

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

United States of America, et al.,	)	
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VS	)	SS AFFIDAVIT
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ARAKI, Sadao, et al.	)	

I, Lt. Gen. Yukio KASAHARA of the Japanese Army,  
do hereby certify under oath as follows:

That the photostatic copy of the document in Japanese under the title of "Conversation of Ambassador HIROTA and Maj. Gen. HARADA" is the photographic copy of the record of the outline of conversation of Ambassador HIROTA and Maj. Gen. HARADA which took place while the latter was in Moscow in 1931, fifteen years ago.

This record is in my handwriting, written at the request of Maj. Gen. HARADA. The contents of the document are as follows:

Concerning the Conversation of  
Ambassador HIROTA and Maj. Gen. HARADA.

In reference to the national policy of x x to be transmitted by Ambassador HIROTA to the Chief of General Staff.

1. Desire the following matters be especially transmitted to the Chief of General Staff.

Aside from whether Japan will wage a war against Soviet Russia, it is necessary for Japan to have strong policies against Soviet Russia being ready for war at any time. Its principal purpose is not defense against Communism but rather the conquest of Eastern Siberia.

2. x x stated by Ambassador HIROTA on the disarmament problem. Generally speaking, more than half of the diplomats of the world are in favor of military disarmament.. However, since this refers to the general theory of disarmament, if it becomes clearly known that the military preparation of Japan is for use against Soviet Russia, it is only natural that she cannot reduce her armaments; and the world powers also (the remainder of the sentence was not submitted to me).

In the above mentioned photostatic copy of the record, however, there are two letters each on lines 15 and 21 of the first page too indistinct to be read. Therefore, marks "x x" were inserted.

I have no recollection as to the recorded items in the remaining portion which was not presented to me.

I hereby identify this affidavit in my own handwriting and that it is true.

/s/ KASAHARA, Yukio

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named Kasahara, Yukio at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan this 6th day of September, 1946.

JOHN F. HUMMEL  
Major, J.A.G.D.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, 2nd Lt. Murakami James, hereby certify that I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that this day, the said Kasahara Yukio was duly sworn in my presence and signed said affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said Affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

Dated this 6th day of September, 1946, at Tokyo, Japan.

MURAKAMI JAMES  
2nd Lt. Central  
Interrogation Section