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Data on following personalities:

KOGA, Kiyoshi  
ARIYOSHI, Chuichi  
GODO, Takuo  
HANEDA, Toru  
IKAWA, Tadao  
ISHIMARU, Shitowa  
MURAKAWA, Kengo  
ONODERA, Naosuke  
BABA, Tsunego  
FURUMI, Tadayuki  
IKEZAKI, Tadatake  
HATTA, Shiroji  
IWAI, Takeo  
INAHARA, Hatsuji  
IWATA, Ainosuke  
KANAT, Shozi  
KANeko, Kiyoto  
KAWABE, Masakaza

KOMURA, Sakahiko  
KOTANI, Etsuo  
KUSUMOTO, Masataka  
MANAKI, Yoshinobu  
MATSUDA, Reikichi  
MISHIMA, Yasuo  
MIZUNO, Shinko  
MURAMATSU, Tsuneco  
NAKAMURA, Benko  
NAKAYAMA, Hajime  
NAKAYAMA, Yasuro  
MISHIMURA, Susumu  
SAITO, Masatoshi  
SHIMOMURA, Nobusada  
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 TAKAHASHI, Tan  
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 TAKEUCHI, Kakuji  
 TAKAKURA, Tadashi  
 TAKEUCHI, Ryuji  
 UNO, Masuko  
 YAMADA, Tozo  
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Analyst: WH WAGNER



24 June 1947

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MEMORANDUM TO: Commander C. T. Cole  
Attorney, IPS

FROM : Lt. Eric W. Fleisher  
Investigative Division

Pursuant to your memorandum, dated 6 June 1947, requesting information concerning the nature and organization of the Kokumin Seishin Sedoin Chuo Kenmei and witness Godo, Takuo's connection with this association, the following is submitted for your attention.

On 9 June this investigator contacted the Home Ministry and an extensive search was conducted through the archives of this ministry, resulting in the location of two documents concerning the Kokumin Seishin Sedoin Chuo Kenmei. One of these documents is an analysis of the functions of the organization, and the other, a publication put out by the organization. Both documents, with translations, are attached.

On 23 June 1947 this investigator interviewed IDA, Bannon (IWAKUSU), one of the directors of the Kokumin Seishin Sedoin Chuo Kenmei, at Sugamo Prison. According to IDA, the society was organized during the First Konoye Cabinet in 1937 and lasted through 1939, when its functions were taken over by the I.R.A.A. The purpose of the organization was to mobilize the national spirit or "Japonify" the various prefectures through organizations already in existence. Over one hundred groups were represented in the Kokumin Seishin Sedoin Chuo Kenmei and it is IDA's opinion that Godo, Takuo was a representative of one of these groups. As Godo was a rear admiral and had been associated with industrial development in Manchuria IDA believes that he probably represented an engineering society. Later when the I.R.A.A. was organized both Godo and IDA were on the Board of Directors.

  
ERIC W. FLEISHER  
1st Lt., INF  
Investigator, IPS

MR. LAMBERT



TO: Cmr. Cole; Mr. Wiley; Mr. Sutton.

FROM: E. P. Monaghan, Chief Investigative Section IIS.

Subject: GODO, Takuo witness for KAYA

A staff study compiled by G-2 on the above subject has been included in the Investigative files and is now available.

E. P. Monaghan



INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

5 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. D. N. Sutton

SUBJECT : Members of the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute)

1. Attention is called to IFS Doc. No. 2302, reference book on the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI (National Policy Research Institute), which may be of interest to members of the Legal Staff in charge of Defense witnesses.

2. A rescanning of the book has revealed the following Defense witnesses as members of the society:

ANDO, Kisaburo; AOKI, Kazuo; ARITA, Hachiro; GODO, Takuo; HORIKIRI, Zenjiro; ISHIWATARI, Sotaro; IKAWA, Tadao; KANAMORI, Tokujiro; KISHI, Shinsuke; MATSUMURO, Koryo; MITARAI, Tatsuo; NAKASHIMA, Tetsuzo; NAKAMURA, Keinoshin; OKADA, Tadahiko; ONO, Takeshi; OWADA, Teiji; SAWADA, Renzo; TAKAGI, Rikuro; TSUGITA, Daizaburo; YASUI, Eiji; YOSHINO, Shinji; YUZAWA, Michio; KOMAI, Tokuzo.

3. Reference is made to File 250, Item 43 re Patriotic Societies which gives information about the KOKUSAKU KENKYU KAI as follows:

"Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai (KKK) existed as an organization to advise the Army, and to a lesser extent, the Government, on policy. Its activities were not publicized, so that it was almost a secret organization. Its members were mostly businessmen and politicians who were eager to have Army connections. It had considerable financial resources....."

"By 1938 or 1939, the KKK had become so important that it was felt that no Japanese Government could continue to function smoothly without its support and advice."

"The chief figure in the KKK is YATSUGI, Kazuo. He is a sinister man who, unlike other members of the KKK, is a rough and uneducated man. He originally began public life as a policeman. In early life, he is believed to have had some connection with left-wing organizations. Later he became a fanatical nationalist and developed close connections with the Army....."

"YOSHINO, Shinji, became Commerce Minister in the First KONOYE Cabinet; KAYA, former Foreign Minister. AOKI, and ISHIWATARI are all men who were brought close to the Army probably through the KKK. Former Home Minister YUZAWA, Michio, was a member and director of KKK."

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Scanning Unit



Name: Godo, Takuo

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(Commerce and Industry)

Was a member of the Japanese Cabinet on August 3, 1937. In the files of the Japanese Cabinet there appears a document dated August 3, 1937 entitled "Agreement on the Creation of the Manchuria Development Company." This was an agreement between Manchuria and Japan for joint ownership of the company to develop the lands of Manchuria. It shows the Japanese hand in Manchurian economic affairs.



GODO, Takuo

Request by: KAYA, Okinori

Address: Sugamo Prison

This witness will testify as to the action and conduct of the defendant in relation to his activities as president of the North China Exploitation Company; that in 1939 when the great flood damaged the Peiping-Tientsin Area the accused made every effort to save the people in the local districts and to rehabilitate them; that he asked the witness, in his official capacity, to send material and otherwise to help the people of North China. This testimony will be relevant in relation to the charge of planning and preparing the Japanese economic aggression against North China.



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REPORT BY: JOHN A. CURTIS  
20 Feb 47

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: GODO, Takuo

Curriculum Vitae on the above named subject is contained in subject's  
personal file No. 264, serial 20.

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SUBJECT: GODO, Takuo

Subject attended gathering sponsored by Tokyo-Yokohama chapter of Nazi Party 30 January 1945 on Anniversary of Party's coming to power. Chairman of East Asia Development Mission that made 11-day tour through Manchuria during May 1944, inspecting mines, industries, etc.

SOURCE: Japanese Government Officials, 1937 - 1945.

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FARM GROUPS INSIST THAT GODO RESIGN

Agrarian dissatisfaction with Vice-Admiral Takuo GODO as Agriculture Minister, which has increased friction between the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry and the Commerce and Industry Ministry, which Vice-Admiral GODO heads concurrently, heightened yesterday when four prominent leaders of farm groups flatly refused to serve on an advisory committee proposed by the Minister.

The farm leaders, supported by fishery groups, insist that Vice-Admiral GODO, being essentially an expert on commercial matters, is unfit for the Agriculture and Forestry portfolio, according to the Kokumin. They refuse to give council to the Ministry, the newspaper says, until a full-time Minister other than the Vice-Admiral is appointed to head it. Vice-Admiral GODO on the other hand, has indicated strongly that he will continue to hold both posts or will resign from the Cabinet altogether.

SOURCE: The Japan Advertiser, 29 Sept. 1939.

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GODO, Vice Admiral Takuo

Headed the 'Asia Friendship Mission' sent by the General Headquarters of the New Asia Movement of the NGAA to Hsinking; this mission is very similar to Admiral Sankichi TAKAHASHI's mission to Peiping and Dr. Shumei OKAWA's mission to Nanking last year. He is a member of the House of Peers and also Director of the NGAA. Formerly a Director of the South Manchuria Railway Co. and the first President of the Showa Iron and Steel Works in Manchuria; at one time he was the Tokyo Minister of Commerce and Industry. He was accompanied by three officials of the NGAA on his recent mission to Hsinking which was from the 12 May to 23 May 1944.

SOURCE: MOI, New Delhi, 1 - 31 May 1944 (OSS Card File)



TO: Cmdr. Cole; Mr. Wiley; Mr. Sutton.

FROM: E. P. Monaghan, Chief Investigative Section IFS.

Subject: GODO, Takuo witness for KAYA

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E. P. Monaghan



Def. Doc. No. 2951

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al.

- Defendants -

A F F I D A V I T

GODO TAKUO



I, Godo Takuo, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is Shunzanso, Sengokuhara-mura, Kanagawa Prefecture.
2. I have the degree of Doctor of Engineering. I was Technical Adviser to the South Manchurian Railway Co., President of the Showa Steel Manufacturing Co., and President of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. I was Minister of Commerce and Industry from February 1937 to June the same year.
3. After the outbreak of the China Incident in July 1937, Japan in an attempt to establish amity and cooperation despatched the so-called people's missions to such countries as Britain, America, France, Germany, Italy and others. As I, myself too, had been asked by the Japanese Government to go to Germany as a people's envoy, there was an occasion that I visited Germany accompanied by Nagai Alexander, ex-commercial attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Germany, Iino Koji, a staff member of the Mitsubishi Trading Co., and Akazuka Masatomo, a staff member of the South Manchurian Railway Co., as my suite. Our mission left Yokohama on October 14, 1937, arrived at Berlin on November 15, and after staying in Germany up to April 14, 1938, returned to Japan in early June.
4. During my stay in Germany, I met Neurath, Ribbentrop, Goering, Schacht and others, and also had conversations with foreign traders and businessmen of Germany. My object in conducting these conversations was to promote Japanese-



German joint enterprises in North China or Manchuria, by uniting Germany's advanced technique and Japan's capital.

5. During my stay in Germany, I have never conferred with Military Attaché Oshima on the subject of the terms of trade and commerce of Germany in North China. I never heard that Military Attaché Oshima discussed with Foreign Minister Ribbentrop as to this commercial problem, or that he made a proposal concerning the terms of commerce to the Foreign Minister. Furthermore, I have never heard that the Naval Attaché in Germany had anything to do with this problem.

On this 22nd day of December, 1947.  
At Sengokuhara-mura, Kanagawa Prefecture.

Godo Takuo (seal)

I hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date  
At the same place.

Witness: Shimanouchi Tatsuki (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth, withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Godo Takuo (seal)



Cole - W. W. W. W.

Date:

Name of Witness: Godo - Jukuo.

Completed as to Items Numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Partially completed as to Items Numbers: 9.

If Item 9 is applicable, state briefly the nature of the investigation conducted:



REPORT BY: JOHN A. CURTIS  
20 Feb 47

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: GODO, Takuo

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personal file No. 264, serial 20.

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Please refer to AOKI, Kazuo file.



Resume by: Cndr. Cole

Date : 25 March 1947

GODO, Takuo

1. Subpoena request: states that this witness will testify as to the action and conduct of the defendant in relation to his activities as president of the North China Exploitation Company; that in 1939 when the great flood damaged the Peiping-Tientsin Area the accused made every effort to save the people in the local districts and to rehabilitate them; that he asked the witness, in his official capacity, to send material and otherwise to help the people of North China. This testimony will be relevant in relation to the charge of planning and preparing the Japanese economic aggression against North China.

2. Summary of Major Posts Held:

- 1877 - Born, Tokyo.
- 1901 - Graduated from Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.
- 1904 - Appointed an Inspector of Navy Ordnance.
- 1923 - Appointed Chief of Kure Navy Yard.
- 1929 - Removed from active list and appointed adviser to South Manchuria Railway Company and President of Showa Steel Works.
- 1930 - Appointed a director of South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd.
- 1937 - Appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Communication (Hayashi Cabinet - 2 Feb. 1937 to 4 June 1937).  
Appointed Vice President of the Council on Source of Material.  
Appointed a member of the Iron Industry Committee.  
Appointed member of House of Peers.
- 1939 - Appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Minister of Commerce and Industry (Abe Cabinet - 30 Aug. 1939 to 10 Jan. 1940).
- 1941 - Appointed a member of the Council for Construction of Greater East Asia.
- 1944 - Chairman of East Asia Development Mission which made 11-day tour through Manchuria in May, 1944, inspecting mines, industries, etc.
- 1945 - Attended gathering sponsored by Tokyo-Yokohama Chapter of Nazi Party on 30 Jan. 1945 on anniversary of party's coming to power (Source: Japanese Government Officials, 1937-1945).

3. Decorations:

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Class of Decoration</u>                            | <u>Achievement</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 April 1906 | 5th Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays |                    |



| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Class of Decoration</u>                               | <u>Achievement</u>         |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7 Nov. 1915  | 3rd Order of Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure     |                            |
| 1 Nov. 1920  | Order of Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun                 |                            |
| 17 Dec. 1926 | 2nd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure |                            |
| 17 Feb. 1927 | Order of Rising Sun with Double Rays                     | Remodelling Navy Equipment |
| 16 Feb. 1940 | 1st Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure              |                            |

4. Present Status - Vice Admiral, retired.

Purged - Reasons: War Criminal; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Commissioned Officer in Regular Navy.

Present Address - Sugamo Prison.

5. Summary of Interrogations (Case File No. 264)

"The subject is 69 years old and graduated from the Imperial University Engineering Department in 1901. After graduation, joined the Navy as an engineering officer attaining the rank in 1924 of Rear Admiral, and Vice-Admiral in 1928, at which time he was Superintendent of the Kure Naval Yard, retiring from the Navy in 1928 to become an engineering adviser for the South Manchurian Railway Company, beginning these duties in November of 1928. On arrival in Manchuria, in addition to being a member of the Board of the South Manchurian Railway, also became President of the Showah Steel Works at Anzan, Manchuria. The Showah Steel Works belong to the South Manchurian Railway. In 1931, at the beginning of the Manchurian Incident, the subject was Director of the South Manchurian Railway Company and President of the Showah Steel Works, residing at Anzan, Manchuria. Upon the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident, the subject was opposed to the action of the military fearing that if the incident extended it would be a serious matter for Japan and also serious from a standpoint of future industrial development of Manchuria.

He discussed the problem with Count Kosei UCHIDA, who was President of the South Manchurian Railway Company and following his conference with Count UCHIDA, the subject returned to Tokyo and discussed the problem with Baron WAKATSUKI, then Premier, but did not obtain any satisfactory conclusion in relation to the Manchurian Incident. He returned to Manchuria and called upon General HONJO, commanding the Kwantung Army and protested to General HONJO in connection with any further spread of the Manchurian Incident. Receiving no satisfaction from General HONJO and as a consequence of having opposed the Manchurian Incident, the leading officers of the Kwantung Army made it very unpleasant for the subject.



The subject mentioned as the leading officers in the Manchurian Incident, General HONJO, now deceased; ITAGAKI, who was then a Colonel and later Minister of War in the HIRANUMA Cabinet; K. ISHIHARA, then a Major; and K. DOIHARA, then a Major.

He stated that the policy of continuing the Kwantung Army in Manchuria was the policy of the military, but in view of the fact that the military was so strong the Japanese Government followed the same policy. Further, the policy pertaining to Manchukuo and its industrial development was a policy which the Japanese Government believed in and supported.

Naoki HOSHINO was the leading man in the economic department of Manchukuo and was an official of Manchukuo although a subject of Japan. He stated that HOSHINO had been invited by Manchukuo to accept the position as heretofore mentioned, but that in reality HOSHINO was invited to this position and was given the same only with the approval of the Kwantung Army.

The Manchukuo Government was established by the Kwantung Army with the support of the Government of Japan and after the establishment of the State of Manchukuo, Japan recognized the Emperor of Manchukuo.

In October 1937, HIROTA, who was then Minister of Foreign Affairs sent the subject to Germany for the purpose of developing trade relations between Japan and Germany and further to explain Japan's position in the China Incident, the subject arriving in Berlin in January 1938. The Anti-Comintern Pact was in existence at the time he visited Germany, and Germany, in addition to recognizing Manchukuo was friendly to Japan's position in the China Incident.

In May of 1940, the subject became President of the Industrial Unions Central Organization, which unions were made up of small manufacturers; the purpose being to consolidate all of these small manufacturers in order to speed up industrial production and which position was held by the subject until the outbreak of war and thereafter.

The above-named subject has indicated his willingness to testify to the facts as set forth therein."

6. Cross-Examination:

It is suggested that GODO be cross-examined on the following (if opportunity permits):

- (a) On page 16 of his interrogation of 30 January 1946, GODO stated as follows:



- (e) According to the subpoena request GODO will testify as to KAYA's activities as President of the North China Exploitation Company.

The Prosecution witness GOETTE testified (Transcript, page 3872 to 3880), as to an interview he had with KAYA as such President in 1940 in which KAYA stated that the plan of material mobilization in the area of North China envisaged supplying war material to Japan, expanding the armament of Japan and meeting the needs of peacetime industry. KAYA said the North China Development Company (through its subsidiary, the North China Communications Company) was operating 3750 miles of railway, 6250 miles of bus line and 625 miles of inland waterway communications. Other subsidiaries included the North China Telephone and Telegraph Company, the North China Aviation Company, the North China Salt Company, the Tatumg Coal Mining Company and the Lung Yen Iron Mining Company.

On cross-examination of the witness GOETTE, the Defense attempted to bring out that the plan of material mobilization in North China referred to above was an army plan and that the purpose of the North China Development Company was to promote collaboration between Japan and China in order to develop Chinese agriculture, increase Chinese food production, control the Yellow River and thereby promote the general well-being of the Chinese people (Transcript, page 3,877). Defense Counsel in cross-examination of GOETTE also intimated that KAYA as President of the North China Development Company had spent 20 million yen to relieve a big famine in China that year and in addition sent pumps and other equipment to relieve a flood in the Tientsin area.

Court Exhibit No. 470 (Pros. Doc. No. 2,299) shows that the Japanese Government owned 254,250,000 yen or 81.6 per cent of the stock shares of the North China Development Company (Transcript, page 5,344).

KAYA was President of the North China Development Company from 14 August 1939 to 18 October 1941 (Curriculum Vitae, IPS Case File No. 49).



"Q. But is it not a fact, Admiral, while you may have confined your activities to your own profession either as president of the Steel Works in Manchuria or as a member of the Cabinet, as Minister of Commerce and Industry, in railways, and did not participate in politics, nevertheless, you went along with the policy of the government in connection with the Manchurian Incident?

A. Yes, that is right."

(b) On page 33 of his interrogation of 13 February 1946 GODO stated as follows:

"Q. Put it this way. Isn't this true? That the government was involved in a war with China, therefore, the Imperial Rule Assistance Association was organized to acquaint the people with the situation and to enlist the aid of the people behind the government in connection with the China Incident? Isn't that right?

A. That is right.

Q. Now, therefore, isn't this true? That as a member of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, keeping in mind the purpose of the organization as just acquiesced by yourself, you supported the policy or the condition as it existed in connection with Japan's war upon China? That is right, is it not?

A. I think that is fair enough." (page 33)



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Short Resume of GODO, Takuo

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inspector in Navy yards and aircraft. Removed from office, 1934;  
accepted advisory job in South Manchurian Railroad; traveled  
on official business in America and Europe. Residence Tokyo.  
Now in Sugamo Prison.

For additional information see:

IPS File No. 264 - GODO, Takuo



Snap Resume of GODO, Takuo

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RESUME OF FILE NO. 264

GODO, Takuo

- Serial No. 1 Counter-Intelligence report: Covers important positions held by GODO, Vice-Admiral, retired, most of which were held after he retired in 1928. Connected with SMR, Steel Works in Manchuria, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Railways in HAYASHI Cabinet, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Agriculture and Forestry, ABE Cabinet, Chairman, Deliverate Council IRAA, 1942, Director in IRAPS, 1942, Chairman of Central Cooperative Conference in IRAA. GODO played important part in colonial exploitation of Manchuria, advocated German alliance.
- Serial No. 4 Confused interrogation of 30 Jan. 1946. Discussed GODO's work in Manchuria as an engineer. Claimed he had no interest in the Army's policies or the government's attitude toward Manchuria except where it concerned the industry in Manchuria. He opposed the army's attitude toward the Manchurian Incident. His trip to Germany in 1935 was for the purpose of studying a new steel development method.
- Serial No. 5 GODO says in interrogation of 11 February that Japan's expansion was industrial and against danger of communism from Russia. Reason for incident in 1931 was that Japanese overstepped boundaries (p. 5) of leased ground due to trouble caused by bandits in Manchuria. HAYASHI Cabinet (p. 7) in which he was Minister was forced to resign because it would not cooperate with army. He knew SUGIAMO as spokesman told HAYASHI to resign his cabinet (p. 8). HAYASHI was sent to Germany by HIROTA to work for economic cooperation as Germany would probably become a competitor, also to strengthen the Comintern Pact (p. 9). Lists people who accompanied him. Describes discussions in Germany.
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| Date of birth: | 23 September 1877                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Domicile:      | Tokyo Urban Prefecture                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rank:          | Military Class                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sept. 1898     | Entered the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.                                                                                                                       |
| 4 Oct.         | Ordered to be a student of the Navy Ordnance School.                                                                                                                              |
| 21 June 1901   | Graduated from the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.                                                                                                                |
| 27 June        | Appointed as middle engineer of the Navy Ordnance and ordered to serve on board the "IZUMO" for practical study.                                                                  |
| 13 Dec.        | Relieved from the duty on board the "IZUMO" for practical study;<br>Ordered to be an officer in charge of the Manufacturing Section of the Tokyo Navy Arsenal.                    |
| 28 Nov. 1902   | Appointed as an Instructor at the Navy Ordnance.                                                                                                                                  |
| 10 Nov.        | Relieved of the post;<br>Appointed a member of the Manufacturing Section of the Navy Arsenal in addition to his post as Instructor at the Naval Staff Academy (Ministry of Navy). |
| 10 Dec.        | Honored with the Senior Grade of the 7th Class Court Rank.                                                                                                                        |



18 Jan. 1904 Appointed an Inspector of Navy Ordnance as an additional post.

28 June Relieved of his principal and additional posts; Appointed as the Inspector of the Navy Yard and to the post of member of the Department of Ordnance.

13 June 1905 Ordered to make an official trip to England; Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed to the Naval Inspectorate (Navy Ministry).

1 April 1906 Decorated with 5th Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays; Granted money sum of ¥600; Awarded with War Medal for the war of 1904-1905.

8 Jan. 1908 Ordered to return from England.

3 June Returned to Japan.

30 June Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed as the Inspector of the KURE Navy Yard with additional duty of a member of the Ordnance Division.

1 Mar. 1909 Raised to the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

1 Sept. Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed a member of Ordnance Division of the KURE Navy Yard.

1 Oct. Appointed the Junior Examiner of Navy Ordnance with additional duty in the Naval Ordnance Inspectorate.

15 Jan. 1910 Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard, with the additional post as before.

17 June 1911 Ordered to make official trip to England.

26 June Relieved of the principal post and appointed to the Inspectorate of the Ordnance.

18 July 1913 Ordered to return to Japan (Cabinet).

1 Dec. Appointed the middle examiner of Naval Ordnance Cabinet



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| 30 Jan. 1914 | Raised to the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.                                                                                                    |
| 16 May       | Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.                                                                                      |
| 1 Dec.       | Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard.                                                  |
| 7 Nov. 1915  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure;<br>Granted money sum of ¥500;<br>Awarded war medal for the war 1914-1915.   |
| 1 May 1917   | Ordered to make official trip to U.S.A.;<br>Appointed to the additional post of Inspector of Navy Ordnance;                                          |
| 1 Dec.       | Appointed the Senior Examiner of Navy Ordnance;<br>Promoted to Rear Admiral by the Revision of the Rank of Military Officers on 23 September 1919.   |
| 15 Jan. 1918 | Ordered to return to Japan.                                                                                                                          |
| 30 Jan.      | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.                                                                                                          |
| 9 April      | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |
| 1 June 1919  | Relieved of the principal post;<br>Appointed the Chief of Cannon Division of the Navy Yard.                                                          |
| 10 June      | Ordered to make official trip to the various European States and U.S.A. (Cabinet)                                                                    |
| 8 Feb. 1920  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of the "British Empire" by Great Britain and permitted to wear it.                                                      |
| 1 Oct. 1921  | Appointed as additional post, Chief of Aircraft Dept. of the HIRO Branch Depot of the KURE Navy Yard.                                                |
| 1 Nov. 1920  | Decorated with the Order of the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun;<br>Granted money sum of ¥1,150 for meritorious service during the war of 1915-1920. |
| 20 Dec. 1921 | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |



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| 1 Dec. 1922  | Promoted to Rear Admiral, Ordnance;<br>Appointed as additional post the Chief<br>of the Armor Plate Department of the Kure<br>Navy Yard                                                                 | Cabinet<br><br>Navy Ministry |
| 28 Dec. 1922 | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 1 Apr. 1923  | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                                                                        | Navy Ministry                |
| 20 Nov.      | Appointed as additional post the Chief of<br>the Cannon Experimental Department, Kure Navy<br>Yard;<br>Relieved of the principal and additional posts<br>and appointed the Chief of the Kure Navy Yard. | " "                          |
| 1 Dec. 1926  | Promoted to Vice Admiral, Ordnance                                                                                                                                                                      | Cabinet                      |
| 17 Dec.      | Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit with the<br>Order of Sacred Treasure.                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec. 1926 | Raised to 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |
| 17 Feb. 1927 | Decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun<br>with Double Rays for the prominent achievement<br>of his work and cooperation in the remodelling<br>of the Naval Equipment.                               |                              |
| 10 Dec. 1928 | Placed on the waiting list.                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec.      | Appointed to serve in the Naval Technical<br>Department                                                                                                                                                 | Navy Ministry                |
| 24 Jan. 1929 | Raised by one degree of his court rank as a<br>special mark of favor (Raised to 4th Court<br>Rank, Senior Grade)                                                                                        |                              |
| 1 July 1930  | Appointed a Director of the Southern Manchuria<br>Railway Co., Ltd. (Dept. of Overseas Affairs)                                                                                                         |                              |
| 1 July 1934  | The term of office as a Director of the Southern<br>Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. expired.                                                                                                                |                              |
| 2 Dec. 1937  | Appointed the Minister of Commerce and Industry<br>and the Minister of Communication.                                                                                                                   | Cabinet                      |
| 15 Feb. 1937 | Raised to the 3d Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 20 Feb.      | Appointed as Vice President of the Council on<br>Source of Material.                                                                                                                                    |                              |



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| 31 May 1937  | Appointed a member of the House of Peers in accordance with Article I, No. 4 of the Ordinance of the House of Peers                                                 | Cabinet |
| 4 June 1937  | Relieved of the principal and additional posts by his request                                                                                                       | "       |
| 1 Oct.       | Appointed a member of the Iron Industry Committee                                                                                                                   | "       |
| 29 Nov. 1938 | Appointed a member of the Committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nippon Hassodan k/k)                                | "       |
| 30 Nov.      | Appointed a member of the committee controlling the Communication Enterprises                                                                                       | "       |
| 13 Dec.      | Appointed as the President of the Railway Freight Rate Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 22 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the International Sight-seeing Committee                                                                                                      | "       |
| 21 Jan. 1939 | Appointed a provisional member of the Agricultural and Forestry Committee                                                                                           | "       |
| 23 Jan.      | Appointed a provisional member of the Rice Controlling Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 15 Feb.      | Appointed the Councillor of the Foreign Exchange Bureau, Ministry of Finance                                                                                        | "       |
| 8 Mar.       | Appointed a member of the Central Market Price Committee                                                                                                            | "       |
| 10 Mar.      | Appointed a member of the Department Stores Committee;<br>Appointed a member of the committee for the relief of Tradesmen who went to the field as a national duty. | "       |
| 4 April      | Relieved of duty as a member of the committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nihon Hassoden K/K)                       | "       |



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| 28 Apr. 1939                | Appointed a member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd. (Nihon Beikoku K/K)                                                                                      | Cabinet |
| 31 March<br>(possibly May?) | Appointed a member of the Council for the accommodation and re-compensation of the small and middle classes of merchants and workers.                                                      | "       |
| 5 June                      | Appointed a member of the Committee for the Establishment of Japan Aircraft Co., Ltd. (Dai-Nippon Koku K/K)                                                                                | "       |
| 5 July                      | Appointed a member of the Council for the Prosperity of Asia (Kao IINKAI)                                                                                                                  | "       |
| 12 July                     | Appointed a member of the Committee for Railroad Main Line                                                                                                                                 | "       |
| 19 May                      | Appointed a member of the Conference for Festival of 2600 years                                                                                                                            | "       |
| 22 July                     | Appointed a member of the Central Committee for Investigation of the Industry.                                                                                                             | "       |
| 28 July                     | Appointed a member of the Committee for the National Physical Strength                                                                                                                     | "       |
| 2 Aug.                      | Appointed a member of the national mobilization Committee.                                                                                                                                 | "       |
| 5 Aug.                      | Relieved of duty as a member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd.                                                                                                | "       |
| 12 Aug.                     | Appointed a member of the council for Rice Exchange Enterprise                                                                                                                             | "       |
| 30 Aug. 1939                | Appointed the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister of Commerce and Industry                                                                                               | "       |
| 2 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Aircraft Co., Lt.                                                                                                       | "       |
| 5 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Council for Investigation of Small and Middle Scale Industries by his request;<br>Relieved as member of the Council for Rice Exchange Enterprise by his request. | "<br>"  |



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| 7 Sept. 1939  | Relieved as member of the National Mobilization Committee by his request                                                                             | Cabinet |
| 13 Sept.      | Relieved as member of the Conference for Festival of 2600 years, by his request                                                                      | "       |
| 14 Sept.      | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Rice Controlling Committee, by his request.                                                                    | "       |
|               | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Committee for Agricultural and Forestry Plans, by his request                                                  | "       |
| 19 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Adjustment of Traffic Enterprises, by his request                                                        | "       |
| 2 Sept.       | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Prosperity of Asia, by his request.                                                                        | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Relief of Tradesmen who went to the Field as a national duty, by his request                             | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Accommodation and Recompensation of the Small and Middle Classes of Merchants and Workers, by his request. | "       |
| 22 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee, by his request                                                                            | "       |
| 26 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the International Sight-seeing Committee by his request.                                                                       | "       |
|               | Relieved as the President of the Railway Freight-rate Committee, by his request.                                                                     | "       |
|               | Relieved as Member of the Committee for Railroad main line, by his request.                                                                          | "       |
| 2 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Iron Industry Committee, by his request.                                                                                   | "       |
| 3 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Committee for National Physical Strength, by his request                                                                   | "       |
| 23 Sept. 1939 | Transferred to second reserve.                                                                                                                       |         |
| 12 Oct.       | Relieved as Member of the Central Market Price Committee, by his request.                                                                            | "       |



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| 16 Oct.      | Relieved of the Principal Post and appointed<br>Minister of Commerce and Industry                                                                                                                               | Cabinet |
|              | Relieved as Member of the Department Store<br>Committee                                                                                                                                                         | "       |
| 5 Dec.       | Relieved as the Councillor of Foreign Exchange<br>Bureau, the Ministry of Finance, by his request                                                                                                               | "       |
| 16 Jan. 1940 | Relieved of the Principal Post, by his request                                                                                                                                                                  | "       |
| 16 Feb.      | Decorated with the First Order of Merit with<br>the Sacred Treasure                                                                                                                                             | "       |
| 2 Feb.       | Appointed a Member of the Iron Industry<br>Committee.                                                                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 May       | Appointed a member of the National Physical<br>Strength Council                                                                                                                                                 | "       |
| 10 Feb. 1941 | Appointed a member of the Committee for<br>Valuation of properties of those who changed<br>or closed their business under the Trade-<br>restriction law.                                                        | "       |
| 20 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>demonstration of full power of the mining<br>and industrious enterprises                                                                                             | "       |
| 14 May       | Appointed a Member of the Council of Counter-<br>measures for market prices.                                                                                                                                    | "       |
| 9 Aug.       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Accommoda-<br>tion of Capital.                                                                                                                                            | "       |
| 21 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Formosan Temporary<br>Economic Council.                                                                                                                                               | "       |
| 24 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>Establishment of Money Lending Depository<br>in wartime.                                                                                                             | "       |
| 20 June      | Appointed a member of the Council for Con-<br>struction of the Greater East Asia.                                                                                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses of those who suffered by<br>changing or closing business by restriction of<br>enterprises, The Board of the Equipments of<br>Industries. | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses, The National Rebirth<br>Depository.                                                                                                     | "       |



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| 28 Dec. 1942 | Appointed a Member of the Science Art Council.                                                                        |         |
| 14 May 1943  | Appointed a Member of the National Mobilization Council.                                                              | Cabinet |
| 15 July      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprises Adjusting Council.                                                              | "       |
| 31 July      | Appointed a Member of the Naval Affairs Council.                                                                      | "       |
| 25 Oct.      | Appointed superintendent of the National Rebirth Depository.                                                          | "       |
| 28 Jan.      | Appointed a Member of the Price Formation Council (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 114 issue March 10, 1944). | "       |
| 1 April      | Placed on the Retired List                                                                                            | "       |
| 2 June       | Appointed a Member of the Railway Conference                                                                          | "       |
| 6 June       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Negotiating and Compensating the middle and small scale Businessmen and Works.  | "       |
| 21 July      | Appointed the Director of Technical Board.                                                                            | "       |
| 29 Feb. 1945 | Appointed a Member of the War Time Market Price Council.                                                              | "       |
| 7 March      | Appointed an Adviser of the Ministry of Ordnance.                                                                     | "       |
| 20 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprise Adjusting Council.                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed the Councillor of the Central Liaison Office.                                                               | "       |
| 29 Dec.      | Appointed the Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.                                                       | "       |



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**1. Above-named witness was purged by SCAP directive. Reasons: War Criminal; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Commissioned Officer in the Regular Navy.**

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Witness called by:

KAYA

GODO, Takuo

Information from Who's Who in Japan - 1931-1932

Ordnance Rear Admiral;  
President Showa Steel Works;  
Adviser, South Manchuria Railway Company;

Born: September, 1877 in Tokyo.  
First son of Takuji Godo;  
Married Shinko, fourth daughter of Matasuke Yamada.

Career: Graduated from the Ordnance Course of  
Tokyo Imperial University, 1901.  
After graduation, Assistant Naval Ordnance Officer,  
1st Class;  
Appointed an inspector of Kure Navy Yard,  
director of ordnance, and of the Aircraft  
Branch one after another;  
Four times despatched to Europe and America  
on official business;  
Served as Chief, Kure Naval Arsenal for 4 years;  
Removed from active list, December 1929, and  
appointed adviser, South Manchuria Railway  
Company;  
Accepted presidency Showa Steel Works upon  
inception, July, 1929.

Address (1932):

South Manchuria Railway Company, Dairen.



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19 March 1947  
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**GODO, Takuo**

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Vice Admiral;

1. Founder and President of the Showa Iron Works affiliated with the South Manchuria Railway Company;

Minister of Commerce and Industry (and concurrently Minister of Railway) in the HAYASHI Cabinet (February-June 1937);

Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and concurrently Minister of Commerce and Industry, later Minister of Commerce and Industry in the ABE Cabinet (August 1939 - January 1940).

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Request by: KAYA, Okinori

Address: Sugamo Prison

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GODO, Takuo, Vice Admiral (Ret)

Vice Admiral GODO played an important part in the colonial exploitation of Manchuria, particularly as President of the Showa Steel Works. He was an ardent advocate of the Japanese alliance with Germany. As a professed admirer of Nazi economy, he made two trips to Germany to study Nazi finance and adapt it to Japanese war economy.

He may be described as a fascist minded bureaucrat in uniform, whose past activities would indicate a strong prima facie case for his arrest and detention.

(From Counter Intelligence Justification Files.)



Re: GODO, Takuo

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1901 Graduated Tokyo Imperial University. Four times visited U. S. and Europe on official business.

1937 Member of House of Peers. Head of East Asia development mission. Former head of Fushan Colliery, 1935. Member of Kenkyo Kai party.

1944 Councillor to the Board of Technology.

1944, 25 May

Councillor Director, Essential Industries Association.  
Chairman of Board of Directors, National Commerce and Economic Control Council.

Member, Price Investigation Committee (organized to formulate Price Control).

Director: Tokyo Express Electric Company

(Source: Personal Intelligence  
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RESUME OF FILE NO. 264

GODO, Takuo

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Name: GODO, Takuo

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Complete personnel records of the subject were microfilmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 131.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

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| Date of birth: | 23 September 1877                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Domicile:      | Tokyo Urban Prefecture                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rank:          | Military Class                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sept. 1898     | Entered the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.                                                                                                                       |
| 4 Oct.         | Ordered to be a student of the Navy Ordnance School.                                                                                                                              |
| 21 June 1901   | Graduated from the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.                                                                                                                |
| 27 June        | Appointed as middle engineer of the Navy Ordnance and ordered to serve on board the "IZUMO" for practical study.                                                                  |
| 13 Dec.        | Relieved from the duty on board the "IZUMO" for practical study;<br>Ordered to be an officer in charge of the Manufacturing Section of the Tokyo Navy Arsenal.                    |
| 28 Nov. 1902   | Appointed as an Instructor at the Navy Ordnance.                                                                                                                                  |
| 10 Nov.        | Relieved of the post;<br>Appointed a member of the Manufacturing Section of the Navy Arsenal in addition to his post as Instructor at the Naval Staff Academy (Ministry of Navy). |
| 10 Dec.        | Honored with the Senior Grade of the 7th Class Court Rank.                                                                                                                        |



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| 18 Jan. 1904 | Appointed an Inspector of Navy Ordnance as an additional post.                                                                                                 |
| 28 June      | Relieved of his principal and additional posts; Appointed as the Inspector of the Navy Yard and to the post of member of the Department of Ordnance.           |
| 13 June 1905 | Ordered to make an official trip to England; Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed to the Naval Inspectorate (Navy Ministry).           |
| 1 April 1906 | Decorated with 5th Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays;<br>Granted money sum of ¥600;<br>Awarded with War Medal for the war of 1904-1905.        |
| 8 Jan. 1908  | Ordered to return from England.                                                                                                                                |
| 3 June       | Returned to Japan.                                                                                                                                             |
| 30 June      | Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed as the Inspector of the KURE Navy Yard with additional duty of a member of the Ordnance Division. |
| 1 Mar. 1909  | Raised to the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                    |
| 1 Sept.      | Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed a member of Ordnance Division of the KURE Navy Yard.                                              |
| 1 Oct.       | Appointed the Junior Examiner of Navy Ordnance with additional duty in the Naval Ordnance Inspectorate.                                                        |
| 15 Jan. 1910 | Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard, with the additional post as before.                        |
| 17 June 1911 | Ordered to make official trip to England.                                                                                                                      |
| 26 June      | Relieved of the principal post and appointed to the Inspectorate of the Ordnance.                                                                              |
| 18 July 1913 | Ordered to return to Japan (Cabinet).                                                                                                                          |
| 1 Dec.       | Appointed the middle examiner of Naval Ordnance Cabinet                                                                                                        |



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| 30 Jan. 1914 | Raised to the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.                                                                                                    |
| 16 May       | Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.                                                                                      |
| 1 Dec.       | Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard.                                                  |
| 7 Nov. 1915  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure;<br>Granted money sum of ¥500;<br>Awarded war medal for the war 1914-1915.   |
| 1 May 1917   | Ordered to make official trip to U.S.A.;<br>Appointed to the additional post of Inspector of Navy Ordnance;                                          |
| 1 Dec.       | Appointed the Senior Examiner of Navy Ordnance;<br>Promoted to Rear Admiral by the Revision of the Rank of Military Officers on 23 September 1919.   |
| 15 Jan. 1918 | Ordered to return to Japan.                                                                                                                          |
| 30 Jan.      | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.                                                                                                          |
| 9 April      | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |
| 1 June 1919  | Relieved of the principal post;<br>Appointed the Chief of Cannon Division of the Navy Yard.                                                          |
| 10 June      | Ordered to make official trip to the various European States and U.S.A. (Cabinet)                                                                    |
| 8 Feb. 1920  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of the "British Empire" by Great Britain and permitted to wear it.                                                      |
| 1 Oct. 1921  | Appointed as additional post, Chief of Aircraft Dept. of the HIRO Branch Depot of the KURE Navy Yard.                                                |
| 1 Nov. 1920  | Decorated with the Order of the Middle Gorden of the Rising Sun;<br>Granted money sum of ¥1,150 for meritorious service during the war of 1915-1920. |
| 20 Dec. 1921 | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |



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| 1 Dec. 1922  | Promoted to Rear Admiral, Ordnance;<br>Appointed as additional post the Chief<br>of the Armor Plate Department of the Kure<br>Navy Yard                                                                 | Cabinet<br><br>Navy Ministry |
| 28 Dec. 1922 | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 1 Apr. 1923  | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                                                                        | Navy Ministry                |
| 20 Nov.      | Appointed as additional post the Chief of<br>the Cannon Experimental Department, Kure Navy<br>Yard;<br>Relieved of the principal and additional posts<br>and appointed the Chief of the Kure Navy Yard. | " "                          |
| 1 Dec. 1926  | Promoted to Vice Admiral, Ordnance                                                                                                                                                                      | Cabinet                      |
| 17 Dec.      | Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit with the<br>Order of Sacred Treasure.                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec. 1926 | Raised to 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |
| 17 Feb. 1927 | Decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun<br>with Double Rays for the prominent achievement<br>of his work and cooperation in the remodelling<br>of the Naval Equipment.                               |                              |
| 10 Dec. 1928 | Placed on the waiting list.                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec.      | Appointed to serve in the Naval Technical<br>Department                                                                                                                                                 | Navy Ministry                |
| 24 Jan. 1929 | Raised by one degree of his court rank as a<br>special mark of favor (Raised to 4th Court<br>Rank, Senior Grade)                                                                                        |                              |
| 1 July 1930  | Appointed a Director of the Southern Manchuria<br>Railway Co., Ltd. (Dept. of Overseas Affairs)                                                                                                         |                              |
| 1 July 1934  | The term of office as a Director of the Southern<br>Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. expired.                                                                                                                |                              |
| 2 Dec. 1937  | Appointed the Minister of Commerce and Industry<br>and the Minister of Communication.                                                                                                                   | Cabinet                      |
| 15 Feb. 1937 | Raised to the 3d Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 20 Feb.      | Appointed as Vice President of the Council on<br>Source of Material.                                                                                                                                    |                              |



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| 31 May 1937  | Appointed a member of the House of Peers in accordance with Article I, No. 4 of the Ordinance of the House of Peers                                                 | Cabinet |
| 4 June 1937  | Relieved of the principal and additional posts by his request                                                                                                       | "       |
| 1 Oct.       | Appointed a member of the Iron Industry Committee                                                                                                                   | "       |
| 29 Nov. 1938 | Appointed a member of the Committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nippon Hassoden k/k)                                | "       |
| 30 Nov.      | Appointed a member of the committee controlling the Communication Enterprises                                                                                       | "       |
| 13 Dec.      | Appointed as the President of the Railway Freight Rate Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 22 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the International Sight-seeing Committee                                                                                                      | "       |
| 21 Jan. 1939 | Appointed a provisional member of the Agricultural and Forestry Committee                                                                                           | "       |
| 23 Jan.      | Appointed a provisional member of the Rice Controlling Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 15 Feb.      | Appointed the Councillor of the Foreign Exchange Bureau, Ministry of Finance                                                                                        | "       |
| 8 Mar.       | Appointed a member of the Central Market Price Committee                                                                                                            | "       |
| 10 Mar.      | Appointed a member of the Department Stores Committee;<br>Appointed a member of the committee for the relief of Tradesmen who went to the field as a national duty. | "<br>"  |
| 4 April      | Relieved of duty as a member of the committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nihon Hassoden K/K)                       |         |



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| 7 Sept. 1939                | Relieved as member of the National Mobilization                                                                                                |         |
| 28 Apr. 1939                | Appointed a member of the Committee for<br>Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd.<br>(Nihon Seikoku K/K)                                    | Cabinet |
| 13 Sept.                    | Relieved as member of the Committee for the<br>Festival of 2600 years, by his request                                                          |         |
| 31 March<br>(possibly May?) | Appointed a member of the Council for the<br>accommodation and re-compensation of the<br>small and middle classes of merchants and<br>workers. | Cabinet |
| 5 June                      | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Committee                                                                                                | "       |
|                             | Appointed a member of the Committee for the<br>Establishment of Japan Aircraft Co., Ltd.<br>(Dai-Nippon Koku K/K)                              | "       |
| 19 Sept.                    | Relieved as member of the Committee for the                                                                                                    | "       |
| 5 July                      | Appointed a member of the Council for the<br>Prosperity of Asia (Kao IINKAI)                                                                   | "       |
| 12 July                     | Appointed a member of the Committee for<br>Railroad Main Line by his request.                                                                  | "       |
| 19 May                      | Appointed a member of the Conference for<br>Festival of 2600 years work to the field as a<br>national duty, by his request                     | "       |
| 22 July                     | Appointed a member of the Central Committee<br>for Investigation of the Industry.                                                              | "       |
| 21 Sept.                    | Appointed a member of the Committee for the<br>National Physical Strength                                                                      | "       |
| 28 July                     | Appointed a member of the national mobiliza-<br>tion Committee.                                                                                | "       |
| 2 Aug.                      | Relieved of duty as a member of the Committee<br>for Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd.                                                 | "       |
| 5 Aug.                      | Appointed a member of the council for Rice<br>Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                              | "       |
| 12 Aug.                     | Appointed the Minister of Agriculture and<br>Forestry and the Minister of Commerce and<br>Industry                                             | "       |
| 30 Aug. 1939                | Relieved as member of the Iron Industry                                                                                                        | "       |
| 2 Oct.                      | Relieved as member of the Committee for<br>Establishment of the Japan Aircraft Co., Lt.                                                        | "       |
| 2 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of Small and Middle Scale Industries by<br>his request; to succeed reserves.          | "       |
| 1 Oct.                      | Relieved as member of the Council for Rice<br>Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                              | "       |
| 5 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Council for Rice<br>Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                              | "       |
| 25 Sept. 1939               | Relieved as member of the Council for Rice<br>Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                              | "       |
| 23 Oct.                     | Relieved as member of the Council for Rice<br>Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                              | "       |



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| 7 Sept. 1939  | Relieved as member of the National Mobilization Committee by his request                                                                             | Cabinet |
| 13 Sept.      | Relieved as member of the Conference for Festival of 2600 years, by his request                                                                      | "       |
| 14 Sept.      | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Rice Controlling Committee, by his request.                                                                    | "       |
|               | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Committee for Agricultural and Forestry Plans, by his request                                                  | "       |
| 19 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Adjustment of Traffic Enterprises, by his request                                                        | "       |
| 2 Sept.       | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Prosperity of Asia, by his request.                                                                        | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Relief of Tradesmen who went to the Field as a national duty, by his request                             | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Accommodation and Recompensation of the Small and Middle Classes of Merchants and Workers, by his request. | "       |
| 22 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee, by his request                                                                            | "       |
| 26 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the International Sight-seeing Committee by his request.                                                                       | "       |
|               | Relieved as the President of the Railway Freight-rate Committee, by his request.                                                                     | "       |
|               | Relieved as Member of the Committee for Railroad main line, by his request.                                                                          | "       |
| 2 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Iron Industry Committee, by his request.                                                                                   | "       |
| 3 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Committee for National Physical Strength, by his request                                                                   | "       |
| 23 Sept. 1939 | Transferred to second reserve.                                                                                                                       |         |
| 12 Oct.       | Relieved as Member of the Central Market Price Committee, by his request.                                                                            | "       |



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| 16 Oct.      | Relieved of the Principal Post and appointed<br>Minister of Commerce and Industry                                                                                                                               | Cabinet |
|              | Relieved as Member of the Department Store<br>Committee                                                                                                                                                         | "       |
| 5 Dec.       | Relieved as the Councillor of Foreign Exchange<br>Bureau, the Ministry of Finance, by his request                                                                                                               | "       |
| 16 Jan. 1940 | Relieved of the Principal Post, by his request                                                                                                                                                                  | "       |
| 16 Feb.      | Decorated with the First Order of Merit with<br>the Sacred Treasure                                                                                                                                             | "       |
| 2 Feb.       | Appointed a Member of the Iron Industry<br>Committee.                                                                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 May       | Appointed a member of the National Physical<br>Strength Council                                                                                                                                                 | "       |
| 10 Feb. 1941 | Appointed a member of the Committee for<br>Valuation of properties of those who changed<br>or closed their business under the Trade-<br>restriction law.                                                        | "       |
| 20 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>demonstration of full power of the mining<br>and industrious enterprises                                                                                             | "       |
| 14 May       | Appointed a Member of the Council of Counter-<br>measures for market prices.                                                                                                                                    | "       |
| 9 Aug.       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Accommoda-<br>tion of Capital.                                                                                                                                            | "       |
| 21 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Formosan Temporary<br>Economic Council.                                                                                                                                               | "       |
| 24 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>Establishment of Money Lending Depository<br>in wartime.                                                                                                             | "       |
| 20 June      | Appointed a member of the Council for Con-<br>struction of the Greater East Asia.                                                                                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses of those who suffered by<br>changing or closing business by restriction of<br>enterprises, The Board of the Equipments of<br>Industries. | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses, The National Rebirth<br>Depository.                                                                                                     | "       |



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| 28 Dec. 1942 | Appointed a Member of the Science Art Council.                                                                        |         |
| 14 May 1943  | Appointed a Member of the National Mobilization Council.                                                              | Cabinet |
| 15 July      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprises Adjusting Council.                                                              | "       |
| 31 July      | Appointed a Member of the Naval Affairs Council.                                                                      | "       |
| 25 Oct.      | Appointed superintendent of the National Rebirth Depository.                                                          | "       |
| 28 Jan.      | Appointed a Member of the Price Formation Council (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 114 issue March 10, 1944). | "       |
| 1 April      | Placed on the Retired List                                                                                            | "       |
| 2 June       | Appointed a Member of the Railway Conference                                                                          | "       |
| 6 June       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Negotiating and Compensating the middle and small scale Businessmen and Works.  | "       |
| 21 July      | Appointed the Director of Technical Board.                                                                            | "       |
| 29 Feb. 1945 | Appointed a Member of the War Time Market Price Council.                                                              | "       |
| 7 March      | Appointed an Adviser of the Ministry of Ordnance.                                                                     | "       |
| 20 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprise Adjusting Council.                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed the Councillor of the Central Liaison Office.                                                               | "       |
| 29 Dec.      | Appointed the Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.                                                       | "       |



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### What is the Reason for GERMANY's Great Victory?

Ex-Minister of Commerce and Industry

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#### Power of Science and Organization

##### The Urgency for the Organization of our War-time Structure

It might be said that the recent overwhelming victory of GERMANY is attributed to the execution of her totalitarian general mobilization of all her resources of men and materials towards her objectives in the war under the leadership of Fuehrer HITLER, the genius. Speaking from the economic point of view, we cannot overlook the fact that after all, in the present war, GERMANY's military preparations and new weapons of war greatly surpass those of the Allied Forces. It was, after all based on GERMANY's economic and technical foundations that such excellent and superior equipment and arms were produced and it is the result of the totalitarian general mobilization of her science and industry.

##### The Structure of the General Mobilization of Science

First, general mobilization of science means the control and systematization of all institutes of scientific research in Germany. Concretely speaking, scientific researches for national defense are all under the control of the Four Year Planning Department, which has GOERING, in his capacity of Vice-Chancellor, as Chief. Subjects of research in the National KAISER WILHELM Research Laboratory and other government and private research laboratories numbering more than one thousand, are all controlled, and researches are conducted on the same subjects. Disconnected researches are not permitted. It is in this point that it differs entirely from liberalistic organizations.

Every fiscal year, the research institutes submit the subjects of their research to the government, and the government, after deciding the order of urgency, will have the researches carried out. Especially for military science, there is, in the War Ministry, an organ for the unification of science, which is classified into twelve technical fields, under which each research organ maintains close liaison and harmony. Concerning aircrafts, it is especially cut off from others, and the organs for scientific research on aircraft are unified in the Air Ministry. Air Marshal GOERING is its chief. When HITLER took over the reins of government, his very first thought was of rearmament, and in rearmament,



he laid stress on the point that the air force should be made the largest in the world. By planning the repletion of these research organs, he has made the body and engine of aircrafts the best in the world.

Compared with AMERICA and BRITAIN, GERMANY alone does not surpass in individual ability for scientific research. It is because GERMANY is displaying all her capacity under a totalitarian system that she has made conspicuous the advancement in the strength of her national defense industries.

#### Totalitarianization of Industry

Next, if the totalitarian mobilization of industry is explained, it is the making of those engaged in the same industrial line disclose their secrets in management and technique, to ensure the highest standard for the entire industry concerned. In other words, it is to bring a full capacity into full play.

This disclosure of the secrets of management and technique is impossible under a liberalistic structure. However, the elevation of industrial standards are attained only by the disclosure of the technique which results in the dissemination and advancement of new and superior techniques. In such cases, the government has taken the policy of compensating for losses accompanying the disclosure of techniques, and of buying up patent rights. Especially in aircraft industries, the disclosure of techniques was effected early. At first, even in GERMANY, there were many people who were opposed to this, but now all the people are supporting it.

#### The Dissemination of National Defense Education

What is to be added lastly is about education. Attention must be drawn to the fact that in GERMANY, education on national defense and science is wide-spread and that the knowledge of the science of national defense is widely diffused. The training of tank operators and aircraft pilots begins with the education and training of small children in such specialists corps as the sea corps, gunnery corps, glider corps, and motor corps in the HITLER Youth Organization.

Moreover, the labor corps are also - - - - - /T.N. original defaced at this point/ food policy and construction of main highways, etc. - - - - - /T.N. original defaced at this point/, improved the physique and have produced excellent soldiers.



## Renovation of our Wartime Structure

To strengthen the political and economic structure of our country, we should immediately transform our liberalistic structure to that of totalitarianism, I have been thinking with the outbreak of the CHINA Incident, that the government should establish a wartime Economic Ministry, eliminate the principle of rivalry concerning economics among the various ministries, and create a strong unitary administrative power. At the same time, civilian economic circles should set up some institute of firm control and cooperation such as the Chamber of Economy. Between the Chamber of Economy and the government, should be established an Economic Cooperative Council where all wartime control policies would be systematically decided, and their application should be entrusted to civilian economic organizations.

Furthermore, as a guide to civilian economy, the plan to display the full capacity of our mining and manufacturing industries should be managed under totalitarianism. Although the ideology would be decided by the government, its operation should be carried out by the people. Thus their originality should be fully displayed. If the people are still swayed by the liberalistic idea of maintaining the status quo and keep attacking bureaucratic self-righteousness, it is impossible for us to tide over the present emergency. Therefore, immediately establishing the Chamber of Economy, which is the Economic General Staff Headquarters of the people, and re-establishing economic organizations, while, on the other hand, setting up a powerful Economic Investigation Council of the government and the people, under the direct control of the Cabinet, we should decide on the fundamental policy of the control program for our economy which will overcome the present situation, and with these two organizations we should carry out our policy.

I believe that only by doing this can we accomplish the totalitarian general mobilization of industry and its resultant display of full capacity as GERMANY has done.



C E R T I F I C A T E

13 June 1947

I, /s/ Masayoshi, SAKURAI, as Chief of  
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 hereby certify that the article appearing on page three, of a collec-  
 tion of newspaper clippings, IPS Document No. 589, entitled "What is  
 the Reason for Germany's Great Victory?", containing a speech by Admiral  
 Takuo GODO, is an exact copy of the original article which appeared in  
 the Yomiuri Shimbun on 19 June 1940.

Signed on this 13 day  
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GODO, Takuo's speech at the Japanese Manchurian and Chinese Business Men's meeting.

Opening of the Three Countries' Economic Collaboration Roundtable Conference.

Amplification of the Great Work of the Sacred War -- "New Order in East Asia" to be established.

(Opened at 9:25 a.m., 22 Nov., 1938)

Mr. GODO, Takuo, President of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry;

Your Excellencies and Gentlemen, the whole plan of the Japan-Manchukuo-China Economic Roundtable Conference will be carried out under the auspices of the Japan-Manchukuo-China Economic Roundtable Conference Committee, with Mr. KAYA as its chairman. This Roundtable conference here in Tokyo, however, is to be held under the auspices of the League composed of the seven economic bodies, i.e. the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Japan Economic League, The Tokyo and Yokohama Chambers of Commerce and Industry, The Japan-Manchukuo Business Men's Association, The Japan-China Business Men's Association and The Tokyo Banker's Club. As I have been nominated Chairman of this Conference by the sponsoring bodies, I am pleased to greet you with a few words at the opening of this conference.

We have been able to welcome such distinguished gentlemen, both officials and private representatives from far off countries as His Excellency Lu Jung-Luam, Minister of Industry of Manchukuo; His Excellency Ying tung, President of the Administrative Department Establishment Office, the representative of the Provisional Government of the Chinese Republic; His Excellency Wang Zu-Lui, Minister of Industry, the representative of the Restoration Government of the Chinese Republic; His Excellency Chin Yin-Cheng, Minister of Industry of Meng-Kiang (Mongolia and Hsing-Kiang) Union Committee and many others; and, on our side we have many officials from the Planning Board, Cabinet Intelligence Department, Manchurian Affairs Board, and from the Ministries of Army, Navy, Home, Foreign, Finance, Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Industry, Communications, Colonies, Railways, etc., as well as influential business men. For all this, I express my extreme pleasure as the sponsor of this Roundtable Conference.



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It is of great significance to have such a happy and peaceful conference with so many influential officials and business men from Manchukuo, China, Mongolia and Hsing-kiang and Japan.

We congratulate ourselves on the fact that now, on the East Asiatic Continent, we have seen, in the place of the Communistic and anti-Japanese Government, the establishment of the new governments in North China, Central China and Mongolia-Hsing-kiang and these are becoming powerful along with Manchukuo, which has shown such a rapid development in six and a half years since its foundation, and now these four states are marching together powerfully in East Asia. The fundamental policy of our country towards the Continent of East Asia is the establishment of a new order for the purpose of securing the permanent stability as declared recently by the Imperial Government.

The establishment of this new order aims as its basis at the establishment of a relationship of inter-dependence in politics, economy, culture, etc., with Japan, Manchukuo, China and Mongolia helping each other, and also at the realization of the establishment of international justice, attainment of the cooperative defense against communists, creation of new culture, and the unification in economics. It has already been made clear in the above mentioned declaration - This economic Roundtable Conference is held with the view to developing the Continental resources, establishing secure industries, and helping to build up economics, so as to contribute to the foundation of a new order in East Asia with the mutual cooperation of the officials and private representatives of Japan, Manchukuo, China, and Mongolia in accordance with this basic policy.

Well, regarding the economic inter-dependence or unification, though the words are quite simple, its practice is complicated and covers various matters. Their realization requires the endeavor of every circle and we believe that it is most important to have mutual understanding and recognition for its foundation. If there had been perfect mutual understanding and recognition, the present unhappy affairs would not have occurred and, moreover, a close and mutual economic cooperation would have been realized, and also a new East Asia where Japan, Manchukuo, China and Mongolia could enjoy a co-prosperous New East Asia together with each other. The two countries of Japan and Manchukuo have already established an unseparable relationship, and, furthermore, with the participation of China and Mongolia-Hsing-kiang in the firm relationship, I believe the establishment of a co-prosperous new order by these states that are neighbors in East Asia is a common mission and historical necessity. In short, it is the basic purpose of this Roundtable Conference to advance a step further



in the establishment of a new order in East Asia by tightening the so-called economic cooperation with this very day as its epochal time.

As the Tokyo Conference is expected to be held for two days, today and on the 24th, I hope those gentlemen who are leading their business circles will have unreserved and open-hearted conferences. It is, of course, difficult to discuss sufficiently the complex problem of economy in so short a time. It is, therefore, desired that such an opportunity as this should be seized as often as possible hereafter, and also that what is lacking in this conference should be supplemented by tours and inspection of the spots. If this conference can contribute anything to the establishment of the fundament of economic concert among Japan, Manchukuo, China and Mongolia, I shall be very pleased indeed as its promoter.

Furthermore, since this conference is the first of its kind, I am afraid there are many unsatisfactory points in the proceedings, etc., of the conference, for which I apologize beforehand. With the cooperation of all gentlemen present, I sincerely hope for the success of this meeting. I have just made a few remarks on the purpose of this conference in a way to welcome you.







Resume by: Cmdr. Cole

Date : 25 March 1947

GODO, Takuo

1. Subpoena request: states that this witness will testify as to the action and conduct of the defendant in relation to his activities as president of the North China Exploitation Company; that in 1939 when the great flood damaged the Peiping-Tientsin Area the accused made every effort to save the people in the local districts and to rehabilitate them; that he asked the witness, in his official capacity, to send material and otherwise to help the people of North China. This testimony will be relevant in relation to the charge of planning and preparing the Japanese economic aggression against North China.

2. Summary of Major Posts Held:

- 1877 - Born, Tokyo.
- 1901 - Graduated from Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.
- 1904 - Appointed an Inspector of Navy Ordnance.
- 1923 - Appointed Chief of Kure Navy Yard.
- 1929 - Removed from active list and appointed adviser to South Manchuria Railway Company and President of Showa Steel Works.
- 1930 - Appointed a director of South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd.
- 1937 - Appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Communication (Hayashi Cabinet - 2 Feb. 1937 to 4 June 1937).  
Appointed Vice President of the Council on Source of Material.  
Appointed a member of the Iron Industry Committee.  
Appointed member of House of Peers.
- 1939 - Appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Minister of Commerce and Industry (Abe Cabinet - 30 Aug. 1939 to 10 Jan. 1940).
- 1941 - Appointed a member of the Council for Construction of Greater East Asia.
- 1944 - Chairman of East Asia Development Mission which made 11-day tour through Manchuria in May, 1944, inspecting mines, industries, etc.
- 1945 - Attended gathering sponsored by Tokyo-Yokohama Chapter of Nazi Party on 30 Jan. 1945 on anniversary of party's coming to power (Source: Japanese Government Officials, 1937-1945).

3. Decorations:

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Class of Decoration</u>                            | <u>Achievement</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 April 1906 | 5th Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays |                    |
| 7 Nov. 1915  | 3rd Order of Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure  |                    |



| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Class of Decoration</u>                               | <u>Achievement</u>         |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Nov. 1920  | Order of Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun                 |                            |
| 17 Dec. 1926 | 2nd Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure |                            |
| 17 Feb. 1927 | Order of Rising Sun with Double Rays                     | Remodelling Navy Equipment |
| 16 Feb. 1940 | 1st Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure              |                            |

4. Present Status - Vice Admiral, retired.

Purged - Reasons: War Criminal; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Commissioned Officer in Regular Navy.

Present Address - Sugamo Prison.

5. Summary of Interrogations (Case File No. 264)

"The subject is 69 years old and graduated from the Imperial University Engineering Department in 1901. After graduation, joined the Navy as an engineering officer attaining the rank in 1924 of Rear Admiral, and Vice-Admiral in 1928, at which time he was Superintendent of the Kure Naval Yard, retiring from the Navy in 1928 to become an engineering adviser for the South Manchurian Railway Company, beginning these duties in November of 1928. On arrival in Manchuria, in addition to being a member of the Board of the South Manchurian Railway, also became President of the Showah Steel Works at Anzan, Manchuria. The Showah Steel Works belong to the South Manchurian Railway. In 1931, at the beginning of the Manchurian Incident, the subject was Director of the South Manchurian Railway Company and President of the Showah Steel Works, residing at Anzan, Manchuria. Upon the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident, the subject was opposed to the action of the military fearing that if the incident extended it would be a serious matter for Japan and also serious from a standpoint of future industrial development of Manchuria.

He discussed the problem with Count Kosei UCHIDA, who was President of the South Manchurian Railway Company and following his conference with Count UCHIDA, the subject returned to Tokyo and discussed the problem with Baron WAKATSUKI, then Premier, but did not obtain any satisfactory conclusion in relation to the Manchurian Incident. He returned to Manchuria and called upon General HONJO, commanding the Kwantung Army and protested to General HONJO in connection with any further spread of the Manchurian Incident. Receiving no satisfaction from General HONJO and as a consequence of having opposed the Manchurian Incident, the leading officers of the Kwantung Army made it very unpleasant for the subject.

The subject mentioned as the leading officers in the Manchurian Incident, General HONJO, now deceased; ITAGAKI, who was then a Colonel and later Minister



of War in the HIRANUMA Cabinet; K. ISHIHARA, then a Major; and K. DOIHARA, then a Major.

He stated that the policy of continuing the Kwantung Army in Manchuria was the policy of the military, but in view of the fact that the military was so strong the Japanese Government followed the same policy. Further, the policy pertaining to Manchukuo and its industrial development was a policy which the Japanese Government believed in and supported.

Naoki HOSHINO was the leading man in the economic department of Manchukuo and was an official of Manchukuo although a subject of Japan. He stated that HOSHINO had been invited by Manchukuo to accept the position as heretofore mentioned, but that in reality HOSHINO was invited to this position and was given the same only with the approval of the Kwantung Army.

The Manchukuo Government was established by the Kwantung Army with the support of the Government of Japan and after the establishment of the State of Manchukuo, Japan recognized the Emperor of Manchukuo.

In October 1937, HIROTA, who was then Minister of Foreign Affairs sent the subject to Germany for the purpose of developing trade relations between Japan and Germany and further to explain Japan's position in the China Incident, the subject arriving in Berlin in January 1938. The Anti-Comintern Pact was in existence at the time he visited Germany, and Germany, in addition to recognizing Manchukuo was friendly to Japan's position in the China Incident.

In May of 1940, the subject became President of the Industrial Unions Central Organization, which unions were made up of small manufacturers; the purpose being to consolidate all of these small manufacturers in order to speed up industrial production and which position was held by the subject until the outbreak of war and thereafter.

The above-named subject has indicated his willingness to testify to the facts as set forth therein."

6. Cross-Examination:

It is suggested that GODO be cross-examined on the following (if opportunity permits):

(a) On page 16 of his interrogation of 30 January 1946, GODO stated as follows:

"A. But is it not a fact, Admiral, while you may have confined your activities to your own profession either as president of the Steel Works in Manchuria or as a member of the Cabinet, as Minister of Commerce and Industry, in railways, and did not participate in politics, nevertheless, you went along with the policy of the government in connection with the Manchurian Incident?



- (c) According to the subpoena request GODO will testify as to KAYA's activities as President of the North China Exploitation Company.

The Prosecution witness GOETTE testified (Transcript, page 3872 to 3880), as to an interview he had with KAYA as such President in 1940 in which KAYA stated that the plan of material mobilization in the area of North China envisaged supplying war material to Japan, expanding the armament of Japan and meeting the needs of peacetime industry. KAYA said the North China Development Company (through its subsidiary, the North China Communications Company) was operating 3750 miles of railway, 6250 miles of bus line and 625 miles of inland waterway communications. Other subsidiaries included the North China Telephone and Telegraph Company, the North China Aviation Company, the North China Salt Company, the Tatung Coal Mining Company and the Lung Yen Iron Mining Company.

On cross-examination of the witness GOETTE, the Defense attempted to bring out that the plan of material mobilization in North China referred to above was an army plan and that the purpose of the North China Development Company was to promote collaboration between Japan and China in order to develop Chinese agriculture, increase Chinese food production, control the Yellow River and thereby promote the general well-being of the Chinese people (Transcript, page 3,877). Defense Counsel in cross-examination of GOETTE also intimated that KAYA as President of the North China Development Company had spent 20 million yen to relieve a big famine in China that year and in addition sent pumps and other equipment to relieve a flood in the Tientsin area.

Court Exhibit No. 470 (Pros. Doc. No. 2,299) shows that the Japanese Government owned 254,250,000 yen or 81.6 per cent of the stock shares of the North China Development Company (Transcript, page 5,344).

KAYA was President of the North China Development Company from 14 August 1939 to 18 October 1941 (Curriculum Vitae, IPS Case File No. 49).



A. Yes, that is right."

(b) On page 33 of his interrogation of 13 February 1946 GODO stated as follows:

"Q. Put it this way. Isn't this true? That the government was involved in a war with China, therefore, the Imperial Rule Assistance Association was organized to acquaint the people with the situation and to enlist the aid of the people behind the government in connection with the China Incident? Isn't that right?

A. That is right.

Q. Now, therefore, isn't this true? That as a member of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, keeping in mind the purpose of the organization as just acquiesced by yourself, you supported the policy or the condition as it existed in connection with Japan's war upon China? That is right, is it not?

A. I think that is fair enough." (page 33)



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REPORT ON : The Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai  
(National Policy Research Institute)

PREPARED BY : Lt. Eric W. Fleisher  
Investigator, I.P.S.

DATE : 4 June 1947

The Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai, a little heard of organization with the outward appearance of a group devoted to the discussion and study of current events has since 1937 played an extremely important part in advising the various departments in regards national policy, the administration of conquered territory and the utilization of the natural resources and materials available in territories already occupied by Japan, and in those that the association considered should be occupied. Its membership consisted mostly of second rate politicians who were devoted to the cause of Japan ruling not only Asia, but of making the Pacific Ocean a "Mare Nostrum" by occupying Alaska and certain countries of South America along the Pacific Coast and thereby spreading Japan's influence into the interior of South America and through the West Coast of the United States. Lacking in power, themselves, the members of the Association sought to influence the greater political figures of the day and to gain the support of those that favored their policy of aggression and conquest, which they did with considerable success. Such men as MOTO, Akira; KAYA, Okinori; SATO, Kenryo; SUZUKI, Teiichi; GOTO, Shigenori; KISHI; TAKAHASHI; GOTO, Fumio; ABE, Nobuyuki; ISOGAYA; SHIMOMURA; HORIUCHI; SAKURAI; KOPAYASHI, Seizo; ARITA, Hachiro; IWAKURO, Tokue; SHIRAYAMA, Kaneshiro; MATSUMURA; ARISUE, Seizo; NAGAI, Yatsuji; SHIGEMITSU, Mamoru; and other influential men were affiliated with the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai and many of them made speeches at the meetings or attended them for the purpose of informing the society of recent developments in the political scene in Japan, in the occupied areas, and abroad.

In spite of the fact that the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai claimed to be a private organization under no outside influence, most of its financial backing came from the secret funds or "Kimitsuhi" of the various ministries and departments of the Government and from the larger private concerns. In the early days these contributions rarely exceeded five thousand yen, but later, especially after the outbreak of the "Greater East Asia War" contributions were rarely less and usually well over five thousand yen. The War Ministry and Navy Ministry were the most regular contributors and gave the greatest amounts, but the Greater East Asia Ministry, the Foreign Ministry, the Cabinet Bureau of Information, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry also gave their support. Out of the almost one hundred private companies that gave financial backing to the KKK, Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Asano, Ayakawa, Sumitomo, Tokyo Shibaura Denki and Osaka Seitetsu are the most well known. Extra amounts were collected from these sources on other occasions for special projects. In the end of 1941, or the beginning of 1942, the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai began research on their "Ten Year Plan for the Development of Greater East Asia."



For this project Muto, Akira of the Military Affairs Bureau gave the KKK 20,000 yen out of secret funds, and the same amount was received from Oka, Keijun of the Navy. The Foreign Office and the Cabinet Bureau of Information contributed 20,000 yen but this time only 5,900 yen was received from the Greater East Asia Ministry. From private companies 200,000 yen was collected.

The Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai, although not organized into definite sections for the study of various areas, did have specialists in each field and committees were formed whenever a project was undertaken, headed by these specialists. For example, specialists studying relations with the United States were Ishida, Reisque (Mitsui Bussan); Tojima (Mitsui Bussan); Isogaye, Reisque; and Sato, Naotake; while Okura, Kinmochi; and Kuroda, Kakuchi were the outstanding specialists on Russia.

The sources of information available to the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai were so extensive that no civilian, none government organization could ever have come near it. Much of this information was gathered from prominent members and their more influential friends, but documents too, from government ministries were in the possession of the society. Through Muto, Akira; Yatsugi, Kazuo of the KKK, was able to acquire and retain in his possession many documents of the Military Affairs Bureau, classified as "Top Secret." Yatsugi obtained documents through Muto as Muto was a good personal friend of his, but information was procured from other government ministries and from other high officials. This information was used in drawing up the various plans put out by the KKK.

In regards the United States a committee was formed in 1939 and functioned through 1941 studying U.S.-Japanese relations and conditions in the United States. The KKK published a full report in 1940 on its findings. So thorough was the knowledge of this committee that it was even familiar with the fortification of the Mandated Islands, something that was known only to a circle of the top ranking military and naval men. The material and statistics published by other societies, such as the Showa Kenkyu Kai and the Towa Kenkyu Kai was available to the KKK. An organization known as the Chosa Kenkyu Doin Honbu (Investigation and Research Mobilization Headquarters) acted as liaison between the many associations. Okura, Kinmochi; senior member of the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai was president of the Chosa Kenkyu Doin Honbu and Kanamori, Tokujiro, Chief of the Political Section of the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai was one of the Directors of the Chosa Kenkyu Doin Honbu.

By the end of 1941 the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai had worked on plans to utilize the facilities of the South Seas, Eastern Russia, Alaska, Canada, Central America, South America and India. Many members, influential sponsors, and associates thought that the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai had gone too far. Even Muto was opposed to including India although he approved of evicting the British from Asia. Regardless, the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai had gone ahead with these plans, some of which were later adopted in a modified form, to suit the Army, and the entire area was called the "East Asia Sphere."



In the spring of 1942 the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai began research on its "Ten Year Plan for the Development of Greater East Asia." There were approximately ten different sections covering an extremely wide scope doing research on this subject. Yatsugi, Kazuo (IPS witness) was the administrative head of the project, and was responsible for financing it. Takahashi, Kamegichi was the chief investigator and Kanamori, Tokujiro was in charge of the Political Section. At first the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai received much support from the different ministries and from high officials in the Government, but as the future of the "Greater East Asia Sphere" became more and more uncertain this support decreased. The plan was finally completed and a final report published, but it was never adopted, for by this time the tide of battle had turned against Japan and she had her hands full just trying to hang on to what territory she had. With this change in the fortunes of war the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai became less and less active. Government circles became more reluctant to give out information and documents were not easily obtained. Government agencies were no longer receptive to advice or plans for the future as they had their hands full with the War and its outcome. Although by 1944 the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai had lost its influence and had become almost inactive, it nevertheless carried on its meetings and still remained well informed in almost every field. Prominent members of the KKK were familiar even with secrets such as the profits from the opium trade. Satomi, head of the hong at Shanghai, sent the profits to Suzuki, Teiichi who placed them in Tojo's secret fund.

The Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai continued from 1944, when it lost its influence until the end of the War, when it was dissolved, as an organization that was extremely well informed on all matters and could be called on at all times should its need arise.

The foregoing report is based upon the interrogations of Yatsugi, Kazuo and Okura, Kinmochi conducted in June 1946. Okura was again interrogated on 27 May 1947 by this investigator prior to this writing. Documents published by the Kokusaku Kenkyu Kai in the possession of the International Prosecution Section were used as reference and background material in the preparation of this report.

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Sodo

> Doc NO. 2608 - clipping

contains speech by Sodo Tubano

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Doc No. 1144 (classified only) - Set doc for Coms

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N.G. > Doc No. 783 - report on death speech

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speech by Sodo - June 45 - "no must be"

> Doc No. 589 - clipping 19 June 1948  
journal - article on Sodo's view on

583 - journal

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Miss Allen <sup>712</sup>  
add this to page 4 of the Resumé re Sodo dated 25 Mar 1947.

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~~NOTE Sodo is apparently a ~~document~~~~ On 11 June

1945 The Japanese Kampo "Official Gazette" quoted a speech by ~~the~~ <sup>Sodo</sup> relating to the "Volunteer Corps" in which he said "There must be no surrender - only victory or death. We must win to protect our 3000 year old history and to return Asia to its natural aspects." (See IPS Doc No. 783 which has never been introduced in evidence)



Doc #583

Hi (Secret) Hatsu (Distribution) No 39

September 8, 1944.

To GODO, Takuo,  
President,  
Central Society for Industrial Union,

I congratulate you that you are now healthy and active.

Now we gratefully acknowledge your consent to our requesting you to become a director and trustee of our association.

And we <sup>eagerly</sup> ask you to render us a service though we are sorry to bother you while you are very busy.

In greeting,

TŌJŌ, Hideki,

President,

Science Mobilization Association.



Nippon, Manchukuo - Chinese Economic  
Round Table Conference (Tokyo 22nd - 1938)  
Doc. 2608  
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GODO, Takuo, President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry.

at Three Countries' Round Table Talk for  
Economic Cooperation

November 22, 1938, at 9.25 a.m.

The plan of organizing the Three Countries' Round Table  
Talk for Economic Cooperation has been made by the  
Committee of which Mr. KAYA is the president. And  
the Round Table Talk in Tokyo is to be held under  
the <sup>joint</sup> auspices of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry,  
Economic Union of Japan, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce  
and Industry, Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Manchu-  
Japanese Business Association, Sino-Japanese Business  
Association, and the Bankers' Club of Tokyo. I  
am going to greet you as I am elected president.

I think this meeting is very significant because so  
many important persons of Japan, Manchukuo and  
China meet.

We congratulate now ourselves on this occasion that,  
new governments having been established instead of  
comintern and anti-japanese Chiang Government, we  
three countries are striving for the economic cooperation.



Our principal aim in the Continent is to establish the permanent peace and order in the East Asia.

And the establishment of the new order can be attained by the cooperation of three countries, political, Economical and cultural and it aims the settlement of international justice, the attainment of <sup>joint</sup> anti comintern idea, the creation of new civilization and the realization of economic mutual aid. This meeting has been organized so as the three nations, officials and people, may make the joint endeavor in exploiting natural resources, in stabilizing industries and in building up economies in the continent.

The economic cooperation has a very deep <sup>(and complicated)</sup> meaning and we must first understand one another. If we had had understood and recognised one another, the present incident would not have occurred and the three nations would have enjoyed the new order under which they would rejoice in aiding mutually.

Between Japan and Manchuria, indivisible oneness already exists, and now we, uniting with China and Mongolia, should strive together for the establish-



ment of the new order based on the <sup>spirit of</sup> mutual existence  
and prosperity. We hope now all who are present  
will talk without reserve and express their free  
opinions.



**G O P Y**

File No. 264

REPORT BY: L. H. BARNARD.

RE: Vice Admiral Takuo GODO, IJN, Retired.

Date: 23 December 1945.

On 22 December 1945, Lt. J. B. Alexander of this office, contacted Major Davis of the GIS, who advised that subject was being considered for arrest. For that reason, an investigative file is being opened on subject. Major Davis furnished the following information from his files:

Takuo GODO, Vice Admiral, Imperial Japanese Navy, Retired.

Born 1877, Important positions he has held includes:

1924 Commander, Kure Naval Dockyard  
1926 Vice Admiral, Commander, Kure Naval Arsenal  
1928 or 29 Retired from naval service  
Member Board of Directors, South Manchuria Railway  
1934-35 President Showa Steel Works, Anshan Manchuria  
1937 Feb.- Minister of Commerce and Industry concurrently  
June Minister of Railways, Hayashi Cabinet  
1937-38 Unofficial envoy to Germany representing Japan's side  
of China Incident. Chairman Tokyo Chamber of Commerce  
and Industry.  
1939 Aug.- Minister of Commerce and Industry, and concurrently of  
1940 Jan. Agriculture and Forestry, Abe Cabinet.  
1942 May Member Board of Directors, IRAPS  
1942 Nov. Chairman, Deliberate Council, Imperial Rule Assistance  
Association  
1943 Chairman, Special Committee for Key Industries, IRAPS  
Advisor to Wooden Ship Construction Association.  
1944 Sept. Advisor, IRAA Youth Corps  
1945 Mar. Advisor to Munitions Ministry

Vice Admiral GODO played an important part in the colonial exploitation of Manchuria, particularly as president of the Showa Steel Works. He was an ardent advocate of the Japanese alliance with Germany. As a professed admirer of Nazi economy, he made two trips to Germany to study Nazi finance and adapt it to Japanese war economy.

He may be described as a fascist minded bureaucrat in uniform, whose past activities would indicate a strong prima face case for his arrest and detention.

He qualifies under Paragraph 7b of Joint Staff Basic Directive for Post Surrender Military Government in Japan Proper of 3 November 1945."



A memorandum for the file submitted by Lt. R. H. Gilliland, of this division, in the matter entitled "Seizo KOBAYASHI," our file No. 152, reflects that GODO was chairman of the second committee of the Central Coop. Council, sometimes known as the Central Cooperative Conference, which group operated under the direction of the IRAA.

P E N D I N G



CURRICULUM VITAE

FILE NO. 264

Name: GODO, Takuo

On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were microfilmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 131.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

Date of birth: 23 September 1877

Domicile: Tokyo Urban Prefecture

Rank: Military Class

Sept. 1898 Entered the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.

4 Oct. Ordered to be a student of the Navy Ordnance School.

21 June 1901 Graduated from the Engineering College, Tokyo Imperial University.

27 June Appointed as middle engineer of the Navy Ordnance and ordered to serve on board the "IZUMO" for practical study.

13 Dec. Relieved from the duty on board the "IZUMO" for practical study;  
Ordered to be an officer in charge of the Manufacturing Section of the Tokyo Navy Arsenal.

28 Nov. 1902 Appointed as an Instructor at the Navy Ordnance.

10 Nov. Relieved of the post;  
Appointed a member of the Manufacturing Section of the Navy Arsenal in addition to his post as Instructor at the Naval Staff Academy (Ministry of Navy).

10 Dec. Honored with the Senior Grade of the 7th Class Court Rank.



18 Jan. 1904 Appointed an Inspector of Navy Ordnance as an additional post.

28 June Relieved of his principal and additional posts; Appointed as the Inspector of the Navy Yard and to the post of member of the Department of Ordnance.

13 June 1905 Ordered to make an official trip to England; Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed to the Naval Inspectorate (Navy Ministry).

1 April 1906 Decorated with 5th Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays; Granted money sum of ¥600; Awarded with War Medal for the war of 1904-1905.

8 Jan. 1908 Ordered to return from England.

3 June Returned to Japan.

30 June Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed as the Inspector of the KURE Navy Yard with additional duty of a member of the Ordnance Division.

1 Mar. 1909 Raised to the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.

1 Sept. Relieved of the principal and additional posts and appointed a member of Ordnance Division of the KURE Navy Yard.

1 Oct. Appointed the Junior Examiner of Navy Ordnance with additional duty in the Naval Ordnance Inspectorate.

15 Jan. 1910 Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard, with the additional post as before.

17 June 1911 Ordered to make official trip to England.

26 June Relieved of the principal post and appointed to the Inspectorate of the Ordnance.

18 July 1913 Ordered to return to Japan (Cabinet).

1 Dec. Appointed the middle examiner of Naval Ordnance Cabinet



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| 30 Jan. 1914 | Raised to the Senior Grade of the 6th Court Rank.                                                                                                    |
| 16 May       | Decorated with the 4th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure.                                                                                      |
| 1 Dec.       | Relieved of the principal post and appointed a member of the Cannon Division of the Kure Navy Yard.                                                  |
| 7 Nov. 1915  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit with Order of the Sacred Treasure;<br>Granted money sum of ¥500;<br>Awarded war medal for the war 1914-1915.   |
| 1 May 1917   | Ordered to make official trip to U.S.A.;<br>Appointed to the additional post of Inspector of Navy Ordnance;                                          |
| 1 Dec.       | Appointed the Senior Examiner of Navy Ordnance;<br>Promoted to Rear Admiral by the Revision of the Rank of Military Officers on 23 September 1919.   |
| 15 Jan. 1918 | Ordered to return to Japan.                                                                                                                          |
| 30 Jan.      | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.                                                                                                          |
| 9 April      | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |
| 1 June 1919  | Relieved of the principal post;<br>Appointed the Chief of Cannon Division of the Navy Yard.                                                          |
| 10 June      | Ordered to make official trip to the various European States and U.S.A. (Cabinet)                                                                    |
| 8 Feb. 1920  | Decorated with the 3rd Order of the "British Empire" by Great Britain and permitted to wear it.                                                      |
| 1 Oct. 1921  | Appointed as additional post, Chief of Aircraft Dept. of the HIRO Branch Depot of the KURE Navy Yard.                                                |
| 1 Nov. 1920  | Decorated with the Order of the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun;<br>Granted money sum of ¥1,150 for meritorious service during the war of 1915-1920. |
| 20 Dec. 1921 | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                     |



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| 1 Dec. 1922  | Promoted to Rear Admiral, Ordnance;<br>Appointed as additional post the Chief<br>of the Armor Plate Department of the Kure<br>Navy Yard                                                                 | Cabinet<br><br>Navy Ministry |
| 28 Dec. 1922 | Raised to the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 1 Apr. 1923  | Relieved of the additional post.                                                                                                                                                                        | Navy Ministry                |
| 20 Nov.      | Appointed as additional post the Chief of<br>the Cannon Experimental Department, Kure Navy<br>Yard;<br>Relieved of the principal and additional posts<br>and appointed the Chief of the Kure Navy Yard. | " "                          |
| 1 Dec. 1926  | Promoted to Vice Admiral, Ordnance                                                                                                                                                                      | Cabinet                      |
| 17 Dec.      | Decorated with the 2nd Order of Merit with the<br>Order of Sacred Treasure.                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec. 1926 | Raised to 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |
| 17 Feb. 1927 | Decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun<br>with Double Rays for the prominent achievement<br>of his work and cooperation in the remodelling<br>of the Naval Equipment.                               |                              |
| 10 Dec. 1928 | Placed on the waiting list.                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |
| 28 Dec.      | Appointed to serve in the Naval Technical<br>Department                                                                                                                                                 | Navy Ministry                |
| 24 Jan. 1929 | Raised by one degree of his court rank as a<br>special mark of favor (Raised to 4th Court<br>Rank, Senior Grade)                                                                                        |                              |
| 1 July 1930  | Appointed a Director of the Southern Manchuria<br>Railway Co., Ltd. (Dept. of Overseas Affairs)                                                                                                         |                              |
| 1 July 1934  | The term of office as a Director of the Southern<br>Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. expired.                                                                                                                |                              |
| 2 Dec. 1937  | Appointed the <u>Minister of Commerce and Industry</u><br>and the <u>Minister of Communication.</u>                                                                                                     | Cabinet                      |
| 15 Feb. 1937 | Raised to the 3d Court Rank, Junior Grade.                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| 20 Feb.      | Appointed as Vice President of the Council on<br>Source of Material.                                                                                                                                    |                              |



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| 31 May 1937  | Appointed a member of the House of Peers in accordance with Article I, No. 4 of the Ordinance of the House of Peers                                                 | Cabinet |
| 4 June 1937  | Relieved of the principal and additional posts by his request                                                                                                       | "       |
| 1 Oct.       | Appointed a member of the Iron Industry Committee                                                                                                                   | "       |
| 29 Nov. 1938 | Appointed a member of the Committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nippon Hassodan k/k)                                | "       |
| 30 Nov.      | Appointed a member of the committee controlling the Communication Enterprises                                                                                       | "       |
| 13 Dec.      | Appointed as the President of the Railway Freight Rate Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 22 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 Dec.      | Appointed a member of the International Sight-seeing Committee                                                                                                      | "       |
| 21 Jan. 1939 | Appointed a provisional member of the Agricultural and Forestry Committee                                                                                           | "       |
| 23 Jan.      | Appointed a provisional member of the Rice Controlling Committee                                                                                                    | "       |
| 15 Feb.      | Appointed the Councillor of the Foreign Exchange Bureau, Ministry of Finance                                                                                        | "       |
| 8 Mar.       | Appointed a member of the Central Market Price Committee                                                                                                            | "       |
| 10 Mar.      | Appointed a member of the Department Stores Committee;<br>Appointed a member of the committee for the relief of Tradesmen who went to the field as a national duty. | "<br>"  |
| 4 April      | Relieved of duty as a member of the committee to establish the Nippon Electricity Generating and Supplying Co., Ltd. (The Nihon Hassoden K/K)                       |         |



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| 28 Apr. 1939                | Appointed a member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd. (Nihon Beikoku K/K)                                 | Cabinet |
| 31 March<br>(possibly May?) | Appointed a member of the Council for the accommodation and re-compensation of the small and middle classes of merchants and workers. | "       |
| 5 June                      | Appointed a member of the Committee for the Establishment of Japan Aircraft Co., Ltd. (Dai-Nippon Koku K/K)                           | "       |
| 5 July                      | Appointed a member of the Council for the Prosperity of Asia (Kao IINKAI)                                                             | "       |
| 12 July                     | Appointed a member of the Committee for Railroad Main Line                                                                            | "       |
| 19 May                      | Appointed a member of the Conference for Festival of 2600 years                                                                       | "       |
| 22 July                     | Appointed a member of the Central Committee for Investigation of the Industry.                                                        | "       |
| 28 July                     | Appointed a member of the Committee for the National Physical Strength                                                                | "       |
| 2 Aug.                      | Appointed a member of the national mobilization Committee.                                                                            | "       |
| 5 Aug.                      | Relieved of duty as a member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Rice Co., Ltd.                                           | "       |
| 12 Aug.                     | Appointed a member of the council for Rice Exchange Enterprise                                                                        | "       |
| 30 Aug. 1939                | Appointed the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister of Commerce and Industry                                          | "       |
| 2 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Committee for Establishment of the Japan Aircraft Co., Lt.                                                  | "       |
| 5 Sept.                     | Relieved as member of the Council for Investigation of Small and Middle Scale Industries by his request;                              | "       |
|                             | Relieved as member of the Council for Rice Exchange Enterprise by his request.                                                        | "       |



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| 7 Sept. 1939  | Relieved as member of the National Mobilization Committee by his request                                                                             | Cabinet |
| 13 Sept.      | Relieved as member of the Conference for Festival of 2600 years, by his request                                                                      | "       |
| 14 Sept.      | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Rice Controlling Committee, by his request.                                                                    | "       |
|               | Relieved as Provisional Member of the Committee for Agricultural and Forestry Plans, by his request                                                  | "       |
| 19 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Adjustment of Traffic Enterprises, by his request                                                        | "       |
| 2 Sept.       | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Prosperity of Asia, by his request.                                                                        | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Committee for the Relief of Tradersmen who went to the Field as a national duty, by his request                            | "       |
| 21 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Council for the Accommodation and Recompensation of the Small and Middle Classes of Merchants and Workers, by his request. | "       |
| 22 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the Legislation Adjusting Committee, by his request                                                                            | "       |
| 26 Sept.      | Relieved as Member of the International Sight-seeing Committee by his request.                                                                       | "       |
|               | Relieved as the President of the Railway Freight-rate Committee, by his request.                                                                     | "       |
|               | Relieved as Member of the Committee for Railroad main line, by his request.                                                                          | "       |
| 2 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Iron Industry Committee, by his request.                                                                                   | "       |
| 3 Oct.        | Relieved as Member of the Committee for National Physical Strength, by his request                                                                   | "       |
| 23 Sept. 1939 | Transferred to second reserve.                                                                                                                       |         |
| 12 Oct.       | Relieved as Member of the Central Market Price Committee, by his request.                                                                            | "       |



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| 16 Oct.      | Relieved of the Principal Post and appointed<br>Minister of Commerce and Industry                                                                                                                               | Cabinet |
|              | Relieved as Member of the Department Store<br>Committee                                                                                                                                                         | "       |
| 5 Dec.       | Relieved as the Councillor of Foreign Exchange<br>Bureau, the Ministry of Finance, by his request                                                                                                               | "       |
| 16 Jan. 1940 | Relieved of the Principal Post, by his request                                                                                                                                                                  | "       |
| 16 Feb.      | Decorated with the First Order of Merit with<br>the Sacred Treasure                                                                                                                                             | "       |
| 2 Feb.       | Appointed a Member of the Iron Industry<br>Committee.                                                                                                                                                           | "       |
| 24 May       | Appointed a member of the National Physical<br>Strength Council                                                                                                                                                 | "       |
| 10 Feb. 1941 | Appointed a member of the Committee for<br>Valuation of properties of those who changed<br>or closed their business under the Trade-<br>restriction law.                                                        | "       |
| 20 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>demonstration of full power of the mining<br>and industrious enterprises                                                                                             | "       |
| 14 May       | Appointed a Member of the Council of Counter-<br>measures for market prices.                                                                                                                                    | "       |
| 9 Aug.       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Accommoda-<br>tion of Capital.                                                                                                                                            | "       |
| 21 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Formosan Temporary<br>Economic Council.                                                                                                                                               | "       |
| 24 Mar.      | Appointed a Member of the Committee for<br>Establishment of Money Lending Depository<br>in wartime.                                                                                                             | "       |
| 20 June      | Appointed a member of the Council for Con-<br>struction of the Greater East Asia.                                                                                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses of those who suffered by<br>changing or closing business by restriction of<br>enterprises, The Board of the Equipments of<br>Industries. | "       |
|              | Appointed a Member of the Council for Investiga-<br>tion of the losses, The National Rebirth<br>Depository.                                                                                                     | "       |



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| 28 Dec. 1942 | Appointed a Member of the Science Art Council.                                                                        |         |
| 14 May 1943  | Appointed a Member of the National Mobilization Council.                                                              | Cabinet |
| 15 July      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprises Adjusting Council.                                                              | "       |
| 31 July      | Appointed a Member of the Naval Affairs Council.                                                                      | "       |
| 25 Oct.      | Appointed superintendent of the National Rebirth Depository.                                                          | "       |
| 28 Jan.      | Appointed a Member of the Price Formation Council (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 114 issue March 10, 1944). | "       |
| 1 April      | Placed on the Retired List                                                                                            | "       |
| 2 June       | Appointed a Member of the Railway Conference                                                                          | "       |
| 6 June       | Appointed a Member of the Council for Negotiating and Compensating the middle and small scale Businessmen and Works.  | "       |
| 21 July      | Appointed the Director of Technical Board.                                                                            | "       |
| 29 Feb. 1945 | Appointed a Member of the War Time Market Price Council.                                                              | "       |
| 7 March      | Appointed an Adviser of the Ministry of Ordnance.                                                                     | "       |
| 20 Oct.      | Appointed a Member of the Enterprise Adjusting Council.                                                               | "       |
|              | Appointed the Councillor of the Central Liaison Office.                                                               | "       |
| 29 Dec.      | Appointed the Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.                                                       | "       |



C O P Y

File No. 264

REPORT BY: L. H. BARNARD.

RE: Vice Admiral Takuo GODO, IJN, Retired.

Date: 23 December 1945.

On 22 December 1945, Lt. J. B. Alexander of this office, contacted Major Davis of the CIS, who advised that subject was being considered for arrest. For that reason, an investigative file is being opened on subject. Major Davis furnished the following information from his files:

Takuo GODO, Vice Admiral, Imperial Japanese Navy, Retired.

Born 1877, Important positions he has held include:

|            |                                                                                                                           |
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| 1924       | Commander, Kure Naval Dockyard                                                                                            |
| 1926       | Vice Admiral, Commander, Kure Naval Arsenal                                                                               |
| 1928 or 29 | Retired from naval service                                                                                                |
|            | Member Board of Directors, South Manchuria Railway                                                                        |
| 1934-35    | President Showa Steel Works, Anshan Manchuria                                                                             |
| 1937 Feb.- | Minister of Commerce and Industry concurrently                                                                            |
| June       | Minister of Railways, Hayashi Cabinet                                                                                     |
| 1937-38    | Unofficial envoy to Germany representing Japan's side of China Incident. Chairman Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. |
| 1939 Aug.- | Minister of Commerce and Industry, and concurrently of                                                                    |
| 1940 Jan.  | Agriculture and Forestry, Abe Cabinet.                                                                                    |
| 1942 May   | Member Board of Directors, IRAPS                                                                                          |
| 1942 Nov.  | Chairman, Deliberate Council, Imperial Rule Assistance Association                                                        |
| 1943       | Chairman, Special Committee for Key Industries, IRAPS<br>Advisor to Wooden Ship Construction Association.                 |
| 1944 Sept. | Advisor, IRAA Youth Corps                                                                                                 |
| 1945 Mar.  | Advisor to Munitions Ministry                                                                                             |

Vice Admiral GODO played an important part in the colonial exploitation of Manchuria, particularly as president of the Showa Steel Works. He was an ardent advocate of the Japanese alliance with Germany. As a professed admirer of Nazi economy, he made two trips to Germany to study Nazi finance and adapt it to Japanese war economy.

He may be described as a fascist minded bureaucrat in uniform, whose past activities would indicate a strong prima face case for his arrest and detention.

He qualifies under Paragraph 7b of Joint Staff Basic Directive for Post Surrender Military Government in Japan Proper of 3 November 1945."



A memorandum for the file submitted by Lt. R. H. Gilliland, of this division, in the matter entitled "Seizo KOBAYASHI," our file No. 152, reflects that GODO was chairman of the second committee of the Central Coop. Council, sometimes known as the Central Cooperative Conference, which group operated under the direction of the IRAA.

P E N D I N G



Witness called by:

KAYA

GODO, Takuo

Information from Who's Who in Japan - 1931-1932

Ordnance Rear Admiral;  
President Showa Steel Works;  
Adviser, South Manchuria Railway Company;

Born: September, 1877 in Tokyo.  
First son of Takuji Godo;  
Married Shinko, fourth daughter of Matasuke Yamada.

Career: Graduated from the Ordnance Course of  
Tokyo Imperial University, 1901.  
After graduation, Assistant Naval Ordnance Officer,  
1st Class;  
Appointed an inspector of Kure Navy Yard,  
director of ordnance, and of the Aircraft  
Branch one after another;  
Four times despatched to Europe and America  
on official business;  
Served as Chief, Kure Naval Arsenal for 4 years;  
Removed from active list, December 1929, and  
appointed adviser, South Manchuria Railway  
Company;  
Accepted presidency Showa Steel Works upon  
inception, July, 1929.

Address (1932):

South Manchuria Railway Company, Dairen.



SUBJECT: GODO, Takuo

Subject attended gathering sponsored by Tokyo-Yokohama chapter of Nazi Party 30 January 1945 on Anniversary of Party's coming to power. Chairman of East Asia Development Mission that made 11-day tour through Manchuria during May 1944, inspecting mines, industries, etc.

SOURCE: Japanese Government Officials, 1937 - 1945.  
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FARM GROUPS INSIST THAT GODO RESIGN

Agrarian dissatisfaction with Vice-Admiral Takuo GODO as Agriculture Minister, which has increased friction between the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry and the Commerce and Industry Ministry, which Vice-Admiral GODO heads concurrently, heightened yesterday when four prominent leaders of farm groups flatly refused to serve on an advisory committee proposed by the Minister.

The farm leaders, supported by fishery groups, insist that Vice-Admiral GODO, being essentially an expert on commercial matters, is unfit for the Agriculture and Forestry portfolio, according to the Kokumin. They refuse to give council to the Ministry, the newspaper says, until a full-time Minister other than the Vice-Admiral is appointed to head it. Vice-Admiral GODO on the other hand, has indicated strongly that he will continue to hold both posts or will resign from the Cabinet altogether.

SOURCE: The Japan Advertiser, 29 Sept. 1939.  
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GODO, Vice Admiral Takuo

Headed the 'Asia Friendship Mission' sent by the General Headquarters of the New Asia Movement of the NGAA to Hsinking; this mission is very similar to Admiral Sankichi TAKAHASHI's mission to Peiping and Dr. Shumei OKAWA's mission to Nanking last year. He is a member of the House of Peers and also Director of the NGAA. Formerly a Director of the South Manchuria Railway Co. and the first President of the Showa Iron and Steel Works in Manchuria; at one time he was the Tokyo Minister of Commerce and Industry. He was accompanied by three officials of the NGAA on his recent mission to Hsinking which was from the 12 May to 23 May 1944.

SOURCE: MOI, New Delhi, 1 - 31 May 1944 (OSS Card File)



Witness called by:

KAYA

GODO, Takuo

Vice Admiral;

Founder and President of the Showa Iron Works affiliated with the South Manchuria Railway Company;

Minister of Commerce and Industry (and concurrently Minister of Railway) in the HAYASHI Cabinet (February-June 1937);

Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and concurrently Minister of Commerce and Industry, later Minister of Commerce and Industry in the ABE Cabinet (August 1939 - January 1940).

Source: Confidential, not to be disclosed.



19 March 1947

MEMORANDUM: For Files

RE : GODO, Takuo

1. Above-named witness was purged by SCAP directive. Reasons: War Criminal; Minister of Commerce and Industry; Commissioned Officer in the Regular Navy.

Source: Records of Government Section, SCAP, as shown in memo dated 19 March 1947 from D. L. Waldorf, Chief of Investigation Division, IPS.



GODO, Takuo, Vice Admiral (Ret)

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(From Counter Intelligence Justification Files.)



Re: GODO, Takuo

A check of ATIS files disclosed the following information:

1877 Born, Tokyo.

1901 Graduated Tokyo Imperial University. Four times visited U. S. and Europe on official business.

1937 Member of House of Peers. Head of East Asia development mission. Former head of Fushan Colliery, 1935. Member of Kenkyo Kai party.

1944 Councilor to the Board of Technology.

1944, 25 May

Councilor Director, Essential Industries Association.  
Chairman of Board of Directors, National Commerce and Economic Control Council.

Member, Price Investigation Committee (organized to formulate Price Control).

Director: Tokyo Express Electric Company

(Source: Personal Intelligence  
OWI)