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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

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HATTORI NAOHIRO

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

1. I am an ex-major of the Japanese army. I am living in Tokyo Shinjuku-ku Shimochiai 2 Chōme 804.

I served in the headquarters of the Kwantung Army as a cipher officer at the time when the Kantokuen started in 1941. Later I was transferred to the cipher section of the General Staff Office, in September 1942.

2. I am acquainted with Matsuura Kusuo, having had connection with him on our businesses. I have neither seen operations plans, nor been shown the contents of them by my superiors. As to the Kantokuen, I am entirely ignorant of the contents of the plan. I know, however, that the Kwantung Army was reinforced at that time. I have no recollection whether I ever talked with Matsuura relating to this problem. At that time, however, there were various rumors among young officers; I might, therefore, have talked with Matsuura about these rumors. I never told Matsuura anything concerning the contents of either operations plans or the Kantokuen; I could not have, because I did not know them.

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OATH

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

Hattori Naohiro (seal)

On this 7th day of January, 1948
At Tokyo

Deponent: Hattori Naohiro

I, Ikeda Sumihisa, 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 Tokyo

Witness: Ikeda Sumihisa (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Tokyo
8 January 1948