charactor of Mr. Hatsujiro Yoshi'a, wish to present herewith our petition with the unanimous support of all the people in the woolen textile in'ustry an' commerce for your granting him an extention of the term of his presi-'ency of Daito Boshoku Kabushiki Kaisha for another year.

By virtars of the Law of Eliminating Zaibatsu Family influences over Zaibatsu's affiliate' companies, Mr. Yoshi'a faces now the necessity of resigning his present post, 'ue to his having been a Director of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, but he is not connecte' at all by bloo' or otherwise with Mitsui family.

The rehabilitation of Japan's woolen textile in'ustry is confronte' with untol' 'ifficulties of importing wool from foreign countries an' obtaining other essential materials. The negotiations for the import of raw wool requires 'elicate han'ling which a man of experience like Mr. Yoshi'a can alone accomplish. The export of woolen textile piece goo's 'epen's upon the import of wool an' his company as well as the in'ustry concerne
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HATSUJIRO YOSHIDA

PRESIDENT
DAITO BOSHOKU CO., LTD.

16, KAKIGARACHO, 2-CHOME,
CHUO-KU, TOKYO

Mr. Hatsujiro Yoshi'a represents his company an' our in'ustry in all these 'ifficult management an' negotiations. By his amiability of personality an' unselfish character, he has won the unstinte' trust of the employees of his company an' all the un'ersigne' in the in'ustry in general.

He is well acquainte' with the working of silk an' other textile tra'es, having live' in America for more than 20 years. As the Manager of New York Branch of Mitsui & Co., Lt'., before the war, he was ha' a large circle of goo' frien's in the in'ustry an' commerce of U.S.A. He has contribute' in no small measure to the betterment of the international relations between Japan an' America with his burning conviction for peace an' frien'ship.

Now, because he was a Director of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for a few years an' because he is the presi'ent of an affiliate' company of Mitsui Zaibatsu, Daito Boshoku Kabushiki Kaisha, he is obliged to retire from the in'ustry in which the un'ersigne' are keenly intereste'. It woul' be a matter of great regret to us if he ha' to leave our in'ustry.

The labour union of his company, we un'erstan', is appealing to you for your special permission in favour of Mr. Yoshi'a to remain at his post ; a fact somewhat rare in these 'ays of keen conflicts between labour an' management.

The in'ustry, the un'ersigne' represent, will suffer a great loss if Mr. Yoshi'a has to go at this juncture when so many 'ifficulties arise one after the other for the rehabilitation of the in'ustry an' we appeal to you most sincerely for your granting Mr. Yoshi'a an extention of his term of presi'ency for one full year from 1948.

In our earnest desire to appeal to you for your sympathetic consideration, the undersigned affix their signatures hereunder as representing the whole woolen textile industry and the business connected therwith.

Yours faithfully,

The Nihon Keori Co. Ltd.
Toyo Boseki Co. Ltd.
Nippon Boseki Co. Ltd.
Kanegafuchi Boseki Co. Ltd.
Kurashiki Boseki Co. Ltd.
Toa Boseki Co. Ltd.
Daidoh Keori Co. Ltd.
Yamato Keori Co. Ltd.
Nihon Felt Co. Ltd.
Daiken Sangyo Co. Ltd.
Sangyo Kogyo Co. Ltd.
+others

The above companies signed by the presidents

APPLICATION

No. 306

KINZABURO TSUTSUI

(MITSUI WOODEN SHIP BUILDING CO., LTD.)

(4)

5th February, 1948

To: Honorable Tetsu Katayama
Cabinet Prime Minister

From: Kinzaburo Tsutsui

Present Domicile: 602 Nichome Asagaya Suginami-ku Tokio

Present Occupation: Managing Director of Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

Subject:- Application for recognition in accordance with the act of Elimination of Zaibatsu Controlling Power (Article No. 6 & 7)

I. Matter of Application

Although as below stated I served and am serving as an officer of indirect affiliate of Mitsui Zaibatsu families, I hereby apply for your recognition of the fact that I am not an officer related to Zaibatsu families.

Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

1. As director

So elected at the extraordinary shareholders meeting on 5th July 1943 and assumed the post the same day. (The term expired on 14th Dec. 1945, but at the sixth general shareholders meeting, reelected and assumed the post the same day until now)

2. As managing director

So elected on 5th Dec. 1946 by mutual election of the board of directors and assumed the post same day and have held until now.

II. Reason for Application

(A) Relating to clause 2 Item 1 of Article No.6.

1;. Considering the circumstances under which I assumed the post of director, it is clearly unjust to regard me as an officer related to Mitsui Zaibatsu families (refer to the first part of clause No. 2)

(1) Relating to my assumption of directorship on 5th July 1943.

As soon as I graduated from Tokio Higher Commercial College, I was engaged by Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., and after serving in the company's branch offices of Calcutta, India, and Takao, Formosa, I was appointed to the assistant manager of Transportation Dept., of company's Head office.

At around this time, Japanese Cabinet adopted the "policy of urgent construction of Wooden Ships", and Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd., was established to meet the urgent requirement of the situation then prevailed. As I was in Transportation Department of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., and had fair knowledge of this enterprise, and in view of the shortage of the staff, I was urged to join the company,

which I did, I joined the company as ordinary employee and was appointed the chief of Iwate shipyard. This shipyard had to be newly constructed which was commenced around the time I took the post, and we were ordered by the government to build as many as 34 vessels of 150 tons each viz. total 5,100 tons during the year 1943. In order to complete this order we were very busy indeed and had to work literally 24 hours a day.

At that time, in order to exhort the workers and increase production, "Shipyard First" policy was declared and it was decided to add the post of director to the chiefs who were responsible for the operation of shipyards. This meant at the same time, giving the post of chiefs more weight in that locality and facilitate their relation with other parties : this measure was also intended to encourage chiefs as well as employees of the shipyards. Officers were appointed by Mr. Kanji Kamimura, the president, nominating the candidate and formally approved at the general meeting of the shareholders after submission to the board of directors.

On 5th July 1943, together with myself, Mr. Tsushima, chief of Sakaide and Mr. Ino, chief of Sakai shipyard and Mr. Nakamura, an engineer manager of Technical Department were appointed directors.

The largest shareholder then of the company was Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., which held 87.7% of the total shares issued to be followed by Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd. which held 10%. Mitsui Somotokata was not a shareholder.

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., as a rule, treated the companies in which they invested with utmost unconcern and exercised practically no control over the personnel policy of such companies allowing them entire freedom in such respects.

Influence of Somotokata (Mitsui Headquarters) was definitely on the decline and possessed no controlling power upon the subsidiary companies of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.

In short, Mitsui Somotokata, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., and Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd., had no special regulation or rules as to the appointment of the officers of the Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd., nor had they made any

agreement with the last named company on this score; Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. never received any approval or otherwise from the said three companies either before or after the appointment of their officers.

It is evident therefore that my appointment to the post of director was not in any way due to the controlling power direct or indirect, of the Mitsui Zaibatsu families or their direct affiliated.

(2) Relating to the circumstances in which I assumed the post of managing director on 5th Dec. 1946.

After the termination of the war, Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. had no alternative than to shift to the construction of fishing boats, and the business side of the company's activities became more important than during the war when the company was engaged in constructing Government-ordered ships. Hence it was that, recognizing my long experience as chief of shipyard, I was called back to Head Office and given the post of Business Manager concurrently with directorship.

Afterwards, upon the expiration of my tenure of director, I was reelected on 14th December 1945.

This re-appointment was due to the independent nomination of Mr. Jiro Nakanishi, then president of the company, the approval of board of directors and the confirmation of the general meeting of the shareholders.

Large shareholders at this time were Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd. (67.5%) and Mitsui Honsha, Ltd., (29.7%) but both of them handed to the company their blank letter of Attorney to vote at the last mentioned general meeting.

Prior to this general meeting, on 8th November, the president of Mitsui Honsha Ltd., announced to the whole relative concerns, "the dissolution of Zaibatsu and the abolition of the function of its central organ".

It must be noted, moreover, that Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. was, since its inception, and particularly after it was designated, on 17th Jan. 1944, as munition supply company, placed under strong national economic control and the right of shareholders held by Mitsui Honsha and Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd. was extremely restricted. Indeed, Mitsui Zaibatsu families or their direct affiliates had practically no room to interfere.

As regard the finance of the company, we were mainly assisted, under the control of authorities

concerned, by financial institutions nominated for financing munition works and Sangyo Setsubi Kiden. Very little facilities were extended to our company by concerns of Mitsui lineage, except the initial payment of the shares.

My appointment to the post of managing director on 5th Dec. 1946 was due to the fact that the works of the company became very busy and that two managing directors, viz Mr. Nakajima and Mr. Ino, could not cope with the affair requiring attention; and I was appointed to suppliment them.

This appointment was the result of mutual election at the board meeting of director as provided in the articles of association of the company. I was not, however, representative director.

At this time, Mitsui Honsha Ltd., which held about 30% of the total shares were already designated as holding company on 6th Oct. 1946 and all the shares held by them were to be handed over to the Holding Company Liquidation Commission therefore my appointment to the managing director was made after Mr. Jiro Nakanishi, the president, and Mr. Yasumosuke Ino had obtained the understanding of the said commission.

Although Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd., held 67.5% of the total shares, they had transferred the voting power of the shares to the aforesaid Commission on 24th December, according to the "Act restricting the company's Holding of stocks and shares" and as they were subsequently to be designated as holding company on 28th December, they, of course, did not exercise their vote at the relevant general meeting of our company.

I have already stated above in (1) that there existed no agreement, nor the approval was sought regarding the appointment of officers, and the appointment to managing director after the war was in no way due to control of Zaibatsu families.

For your reference I append hereunder name of the members of the board of director who were present at the meeting when I was mutually elected managing director.

Mr. Jiro Nakanishi
President and Representative Director

Mr. Sutematsu Nakajima
Managing director

Mr. Yasunosuke Iho
Managing director
(former chief of Sakai Shipyard)

Mr. Kinzaburo Tsutsui
Director
(former chief of Iwate Shipyard)

Mr. Shoji Murada
Director
(former chief accountant)

2. Considering the actual execution of duties as an officer it is clearly unjustified to regard me as an officer related to Mitsui Zaibatsu families.

(1) Relating to my tenure of directorship (since 5th July 1943)

Circumstances in which I assumed the post of director was stated above in details in (1). Although the post of director was added, I was too busy as chief of shipyard to attend to the duties of director. Knowing, however, that the added appointment was really meant to encourage and exhort the production of the yard, I felt that by assiduously attending to the duty of chief of shipyard I was doing what I was expected to do.

According to the records kept by the company of the minutes of directors meetings, out of the 28 meetings held until the termination of the war, I was recorded as present on 9 occasions, but these were confined to the time when I happened to be in Tokio Head office on business of the shipyard while the meetings were being held. In many instances, I was not really present at the meeting but being asked to sign the minutes afterwards

"as present" in order to make up the quorum, I agreed so to do.

During the war, I was never present at the shareholders meeting. I never received any formal notice as director regarding the general meeting of shareholders or directors meeting as to their dates or the agenda: I sometimes learned of such meetings when I happened to be in Tokio on business.

(2) Relating to my tenure of managing directorship, since 5th December 1946.

On 8th October 1946, Mitsui Honsha Ltd. who held 30% of the total shares issued of our company, was designated as holding company, and all of the said shares were handed over to the Holding Company Liquidation Commission.

Subsequently, Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd., who held 67.5% of our company's shares, transferred the right of voting of the said shares to Holding Company Liquidation Commission on 24th December 1946, and upon being designated on 28th December as holding company, they handed over the shares to the said commission.

In the circumstances above stated at around the time when I assumed the post of managing director, holding of our shares, though nominal in effect, were all cleaned up.

From the above and considering the actual circumstances in which I executed the duties as managing director, it

is clearly unjustified to regard me as an officer related to Zaibatsu families.

(B) Relating to Item 1. of Article No. 7.

(1) I do not belong to any of the Mitsui Zaibatsu families, nor am I related to any of the member of the said families by marriage nor am I father, son, brother, sister, nor related to any of them by marriage, (Clause No.1)

(2) There existed no agreement requiring the approval of Mitsui Zaibatsu families or its direct affiliates before one could assumed the post of director or managing director of Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. No such approval was sought or given either before or after the appointment.

(Clause No. 2)

In this connection please refer to (A) 1.

(3) Before the time of the 2nd Sept. 1945, I did not have any right or controlling power that was in any respect similar to that managing director or higher.

(Clause No. 3)

In this respect please refer to (B) 1, 2.

(4) I never held more than 3 posts concurrently as an officer of Zaibatsu companies related to Mitsui Zaibatsu families. The only posts of officer relating to Mitsui Zaibatsu Companies which I ever assumed were the director

and managing director of Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

(III) Documents attached.

~~(1) Personal report.~~

(1) Certificate issued by Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., certifying that there existed no rules or agreement relating to the appointment of the officers of Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

(2) Certificate issued by Mitsui Honsha Ltd., to the above effect.

(3) Certificate issued by Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd. to the above effect.

(4) Certificate issued by Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. certifying that there existed no agreement with any of the direct affiliate of Mitsui Zaibatsu families as to the appointment of officers of the first named company and further that I did not attend the general meeting of shareholders until the date on which the war was terminated.

I hereby apply as above.

Kinzaburo Tsutsumi

2nd February 1948

602, 2-chome, Asagaya,
Suginami-ku, Tokio

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.,
No.1-1, 2-chome, Muromachi,
Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokio

Dear Sirs,

Request for Certification

I am now applying, in accordance with the Act of Elimination of Controlling Power of Zaibatsu Families, article 6 and 7, for recognition of the fact that I am not an officer relating to Zaibatsu families, and I shall be obliged if you will certify that below mentioned facts are true and correct:--

Relating to the appointment of officers of Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

(1) that your company had no rules or regulations,

(2) that there existed no agreement between your company and Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.,

(3) that your company never gave approval to the appointment either before or after.

Yours faithfully,

Kinzaburo Tsutsui

Managing Director of
Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

We certify that above are true and correct.

Kensuke Yamamoto

Liquidator
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.
No.1-1, 2-chome, Muromachi,
Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokio

5th February 1948

To whom it may concern:-

We certify as follows:-

1. There existed no fixed agreement between Mitsui Honsha, Ltd., and Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd. regarding the appointment of officers of the latter company.

2. Former Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., which preceded our company adopted a policy of allowing entire free and independent actions to their subsidiary companies for the management and personnel appointment, and we feel sure that on 5th July 1943 when Mr. Kinzaburo Tsutsui assumed the post of officer of Mitsui Wooden Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. no prior approval was given by them. In fact, we cannot find any record in Mitsui Honsha of such approval having been given.

3. Relating to the appointment of the said genetleman to the post of managing director on 5th December 1946, our company's dissolution was then already decided upon, and we were then being liquidated, and all the shares were in the

hands of Holding Company's Liquidation Commission. Therefore, no prior approval was ever given.

Jun Taguchi

Liquidator
Mitsui Honsha, Ltd.

No.1-1, 2-chome, Muromachi,
Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokio

2nd February 1948

602, 2-chome, Asagaya,
Suginami-Ku Tokio

Yasuzo Ichii Esq.,

President and Representative Director
Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd.
No.1-1, 2-chome, Muromachi,
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Kinzaburo Tsutsui

Managing Director of
Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

We certify that above are true and correct.

Yasuzo Ichii

President and Representative
Director

Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd.

No.1-1, 2-chome, Muromachi,
Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokio

2nd Feb. 1946

602, 2-chome, Asagaya,
Suginami-ku, Tokio

Jiro Nakanishi Esq.,

President & Representative Director
Mitsui Wooden Ship Building Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,

Request for Certification

As I am now applying in accordance with Article No.6 and 7 of the Act of Elimination of Controlling Power of Zaibatsu Families, I hereby request you to certify that the below stated facts are true and correct:-

A. Regarding the appointment of officers of your company.

(1) that you had no agreement with Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., Mitsui Honsha, Ltd., or Mitsui Steamship Co., Ltd.

(2) that you never sought any approval of any of the above named three companies either before or after the appointment.

B. Regarding my attendance to shareholders meetings.

(1) that I never, as a director of your company, attended the general meeting of shareholders held between 5th July 1943 and September 1945.

Yours faithfully,

Kinzaburo Tsutsui

Managing Director of
Mitsui Wooden Ship
Building Co., Ltd.

We certify that the above statement are true and correct.

Jiro Nakanishi

President & Representative
Director
Mitsui Wooden Ship Building
Co., Ltd.

Not found

27 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander Hussey

SUBJECT : SHIMOZU, Kenjo

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4. Oji Paper Company and Kinshu Pulp Company are both in paragraph 11, Appendix II of the purge ordinances. Japan Felt Company is not listed in the ordinances at all and therefore SHIMOZU cannot be prevented from being an officer thereof within the purview of SCAPIN 550 unless it can be shown that he is continuing to exert influence and authority in the Kinshu Pulp Company by virtue of his present position. This was not indicated to be the case by Mr. Tewes.

5. Mr. Tewes has been apprised of the fact that you are handling the Zaibatsu Decontrol Program and stated that he would call you on this matter sometime Thursday, 29 January.

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GOVERNMENT SECTION
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To: Chief of ESS, GHQ

From: Seinosuke Nemoto. Member of Shipping Democratic Association. Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Date: 30, November 1947

Subj: Petition for full democratization of Zaibatsu world.

When at the present time, the system of Zaibatsu is unfavorable look upon, however there are persons who were officials in the Zaibatsu concerns during the war, planning another similar concern as its director. For example, Mori, president of Yamashita Steamship Company, who (during the war) was the director of Yamashita Co. Ltd., present local Zaibatsu, is planning to become the president of the second company (Paciffic Steamship Company). There are quite a number of persons opposing to this and I.believe that there are many other similar cases believe that there are many other similar cases as above in Japan.

I wish you will thoroughly democratize the Zaibatsu world with your full investigation.

Yours truly,

Seinosuke Nemoto

Member of Shipping Democratic Association.
Marunouchi, Chiyodaku, Tokyo

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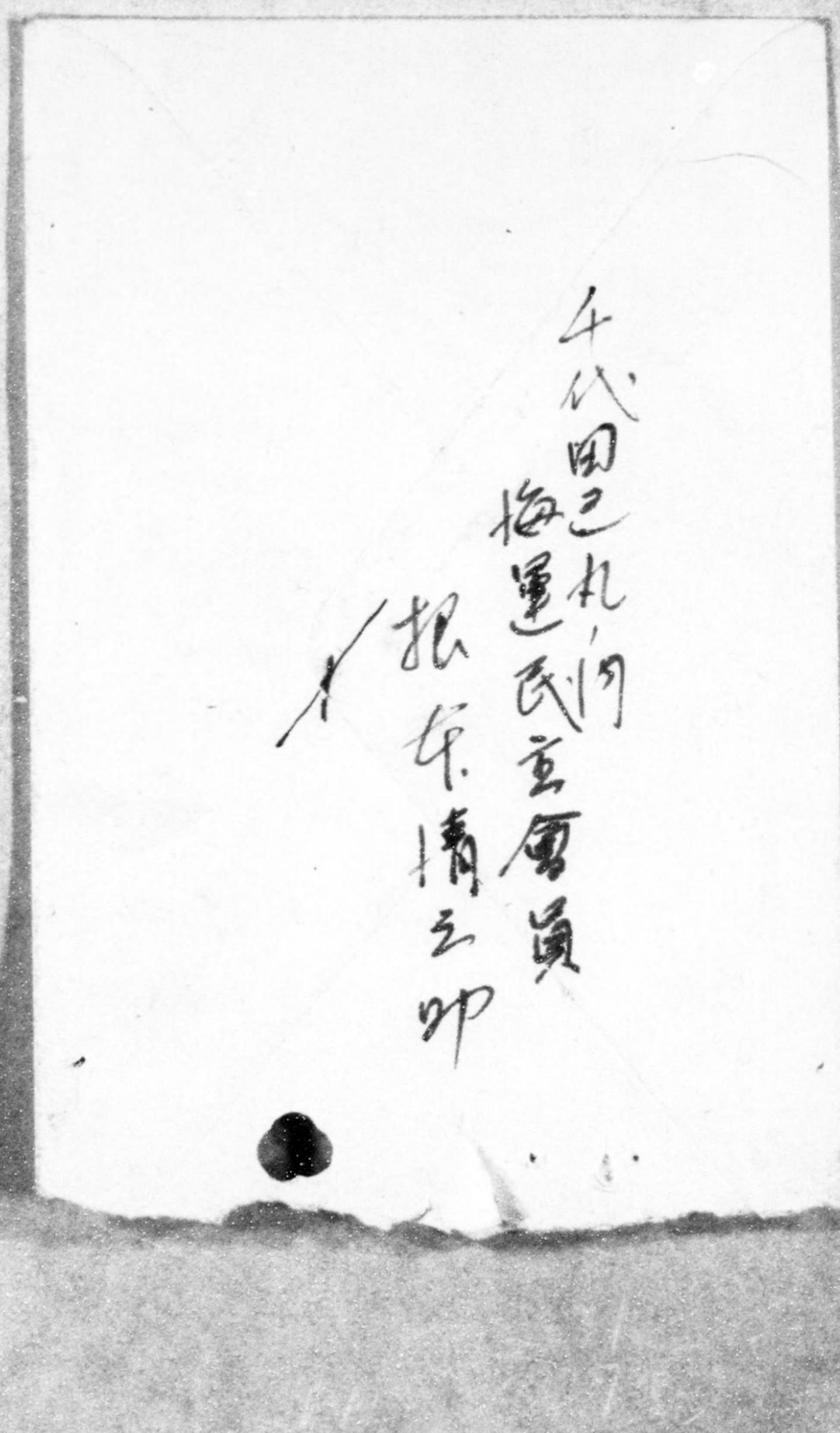

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財界民主化がやかましく云われてある時に財閥会社の戦争中の役員だった連中が、第二會社を作ってそこの重役になろうといふ野心家があるといふが之で宜いか、其一例に山下汽船会社の社長の森某といふ男が、其会社の第二會社（太平洋汽船会社？）の社長になるんだといふが此男は戦争中は地方財閥になつとる山下株式会社の代表重役だったといふ事ですぞ

相当の理念をもった従業員は反対意見らしいですが世間にはこんなのがもつとありませう。しつかり取調べて財界の民主化を徹底的にやつておくんなさい。

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GOVERNMENT SECTION
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12 Feb 1948

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REMARKS: B A 24

MR. TETSUJI KONDOH, age 66
PRESIDENT, DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(Electric Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.)
Former AUDITOR, TOYO KOATSU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(Toyo High Pressure Industry Co., Ltd.)

Mr. Kondoh joined the staff of Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K. after resigning Wakagawa Hydro-Electric Co., Ltd. and for the past 23 years he has earnestly and independently wrought for the up-growth of the company. He is in no way connected with the Mitsui Family and has never been any assistant non appointee of them.

A reason for the Mitsui Honsha's stock-holding of Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K. is that Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K.'s business undertaking has been so profitable and interesting that they bought their stocks through stock market at large. However, the Mitsui Honsha has never exerted their controlling power over the management of Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K., that is they have refrained from touching any part of business as well as personnel affairs. (Refere to Appendix II)

During this period Mr. Kondoh was not under the influence of Zaibatsu at all; and by his stremuous efforts to the company, he was promoted to an officer from a staff and then by successive service as Director and Managing Director he henceforth became the President of the company. In assuming president's chair, the Mitsuis had no hand on it at all.

As to his appointment as auditor of Toyo Koatsu Kogyo K. K., it was solely due to Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K.'s owning stocks of the said company and as a representative of the company he took the post.
This shows very clearly that it was not by appointment of the Mitsuis.

To regard Mr. Kondoh as an appointee of the Zaibatsu is a very great mistake because his assumption as an executive officer was due to his ability as a successful businessman.

SUPPLEMENT

I. Service Career with the Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K.

A. 1924 Entered Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K. from Wakagawa Hydro-Electric Co., Ltd. Appointed Business Manager. (Eigyo Bucho) (Refere to Appendix I)

B. 1925 Appointed Director (Torishimariyaku)

C. 1927 " Managing Director (Jomu Torishimariyaku)

D. 1933 " Chief Managing Director (Semmu Torishimariyaku)

E. 1939 " President (Torishimariyaku Shacho)

II. Service Career with the Toyokoatsu Kogyo K. K.

A. 1937 Appointed Auditor (Kansayaku)

B. 1946 " " (")

III. He is not a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister of, or a spouse of any persons of, persons belong to the Zaibatsu or their family members.

IV. With reference to the appointment to the position of official which he occupied, there has never existed an arrangement with the Zaibatsu affiliates that their previous approval should be obtained, or that should such and arrangenent has never existed. He, on the occasion of his appointment did not in fact, obtain the previous approval of Mitsui-Zaibatsu.

V. In fact, he has never exercised the authority or influence of Zaibatsu officials in the case of his having been an official.

VI. He has never held commently the position of officials in Zaibatsu companies exceeding three positions in one time.

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December 23rd, 1923

THE RECORD OF THE TWENTIETH REGULAR GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

The 20th Regular General Meeting of the Stockholders was held on 1.p.m. December 23rd 1923 at Nippon Kogyo Kurabu (Japan Industrial Club), #1,2-chome, Eiraku-cho, Kojimachi-ku, Tokyo.

Total Stockholders ---------- 2,186 persons

Stockholders present (including proxy) ----- 1,234 persons

Total stocks ---------- 330,000 stocks

Stocks represented --------- 254,985 stocks

The General Meeting was opened by President Shintaro Ohashi as chairman and following matters were referred:

1. Omitted
2. "
3. "
4. "
5. Subject: Increasing of Two new Directors

The matter was taken by Chairman Shintaro Ohashi with the following reason that in order to expand the business of the company an increase was necessary. The matter was unanimously agreed and and the following were elected:

Mr. Toshitaka Takahashi

Mr. Tetsuji Kondoh

6. Omitted

7. "

Concluding all the agenda, the meeting was closed at 1.15.p.m.

(Signed) President, Shintaro Ohashi

Stockholder, Ren Kamiya

" Chuzo Ito

APPENDIX II

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
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RELATIONS BETWEEN MITSUI ZAIBATSU AND DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Lately, a measure to eliminate Zaibatsu affiliated officers from Zaibatsu companies is to be promulgated with the passing of it in the Diet, which designates the Zaibatsu companies. When this materializes, we have heard our company shall be designated in B class companies as one of the Mitsui Zaibatsu's sub-directly controlled companies.

This, perhaps is due to Mitsui Honsha's stock-holding being above ¥ 10,000,000.00 of the stocks issued by our company (when Mitsui was designated as Zaibatsu, Mitsui's holding was 21.7% or ¥ 12,460,000.00 of the authorized capital of ¥ 57,500,000.00). However, with this as a proof to regard our company as one of the Mitsui Zaibatsu controlled Zaibatsu company is inappropriate and therefore, wish to make a statement of actual state of affairs.

On September 2nd 1945, Mitsui Honsha held 21.7% of the stocks or sum of ¥ 12,460,000.00, this judging from past 20 years of transition, beginning 1925 to May 1939, as shown in Chart A, the holding by them has been between 6.8% to 4.5% (between ¥ 270,000.00 to ¥ 2,630,000.00) of the stocks, which is very meager and by this it can be distinctly said that our company was not under the control or influence of Mitsui, and can state positively that no other reasons can be found at all for their control or our company.

Since May 1939, Mitsui taking interest in our company's business undertaking has bought our stocks from stock-market gradually from 1940, and by 1943 held 18.4% (¥ 10,600,000.00) and on September 2nd

1945, it reached 21.7% (¥ 12,460,000.00). If Mitsui on this occasion of increased stock-holding wished to exert their controlling power over our company, they would have done so and taken the initiative actions to participate in the management of personnel affairs, accounting, production, etc. of our company but there were no traces of such actions,

In regards to personnel affairs from 1940 to 1946, the assumption of executive officers post out of the seven (see Chart B), five were of with long continuous services with the company and having promoted from the bottom, the other two were selected from business relations for their abilities and none were nominees or appointees of Mitsui. There is no need of saying that concerning this seven, there were no formalities taken within Mitsui like other direct, sub-direct controlled companies concerning the personnel affairs. (The Mitsui controlled companies in appointment of their officers must obtained sanctions of Mitsui Family Council, Mitsui Honsha, etc. but with our company there was not one instance of it.)

Also, our company's managers, chief of sections, others who holds important positions are all with long continuous service with the company and none of them are appointees of Mitsui (see Chart C).

Furthermore, we have never received orders from Mitsui concerning program of undertaking, productions budgets, settlement of accounts, etc. Our company on the other hand, have never consulted then or received financial assistance, we havealways acted on our own accord in management of the company, the treatment served to the Mitsuis was of no different from that of other stock-holders.

As stated above Mitsui incressed their stock holding through purchase but in no way Mitsui Zaibatsu ever controlled our company, we wish that afore stated circumstances be reviewed and considered thoroughly and that our company be exempted from the designation of one of the Zaibatsu companies.

CHART A

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The Transition of Mitsui's Stock Holding of Our Company

Year	Total stock issued			Mitsui's holding			Percentage	
	Stock	Capital	Capital paid-up	Stock	Face Value	Paid-up	Stock	Paid-up
	unit: 1000	unit: ¥1000	Unit: ¥1000	unit: 1000	unit:¥1000	unit: ¥1000	%	%
May 1927	700	35,000	21,875	48	2,400	1,500	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1927	700	35,000	21,875	48	2,400	1,500	6.8	6.8
May 1928	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1928	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
May 1929	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1929	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
May 1930	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	7.8	6.8
Nov. 1930	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
May 1931	560	28,000	17,500	28.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1931	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
May 1932	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1932	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
May 1933	560	28,000	17,500	38.4	1,920	1,200	6.8	6.8
Nov. 1933	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	550	4.5	3.1
May 1934	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	790	4.5	3.7
Nov. 1934	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	790	4.5	3.7
May 1935	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	790	4.5	3.7
Nov. 1935	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	790	4.5	3.7
May 1936	560	28,000	21,000	25.4	1,270	790	4.5	3.7
Nov. 1936	560	28,000	24,500	25.4	1,270	1,030	4.5	4.2
May 1937	560	28,000	24,500	25.4	1,270	1,030	4.5	4.2
Nov. 1937	560	28,000	28,000	25.3	1,265	1,265	4.5	4.5
May 1938	560	28,000	28,000	25.2	1,265	1,266	4.5	4.5
Nov. 1938	560	28,000	28,000	25.3	1,265	1,265	4.5	4.5
May 1939	1,120	56,000	35,000	50.6	2,530	1,581	4.5	4.5
Nov. 1939	1,120	56,000	35,000	50.6	2,530	1,581	4.5	4.5
May 1940	1,120	56,000	35,000	66.7	3,339	1,779	5.9	5.0
Nov. 1940	1,120	56,000	35,000	85.9	4,296	2,022	7.5	5.7
May 1941	1,120	56,000	35,000	117.8	5,891	2,425	10.5	6.9
Nov. 1941	1,150	57,500	36,500	121,1	6,058	2,467	10.5	6.7
May 1942	1,150	57,500	43,500	138.9	6,947	4,108	12.0	9.4
Nov. 1942	1,150	57,500	43,500	138.9	6,947	4,108	12.0	9.4
May 1943	1,150	57,500	43,500	184.5	9,229	5,249	16.0	12.0
Nov. 1943	1,150	57,500	43,500	212.3	10,617	6,018	18.4	15.9
				236.7	11,835	6,958	20.5	16.2

Year	Total stock issued			Mitsui's holding			Percentage	
	Stock	Capital	Capital paid-up	Stock	Face Value	Paid-up	Stock	Paid-up
	unit: 1000	unit: ¥1000	unit: ¥1000	unit: 1000	unit:¥1000	unit: ¥1000	%	%
May 1944	1,150	57,500	43,500	239.7	11,937	7,082	20.8	16.2
Sep. 1944	1,150	57,500	43,500	240.7	12,037	7,077	20.9	16.2
Mar. 1945	1,150	57,500	43,500	244.7	12,237	7,277	21.2	16.7
Sep. 1945	1,150	57,500	43,500	249.2	12,460	7,451	12.6	17.1
Mar. 1946	1,150	57,500	43,500	249.2	12,463	7,463	21.6	17.1
Aug. 1946	1,150	57,500	43,500	249.7	12,488	7,468	21.7	17.1

CHART B

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
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Officers, Who Have Assumed Their Post After 1940

1.	Satoshi Miyahara	26 June 1940 23 Dec. 1946	Appointed, Auditor Resigned Promoted from Manager of Honjo Plant
2.	Takanori Izumi	26 June 1940 23 Dec. 1946	Appointed, Director Resigned Formerly of Yokohama Specie Bank (Recommended by President Kondoh)
3.	Sunao Nakayama	23 Dec. 1940	Appointed Director Promoted from Chief of Engineering Section of Head Office
4.	Teizo Saito	23 Dec. 1942	Appointed, Auditor Promoted from Chief of Supplies Section of Head Office
5.	Hiso Kanki	23 Dec. 1942 29 Nov. 1946	Appointed, Auditor Resigned (Recommended by President Kondoh)
6.	Goro Harada	27 June 1944	Appointed, Director Promoted from Chief of Planning Section
7.	Tsujimatsu Hara	27 June 1944 22 Jan. 1945	Appointed, Director Resigned, through his death Promoted from Manager of Omuta Plant

CHART C

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
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Personnels of Staff

Name	Post	Date of Graduation	Former Occupation	Employed	Years Served
Honsha (Head Office) Tokyo					
Kiyoshi Ishikawa	General Manager	June 1913	Tokyo Industrial Laboratory	Nov. 1917	29
Jirota Wakami	Assist. to Gene. Manager	Mar. 1918	None	July 1926	21
Seiichi Ozeki	Chief Section	Sept. 1918	Tokyo Lead Pipe Co.	Sept. 1922	24
Kichizo Yuki	Chief, Stock Section	July 1914	Shinetsu Chem. Ind. Co.	Jan. 1942	5
Fuki Yamanouchi	Chief, Employment Section	Mar. 1929	None	Apr. 1930	17
Kameo Oba	Chief, Welfare Section	Mar. 1929	"	May 1929	18
Hajime Yamakita	Chief, Inquiry Section	Mar. 1938	"	June 1938	9
Soichi Takehara	Chief, Sales Section	Mar. 1932	"	Sep. 1932	15
Kajiro Kamo	Chief, Materials Dept.	Mar. 1926	"	Apr. 1926	21
Kazuo Kyo	Chief, Raw Materials Sec.	Mar. 1928	"	June 1928	19
Kenroku Saito	Chief, Secondary Materials Section	Mar. 1929	Mutsukoshi Dept. Stores	June 1942	6
Senichi Maehara	Chief, Delivery Section	Mar. 1928	Communication Ministry	Aug. 1943	4
Kazuo Maruta	Chief, Accounts Dept.	Mar. 1929	None	May 1929	18
Harukichi Sakai	Chief, Funds Section		Mokuriku Pig Iron Co.	June 1943	4
Tetsuo Suzuki	Chief, Engineering Dept.	Mar. 1929	None	May 1929	18
Seigo Ota	Chief, Engineering Section	Mar. 1935	"	Apr. 1935	12
Minoru Miki	Chief, Technical Section	Mar. 1936	"	Apr. 1936	11
Toshio Sato	Chief, Planning Section	Mar. 1934	"	Mar. 1934	13
Masao Taniguchi	Acting Chief, Electricity Dept.	Mar. 1929	"	Dec. 1932	14

Name	Post	Date of Graduation	Former Occupation	Employed	Years Served
Yaichi Kawanobe	Acting Chief, Electricity. Dept.	July 1917	Tamagawa Hydro-Electric Co.	Feb. 1928	19
Toshiyuki Mizuno	Chief, Liaison Dept.	Mar. 1923	None	Oct. 1923	24
Yoshinobu Shindo	Chief, Liaison Section	Mar. 1937	"	Mar. 1937	10
Takeo Aono	Laboratory	Mar. 1926	Himeji Higher School	May 1929	18
Chojiro Kitagawa	Assist. Chief Laboratory	Mar. 1933	Osaka Industrial Laboratory	Oct. 1938	8
Satoshi Takigawa	Chief, 2nd Research Section	Mar. 1935	Nippon Acetic Acid Co.	July 1940	7
Takaharu Tsubone	Chief, Business Section	Mar. 1923	Tokyo 1st Middle School	Dec. 1943	3
Satoshi Ishikawa	Chief, Agric. Experimental Station	July 1918	None	Aug. 1918	29
Aomi Plant Niigata Pref.					
Sunao Nakayama	Manager, See Chart B & D				
Shigebumi Suzuki	Assistant Manager	July 1916	None	Aug. 1916	31
Yasuichi Yoshida	" "	July 1915	"	Jan. 1916	31
Ryosuke Imai	Chief, General Affairs Section	Mar. 1919	Nippon Petroleum Co.	Sep. 1923	23
Toshiichi Sayada	Chief, Welfare Section	Mar. 1928	12th Bank Co.	Aug. 1929	18
Heiichi Watanabe	Chief, Materials & Products Sect.	Mar. 1928	None	Apr. 1928	19
Masahisa Yameda	Chief, Accounts Section	Mar. 1921	"	Mar. 1921	26
Teiji Inagaki	Chief, Quarry Sec.	Mar. 1917	"	Oct. 1918	14
Hiroshi Umino	Chief, Electric Furnace Section	Mar. 1936	"	Apr. 1935	12
Taneki Harada	Chief, Second Manufacturing	Mar. 1928	Nippon Soda Co.	June 1940	7
Kanji Nishi	Chief, Mechanical Section	Mar. 1929	None	Mar. 1929	18
Tanji Kotojima	Chief, Research Section	Mar. 1929	"	Apr. 1929	16
Masayoshi Ichida	Chief, Electricity Section	Mar. 1930	"	Apr. 1930	17

Name	Post	Date of Graduation	Former Occupation	Employed	Years Served
Omuta Plant Fukuoka Pref.					
Saburo Takahashi	Manager	Mar. 1928	None	Mar. 1928	19
Yaroku Hanaoka	Assist. Manager	Mar. 1929	"	May 1929	18
Shigeru Okusu	Chief, General Affairs Sec.	Mar. 1932	Fukuoka Nichi-nichi Shinbun	Mar. 1941	6
Takeji Morishita	Chief, Materials Products Sec.	Mar. 1928	Nippon Acetic	July 1935	7
Kanzo Ono	Chief, Accounts Section	July 1941	Ono Cotton Mill Co.	Mar. 1927	20
Shigemitsu Nagai	Chief, Provision	July 1941			
Mihei Honda	Chief, Electric Furnace Section	Mar. 1935	None	Mar. 1935	12
Yuji Ikebe	Chief, Manufact-uring Section	Mar. 1938	"	Apr1. 1938	9
Yuji Hanee	Chief, Machani-cal Section	Mar. 1923	Kyushu Coal Mine Co.	May 1927	20
Takuzo Nonaka	Chief, Architect Section	Mar. 1936	None	Mar. 1936	11
Honjo Plant Tokyo					
Shigejiro Inoue	Manager	Mar. 1923	Nippon Acetic Acid Co.	July 1940	7
Hanzo Miyata	Chief, Manufact-uring Section	Aug. 1916	Nippon Acetic Acid Co.	July 1940	7
Akita Coal Mine Akita Pref.					
Yoshio Kimura	Manager	Apr. 1927	None	Jan. 1914	33
Tsurutaro Okabe	Chief, Business Affairs Sec.	Mar. 1929	Akita Anthracite Co.	Aug. 1938	9

CHART D

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
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Career of Officers

President Tetsuji Kondoh — In service 23 years

Feb. 1924 — Entered, Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K. from Wakagawa Hydro-Electric Co.
Jan. 1926 — " — Appointed, Manager of Business Dept.
Dec. 1927 — " — Director (Torishimariyaku)
Jan. 1933 — " — Managing Director (Jomu Torishimariyaku)
Dec. 1939 — " — Chief Managing Director (Senmu Torishimariyaku)
— — — President (Shacho)

Chief Managing Director Yosoichi Nomura — In service 33 years

Jul. 1913 — Entered, Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K. after graduating from Tokyo Higher Commercial School
Sept. 1931 — Appointed, Chief of Supplies Section
Sept. 1933 — " — Manager of Aomi Plant
Dec. 1938 — " — Director, retaining the post of Manager of Aomi Plant
Jan. 1943 — " — Chief of Inquiry Section of Head Office
Jul. 1943 — " — Managing Director (Jomutorishimariyaku)
Mar. 1946 — " — Chief Managing Director (Senmu Torishimariyaku)

Managing Director Kyusaku Tajima — In service 18 years

1901 — Entered, Oji Paper Mill Co.
Apr. 1928 — " — Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K.
— — Appointed, Chief of Accounts Section
Dec. 1938 — " — Director, retaining the post of Chief of Accounts Section
Jul. 1943 — " — Managing Director (Jomu Torishimariyaku)

Director Sunao Nakayama — In service 30 years

Jun. 1917 — Entered, Mitsubishi Industrial Co. after graduating from Engineering Department, Kyushu Imperial Univereity
May 1918 — Entered, Denki Kagaku Kogyo K. K.
Jun. 1926 — Appointed, Chief of Manufacturing Section, Fushiki Plant
Oct. 1933 — Appointed, Assistant Manager Omuta Plant
Jul. 1936 — " — Chief of Engineering Section of Head Office
Dec. 1943 — " — Director, retaining the post of Chief of Engineering Section
May 1946 — " — Manager of Aomi Plant, and also Director