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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
APO 234
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INTERROGATION NO. 131

PLACE: Tokyo.

DATE: 27 Oct. 1945.

DIVISION OF ORIGIN: P.D.D.

Subject: Plans and Production at Mitsubishi plants
at Nagasaki.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. KAWAMORI, Enjiro - Director of Business Dept.
Heavy Industries.

Mr. KATSUMI, Hiromu - Member of Business Dept.
Heavy Industries.

Where interviewed: Mitsubishi Main Office.

Interrogator: Lt. Comdr. Taylor and Maj. Flichter

Interpreter: Mr. Kildoyle

Allied Officers Present: None.

Summary:

The following production data was given regarding the
Torpedo Works at Nagasaki:

OHASHI WORKS, - Contemplated production - 200 air torpedoes
BAGASAKI per month. (800 Kgs - not including war
head)

Actual production - 150-180 air torpedoes,
war heads installed by Navy at OMURA
(30 miles north of Nagasaki).

This works was the main research center on
Torpedoes(Mitsubishi) and was under the
direction of Mr. FUKADA, Yoshio, graduate
of Kyushu Imperial University. He is
considered leading Japanese authority
on torpedoes. He is still alive.

URAKAMI WORKS- Contemplated production - 70 naval torpedoes
NAGASAKI per month, 2-300 Kgs.

Raw Materials for both plants - Torpedo "Air Bottles"
(casing) -- Sumitomo Steel Works, Muroran
Works.

Mechanism & Fuzing - Manufactured at Nagasaki, Ohashi &
Urakami Works.

Special Steel for Mechanism and Fuses - procured from
Nippon Special Steel Co. (Kamata, near Tokyo)

DISTRIBUTION:
All Divisions

Employment - Both plants employed an estimated total of
12,000 to 13,000 persons.(July 1945)

Mr. KAWAMORI claimed he knew considerably about the history
of torpedoes in Japan and would be glad to reveal his knowledge
to interested parties.