

19 Feb 47

HIGUCHI, Keiichiro

Gave copy of Curriculum Vitae to Mr. Dunigan; to be returned to us.

Higuadi

99 Ser 977
299a discharged from Sugar
206 14 ✓
200 39 ✓ No information
22 12 - Cherry Blossom Report
58 139 Brewer
60 " 80 Cherry Blossom
61 74 Lopez
62 95' Cherry Blossom Report
76 103 Woodworth
200 101 Casano
319 68 Lopez
343 68 Woodworth
383 72 Cherry Blossom Report
115' USSB 571

Re Higuchi see
file 200 Serial 37.

1661
1659

~~This witness testifying March
4, 1947.~~

See page 21 Brocade Banner re Higuchi
being leader of Sokurui-Kai



File 206 serial 14 ^{my son} ~~murder~~ says ~~Heighe~~
was in charge of prisoners
war on Howard during 1942

File 200 serial 37 no information
~~Heighe told ^{ambassador to Germany to prompt} ~~himself~~ Oschines had been involved~~
File 62 serial 95 Cherry Blossom report

File 60 serial 80 Cherry Blossom Report

File 383 serial 72 Cherry Blossom Report

File 300 serial 101 Report Cherry Blossom

REPORT BY: RICHARD LARSH
30 Dec 46

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29 Apr 1934	Order of the Intermediate Cordon of the Rising Sun	Manchurian Incident	War Ministry
29 Apr 1940	Order of the Sacred Treasure, 1st Class	China Incident	War Ministry
18 Jan 1940	German Decoration of Verdienst Kreuz mit dem Stern Adler	JAPANESE-GERMAN Amity	Foreign Ministry

16 April 1947

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Request by OSHIMA, Hiroshi

- (a) The nationality of the witness is Japanese.
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- (c) Witness will testify as to the attitude of GHQ concerning the negotiations for the Tri-Partite Pact which failed in 1939.

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Partially Completed</u>	<u>Fully Completed</u>
1. Information in the hands of the Investigation Division.	_____	<u>X</u>
2. Statement in application for subpoena as to subject of witness's testimony.	_____	<u>X</u>
3. Examination of case file, if any.	_____	<u>X</u>
4. Cross-reference file on case files in office of Investigation Division.	_____	<u>X</u>
5. Cross-reference card file by subject matter of evidentiary documents in Document Division.	_____	<u>X</u>
6. Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony.	<u>X</u>	_____
7. Preparation of summary of testimony already given by witness.	<u>X</u>	_____
8. Memorandum prepared by Mr. Lopez, dated March 11, 1947, relating to decorations awarded to defendants and their witnesses.	<u>X</u>	_____
9. Statement of any other investigation conducted by you.	_____	_____

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