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Please take notice that attached hereto are the revised interrogatories to be propounded to the Right Honorable Sir Robert Craigie, which are to be substituted in the place and stead of the original interrogatories annexed to Paper No. 1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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Questions to be propounded on behalf of the Honorable Hirota, Koki:

QUESTION NO. 1: Please state your name, address and period of service as Ambassador of Great Britain to Japan.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 2: Please state what was the extent of your official and private acquaintance with Hirota, Koki, during your service as Ambassador in Japan.

ANSWER

QUESTION NO. 3: While Mr. Hirota occupied the office of Foreign Minister and Prime Minister did he inform you of his views and that of the Japanese Government toward relations with Great Britain, United States, China, USSR and other foreign countries and, if so, please state what they were.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 4: During your service in Japan did you observe any acts on the part of Mr. Hirota tending to arrest extreme views entertained in some quarters in Japan and, if so, please state what they were, giving the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 5: Please state whether complaints of the British Government were given prompt attention by the Foreign Office during the tenure of Mr. Hirota in the Foreign Office.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 6: Please state briefly what Mr. Hirota did upon the shelling of the LADYBIRD and the wounding in China of Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 7: Do you know whether Mr. Hirota or the Japanese Foreign Office was engaged in a common plan or conspiracy to bring about the Lukouchiao Incident of July 7, 1937, stating the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 8: Do you know whether Mr. Hirota in any way participated in any common plan or conspiracy to wage wars of aggression in violation of international law, treaties and assurances and thereby to dominate the world or East Asia or any race or people living in any part of the world, stating the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 9: Please state, if you know, the efforts of Mr. Hirota to conclude peace with China immediately following the Lukouchiao Incident of July 7, 1937; the part played therein by yourself and other diplomatic representatives in Japan and elsewhere, stating the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 10: Please state, if you know, the reasons why Japan did not accept the invitation to the Brussels Conference in the fall of 1937, stating the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 11: Do you know whether Mr. Hirota had any connection with the negotiations for or conclusion of the Tri-Partite Pact, stating the source of your information and knowledge.

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 12: Did Mr. Hirota inform you of his views as a private citizen in regard to the Tri-Partite Pact

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 13: Based upon your official and personal contacts with Mr. Hirota, do you know whether or not Mr. Hirota endeavored to avoid friction with Great Britain and the United States and whether or not he sought to maintain the peace?

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 14: Please state any additional facts or matters within your knowledge which you feel would be useful to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East with respect to charges pending against Mr. Hirota before the above-named Tribunal.

ANSWER: